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Spotlight

May 2026 Edition

Tantallon SDA Church
VBS Success! P.5

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TANTALLON SDA CHURCH VBS

This year, our *Vacation Bible School (VBS)* welcomed 31 children, including 20 from the non-Adventist community, with attendees traveling from as far as Mount Uniacke and Prince Edward Island. This program was made possible through the dedication and support of volunteers from *Tantallon, Fox Point and Dartmouth churches, Sandy Lake Lighthouse Company, and Sandy Lake Academy.*

The children enjoyed an immersive experience featuring Bible-times costumes, a marketplace with various craft shops, and themed activities. Highlights included daily bread baking with Sandy Boutilier, learning about Jewish traditions with Pastor Sean, visiting the synagogue with Rabbi Kuziwa Dengure, and a special appearance by “Jesus” (Adam Hubley) on the final day, sharing a message of love and hope.

I would like to sincerely thank the Tantallon church family for their prayers and support of this program. Special appreciation goes to David and Sandy Boutilier, Brigitte Zebeljan, Denise and Geoff Moretto, Linda Kozachenko, Tarah Liz Springer, Margaret, Lorna Slaunwhite, Darlene Sawyer, Yvonne Crook, Meghan Smith, Christine Zebeljan, Karen Susara, Kuziwa Dengure, Glynis Hubley, Adam Hubley, Nia, Donna Boutilier, Glenn Loxdale, the Sandy Lake Academy students (Anaya, Mariana, Naiara, and Ivanna), all the Tantallon church members, and our church pastor, Sean Todd, and Kalie Todd, for their invaluable contributions and commitment to making this VBS a success.

Tairo Dengure

Tantallon SDA Church Children’s Ministries





Straight from

Catherine's Kitchen

Chia Pudding Delight

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of Chia Seeds
- 2 cups plant-based milk
- 2 tablespoons of raw honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of Ceylon cinnamon, coriander, or cardamom (or a mixture of your liking)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of Himalayan or Celtic salt

Mix well and chill until the mixture thickens to a pudding-like consistency. Serve with granola and fresh fruit (thawed frozen fruit works well too!).

Nutritious and delicious!

Catherine Walsh

Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference



MEN'S RETREAT

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Women's Retreat

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Catch A Blaze

Speaker:
Sania Dookie

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MARITIME CONFERENCE 2026 CALENDAR

Date	Upcoming Events
June 05-07	Adventurer Camporee
June 13	Sandy Lake Academy Graduation Church Service
June 14	Health Ministries: Rooted in Wellness (RIW)
June 14	Sandy Lake Academy Graduation Ceremony
June 19-21	Pathfinder Camporee
June 21-27	Summer Camp Ministries: Camp Staff Orientation
June 28-July 03	Summer Camp Ministries: Blind Camp
July 05	Youth Ministries: Fun Day
July 06-12	Summer Camp Ministries: Adventurer/Junior Camp
July 13-19	Summer Camp Ministries: Teen Camp
July 20-24	Camp Meeting: Camp Pitch
July 24-August 01	Camp Meeting: Fishers of Men
August 02	Camp Meeting: Camp Teardown
August 03-07	Summer Camp Ministries: Family Camp
August 14-16	Men's Ministries Retreat: Growing in Christ with Purpose
August 20-23	Adventist Young Professionals (Supporting ministry of SDA Church)
August 22	Children's Ministries: End It Now
August 28-29	Children's Ministries: Sabbath School Alive Conference (Virtual)
September 04-06	Youth Ministries: Young Adult Retreat
September 11-13	Women's Ministries Retreat: Catch A Blaze
September 20-24	Pastor's Meetings



Afternoon of Praise

JULY 25, 2026

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Location

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RSVP by May 31st is required!

catherine.walsh@maritimesda.com

New Friends in Newfoundland Canadian Adventist Youth Summit 2026

This May, I had the opportunity to travel to Newfoundland for the *Canadian Adventist Youth Summit (CAYS) 2026*, themed “*Rise: Empowering Youth Leaders for Mission.*” Going into the week, I expected leadership workshops, worship services, and meetings with youth leaders from across Canada. What I did not expect was how encouraged, refreshed, and inspired I would feel leaving afterwards.

Hosted at *Camp Woody Acres*, CAYS brought together youth leaders from coast to coast serving in many ministries, including youth directors, AY leaders, Pathfinder leaders, regional representatives, chaplains, and others who share the same passion for seeing young people grow closer to Jesus.

