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REACH Alberta and the Northwest Territories



In his book, *Effective Church Leaders*, Harris Lee says that sometimes the Christopher Columbus Award is given in jest to the person responsible for fouling up a project or plan. The rationale is this: when Columbus began his voyage across the Atlantic, he didn't know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was; and when he returned home he didn't know where he had been.

Although intended as humour, this may contain an element of truth. Proverbs 29:18 reminds us, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Ellen White says it succinctly: "It is a sin to be heedless, purposeless, and indifferent in any work in which we may engage, but especially in the work of God. Every enterprise connected with His cause should be carried forward with order, forethought, and earnest prayer. . . . The work you are engaged in cannot be done except by forces which are the result of well-understood plans. . . . Well-defined plans should be freely presented to all whom they may concern" (Ev 94). "There must be far more. . . thinking and planning, far more mental power brought into the labor put forth for the Master" (TM&GW) 498.

In November 2010, following the General Conference session, the North American Division (NAD), under the leadership of Elder Dan Jackson, launched a strategic initiative called REACH North America. It's apparent the gospel commission as given in Matthew 28 involves five basic components: reach up to God, reach in to educate for service, reach across for unity in diversity, reach out to our communities, and reach forward in leadership. REACH becomes an acronym reflecting the core values of our need for Revival and Transformation, our need to Educate for discipleship, to Align ourselves with each other, to conduct Community outreach and to develop Healthy leadership.

In September 2011 representatives of the various Adventist entities across Canada, under the leadership of Elder Mark Johnson, launched a similar initiative, REACH Canada, thus aligning the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada with

the NAD initiatives. This same concept has been adopted by the Canadian Conferences, including Alberta with the slogan REACH Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

REACH Alberta and the Northwest Territories to a large degree is still a work in progress, but in paraphrase fashion here is what the Executive Committee is proposing as vision statements for each of the core values.

Revival and Transformation: All churches throughout the Alberta Conference are to experience a revival that results in life-changing transformation and enjoy a vibrant and joyful relationship with Christ and each other.

Education for Discipleship: All churches, schools and homes throughout the Alberta Conference combine to become learning and discipling centres for all ages.

Alignment within the Church: The Alberta Conference, with all its diversity, will be known by the world as people of unity and love.

Community Outreach and Evangelism: The Alberta Conference office, churches, and schools coordinate efforts to communicate the distinctive Adventist message of hope and wholeness to every person, with an emphasis on youth.

Healthy Leadership and Management: The Alberta Conference aims to become an organization in pursuit of excellence as a reflection of God's ideal for us.

The Conference departmental directors are collaborating to develop strategic initiatives for each core value. These plans will be unveiled in some detail during the town hall meetings. It is our hope that schools and churches will follow this example and develop similar but functional plans to guide them in their ministry for God.

By God's grace we want to see spiritual growth in our lives. We want to be Christ-like in the way we treat each other, courageous yet kind and respectful in the way we reach out to others, and reliable in the way we do business. At the office we are committed to being faithful stewards of God's resources, both human and financial.

--Ken Wiebe



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Gifts of Marketable Securities

Good news for donors and charities. Following the elimination of capital gains on donations of publicly traded securities to Canadian registered charities, as a result of the May 2006 Federal Budget, gifts of securities is now the most tax efficient way to make a charitable donation and a good way for donors to make a greater impact with their gift. Your donation must be publicly listed securities such as common and preferred shares, bonds, or mutual funds that are listed on a recognized stock exchange in Canada or the United States. *Only those publicly listed securities that are transferred to a registered Canadian charity before they are sold, qualify for the 0% capital gains tax.* If publicly listed securities are sold without being transferred to the conference, they will be subject to capital gains tax on 50% of the increased value calculated since they were purchased. This rule applies even if the owner plans to donate some or all of the sale proceeds to the conference after the sale.

The significance of this for Alberta Conference members is that the conference, as well as its organized churches and most of its schools, are registered Canadian charities and, as such, are eligible to receive donations of appreciated publicly listed securities. Donors may wish to consider gifting appreciated securities now for immediate tax relief, or through their Last Will and Testament. It is strongly recommended that you check with your financial advisor before deciding on a course of action.

Please contact Frances Chant, Director of Planned Giving & Trust Services (403-342-5044 x 233) or Keith Richter, Vice President for Finance (403-342-5044 x 203) for more information.

