

A close-up photograph of a hand pouring water from the index finger onto a small green seedling with two leaves growing out of dark soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Maritime Conference Camp Meeting

**SPOTLIGHT**

**2024**

*Growing in Jesus*

*18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

*2 Peter 3:18*

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# UPCOMING 2024 CAMP MEETING SPEAKERS





# Paul Llewellyn

## PRESIDENT OF THE SDACC

Paul Llewellyn hails from the lovely Island of Prince Edward Island (PEI). He grew up in a military household and got to see God slowly bring his whole family to know Jesus.

Paul started serving the church in the field of Education and then moved into teaching Bible Classes and serving as a chaplain. Eventually he moved into pastoral ministry and then into administration.

God has always led in a most amazing way as his wife and him have learned to trust in His leading. No matter where God plants them, they know that God will never leave them or give up on them.



# Cyril Millett III

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SDACC**

Pastor Cyril Millett III was born and raised on the island of Bermuda. He has served in churches, schools, and conferences as a youth pastor, high school chaplain, high school teacher, men's ministries director, campus ministries director, camp ministries director, youth ministries director, Sabbath school director, and superintendent of education. In 2022, he was elected to serve as the executive secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC). Pastor Millett is married to the lovely Glenda Francis-Millett and they have one adult son, Justin.



# Robert Zama

**MEDIA EVANGELIST FOR HOPE CHANNEL CANADA**

Robert Zama recently joined the Hope Channel Canada team as Media Evangelist. Previous to this he served as the Evangelist and Associate Director for Outreach Ministries for the Oregon Conference. Born in Romania and raised in Southern Ontario, Robert is familiar with a variety of cultures and has experience preaching in many parts of the world. He has a bachelor's degree in theology from Burman University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. He is a dynamic speaker, a husband, a father of a 10-year-old daughter and loves to share the message and love of Jesus.



# Reema Sukumaran

**SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TRAINER**

Reema Sukumaran has overcome some insurmountable obstacles throughout her life. A victim of severe child abuse at the hands of a torturous parent, and raped by her pastor, she has experienced a nightmare that no one can imagine. The people she trusted the most failed her, including her church community. Despite the pain she has experienced, she continues to share her personal story in order to teach others how to minister to individuals who have experienced personal trauma, and betrayal of trusted individuals or organizations.

Reema is a speaker, author, and trainer who shares a riveting story from her heart. Her goal is to bring the topic of clergy abuse; often thought to be taboo, out of the darkness, and speak openly so others can recognize symptoms of unhealthy boundaries, burnout, and focus on self-care and respect.

Sukumaran is a product of Seventh-day Adventist education. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Andrews University. She is the proud mother of six growing boys, and married to her husband of 30 years. She resides in Peterborough, ON.





