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Saying Goodbye to

**PASTOR LUCHMAN**

the First Female Pastor of the

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## SAYING GOODBYE TO *Pastor Luchman!*

If you have ever visited the Bathurst Seventh-day Adventist Company, you may have found it somewhat difficult to evade the warm smile and the kind greeting of an elderly woman who regularly attended this church. She had served its leadership for many years and for those who know her, she can be quite a socialite for the sake of the gospel. If you ever took the time to speak with her, you would probably be intrigued by her story. She is a retired pastor who has served the Maritime Conference for approximately 17 years. These years are not including the time she has served this institution following her retirement.

Pastor Lisebye Luchman started working for the Maritime Conference as a bible worker for the Acadian Peninsula Company in 1990. Eventually she became a pastor in 1995 and following years of faithful service she retired in 2012. She was also an instrumental contributor to the formation of the Bathurst Company in 2018. What is remarkable about her story is that she is the first recorded female pastor to have served the Maritime Conference. She answered God's call during a time when being a woman in the ministry was even more challenging than it is today. Her willingness to respond to His call has been a blessing to this Conference.

Prior to working in the Maritimes, Pastor Luchman served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in several other capacities. She was a bible worker for the Quebec Conference, a teacher in the missionary field, a principal, as well as a literature evangelist director. She has also been a strong advocate for those within our French community, and she is very

well appreciated for her many years of service on the Conference's Board of Directors. Pastor Luchman has currently returned to her home country in Mauritius for the rest of her retirement.

*"It has been my privilege to serve within the Maritime Conference..." she said, "I am so grateful for the Maritime Conference administrators and constituency who supported me over the years in spite of all the controversies around women in ministry. Though miles apart, we are one as we serve our Lord. So, brethren, be assured that the work in the Maritime Conference is part of me and I'll continue to uphold you all in my daily prayers. Thanks again for the privilege of working with you. Maranatha! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless His Church and His appointed leaders in the joint effort of fulfilling the gospel mandate, that Christ's kingdom be established soon!"*

The Conference administration would like to acknowledge Pastor Lisebye Luchman for her hard work and her service in the Maritimes. May God bless her and we thank her for her dedication and her faithful service.

**Ron Marshall**

*Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference*



*Straight from*

# *Catherine's Kitchen*

## Almond “Cheese”

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of whole raw almonds (skins left on) that has been soaking for 24 hours. (This will give you about 1 ½ cups of almonds)
- ½ cup of water
- 2 tablespoons of organic lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons of nutritional yeast
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- ½ teaspoon of garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon of sea salt
- ¼ cup of finely chopped dill

Blend smooth and chill for about 5 hours to allow for the different flavors to combine. Tasty and nutritious! Serve on crackers, bread, toast, sliced apples, and savor the flavor.

**Catherine Walsh**

*Health Ministries Director of the Maritime Conference*



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**Jesus:** Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

**You:** My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to you, and I will look up. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You wait all the day.

**Jesus:** Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live;... I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.

**You:** You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.

NKJV: Jeremiah 33:3, Psalms 5:3, Psalms 143:8, Psalms 25:4, 5, Isaiah 55:3, Psalms 32:8, Isaiah 30:21, Psalms 16:11, 8, 9

“God speaks to us through His providential workings and through the influence of His Spirit upon the heart. In our circumstances and surroundings, in the changes daily taking place around us, we may find precious lessons if our hearts are but open to discern them..... God speaks to us in his word. Here we have in clearer lines the revelation of His character, of His dealings with men, and the great work of redemption.

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*Maritime Prayer Ministries*



# GOD'S CARETAKERS

## The Three Yeses of Tithing

In the Dominican Republic, when someone tells us something we're not really interested in, we often respond with a casual, "Yeah, yeah, yeah." Some people notice it; others don't.

Tithing is not a new topic for most of us. It may be for some of us, but we understand the concept. We know the blessings, and above all, we know it comes from God. Still, whenever the subject comes up, many of us just say, "Yeah, yeah, yeah," and take no action.

I'm a big believer in tithes and offerings. My life as a Christian is grounded in these two sacred transactions. Personally, I don't stress about what others do with my tithe and offering. What matters the most to me is that God knows I am returning a portion of the miracles He's done in my life. Even in moments when my pockets feel empty, somehow, God always provides.



