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# Spotlight

March 2026 Edition

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# A GROUNDBREAKING *Testimony*

It started with a flood. It revealed that water had been seeping down between the front entrance concrete steps and platform and entering the building through eroded mortar for an unknown length of time. That meant our front entrance had to be torn up to patch up the exterior brick wall. That meant the basement had to be gutted, foundation repaired, and new drywall installed in many areas due to rot from water damage. Painting the walls made everything clean and fresh. But then with mold on everyone's mind and dust making things prohibitive for some to worship, the old carpet in the foyer and sanctuary was removed. Somewhere along the way, people noticed major ceiling tile stains growing. How could a congregation of about 30 people afford to do all this renovation? Who has those skills to help guide the church through all these repairs and renovations?

For one thing we serve a mighty God who has no trouble with logistics. A parishioner, Fred Caston, had left some money for the church in his will. Pastor Ryan Fraser and head elder, Garry Baltzer, who have skills and work experience in building, spent a lot of time working on these projects with other volunteers. And the money which was tied up with attorneys executing the will came into the hands of the church just in time for the roof to be repaired before a major storm would have caused serious troubles. At the March 8th work bee, seven men removed the panels off the walls, took down window fixtures, removed baseboard covers as they prepared the sanctuary, balcony, and deacon rooms to be drywalled. The

six ladies cleared out items in areas that needed to be accessible for renovations and sorted through them. They made sure everything that was kept was organized in such a way to leave the basement still accessible for work or for worship.

The March 8<sup>th</sup> work bee not only worked towards meeting safety regulations but giving the church a fresh look. The expectation is that over the next six months, the church will undergo a transformation with fresh drywall and paint, new windows, new floors in the sanctuary, heat pumps, a wheelchair ramp, steps and deck for the front entrance. When we



consider all that we want to do, it seems impossible given our constraints of time and energy. Our few members either are elderly or work full time, and those with experience will be laid up after surgery. But having seen how God has led in the last year inspires us to know God is making it possible for the church to weather another 50 years if need be as we wait for the Lord to return.

**Shirleen Luttrell**  
*New Minas SDA Church*



*Straight from*  
**Catherine's  
Kitchen**

## Chickpea Blondies

### Ingredients:

- 1 can (15 oz) chickpeas (rinsed)
- ½ cup natural peanut butter (can try cashew butter, almond butter)
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp baking powder (preferably homemade)
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup carob chips (sweetened or unsweetened your choice)

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C) and line an 8x8-inch pan with parchment paper.
2. Place all ingredients, except the carob chips in a food processor and process until completely smooth.
3. Pour into the lined pan, then either fold in the carob chips before spreading the mixture out or spread the mixture first and sprinkle the chips on top.
4. Bake for 30-35 minutes until lightly browned and your toothpick comes out clean.

Let cool and then cut into squares. Enjoy!