One of the biggest blessings was connecting with other youth leaders. While leadership can be lonely, youth leadership has its own unique challenges. There are moments when you wonder if others understand the pressures of leading, supporting young people, balancing ministry with school or work, and still making time for your own spiritual growth. It was encouraging to sit down with leaders from different conferences and realize many of us share similar struggles, experiences, and hopes for the future of our church.



At the same time, it was exciting to hear about the amazing things happening across Canada. Whether it was creative outreach ideas like “Saturday Cafe” in Alberta or a running club ministry in Ontario, campus ministry experiences, or testimonies of God’s moving in local churches. Every conversation left me inspired and wishing I could visit every conference to see these ministries in action.

The workshops challenged and encouraged us in many ways. Several sessions focused on healthy leadership and the importance of not trying to carry every burden alone. Another powerful theme we explored was *Trusting God in Seasons of Waiting and Uncertainty*. As we reflected on Joseph’s journey and the unexpected challenges he faced, we were reminded that even when we cannot fully see what God is doing, He is still leading. Even difficult moments can serve a purpose and prepare us for what God has ahead.

We also had the chance to explore Newfoundland and enjoy God’s creation. One highlight was a boat tour where we saw puffins, an iceberg, and even a surprise whale sighting. Some of the best memories, though, were made during quieter moments: meals together, afternoon walks, late-night conversations, and laughing with people who had been strangers only days earlier.

Traveling back home, I felt inspired and encouraged by seeing passionate leaders serving God in different ways and witnessing the impact youth ministry is making across Canada. The summit challenged me to keep stepping forward in faith, investing in young people, and remembering that even leadership challenges can become growth opportunities. CAYS 2026 was more than just a conference for me; it was a life-changing experience that reminded me why I serve. It challenged me spiritually, taught me valuable lessons about leadership and ministry, and reminded me how important youth ministry is in helping young people grow in their faith and feel connected, supported, and encouraged in the church.

Naomi Harun

Youth Leader of Halifax Seventh-day Adventist Church
Member of the Maritime Conference Youth Leaders Group





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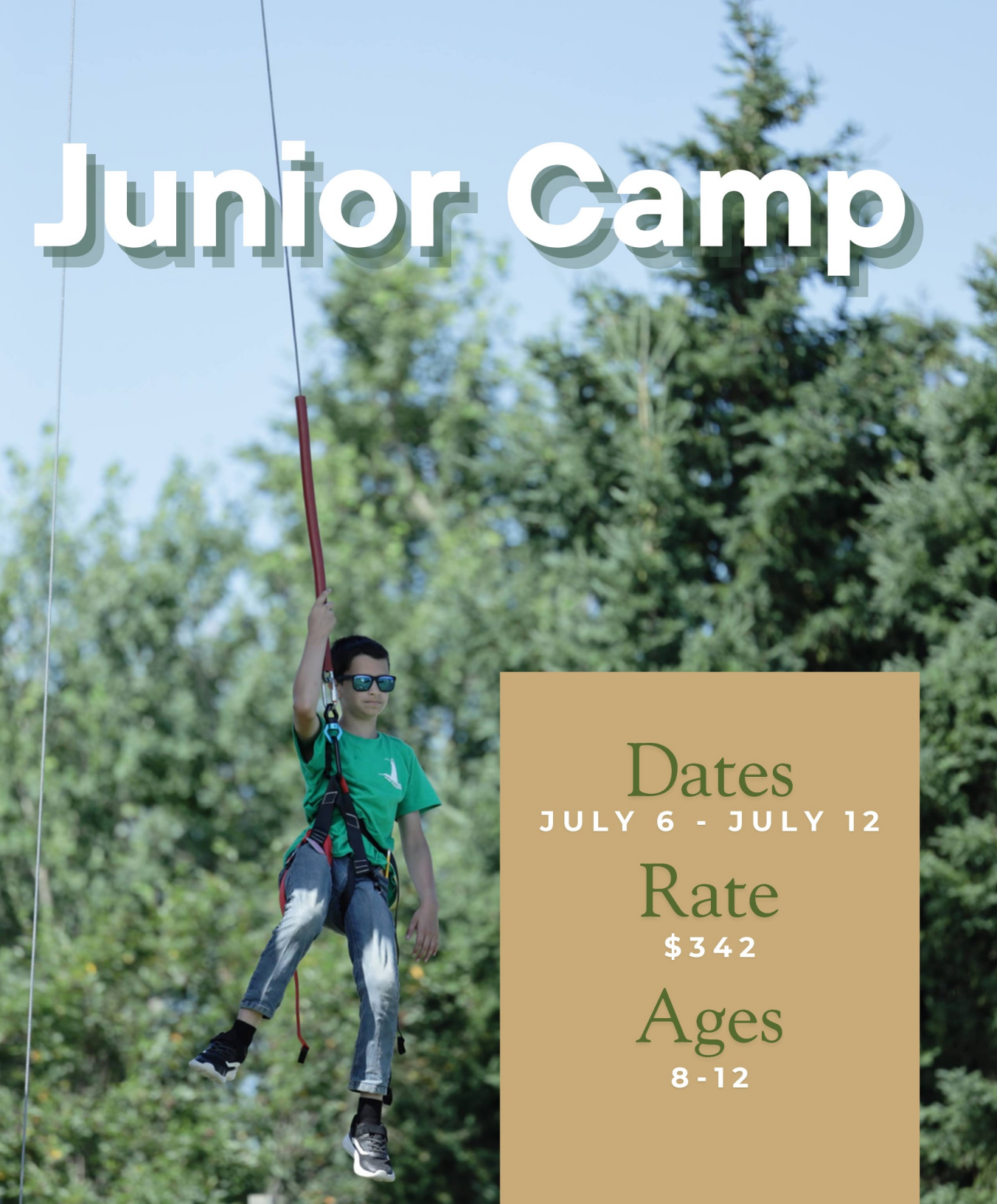




