



MARITIME CONFERENCE



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Dear Pastors, Elders, Treasurers & Church Boards:

As we begin the year of 2020, our thoughts are turned to Acts 20:18-21...

18 *When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

We desire to serve our Lord with great humility and to declare to both Jews ("Adventists") and Greeks ("non-Adventists") about our Jesus! ("emphasis added") Dear Friends, can we recreate Pentecost!? Of course not. But we can plan for the Latter Rain in an intentional way by including our neighbours and those who are within our communities. We MUST land where people are living their lives - connection can be formed by no other way than to build relationships with people. The Gospel message is so simple - to love, to live it and to share it. Are you living the purposes of God in this generation as was David of old, or are you on a slow, death walk? For, David is referenced in Acts 13:36 as living a purposeful life...

36 *"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.*

David was on a Kingdom task in fulfilling a God-given mission for that church, in that generation. Ask yourself, 'If I die without living my purpose for *this* generation have I really lived?!' God is calling your church today to live out His evangelism mission for 2020!

As we reflect upon Acts of the Apostles, 9.1 we see our call...

The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to "the principalities and powers in heavenly places," the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10. (Acts of the Apostles 9.1)



2020 Evangelism
Equipping for Service



This year, our Conference will be one in purpose with our focus on 2020 Evangelism, but not in method or approach. The method by which you each reach out to your local community will be determined by your church. We encourage you to use the following process to assist you in your evangelistic focus this year

1. READ THIS LETTER & ALL SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES TOGETHER AS A CHURCH BOARD AND/OR CHURCH IN BUSINESS;
2. PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE SPIRIT'S LEADING;
3. ON A SABBATH AS YOUR CHURCH BODY IS GATHERED, PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE SPIRIT'S LEADING IN THIS EVANGELISTIC YEAR;
4. CONDUCT A 'NEEDS ASSESSMENT' OF YOUR COMMUNITY - CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CITY/TOWN HALL (THEY WILL READILY HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE);
5. DISCUSS VARIOUS EVANGELISTIC IDEAS THAT WORK FOR YOUR CHURCH (SEE 2020 COMMUNITY EVANGELISTIC IDEAS DOCUMENT FOR REFERENCE);
6. FILL OUT THE MARITIME CONFERENCE 2020 EVANGELISM APPLICATION & COMMITMENT CARD (RETURN THEM TO TERESA.FERREIRA@MARITIMESDA.COM & ED.SHARPE@MARITIMESDA.COM);
7. UPON APPROVAL, FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED TO YOUR CHURCH MATCHING PROVEN EXPENDITURES AND NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 — FOR MORE FUNDS, A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED; AND FINALLY,
8. AT CAMPMEETING 2020 THERE WILL BE A 'REPORTING' TIME, SO EACH CHURCH WILL DEMONSTRATE EITHER WHAT THEY'VE DONE OR WHAT THEY WILL DO - THREE (3) POWERPOINT SLIDES WILL BE REQUESTED OF YOUR CHURCH DURING THIS TIME TO SHOWCASE YOUR EVANGELISTIC ENDEAVOURS (THESE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SDACC).

FYI...

We recommend for this year that your Church select a Personal Ministry Leader who will assist in the details of leading this charge. We also recommend that your Church till the ground in your community before doing anything. Feel free to use any of the branding elements (Blue/White SDA general logo/ French logo and/or 2020 Evangelism logo for this specific year - all files have been included in the email) to promote and till the ground in your community.



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The Process Illustrated



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Please know that your evangelistic administrative team is praying for you each one in a mighty way — for the character of God to be revealed in His people to the whole world, or at least in our small area of the world for this year. Let's break down the barriers together and reach out to our communities, our neighbours, our friends, and let them see the Jesus we so love. Let's embrace one another in an evangelistic effort unparalleled in Maritime history! Let's not be afraid to draw people in.

What IF in the year 2020, our Conference stamped the imprint of God upon these three Provinces...would there not be revival as in the days of Pentecost? We encourage you daily to be completely surrendered and sufficiently filled with His sweet, sweet Spirit (Helmut Haubeil, *Steps to Personal Revival*). And then simply to share....

We look forward to hearing your success stories of how your church made a difference for the Kingdom of God!

In the Name of Christ,

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Ed Sharpe, Treasurer



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