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Conference

Spotlight

December 2025 Edition

Happy Holidays!

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Grateful
Blessed





ROOTED IN *Wellness Workshop*

This year's *Rooted in Wellness Workshop* was held on Thursday, October 2nd to Sunday, October 5th, 2025, and what a blessing it was to all who participated. We had many professionals: hydrotherapists, massage therapists, naturopaths, and a pharmacognocist to round off the weekend.

We learned about subjects such as: the benefits of peat moss, how to make healing salves, why it is important to know how to massage properly, the benefits of knowing the healing power of God's herbal pharmacy, stretching and why our bodies were built to move, as well as why it is essential to get acquainted with your 🦌 ! We also dove into the wonderful healing power of grief. Yes, grieving helps us heal!

We heard a beautiful testimony on the importance of telling yourself the truth. The food, well, you would have had to be there to understand how we were treated: lip-smacking delicious! The weather was gorgeous-thank you Father, we so very much appreciated that!!! It was an extremely blessed time.

The group was like a very large extended family. Thank you to all who came and made this weekend special! See you next year!!! God-willing, of course!

Catherine Walsh

Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference





PRAYERSHOP 2025

This year's *PrayerShop* weekend was a blessing with approximately 70 people in attendance, as well as my prayer team.

Our theme was entitled *Joy on the Journey*. The question we asked people to think about before they arrived was: What makes the Narrow Road, narrow? We dealt with that question on Friday evening when our topic was: *Is the Road too Narrow?*

We had small study groups on the topics such as: Forgiveness, Trust, Love, Joy, Peace, and Patience. A number of people wished they could be in more than one group.

On Sunday morning we were reminded that God gives each of us little things to strengthen our faith that we can hold onto when times get difficult, and it is good to take time to remember His faithfulness to us. In the book draw we gave away many copies of the several books we brought for everyone.

As always, Beverley McGrath and her team provided excellent meals, and God provided beautiful weather and a loving spirit which most people felt. We thank Him for the things He is teaching us!

Erna McCann

Prayer Ministries Director for the Maritime Conference



Hurricane Melissa Response

Hurricane Melissa had a devastating impact on the Caribbean. The ADRA Network is standing in solidarity with local offices in their efforts to rehabilitate as many communities as possible and to meet the needs of the most vulnerable affected people.

We are uniquely positioned to experience the international ripples of this disaster. ADRA Canada's headquarters are located very near to one of the largest Jamaican and broader Caribbean diasporic communities in the world. Considering this, we are incredibly grateful for the donations we have received for our response in Jamaica from a very passionate and caring supporters— over \$38,000!

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| DEPARTMENTAL 09



*Season Greetings from the Health
Ministries Department
Blessings for a Wonderful,
Joy-Filled Time with Family
and Friends!*



Straight from

Catherine's Kitchen

Vegan Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients:

- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 ½ cups organic light spelt flour
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1¼ cup vegan butter at room temperature

Combine the flour and the powdered sugar together. Add the vanilla and softened “butter” to the dry ingredients. Blend on low mix with a blender until the batter turns to a crumble. Form the dough into a ball. On a “floured” piece of parchment paper flatten the dough, with another piece of parchment paper on top, by rolling it out using a rolling pin. Then remove top parchment paper and use cookie cutters to cut into desired shapes.

Place on a cookie sheet and bake for about 15 minutes. You want the bottom to be slightly browned.

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Catherine Walsh

Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference



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New Song

**Maritime
Songwriting Contest**

Maritime
Youth Department | 

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Calling all singer songwriters of the Maritime conference!

Psalm 33:3 "Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

Are you a singer, songwriter, or musician from the **Maritime Conference** with a passion to see people connect with God through music? Do you have a story to tell through music? Whether you are an experienced songwriter or just beginning, this songwriting contest is for you.

We are looking for **original songs** that are inspired, Christ-centered, and relevant. Whether it's a guitar and vocal duo, a powerful choir, or an emotionally charged gospel tune, we want to hear how God inspires you. This is your chance to showcase your talent, creativity, and passion for music, **so let's hear it!**

Eligibility

- Open to all Adventist members of the Maritime Conference.
- Participants may enter individually or as part of a group. However, only **one prize** will be awarded per winning entry, regardless of group size.

Theme

- The theme for this contest is: **Come to Me**. Based on **Matthew 11:28–30**. That's all you get! The parameters are intentionally broad to leave room for creativity, while still providing direction.
- Whether you use this verse to highlight mental health, the Sabbath, or social justice, your song should be memorable, inspiring, and Christ-centered, reflecting **your own genuine and personal experience** with God.

Song Requirements

- Only original, solely composed songs by the applicant are eligible. Co-written songs and AI-generated songs are not permitted.
- Any entry that fails to follow contest rules—including plagiarism or inappropriate content—will be disqualified.

Prize

The winner will receive a **\$100 gift card**.

