# Mount Gilead Seventh-day Adventist Church

700 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, ON, M1K 2B5

### **Newsletter 20**

May 19, 2023



"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)



#### **Birthdays in May**

Linda Vitulli – 9th

Oscar Nunez - 12th

Floretta Calendar –14<sup>th</sup>

Girma Hailu - 15th

Jasmine Hinds – 15<sup>th</sup>

Melrose Cooley - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Edna Allen –24th

Michael Anderson - 30th

#### **EVENTS FOR SABBATH, May 20, 2023**

• Prayer Session: 9:30 a.m. (Zoom)

• Sabbath School: 10:00 a.m. (In-person, Zoom)

• Midday Service: 11:15 a.m. (In-person, YouTube, Zoom)

• Community Outreach: After Midday Service

#### **Zoom Meeting information**

https://zoom.us/j/7244241984?pwd=bjF1MU1BMDdheElqb3AzUjBGeGxmUT09

or phone 647-558-0588

**Meeting ID:** 724 424 1984 **Passcode:** 7525333

#### **Children Ministry Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87960419155

**Meeting ID:** 811 1706 1582 **Passcode:** 714816

**Mount Gilead Website:** https://mountgileadadventist.org/

Mount Gilead YouTube link for Live Streaming

https://www.youtube.com/@mountgileadsdascarborough1975/streams

**Mount Gilead Facebook Page** 

https://www.facebook.com/mountgsdatoronto/

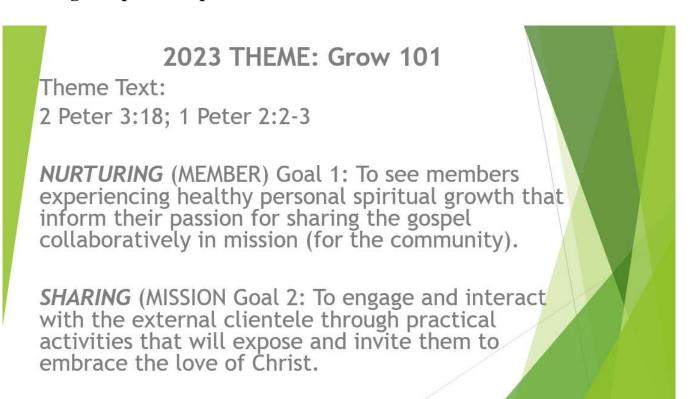
### Sabbath Services for May 20, 2023

PRAYER SESSION 9:30 a.m.	
Welcome/Opening Prayer	Sis. Monica Seetram
Opening Song "Under His Wings" (529) Testimonies	Congregation/Chorister
Devotional Reading "Not the End" by Brenda	Walsh - Moments with God
Prayer	,, with 1,1011101100 ,,1111 00 w
Closing Hymn "Moment by Moment" (507)	Congregation/Chorister
SABBATH SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.	
Superintendent/ Welcome	Sis. Eva Bekkout
Opening Song	
"My Maker and My King" (15)	2 2
Opening Prayer	Sis. Linda Phillip
Lesson Review	
"Let's Share the Gospel" – Practice	Sis. Eva Bekkout
Closing Remarks	Sis. Eva Bekkout
Closing Song	
"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling" (359)	
Closing Prayer	Sis. Eva Bekkout
MIDDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 a.m.	
Welcome/ Elder in Charge	Yvonne Edwards
Pastor's Notes	Dr. Anthony Reid
Call to Worship	Elder Melrose Cooley
Introit	•
"We Have Come into His House"	
Invocation	Dr. Jacqueline Peart
Opening Song	-
"Praise Him! Praise Him!" (249)	2 2
	Praise Team
"God is Here"	
Intercessory Prayer	Sis. Helen Redman
Children Story	
"This Is Not a Church!"	
Offering	Dr. Anthony Reid
Congregational Scripture	Sis. Wanda Miles
<b>"Psalm 103:13-17"</b> (NKJV)	
Introduction of Speaker.	Sis. Janette Johnson
Praise and Worship (216 & 3 choruses)	Praise Team
Meditation	Sis. Wendy Reid
Sermon	
"AN UNLIKELY HERO"	
Consecration Song.	Congregation/Chorister
"God Will Take Care of You" (99)	
Benediction	Dr. Iscaueline Peart
Blessing	
"Till We Meet Again"	
Community Outroach	



Vision Statement: To see every member sharing Christ innovatively, meeting the needs of people, in readiness for His Second Coming.