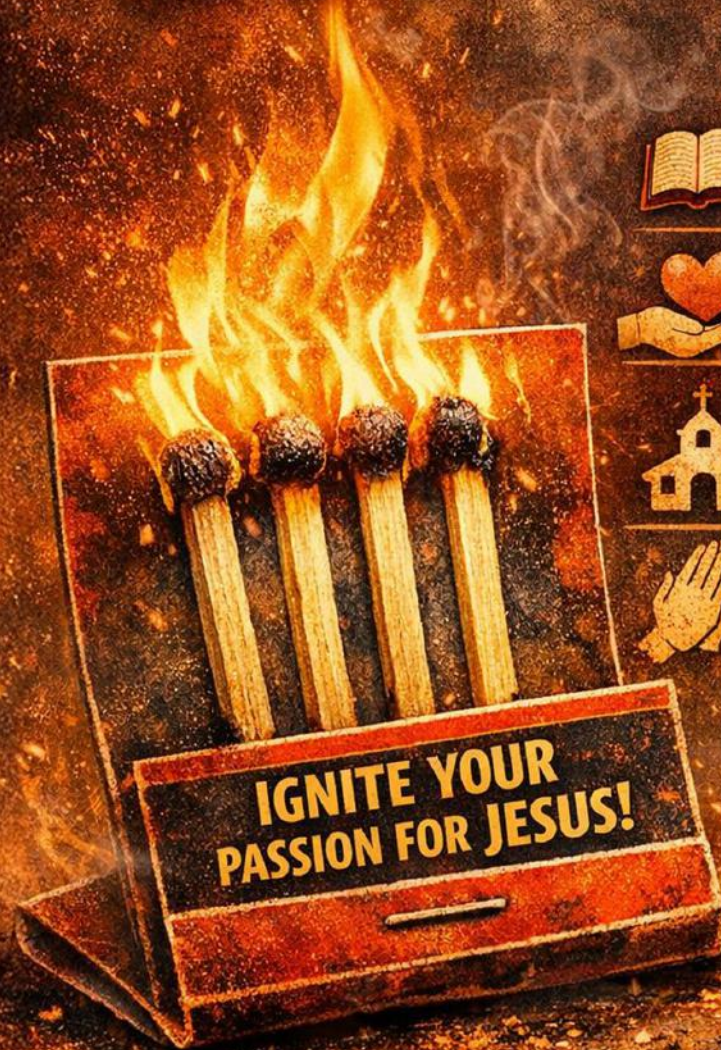
**Catherine Walsh**

*Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference*

**SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEKEND**



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- Date: May 19th-23rd, 2026 (Tues-Sab)
- Location: Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Check-In Location: Howe Hall, 6230 Coburg Rd., Halifax NS, B3H 4R2

## THEME

Here to Serve, Sent by Love | Scriptural Emphasis: Matthew 5:43-45

## PURPOSE

ACF Institute Canada is a biennial gathering for discipline, networking, and leadership training for Adventist Christian Fellowship student leaders and Public Campus Ministers, while also establishing a national framework for starting and expanding ACF chapters in the Canadian context.

## ATTENDEES

All ACF student-leaders, faculty and staff, campus chaplains and pastors, conference youth & young adult ministries directors, and any leaders desiring to learn more about ministry with and for university, college, and CEGEP students on non-Adventist campuses from the on-campus student perspective.

## REGISTRATION

Register online at [www.adventistyouth.ca](http://www.adventistyouth.ca)

- \$100 Registration (Double Occupancy Guest Room Lodging) Available until May 10, 2026, 11:59pm EST (includes: t-shirt, guest room lodging, meals, resources)

- \$130 Registration (Single Occupancy Guest Room Lodging) Available until May 10, 2026, 11:59pm EST (includes: t-shirt, guest room lodging, meals, resources)
- **Registration closes on May 10, 2026; after that date, no lodging or meals will be provided.**

#### TRAVEL

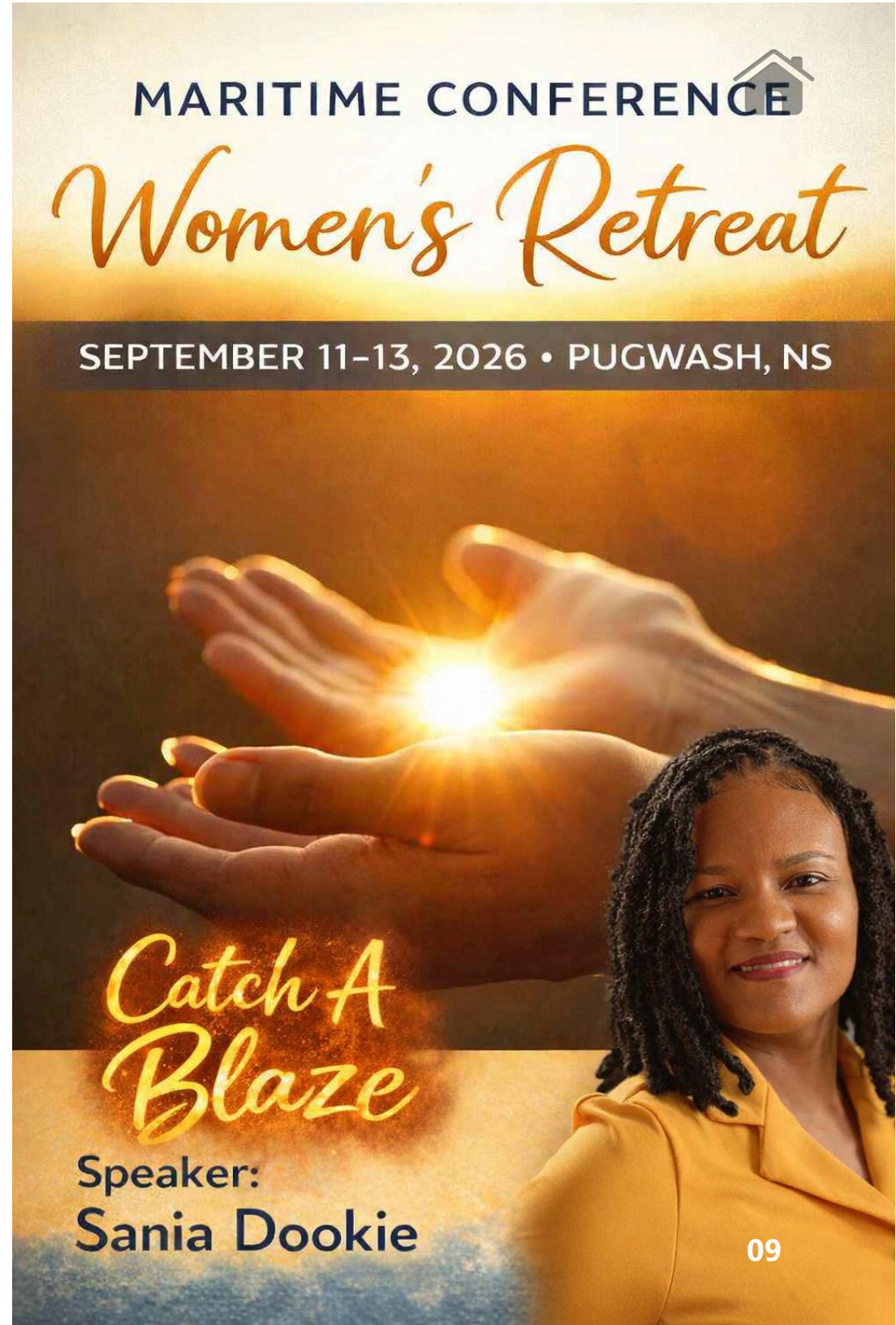
- Fly to Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ airport code)
- Halifax Transit Bus from Airport to Dalhousie – costs around \$2 per ticket or \$7.50 for a day pass
- Uber/Lyft to Dalhousie for check-in at Howe Hall (see address above)
- Parking lots 4-Chemistry, 5-Studley, and 6-McCain Parkade are the closest free lots to Howe Hall

