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LABRADOR PROJECT

By: Kelley Symonds



In photo: NL Youth (Joshua Martin (left), Katie Worden (right). Helping prepare the care bags.

When ADRA Canada offered to fund community outreaches this past spring, the Newfoundland and Labrador Mission office decided to jump on board with a project for Labrador. ADRA sent \$1000.00 to help fund the project and grocery tote bags. Lighthouse VOAR-FM's manager Sherry Griffin volunteered to order sport-style backpacks and advertised the request for donations on-air. With the help of Office and Camp Woody Acres staff, along with Youth campers, 116 bags were filled for emergency shelters in Labrador. The bags included hygiene products, hats, mittens, literature, etc. One remarkable part of this experience was getting the items shipped to Labrador. An application was made to an airline company for a charity discount. Unfortunately, they declined the application, and estimates were given of \$700-\$1,500, depending on the size and weight. That would have taken the entire project budget.

Further discussions with a nurse at the Nain hospital, lead to a call to the Mayor's Office who then provided a number for a lady named Michelle. Michelle happened to work for the Nunatsiavut Government who appreciated what we were trying to do. They provided a purchase order for PALairlines and covered the shipping cost to send as many hygiene products as possible to the Men's Emergency Shelter. Every dollar raised went to purchasing supplies. There was one tote filled with twenty-five school supply care bags, Four female bags and the remainder were for men. It was clear God's hand was in this project, and it was an excellent opportunity to serve in our province, and we look forward to more creative ways to connect with the people of Labrador.

SDACC

By: Evaldo Vicente, Communication Director, Messenger Editor

One hundred and fifty-nine delegates from across the country, representing the diverse membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), gathered virtually on Sunday, September 11, for the SDACC's 19th Quinquennial Session. This constituency meeting is called to receive reports for the past term, the election of officers, the election of the Board of Directors, consideration of proposed changes in the Bylaws that may be recommended, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting at that time. It was postponed from 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



The meeting convened at 9 a.m. EDT. Delegates were greeted in English by Mark Johnson, with a translation into French by Evaldo Vicente. After the singing of the national anthem, prayers were offered in English by Rose Jacinto, SDACC Undertreasurer, and in French by Paul Musafili, SDACC Treasurer. The president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (NAD), G. Alexander Bryant, shared a devotional thought, after which quorum for the Session was declared and business for the day began.

The process for electing officers and the Board of Directors requires that an Organizing Committee be appointed, comprising 21 delegates selected from among those present. Bryant chaired the meeting of this committee, which in turn appointed the Nominating Committee, comprising 29 delegates also selected from among those present. It was the work of the nominating committee, whose meetings throughout the day were also chaired by Bryant, to present nominations for president, executive secretary, treasurer, and Board of Directors. While the nominating committee deliberated in private, delegates in the main meeting received reports by the president, executive secretary, and treasurer.

Early in the afternoon, Bryant returned to the main Session with the first report of the nominating committee, which recommended the election of Paul Llewellyn as president of the SDACC for the next five-year term. The motion passed with a 76 percent vote. Llewellyn, who had been the SDACC executive secretary since January 2020, has a strong background of teaching in Adventist education and working with our church's youth and young adults. He has served as an educator, pastor, camp director, conference secretary, and conference president.

To fill the position of executive secretary, the nominating committee recommended, and session delegates voted in Cyril Millett III, currently pastor and education director at the Bermuda Conference, with an 84 percent vote. Millett, former Bermuda and Ontario Conference youth director, also brings large experience in working with youth. Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, delegates at the Session voted for the re-election of treasurer Paul Musafili, with a 95 percent vote. Musafili, who has served in that capacity since 2019, is appreciated as a faithful steward of the church's resources and a visionary treasurer with a passion for outreach.

Both Llewellyn and Bryant expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mark Johnson, outgoing SDACC president, for his leadership and service to the church. Johnson, who has dedicated over 50 years of his life to ministry, is the SDACC's longest-tenured president and has led with passion and unwavering commitment. We solicit your prayers as Elder Johnson and his wife, Becky, move on to a new phase of their ministry.

As the SDACC leadership begins a new term, we appeal for your continued prayers. We believe Jesus is the true head of the church, and He keeps it under the shadow of His wings. We need to pray our leaders up, and work together as equally important members of the body of Christ, so that we may see the growth of God's kingdom and His soon return.



