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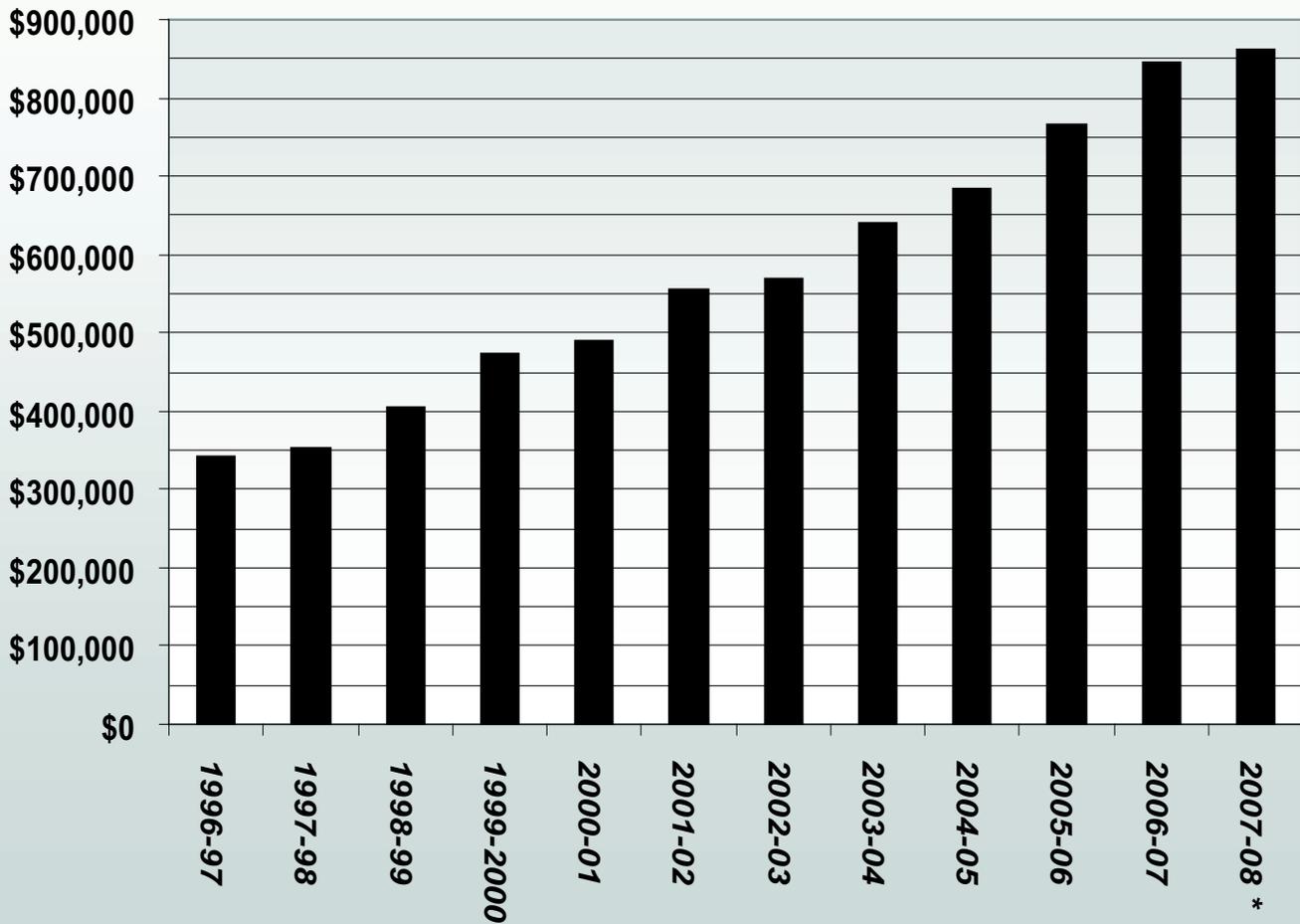
The arid wastes of the earth will 'blossom like a rose.' The parched hearts and minds of human beings will also 'blossom' through God's Truth and Spirit.

