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MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT





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VOTE OF APPRECIATION



Dear Becky & Elder Johnson

On behalf of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that you have accomplished in your service as an ex-officio member of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Executive Committee and President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC). We want to let you know that we appreciate your dedication, contribution, and sacrifice to this vital role.

You have helped ManSask Conference fulfill its mission, vision, and values.

You've spent time in meetings evaluating our resources and ensuring that we are responsible stewards of the gifts we've been given. You have taken steps to address and resolve issues in a way that keeps Christ at the centre of it all.

I know that most of the constituency isn't always aware of what goes on behind the scenes and that they don't get to see all the different hats you wear throughout the year.

However, the ManSask Conference Executive Committee recognizes your 12 years of faithful service and leadership. You have given your time, energy, and heart to this service, and for that, we are thankful.

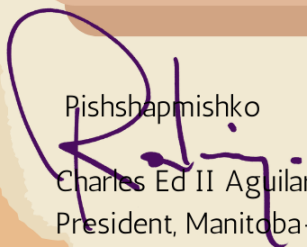
Your passion for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world is evident in everything you do. We were so blessed to have your experience and wisdom as the Executive Committee wrestled with ways to reach out to our community and the world.

You and Becky have been such a blessing to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me." – John 12: 26

This verse from the gospel of John provides the clear truth about servanthood: those who serve Jesus must follow Him, and our Father will honour His servant.

Leading and serving the SDACC is no easy task, yet you have accepted that responsibility and remained faithful in service. You have done with grace and turned your eyes upon Jesus; we could not ask for more.



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Charles Ed II Aguilar
President, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference
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Dear Sonya and Elder Paul

On behalf of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, I'd like to congratulate you on your election as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) at the Session held on September 11th.

It is a privilege for you to serve and lead the SDACC! Your godly counsel, sincere prayers, practical cross-cultural communication skills, approach to civil society, encouragement of leaders in strategic thinking, innovation, action, empathy, and self-awareness, as well as your emphasis on developing conference officers and directors, are duly recognized.

I am eager to see how God will use you over the next five years.

John 13:14-17 provides a magnificent illustration of service. *"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should do the same for one another. I have set a precedent for you to follow by doing as I have done for you. No servant is greater than his master, and no messenger is greater than the person who sent him. You will be blessed if you follow these instructions."*

Your record of servant leadership is exemplary and commendable.

The Executive Committee of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference looks forward to your participation and counsel as we empower our schools, churches, care homes, and Camp Whitesand to carry out the mission that God has commissioned us to do.


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2. LISTENING-LEARNING-LEADING SESSIONS



I continue to visit as many congregations and engage local church leaders as much as possible. The purpose of these visits is to listen to the needs and challenges of the local congregation and learn of their impact on the community God has called them to serve.

Human nature craves feedback. In every relationship, there is a twinge of curiosity. We each want to know, "How am I doing?" Even Christ watched the faces of his listeners as evidence that the truths he spoke reached their hearts (Evangelism, p.295).

As conference officers, one of our top responsibilities is to equip pastors, chaplains, principals and local church leaders for effective and efficient church leadership. This will enable them to advance the gospel, and their congregation will have meaningful influence and contribution to their communities.

Two tools are used to gather feedback from congregations in close coordination with the ministerial directors and pastors.

The tools are based upon the following concepts:

1. Simplicity and ease of use
2. Mutual trust and genuine transparency
3. Everyone's need for feedback and continuous development

There are three purposes of these tools:

1. Assess local congregation health & community impact
2. Understand local contexts so the administration can provide effective, efficient and bespoke support to congregations, including pastoral capacity and pastoral direction
3. The ManSask Conference strategy that will be worked on in the first quarter of 2023 will be based on these three tools.