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- Each floor has at least two shared washrooms and shower facilities
- Hotel lodging and parking, other than what is included in registration, are at your own expense.

#### MEALS

- A daily breakfast bar will be available. Lunch & dinner meals will be catered in McCain Building.



*Catch A  
Blaze*

Speaker:  
**Sania Dookie**



## MARITIME CONFERENCE 2026 CALENDAR

Date	Upcoming Event
March 21-28	Youth Week of Prayer
March 28	Health Emphasis Sabbath
April 25	District Education Sabbath
May 07-10	CAYS (Prince Edward Island)
May 10	Board of Directors Meetings (Face-to-Face)
May 15	Pugwash Campgrounds Open
May 15-17	SEWW (Spiritual Emphasis Weekend & Work bee)
May 19-23	ACF Institute (SDACC)
May 29-31	PrayerShop 2026
June 05-07	Adventurer Camporee
June 12-14	Health Ministries Retreat (RIWW)
June 13	Sandy Lake Academy Graduation Church Service
June 14	Sandy Lake Academy Graduation Ceremony
June 19-21	Pathfinder Camporee

# NEWSONG

## Maritime Songwriting Contest



### **Congratulations** to the winners of the first ever **NewSong: Maritime Songwriting Contest!**

To all those who submitted a song entry, I just want to extend a heart-felt thank you. Every song carried something meaningful. Your songs expressed a glimpse of your walk with God. It was beautiful to hear the various creative palettes from all the submissions. Some songs were bright and exciting, others were gentle reflections, but all of them revealed a glimpse of God's desire to be with us. ❤️

Now..... The rest of us are probably wondering where one can listen to these songs?! I (Adrian) am working on having these songs showcased at Camp Meeting this coming summer. Additionally, the goal would be to have a proper recording of each of these songs to share with others. Updates to this will be revealed in **future** MC Spotlights.

Feel free to email me if you want any information! [adrian.jones@maritimesda.com](mailto:adrian.jones@maritimesda.com)



### Contestants

Cherylin W.  
Jazell Bennet  
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Marielle Symonds  
Marjorie Akerley  
Obad Harun  
Rohan Grant  
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If we were only as free to speak of the blessings we receive from God as we are to talk of our doubts and discouragements, we should enjoy far more of his presence. Our kind heavenly Father declares: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." (Psalm 50:23) Let us praise him more, and complain less; let us talk more of the love and wondrous power of our Redeemer, and we shall be brought nearer and nearer to him, into closer and still closer relations with him in whom our hope centers.

