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December 2024

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Meet *Hope*

There's More to Life

THE MARITIME CONFERENCE PENTECOST 2025 INITIATIVE



Sharing the Hope of Jesus in the Maritime Conference

As I observe the world around me, I notice an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. Inflation, crime, lack of love, injustice. It seems that from a world point of view, there is little hope anymore.

As God's people, we have been given a great work to accomplish. In **Matthew 28**, starting in verse 18 we were given instructions on how to provide *Hope* to the world around us.

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in Heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

For the past several months, we have been co-partnering with Hope Channel Canada and Pentecost 2025 to create a spirit of evangelism within the Maritime Conference. Our goal is to make it possible for every church in the Maritime Conference to have the resources and funds so that each church can share the gospel of Jesus within each of their communities.

This past weekend, December 6th and 7th, we launched our Meet Hope initiative. It started on Friday night by having a season of prayer, which was led out by our Conference Prayer Coordinator, Erna McCann. We met on Zoom and spent time in a season of prayer, which was followed by a time of personal reflection. The time of reflection was a time for us to ask God to work in each of our personal lives. It was a time to invite the Holy Spirit to lead our Conference and also a time to listen to God speak to us. It was a time to ask for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as it was on the day of Pentecost.

For Sabbath, Hope Channel Canada brought three Pastors to the Maritime Conference as we wanted all three of our provinces to feel a part of this Conference-wide initiative. Pastor Samuel Sinnanainar shared the message at the Charlottetown Church. Pastor Paul Antunes shared the message at the Moncton Church. Pastor Robert Zama was the presenter at the Halifax Church.

The Halifax Church provided a live feed for any of the churches that wanted to be part of the launching of Pentecost 2025. The three pastors from Hope Channel Canada presented a unified theme

that *the world is in the midst of a storm, and Jesus is our only hope*. It is up to us, as followers of Jesus, to present the solution to the world. All three shared that we must share with those around us the hope that Jesus brings.

On Sabbath afternoon, the team from Hope Channel Canada shared how our partnership will bring Hope to the Maritime Conference. They shared how the training resources, small group materials, and even full evangelistic series materials are being provided to the local churches of our Conference. Every church in our Conference will have these resources available for the evangelism that is going to be done in each of our local churches in 2025 and beyond.

In the Conference office, we have been praying daily for everyone who lives in the Maritimes that they will have a chance to *Meet Jesus, to Meet Hope*, and to have the opportunity to choose to be with Jesus throughout eternity. Please keep *Meet Hope* in your prayers.

David Miller

President of the Maritime Conference



Sandy Lake Academy Mission Trip

We are thrilled and humbled to announce that students and staff at Sandy Lake Academy will be participating in a **Mission Trip to Costa Rica from March 3-14, 2025**, where they will be ministering to the **Cabécar people of the north-central mountains**. We are partnering with the Alas de Vida/Wings of Life Ministry to help construct a dormitory and share the everlasting gospel with a people group who have only recently learned about the beautiful truths entrusted to our church. We are inviting you to partner with us by committing our group and the people we will serve to daily prayer and by giving toward this cause by :

1. **Going to** <https://sandy-lake-academy.myhelcim.com/hosted/?token=d4b8a2e2f5e2505a45b07f>
(see poster for QR code)
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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MARCH 3-14, 2025



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Welcome

Pastor Jacqueline!

The Maritime Conference would like to welcome Pastor Jacqueline Émile as one of the newest members of our team. Jacqueline has more than 25 years of experience in leading, guiding, and ministering to church congregations in various capacities. Prior to her arrival to the Maritimes, she had been actively creating and leading a *Center of Influence in Ottawa called the Centre d'Actions et de Services Communautaires CASC*. At this centre, she has participated in making health seminars, parenting seminars, personal financial seminars, French training and other services available to individuals in her community.

