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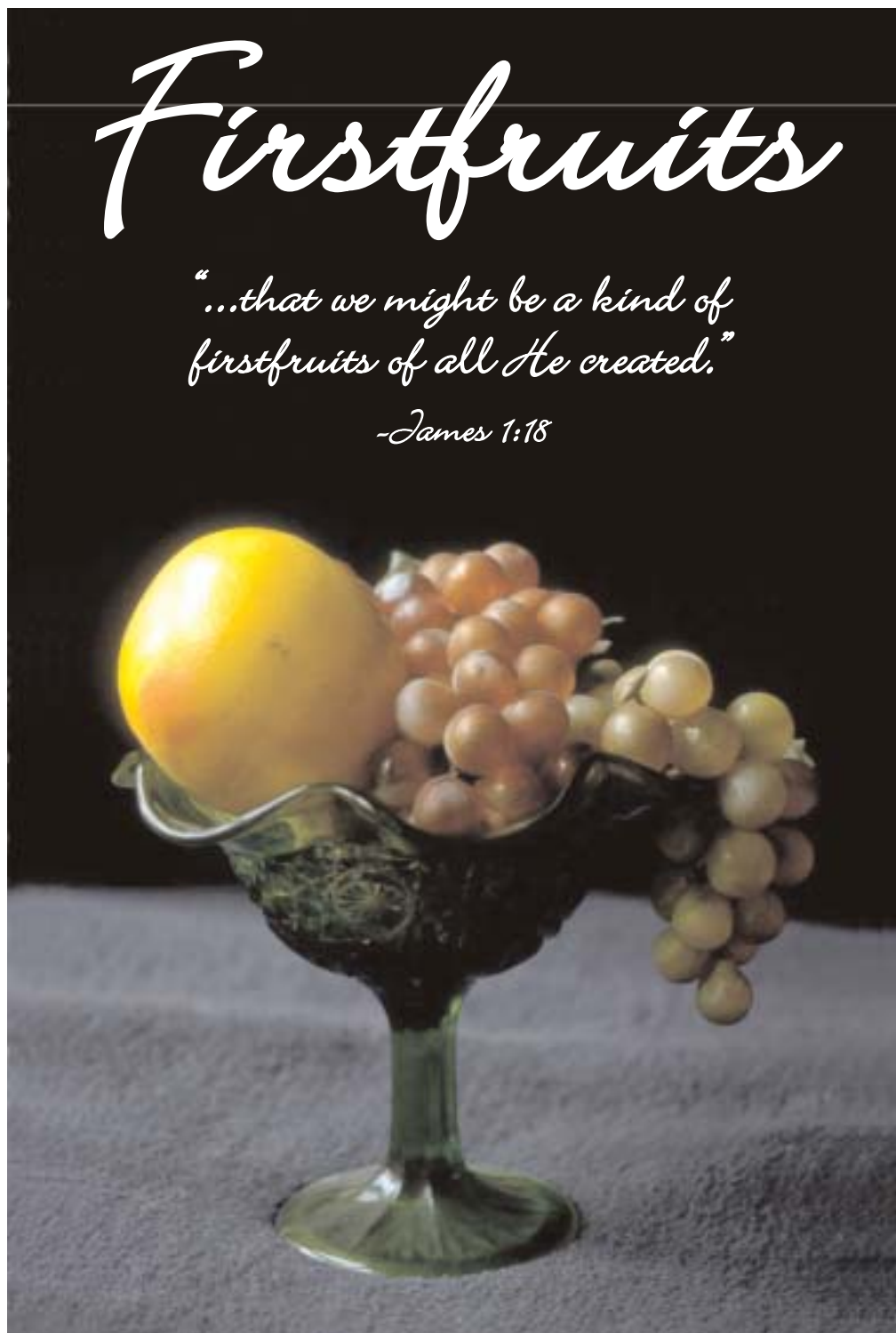
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Firstfruits

"...that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created."

-James 1:18



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Raising an Army of Firstfruits

BY RUTH KERR • ASSISTANT EDITOR

René Carmille seemed like another French collaborator. After all, it was Carmille, a government bureaucrat, who freely approached the Nazis in 1940 and offered to establish a census bureau to identify all the Jews of France.

IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance between Nazi Germany and America's Most Powerful Corporation recounts the story of René Carmille. He was one of many bureaucrats who had worked for the French government for decades, and was well trained in census-taking. The Nazis needed a list of all French Jews, and Carmille volunteered to compile their list.

That someone would offer to collaborate on such a scale was not unheard of. The Nazis were successful in recruiting similar talent in every European country they occupied.

Carmille wasted no time in assembling his staff and mobilizing his census-takers. All French citizens, from ages 14 to 65, were surveyed. The goal was to identify every single Jew by name, address and occupation.

However, by Berlin's standards, the project was taking far too long. For over a year, Carmille and his staff poured over census forms and translated the information onto punch cards. Meanwhile, the Nazis began rounding up known Polish Jews living in France, but they could not identify French Jews. They began pressuring Carmille to finish his list.

There was no list by the end of 1941. By spring 1942, there was still nothing.

The Nazis were furious. In July, 1942, Adolf Eichmann himself arrived in France. Carmille's office was fully staffed and machines were humming with tabulated punch cards. Clearly the office was busy

processing information, but where was the list! So great was Eichmann's frustration that, in the words of one Nazi observer, he declared he should "drop France entirely as a country to be evacuated" (page 327).

By autumn, 1942, there was still no list. And then a strange thing happened.

On December 5, 1942, French forces captured a Nazi statistics office in Algiers. In mid-January, an entire French army attacked the German army along the Tunisian border.

The Nazis were dumfounded. How did General De Gaulle, *in exile*, manage to raise an army? How could such a mobilization escape Nazi intelligence?

The answer became all too clear within a few days: René Carmille.

This unobtrusive bureaucrat spent almost two years amassing a French army – right under the noses of the Nazi occupiers. His staff had compiled a database of 800,000 former French soldiers, 300,000 of whom began preparing for battle in Algiers.

The Jewish census was nothing more than a ruse for mobilization. Carmille had no intentions of ever producing the list.

Not only that, the Nazis discovered Carmille was a senior counter-intelligence officer and as such, was one of the most dangerous members of the French resistance.

As Christians, we are also involved in mobilization. The apostle Paul compares Christians to soldiers (Philippians 2:25, 2 Timothy 2:3) and encourages us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12).

This issue of *United News Canada* examines the "army of firstfruits" God

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Who do You Think You are – God?