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A contrast in nature typifying a changed attitude for the World Tomorrow



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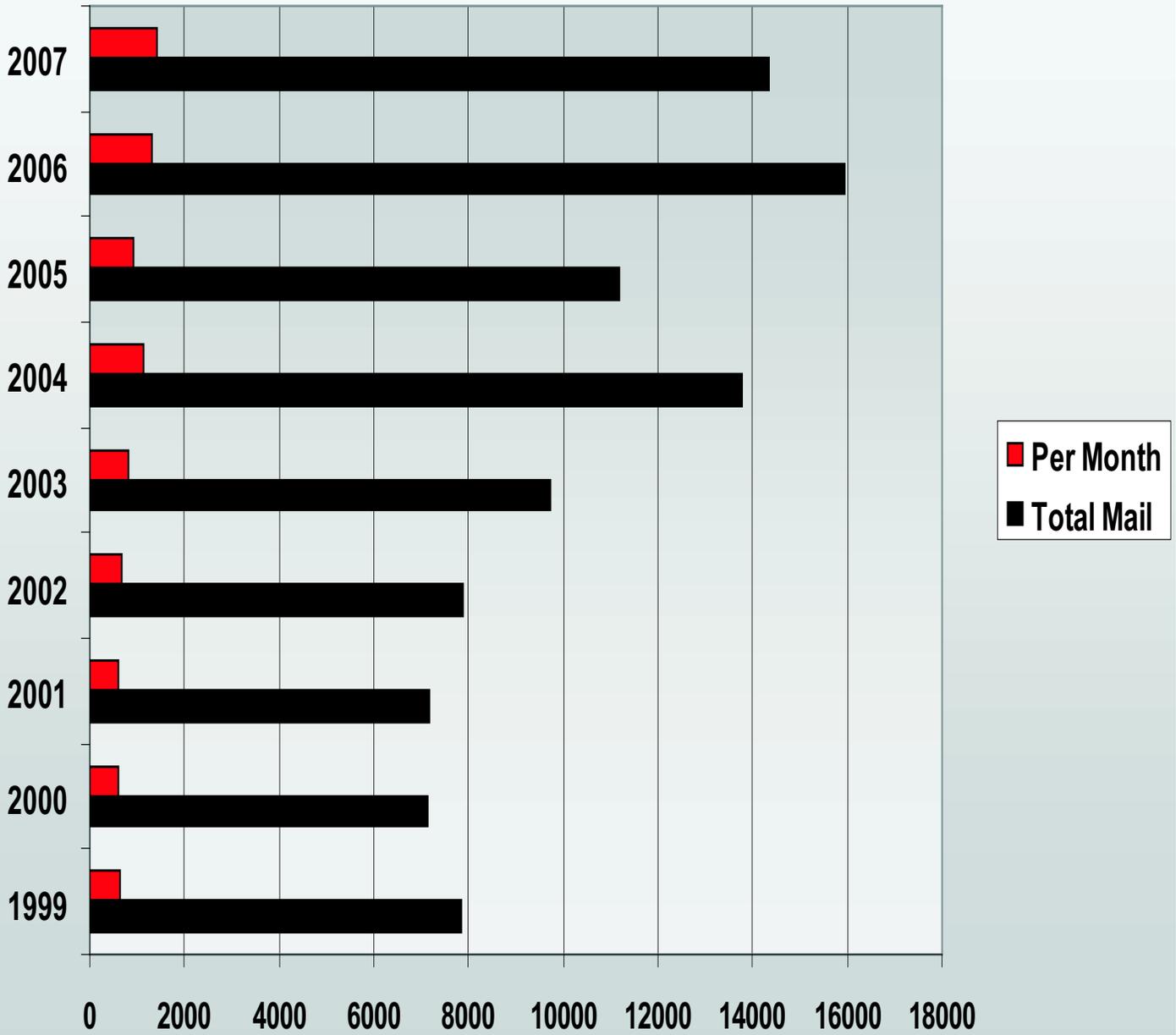
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## KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA - FEAST of TABERNACLES

Situated in the moderate climate of Canada's Okanagan Valley, where apple orchards and grape vines dot the landscape, Kelowna, British Columbia was once again a UCG Feast of Tabernacles site for 2007, with a high attendance of 384 of God's people.

The auditorium stage was embellished with beautiful decorations, including towering white pillars, each encircled with lights, wonderful flower arrangements, and a projection screen for the lyrics to the hymns, as well as power point presentations for some of the messages.

The Feast began with an encouraging message from festival coordinator Rainer Salomaa on making leisure time an important part of our feast, taking advantage of family time, and time with friends, old and new. We were also reminded by Seattle pastor, Dennis Luker, on the first Holy Day, that we are on a spiritual journey as well, that the feast is not only a busy time of physical activity, but a time to recognize

and realize we are in training to become Priests of God in the coming Kingdom. One of the highlights of the opening day was the ordination of David Campbell, who will serve as an elder in the Vancouver area.