# Dr. Ern Brake

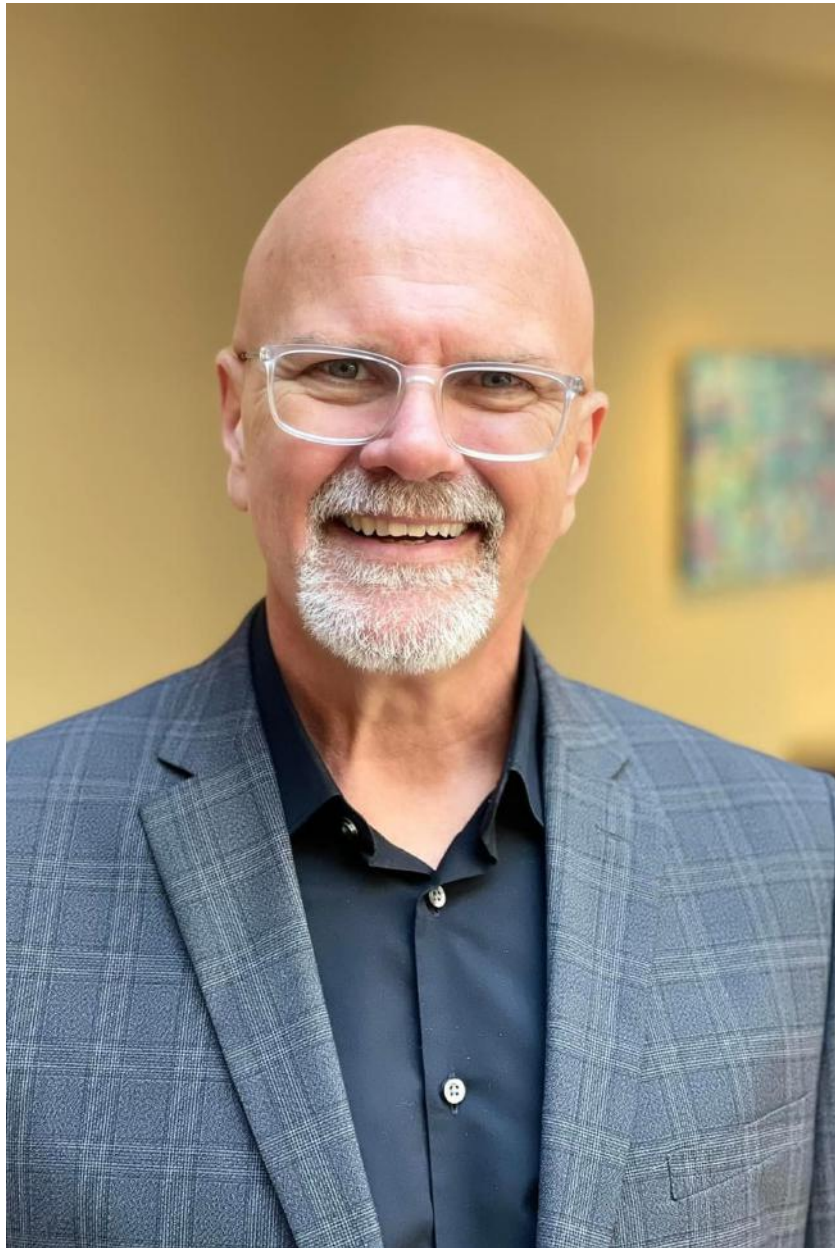
## LIFESTYLE MAKEOVER STRATEGIST

Dr. Ern Brake is a lifestyle makeover strategist. He is the author of a new book, *The FULL POWER Plan: Unlock Nature's Formula for Optimal Body Mind Vitality* - an amazing program to help you become the best version of yourself - physically, mentally and spiritually. His seminar is based on his book.

As a young seeker in Halifax, Ern was struck with how God provided principles for personal growth and health, even reversing most chronic diseases.

After graduating from Burman University in 1985, Ern served as a pastor for 25 years in Newfoundland and British Columbia, continually experimenting with health outreach. Then he served in the BC Conference office for 11 years, first as the Ministerial Director, then as the Strategic Planner/Trainer, and finally as Vice-President for Administration.

During that time, Ern served as the BC Conference Health Ministries Director for eight years and worked with a team of health professionals to bring wellness principles to communities in BC.



## Dr. Dave Schwinghammer

PHILANTHROPY AND MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR ADRA CANADA

Dr. Dave Schwinghammer joins us from Ontario Canada, where he currently serves as the Philanthropy and Marketing Director for ADRA Canada. Over the last 28 years he has served in various capacities as pastor of small and large congregations, Conference Director of both Stewardship and Worship departments, as well as Conference Administration. Pastor Dave has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in the area of discipleship and worship. He is passionate about sharing the good news of life in the Kingdom of God through spoken word and music. He feels blessed to enjoy life with his wife Ingrid, daughter Albany and son-in-law James, and son Justin.



## Youth & Main Auditorium Speaker

# John Scott

**Director of Youth, Young Adults, Adventist Christian Fellowship & Singles Ministries for the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**

Pastor Scott was born in Toronto, Ontario Canada but grew up in the sunny, twin-islands of Trinidad & Tobago. From a very young age he sensed the call of God to ministry.

Attending Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, Pastor Scott studied ministry, and graduated in spring of 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Theology. Furthering his ministerial training, he attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan and graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree in the summer of 2001 and was ordained to gospel ministry in July 2002.

Pastor Scott currently serves the Ontario Conference as the Director of Youth, Young Adults, Adventist Christian Fellowship & Singles Ministries. He has proclaimed the gospel to many in Canada, USA, England, Bermuda, the West Indies and Central America, at camp meetings, youth weeks of prayer, youth days, singles ministry events and at evangelistic campaigns. As a result many have been won to Jesus Christ.



## Dr. Campbell Page

**INDIGENOUS RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE SDACC**

Dr. Neibow Wabusk (Polar Bear Rising)/Campbell Page is Mo-soniw Illiwak (Moose Cree), and Red River Métis. He serves as the Indigenous Relations Director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. His mandate is to nurture reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples and his work sees him healing relationships and facilitating programming across Canada in Adventist and non-Adventist institutions.

He has an enthusiasm for service, diversity, inclusivity, equity, and building partnerships to develop healthy communities. Campbell has a doctorate in facilitating change through community service and positive church-community relationships. He is a Board-Certified Chaplain, a Registered Psychotherapist, and a professor of Indigenous History and Issues at Burman University.



# Carmela Monk Crawford

**EDITOR OF MESSAGE MAGAZINE**

Carmela Monk Crawford is Editor of Message Magazine which is the oldest and most widely circulated religious journal addressing ethnic issues in the United States of America. She is a writer, editor, radio host, and legal counsel. She was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Central State University and an Assistant Public Defender in Dayton, Ohio. She received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

She spent most of her legal career in private practice in Dayton Ohio, advocating for children and families caught in destructive cycles of abuse and neglect. She has championed adults and children in criminal cases and also took up the painstaking fight for immigrants seeking legal status. She was honored with several citations and awards for her pro bono work and efforts defending children in the juvenile justice system.

She is married to David Crawford, a talented artist and IT systems administrator. Together, they have three young adults: Kharis, Langston, and Nathan. She is the first woman and first lay member to serve as the editor of Message. This assignment is significant to her in these times of change and given the increasing nearness of Christ's return. It means all can—and must—step up to finish the work together.