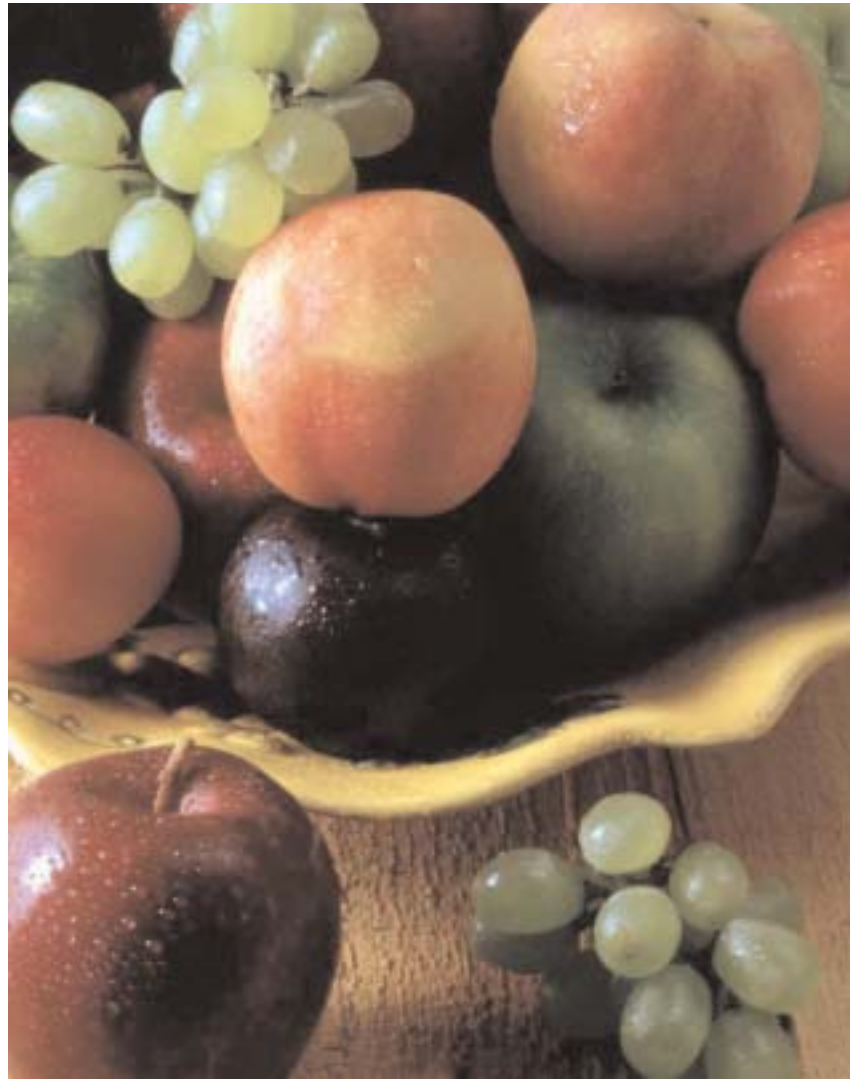
BY ROBERT BERENDT • EDMONTON

Some years ago I was studying the value of a personality profile testing program called TJTA. This test had a hidden element in it. The manner in which the questions were answered also revealed whether or not the writer had a good opinion of himself or herself.

In my case, the results were a bit higher than usual. I did not feel that the results were accurate and that a consultation would help. There was no opportunity for a discussion, but the marker did state his opinion. To my chagrin, the marker wrote on the bottom of a page: “Who do you think you are – God?” He was a minister as I was, so I felt there was an additional message in his words. I gave the matter some thought and wrote a little note back to him. I wrote, “One of His sons – how about you?”

What is the destiny of mankind? What is your destiny? What do you think about yourself? What should we aspire to become? Very few people give much thought to their eternal future. Some vague notion of heaven and hell is present – but then what?

Jesus boldly stated that God’s plan for humans is enormous in its magnitude. In Jesus’ wonderful prayer recorded in John 17:22 He prayed: “And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.” We cannot begin to imagine that we could be clothed with glory - the same glory that Christ was given. Surely we could not aspire to that great height. Of course, we blush at the thought of doing much more than groveling at the feet of Christ and of the Father. It is not our plan, though, that will decide the future. It is Almighty God who has determined what we are destined to be. We will not be doorkeepers, candle lighters, water bearers, servants or slaves. We humans need to read and ponder what God has not only designed for us, but that



which has already been made possible through the sacrifice of His Son.

Paul must have been deeply moved and excited to write in Romans 8:16-17: “The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Do we know what an heir is? Do we comprehend what it meant to be joint heirs with Christ?

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Who do You Think You are – God?

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“Humans were destined to have a major part in all God has planned for eternity!”

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There will never be an end to the work God is doing. The whole universe will be given into the control of the children of God. It is about time we began to think and to act like beings who will one day inherit this universe. Only when we see ourselves in that position will we make the right and good decisions. Hebrews 2:7-8 states: “You made him a little lower than the angels; You crowned him with glory and honour, And set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”

We know everything is not yet put in subjection to us. We have made quite a mess of that which God has given us to control. Humans have learned to control virtually everything on earth – and they have allowed greed, jealousy, hatred and the lust for power to cloud their vision. We have ruined all that God has given us to care for. We do have the knowledge for making the earth a better place, but we not only lack the will, we also are driven by inner forces that are contrary to that which is godly. Humans do not see themselves as caretakers and protectors of this earth. They do not properly love themselves - let alone the earth and all that is in it. The kind of self-love that is common is laced with greed, self indulgence and living a life of ease and luxury. That is not conducive to one’s best interests. There is no way in heaven that the All-Wise Creator would ever put this Universe into the control of those who would mishandle the responsibility.

Thus, humans have to learn the hard lesson that God’s way is the only way! We blush at the thought of what God offers because we know we do not deserve any of it. We know we deserve death. It takes humility to accept the precious blood of

Christ in place of our own.

I Peter 1:15 tells us, “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” God expects His sons and daughters to bear themselves with dignity and honour. Knowing your destiny helps to focus our minds in the right direction. The book of Hebrews tells us to “come boldly to the throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16). We can only come boldly if we believe that God loves us and we are pleasing to Him. We can only come if we are confident that He hears us and accepts us. Knowing that we carry His Holy Spirit and that He has named us to be part of His family should tell us how important it is that we bear ourselves in a way that honours and glorifies our Father.

It is such a wonderful experience for parents to see their children living confident and successful lives. We would not want to see them quaking with fear and sniveling through life. It brings great honour upon the parents when the children are bold and sure of themselves – provided that confidence is built upon the right foundation. God is also pleased when our faith is so strong, that we really do believe that all of our sins are removed and we are accepted by Him. Until we truly believe that, we will come with halting step and fearful countenance. The fearful will not inherit the kingdom, God says (Revelation 21:8). Overcomers are those who have a goal and are busy attaining that goal - living with all their might in serving God.

We often feel very inadequate and guilty before God. We have not forgotten our sins.

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Wanted: Volunteers

BY LINDA WASILKOFF • TORONTO

When my children were still young, I was able to do volunteer work in their elementary school. My responsibility was to help teach students (Grade 1 to 5) reading skills. It was gratifying to see many struggling with the concept of reading finally “get it.”

As my children got older, I spent a day a week in their high school helping with the band program. Later on I had the opportunity to be involved in a Block Watch program. These volunteer efforts were important to me because they gave something back to the community in which we lived.

Just over three years ago, a different volunteer opportunity came my way – one that I never dreamed of having – that of working in the National Church Office. Several members have mentioned that they would love to be able to do the same. Of course, commuting from British Columbia or Newfoundland might prove to be a bit of a problem!

Since not everyone can have the opportunity of helping in the office, let me share some of the joys and challenges of doing so.

One of the first challenges is answering the phone. A person never knows who is on the other end or the reason for calling. It can be someone irate that they are “still” receiving the magazine when they asked that their subscription be cancelled. Usually a little reassurance that it will be taken care of – that the last issue was already in the mail before the cancellation was received – is enough to make the end of the conversation more pleasant than the beginning. Usually, though, the calls are very positive with people very grateful for what they are receiving. One lady was so excited about our literature she called



every few days to ask if it had been mailed yet and to request more!