The tools are available online:

1. **Local Church Health Inventory** (to be filled by all church members) <https://www.mansaskadventist.ca/resources/local-church-health-inventory>
2. **Local Church Data Feedback Form** (to be filled by the Church Board) <https://www.mansaskadventist.ca/resources/local-church-data-feedback-form>

3. CAMP MINISTRIES



Since camp meeting, I have been listening to and gathering feedback from stakeholders (including Committee 101, pastors, kitchen staff, campers, youth, young adult leaders, etc.) on the importance of Camp Whitesand in the overall mission of the ManSask Conference. I have also received letters from long-time supporters of Camp Whitesand citing their concerns and challenges.

Based on feedback, a Camp Whitesand Committee (CWC) was created by the Executive Committee. You can [download](#) the CWC Terms of Reference on our [website](#).

4. PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROCEDURE



On September 15, the Executive Committee of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference held a vote to adopt a Pastoral Placement Process and Protocol.

The Pastoral Placement Process and Protocol emphasizes the local church context, and it is a pastoral placement procedure that is open to participation, transparent and empowering to the local church.

You can download the Pastoral Placement Process and Protocol document [here](#).

We are currently in the process of filling the following pastoral openings:

1. Pinehouse
2. New Perspective
3. Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Erickson District
4. Silver Heights
5. West Park
6. Henderson

5. SOCIETY OF MAN-SASK STORYTELLERS



There is a need to organize ManSask storytellers. During my church visits and member engagement, I've noticed that we have an abundance of incredible stories. However, these stories are not collected and shared beyond the boundaries of local churches and communities. ManSask Conference must be prepared to share extraordinary stories on national platforms such as:

- I) It Is Written Canada
- II) Hope Channel Canada
- III) Canadian Messenger Magazine

As the largest Seventh-day Adventist Church Conference territory in North America, we must find a way to share our unique stories with the rest of the world.

We need people to capture and share the impact stories of ManSask members, churches, schools, care homes, and Camp Whitesand.

Click on the link below to join the Society of Man-Sask Storytellers!

https://www.mansaskadventist.ca/news/news_1/society-of-mansask-storytellers

6. FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH CAPITAL



Through the generosity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), a new Man-Sask Church Capital Project Funding program is made possible!

This is a pilot project designed to assist with church capital project funding.

The success of this program will depend on all of our members collaborating to promote and contribute to this special offering for Conference Advance-Church Development on November 26.

This will replace the regular Conference Advance offering for that day, with all donations up to \$50,000 being matched three-to-one and distributed to four predetermined projects.

All churches will receive promotional materials for this offering as well as a revised offering reading by November 12; however, you should begin promoting this special offering and planning your donations immediately.

If your church would like to be considered as one of the four churches to receive a grant this fall, then please submit the required information by October 10th.

This document is intended to be both informative and practical! Click [here](#) to download the copy.

Let's use this program to promote a spirit of unity and brotherly love in our field as we work together to make a difference.

7. MAN-SASK BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES



“True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.

*In the highest sense, the **work of education** and the **work of redemption** are **one.**” - Education, Ellen G. White*

Current Man-Sask Education Data: 254 total students; 1 full-time principal, 2 teaching principals, 15 full-time teachers, 1 half-time teacher, 1 chaplain, 3 education assistants

The Executive Committee held a vote on September 15, 2022, to recommend that the Man-Sask Board of Education Executive Committee be aligned with the SDACC Education Code items A-208 to A-214. The recommendation was approved.

You can read some of the recommendations on the ManSask [website](#).

7. TITHES & OFFERINGS UPDATE

The Blessings of Stewardship

In commissioning His disciples to go “into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” Christ assigned to men the work of extending the knowledge of His grace. But while some preach, He calls upon others to answer His claims upon them for offerings, with which to support His cause on the earth.

He has placed means in the hands of men that His divine gifts may flow through human channels in doing the work appointed us in saving our fellow men. This is one of God's ways of exalting man. It is just the work that man needs, for it will stir the deepest sympathies of his heart and call into exercise the highest capabilities of the mind. - Ellen G. White, Counsels on Stewardship



The amount of tithes that were given from January to July 2022 has increased by **8.45%** compared to last year of the same period. Worship the LORD with gladness!

Despite this, the Mission Offering for the same period has decreased by **-17.17%**.