Paul Musafili

Treasurer



Paul Llewellyn

President



Cyril Millet III

Executive Secretary

Note: Newfoundland and Labrador had six delegates at the SDACC's 19th Quinquennial Session. In attendance were Pastor Ken Corkum, Xenia Capote, Ross Murley, Margaret Moore, Kaitlynn Harushimana, and Bruce Smallwood. Bruce Smallwood is part of the Bylaws Committee and Ross Murley is our Board of Directors Representative in Canada.

SPECIAL GUEST

By: Pastor Ken Corkum

On September 24, the St John's church had a surprise guest, Don Cicchetti (in photo). Don is the grandson of Charles Henry Keslake, the first Adventist Pastor in Newfoundland in the late 1800s. During Charles's ministry in Newfoundland, the community refused to rent a house to a Seventh-day Adventist Pastor and took his belongings from the house and placed them on the front lawn. The SDA Community responded by deciding to build him a Manse that later became the location and home for the St. John's Adventist Academy.

In the photo, you can see Don standing in front of the location in St. John's, where a church Manse was built.



DONATIONS TO PROJECT POLICY

By: Xenia Capote

On Sunday, September 25, 2022, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador took action to adopt the 'Donations to Projects' Policy. This information will appear on our websites and in donation envelopes.

"Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Should a donor choose to restrict a contribution for use in a particular program or project, we will honor that restriction, with the understanding that, when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the organization - the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed."

HURRICANE FIONA

By: NL Mission

On Saturday, September 24, Hurricane Fiona hit Newfoundland and Labrador, and other parts of eastern Canada. Homes and businesses were destroyed, a life lost, and hundreds of thousands were without power and homes.

Here in NL, homes were washed away or flattened, others flooded, and roads thoroughly washed away. The storm mainly affected the Island's west coast, as the rest of us watched news and media updates on the storm's effects.

By mid-Saturday afternoon, total devastation had hit the western coast, primarily the Port Aux Basques area.

Sunday afternoon, photos dominated the media of residents using shovels to dig through the rubble, looking for anything salvageable. Most people have lost everything.

All communities affected by the hurricane have expressed that monetary donations are the greatest need and help we can provide. The NL Mission is working with ADRA to see how to best distribute any funding.

President Ken Corkum released this statement, "The members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador have watched in amazement and shock at the devastation and loss to the peoples living on the West Coast of the Province. When reality exceeds expectation in a storm and actuality is beyond imagination, we are humbled but united in our support for the needs of our neighbors."

We pray for everyone who experienced devastation from this storm, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Caribbean Islands, Atlantic Canada, and our home province. We are seeking the best approach to assist in the days ahead in every capacity.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

By: NL Mission



In Ephesians 4:11-12, “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” We encourage everyone to take a moment this month to express their appreciation, and remember your local leaders in prayer.

Our local leaders across the island include: Corner Brook (Diane and Lawrence Burns), Central (Jonathan and Ana Maria Gascoyne), Bonavista and Lethbridge (Dave and Jeanette Boutcher), Marystown (Etienne and Kaitlynn Harushimana), Bay Roberts and CBS (Fred and Francis Nahirny), St. John's (Jamie and Sarah Joseph), and our Pastoral President (Ken and Celest Corkum). Thank you to everyone who work to make a difference in our local communities. May God continue to bless the work done for Him.

COMING SOON



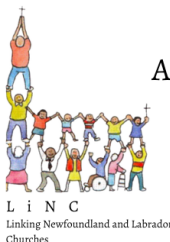
LiNC YAL

Join Us! Sabbath October 29

@ 2:00 p.m.

A time when young
adults can

ZOOM together



Contact Pastor
Jonathan for more
information.

LiNC YAL: Linking
Newfoundland and
Labrador Churches
Young Adult Life
program.

This program is
coordinated by Shane
Grecian, our Y &
YA Sabbath School
Superintendent for
Newfoundland and
Labrador.

If you are between the ages of 17-25 and would like to join this youth and young adult SabbathSchool, it is happening on Sabbath, October 29, 2022, at 2 pm.

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LiNC Footsteps

LiNC Footsteps
An NL Church Family Gathering

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
7:00 pm NL time

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, we will be hosting our LiNC Footsteps program. As you know, "LiNC" stands for Linking Newfoundland and Labrador Churches, and "Footsteps" references our journey as disciples walking together with Jesus. Join us as we fellowship together with our Jesus!

Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

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