Several people have expressed an interest in helping with the Work. Actually, there are a number of volunteers across the country who have saved the church a lot of money by their efforts. The church has set up programs that rely upon the work of individuals and congregations to help spread the Gospel and these programs are bearing fruit.

If you would like to be a volunteer for the church, here are some of the ways you can be involved.

Good News Newsstand Program

This involves making arrangements with a store, mall or plaza to have space to put a newsstand (either a free-standing or counter display). It then requires monitoring and refilling as needed. Currently we have several individual members across the country distributing hundreds of magazines this way and have added many subscribers to the magazine as a result.

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Waiting Room Program

This program puts the magazine in waiting rooms for people to read while they are waiting! There are three ways this is done. One is done from the National Office. We mail a sample copy to waiting rooms. Members have worked to help reduce our mailing costs by calling waiting rooms to ask if they would like to have a copy of the magazine. This eliminates many who would not be interested and so reduces our postage costs. Another approach taken is for a member to personally visit waiting rooms to ask if they would like to have a subscription. In both of these scenarios, the members (or congregations) work with the National Office to be sure that they aren't calling on offices that have already been approached.

Each week a handful of the tear-out cards from the waiting room editions of the *Good News* come in from individuals requesting their own subscription. So thanks to some of you, our magazine is not only becoming more recognized but we have more subscribers at a fairly low cost to us.

Brochure Distribution Program

This program is a bit less costly than distributing magazines. We have an attractive tri-fold brochure promoting the magazine. Members can arrange for them to be distributed by placing them in a small display stand in stores. Or, even easier, can post them on bulletin boards where permitted. They are small enough to carry a few around in a purse or briefcase. Those areas where this is being tried are seeing results.

Good News Cards

The *Good News* cards are the size of post cards – in fact, they are a post card.

Anyone who picks them up can request a subscription to the *Good News* by mailing in the card. Members can use them much the same way as the brochures. They are easy to put up on any bulletin board in a shopping area or perhaps a laundromat.

Gift Card Program

Several congregations are involved in this program. Members can fill in a card to send a gift magazine to a family member or friend who might be interested in the magazine. On average, about 10 per cent of those who receive a sample magazine request a subscription. The others have at least seen what we have to offer.

All these programs have produced some good fruit and have helped our advertising budget go farther. I believe that they are as important or more important than sitting in the office answering the phone! If you are not already involved but would like to be, contact your pastor. Or, if you are in a remote area, contact the office. The staff will be most pleased to give you a volunteer job. It will be one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you have had. Who knows how God will use your efforts to call someone into the Church? -UNC



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National Council Meets in Merrickville

BY LINDA WASILKOFF • TORONTO



The Ottawa Congregation and members of the National Council on March 8, 2003.

—Photo by Ed van Pelt

The small town of Merrickville, located just south of the nation's capital, was the site of the March meetings of the National Council. Though the town has a population of only 1,000, it is the site of Sam Jakes Inn, a quaint little Inn with enough rooms to accommodate everyone and a suitably-sized meeting room.

Meetings started on Wednesday evening, March 5, with two committee meetings. By the next morning the agenda was in full swing. Chairman Rainer Salomaa announced that a forum for the Canadian National Conference is being set up on Internet. It will provide an outlet for those involved in the governance of the church to discuss various ideas and thoughts.

Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted. Then the Council was given a National Office update by Anthony Wasilkoff and Ed van Pelt. Recently the *Good News Radio Program* has been aired on stations reaching into Canada. That is beginning to bring us new subscribers. Another very positive indicator is that Sabbath attendance in 2002 has increased

by 7.4 per cent over 2001.

Anthony Wasilkoff reported on a Media Committee meeting held in February. Council received handouts generated from that. (See page 10.) A draft media plan for the coming year was given to the Council. There were various thoughts and ideas given to the Operations Manager.

The Governance Committee looked at areas of the Bylaws that might still need to be amended. They are continuing to work on the evaluation forms for the Council and the Operations Manager.

The Strategic Planning Committee worked on a procedure for replacing the Operations Manager. This is a proactive measure so there will be a procedure in place before it is needed.

The Pastoral Committee worked on several human resource policies. They will be getting further input before presenting the final versions to the Council for approval.

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Eric Livermore (L), Rainer Salomaa and Ed van Pelt at the Parliament Buildings.

—Photo by Anthony Wasilkoff



Friday morning began with a discussion on the need to change the title “Operations Manager.” The Council has determined this title is misleading and confusing since our Bylaws allow for other “operations managers” who are not an officer of the corporation. Various titles were suggested but the one preferred by Council was “Director of Operations UCG - Canada.” Before this can become official, the Bylaws will have to be amended by the National Conference. Even the National Council has to report to a “higher” body.

The Ethics Committee presented a conflict resolution process for Council to consider. There was a request for more input on this from the Pastoral Committee.

Over the years, the Council has striven to dedicate a portion of some meetings to

Council education. This meeting concluded with a presentation by Eric Livermore entitled “Challenge of Personality Types.” Everyone was encouraged to take a short quiz to determine his/her personality type prior to the meeting. Mr. Livermore then gave a brief overview of how these “types” might react in different circumstances. The intent was to help everyone work together more effectively.

On the Sabbath, the Council had the privilege of meeting with the members of the Ottawa congregation. Glen White and Rainer Salomaa gave split sermons. Letters were sent to 167 subscribers in the area inviting them to this service. Two people came as a result of the letter. The Ottawa brethren were very gracious in their welcome of the Council and the two guests. -UNC

National Conference Annual Meeting

BY LINDA WASILKOFF • TORONTO

On Sunday, March 9, 2003, the eighth annual meeting of the National Conference of Canada was held. Of the 22 members of the Conference, ten attended in person and one by phone. Others participated by mailing in their ballots.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rainer Salomaa. Following a review of the Rules of Order, the minutes of the March, 2002 meeting were ratified.

Glen White presented an overview of the Strategic Plan. The overview of the Operations Plan was presented by Anthony Wasilkoff. Edwin van Pelt presented the Budget and gave a financial update to the Conference. The Church is careful to follow all generally accepted accounting standards. As a result, our auditor gave UCG-Canada a clean bill of health again last year.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws were presented by George Carter. Terms of three Council members will end March 31. Rainer Salomaa presented the possible candidates (Robert Berendt, George Carter, David Palmer and Glen White) to fill these "seats."

In the Chairman's address to the conference, Rainer Salomaa drew a comparison between our method of governance and that of the nation of Canada. Due process takes time. It is possible to change governing documents but the process is laborious and tedious.

There are built-in checks and balances.

He said, "We also (like Parliament) have two branches – the National Council and the National Conference. One gets authority from the other. We as a Council get our authority from the National Conference. The National Office gets its authority from the Council."

Mr. Salomaa noted that we have a tremendous pool of talent from which to draw in Canada. He concluded by saying: "I appreciate the dedication of everyone here and the efforts you make to make the process work smoothly."

In his address to the Conference, the Operations Manager referred to the movie *Dr. Zhivago*. There has recently been a remake of the movie that is being hailed as an improvement in that it more closely followed the book. He then noted that when we follow the "book" (the Bible) we have better results.