Each of the messages reemphasized the importance of living God's way now with a vision of the future when Christ returns and sets up God's Kingdom on this earth.

Youth day once again had a special theme, 'living water' (John 7:37-38) and dozens of stuffed animals added to the setting. The animals were given to young children after services.

Sedro Woolley pastor Don Hooser, and Howard Davis of Portland, not only provided the song leading during the 8 days, but also closed the Feast with very meaningful messages on the last Great Day.

This year's Feast Video presentation from the Home Office, "Threshold of a New Age," received an extremely positive response.

Kelowna is also one of the Feast sites that

webcasts its services, and we had a number of individuals and groups connected to us from various parts of Canada and the U.S.

Special music, including the Kelowna Festival Choir under the direction of Jim Brandenburg of Calgary, made the Feast even more special.

Activities included a seniors' luncheon, family dance, family day consisting of a penny carnival plus a pot-luck meal, festival youth instruction, young adults seminar, an activity at a local orchard where we had a lunch and a wagon ride through the orchard, a ministerial dinner, a teen bowling/pizza evening, a volunteer reception, a collection for the local food bank, and a teen study.

David Palmer Vancouver



Above left the children's choir performs special music.

Top right: The Festival adult choir singing.

Bottom right: Three children enjoying the Hawaiian-theme family dance.

## ELDER ORDAINED AT KELOWNA FEAST

David Campbell, a member of the Vancouver BC congregation, was ordained to the ministry of Jesus Christ on the opening Holy Day of the Feast of Tabernacles in Kelowna. David, at age 41, is one of the youngest ministers in Canada, and will serve as a United Church of God elder in the Vancouver, and Vancouver Island congregations. The following provides some background about him.

**Born:** Bellshill, Scotland.

**Raised:** Vancouver, BC

**Employment:** Consultant for a Canadian marketing company that promotes U.S. financial educational seminars.

**Current residence:** Marinaside Crescent, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2X5 Canada

**Ambassador Experience:** Big Sandy

1984-1986; Pasadena 1987-1989

**Cincinnati Leadership experience:** Leadership Workshop 2005

**Scottish Family Connection:** The Campbell Clan has a 43-year history in the Church of God beginning in Scotland. David's father and mother are original members in the beginnings of the first Radio Church of God in Scotland (1964).

David's grandfather, who recently passed away at the age of 100, introduced David's dad, then a teenager, to the 1950's WORLD TOMORROW broadcast on Radio Luxembourg which began airing in March, 1958. At that time his father received the Plain Truth magazine and began tithing.

David's mother's calling was unique in that while pregnant she asked God, that if this was His True Church, that he provide a sign by allowing her first child to be a boy and in turn she would quietly dedicate him to God for service in His Church.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Dave's interests include reading, music, fly-

fishing, the outdoors, travel, chocolate and making wine...but not always in that order. A few of the many highlights of his life include a three-week tour of the Holy Land; naming his niece Sophia Alexandra; skydiving; bungee jumping and scuba diving. David enjoys sharing dinner and a good laugh with family and friends.

**Hopes for the Future:** David has met most of his own goals already and would like to be a part of helping others reach theirs. David would love to see a strengthening of bonds of the brotherhood and to see a revival of excitement and zeal for God's Way and the fulfillment of the Mission given to the Church. He hopes for, and is passionate about, the return of his King, Jesus Christ, and the restoration of Israel and God's Kingdom restored on earth.

David Palmer - Vancouver



Pictured left to right:

Rainer Salomaa (Chair of Canadian National Council), Joe Sheperd (elder Vancouver Island), Mike Erickson (elder Prince George, also recently ordained), and David Campbell. Next is David Palmer (pastor Vancouver), Dennis Luker (regional pastor Pacific Northwest), and Don Hooser (Pastor Sedro Wooley, Washington).

## ST. JOHN'S - NEWFOUNDLAND

The 2007 Feast of Tabernacles in St. John's was a success from beginning to end. With a top attendance of forty five, a family atmosphere prevailed all the way through. God's hand was evident in the fellowship, the speaking, and all the other activities. A spirit of unity and cooperation was evident from the opening service to the afternoon service on the Last Great Day.

