



SAGE Hoots

July 2026

Seniors in Action for God with Excellence

SAGE CONVENTION, PEACE HILLS WORK DAYS, AND MORE!

The *Hoots* newsletter is an opportunity to share the story of how SAGE and seniors are thriving in ministry for God. SAGE recognizes that seniors are a growing segment of our population and church membership (Almost 20 percent of Canada's population is over 65). Our *HOOTS* newsletter reveals the ways SAGE helps seniors stay challenged, active, purposeful and faithful to God. We hope you enjoy reading these pages.

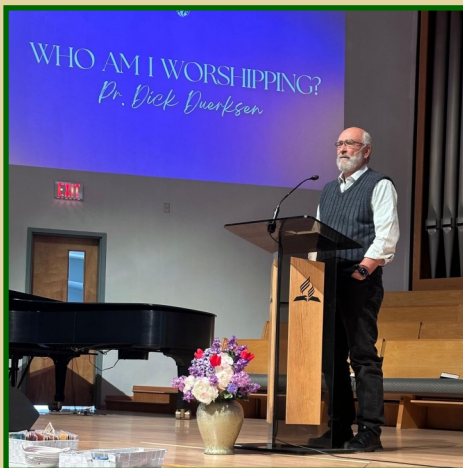
—Don Corkum, Conference Coordinator



**FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP
AT CASEY'S
CABIN**



CHCS PERFORMS FOR SAGE AT CASEY'S CABIN



Pastor Dick Duerksen, Convention Speaker

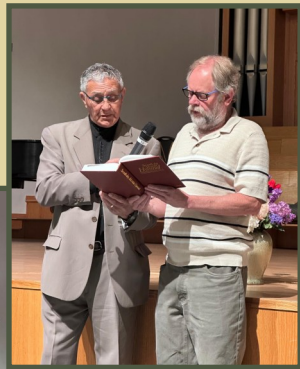
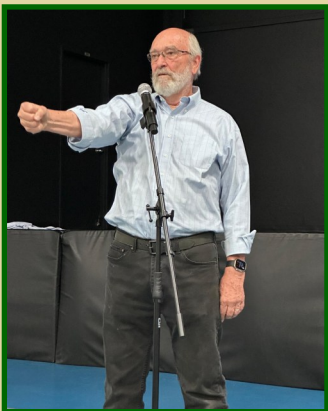


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Who doesn't love a good story? Many things about the SAGE Convention were memorable! The outing to Casey's Cabin, the entertainment put on by the CHCS students, the banquet, Sabbath School, the Saturday night concert, the fellowship and renewing of friendships ... but ... the crowing glory of this SAGE Convention was the excellent, unique, and vivid storytelling of Pastor Dick Duerksen. Whether he was retelling a Bible story or recounting a story highlighting the mighty works of God, his audience was inspired, encouraged, and blessed! —Lorna Joch

2026 SAGE CONVENTION, Cont.

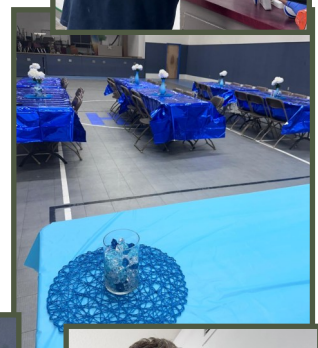




What have your hands been up to lately? On June 28 & 29, 2026, about 40 pairs of hands of SAGE members and Peace Hills church members, ranging in age from 5 to 80+, joined together to help the Peace Hills Adventist School in Wetaskiwin. The **Mission** was to paint the classrooms, hallways, office, and bathrooms. But not all hands were painting. Some hands cleaned. Some hands prepped meals and washed dishes. Some hands ran errands and wiped up paint spills. Melissa Shaw and Dennis Braun, in the devotional sessions, very aptly encouraged us to work together as a team and use our hands to support each other. I am happy to report: **Mission Accomplished!** Please consider joining us, and putting your hands to work, on our next service event at Mamawi Atosketan Native School, August 30. —Lorna Joch



PARTICIPANTS DAY 1



PEACE HILLS ADVENTIST SCHOOL, WORK DAYS, Cont.



SNAP SHOTS SINCE 2025 CAMP MEETING

OPEN CREEK DAM, SANDY MC NABB, WINTER RETREAT, LAST YEAR'S ICE CREAM



SOME SAGE WISDOM FOR YOU

If you want to lose weight, don't go to the paint store to get thinner.

The Maker of all things loves and wants me.

Measure twice, cut once.

Five years from now, will it matter?

*When I think of all this I fall to my knees
and pray to the Father. Eph. 3:14*

*He who troubles his own house will inherit
the wind.*

Keep up the fellowship and stay faithful.

*It is better to give others a piece of your heart than a piece of your
mind.*

*Don't trade what you want most for what you want at the mo-
ment.*



CHECK IT OUT! WHAT'S COMING UP?

Deadline: July 13

OPEN CREEK DAM— AUGUST 17-20

\$90 FOR 3 NIGHTS PER UNIT, PAYABLE TO PARK ATTENDANT

\$10 PER UNIT FOR RENTAL OF ACTIVITY SITES,
PAYABLE TO LORNA JOCH
No water/sewer/electrical hookups



Hotels available in Rimbey for those without a recreational vehicle

Park is 32km West of Rimbey

Fabulous fellowship, food, activity as desired

To Register:

Come to the SAGE Booth at the Resource Tent or

Sign up with this QR Code or

Email sageabcommunications@gmail.com

Or call/text Helen Winters at 780-289-3378



MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL ANNUAL WORK DAY—AUGUST 30

Every summer, SAGE Alberta has an opportunity to serve the Alberta Conference Mission School, Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). Traditionally, lunch is provided and SAGErs bring dessert. Worship is at 8:30 with work starting at 9:00 AM. Come to the SAGE display in the Resource Tent to sign up for this project, or sign up with this QR Code, or email sageabcommunications@gmail.com or call/text Helen Winters at 780-289-3378 . Registration by August 27 will be appreciated.



CHECK IT OUT! WHAT'S COMING UP?, Cont.

SHEEP RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK—RV CAMPING, SEPTEMBER 21-24



SANDY MCNABB, SITE B

COST: \$150 FOR 3 NIGHTS

INCLUDES POWER

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SEPT 24

KANANASKIS PARK CONSERVATION PASS
REQUIRED

COORDINATORS: RON & LORNA JOCH

COME TO RESOURCE TENT TO SIGN UP or

Email sageabcommunications@gmail.com

Or call/text Helen Winters at 780-289-3378

Call Lorna at 587-879-1077 for further information.

Registration Deadline: September 17



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What is SAGE?

SAGEALBERTA (which is the acronym for Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) is a ministry of the Alberta Conference designed to engage the energy and skills and enhance the lives of Alberta Conference church members who are 50 years and older, as well as their friends and neighbours.

Through service and work projects; recreation and social activities; tours, travel and mission trips; retreats and conventions, **SAGE**ALBERTA provides opportunities for continued active service to God, the church, and the community as well as opportunities to develop enriching social connections.



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SAGE Calendar

Camp Meeting Ice Cream

July 12

Open Creek Dam

August 17-20

MANS Work Day

August 30

Sandy McNabb

September 21-24