Mr. Wasilkoff had a handout that gave an overview of some of the things that have been accomplished this past year. He concluded by reminding everyone that "together we plant and water and God gives the increase."

The last item of business was to approve the time and place for the next annual meeting. Robert Berendt made a motion (approved unanimously) that the next annual meeting will take place March 7, 2004 on Vancouver Island. -UNC

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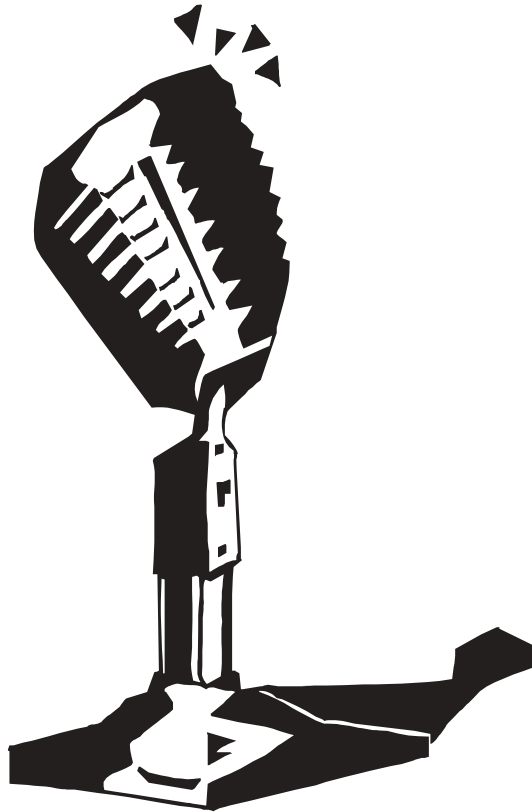
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Canada/U.S. Media Meeting

BY GEORGE CARTER • TORONTO

Our Media Team plans future promotion of the Gospel in Canada.



“It is surprising, when one reviews the efforts to date, to see how much has indeed been done.”

John LaBissoniere flew in from Tennessee and David Palmer from Vancouver to participate in two days of concentrated media discussions affecting the Church both sides of the border.

Held at the Canadian Home Office in Hornby, Ontario on February 9-10, the talks covered many aspects of advertising including: print advertising; direct mail; card packs; package inserts; radio; television, supermarket take-one programs; college sampling programs; saturation mailing; targeted mailing; brochure distribution; newsstands; and local initiatives.

It is surprising, when one reviews the

efforts to date, to see how much has indeed been done. The results so far are good, but we are convinced that they can only get better. Even so, we must be wise stewards of the resources at hand and carefully monitor everything that is done.

John LaBissoniere is our Buying Agent in the United States and is in regular contact with a great number of media professionals and specialists. A graduate of Wisconsin University with majors in Political Science and International Relations, he went to work for the International Division of the giant Heil Heavy Trucking Company. Brought up in a devout Catholic family (his great, great grandfather built the first church in St. Paul, Minnesota from which the city gained its name), John began listening to the World Tomorrow broadcast and consequently started keeping the Sabbath. His father invited him to move out! Soon thereafter he applied to Ambassador College in Big Sandy and graduated from Pasadena in 1978.

John then went to work with Dr. Gordon Muir on *Quest* magazine and was also asked to assist with the *Plain Truth* newsstand program. At the same time, he decided to take a course at DeVry School of Technology on Recruitment. He married Linda Beech in 1979 and continued to work with Ambassador promoting the *Plain Truth* and other publications. Circulation rose from 250,000 to almost two million in eight years.

When John began suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome, he backed down from the hectic printing and publishing work. He and Linda then managed the Wisconsin Dells Feast site for four years. But all that long experience, together with the contacts he had with agencies like Baker-Lovick, were soon to be put to use again.

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As one of the founding members of United, John began to work with David Hulme in 1996 promoting the newly printed *Good News* magazine by beginning to work on the Waiting Rooms program.

In 1998 he had a call from Scott Ashley, managing editor of the *Good News*, suggesting that they “ratchet it up” a bit. It was time to put circulation figures on more of an upward spiral. Here we are, five years later, with circulation over half a million. John also aids Peter Eddington and the Home Office team with other print programs, radio buying, and testing various media markets.

As a recognized professional Buying Agent, Mr. LaBissoniere is able to get us very favourable rates – often saving as much as 15 per cent off the top, which is a considerable amount in view of the many programs we are involved with and the network of professionals we employ in many fields to get the work done.

The United Church of God in Canada has benefited from its close association with the U.S. from inception. These meetings were designed to develop an even closer working relationship to pool our various talents.

David Palmer has been in radio in Canada all his working life, both as a broadcaster, as a writer and as an on-air ad man. One of the things that was done during this two-day blitz was to develop an embryo cross-border broadcasting strategy which will hopefully enhance our broadcasting of the *Good News* program to a wider audience.

George Carter was in print and graphic design half his life, working as an artist, illustrator, typographer, graphic designer, as well as pre-press areas of photography and platemaking, and as a press operator. He worked for almost ten years with

Ambassador Press in Britain – largely concerned with compatible printing of foreign language issues. George worked for some years as a freelancer with a number of business and corporate clients and was invited to manage print and advertising for Rodales in Britain. Largely concerned with the British, Australian, South African and West Indies issues of *Prevention* magazine, he assisted also with point-of-sale in Germany. His main responsibility was the multi-part direct mail campaigns, which went out every month. Upon coming to Canada in 1976, George quickly settled into managing print for a large General Hospital and its associated clinics and set up his own small business providing design work, etc., for area printers who did not have their own studios.

Graemme Marshall and his wife, Lynn, were unable to attend the meetings as planned because they had caught a “bug” which they did not wish to share. Mr. Marshall had already submitted pages of notes and suggestions arising from his long experience in Australia, including professional recommendations from the Pacific Group director of Com-pac, part of Rupert Murdoch’s massive publishing empire. An old friend and colleague of Graemme’s, he nevertheless pulled no punches and we are grateful for such honest assessment and encouragement.

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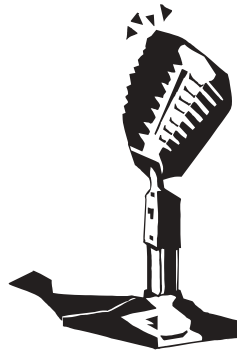
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Meanwhile, Mr. Marshall continues to write for our various publications and he and Lynn are getting good results from both a tape program and from a targeted Waiting Room program, which Lynn runs as a professional telephone contact person.

Our Operations Manager for Canada, Anthony Wasilkoff, had called these meetings to co-ordinate efforts, reduce duplication and examine ways of stretching our budget. We were able to share with John many of the contacts we have made here in Canada including advertising managers and reps. We gave him copies of the rate-cards, which have been sent to us from *Time* magazine, *Reader's Digest*, *Chatelaine*, *Gardening Life*, *Alive*, *House & Home*, and newspapers across Canada. Any or all of which we might eventually utilize as the Work grows. We shared statistics on electronic campaigns, including keyword trials and pay-per-click responses on the World Wide Web. These have given us some of the lowest cost-per-response returns and we will continue to utilize search-engines in this way as specific issues arise. Recently, for instance, Mr. Paul Wasilkoff, our Web Master, was able to very quickly insert an ad on our Web page connected to the Columbia disaster and the question in everyone's minds: “Why did God let it happen?”