Aside from her experience in preaching during evangelism weeks, women's retreats, weeks of prayer and on Sabbaths, she has also been a bible worker and is currently conducting an online ministry in the United States and

Canada. She shares her faith and resources online to help people to grow spiritually, challenging them to participate in daily activities such as reading through the Bible and studying bible topics.

Pastor Émile will be a graduate of the Andrews University Doctor of Ministry program. Her DMin project aims to bridge community services with faith, embodying Christ's method approach. *"This initiative is not just about my personal beliefs," she says, "but it serves as a uniting force in our collective mission of faith and service, reminding us that together, we can make a meaningful impact in our communities and worldwide. On my spiritual journey I went to Andrews University to study theology to understand God better. My commitment to theology drives me to investigate and communicate the richness of Christian teachings. I actively engage in coaching, teaching, and preaching. My work's key focus is empowering those seeking a deeper relationship with God, guiding them on their spiritual journeys with compassion and understanding."*

Pastor Émile has a deep passion for creative writing and bible stories, embracing the art of storytelling as a means to connect and inspire others. She says that a good sabbath afternoon for her is a pleasant yet profound bible study around a good meal with friends before going out to do or planning community services. On behalf of the Maritime Conference, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Émile and ask that you continually keep her in prayer as she commences her ministry with the Bathurst Seventh-day Adventist Company in the new year.

Administration

Welcome Pastor Fred!

The Maritime Conference would like to welcome Pastor Fred Nahirny as one of our newest pastors. Pastor Fred Nahirny comes to us with five years of pastoral experience. Through his ministry, he has enabled his members to realize their full potential in rural settings by implementing small-scale innovations for Christ. During his tenure serving at the Newfoundland Seventh-day Adventist Mission, he co-founded a local “Center of Influence” (COI) specializing in issues such as program creation. This program aimed at enhancing the disciple’s experience by expanding the church’s influence and its total impact on the community.

“By encouraging others to reach their full potential,” he says, “They, too, can realize their ministry aspirations via trust in Jesus.” Pastor Nahirny is a graduate of Burman University, where he has obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) has recognized his strengths during his service at the Newfoundland SDA Mission. They are currently using his



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COI, called “New Horizons Home-School Co-op,” as a template program and a model for other SDA COIs across the nation. Though he may spend his days behind the pulpit or a desk, Pastor Nahirny’s motivation for ministry comes from pursuing God’s open doors along the way.

Pastor Nahirny and his wife Francis love spending time together in nature hiking when they are not serving as the local pastoral couple. He will be serving our churches in the Pugwash, Truro, and New Glasgow district. The Maritime Conference is happy that he has accepted the call to join our team, and we would like to extend to him a warm welcome. We ask that you lift him up in prayer that God will use him to be a blessing to the communities of the churches that he will be pastoring.

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

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HEALTH AND DISCIPLINE GO HAND IN HAND

The Health Ministries Department of the Maritime Conference desires all Maritimers to be their very best! Join us in this One-Plate Challenge where simplicity meets nutrition, and self-discipline meets satisfaction. This time of year, can be overwhelmingly tempting. All the delicious and scrumptious goodies await us, but so do the hidden drawbacks like weight gain, an increase in bad cholesterol levels, blood sugar spikes, excessive feelings of bloating, indigestion, and even nausea. Let alone the reflux that you might experience. Forgo all this by taking the 1P Challenge!

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THE 1P CHALLENGE

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YOU CAN DO IT!
Purpose in your
hearts!!

Be determined!

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God!!!!



Starting on the first day of December:

Allow yourself the freedom to choose to eat only 1 plate of food at each meal.

Don't make it a law (for some reason we humans don't like laws).

Remind yourself that it is a Challenge.

Think of it as a game.

A game where there is no guilt.

A game where you are the only player so there is no competition, just a personal challenge.

Each meal can be a new opportunity to eat only 1 plate of food-don't sweat it!

Love yourself through this challenge.

Remind yourself by telling yourself the truth that there are no mistakes in this challenge.

The Maritime Health Ministries

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