# 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 to 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>)

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





## ATTENTION ALL ADVENTIST BUSINESS OWNERS!

We are currently working on formulating a **Business Directory for the Maritime Conference**. If you are interested in sending your business 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.

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After May 14th:  
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Couples: \$300  
Family: \$400 (Please specify the number of family members)

Day passes (Includes lunch and classes):  
Per person: \$25

To register, please contact [catherine.walsh@maritimesda.com](mailto:catherine.walsh@maritimesda.com)

*Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come...  
Song of Songs 2:10-12*

# *Come with us and see! Prayershop 2024 Lord, Teach Us to Pray*

*June 14 to 16, 2024 Pugwash Campground, Nova Scotia*



*Cost (until May 31):  
\$60 per person or \$120 per family  
Cost (after May 31):  
\$80 per person or \$160 per family*

*Information and registration:  
[erna.mccann@maritimesda.com](mailto:erna.mccann@maritimesda.com)*





## *Congratulations!*

The Maritime Conference would like to congratulate Pastor Noreen (Moïse) Geffrard and Pastor Paul Geffrard on their marriage which took place on Sunday, May 19, 2024. It was a beautiful wedding service as many gathered into the Pugwash Seventh-day Adventist Church to see the young couple lovingly look into each other's eyes to say their vows before their Lord and Savior and their friends and family. We wish God's blessing on their special union and a lifetime of joy and a fulfilling future. It's not every day that two pastors come together in holy matrimony, this is why we know that God is going to do great things through them as they follow His leading. Paul and Noreen, may your union bring glory and honour to His holy kingdom!

*Administration*

Dear Campers,  
Due to the shortage of cabins, we would  
like to encourage you to bring alternative  
lodgings such as tents & campers to  
Camp Meeting!

*Administration*



*Maritime Conference*

**CAMP MEETING**

**2024**

*Growing in Jesus*



# We Are Going to Miss You! Bisengi!

The Maritime Conference wants to wish Bisengi Getare all the best in the next chapter of his life. It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to our dear friend and our brother. Bisengi has served us as the Conference treasurer for the past three years and we have enjoyed his service and his company. He is a very dedicated worker and has been a major contributor to the development of a new and upcoming software that will be used by all treasurers throughout the North America Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We wish safe travelling mercies to him and his family as they return to Bermuda. May God be with you as you continue to service Him faithfully!

*Administration*

*“Thank you for allowing me to serve the Lord with you in the Great Maritime Conference. The Maritimes has always been my home and will always be!”*

*– Bisengi Getare*



# PENTECOS

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THREE THOUSAND-PLUS PROCLAMATION INITIATIVES

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## Together in Pentecost 2025

The Pentecost serves as a reminder of the call to engage in mission and evangelism. At the time of Pentecost, the disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, spoke in languages understood by a diverse assembly of people from various nations. This is not merely a historical event but a clarion call for us, as Seventh-day Adventists, to carry the everlasting gospel to every corner of the earth, starting here in North America.

As our time on earth draws to a close, the Spirit of God will again be manifested in a similar way. The time is now — emboldened to share the good news, we are commissioned to be ambassadors of hope, compassion, and truth. This is not a time for complacency but a divine summons to actively participate in God's redemptive plan for humanity. Let us, with renewed zeal, embrace the mission, proclaim the distinctive truths entrusted to us, and embody the love of Christ in a world hungering for hope and wholeness.

All of us church leaders and members, play a pivotal role in mobilizing for evangelism. With Pentecost 2025, our goal in North America is to hold at least 3,000 proclamation initiatives in 2025, with 2024 a year of "Preparing for Pentecost." We are in this together! Again — let us, with renewed zeal, embrace the mission, proclaim the distinctive truths entrusted to us, and embody the love of Christ in a world hungering for hope and wholeness. Let's take the words of Matthew 24:14 to heart: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (NIV).

### The North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

<https://www.nadadventist.org/pentecost2025#:~:text=Together%20in%20Pentecost%202025,We%20are%20in%20this%20together!>

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses  
to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and  
Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8, NKJV



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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



# HopeChannel

CANADA

**Hope Channel Canada  
(Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada)  
Job Opening  
PRODUCTION COORDINATOR**

Hope Channel Canada (Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada) is looking for a permanent, full-time **Production Coordinator**, a highly collaborative key role in the Communication team, to ensure that all productions workflow happens seamlessly. The Production Coordinator will understand the full workflow of production in relation to studio/field/on location work including, but not limited to concept, brainstorming, development, preproduction, production, post-production, distribution, marketing, and promotion, and will oversee the daily operations of Hope Channel Canada studio.

A detailed job description is available upon request by emailing [anderson.cathy@adventist.ca](mailto:anderson.cathy@adventist.ca)

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumé to **Cathy Anderson**, at [anderson.cathy@adventist.ca](mailto:anderson.cathy@adventist.ca) by **July 31, 2024**.

Please note that only successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.





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