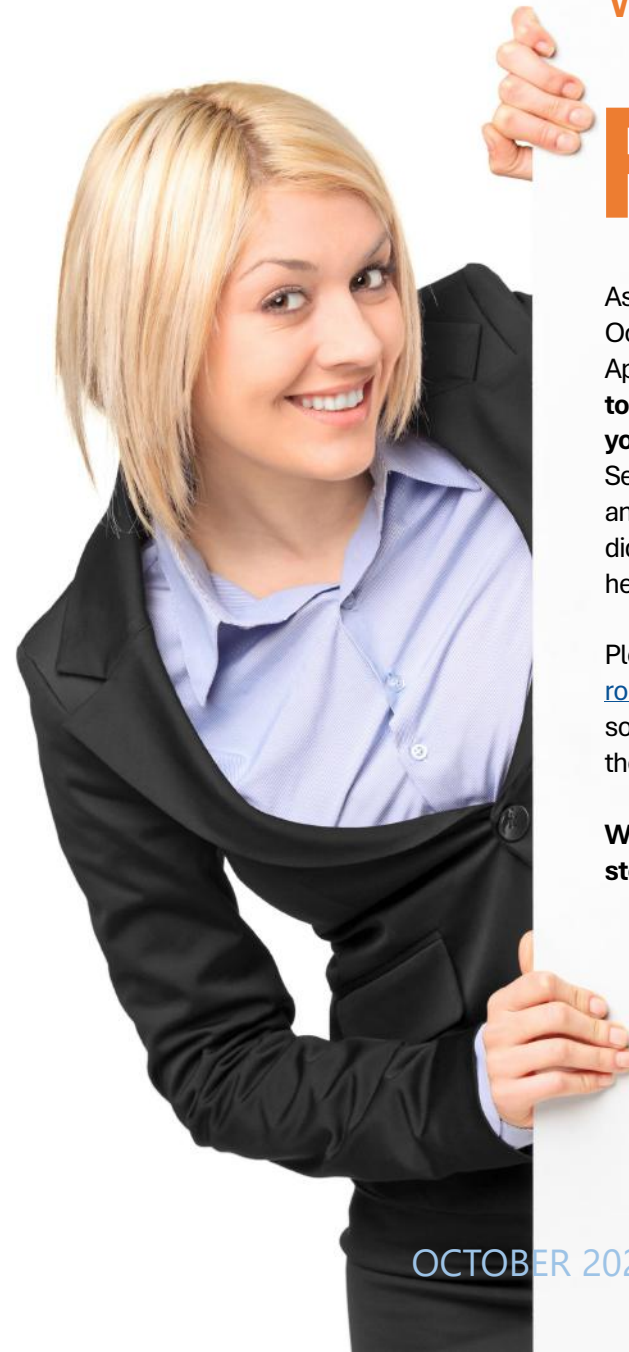
I could tell you story after story about times I knew that giving my tithe meant I wouldn't have enough to make it through the month. Nevertheless, I returned my tithes anyhow, with faith and love. There were times when I'd sit down with just a glass of water, because that was all I had left. And somehow, (don't ask me how) God showed up. He provided. Always.

Remember Gideon? The man who, with only 300 men, defeated an army of 135,000? At one point, even Gideon questioned God. He asked, "*Where are all the wonders our ancestors told us about?*" (Judges 6:13). Many of us carry that same doubt today. We think God has stopped doing miracles but the real question isn't whether God can. He absolutely can. The question is: Do we believe?

Yes, yes, yes—Tithing is a blessing from Heaven.  
Yes, yes, yes—God can provide for every need.  
And yes, yes, yes—Our Lord blesses the cheerful giver.  
So don't just say, "Yeah, yeah, yeah."  
Say, "Yes, Lord"—and live it out.

## Angel Germosen

*Assistant Accountant for the Maritime Conference*



## WHAT DID YOU DO FOR YOUR PASTOR?

As you know, the month of October was Pastor's Appreciation Month. **We want to hear the stories about what your church did for your pastor.** Send us high-resolution photos and a short summary of what you did for your pastor to show him/her that you appreciated them.

Please send it to:  
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**We can't wait to hear your stories!**

*Maritime Conference  
Communications Department*



# WHY PRAY?

If God is going to do what He is going to do, why pray? Fair question? Maybe.

God knows the outcome of all situations anyway, so why pray? Fair question? Maybe.

Are there two separate questions being asked - Why start praying? Why continue to pray?

Is there a one-size-fits-all answer? Is our answer going to depend on who is asking? Will what we tell a fellow church member be different than a work colleague who has no understanding of who God is? What if the question comes from a stranger on the street? Or a friend who feels safe asking? Will we be left speechless because we never really thought about it, or because it is too personal of a question? And how do we put into words what is in our heart without sharing too much?

I believe the superficial Adventist/Ellen White answer to why we pray is found in *Steps to Christ*, page 93. *“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend...Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to pray without ceasing. Philippians 4:6-7 says to let our “...requests be made known to God through prayer and supplication...” and that, *“the peace that passes all understanding will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*



That may answer the question, “Why continue to pray?” if we have experienced peace and closeness through Jesus, but for me it does not answer the question, “Why start praying?” Do we start because someone says God is like a genie in a bottle, granting wishes? Do we start because nothing else seems to work so there is nothing left to lose?