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Activities

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- Rocketry
- Music

Outdoor Pursuits

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- Sports
- Family Fitness
- Zumba
- Bible Study*

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June 30-July 3

Adrian Jones
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Summer camp staff applications are open, and limited positions are available. If you want to serve God in some capacity, this is a perfect opportunity for you to do so. We are accepting a selected few under-aged volunteers as well. Volunteer application forms can be found on the Camp Pugwash website.

We are looking for male cabin leaders, kitchen staff, nurse volunteers, (and more)

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CLUB MINISTRIES

The Pathfinder logo, featuring a globe with a red and yellow shield in the center containing the word "PATHFINDER" in red. A blue compass needle is positioned over the globe.

"WE WILL SURVIVE"

From June 5–7, 2026, more than 40 Adventurers from across the *Maritime Conference* will gather at *Camp Pugwash* for the Conference's first *Adventurer-Only Camporee*. Throughout the weekend, *Adventurers* will participate in a variety of activities including Sabbath School trivia, worship services, the *Florida Lightning Award*, and games. This special event is designed especially for *Adventurers*, giving them opportunities to learn new skills, build friendships, and grow closer to God in a fun and encouraging environment.

Later in the month, from June 19–21, 2026, more than 40 *Pathfinders* will attend their *Camporee* at *Côte-à-Fabine Group Campground* in Kouchibouguac National Park. The weekend will feature outdoor camping activities, hiking the *Osprey Trail*, worship services, the *Florida Natural Disaster Honor*, Sabbath School trivia, games, and campfire programs. A highlight of the event will be a drill presentation by the *Moncton God's Army Pathfinder Club*.

This year's theme, "*We Will Survive*," reminds us that every day we face challenges and rely on God to guide us through life's journey. For some, those challenges may include school pressures, nervousness about important events, peer pressure, or struggles within our own thoughts. While every journey is different, we all have reasons to lean on God, and He faithfully promises to help us through every trial we face.

Maritime Conference Club Ministries



Congratulations

Pastor Gary and Pastor Jamie!

The Maritime Conference would like to congratulate two of our pastors who have recently completed their master's degree. Pastor Gary Belhomme has completed a *Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPMin)* offered by *Andrews University*. He is currently the pastor of *Halifax, Acts Seventh-day Adventist Church* and the *Sandy Lake Lighthouse Company*. We celebrate with him and his family on this momentous occasion for what he was able to do through the Lord's strength.

We would also like to congratulate Pastor Jamie Joseph for completing his Master's in Divinity at Andrews University Theological Seminary! Pastor Jamie is the newest pastor in our Conference, and we are happy to have him as part of our team. He is the pastor of the *North Sydney Seventh-day Adventist Church*.

We are happy that the Lord has seen both them through those long nights of studying and writing academic papers while juggling family life as well as their work. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless them as they continue their ministries.

Administration





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SEWW

Spiritual Emphasis Weekend & Work bee

Here at *the Maritime Conference*, it is our annual tradition to start the camping season on our campgrounds with a weekend service of prayer and spiritual renewal followed by a work bee. We call this SEWW our *Spiritual Emphasis Weekend and Work bee*. It is a joyous occasion where our members who are spread across three provinces in the Maritimes are given an opportunity to see many of their brothers and sisters who they most likely haven't see during the winter. This year we were grateful for the fellowship of the many people who came out in full support of SEWW on Sabbath and who stayed for the work bee on Sunday.