**Mission Statement:** To reach people within Toronto and its environs with the Everlasting Gospel of hope and wholeness.



1st Quarter Theme: "Growing in the Holy Spirit"

## **Upcoming Events for Mount Gilead Church**

• TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT OUTREACH: May 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath of each month)



Different groups should be involved as follows:

1) stand at the tent

3) stand at the street corner

2) make calls & pray

4) go door-to-door

• Wednesday Mid-Week Revival: May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Sis. Monica Seetram

**Topic: "With A Prayerful Spirit" – Psalm 119:18** 

Coordinator: Sis. Eva Bekkout

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Sis. Maria Delima

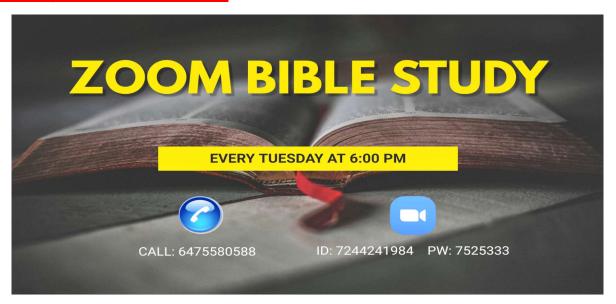
- In-Person Social: May 27 from 8:30 p.m. in the Church Auditorium Bring your board games
- Bible Class: June 10 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Prayer Time/ Bible Study: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

**Study continues: Daniel 11** 

Praying for non-Adventist family members and friends.

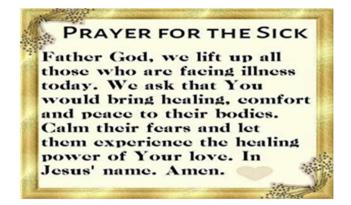
All are welcome!

#### **Bible Study for Non-members**









#### **Special Prayers for:**

- Winifred (career choice, healing for autistic son & her sister's Canadian visa application)
- Julia and Julie (both sisters having surgery)
- **Sharon** (Monica's co-worker who is asking for prayer)
- Sis. Janette's cousin Cameron (came out of a coma but still in hospital)
- Nephew of Pastor Reid's friend (on life support)
- Charlene Hinds' brother Sean, (seeking a job)
- Maria and family (uncle buried this week)
- Elder Ainsworth Hinds and family: His mother Melviner Hinds, Uncle Lloyd Reid (kidney failure), Aunt Gwyneth Lyons (recovering from surgery)
- Flavia, Heidi, Craig, Janel, Mary, Helena and Matt (Eva's online outreach group)
- Youth of our church to remain devoted to God
- Those suffering natural disasters world-wide

#### **Continuous Prayers for shut-ins and sick members:**

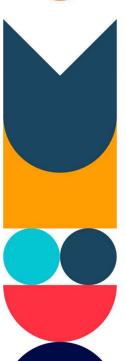
Jean Barclay, Flo Brown, Floretta Calendar, Roslyn Connaught, Carolyn Hinds, Melviner Hinds, Janette Johnson, Rudolph and Myrna Lewis, Clorine McNeish-Weir, Dionne Mitchell, Suthlyn Pinnock, Amanda Reid, Remaline Shakes, Pauline Thompson, Peter Toppin



