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# What Lies Ahead?

Happy New Year to all families and friends of the Maritime Conference. I believe that it is truly a blessing for all of us to be able to see another year. 2024 has had its ups and downs but by the grace of God we have made it to 2025. I am excited to see what God is going to do in every one of our personal lives as well as within our church communities. Here at the Conference, God has been blessing our team and we are ever grateful for the new pastors as well as the new member of the Conference office that has joined us. Not only have we have been able to find individuals to fill the vacancies we had in the Conference, but we were also able to add another pastor to the HRM (Halifax Regional Municipality). As our churches and our school are preparing for evangelism to reach out to their respective communities, let us continue to keep each other in prayer.

I just want to share with you an inspiring quote from one of my favorite authors. She says:

*“In the great and measureless gift of the Holy Spirit are contained all of heaven’s resources. It is not because of any restriction on the part of God that the riches of His grace do not flow earthward to men. If all were willing to receive, all would become filled with His Spirit. It is the privilege of every soul to be a living channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that Christ desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour’s love. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil to be a joy and blessing to human hearts.”*

**(Ellen White, Christ’s Object Lessons, 419)**



Jesus is waiting for us, and He is ever desiring for us to work with Him to be filled with His Holy Spirit and to reflect the person of His loving character to those who are around us. Heaven is waiting to do great things through us, more than we can think of or imagine. My prayer is that God will fill us with the Holy Spirit and that He will amaze us in 2025. I pray that the lives of those who we encounter will be changed and that many will be won into His heavenly kingdom. I believe that great things are waiting for us in this new year, but more than ever it depends on our willingness to allow the Lord to have His way.

## **Ron Marshall**

Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference



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# One Thousand Quilts

Following the fellowship meal at Truro SDA Church on Sabbath, December 21, 2024, David and Jean Streifling held up a large, queen-size quilt in front of the group. This beautiful, hand-crafted quilt has the numeral 1000 in several places on it to commemorate the impressive milestone that this dedicated, industrious couple has made on their quilting machine, with help from others, including Beverly Mosher, a member of the Pugwash Church. Beverly Mosher completes the quilts by sewing a lovely binding around the edge of the quilts. One thousand hand crafted quilts have been completed over the past 10 years; and 13 more quilts have been crafted since this date, so David and Jean continue to make these beautiful quilts.

Making these quilts has become a Quilting Ministry for the Truro, Pugwash, and New Glasgow Churches. They provide free quilts to people in their communities who are hurting and in need of special assistance. Quilts have also been donated to the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital in Halifax, Truro Hospital, and various shelters.

We praise the Lord that He has kept the quilting machine operable all these years, and are thankful for the people who have assisted in this wonderful work, those who locate people in need, and all those who have been so blessed by this continuing ministry.

By **The Truro SDA Church**  
*Communication Department*

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# God's CARE TAKERS

God has interesting ways of exalting us humans, unworthy as we are. Have you ever wondered if being a good steward is one of them?

*“He (God) has placed means in the hands of men, that His divine gifts may flow through human channels in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellow men. This is one of God’s ways of exalting man”.*

**Councils on Stewardship, page 15.1**

**How does becoming like our Creator sound?**

*“God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Christ of the eternal glorious reward.”*

**Councils on Stewardship, page 15.2**

Thank You God that You are willing to share so much with us in exchange for the comparatively small gifts we give to You!

**Edwin Sharpe**

Treasurer of the Maritime Conference



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***PASTOR TEDDY &  
ISABELLE BAGASSIEN***



# ***WELCOME PASTOR TEDDY!***

Teddy Bagassien is a passionate pastor with nearly two decades of ministry experience. Born in Paris, France, to Caribbean parents, he brings a unique cultural perspective to his work. His ministry journey began as an undergraduate at Canadian University College, where he served as the Prison Ministries Coordinator. During this time, he led student groups to penitentiaries, organizing worship sessions with prisoners, which deepened his commitment to outreach.

Following his time at Canadian University College, Pastor Bagassien served in various leadership roles, including Youth Director for the Quebec Conference and Youth Ministries Coordinator for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

He has also served as the Children and Family Pastor at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, the campus church of Washington Adventist University. Pastor Bagassien is dedicated to guiding the

next generation in their relationship with Christ. He is particularly passionate about empowering youth leaders and pastors to serve effectively, and he finds joy in seeing young people embrace their faith and use their gifts to impact others.

Ministry is also a family affair for Pastor Bagassien. His wife, Isabelle, an educator, also serves the church by volunteering as a trainer for the North American Division (NAD) Children's Ministry. Together, they have been married for 22 years and have two daughters, aged 22 and 18, who inspire their devotion to both family and ministry.

With a heart for service and a wealth of experience, Pastor Bagassien continues to lead others in discovering their God-given purpose and preparing for eternity with Christ. The Maritime Conference welcomes Pastor Bagassien, Isabelle and the rest of his family. We believe that Pastor Bagassien will be truly a blessing to our youth as he serves as the new Youth Coordinator for the Conference as well as the new pastor for the Dartmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Administration*







# Welcome To the Maritime Conference Evelina!

The Maritime Conference is happy to introduce to you the newest member of our treasury team, Evelina Schwarz. She graduated from Burman University in the spring of 2022 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration the Accounting Track. While matriculating at Burman, she spent some time interning for the Alberta Conference Office as well as the Burman University Accounting Department. Prior to moving to the Moncton area to join our staff, she formerly resided in Florenceville, New Brunswick where she worked for a chartered professional accounting firm called Lenehan McCain & Associates.