The weather was cloudy and cool during the first half, but during the final four days we were blessed with sunshine and warmer temperatures. People who have experienced many Feasts commented that it was their best Feast ever. All activities were well attended with good fellowship every day. The staff at *Traveller's Inn* were very co-operative, pleased to have us there again this year. They gave a gift of \$50.00 to LifeNets, which was complemented by donations from Feast attendees. The St. John's site was blessed to have people from several

U.S. states, a couple from mainland Canada, and eight people from London, England.

Those who were visiting the St. John's area for the first time couldn't seem to get enough of the beautiful scenery around the coastline, and were amazed at the friendliness of the local people with whom they came into contact. Many feel that it is a unique place to hold the Feast of Tabernacles.

Sermons and sermonettes were given by four elders and other speakers who gave very inspiring messages. The subjects ranged from: learning to fear God, reasons for keeping the Feast, self-worth; encouragement to not look back; how to have peace of mind in an anxious world, and many other words of encouragement. Sam Parsons served as choir director and had a group of ten people sing two pieces despite our small group overall.

Family Day this year was held at the Royal Canadian Legion just outside St. John's, and

was well attended. A lunch of sandwiches and soup was served, after which most people took advantage of a sunny afternoon to explore some of the local coastline. Afterwards, thoroughly refreshed from the fresh sea breeze, a sing-a-long was held, followed by a delicious roast beef dinner with a dance afterwards enjoyed by many. The video was considered by many to be the most inspiring ever. It was especially good to focus on Europe, an area of the world where so much history has been made and where is the focus of much prophecy.

A Variety Night was a fun time and well attended. Overall, the Feast in St. John's this year was a physically and spiritually rejuvenating time.

David Smith



Top right to left: Toronto elder, Mike Caputo, stands near Cape Spear lighthouse, the most easterly point of land in Nth. America; Festival congregation. At bottom: Eight UK brethren with David and Blanche Smith; Festival choir directed by Sam Parsons.



## REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN FEAST 2007

Regina was another success by the comments on the surveys. 71 was the high attendance. We were blessed to have Ken Graham from the U.S. to help fill in the speaking needs. He was especially helpful with inspiring sermons on the Greek language and meaning of the words.

Special music was coordinated by Al Levitt from the Saskatoon church. With an average attendance of 65, we still had 13 people in our choir. Al's wife, Joey, played the keyboard for special music.

The feast video was very well received and the quality was very good. It was inspiring to see the brethren in Europe holding up to the challenges in front of them. It was an eye opener to the problems our brethren have to face in their daily walk. It was a

nice mix of history and brethren responses.

This year we had a traditional thanksgiving meal on the Saturday evening. After the meal a Chilean dance group came in and performed dances from the various regions. The next activity was the seniors' luncheon in the garden setting of the Regina Floral Conservatory. After an enjoyable meal, gifts were handed out to various categories of seniors. George Carter read a poem and Ken Graham did a short study on the word "immediately" and how it fits into our lives. The last group activity was the meal between the two services on the last day.

One of the visited sites was the new RCMP Heritage Centre, just opened this summer. Located on the grounds of the RCMP Academy, 'Depot' Division, the

story of the RCMP is appropriately told where cadets are trained and the story begins. Housed in a breathtaking stone, glass and concrete building, the Heritage Centre tells the story of the RCMP, using state-of-the-art exhibits and engaging tours.

A special treat again this year was the blessing of children. Tracy Bertram (Bruce and Donna Bird's daughter) had a baby boy just before the feast. Tracy and son Reece were able to make it for the occasion. We sang the song "God be With You" at the end on the last day, due to the meaning and how it fitted the occasion.

Lloyd Teetaert



Pictures are from left to right: Bruce and Donna Bird, with daughter Tracy and grandson Reece; Ken and Susan Graham at the RCMP Centre; and the seniors' luncheon in the garden conservatory.

Pictures courtesy of Lloyd Teetaert

## MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

A joyful Feast of Tabernacles was held again this year in Moncton, New Brunswick. Thirty people gathered from the Maritime Provinces, and the New England States, including three from Western Canada. Although we were small in number, a special warmth among the brethren was evidence that Christ was among us, just as He promised in Matthew 18:20. We also enjoyed warmth on the outdoors as the weather was unseasonably warm and we had only one morning of rain.