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS ONTARIO CONFERENCE







ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

**JUNE 3, 2023** 

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER
6900 AIRPORT RD, MISSISSAUGA, ON



## Theme: Spirituality and Community Engagement Presenters



Ricky Swartz

Massiel Davila-Ferrer

Cyril Millett II

Ian Sweeney

# Alberta Conference Constituents Elect Leadership for the Next Quinquennium



Oshawa, Ont., May 11, 2023 — The 52<sup>nd</sup> Constituency Session of the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was convened on May 7 at College Heights Adventist Church in Lacombe, Alta. Delegates present had the opportunity to receive reports of the work done by the conference over the past five years, vote on bylaws changes, and elect conference leadership for the next term.

Very early in the morning, the nominating committee met for final deliberations before submitting its report to the delegates. The general meeting started with a devotional message by Paul Llewellyn, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), in which he challenged the membership to be a church where Jesus is intentionally lifted high.

With the session declared open, the first votes taken by delegates had to do with the election of conference officers for the new term. Jeff Potts, who currently serves as senior pastor of College Heights Adventist Church, was elected president. Potts is recognized as a pastor at heart and passionate church planter. He has pastored churches in various provinces and conferences across Canada. After serving in Ontario and British Columbia, Potts went to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference in 1999, where he planted four new churches in four years in the Winnipeg area before being called to serve as ministerial director and subsequently executive secretary for that conference. Potts has earned both a master of divinity and a doctor of ministry from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological

Seminary at Andrews University. In July 2017, he was invited to pastor the College Heights church, located on the campus of Burman University. Jeff and his wife Nancy have four daughters and three grandchildren.

Speaking of Potts' election, Paul Llewellyn said, "I have great confidence in Jeff as he takes on the role of president for this great conference. Jeff and Nancy have a life of dedication to ministry, to Christ and to the people of His church."

For the office of executive secretary/vice-president for administration, delegates elected Melissa Cooke, who since November 2021 has served in the same capacity at the Maritime Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Cooke was born in Houston, Tex., to El Salvadorean parents, but was raised in Toronto, Ont. The province of Alberta is no strange place for her, as she earned her bachelor's in religious studies from Canadian University College (now Burman University). After graduating from Burman, Melissa pastored in British Columbia and worked on obtaining her master of divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, which she completed in 2017. Melissa and her husband, Jason, have two young sons.

Keith Richter, who has been with the Alberta Conference since 2006, and serving as treasurer since 2011, was re-elected as treasurer/chief financial officer. Richter is well-loved by the constituency and recognized as a faithful steward of church resources. He is someone who loves evangelism, supports outreach efforts, and facilitates the employment of resources to help congregations grow in their ministry.

A moving moment occurred at the session when all pastors present surrounded the newly elected leaders (with Melissa Cooke joining by phone) and accompanied Paul Llewellyn in his prayer of dedication of the officers.

Llewellyn joined the Alberta Conference staff in thanking outgoing president Gary Hodder—whose retirement became effective at the end of the session—and his wife, Almyra, for their dedicated service to the conference and the church in Canada, wishing them a happy retirement.

Endearing words of gratitude were also offered to Wayne Williams, outgoing executive secretary, in recognition of his dedicated ministry and service in his office. Paul Llewellyn revealed to attendees that Williams has called him regularly over the past few years just to ask how Llewellyn was doing and pray for him.

The session program ended with words of encouragement and a prayer by newly appointed president, Jeff Potts. Delegates and attendees left the building having the sense of a truly spiritual, uplifting experience. We solicit your continued prayers for the work in the Alberta Conference and its new leadership team.

Evaldo Vicente Communication Director Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Reminder: All Mount Gilead Ministries are encouraged to share plans and upcoming events as well as report on past activities, by sending an email to mountgileadbulletin@gmail.com, which we will then upload to the Bulletin or Newsletter. We welcome your news reports, poems, inspirational thoughts, prayer requests, testimonies, birthdays, anniversaries etc.

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