8. CAMP MEETING 2023 THEME & DATES



From July 2-5, 2018, all pastors and administrators in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference will gather at Burman University for the Ministerial Convention hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

Traditionally, the ManSask Camp Meeting dates have always fallen on these days.

Due to a scheduling conflict, it has been decided that the ManSask Camp Meeting for 2023 will take place between **July 14 and July 22**. This will allow our ministers and leaders time to focus on the Ministerial Convention at Burman University and still prepare adequately for camp pitch.

The theme for Camp Meeting 2023 is: **Go! Make Disciples!**

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am always with you, until the end of the age."*

What does it mean to go and make disciples for Jesus in today's world?

In our upcoming Camp Meeting, several guest speakers will address this question.

However, one crucial component of what a disciple looks like is Love. Jesus said in John 13:35, *"All men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."*

When we love others, it demonstrates that we are Jesus' disciples.

As we prepare for Camp Meeting 2023, I hope we will reflect on what it means to be Jesus' disciples and how we can make disciples in our homes, employment, schools, and communities. For God's glory, let us seek God's direction in our efforts to become more effective disciples.

Let us pray: *Dear God, we thank you for the gift of discipleship. Help us to love others well and to share the gospel with boldness with those who have not yet encountered Your love. We seek opportunities to make disciples for the sake of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

The Speakers for Camp Meeting 2023 are:

Dr. David Jamieson: July 14 (Friday Evening) to July 15 (Saturday Evening)



Pastor David Jamieson accepted the call to serve as the Upper Columbia Conference president in January 2022.

Before that, He was the lead pastor of Church in the Valley, located in Langley, British Columbia, Canada, where he led the church for over 20 years.

David grew up in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada and attended Canadian Union College (now Burman University), where he met his wife, Shandra. He later received a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1989. He returned in 2009 to receive a Doctor of Ministry degree emphasizing evangelism and church growth.

Before pastoring at Church in the Valley, David served as president of the Newfoundland Conference in Eastern Canada. David has travelled worldwide, speaking at conferences and sharing seminars for pastors and laity, highlighting pastoral leadership, community outreach, and evangelism topics.

Additionally, he has been the speaker-director for Faith Out Loud Canada, a 30-minute, five-day-a-week radio program broadcast throughout Canada. David and Shandra have four grown children and one grandson.

Pastor Paul Llewellyn: July 16 (Sunday Evening)



On September 11, 2022, Pastor Paul accepted the call to serve as president of the SDACC for the next five-year term. Paul has a strong background in teaching Adventist education and working with our church's youth and young adults. He has served as an educator, pastor, camp director, conference secretary, president and SDACC Secretary.

Paul Llewellyn hails from the lovely Island of PEI. He grew up in a military household and saw God slowly bring his whole family to know Jesus. Paul started serving the church in education and moved into teaching Bible classes and Chaplaincy. Eventually, moving into pastoral ministry and then into administration.

Dr. Michael Campbell: July 17 (Monday Evening) to July 19 (Wednesday Evening)



Dr. Michael W. Campbell, Ph.D., is the director of the North American Division Department of Archives, Statistics, and Research.

He is an ordained minister who spent a decade in higher education in the Philippines and Texas. He is the co-editor of the Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism and is under

contract with Eerdmans to write a forthcoming textbook about Adventist history. He recently organized academic paper sessions at the American Society of Church History and the Conference on Faith and History.

He has contributed over one thousand articles in popular, peer-reviewed, and reference works. Some of his research interests include the history and theology of the Lord's Supper, the Taiping movement, and the history of missions.

He is the author of twelve books, including *1922: The Rise of Fundamentalism* (Pacific Press, 2022). He regularly contributes to the "Sabbath School Rescue" and "Adventist Pilgrimage" podcasts. He enjoys bird watching, racquetball, and Pathfinders.

Heidi and his wife, a Ph.D. candidate at Baylor University in Early Modern History, have two teenage children, Emma and David.