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Maritime Prayer Ministries



# WALK FOR ADRA

A large white footprint graphic is integrated into the 'K' of 'WALK' and the 'A' of 'ADRA', serving as a visual element for the campaign title.

## Would you follow in Christ's footsteps?

*Every day, ADRA walks alongside people in need of God's love.*

*We walk with farmers through drought-stricken fields.*

*We walk with children through earthquake-rocked neighbourhoods.*

*We walk with families through impossible financial struggles.*

*But most importantly, we walk with them from hardship to hope.*

*And now, we're inviting you to walk with them too.*

Sophie, a young girl in Kenya, used to walk miles beyond her village to fetch water from the river. For her and so many young girls like her across Africa and Asian, walking 6km per day to collect water is not uncommon. The physical strain often leads to injury, but they rarely have a choice.

ADRA supporters and partners helped to ensure Sophie could safely pump water within her own village rather than carry a heavy jar the equivalent of 15 laps around a track.

For families fleeing economic catastrophe and gang violence in Venezuela, a **4,000-to-6,000 kilometre journey** often involves walking **15 to 30 km in a single day**. They carry their children and the few belongings they can, in search of safety and a future.

People like them are the reason why we're inviting you to take part in the **#WalkForADRA challenge** this March.



Choose a distance. Walk each day (or as often as you can commit)—minus a well-needed day of rest! Ask your friends and family to sponsor your journey and help us raise \$50,000. You will also find a poster attached that you can share in your church for awareness.

Because when you walk...

- **5 km** → you walk alongside a child on their way to school
- **6 km** → you walk the daily distance many girls walk for water
- **10 km** → you accompany a farmer from their home to the market
- **15 km** → you experience a day in the life of a migrant family
- **50 km in a month** → you symbolically share in part of a journey towards hope

Every step you take helps fund ADRA's **Where Needed Most Fund**, allowing us to respond quickly when disaster strikes and support families rebuilding their lives. But more than that—we want to walk with Christ, and to serve him through “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40) as he taught us.

Will you take the first step?

[Join the #WalkForADRA challenge today:](#)

(submitted by) **Cheryl Hamilton**  
*Compassion Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference*





# Excellence in Education Awards 2026

Nominate your Adventist school, principal or teacher

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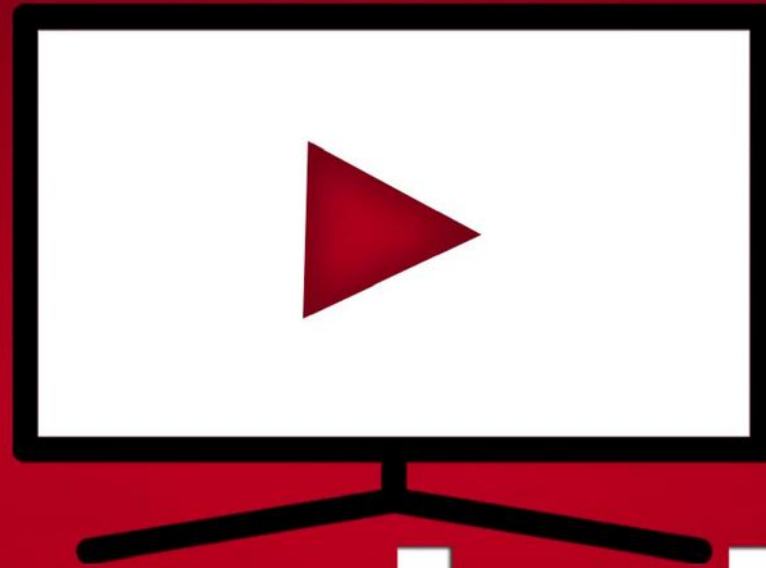
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or you may call the

SDACC Office of Education at  
905-433-0011 for a nomination packet





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# Churchview

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# Alumni & Friends





# Family Camp

**Camp Pugwash** is happy to host a summer camp week specially catered to families and adults. This camp is for all families, Alumni, and your friends. Family Camp is a great way to enjoy all that Pugwash has to offer, together!  
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## Activities

### Crafts

- Arts & Crafts
- Baking
- Ceramics
- Tie Dye
- Rocketry
- Music

### Outdoor Pursuits

- Archery
- Rock wall
- Sports
- Family Fitness
- Zumba
- Bible Study\*

### Waterfront

- Swimming
- Tubing
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## NORTH SYDNEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT: SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

Recently, the leadership of the North Sydney Seventh-day Adventist Church gathered for a special Sabbath afternoon retreat focused on prayer, reflection, and looking ahead to what God is calling the church to be and do in the coming years. It was a meaningful opportunity for leaders to step away from the usual pace of life and ministry to intentionally seek God's guidance together.