Trusty statistician, Office Manager and Treasurer, Ed van Pelt, was also on board for the meetings, aided and abetted by Linda Wasilkoff who is our secretary. Together they are a repository of countless files covering just about all that has been done in the history of United in

Canada. Ed's numbers give us the most reliable guides in planning any campaign, providing bottom-line results as we continue to explore various avenues in our outreach programs. Acting also as our local unpaid but much-appreciated chauffeur, Ed managed to transport both John and David back to the airport for their respective flights in a blizzard! Only in Canada, eh?



We are still small and our budget is limited, but we do want to spread our outreach efforts across the country as much as possible. Big country! We don't want to neglect any region.

In April we will have a nation-wide advertising campaign using stitched-in return cards in *Alive* magazine. *Alive* is a quality magazine having the same sort of “reader profile” as *Reader's Digest*, the kind of people most likely to respond to our kind of advertising. Not as large as *Reader's Digest* – having a circulation of only 200,000 – *Alive* is nevertheless much less expensive and does have a good “shelf life.” People file these magazines for reference and have a loyal (and it seems, growing) readership. We are naturally hopeful for a good response.

Meanwhile, we have done our homework and we will continue to “test the waters” as they say. We are trying many different avenues as we co-operate more with the Home Office and other national offices in our efforts to spread the gospel. The personal prayers and involvement of God's people is much appreciated and will, we trust, bring ever greater results as time goes on until the Kingdom comes. -UNC

Member Profile: Erwin and Gladys Knuth

BY LYNNE BROSCHAK • EDMONTON

Let me introduce two first fruits in the UCG- Edmonton congregation. They are Gladys and Erwin Knuth who have been loyal servants in God's church for many years.

Erwin, of Polish/German ancestry, was born in Poland and came to Canada with his father, mother and sister in 1950. They travelled on the ship *Beaverbrae*, an old wartime ship that took every wave one by one, up and down, down and up. Because of the ship bobbing, the passengers were advised not to go up on the deck. But, being a curious teenager, Erwin had to check it out. Up he went only to discover the deck was very slippery with the water splashing on it. Erwin went sliding toward the rail of the ship but he managed to catch the metal rings on the side and pull himself to safety. He found out why it wasn't a good idea to be out on deck!

His family went to Wapella, Saskatchewan, where they stayed with relatives on the farm. Erwin's parents continued on to Edmonton while he and his sister stayed in Saskatchewan, helping on the farm. Eventually Erwin moved to Edmonton, too, and worked at various jobs like setting pins in the bowling alley, working on a dairy farm and doing construction until the early 1960's.

Gladys was born at Gardenview, Alberta (near Barrhead) at home in a log house. Gladys' father came to Canada from Poland in 1928 and her mother came in 1930. In fact, Gladys' father lived next door to Erwin's family home in Poland. Gladys and her younger sister went to school in Gardenview. Gladys helped at home, went to work at the Barrhead Hospital and eventually moved to Edmonton where she worked for Bud Bowan Ltd. making decals and crests.

Erwin and Gladys met at the Lutheran Church and were married in September, 1956.

Around the end of 1962, Erwin started listening to the *World Tomorrow Radio Broadcast* with Herbert W.

Armstrong. By this time, Gladys and Erwin had two little girls and were living on the farm. Erwin was receiving information from the Church but Gladys was not too sure about this. So when he was out of the house, she would read and re-read the literature.

One Sunday when Gladys and the girls had gone to church with Gladys' parents, Erwin received a visit from a minister of a Sunday-keeping church. When Gladys got home, she found the minister had left a pamphlet under a plate that was on the table. The pamphlet emphatically stated that Mr. Armstrong was confused. Gladys took the pamphlet to her mother's home. They opened up the Bible to prove what the pamphlet was saying and ended up proving Mr. Armstrong was right.

Erwin and Gladys decided they were going to keep the Sabbath and were invited to go to another Sabbath keeping church. They were on their way, when they changed their mind and went home. They listened to the Radio Church of God and maintained contact through the mail. Erwin was baptized in 1964. Gladys and her Mom were baptized in 1965 and her Dad in 1966.



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Member Profile: Erwin and Gladys Knuth

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“Erwin and Gladys... are a fine example.”

They all went to their first Feast of Tabernacles at Squaw Valley in 1964. While there, it was announced that Mr. Pinelli would be going to Edmonton after the Feast to start up Bible Studies. Imagine their excitement – they would have brethren to worship with in Edmonton!

Gladys tells this story of how God intervened in their lives. One fall day Erwin was combining clover seed and Gladys took his lunch to him. While she was there he asked her to drive over to the dugout to check on the water and the cattle’s salt lick. She drove over to the dugout and parked the car at the top of the hill. She was walking down to the dugout when all of a sudden a cow let out a mighty bellow. It startled Gladys and she looked around to find the car was coming down the hill straight towards her. She jumped out of the way and the car rolled to a stop just by the edge of the dugout. She had forgotten to put the car in gear so down it rolled. She says God saved her life through that old cow.

Erwin and Gladys are true servants of the great God, of His Church and of His people. They work tirelessly setting up for services and looking after the brethren. Erwin often gives sermonettes. Each time he does he gives us something to think about. Gladys looks after the flowers for regular Sabbath services and the Holy Days. Her floral arrangements are creative and beautiful to behold.

Next year, 2004, Erwin will have been 40 years in God’s church and 40 years farming God’s way. He has been able to keep all of God’s Holy Days and the Feasts of Tabernacles during this time. Erwin and Gladys were ordained Deacon and Deaconess in January, 2001.

Matthew 7:16 says, “You will know them by their fruits.” Erwin and Gladys demonstrate those fruits of the Spirit – love, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. They are a fine example to the younger people in the church, our future leaders, and are an inspiration to all of us. -UNC

Bill and Bob’s Excellent Adventure

BY CATHY BERENDT • EDMONTON

A pace of tranquility and calm describes our Excellent Adventure on Sunday, February 16, as Bill and Bob pulled our wagon with hay. Bill and Bob are two beautiful percheron horses at the Whitemud Equine Centre in Edmonton. The hayride ended with a fire, hotdogs, and hot chocolate. Even though the weather was chilly, we were warm in company! -UNC



L-R: L.Nyhus, Cathy Berendt, Keith Koshman, Elsa Koshman, Lisa Scott, Paul Scott (hidden), Andrea Berendt, Kimberly Berendt, Stephanie Berendt, Leonard Hine, Bill and Bob (horses), Heather Berendt, Carolyn Berendt, Wendy (Heather’s sister), Chris Hine (hidden), Kayla Jongerius, Martin Jongerius. — Photo by Robert Berendt.

Announcements

NEWS OF THE CANADIAN BRETHREN

Graduation

Loralyn Yap

Loralyn Yap was born in San Pedro, Laguna, Philippines. She moved to Canada along with her parents and four brothers.

Through high school, Lora made the honour roll list several times. Her favourite subjects in school were English and history.

She currently works as a deli clerk in a local supermarket. She is planning to attend York University and eventually become a high school teacher. -UNC



Wedding

Beverly and Kurt MacPherson

Kurt W. MacPherson and Beverly J. Teetaert were married at the Saskatchewan Center of the Arts in Regina, Saskatchewan, on November 3, 2002. The ceremony was performed by Larry DeLong (Lethbridge, Alberta) and Glen White (Calgary, Alberta). Best man was Kelly Juricik and Cheryl Fenk was the maid of honour.