Dr. Philip Baptiste: July 20 (Thursday Evening) to July 22 (Saturday Evening)



Philip Baptiste is the departmental director of Adventist-Laymen Services and Industries (ASI) for the North American Division (NAD) and the Secretary/Treasurer of ASI. In this role, he provides financial oversight, coordinates strategic planning, and helps direct ASI's administrative activities and operations in the North American Division.

Before serving at the NAD, Philip was a General Conference missionary for four years, serving as the Special Assistant to the President for the East-Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In this role, he coordinated strategic planning, leadership development, assessment, media, communications, Mission to the Cities, and ASI in eleven countries.

Philip Baptiste is a strategic communication and leadership expert with a unique ability to train and develop leaders for excellence. He facilitates and helps lead churches, conferences, and non-profit organizations through the strategic-planning process and is a certified 360 Leadership Assessment Coach for the Center for Creative Leadership.

An ordained minister, he has also served as an adjunct professor for homiletics and preaching at the Adventist University of Africa.

Before entering General Conference mission service, Philip Baptiste served as the communication director for the Central States Conference and associate youth director for the Rocky Mountain and Washington Conferences. He also served as lead pastor for more than ten years in Denver and Colorado Springs.

Born in Canada, he is the son of a pastor and the youngest of three boys. Philip graduated from Andrews University, obtaining an Associate of Science in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, and a master's degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Also, he holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Communication and Strategic Leadership from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Philip recently completed a second master's degree in strategic communications from American University in Washington, D.C.

Philip Baptiste is a dynamic communicator, a professional event planner, a youth ministry expert, a strategic planning consultant, an organizational and relationship coach, and a certified family life educator. He enjoys beach vacations, playing the piano, travelling, and cooking in his spare time.

A sought-after speaker, Philip has been the worldwide keynote presenter at events and conferences. He is married to his darling wife, Dalyne, who teaches grade four at the Olney Adventist Preparatory School in Maryland. She has a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration and is pursuing a doctorate in Performance Improvement and Leadership from Capella University.

Together they have one joyful son, PJ. Philip's mission is to use his gifts of communication, compassion, and creativity to empower others and develop leaders of excellence to help hasten the soon coming of Jesus.

9. GOD IS AT WORK

Work is a good thing. It is something that God has designed us to do. When we work, we participate in what God is doing in the world. We are being creative like God is creative.



In Genesis, we see that after creating the world and everything in it, *"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good"* (Genesis 1:31). But the work of creation didn't stop there! Throughout the Bible, we see God described as a gardener, constantly tending the world God has made and imagineering new ways to make it more beautiful (Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 104:24).

However, too often, we view work as a necessary evil. We see it as something we must do to make money so we can live modestly and support our families. But work doesn't have to be just about making money. It can be about so much more than that.

When we view work as an opportunity to serve God and others, it takes on a whole new meaning. Like when we view our work as contributing to God's plan to redeem the world.

In 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Paul likens Christians to builders working on a foundation laid by Jesus himself. Our task is to build upon that foundation so that others may also find refuge in Jesus.

Similarly, in Ephesians 2:10, we are told that we are God's handiwork, created in Jesus to do good works, which He has prepared in advance for us to do. So, even our

everyday tasks can take on new meaning when we see them as part of God's greater plan for redemption.

When viewed like that, suddenly, our jobs are not just about punching the clock and collecting a paycheck. Work becomes an opportunity to glorify God and God's character (1 John 4:8).

Work becomes a chance for us to create beauty in the world and bring hope to those struggling (Micah 6:8).

Work becomes a way for us to build relationships and share the love of Jesus with others (Matthew 25:31-46).

The business of being God's people means living out our faith at work. It means seeing our work as a calling from God and an opportunity to serve God and others. Viewing our work through this lens can transform even the most mundane tasks into opportunities for ministry and service!

If you'd like to learn more about doing God's work in the world, I encourage you to explore the [resources](#) posted on our [website](#) and find the ones that speak to you the most. And remember, no matter your occupation, you can use it as an opportunity to serve God and others!

Pishshapmishko.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Charles Ed II Aguilar', written over the printed name.

Pastor Charles Ed II Aguilar
President, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference