

# HOPE

*Revived*



THE MARITIME CONFERENCE **PENTECOST 2025 INITIATIVE**

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**IS COMING TO THE MARITIMES  
FOR PENTECOST 2025!**

## Maritime Conference-wide Evangelism Timeline for Pentecost 2025



We are excited to announce that Hope Channel Canada will be partnering with the Maritime Conference in 2025 and together we are planning a conference-wide evangelistic event. Together Hope Channel and the Maritime Conference presented our evangelism plan to the Maritime Conference Board of Directors on October 20. Then on Tuesday, October 22 we presented the plan to our pastors.

We are encouraging all of our churches to use this as part of their evangelistic focus for Pentecost 2025.

All churches that register with Pentecost 2025 before December 31 have an opportunity to receive up to approximately \$5000.00 to be used towards evangelism from the North American Division and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada for 2025.

### Following is the timeline of events:

1

**Current** – Get together with your church board and church members to see what community outreach and community awareness you can be doing in your church, this is so that the community knows you exist in a positive way. As well church members are encouraged to create their own list of who they would like to pray for and invite to the meetings.

2

**December 06, 2024**, weekend Hope Channel Canada will be coming to have a weekend of prayer, planning, and encouragement to the members of the Maritime Conference. Three of the Pastors from Hope Channel Canada will be preaching live at Charlottetown, Moncton, and Halifax. The Halifax meetings will be livestreamed on that Sabbath so that all the churches in the Maritime Conference will be able to use the video feed in their local church to be part of the special time of prayer and asking for God's leading in this endeavor of outreach.

3

**December to April**, churches will continue with community outreach, and creating church awareness in the community, will continue as well as the members will continue praying for the people on their personal lists. To assist the local churches in making plans to reach out we encourage you to go to [www.globaltmi.org](http://www.globaltmi.org). At this site they have a complete comprehensive process on how to build friendships (preparing the soil) then they give ideas of how to use literature media and invitations (plant). Hope Channel Canada (HCC) is helping with the Bible study (cultivate) and evangelistic parts of the process (Harvest) of the TMI strategy. You may recognize this process as the process we have been using in the speaker selection during camp meeting.

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**April 4 weekend**, the Conference-wide Proclamation event begins with the churches of the Maritime Conference that have chosen to be part of this outreach, potentially all having a pastor present in each church. Every church will receive the same themed message to create a sense of unity in spreading the gospel within the conference. This will be the time where you will invite the people you have met while working within your communities and those that you have been praying for to come and attend.

5

**April 5-May 30** – Hope Channel Canada has created a small group curriculum resource that will be available to all the churches in the conference. This resource will follow the theme of the messages presented on the **April 4-5** weekend. These resources can be used for small groups in homes, weekly meetings at the church, online meetings, however your church decides to use them. If your church has other resources that you want to use during this 8-week period, this will be your opportunity to use those materials. We encourage you to use whatever materials you feel will fit your churches evangelism plans for this 8-week period.

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**May 30 weekend** – this will be a reaping set of sermons put together by Hope Channel Canada to encourage people to give their hearts and lives to Jesus through baptism. These sermons will be presented in the same churches and by the same pastors that we started the series out with for the proclamation weekend on April 5th.

We encourage churches to start planning now how they will retain the people who have been baptized. How is your church going to make sure they feel welcome? How is your church going to integrate them into the church culture, so they feel a part of the church family? When you submit this plan to the conference, we will submit it to the SDACC, and you will receive an additional \$1000.00 towards your evangelism effort. This will help offset any costs you may incur in your retention phase of evangelism.

7

Plan early for a fall evangelism event in 2025. Newly baptized members are always excellent witnesses. They want to share with their friends their new found faith and by planning a fall event it gives them a chance to share with their family and friends. For the fall event Pentecost 2025 has many free resources including a complete evangelistic set of meetings. As well, there is one that I recommend from Advent Source which for a minimal cost also gives you a complete package that includes a planning guide, sermons and the slide graphics. These Power Point slides and sermons are completely editable to enable you to personalize it.

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- **Continue making plans on how to reach those in your community.**
- **Evangelism is not a onetime event but the lifeblood of the local church.**

### Links for more information on Pentecost 2025

Link for Pentecost 2025 – this link will provide all the information and is also the place for you to register.

<https://pentecost2025.com>

Kindly see the link for the PowerPoint slides.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/5dib6auwjceltmcdzl4f6/ALIWpyoT0FiMI5mi5qaCWTs?rlkey=6wffn3y3doo3ncn3ant0r23d4&st=47fzg26&dl=0>

Video: <https://vimeo.com/951754599?share=copy>

**Elder David Miller**

President of the Maritime Conference



## COMMUNITY CENTRE TANTALLON

Driving from Halifax along Prospect Road you will pass the historic **Peggy's Cove Lighthouse**. This famous landmark is **an active lighthouse and an iconic Canadian image**. As you continue north along Peggy's Cove Road you will pass through some of the most picturesque and scenic communities in Nova Scotia. Communities like Indian Harbour, Hackett's Cove, Glen Margaret, Seabright and Tantallon.

God has placed the Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church within this

neighborhood so that we can be of service to those around us.

Our congregation was founded on August 12, 1888, and has one of the most historic cemeteries in town. With such a long presence in this area we can safely say that many notable God-fearing, Christ-centered, spiritually rich and philanthropic individuals, both members and community friends have contributed their time and labor to take care of God's house.

We have two buildings on this property. Our main church where we have celebrated Sabbath services and prayer meetings, weddings and baby dedications, funeral services and baptisms; and our community center adjacent to the church. The history of the center is that it was donated to the church on the condition that it would be transported from where it had originally been to the new location, where it is presently located.





Some very resourceful members came together and addressed the situation. A foundation was dug, another acquired transportation, the building was sectioned into pieces, transported to its new location and then was reassembled.

After the building was reassembled and additional renovations completed, the hall became a place where many conversations would take place over fellowship lunches, Pathfinder Club meetings, anniversaries, baby showers, Agape Feasts and numerous meetings. The hall is currently being used by various community groups and we are working to open our facility to others when the opportunity presents itself.

God has blessed us with this space, and it is our mission, as we prayerfully go forward, to upgrade the kitchen to an industrial one. We hope to hold plant-based cooking classes and lifestyle seminars in the near future. We will be making other additional renovations to make the center more acces-

sible for many more exciting projects. We are looking to integrate this as part of the Maritime Conference Evangelism focus in 2025.

Our goal is to become a place where our community will find a caring family, as we aim to share God's love and grace through Christ's methods.

**Wayne McPherson**  
Elder of Tantallon SDA Church



## Three Remarkable Young Boys

### Dartmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church

On September 21, 2024, the Dartmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church was filled with joy and celebration as three remarkable young boys—16-year-old Twa, 14-year-old Dylan, and 11-year-old Denari—were baptized in a heartfelt ceremony. The boys, children of Bianca and Dwayne Green, have shown exceptional dedication and intelligence throughout their journey of faith. Under the mentorship of Duaine Stewart and Dwayne Goodhall from the Acts Seventh-day Adventist Church, they studied the Bible with sincerity and eagerness, reflecting their deep desire to embody the teachings of Jesus

in their daily lives.

The baptism not only marked a significant spiritual milestone for Twa, Dylan, and Denari but also symbolized their joyful admission into the fellowship of the Acts Seventh-day Adventist Church. The supportive presence of Dartmouth church members created an atmosphere of love and encouragement. As these young boys step into their new spiritual journey, they carry with them the hopes of their families and the entire church community, inspiring all to grow closer to Christ.

**Claudine Belhomme**

Halifax Seventh-day Adventist Church

# God's Care Takers

Stewardship has been defined as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.”

Here are 7 principles (T7) or philosophies of stewardship that target all aspects of our lives and relationship with God:

- T1 Time:** with God through personal worship, Bible study, and relationship building.
- T2 Temple:** Your living temple belongs to God. Honor your body with natural principles.
- T3 Talent:** Use the individual gifts God has given to you – whatever they are.
- T4 Treasure:** Tithe/Offerings. Malachi 3, personal money management, debt relief.
- T5 Trust:** in God. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- T6 Theology:** Stewardship is Fundamental Belief #21. We are God’s Stewards, responsible to Him for our time, and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources.
- T7 Testimony:** Sharing with others what God has done for us.