We understand that our campgrounds have been given to us as a blessing from God and that we need to take care of it. Many cabins were cleaned. We had a group that did a wonderful job when it came to gardening. Individuals repaired and did construction on the cabins. The results were pleasing and *Camp Pugwash* is now open and ready to go

for 2026.

Most importantly we came together in prayer and worship. Our president Elder David Miller began the service with a prayer for the safety of our children and members who frequent *Camp Pugwash* during the camp season. He also prayed for the activities that will happen at *Camp Pugwash* throughout the year. We believe that God hears and answers these prayers. Many have testified about the transformative worship experiences they've had on these campgrounds. Numerous decisions have been made to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour at *Camp Pugwash*. Relationships have been formed in the warmth of the Christian fellowship at this location. When we pray, God makes a difference.

On May 15-17, 2026, our theme for SEWW was *Ignite*. Our goal was to ask the Lord to help us to *ignite* the 2026 season with a contagious Spirit-filled fire within and around us that would encourage others to spread the good news of our Lord and Saviour. We were honoured to have Pastor Bill Santos as our guest speaker. Pastor Santos was the former speaker for *It Is Written Canada* and currently is involved in evangelism for *Hope Channel Canada*.



faith was renewed and we were inspired to move forward. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless his ministry. Thank you to all the dedicated members and friends who came out to make the weekend a wonderful experience. If you didn't join us this year, we hope that you will next year. Even though we had a great time, it would be even better if you were with us!

Ron Marshall

Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference

His first message on Friday evening was about *the marvelous grace God*, and he illustrated this through *the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard* in Matthew 20. Then, on Sabbath morning he talked about *the first advent of our Lord and Saviour* and the magnitude of the sacrifice that He made for us. He highlighted the importance of surrendering our hearts to God's leading and the importance of showing His grace to others. Then he took us to Revelation and the *Spirit of Prophecy* reminding us that we ought to be living up the light God has given us least the tasks that He has given us to do will be given to someone else.

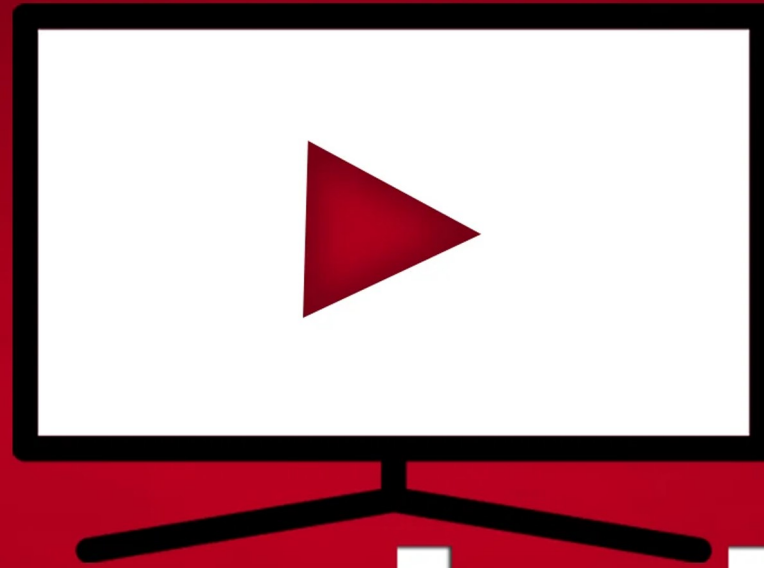
He also reminded us that according to Sister White's writings, *help is on the way*. She lets us know that in the last days, God will be bringing more people from all walks of life into the family of God. Finally, he preached from the book of Habakkuk reminding us that God is ultimately in control. For Habakkuk his situation did not change, but because he looked to God, God was able to change his perspective, and he learned to trust Him through his dire circumstances.

We would like to thank Pastor Bill Santos for his timely messages. Our





Maritime Conference



Churchview

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GOD'S CARETAKERS

God Knows Where Your Coins Are

Some Bible stories are long and dramatic. Others are short, simple, and surprisingly powerful. The story of Jesus, Peter, and the coin in the fish's mouth is one of those stories. It teaches us about trust, money, obedience, and God's care for us. It also reminds us that God can provide in ways we would never expect — even through a fish.

This story is found in Gospel of Matthew 17: 24–27. One day, temple tax collectors came to Peter in the town of Capernaum. They asked him, “Does your teacher pay the temple tax?” Peter quickly answered, “Yes.” (Peter often responded quickly. Thinking first was not always his strongest quality.)

When Peter returned home, Jesus already knew what had happened. Peter did not need to explain anything. Jesus spoke first. He explained that earthly kings do not collect taxes from their own sons, only from strangers. By saying this, Jesus showed that He is the Son of God. Because of that, He did not actually owe the temple tax.