Deadline

All entries must be received by **January 31, 2025**.

Contact Information

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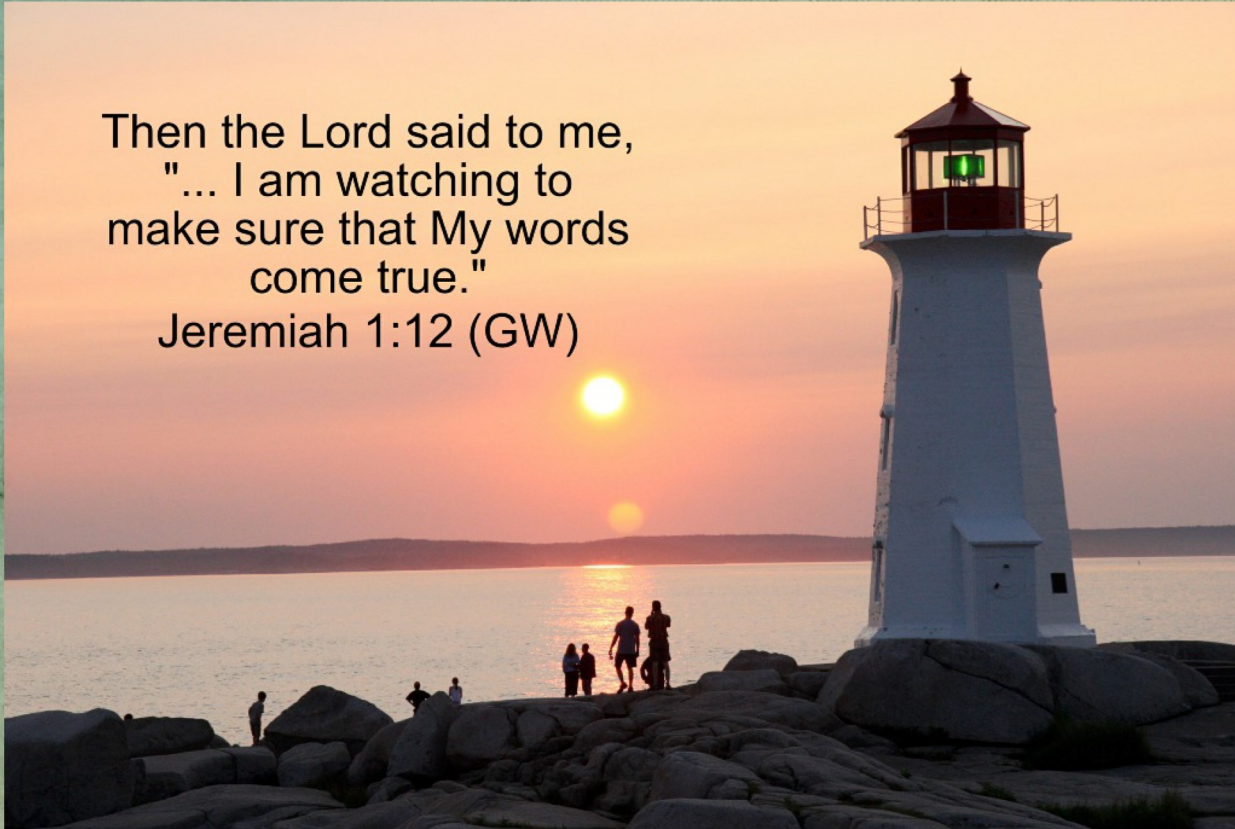
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Then the Lord said to me,
"... I am watching to
make sure that My words
come true."
Jeremiah 1:12 (GW)



His promises are sure!



Maritime Prayer Ministries



PASTOR

APPRECIATION MONTH

Submission

by **MONCTON SDA CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS**

We have been working on two special initiatives here at Moncton SDA in celebration of *Pastor Appreciation Month*. We have created a heartfelt video featuring several church members who took the time to express their gratitude to Pastor David James for his unwavering dedication and leadership in guiding our congregation.

In addition to the video, we also set up a *KudoBoard*, where church members could share personal messages of appreciation for Pastor James. The responses have been overwhelming, and we are grateful for the outpouring of love and support.

Please find the links to both the video and the *KudoBoard* below:

[KudoBoard: Pastor David James](#)

[Video on Instagram](#)

We are so blessed as a church to have a pastor who is not only dedicated to the work of the ministry but who genuinely cares for the well-being of each member of our congregation. His leadership and hard work does not go unnoticed, and we deeply appreciate the positive impact he has on all of us.