We were pleased to have Mr and Mrs. David Metzel from the Cincinnati area to "keep the feast" with us. Mr. Metzel spoke to us on three occasions. He encouraged us to build our relationship with God by

walking with Him each day and to develop a change in heart available to us under the New Covenant. For the remainder of the sermons, we joined the webcast from Jekyll Island, Georgia. Having them welcome us certainly made us feel a part of their feast.

As a little group, we soon became as one big family and spent a great deal of our time together, sharing home-cooked meals and building a bond of brotherly love. Our activities included a boat trip into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, including a meal on the boat. We saw two bald eagles and had our boat visited by many inquisitive seals. Near the Bay of Fundy we watched the surging twenty-one-foot tide cover the ocean floor at 'The Rocks'. We toured a

local winery, tasting the different grapes on the vine, learning the wine-making process and sampling the finished product. The ladies gathered for an Afternoon Tea at the home of one of our members. We were encouraged to share our thoughts on having a year of growth and stability.

Everyone offered to help throughout the feast and we all worked together. As one member said, "We talked all the way home about how great the feast was physically, and spiritually. Our feast was the best ever in many years."

Gary Steeves

# MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK - IN PICTURES



The Moncton Feast was a combination of webcast and live speakers for a high of 30 in attendance. Above shows the congregation during a webcast. On the five days of webcasts from the Jekyll Island Feast site, the entire service was presented from the opening prayer, hymns, speaking and special music. The other four days were locally managed. Attendees came from Nova Scotia, Alberta, and the U.S. Members enjoyed a get-acquainted meal of home-cooked turkey and roast beef, a winery tour and wine tasting, and a boat trip to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and an onboard meal. Some ladies also enjoyed an afternoon tea hosted by visitor, June Kundert.



## COLLINGWOOD, GEORGIAN BAY, ONTARIO



Above is Blue Mountain ski hill. At right: a view of Collingwood and Blue Mountain+ in the distance from Wasaga beach. Bottom left are Abigail Shafer (4 ) and Iliana Shafer (2) from Saginaw, Michigan, with a friend.



### COLLINGWOOD

The feast in Collingwood was held at a new facility this year – *The Georgian Manor Resort*. In all respects it was an ideal place for us to hold the feast. The auditorium was beautiful and spacious enough for the 247 that gathered on the first Holy Day. The auditorium lobby was more than large enough for various activities and as a place for fellowshiping before and after services.

We were pleased to have almost a 10% increase over last year with about 40%

of our attendees coming from the United States and 60% from various provinces and territories in Canada. There was also one family from England. Almost 25% of those attending were in Collingwood for the first time.

None of our outdoor activities had to be cancelled or postponed as the weather was ideal throughout the eight days. And most importantly brethren were heard remarking how much they enjoyed the togetherness and the spiritual food at the

feast in Collingwood.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Collingwood Feast and to all those who served so well.

Dennis Horlick



At left: Denise Masse at the information table, assisting elder Ken Haab from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and to the right are Bryan (8) and Nathan (5) from Indianapolis. Below from left clockwise: a scene from the variety show, Dennis Horlick, Festival co-ordinator speaking, teens enjoying go-karts, and the children's choir performing special music



## COLLINGWOOD FEAST ACTIVITY PICTURES.

Teveye (Fiddler on the Roof) Wayne Shafer from Michigan; Kristin Archer (Toronto) instrumental, and Cynthia McClain (Indianapolis) performing special music.



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## FEAST SCENERY OF SCHLUCHSEE, GERMANY.

Ottawa member, Walter Hehle, enjoyed the Feast in Germany and provided these pictures.



Top pictures from left to right: Lake Schluchsee and the town of Schluchsee.  
Below left to right: A scene in the Black Forest and nearby scenic Lake Titisee.



## When the End Is Not in Sight

Have you ever suffered post feast depression? Many of us come back from a spiritual high at the feast and settle back into a routine that soon becomes our Canadian winter. One member captured this so well in a letter that I received. She told me that I could share it with you, but I have left out the names. Here is her experience:

“After the 2006 Feast we came home and settled into our daily routine; my husband goes off to work and the boys went to school while I stayed home. I tried to find a job but nothing was coming my way. Day by day I could feel myself getting depressed and feeling very alone. By mid December I found myself losing interest in everything I once enjoyed which included reading the Bible and praying.