The couple honeymooned on Vancouver Island. They reside in Regina. -UNC



Camp Counselors Help Foster Unity

BY JUDY READ • TORONTO

“Before you even arrive at camp you should already consider what you can do to help your campers bond...”



One thing always moves me when I read John 17. Jesus knew that His time to face trial, betrayal and ultimately death is near. The weight of those thoughts must have been unbearable. Yet He was somehow able to turn His thoughts to the devotion of prayer. Much more than that, He prays for us! For His people.

What specifically does He ask God to give His people? Verse 11 reads, “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.” Jesus asks God to give His people unity.

I can think of very few aspects when it comes to the role of a camp counselor as vital as fostering unity within your dorm. Without it, your campers are lost. You, as a counselor will be lost. Through experience I

can tell you that there is nothing worse than finding yourself nearing the end of camp and wondering whether you established a bond between yourself and the campers, and between the campers themselves.

Before you even arrive at camp you should already consider what you can do to help your campers bond with you, with your assistant counselor, and with one another. It is essential to recognize that each person under your care for a week is unique. No two campers are alike. They all come from different backgrounds and have their own individual experiences that embody who they are. The diversity of your camper’s personalities will surprise you! It is your responsibility to find the commonality between your campers. If it was so important for Jesus to pray for unity among His people, then

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why shouldn't you! Ask God to help you with your own conduct. More specifically ask for tolerance and patience, for understanding, and for the qualities of love that Jesus displayed during His time on earth that aided Him in caring for all types of people. Ask Him to allow your campers to display these qualities too.

Before you journey to camp, make sure you leave all outside and worldly influences at home. Bringing these perspectives to camp leaves too much opportunity for human nature instead of God's Holy Spirit to rule over you. If you already come to camp endeavouring to keep unity in your dorm, you will almost certainly succeed in creating a closely bonded group of campers.

So, how exactly do you attain unity in your dorm? I can only share with you what has worked for me.

The opening night meeting with your dorm presents the perfect opportunity to knit together those diversities I spoke about earlier. Or at the very least, you can begin the process of bonding. Remind your campers about the purpose and goals of camp. Let your campers know how passionate you are about God's way of life. It is the commonality that binds us, and will hopefully be what binds them together. As has been stated in other essays, it is important to establish your own rules/goals for the dorm at this meeting. Make unity one of those goals. I always tell my girls how important it is to me to see them grow together as a dorm and hopefully as friends. Vocalizing your own desire for unity will help the campers understand how important it is, not only to you, but to the success of the whole camp.

I am continually amazed at how powerful a tool prayer can be in aiding unity. Pray together with your dorm. More specifically, have the campers take turns praying. This is

always a rule in my dorm. Initially, the campers are vehemently opposed to this idea. I never force anyone. At the end of every dorm meeting, each night before tuck-in, I ask if anyone would like to pray for us. In the beginning I feel like I've never been met with more stony silence in my life. But by the end of the week, it's hard to choose out of all the volunteers! The campers learn about each other's hopes and desires, and intimately share their deepest concern for each other in their prayers. When we pray, we also hold hands. Maybe it sounds silly, but in my experience sharing this kind of prayer together as a dorm draws you closer together.

Let me share one of the most gratifying moments I've had as a counselor. As I said, holding hands during prayer has become a tradition in my dorms. Last year, I had an amazing group of gals. Our dorm had gone the whole week, praying together and holding hands while we did it. On Sabbath we, as asked to, sat together as a dorm for services. With myself on one end of the row and my assistant on the other, we bowed our heads humbly in prayer. As soon as we did I could feel a hand reach out for mine. When I opened my eyes at the end of the prayer, I saw joyfully that all my campers had been holding hands while we prayed! Without prompting. Without being asked. Truthfully, I hadn't even thought to hold hands in this setting with them. I was touched beyond words. Our dorm had gelled together beautifully as a unit!

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Toronto Puts the “Bop” in the Bop Shoo Bop

BY ROSALEEN FORD • TORONTO

“Being a 50’s/60’s dance, there was... a lot of great music and a couple of sing-alongs.”



On January 25, 2003, the Toronto church congregation held a dance social, with the theme of the 50’s and 60’s. It’s a period popular with almost everyone and well worth celebrating, whether you grew up in it, or just grew up to ageless movies like *Grease*. The event was conceived and organized by the Rahel family, and they continued to work throughout the evening, with Ryan as the DJ and Heather in charge of the decorations.

The dinner atmosphere was quite relaxed except for the occasional popping of balloons on the wall. The hall was filled with images of jukeboxes and LPs and other ornaments like the giant root beer float filled with more of the unstable balloons. The tables also matched the decor, and came complete with bowls of bubble gum. The meal itself was a group effort, and the main dish was a huge preparation of Chicken à la King, followed by desserts of all kinds.

Being a 50’s/60’s dance, there was, of course, a lot of great music and a couple of sing-alongs. The songs for the night were compiled onto several CDs with suggestions made by various members. People were able to request songs from

a list and hear their favourite rock’n’roll or swing song. During the dancing, there were a couple of birthdays to announce, and a variety of prizes given away – spot contest prizes, door prizes, and even a prize for the best “twist,” won by Vivian Petho.

People also took advantage of the night to dress up in such classic gear as the poodle skirt, although no one had an outfit that was entirely composed of pieces from the era. Overall, it was a very upbeat night, and a unique experience, partly because for once the younger people were learning dance steps from the older generation, and not the other way around. -UNC



Top Left: Heather Rahel leads the pack.

Above: Precious Yutangco, Lora Yap, and Charlotte Guzman

Left: Richard “Ricardo” Dubler

God's Assembly Line

BY DALE CRANIFORD • VANCOUVER

We have all heard songs about “the end of the road” or “the end of the line.” Truth is that we are all on the assembly line – an assembly meaning *ecclesia*, or gathering of the people, and a line may be described as a procession, or a row.

The assembly line has a beginning, middle and an end. So it is with our calling from God. We are all works in progress; we are like works of art, beautiful in God's eyes. The assembly line moves in a forward direction, and so we look forward with the author and finisher of our faith, Jesus our Messiah. Our past sins have been covered, our slate wiped clean. “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God” (Hebrews 6:1). The assembly line is a process of beginning a work and bringing it forth to completion.

Human life begins at conception. Where does the assembly line begin? Even before the assembly line starts rolling, it begins with a planner and a prototype. Consider the Greek word, *prototokas*, meaning original, the first born. “And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence” (Colossians 1:18). Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega” (Revelation 1:8).

The assembly line of God's called children began with a thought, “Let us make man in our image” (Genesis 1:26). The materials? Man was formed from “the dust of the earth” (Genesis 2:7). The architect of the assembly line needs pliable, malleable material, like soft clay, able to be reformed.

The material God can work with? The human spirit gradually mixed with the Spirit of God as we are remolded, reshaped, by the loving hand of our

Maker. God the Eternal Creator is shaping His creation, making over His sons and daughters into His image. The assembly line is a process of spiritual growth, even from the impregnation of God's Holy Spirit into a human mind (a miracle in itself). “Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” (2 Corinthians 1:22).

Assembly line work in progress moves along a conveyor. As the product moves along the assembly line, it receives additional work and refinement.