Your Last Will and Testament

Do you have a Last Will and Testament in place? It is recommended that we should review our estate documents approximately every five years to ensure that our intentions are accurately stated. If you have a recent Will that requires updating, or if you do not have a Will at the present time, I would be happy to assist you to create a Will. Exercise your free will and have your Will prepared now. If you have minor-age children, a Will is the only legal document recognized by the Alberta Government in which guardianship can be established. The Alberta Conference will reimburse church members for the cost of a basic Will as follows:

Single Will - \$150

Spousal Will - \$225

Your personal appointment can be held at your home or at the conference office. If I can be of assistance in the preparation of your Will, or if you have questions regarding the tax advantage of charitable gifting through your Will, please contact Frances Chant, Director of Planned Giving & Trust Services at the following:

(Office: 403-342-5044 x 233) (Cell: 403-872-9837)

Town Hall Meetings

To the members of the Alberta Conference including the Northwest Territories:

The Regular (Constituency) Meeting of the Alberta Conference is scheduled for Sunday September 23, 2012, in Lacombe. Generally sometime prior to the meeting, the Conference officers schedule town-hall meetings at strategic locations and everyone is invited to attend the location of his/her choice. The purpose of the town-hall meeting is three-fold.

1. To provide a brief progress report for the past four years.
2. To provide a summary of the anticipated plans for the upcoming years.
3. To determine if there are any major issues that need to be addressed either prior to the session or placed on the agenda for discussion at the session.

The format of each town-hall meeting will be simple: a brief devotional, introductory remark, a written progress report handed out, a verbal report of anticipated plans, and time for questions and answers. It is my intent to limit the meeting length to a maximum of two hours, but if there are individuals who wish to discuss longer we will be available as long as you wish or as reasonable.

I hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity, may God bless, and see you at the town-hall meetings!

Sincerely,

Ken Wiebe, President

Alberta Conference Town Hall Meetings

Sunday, March 11

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| 1. Metro Calgary Area
Calgary Central Church | 10:00am – 12:00 noon |
| 2. Southern Alberta
Lethbridge Church | 4:00pm – 6:00pm |

Saturday, March 17

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| 3. Metro Edmonton Area
Edmonton Central Church | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
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Sunday, March 18

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| 4. North-East Alberta Area
Beauvallon Church | 10:00am – 12:00 noon |
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Monday, March 19

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| 5. Central Alberta Area
Red Deer Church | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
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Sunday, March 25

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| 6. North-West Alberta Area
Fairview Church | 10:00am- 12:00 noon |
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Alberta Conference Personnel Update:

Troy McQueen - Communications & I.T.

Isaac Zachakowski - Resigned as
Education Superintendent

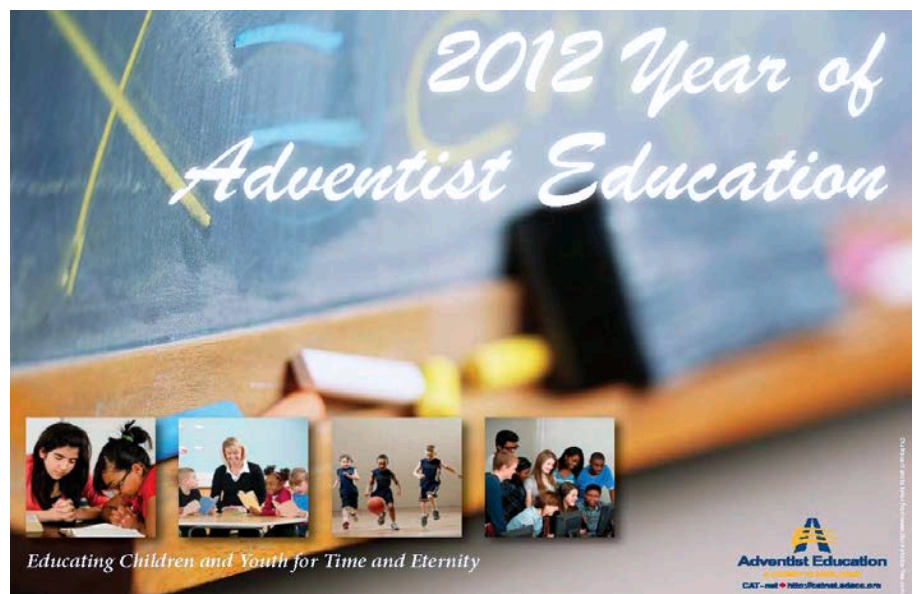
Janet Griffith - Interim Education
Superintendent

Pastor Jim Davis - Moved into Rocky
Mountain House & Bentley District

Pastor Brian Bechthold - Moved into
Edson, Peers & Whitecourt District

Pastor Toby Wong - Moved into Smoky
Lake, Lac La Biche & Boyle District

Derek Richter - Seminary at Andrews



What Adventist Education is All About!

In dialog with the principals of Adventist Schools in Alberta it has been discovered that there are exciting stories out there that reflect the true meaning of Adventist Education! In the next issues of Adventist News we will share with you some of the exciting stories of how students and their families became a part of the great Adventist Education family. Following is one such story!