“By this time I was starting to get scared and the smallest things seemed to overwhelm me. I couldn’t seem to figure out what I was feeling and why I was feeling it. Whatever I was going through I told myself that I didn’t need any help because I could beat this depression all by myself. Boy, was I ever wrong... January came and I fell flat on my face, I tried every day to get back up but just couldn’t. I ended up losing 25 pounds; I couldn’t eat, sleep, laugh or cry anymore. I was so tired. My husband would try so hard to support me on a daily basis, and the boys were wondering what was wrong with me. I could see the fear in their eyes.

“February was now here and that was it. This feeling began to totally overwhelm me; it’s a feeling that is hard to describe. I couldn’t sit still, or lay down; all I did was pace, and it just wouldn’t go away. I felt extremely anxious with this almost buzzing pain running through my whole body; it was like every nerve was on fire. When the feeling got so bad that I couldn’t take it anymore I would run to my husband and demand that he hold me until it eased up a bit. I told him that this was bad and that I needed some help. Everyone was scared, with me being at the top of this list.

“Why do Mothers seem to know when you need them? Anyway, my dear sweet mother-in-law came over, took one look at me and took me in to see a doctor. He gave me some medication, ran some tests and listened to me for a short while. “Mom stayed with me for a week or more, she cooked, cleaned, and was my hugger when the feeling got too much. She was here for all of us. I was never ever left alone. Slowly I climbed out of my depression and the people around me were starting to wonder what was going on. I had to let the cat out of the bag and tell them.”

I report to you that she is well now, but went through a dark time in her life. What she described goes beyond what would be considered “post feast depression,” perhaps

triggered by other things in her life, but for her, it began just after the feast. Most, who suffer it, just go through a short time of “let-down” and then go on with every day life. It can be natural to feel that way, after a spiritual “high,” just as Elijah did after his encounter with the prophets of Baal and his retreat into the wilderness as described in 1 Kings 18 and 19. Do you think maybe at times, when we come off highs in life, we can sink into despondency when we see no end to the mundane routine things in this life – the dishes, the meals to prepare, the bills to pay, the kids to look after – no end to deadlines (like this article). When do we reach “perfect completion”? There always seems to be more unfinished tasks, prioritized work lists with impossible deadlines and feelings of urgency that never seem to dissipate.

*The Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day* is not the end. In fact, the end is not even in sight then. There is the New Heavens and the New Earth that follows (Revelation 21 – 22). What happens after that? Knowing God, there will be more challenges, things to plan and accomplish. There will never be an end. In fact, Isaiah 9:7 says : “Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.”

Here is something to think about as you go through this large expanse of time between the end of the fall festivals (in the seventh month) to the beginning of the spring festivals (in the first month). It is a time when spring seems so far away.

Be encouraged to be busy about our Father’s business. It is a Work that will last forever in a new heaven and a new earth, on into eternity - with no end in sight.

Rainer Salomaa

## COUNTERING ANY 'POST-FEAST' LETDOWN

Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest. For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves"

(Mark 6:31-32 The Message).

For many of us, the yearly Feast of Tabernacles may be our only opportunity to do some travelling. It is also a time when we are able to renew old friendships, or start new ones. It is also an opportunity to enjoy some of God's creation, and to be inspired by it. I had always wanted to visit Zermatt in Switzerland and its famous mountain, the Matterhorn. I did this in 2006.

From Zürich airport it takes only 5 hours to get there by train. Normally it should be an exciting ride, but I was tired after a sleepless night, flying over the Atlantic. And it was rain all the way to Zermatt. That's why I was all the more surprised when I lifted the window curtains at 7.05 a.m. the next day to discover the breathtaking beauty of that pink-coloured Matterhorn peak as the morning sun started to rise over the horizon. Zermatt itself is located at an altitude of 1620 metres, and here was that slim, towering giant of 4478 metres emerging from a blanket of fog that looked like a vaporous scarf around its neck. There was no time to waste. So quickly I got my camera, for we all know that such ethereal appearances don't always last for long.