But Jesus did not want to create unnecessary conflict or offense, so He chose to pay it anyway. Then Jesus gave Peter very unusual instructions: *“Go to the sea and throw in a line. Catch the first fish you find. When you open its mouth, you will find a coin. Take it and use it to pay My tax and yours.”*

No savings plan. No borrowing money. No asking the other disciples for help. Just go fishing. And not for dinner — for a tax payment. Jesus knew exactly where the money was. He did not guess. He did not hope a miracle might happen. He already knew the coin was inside the fish. That teaches us something important: nothing we need is hidden from God. He knows where the help is, where the answers are, and how things will work out.

Even when it feels like there is no money, no opportunity, and no solution, God is not worried. The coin was already there before Peter ever picked up the fishing line. *In the same way, your answer may already exist — it just has not appeared yet.*

But notice this: the money did not come until Peter obeyed. He had to do something that made very little sense. Fishing with one line and expecting money instead of fish required trust. God did not explain every detail. He simply asked Peter to obey.



There is another beautiful detail in the story: the coin was exactly enough to pay both taxes. Not more. Not less. God provided exactly what was needed at exactly the right time. God's provision is often like that — simple, timely, and enough.

Today, many people worry about bills, rent, groceries, and the future. This story reminds us of several important truths:

- God already knows what you need.
- God already knows where the answer is.
- God is not limited to normal methods.
- God responds to trust and obedience.

Your coin may not be in a fish's mouth — and that is probably a good thing. But it is not lost. God has not forgotten it. So, when you feel stressed or afraid about money or problems, remember this story: God knows where your coins are even before you cast the line.

Angel Germosen

Assistant Treasurer of Maritime Conference



HOPE *Harvest* Snack with Purpose

We are excited to let you know that *Hope Harvest* cashews are now available on Amazon!

Hope Harvest began with a simple idea: *how could an everyday snack help support sustainable livelihoods?* That idea became *HopeWorks*, a social enterprise developed in partnership with *ADRA Canada* to connect everyday purchases to tangible, lasting impact in communities around the world.

With *Hope Harvest*, the first product being launched through *HopeWorks*, we partner directly with local farmers and producers in Ghana to support sustainable growing practices and dependable income through tree planting and fair trade. For many families, cashew farming is vital for household income and community well-being, and is the primary means of providing for their children and investing in the future.



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ANXIETY & DEPRESSION RECOVERY PROGRAM

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Mental health problems are common and are growing, especially among young people and women.

Depression is one of the most common mental illnesses, and about five percent of adults worldwide have trouble with its symptoms. It is a serious medical condition that changes how a person feels, acts, and thinks. The rise in depression among youth in Canada is a significant concern.

According to the *2022 Mental Health and Access to Care Survey* 18.3% of Canadians aged 15 years and older met diagnostic criteria for a mood, anxiety, or substance use disorder. The *2023 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth* reported that 26% of youth aged 16 to 21 years rated their mental health as “fair” or “poor” compared to 12% in 2019. Because getting care is difficult, early help and support tools are very important to attain better mental health for individuals of all ages.

We decided to host Dr. Neil Nedley's *Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program* after seeing how many people in our community struggle with mental health. This program lasts eight weeks with a one-hour presentation each week. It helps participants to learn about the causes of depression and anxiety, teaches practical ways to cope, and suggests lifestyle changes to improve mental health. Dr. Nedley's solutions for restoring your life are grounded in creation-originated principles, biblical teachings, and divinely inspired revelations. The program helps people understand how our thoughts, nutrition, sleep, and many other facets of daily life directly shape brain function and therefore determine whether we thrive or falter in our personal mental health.

Our community members who have participated during the last four weeks have said that they are very satisfied and have enjoyed the weekly presentations. They talked about the new knowledge they have gained and the changes they can make in their daily life to improve their mental health. Dr. Nedley has helped thousands break free from depression and anxiety and regain a normal life through his program. With the worldwide mental health crisis, this program is a great tool churches could use to help their communities.

"A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body and strength to the soul. Nothing is so fruitful a cause of disease as depression, gloominess, and sadness." Testimonies for the Church 1:702 (1868). *"Many of the diseases from which men [women] suffer are the result of mental depression."* The Ministry of Healing, 241 (1905)."

Reference:

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Julie Bastarache

Bouctouche SDA Company Member



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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- Elders and church board members
- Women’s Ministries leaders
- Educators and school personnel
- Risk management and child protection leaders
- Community service volunteers
- Anyone passionate about creating safer churches and supporting those affected by abuse



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