Throughout the afternoon, time was spent in worship, quiet reflection, and open conversation about the life of the church. Leaders shared their experiences, hopes, and prayers for the future of the congregation and for ministry within the local community. It was encouraging to hear the many ways God has been working through the members and ministries of the church over the years.

The retreat also included discussion activities and collaborative exercises designed to strengthen communication and teamwork among the leadership team. Together, participants reflected on the strengths of the church, areas where growth is possible, and opportunities God may be placing before the congregation. These conversations created space

for honest reflection while also encouraging leaders to dream about how God might continue to lead the church forward.

One of the most valuable aspects of the retreat was the opportunity for leaders to connect in a relaxed and supportive setting. Building strong relationships among those who serve is an important foundation for healthy ministry, and this time together helped strengthen a sense of unity and shared purpose.

The church is grateful for the dedication of its leaders who faithfully give their time, energy, and gifts in service to God and the church family. The conversations from this retreat will also help guide future planning as the church seeks to grow spiritually and serve the community more effectively.

Members are encouraged to continue keeping the church's leaders in prayer as they seek God's wisdom and guidance.

**Jamie Joseph**

*Pastor of the North Sydney SDA Church*



# Edmundston's Women's Sabbath Weekend

Many of you have heard about the church plant in Edmundston, NB. A small group who have been worshipping together for a few couple years. On March 7, 2026, the Edmundston SDA Group, hosted a women's day Sabbath. This weekend was more than just a special sabbath. It was missional. It was a way to reach out to the community in a meaningful way. The theme for this weekend was "**Je suis une femme, la création de Dieu, oui j'irai.**"

I want you to keep in mind that this is only a group, they have not reached official church status (yet!). With that being said, this small but mighty group rented out a big space, and hosted this special women's day sabbath.

There was around **60+ individuals** who attended this service. That is more than double their regular attendance. Many people from the community, and from Quebec came to participate in this special event. And the best part is that there were many non-Adventists there!

As someone who personally spoke with and greeted these individuals, this was something that they needed to experience and see. In a time when many of our church evangelistic endeavors miss the real needs of the community, this weekend scratched where it really itched. People left being empowered.

In addition to the morning service was a powerful (that's an understatement) concert that took place in the afternoon. A Madagascan group from Quebec, led by a young maestro, Milanto, from Moncton SDA, truly demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit through music.



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*empowered*



*faithful*



*called*



# INSPIRE

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## MONCTON SDA CHURCH

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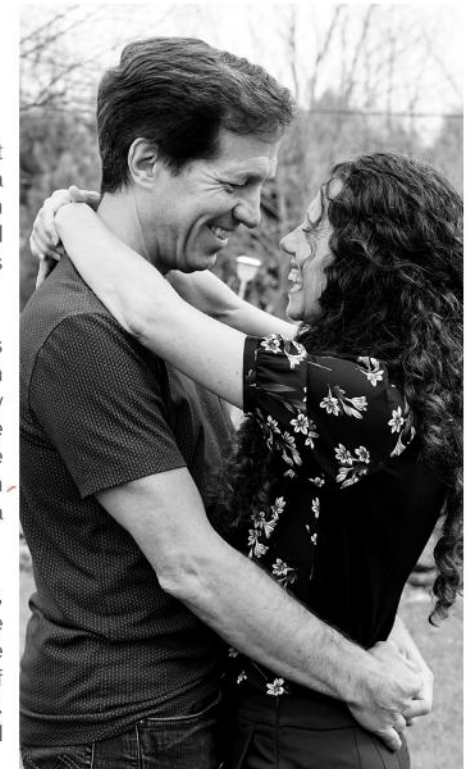
- 1. Love is Medicine**  
The Science behind the Power of Love
- 2. Danger: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**  
How to Predict the End of a Relationship
- 3. Ashes to Beauty**  
A Powerful Love Story of How True Love Never Fails
- 4. Forgive to Love**  
Removing the Root of Bitterness from Marriage
- 5. How to Love as though You've Never Been Hurt**
- 6. The Principles for Making Marriage Work**  
Proven Techniques for Enhancing Your Relationship
- 7. Building Love through Effective Communication**
- 8. Conflict to Connection**  
How to Resolve Conflict

## *Mike and René Lemon*

Mike and René Lemon are the hosts for It Is Written Canada, a worldwide media ministry, featured on CTV and a dozen networks throughout Canada and around the world, to spotlight stories of lives transformed by the power of God.