Evelina loves the Lord and has a passion for working for the church. "Church has always been a big part of my life," she says, "I have been an active part of whatever church community I attend. Leading out in song services, playing the piano, and helping out in Sabbath School, are a few of the ways I have been able to contribute." Evelina has also spent time working at Camp Whitesand in Saskatchewan for the Manitoba-

Saskatchewan Conference as the Horsemanship Assistant Director. She was also the Horsemanship Director for the summer camps for our very own Camp Pugwash in Nova Scotia. "It was very enjoyable," she says, "Helping kids experience God through the various activities, worships, and connections that they make at camp was an experience I learned a lot from and greatly value."

We are delighted to have Evelina working with us here at the headquarters, and we believe that her experience and her skillset will be an asset to this Conference. Commenting on her acceptance to be part of our team, she stated, "In this new chapter in life I hope to be a valuable member of the Maritime Conference."

*Administration*





*Maritime Prayer Ministries*

The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of laboured argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power.

Gospel Workers p. 259



“I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear Me for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear Me, so that they will never turn away from Me.”

Jeremiah 32:39, 40







# Seaside Cakes



*Straight from*

# Catherine's Kitchen

## Seaside Cakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Let the following bubble together over low-heat for about 2 minutes (this is known as Roux):

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

¼ cup organic light spelt flour

Then slowly whip in the following two ingredients (make sure to leave no lumps):

1 cup of non-dairy milk (unsweetened and no flavour i.e. vanilla)

½ tsp. Celtic salt or Himalayan pink salt

Stir in and continue cooking until sauce is very thick:  
3 tbsp. minced onion

Remove from stovetop and add the following

ingredients, mix well:

Crumble 1 lb. of tofu (organic and non-GMO verified)

½ tsp. dry mustard (can omit, but does add to the flavor when included)

A dash of cayenne

Shape into cakes/patties, suggested size can be about 2 ½ inch round and ½ inch thick. But you can be creative!

Chill for at least 4 hours.

Remove from fridge, in your food processor process approximately 16 crackers of your choice, add 1 ½ tsp. of paprika (smoked paprika is wonderful too) to crackers and then flip cakes/patties in the cracker mixture so that both sides are covered.

Place on cookie sheet that is covered with parchment paper and bake for 40-50 minutes. Flip halfway. You want the cracker covering to be slightly toasted. Tasty as a burger with all the fixings or served with salad and/or cooked veggies.

**Enjoy!**

**Catherine Walsh**

Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference

# 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!**

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2. **Sending a cheque to SLA** (memo "**SLA Mission Trip**") **435 Hammonds Plains Road, Bedford, NS B4B 1Y2**, or
3. **Making an offering in your tithe and offering envelope** (mark it "**SLA Mission Trip**")

**Nicola Rose-Goodhall**

Office Manager, Sandy Lake Academy



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## *In Loving Memory of*

### **Marion Edith MacLaughlin**

With heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of Marion Edith MacLaughlin (née Gray) on Monday, January 6, 2025, in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Marion, the beloved daughter of the late Dora and Ralph Gray, was born in October 1941, and raised in Gabarus, Nova Scotia.

She passed peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by love and comforted by fond memories. Marion was a devoted mother to her two children,

Donald and Shawna; a cherished sister to her siblings, Horace, Harold, Florence, Norman and John; and loving grandmother to Catriona, Joshua, and Caleb, who were her greatest pride and joy.

Marion was known well for her compassion, sharp intellect, and even stronger will, which shone in every aspect of her life. From feeding the birds to caring for her garden to helping others, she enjoyed the simple things in life. She also frequently donated to various charities in hopes of helping create a better world. Marion was a strong believer in her Christian faith and was very active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She was not concerned about her death and told her children when she goes to sleep the next thing she'll see is Jesus waking her up.

Marion dedicated 35 years of her professional life to the Victoria General Hospital, where she served as a Clinical Chemistry Supervisor. Her dedication and commitment to her work each day earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues for many years to come.

Marion will be missed deeply by her family and friends. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion and unwavering resolve that will forever be remembered.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Marion's life will be announced at a later date.

Words of comfort can be sent to the family at [www.sydney memorial chapel.com](http://www.sydney memorial chapel.com)

Rest in Peace, Marion.



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# Maritime Conference **Quinquennial** **2025**

**Notice is hereby given that the fiftieth  
Regular Members' Meeting of the  
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**This meeting is called for the following purposes:**

- 1. Election of a Board of Directors;**
- 2. Election of a Standing Bylaws Committee;**
- 3. Election of Officers of the Conference;**
- 4. Consideration of proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Conference;**
- 5. Transaction of other business as may properly come before a Regular Members' Meeting.**

The member churches of the Maritime Conference are represented at this meeting by delegates chosen on the following basis: one delegate from each church plus one additional delegate for each 40 members or major fraction thereof.



Delegates who are members of the Organizing Committee are asked to meet

**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
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