**Edwin Sharpe**

Interim Treasurer of the Maritime Conference



# Dementia



Join Dr. Daniel Saugh  
on **Sabbath,**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

4 PM to 5:30 PM  
on Zoom

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **Come learn about:**

- Dementia
- Its causes
- The role of lifestyle
- Available Support
- The role of caregivers
- Support for caregivers

**Catherine Walsh**  
*Health Ministries Director  
of the Maritime Conference*



**Our plan:**



# Dartmouth SDA Church is opening its doors to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, and we want you take part!

**Learn American Sign Language with us!  
Each Tuesday 7pm @ Dartmouth SDA Church  
(35 Lakecrest Drive, Dartmouth)**

**Our lessons are online too!  
Click here for [Lesson 1](#) & [Lesson 2](#)**

### **Did You Know?**

The Deaf community is almost entirely isolated from the rest of society. Newcomers feel this isolation also, but they can learn to speak English. This is not possible for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Our plan starts with providing free American Sign Language classes to all church members and their friends. Then, we will invite the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community to attend a special Christmas program with ASL interpreters. Afterwards, we will have professional ASL interpreters interpreting every Sabbath for divine service! All who will have learned the basics of ASL will be able to interact with our special guests and make precious friends!

**Bring your children, gain a lifelong skill and make new friends!**

# WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR CHURCH?

**We want to know what God is doing in your church! Don't keep the blessings to yourself! Let us know so that we can be inspired!**

Submit your reports for the MC Spotlight to [ron.marshall@maritimesda.com](mailto:ron.marshall@maritimesda.com) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (except for July & December, it will be on the 03<sup>rd</sup>)

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YOU ARE LOOKING FOR!**

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information to us to have your business publicized in  
our directory, please send your information to  
[ron.marshall@maritimesda.com](mailto:ron.marshall@maritimesda.com). **We want to support  
you in whatever capacity that we are able to.**



**Moncton SDA Church**  
*Catering Team*



# *A Taste of Heaven*

On behalf of the Maritime Conference, we would like to extend a very special ‘thank you’ to the Moncton Seventh-day Adventist Church for allowing us to use their dining facilities as well as their catering services. On October 20, 2024, our Board of Directors held an in-person board meeting, and we chose the Moncton Seventh-day Adventist Church catering services to prepare our meal. Ever since the Annual General Meeting that we had in March in 2023, we have been utilizing some of Moncton’s most talented chefs to serve our lunch.

One of the reasons why we are turning your attention to their ministry is because they have turned traditional church luncheons into fine dining. If it were not for our surroundings, one would have thought that they were in a classy restaurant. Embodied in their cuisine is a health message that would empower your body but at the same time tickle your taste buds. Not only was the food nourishing, but one could not help but notice that the way that it was prepared was also aesthetically appealing. We commend the chefs for their keen attention to detail.

We also wish to commend Dr. Sophonie and her crew for such an exquisitely prepared 4-course meal. If you ever have a chance to sample their creations, we encourage you to do so. Pass by their church when they are having an event, and their catering team is serving. Thank you again for doing such a wonderful job.

May God bless your ministry.

*Administration*



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# Future Teacher Scholarship



# ARE YOU PLANNING TO PURSUE AN EDUCATION DEGREE AT AN ACCREDITED ADVENTIST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IN CANADA OR THE UNITED STATES?

**Apply TODAY for the opportunity to receive a 4-year scholarship up to \$7000 CDN**

## **Purpose:**

To assist Adventist individuals who plan to major in Education at an accredited Seventh-day Adventist college/university in North America with the goal of teaching in the Canadian Adventist school system.

## **Qualifications:**

- A. Acceptance/Attendance at a Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education in North America.
- B. Enrollment in the Education degree program.
- C. Completed application form with required attachments.
- D. Recommendation letters as outlined on the application form.
- E. Eligibility to teach in an Adventist school in Canada.
- F. Canadian citizen or permanent resident in Canada.