Mike and René are both Certified Leaders for the Gottman Institute's Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work. They have been married since 1995 and have counselled married couples and those preparing for marriage while serving in ministry and education positions in Canada and South Africa.

Mike and René are passionate about faith, family, friends, fitness, and finishing the work of helping to "turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). They have two wonderful daughters and two magnificent grandsons.



### MEETING TIMES:

Opening Session:  
Friday Evening:  
**6:30 PM**

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# INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

We are excited to announce the launch of the Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries (IRM) **SEED Planning Process** for all IRM constituent ministry partners (CMP) - members, churches, schools, and conferences involved with regional Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries.



**SERVICE ENGAGEMENT:** Members, churches & schools (CMP) partnering with Indigenous Communities are invited to register with the SDACC Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries Department.



**EVALUATION:** Registered CMP will receive support to evaluate their vision, opportunities and approach to building healing relations with Indigenous Communities through the ministry of reconciliation.



**DEVELOPMENT:** Registered CMP will receive ongoing support, special training and access to special funding opportunities to develop their ministries.

Please visit the SDACC Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries Department [webpage](#) to register. Registered CMPs will receive ongoing **support** and learn more about upcoming **funding opportunities**.

<https://www.adventist.ca/departments/indigenous-ministries/>



## Middle East Emergency

Lebanon  
needs you now!

As someone who is part of the ADRA community, you know how quickly a crisis can escalate and how powerful a timely response can be.

Since the end of February, violence across southwestern Asia, often called the “Middle East,” has devastated millions of lives. More than 2,000 people have been killed and 20,000 injured across 14 countries. Nearly 4 million people have been forced from their homes.

Right now, families in Lebanon are facing a crisis that is growing by the day.

Already struggling under a severe economic collapse, the country is now enduring escalating conflict that has forced over one million people from their homes. Parents are fleeing with

their children, taking shelter in overcrowded schools and makeshift spaces, unsure of where their next meal will come from.

ADRA Lebanon is already responding on the ground, providing hot meals, clean water, and essential supplies to over 430 displaced households in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and the Beqaa Valley.

But the need is growing, and children are among the most vulnerable. Of the 810,000 displaced people in Lebanon, 290,000 are children.

“Humanitarian needs are rising by the hour,” says Tiffany Baggetta of the Humanitarian Coalition. “We are urgently calling on the generosity of Canadians to donate today to support life-saving aid for children and families caught in this conflict.”

Your gift today can provide food, water, and essential supplies, and help restore hope to families like Rami’s.

**Please give today!**

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(submitted by) **Cheryl Hamilton**

*Compassion Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference*



# STAFF WANTED

/VOLUNTEERS TOO!

**Mission: To lead children to an encounter with Jesus through nature.**

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 cabin leaders, kitchen staff, nurse volunteers, and a Head Cook. (and more)**

Scan to  
apply now!





Urgently Needed!

# Camp Cook

Camp Pugwash is looking for a Camp Cook who would be able to serve for the summer camp season. (Or at least part of the season)





## Specifics

We're excited to announce that we're looking for a capable *Head Cook* to join our summer camp team!

As *Head Cook*, you'll be responsible for the total food service operations at Camp Pugwash for the 2026 summer camp season. This would include, but not limited to, preparing and serving meals for staff and campers, menu planning, ordering food supplies, organizing and working together with kitchen staff, etc.

The ideal candidate not only has some level of food service experience—that would illustrate their competency in preparing meals for large groups—but also a passion for this ministry.

The kitchen is at the heart of Camp Pugwash, and without the dedication of a *Head Cook*, this ministry would not make the lasting impression as it has. If you're looking for a fulfilling workplace where you can serve and make a difference for God's kingdom, we'd love to hear from you!

Send in your resume and inquiries to our email:  
**[summercamp@maritimesda.com](mailto:summercamp@maritimesda.com)**



PrayerShop 2026

# Rooted

*... rooted and grounded in ... the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge ... Ephesians 3:16 - 19 NET*

**When:** May 29 - 31, 2026

**Where:** Camp Pugwash

**To register** or for more info, email:  
[erna.mccann@maritimesda.com](mailto:erna.mccann@maritimesda.com)

**Cost:** \$60/person, \$120/family, **Free** for Pastors and Prayer Ministry Leaders

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