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## **Local Conference Advance**

On April 14, 1912, the Titanic scraped an iceberg on the starboard side, cutting into the ship.

That night, Pastor John Harper grabbed his six-year-old daughter Nana and placed her into a lifeboat. He looked her in the eyes and said, "One day we will see each other again."

As the boat sank, Pastor John swam to various people to ask, "Are you saved?"

One young man replied, "No, I am not."

Pastor John took off his life jacket, threw it to the man, and said, "You need this more than I do."

Pastor John continued to swim and lead people to Jesus until he sank into the frigid waters.

Four years later in a church meeting in Hamilton, Canada, a young man by the name of Aquilla Webb told the story. He said, "I am here tonight because of Pastor John's sacrifice."

Today, we can also help others who are sinking in life's cold, dark waters. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

God may never ask us to give up our lives. But we all have an opportunity to sacrifice as we share in God's work. When we give to Conference Advance, we are throwing life jackets to others by giving them the opportunity to accept Jesus into their lives. Give today that others may be saved.