Is it possible that by sharing my reason for continuing to pray I am giving you reason to believe it is worth it to start? I cannot say your experience will be the same. We are different people, needing different answers. Or maybe the same answer, just not in the same way or at the same time.

I started praying because I was taught as a child to kneel by my bed, close my eyes, fold my hands, and say “Dear Jesus....” It was what I was supposed to do to be a good Adventist.

I continue to pray because I grew up and learned that “*pray without ceasing*” means I can talk to God whenever I want. I continue to pray because sometimes life is hard and there are very few people who can be trusted with my deepest hurts and highest joys. I continue to pray because the year I graduated from high school, before I left for college, I heard the words, very clearly and distinctly, in a seemingly empty room, “Everything is going to be ok.” I continue to pray because 27 years later, attending my brother’s funeral, I was reminded of those words. I continue to pray because I know what it is like to receive an invisible hug. I continue to pray because talking to God helps me organize my thoughts and make the insurmountable less

daunting. I continue to pray because He always has time for me. I continue to pray because sometimes God says “yes.” I continue to pray because when He says “no” it is out of love for all involved. I continue to pray because when He says “not yet” I am given time to understand why.

I continue to pray simply because I can. And you can too.

**Lois Hancock**

*Member of Pugwash SDA Church*

## MARITIME CONFERENCE

# 2025 CALENDAR

MONTH	UPCOMING EVENTS/DAYS
November 11	Remembrance Day (Office Closed)
December 07	Board of Directors Meeting
December 20	Children’s Ministries Concert
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)
December 26	Boxing Day (Office Closed)
Dec 25-Jan 02	Christmas Holidays (Office Closed)



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*“The memory of the righteous is a blessing.”*

**Proverbs 10:7**

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*“Tell the world about Jesus...tell them about His love...as you go... tell the world!”*





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# Welcome to the MARITIMES Pastor Jamie!

Pastor Jamie Joseph has a heart for people and a passion for sharing the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Jamie experienced a life-changing encounter with God at the age of 19. This defining moment ignited his spiritual journey and led him to guide his family to the faith, culminating in the baptism of himself, his mother, and his two sisters.

Answering the call to ministry, Jamie pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies at Burman University, graduating in 2018. Following graduation, he began his pastoral ministry in St. John's, Newfoundland, where he faithfully served for five years with a deep commitment to seeing the church and entire community transformed by the gospel.

Jamie is an ordained minister, currently continuing his theological training through the Master of Divinity program at Andrews Theological Seminary, and is on track to complete his studies in December 2025.

He is married to Sarah-Kay, who works passionately with youth and families in the social service sector. Together, they are blessed with a son, Jireh, and cherish building a strong, faith-centred family. Outside of ministry, Jamie enjoys reading, listening to podcasts, running, playing basketball, and building lasting friendships.

Pastor Jamie lives by a simple yet powerful mantra that defines both his ministry and his life: "serve with grace and run the Christian race."

The Maritime Conference is excited to have Pastor Jamie on our team. We wish to extend a warm welcome to him as well as his family. Please keep them in your prayers as he commences his service to the North Sydney SDA Church in January 2026.



## Administration

*The Maritime SDA Conference*



*Thank you,*  
**PASTOR  
CAMERON!**

We would like to extend a very special thanks to Pastor Cameron Johnston who has been serving the

North Sydney SDA Church for the last several months. He is a true servant of the Lord who came out of retirement to temporarily serve the North Sydney congregation as the Conference was searching for a permanent pastor. We value his warm inviting personality as well as his wealth of experience in ministry. He did an incredible job this summer at Camp Meeting teaching our members about the best way to handle stress in their lives. We wish God's blessings upon him and his family as he returns to his home in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

*Administration*

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# REVELATION SPEAKS



*“Every eye will see Him”*

Revelation 1:7



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<b>Jul 23-Aug 4</b>	Jinotepe, Nicaragua
<b>Jul 30-Aug 11</b>	Danlí, Honduras
<b>Jul 30-Aug 11</b>	Santa Ana, El Salvador
<b>Jul 30-Aug 11</b>	Totonicapán, Guatemala
<b>Aug 6-18</b>	Bogotá, Colombia
<b>Aug 6-18</b>	La Vega, Dominican Republic *
<b>Aug 13-25</b>	Cancún, Mexico

<b>Aug 13-25</b>	Nagua, Dominican Republic *
<b>Aug 20-Sep 1</b>	Belize City, Belize
<b>Sep 10-22</b>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
<b>Sep 17-29</b>	São Paulo, Brazil
<b>Sep 24-Oct 6</b>	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
<b>Oct 8-20</b>	Pucallpa, Peru
<b>Oct 15-27</b>	Viña del Mar, Chile
<b>Oct 22-Nov 3</b>	Quito, Ecuador
<b>Oct 29-Nov 10</b>	Holguín, Cuba

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