Conveyor means transporter, messenger, vehicle, carrier. Jesus said, “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16), and “when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all Truth” (John 16:13). The Bible teaches that we are not to become improved versions of ourselves, but rather “new creatures in Christ.”

There are many colours, shapes and sizes of works in progress on the assembly line. They all have the same materials, but are being worked in different ways. All do not look the same. Isn't that a good thing? Can you imagine if there was only one variety of flowers or one type of sunset; if your children all looked alike, or there was only one kind of landscape to view?

Refinement is tied to perfection. The assembly line does not always run smoothly, so adjustments, checks and tests are done. So the Spirit of God grows in us, through learning love for God and neighbour, and by our desire for repentance.

So the assembly line is a process. Almighty God can see the beauty in each person at every stage of completion. While the end product is the most beautiful, our Maker can at any point see the work in progress as leading to perfection, or completion. When Christ appears, the Maker will recognize His works in us, and make us truly complete. -UNC

“The assembly line does not always run smoothly, so adjustments... are done.”

Who do You Think You are – God?

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Perhaps that is why people flagellate themselves, suffer deprivation, hunger and cold – in order to attain the goal. It is not easy for us to accept the free gift from God. The portals of eternity have been opened! Victory over death was won! Humans must encounter the concept of eternal life and then be thankful. Thankfulness includes striving to please God. We need to ask, “What shall we do?” There is much to do – it is just that any deeds we do will not erase sin – Christ had to do that. Those deeds are a natural response to an inheritance that is priceless.

God calls on us to learn to be holy as He is holy, and perfect as He is perfect (Matthew 5:48, Leviticus 19:2). We have entered a process of learning with the help of God. Students and learners bear themselves with dignity and decorum that is befitting their future. We cannot bear ourselves with a lowly mind when God has begun to teach us to be inheritors of the universe. If we believe we are bad or that we are losers, that is what we will become. Now is the time to live up to His standards. In John 10:33-36 we read that Jesus was accused of blasphemy because He “made himself God.” Jesus stated that humans were called gods – and that the scripture cannot be broken. He was quoting Psalm 82 at this point. There must never be vanity or self righteousness in the hearts of God’s children, but we ought to know what gives us the right to call Him Father. Acting in any way less than how His children should act is an insult to Him and to the precious sacrifice of His Son.

We humans are built to react in the way we perceive ourselves. If little children are loved and taught good and solid values – they will feel confident, and able to do difficult things. There is great value in visualizing yourself as successful. Doors open to help you when the attitude is

right. A person moves with confidence and assurance that the outcome only requires persistent continuance in well doing. This is precisely the path to eternal life. How do you perceive yourself? If one keeps saying, “I hate music,” you will begin to hate music. Boys I knew felt awkward on the dance floor and told themselves they did not like to dance. They will never learn with that frame of mind. A doctor once wrote a sure cure for smoking. He said to repeat every day, “I hate smoking, I am not a smoker” and if a person did that 500 times the first day, 400 times the second day, 300 times the third day, and so on – that person would not be able to light up a cigarette by the seventh day. Your mind would have been trained to believe you hate smoking. Lest anyone thinks this is just “brainwashing” – let me assure you that is far from the truth. The principle is correct. If we really believe we are children of God, we will act that way. Motivation is vital to Christian growth.

I love the verse in Matthew 3:17 where God referred to His Son before all the angels. He stated: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” In Revelation 21:7 God says, “He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.” Like so many who have gone before me, I hope to be in that group. I will strive to please my Father so that He might say, “This is My son in whom I am well pleased.”

I trust that this is the goal we all seek. People should be able to glimpse just a little bit of Christ in a converted person.

When someone asks me, “Who do you think you are – God?” in my heart I would say, “No, I am not God, but you are getting close.”

How about you? -UNC

Sabbath Attendance Figures

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	SABBATH ATTENDANCE							2002-03
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% Change
January	336	390	371	438	495	491	490	-0.2
February	406	413	438	476	474	503	516	2.6
March	398	414	423	482	499	485	522	7.63
April	407	411	439	504	504	507		
May	392	435	440	466	482	512		
June	421	403	440	475	459	496		
July	375	379	403	441	442	517		
August	367	404	498	448	438	470		
September	400	412	434	478	452	531		
October	385	348	466	452	478	526		
November	413	429	461	490	483	536		
December	410	404	445	429	481	533		
AVERAGE	392.5	403.5	438.2	464.9	473.9	508.9	509	-1.16

HIGHEST WEEKLY ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

1997	Total	1998	Total	1999	Total	2000	Total
Apr 19	456	Nov 14	464	Oct 30	509	Mar 18	522
Mar 22	451	Dec 5	457	Jan 31	500	Jan 31	514
Dec 6	445	Dec 12	455	Feb 28	486	Feb 28	514
Feb 8	440	Oct 31	454	Mar 31	483	Mar 31	511
Nov 8	433	Aug 8	452	Apr 30	474	Apr 30	511

2001	Total	2002	Total	2003	TOTAL
Apr 7	555	Dec 14	561	Mar 22	574
Jan 31	537	Jan 31	553	Feb 8	548
Feb 28	529	Feb 28	552	Feb 22	542
Mar 31	518	Mar 31	548	Mar 15	537
Apr 30	515	Apr 30	543	Jan 18	512

Canadian Sabbath Service Locations

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Alberta

Calgary

Bridgeland Adventist Church
48 12th St. NE
2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Glen White
(403) 931-1007

Edmonton

Lecture Theatre
King's University College
9125 50th St.
11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Robert Berendt
(780) 436-3927

Lethbridge

Kate Andrews High School
2112 21st St
Coaldale
2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Glen White
(403) 931-1007
Resident Elder: Larry DeLong
(403) 345-4051

British Columbia

Kelowna – meets first, third
and fifth Sabbath per month
Kettle Valley Room
Holiday Inn Express
2429 Highway 97 N
1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rainer Salomaa
(250) 962-8495

Nanaimo

Contact pastor David Palmer
(604) 820-1745
for time and place

Peachland – (combined Kelowna
& Penticton) meets second
and fourth Sabbath of month
St. Margaret's Anglican
Parish Hall
4444 4th St
1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rainer Salomaa
(250) 962-8495

Penticton – meets first, third
and fifth Sabbath per month
Sandman Inn
939 Burnaby St.
1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rainer Salomaa
(250) 962-8495

Prince George

Yalenka Hall
933 Patricia Boulevard
12:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rainer Salomaa
(250) 962-8495

Vancouver

Calvary Tabernacle
7170 132nd St., Surrey, BC
(corner of 132 and 72 Ave)
11:00 a.m.
Pastor: David Palmer
(604) 820-1745

Victoria

Contact David Palmer
(604) 820-1745 for time & place
Resident Elder:
Joseph Sheperd (250) 474-3737

Manitoba

Winnipeg

The Oceana Restaurant
1910 Pembina Highway
1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Paul Luecke
(701) 255-0023

New Brunswick

Sussex

Amsterdam Inn
1:30 p.m.
Pastor: Graemme Marshall
(613) 448-9077

Newfoundland

Clarenville

A small in-home group
Contact David Smith for
details (709) 834-5343

St. John's

L.O.A. Hall
34 Jersey Ave
Mount Pearl
1:30 p.m.
Resident Elder:
David Smith (709) 834-5343