In a little, two-teacher country school where there are a limited number of students attending, a miracle happened this past fall. A couple of returning students were not so sure they wanted to go back and were seriously looking at alternatives to their education this school year. However, when school finally started they invited their friend from the neighbourhood to attend school with them since his school did not start for another week. So the friend took them up on the offer and attended the little, two-teacher country school for the week, just for something to do!

Each day the friend would go home all excited about school and his parents were beginning to wonder if this was their child! Never before had they seen him so excited about school! So they started asking questions of the two boys and their parents. What kind of school was this and how come they had never heard of it before? It was explained that this was an Adventist School and the cost would be whatever they could afford. You see this particular school is a no-tuition school and is a major ministry of the local church. The parents were impressed that their son all of a sudden had an interest in school and learning. So they enrolled!

The neighbour boy was so excited that the school went on a field trip the first month of school. He was impressed that he was doing well in his work. He was making very good grades which he never did before. Every morning when his ride would pick him up, he would be sitting outside on the steps of his home eager to go to school when before his parents had to drag him out of bed in the morning. He did not like his teachers in his old school, but now has grown to love his teacher. He is participating in the school hand bell choir and his friends have joined him for moral support. He participates in school events even if they are at the local church. Even though the school year is almost half over, he is still excited about school, so much so that his older sister is seriously thinking about attending the little, two-teacher country school next school year.

This story is still unfolding. The next chapter is being written as the school year marches on and the conclusion may not be known on this earth. Just think if each current student or student family would reach out to their neighbours, just maybe our schools could be full of students who are candidates for the kingdom of God. --Janet Griffith

Mamawi Atosketan Native School “Working Together”



DID YOU KNOW that Mamawi Atosektan Native School is:

- The only SDA First Nations School in Canada.
- An Alberta Conference mission project supported by you, the members of Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Churches, since it does not have a constituency for support.
- Supported by ADRA in the breakfast program.
- Staffed by Alberta and North American Division certified teachers who are dedicated to teaching First Nations students.
- A place where First Nation students WANT to go to school!
- Needing financial support for operating.

DID YOU KNOW that Mamawi Atosketan Native School:

- Is embarking on an expansion program to include High School.
- Is relying on generous gifts to support the building project financially.
- Has friends in Alberta at large and church communities that have pledged funds.
- Has a place available for you to donate on-line at www.mamawiatosketan.com

Janet Griffith, on behalf of the Alberta Conference, presents the Mamawi Atosketan School board with a cheque for \$250,000 to jump-start their building campaign.

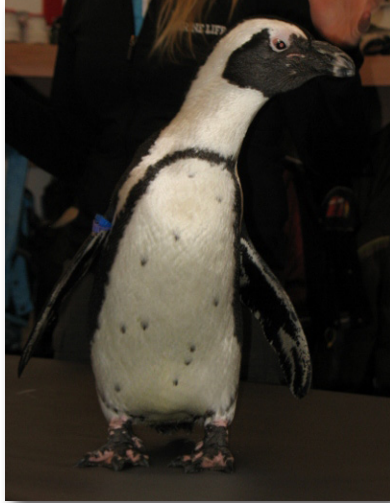


Hands on Learning at Coralwood Adventist Academy

Students in K-Gr. 4 at Coralwood met "Doug", a South African penguin on January 12, 2012.

They learned that not all penguins live in cold places and that the male is the one to incubate the two eggs laid.

You may visit the female penguin at West Edmonton Mall.



We want to hear from you!

The Alberta Adventist News wants news articles of events happening in your church, school, or club. Please submit a brief news blurb and .jpg photos to the Alberta Adventist News via email info@albertasda.org. Submissions about baptisms, cooking schools, milestone wedding and birthday events, child dedications, and other events that would be of interest to the Alberta churches will be gladly accepted. Thank you.

KIDS in Discipleship training is coming to EDMONTON

(Edmonton Central Church) on April 27,28, 29. All are welcome to attend. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information please contact Pastor Ian Bramble at ianbramble@gmail.com or Pastor Sandra Silva at ssilva@albertasda.org or by calling 403-342-5044.

West Edmonton SDA Church

Spreading Christmas Cheer in the Community

Throughout the holiday season, the West Edmonton SDA Church spread holiday cheer with outdoor concerts on the steps of the church. Community members visiting Candy Cane Lane were served hot chocolate and listened to carols sung by the Precious Gems Children's Choir and New Season of Praise.

"We had a lot of positive feedback from the community," said Hugh French, music director and organizer of the initiative. "Many stopped to listen and even asked how to get involved. The Precious Gems choir even welcomed a young passerby who ran up to sing with the children and signed up to join the choir." It was a valuable experience, and we would like to increase our presence in the community throughout the coming year.

Community support of events like this show how important it is for local Adventist churches to reach out to people outside their doors. Churches that have a visible presence in the community can better support, reach out to, and be supported by their surrounding communities. And by reaching out, we can help bring souls to know our Saviour Jesus Christ.