*\*Eligibility is extended to students who have taken up to one (1) gap year (or 2 years in CEGEP in Quebec) and/or have received acceptance into an after-degree at Burman University.*

## **Scholarship Information:**

### **A. Four-year scholarships (all in CDN funds)**

- \$1,000 – years one and two (\$1,500 if attending Burman University)
- \$1,500 – years three and four (\$2,000 if attending Burman University) – also applicable to students completing an after-degree
- Allowance for a one-year education related deferral, i.e., student missions, task force, Adventist Colleges Abroad

### **B. Renewal criteria:**

- 3.0 GPA from institution of higher education (B average or higher)
- Verification of acceptance into the teacher education program
- Verification of acceptable progress towards the completion of a Seventh-day Adventist teaching certificate
- Continued interest in teaching in an Adventist school

## Approval Process

- A. Completed application form with attachments to be received by the local conference superintendent/boarding academy principal by **March 15**.
- B. Applications from each conference and boarding academy will be recommended to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Office of Education by **March 30**. Up to five (5) scholarships will be awarded each Spring; no more than two (2) scholarships will be awarded to any conference or boarding academy.
- C. Scholarships should be awarded publicly (i.e. graduation ceremony, camp meeting, church, etc.) by either a conference superintendent or designate, or a SDACC director or associate director, if possible.
- D. Scholarship funds will be sent directly from the SDA Church in Canada to the Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher education once verification of enrollment is received from the institution.

## Submission due by March 15

Please submit the completed application and all supporting documents to your local conference office of education (listed on the last page) or boarding academy principal



  
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*The moment I opened my heart and told my story to all the women in the retreat there wasn't one single woman that didn't reach out through hugs, help, comfort but most importantly sharing God's love to me. There wasn't a moment I felt alone.*  
*Abigail being embraced at last year's Women's Ministries Retreat*

# Be Still and Know...

It is my second year attending the Maritime Women's Retreat in Pugwash, Nova Scotia and what a true blessing it has been to be a part of a group of ladies that has impacted my life forever. I can't continue to express what this weekend was without me sharing my first attendance at Pugwash. I was 20 weeks pregnant and knew I would be a single mom. When I arrived at the 2023 women's retreat titled: Designed by Grace, I was holding a very big secret. I felt ashamed and worthless and couldn't find within me the words to say, "I was loved and having a baby alone."

Since my life had changed completely I hadn't been able to share my exciting news with everyone. It wasn't until last year's women's retreat taught us that brokenness is not a weakness but is an art that can be turned into beauty with God's grace and hand. With that message I found the courage to share with all my sisters that I had been pregnant and was having a sweet baby boy. I was scared about being broken for so long but I felt the strength through this message to know and share that God's love and grace are bigger than anything that can break us in this world. The moment I opened my heart and told my story to all the women in the retreat there wasn't one single woman that didn't reach out through hugs, help, comfort but most importantly sharing God's love to me. There wasn't a moment I felt alone.

This year's women's retreat brought me so much joy knowing that I was going to reunite with the women I knew had prayed for me all year and had helped me with incredible donations. Everything from the organization to the people in charge was chosen by God to lead such a powerful seminar teaching us that there is peace in the Lord when we hold still in Him and know that He is our God. We were taught that when big waves come our way unexpectedly that we hold ourselves in God's courage and strength. That we are not to fail or fall when these big



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*Be Still and Know...*





events happen in our lives because God is bigger than any wave or storm that wants to push us down. We must remember and acknowledge who our God is and that with Him we can conquer all in stillness and love.

We learned different workshops on setting boundaries upon others and ourselves. We were taught different resources and techniques on motherhood that we can use in our daily lives or how to help other mothers in need. But if I truly had to choose what my favourite part of the Women's Retreat is, it has to be seeing everyone's face again and knowing that I had a support system and a family waiting for me at Pugwash. I came back being so grateful to my God for the amazing ministry he has created in the Maritime Conference. Cyndi Miller alongside her amazing crew that work to create these retreats are sisters blessed by God to lead all the women in the Maritimes to knowing and understanding the true love and purpose that God has for each one of our lives. We are being taught that in our daily challenges we can still encounter all the precious things that the Lord has in store for us. I can't wait to see what next year's retreat theme is and I know whatever will be taught will impact my life for the better. I just hope I am able to see more sisters in Christ around the Maritimes join us for this beautiful weekend.

## Abigail Triguero

Member of the Charlottetown SDA Church





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