Ontario

Hamilton

Community of Christ Church
817 Upper Sherman Ave
10:30 a.m. (First three
Sabbaths of the month)
Pastor: Anthony Wasilkoff
(905) 608-9499

Ottawa

Charlie Conacher
Community Center
30 Wessex Rd
Nepean, ON
11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Graemme Marshall
(613) 448-9077

Toronto

Community of Christ Church
84 Old Burnhamthorpe Rd
Etobicoke, ON
1:30 p.m.
Pastor: Anthony Wasilkoff
(905) 608-9499

Quebec:

Montreal

Starting in May meets the 1st
& 3rd Sabbath
335 Springfield
Greenfield Park
2:00 p.m.
Pastor: Graemme Marshall
(613) 448-9077

Saskatchewan

North Battleford

Tropical Inn
1001 Highway 16 Bypass
11:00 a.m. (1st & 3rd Sabbath)
2:30 p.m. (2nd & 4th Sabbath)
Pastor: Robert Berendt
(780) 436-3927

Regina

Travelodge Regina East
1110 Victoria Ave East
1:00 on 2nd and 4th Sabbath
of the month
Pastor: Glen White
(403) 931-1007

Saskatoon

The Riviera Inn
Circle Drive and B Avenue
North
11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Robert Berendt
(780) 436-3927
Note: meet in the Sandman Inn
on Circle Drive and Ave. C for
the 4th Sabbath of each month.

*Note: Please contact the pastor or
resident elder if you are planning to visit
one of these groups. Time and places
services are subject to change.*

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With the understanding that each camper has been blessed with different gifts and different personalities, it is essential to appreciate the value of unity in diversity. As a dorm, your campers need to care enough about one another to encourage each other. The best place to practice this encouragement is at activities. And it begins with you. Let your campers hear you cheer each and every one of them on. Yell your encouragement to the rooftops! Whether one person is a great basketball player or another excels in dance class, or even if you have a camper who isn't really good at sports AND has two left feet, they must all cheer each other on. Being part of a dorm is about support and love. It's about making each other feel special and worthy. When your campers come together for activities with the concept of compassion and encouragement already reinforced to them, they will become a close dorm.

There is a very special bond that can take place between the campers in your dorm if you allow that bond to be fostered out of love, encouragement, and perusing peace. Cherish and foster every opportunity you have to create unity within your dorm – the week you spend at camp will not only be fun, but rewarding and memorable. -UNC

Words to Live By

COMPILED BY ERNIE MCBRATNEY

It takes less time to do a thing right than it takes to explain why you did it wrong.

Be exact in business, generous in friendship.

Some people dream of success while others work at it.

If a task is once begun, never leave it till it's done.

People don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care.

Gratitude is always the right attitude.

The best gifts are tied with heart strings...yours.

Every task done well becomes a pathway to the next challenge.

Thankfulness depends on what is in your heart, not what is in your hand.

If you are always right, there is something wrong.

Mosquitoes are like small children. The moment they stop making noise, you know they're into something.

It takes a moment to make a friend; it takes a lifetime to be one.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Don't sit and wait for your ship to come in, swim out to meet it. -UNC

Raising an Army

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is amassing here in Canada. Like René Carmille, God has given each of us the resources to fight the good fight of faith. Any one of us can step forward and mobilize an army – even if it's an army of one. Whether it's fundraising for a youth group, participating in the Waiting Room Program, organizing a Food Bank drive, or helping your pastor set up an open house Bible Study, we need to do whatever we can to preach the gospel. God expects no less.

René Carmille was arrested and sent to Dachau where he died in January, 1945. Just before his arrest, he spoke at a graduation ceremony in Paris. His words are worth repeating:

"No power in the world can stop you from knowing that the motto ... 'For Country, For Knowledge and For Glory,' and the weighty heritage that constitutes the immense work of your ancestors, is for you a categorical imperative which must guide your path of conduct.... All this is written in your soul, and no one can control your soul, because your soul belongs only to God" (p.330). -UNC

World News Watch *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." (Matt. 24:42)*

COMPILED BY DAVID PALMER • VANCOUVER

Isaac Newton: End is Near

The *London Daily Telegraph* reports: Sir Isaac Newton predicted the world would come to an end 57 years from now, based on a document unearthed from a Jerusalem archive by a Canadian researcher. "Newton, Britain's greatest scientist, predicted the date of the end of the world – and it is only 57 years away. His theories about Armageddon have been unearthed by academics from little-known handwritten manuscripts in a library in Jerusalem.

"The thousands of pages show Newton's attempts to decode the Bible, which he believed contained God's secret laws for the universe. Newton, who was also a theologian and alchemist, predicted that the Second Coming of Christ would follow plagues and war and would precede a 1,000-year reign by the saints on earth – of which he would be one.

"The most definitive date he set for the apocalypse, which he scribbled on a scrap of paper, was 2060. Newton's fascination with the end of the world, which has been researched by a Canadian academic, Stephen Snobelen, is explored in a documentary, *Newton: The Dark Heretic*, recently shown in London. 'What has been coming out over the past 10 years is what an apocalyptic thinker Newton was,' Malcolm Neaum, the producer, said. 'He spent something like 50 years and wrote 4,500 pages trying to predict when the end of the world was coming. But until now it was not known that he ever wrote down a final

figure. He was very reluctant to do so.' Thousands of Newton's papers, which had lain in a trunk in the house of the Earl of Portsmouth for 250 years, were sold by Sotheby's in the late 1930s.

"John Maynard Keynes, the economist, bought many of the texts on alchemy and theology. But much of the material went to an eccentric collector, Abraham Yahuda, and was stored in the Hebrew National Library. It was among these documents that the date was found..." (*London Daily Telegraph*)

(Editor's note: Calculators of time sequence for events based on biblical scripture often fail to recognize that while we can observe many world events that may lead toward the end, the words of Jesus still ring true "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" [Matthew 24:36].)

Patients Warned to be Wary of Cancer Cures

Cancer patients should be wary of bogus "cures" touted on the Internet to protect themselves from suffering a serious dent in their bank accounts not to mention endangering their lives, doctors warn.

The advice came earlier in the year after American authorities launched a lawsuit against a Penticton, BC area company's "sham therapy." The so-called therapy cost some 850 people over \$15,000 dollars U.S. It was promoted heavily on the Internet.

The Canadian Competition

Bureau has also launched investigations against Cell Specific Center Cancer Therapy Inc., which began treating patients at a Tijuana Mexico clinic some five years ago, with an electromagnetic device. (*Canadian Press*)

TV Violence a Big Worry

More than one in four parents feel their children are exposed to violence often or all the time and they are most concerned about violence at school, on TV and in the movies, according to a new Canadian study.

Eighty-three per cent of parents reported being worried; 43 per cent reported being very worried about violence in TV and movies. School violence worried 83 per cent of parents, 37 per cent of whom were very worried.

"Parents are probably the single most important part of the puzzle in solving the problem of violence and aggression in our culture," said Fred Matthews, director of Central Toronto Youth Services.

The study conducted over a period of time between 2001 and 2002 involved over 1000 parents from across Canada. It was developed by the Canadian Council on Social Development and Family Services Canada.

More than 65 per cent of parents said they were concerned about violence in the community and 68 per cent were concerned about violence on computer/video games and on the Internet. (*Canadian Press*) -UNC