New Year, New Souls, and New Beginnings

January marks the start of a new year and a new beginnings for the members of the West Edmonton SDA Church. We had the privilege of issuing in the new year by welcoming three newly baptized members, Garfield Aikman, Edwin Kiriama, and Naomi



Uwimana into our family. "Being baptized was a transformation, it was the beginning of a new life," says Edwin. We hope that our new members will draw closer to God and to us this year, and we pray that the Lord will guide our church as we grow as a family.



One of our goals for this year is to bring our members closer together by helping our families strengthen their bonds. We recognize that we need each others support throughout our Christian journey. And it is our aim for this year to help our families prepare for the kingdom. --Shauna Spence

pictured: (L) Garfield Aikman (Top) Edwin Kiriama and Naomi Uwimana

Peers



Peers Seventh-day Adventist Company operates the Helping Hands Community Thrift Store in Peers Alberta. This store has proved to be a wonderful mission outreach for the church. Shortly after opening in November 2011 Colette Breault started visiting and shopping at the store.

Colette is a very outgoing, friendly and helpful person. In no time Colette was volunteering at the store and has become a dynamic member of our team. Colette now attends the Peers Church and is deep into bible study. Praise God for His ministry in this area.

Our church group is very small and we are encouraging dedicated Seventh-day Adventists who are looking to do ministry in rural areas to move to the area and help us in our ministry. You will find a very warm friendly church family here.

--Dolores Fletcher

Morning Star

Garments of Grace – The Visual

A fashion show for church? Close, but not exactly. To mark the final 13th Sabbath of last quarter's adult lesson study, our church spent weeks preparing a visual tribute to the Lord who has promised to "clothe us with garments of salvation and array us in robes of righteousness."

Nearly every member was involved in the process of making visual illustrations from each week's lesson. Included were a pure white robe to symbolise the robe of righteousness Christ offers us, a primitive animal skin robe, Joseph's multicoloured coat, and a coarse mantle for Elijah. Over ten garments were specially created for the occasion. During the presentation special music, Bible readings, and thoughtful narration painted a picture of God's amazing, covering grace.

Quite possibly the most stunning visual of all was the high priest's robe which not only illustrated the earthly high priest's attire, but symbolically told the story of Christ's ongoing ministry for us in heaven. France Klatt spared no effort in her research,

and attention to detail, as she crafted this amazing garment. "I had no idea the impact wearing this robe would have on my appreciation for the humbling task God gave his human priests in the Old Testament. For all its beauty and symbolism, I felt very small and vulnerable in this garment," commented the pastor, Eric Koester.

-- Lorna Joch



Christmas is a Season for Giving

That's why during the four Sabbaths leading up to Christmas, members of the Sherwood Park Church reached deep into their pockets as the children came through the congregation with little red mittens to collect offerings for the church's "Giving Tree" at the front of the sanctuary. Christmas Eve the church had collected \$723.79. Each year, the Worship Committee decides on a project to collect for and this year Melanie Wortman, chair of the committee, shared her passion for the Strathcona County Food Bank. On December 31 Judith Gray, Chair of the Strathcona Food Bank Association, was on hand during the worship service to receive the donation which will go towards purchasing fresh milk for their food hampers. "That's awesome," she told the church, speaking of the red mittens hanging on the tree. "I love that!" She went on to tell the congregation, "This is going to go a long ways towards helping us look after our families in 2012." Last year the Food Bank served just over 4500 people, providing one litre of milk per person as part of each hamper.

As he presented the cheque, Pastor Adam Deibert reminded the congregation that "the Bible speaks very highly of those who take care of the needy in the community. We're very grateful for organizations like the Food Bank who are there to take care of them." Since starting its "Giving Tree" project three years ago, the church has collected over fifteen hundred dollars for local organizations during the Christmas season. Speaking of this year's donation, Pastor Adam told the congregation, "It is an incredible gift you have given as a church," to which Judith added, "this is far beyond what I thought a very small church would be able to do, and I'm very impressed." Reflecting on a quote from The Adventist Home (p. 482), Pastor Adam hopes that other churches will be encouraged to give also, to help provide for the needs of their local communities.



Pictured: Pastor Adam Deibert; Church Treasurer, Frits Wortman; Worship Committee Chair, Melanie Wortman; Strathcona Food Bank Association Chair, Judith Gray.

Sabbath School Ministries

Sabbath School is Alive and Growing Across North America

In recent years it has been proven in North America that rapid growth of a church takes place when the Sabbath School uses a relational approach. A relational approach is when we are responsive to people and their needs. This can take place in the Sabbath School program and in the Sabbath School class. If people today know there is a place where they are loved and valued, they will be there. So, what kind of Sabbath School do you have in your church? How healthy is it? Is yours a growing Sabbath School? Does it meet all four goals for which Sabbath School exists: 1) Bible Study 2) World Missions 3) Community Outreach 4) Fellowship and Nurture

If your Sabbath School has not grown rapidly in the past few years, then you will want to look at the relational approach and how it can be implemented in your church.

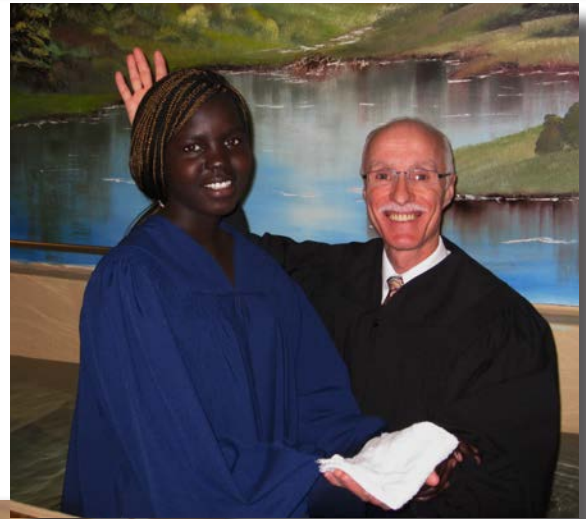
We know that Jesus is coming very soon and everyone needs to know that He loves and cares for them. What better place to do this than in Sabbath School? --Darlene Reimche

Lethbridge

In December 2011 the Lethbridge SDA church was pleased to welcome into membership five new members, 3 from our own precious young people! This celebration marks the conclusion of our third prophecy seminar of 2011.

Other seminar guests continue to attend church each Sabbath and more baptisms are being planned. 13 precious souls were baptized in 2011, and our church members are excited about the spirit of revival taking place. We anticipate that 2012 will be an even more exciting year of revival and church growth.

Our first Prophecy Seminar in 2012 will be conducted by Amazing Facts speaker Darrin Bartell and two more seminars are planned for



September and November along with more Lethbridge Healthy Living Club workshops.

God has said to simply; "go and make disciples" and that "His Holy Spirit would be with us unto the end of the world", so we move forward leaving the results with God but rejoicing in the fruit that is born from these efforts.

Every time we complete a seminar, we hear exciting testimonies and comments

from attendees and church members as to how the Lord is changing their lives and bringing a revival and conviction into their hearts. Jesus is Coming Soon!

--Pastor Darrell Beaudoin.

*From L-R:
Tim Joseph, Franze Roque,
Daniel Beaudoin, Christine
Blanc, Pastor Darrell Beaudoin.*



10 Days in the Upper Room

"Pentecost made a dramatic difference in the lives of the early disciples, and it can make all the difference in our lives too. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, God's children will change the world."

January 4 – 14, 2012, the Sylvan Lake Church brought in the New Year with a study written by Mark Findley. Approximately 30 people were in attendance and each one gained a blessing. Those who could not attend were blessed by studying at home.

We learned that in order for us to receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit we each must humble our hearts and confess our unbelief, call to remembrance the words that Christ spoke and reproach ourselves before God for our misapprehension of the Saviour. In Steps to Christ pg. 93 it says that "Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him. We also learned that "His Spirit impresses and convicts us before we pray, but His Spirit will never fill us and empower us until we pray." The Holy Spirit is more than willing to take us and use us but He can only do that if we pray and accept his invitation.

We also realized that being "united" doesn't mean that we all have to agree on everything but rather a "unity with Christ establishes a bond of unity with one another." Every person has gifts that are valuable for building up the body of Christ. So my question is, why are we limiting ourselves?

Sylvan Lake is looking forward to a year of revival. Earnest intercession, deeper faith, heartfelt repentance, honest confession, loving unity, self-examination, sacrificial humility, obedient surrender, joyful thanksgiving and passionate witness.

--Penny Marcinyk

Camrose, Ryley, and Sedgewick

Alberta Pastor Selected to Attend Holocaust Education Program in Jerusalem

"I can only say that it's a miraculous providence of God" said Pastor Olaf Clausen about his upcoming trip to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Memorial, the World Center for Research, Education and Commemoration of the Holocaust. Pastor Clausen was selected as one of only 20 pastors in the world from all denominations to attend the "International Christian Leadership Seminar on Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Israel" to be held April 15-22nd at Yad Vashem. This program, a joint collaboration between the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, the Orion Foundation, and Christian Friends of Yad Vashem, provides a full scholarship to senior pastors and ministry leaders to attend this educational program designed to raise awareness of the Holocaust. During a week long seminar in Israel the select group of 20 participants experience world-class lectures, moving Holocaust survivor testimonies and an introduction to Israel through trips to key sites and monuments. Special emphasis will be placed on Christian theology as background to modern anti-Semitism. The week of the seminar includes Yom HaShoah, the Holocaust Memorial Day, which enables the participants to experience this unique event at Yad Vashem.

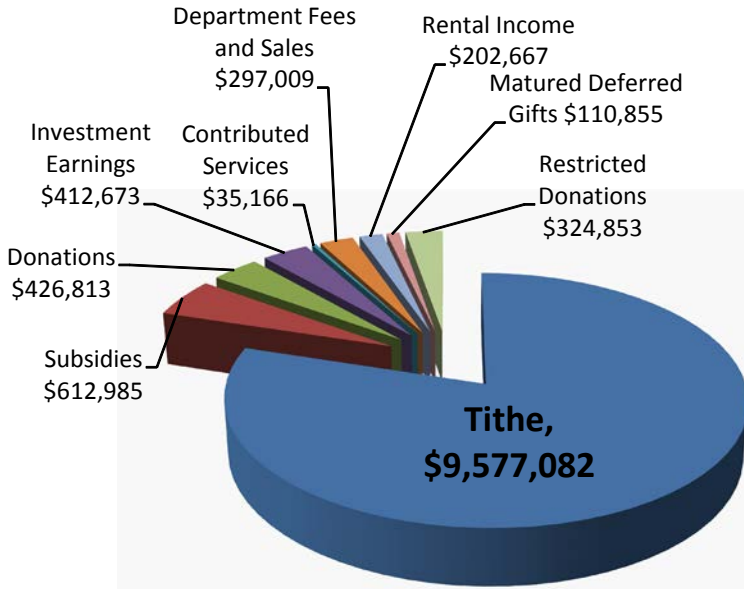
Three Sister Churches Reach Out to Their Communities

"We want to make an impact in our communities; to let them know that we care and Jesus cares" said Olaf Clausen, pastor of the Camrose, Ryley, and Sedgewick Church district. In an effort to minister the Gospel in their local communities, each church has committed to serve as Jesus served. That is, by meeting the physical, emotional, and social needs of individuals in their communities and then bidding them to follow Him. Simultaneously each church has launched programming that they believe will meet the needs of those in their local communities. Camrose begins Dr. Nedley's Depression Recovery Program on Feb. 21, Ryley just launched the 8 Weeks to Wellness Cooking and Health School, and Sedgewick has already completed two sessions of Dave Ramsey's 13 week Financial Peace University Program. Please pray that God's love will be spread abroad to these communities through these three churches and that the harvest will be full.

Treasury

The Treasury Department wishes to thank each one of our members for their faithful support in 2011. The Alberta Conference has experienced an 8.68% tithe increase of \$1,123,708.10 from \$12,951,932.61 to \$14,075,640.71. This gives a net tithe to the Alberta Conference of \$10,476,344.00 after the percentage passed on to the SDA Church in Canada. As we won't have our audited 2011 Financial Statements for a while I am sharing with you a brief overview of the 2010 numbers to give you a perspective of where our funds come from and how they are spent.

2010 Total Revenue: \$12,000,103



Although your support has left our Conference in a strong financial position we do face a major challenge. Since tithe funds are used primarily for pastors, evangelism and soul winning ministries and cannot be used to support infrastructure, we have limited sources of other funding for infrastructure. This results in challenges for our Churches and Schools that have aging buildings or insufficient capacity, as well we currently have 27 churches without a building.

The Alberta Conference has for years suggested 2% of income in support of Alberta Advance which would go a long way in helping our churches and schools with these needs. Currently our average Alberta Advance offering runs about 0.3%, which we appreciate greatly,

but would love to see participation increase so we could help our churches and schools with their building needs.

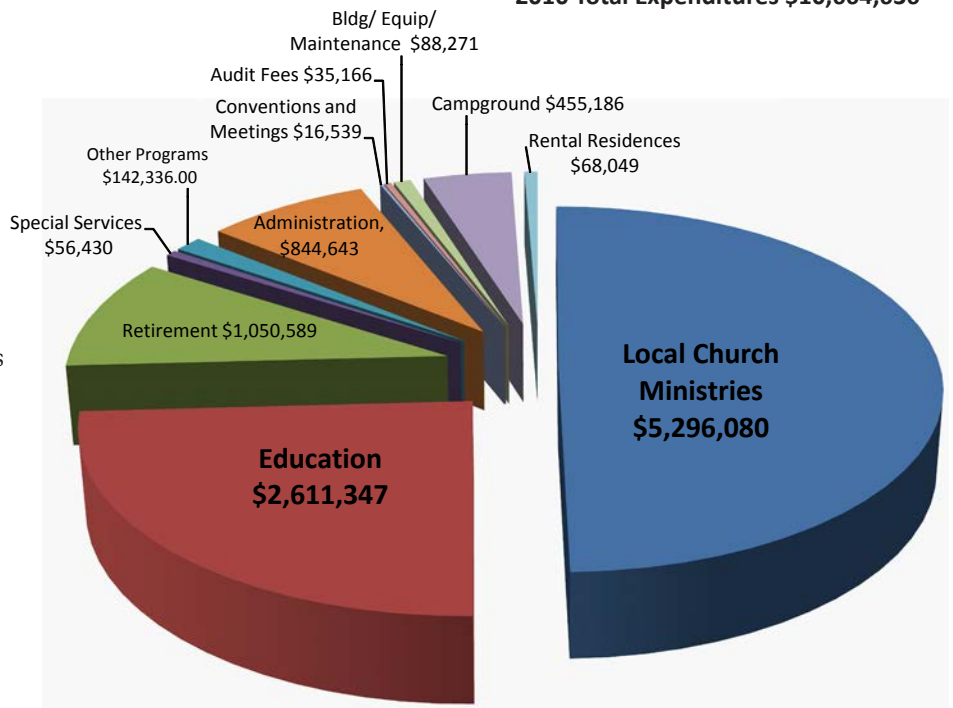
One of the reasons for the strength of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is its financial structure that acts as a community of believers helping one another out. This structure is the envy of other denominations and an integral reason for our world-wide growth.

I want to thank both our treasury staff and all of our volunteer treasurers for their dedication and support for the Lord's work in the Alberta Conference.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the cause of Christ. If you have any questions, please bring them to your Regional Town Hall Meeting.

--Keith Richter

2010 Total Expenditures \$10,664,636



In Memory

Louise Esther (nee Melashenko) Gorbenko was born December 10, 1911 near Perdue, SK, and passed away December 23, 2011, in Lacombe, AB. She was church clerk, SS teacher, deaconess, Investment secretary, VBS leader, and had other duties in the Beaver Creek Church and later in Saskatoon. She is predeceased by her husband Peter Gorbenko; her parents; her son Larry; her brothers Peter, Walter, and George Melashenko; her sisters Angie Waring and Lydia Tkachuk; infant brother Fred, and her second husband Peter Pylypiuk. She is survived by her daughter Esther (Steve) Yaceyko; her sons: Lloyd (Judy), Doug (Fran), and Bob (Mariela); 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; one sister: Virginia (Archie) Holbert; one brother: Joe Melashenko; brother-in-law Ernie Waring, sister-in-law Marie Melashenko; brother-in-law George (Sarah) Gorbenko and sister-in-law Nadia Gorbenko; many nieces and nephews; and step-children: Marion (Walter) Marchuk, Esther Dobrosky, Lloyd Pylypiuk.

Thomas Norman Grange was born October 13, 1914, in Viceroy, Saskatchewan, and passed away August 15, 2011, in Lacombe, Alberta. He married Lena Moseanko in November 3, 1938. They became members of the SDA Church in 1953, and were charter members of the Lacombe Community SDA Church. He is survived by his wife, Lena and children; Darlene (Gunther) Metzker, Dorothy (Ian) Cheeseman, and Gordon (Dani) along with 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Eugene "Gene" Babiuk

Born July 1, 1940 Norquay, SK. Passed away October 22, 2011 Winnipeg, MB. Surviving sons Cameron (Tracey), Bradley, their mother Olga Wasyliuk, daughter Amy (Karis) Zbaraschuk, grandsons Zachary & Caleb Zbaraschuk, mother Lena Babiuk, sisters Evelyn (Ken) Steinke and Elaine (Murray) Sankey. Gene loved serving his church in many capacities and volunteering with Adventist Community Services in Winnipeg.

Arthur Eugene Rowe was born September 24, 1947 in White Rock, British Columbia and passed away November 15, 2011 in Florence, Alabama. He was predeceased by his sisters Marjorie Doyle and Eunice Childers and is survived by wife, Lavine Rowe of Florence, Alabama, sisters Esther Florence Hanson and Ruth Rowe of Lacombe, Alberta and brother Robert Rowe and wife Legaya of Lacombe, Alberta. He attended CUC in 1963-65, 1969 and was a member of the touring vocal group Heritage Singers.

Allen David Dale Comm, of Leduc, Alberta.

On November 28, 2011 Allen passed peacefully to his rest at age 70. He is survived by his sister, Nadine, of Victoria, one nephew, Edward, and numerous relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Art & Bertha Comm. Funeral services were held at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist church on December 21.

Margaret "Peggy" Sankey

Born Wardlow, AB. October 23, 1925. Passed away Lacombe, AB. Sept 28, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Steven, son Murray (Elaine), daughter Carol (Neil) Garner, 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Peggy served her church as a Sabbath School teacher and communication secretary for many years.

Eva (nee Solanik) Koronko was born May 23, 1928, in Perdue, Saskatchewan, and passed away November 27, 2011 in Lacombe, Alberta, at the age of 83 years. She is remembered by her family, church, and neighbors for her thoughtful acts of kindness and hospitality. Eva was predeceased by her father John in 2003, her mother Anne in 1991, her sister Vera in 2007, and her brother Jack in 2010. Surviving: husband George, to whom she was married for 62 years, of Lacombe, AB; son Kevin (Livia) of Canmore, AB; daughter Kellie (Gerald) Berg of Lacombe, AB; grandchildren Jamie and Jason Berg of Lacombe, AB; sisters Edna Bailey of Saskatoon, SK, and Loreen (Richard) Loewen of North Vancouver, BC; brother-in-law Winston Sproule of Strathmore, AB; sister-in-law Elaine Solanik of Saskatoon, SK; many nieces and nephews, and numerous friends she made along life's pathway.

Upcoming Events



Foothills Camp Dates

Date	Camp	Ages
July 1 - 8	Adventurer Camp	6-9
July 13 - 21	Alberta Conference Campmeeting	All Ages
July 22 - 29	Blind Camp	All Ages
July 29 - August 5	Junior Camp	10-12
July 29 - August 5	Sherwood Forest Camp 1	9-12
August 5 - 12	Teen Camp	13-17
August 5 - 12	Sherwood Forest Camp 2	12-17
August 12 - 19	Family Camp	All Ages
August 12 - 19	Sherwood Forest Camp 3	10-13

Transform Me



Alberta Women's Ministries Retreat April 13-15

Sheraton Hotel | Red Deer, AB

Featuring guest speakers **GINNY ALLEN, DONNA JACKSON** (Director Ministerial Spouses, NAD), **DARLENE BLANEY** (Health Ministries Director, AB), **MONIQUE AUGUSTE, JESSIE FRANCIS, MASSIEL DAVILA, LARA MELASHENKO, and CETALYN MCNEISH.**

Special workshops will be offered to suite a variety of ages and interests. Young ladies ages 15-18 are also welcome if accompanied by an adult. You won't want to miss it! To register, check the Alberta Conference website at www.albertasda.org, or call Irma Hartley, Women's Ministries Secretary 403-342-5044 ext. 210; or Pastor Sandra Silva, Women's Ministries Director at ext. 216. For hotel room reservation please call the Sheraton Hotel at 1-800-325-3535 and ask for the Alberta Women's retreat special rate. Cost per room is for 2 nights: \$228.00 (double occupancy \$124 each) and \$268 (quad occupancy \$67 each). **Early bird registration is only \$150 until March 7!** After, regular registration is \$199 per person due by March 19, 2012. Come receive a blessing and be Transformed by Jesus.

SAGE ALBERTA Foothills Camp Retreat - May 4-7

Alberta Conference church members 50 years and up have an opportunity to make the world of the Foothills Camp a better place. Enjoy a relaxing Sabbath beginning with supper Friday evening, and featuring guest speakers Pastor John Gilbert and Pastor Don Corkum.

Sunday morning following breakfast the work world will come alive with work assignments. If you have a favorite paint brush, roller and a paint tray please bring them with you. Your straight edged shovel will also come in very handy. Join in this weekend of relaxing fellowship and spiritual emphasis, along with an opportunity to contribute to the improvement of the Camp.

The cost is \$85 for 2/room or \$50 for 1/room including meals. (Serviced sites are also available) Your muscles and work skills contribution will cover the cost of room and board for Saturday evening through Monday supper. Register by April 29, 2012, by phone: Darlene Reimche at work 403-342-5044 ext 206 or weekends and evening 403-784-2238. To register by email: dreimche@albertasda.org. Join us and make the world of the Foothills Camp a better place!

Alberta Adventist Singles Event - Sabbath May 19

Young adults and single adults across the City of Edmonton and the surrounding area will want to attend a special Sabbath at the Edmonton South Adventist Church. Landon Saylor, from Blackfalds, Alberta, will share about the widespread epidemic of loneliness that is sweeping across the nation and around the world today. What are the causes of this epidemic that affect married adults, single, youth or children alike? Learn why God is allowing this problem and what His church family can do to help members and neighbours deal with it as they prepare for the soon return of Jesus. All are invited to participate in the fellowship lunch following the service. It is suggested that each young adult or single person attending contribute one food item to serve six people.

An afternoon informational workshop will be presented by Alberta Conference Adventist Single Adult Ministries Committee members; Gerald Anderson, Raymond Hansen, Dianne Yaceyko and Darlene Reimche, which begins at 2 p.m. *What are the trends affecting young adults and single adults in society today? What is our church doing about it? Can our church do more than it is already doing?* Come, watch and listen as our patchwork quilt unfolds.....

The Edmonton South Church is located at: 5108 – 106 Avenue NW. Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m., church at 10:55 a.m.