PASTOR DAVID JAMES



Education Internship



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Eligibility:

- Enrollment in a teacher education program at an accredited university within North America
- Recommendation from the school of education faculty
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1 PM Event Check-in begins
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7:15 PM Opening General Session

Jan. 26

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast provided
9:00 AM Morning General Session
10:30 AM Exhibit Hall opens for the day
10:45 AM Seminars begin
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch Provided
2 PM Deeply Rooted Seminar
3:15 PM Replenishment Networking
4:30 PM Dinner on your own
7:30 PM Evening General Session

Jan. 27

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast Provided
9:00 AM Morning General Session
10:30 AM Exhibit Hall opens for the day
10:45 AM Seminars
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch Provided
2 PM Seminars
4:15 PM Closing General Session
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“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord,
and not unto men.” **Colossians 3:23**

When we decide to come into agreement with God, He blesses far more than we could ask or think. That was the experience for Sister Barbara Furrow (Barb) and I when we decided to host *the Zealand SDA Church’s* first ever offsite *Vacation Bible School (VBS)*.

In early June, or thereabouts, Barb had asked if I was willing to do a VBS program with her, as she had always wanted to do one. Personally, health ministries is more of my interest, but with two young children myself, it sounded like a good idea. So, we began planning. Barb was in charge of securing the venue, doing the advertising, and recruiting an additional body to assist. This person was her granddaughter, Erica, the principal of a SDA school in Medicine Hat, Alberta, who would be home for summer break.

It was my duty to determine the program and secure some gifts for the children, as I really wanted to leave them with some tokens, so they could remember the event. Tokens were acquired from the police, the ranger station, the fire department, and the dollar store. The most notable gift, though, was the beautiful Ten Commandments plaque made by our first elder’s daughter-in-law and her sister. A picture has been provided.

We decided to go with a Daniel-themed program, utilizing the short videos offered on the *Aunt Frenita’s* program on YouTube. In addition, Barb’s grandson’s girlfriend blessed us by making Nebuchadnezzar’s statue and the fiery furnace. The blessings continued coming, as we were able to secure the Canterbury

Summer BLESSINGS

by **Cherone Phillips**

Member of Zealand SDA Church



community centre for free for the week we wanted. So, we had the tokens, the program planned, our props and craft supplies, and food — we were ready.

Well, the big day arrived. Our program was scheduled to run from July 7 to July 11. Barb, Erica, Barb's 8-year-old grandson, me, and my 10 and 13-year-old boys were at the community centre prior to our starting time of 12:30pm. The children were excited. We anticipated at most ten to twelve attendees. Barb had gone out the week before to hand out flyers and shared them with individuals she knew had children. 12:30pm came — no one turned up — 1:00pm, and so it went until we decided to pack it in at 3:00pm. We ran that day's program with our children and went home quite disappointed.

On the way home, we began to pray that God would send the children, as we really wanted them to come. Tuesday came, and how different the story was. We went from three children to twenty-three children. It was loud and chaotic, but we were happy. And so, the week progressed, with the numbers fluctuating between 23 and 28, as we would have one-day attendees.

It was a blessing. The children learned songs; they were introduced to Daniel's story as we discussed what it meant to pray like Daniel; to trust that God is always there like the Hebrew boys; to know that even when disaster happens we do not need to lose faith; the importance of taking care of your body; the value of prayer; and that God knows all things.

In closing, I would like to share about two of the children we met, Lily and Joshua. Lily is eight years old, and she is such a pleasant little girl. She participated fully in the program. She prayed. She shared her fears and her commitment to pray when she is in dark spaces. On the penultimate day of the event, she brought me a bouquet of wildflowers and expressed her love. It is worthy of mentioning that Lily has six siblings, and her parents shared that the VBS was the highlight of the children's summer. Joshua was another young man that we met. He is ten years old. He was truly a delight. He has had some health complications and had to do surgery. He would repeatedly express how happy he was to participate in the program. He also shared how he wished he could go to church. He was also one of the many who prayed several times throughout the event.

Please pray for the 28 children who passed through our VBS program this past July. Pray that God will orchestrate the best possible circumstances to draw them to Him. I would also like to give a special thanks to Principal Erica for her help. We are not sure what next year will bring, but it was all to the glory of God.



NEW MINAS SDA CHURCH

The New Minas SDA Church, N.S. has not had a *Vacation Bible School* for many years. This past summer we had one from August 18 to August 23, 2025.

Under the capable leadership of Shirleen Luttrell, we had a program with the theme of *Bible Heroes*.

Each day Pastor Ryan Fraser gave a talk on a different Bible hero. We also sang songs about the hero of the day, we had nature talks, games and crafts to keep the children busy. Shirleen Luttrell led out

with the games and crafts and Leslie McClair with the nature talks. Iris McClair created snacks using foods that resembled different things from nature. She made very interesting snacks resembling caterpillars, butterflies, owls, turtles and a lion's head which were all made up just using fruits and veggies.

The attendance varied from 2 to 8 children with a different number of children coming each day. A fun time was had by all.

Leslie McClair

First elder of the New Minas SDA Church



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December 20, 2025


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TIME
11:00
AM

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