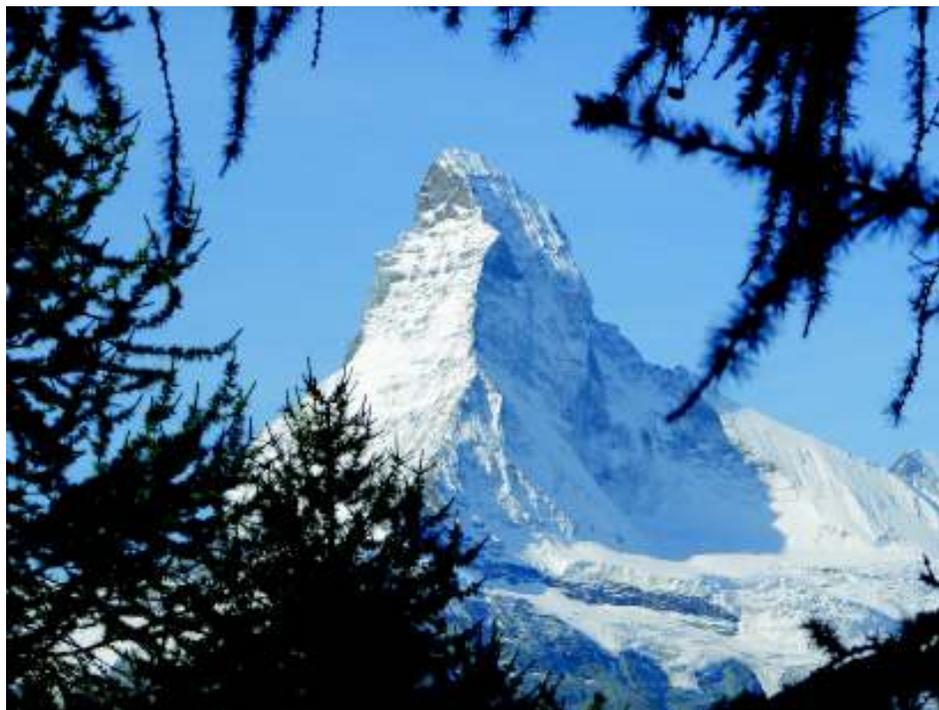


What is it that attracts so many people to the mountains? Why would some be willing to risk their lives to conquer their summits? In downtown Zermatt there is

a church, and all around that church you see the tombs of the many victims to the surrounding mountains - many of them men in their early twenties. But why take such risks?

We know it's exhilarating and a challenge to conquer a summit. For most who do it, it isn't a question of competition; you actually compete against yourself. Like a marathon, all who make it to the finish line are winners personally. It's comparable to our Christian journey, except that in this particular case, in order to succeed, we need - and receive - help from God.

However, for some people, the goal is



not to make the summit; they are quite content to just watch and admire the awesome beauty that the mountains offer. So they spend part of their day hiking and relaxing, while paying attention to the fauna as well as the flora. In the mountains the air is often crisp and invigorating; breathing it does you a lot of good. In our day and age, many people need to relax once in a while, get away from the busyness of life. Indeed, it has a soothing effect upon us when we listen to the wind whispering through the branches of a pine tree, or the calming sound of a brook gently meandering down to the lower valley. For those who happen to be there at the right time, they may hear the strident whistle of a family of marmots as they keep a watchful eye on their predators

Walter Hehle - Ottawa

from the sky. And then, if you are not afraid to stumble over a treacherous patch on your trail, why not follow the strange ballet performed by those dazzling white clouds swirling amidst the dark blue sky above you.

For those who have a contemplative spirit, people who like to meditate and to ponder over the meaning of God's plan and purpose in life, then such an environment is just ideal. Remember David, before he became king, how close he was to God while tending his sheep in the wilderness.

It makes you realize that the pulsating life we live in this twenty-first century,

especially in our western world, has made it more and more difficult to concentrate on spiritual things, unless we make a concerted effort to fight distractions.

Jesus Christ said we can also 'move' our 'problem' mountains with only a 'grain of mustard seed faith and belief' (Matthew 17: 20). We often lack any real power humanly to solve our mountains in life, but with God 'all things are possible' (Mark 10:27).

May your Christian journey this year be refreshed and rejuvenated until next Feast.

May it also be a year where you see some 'problem' mountains moved for you.

## EUROPEAN YOUNG ADULTS CAMP - MY CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Europe for the Young Adults camp. The week of August 12-19 saw 30 Young Adults from ten countries on four continents, speaking four languages, come together for fun and friendship. Campers came from as far away as Australia, Chile, Canada, the U.S. and New Zealand to the Kasper family retreat, in the beautiful rolling countryside of eastern Belgium.

The Kaspers own two cabins beside a natural spring-fed pond. It was a rustic, yet beautiful setting for camp. Other than a few solar panels there was no electricity at camp, and the spring was the source of water.

It was an exciting day on Sunday, August 12 as I made my way by plane from Canada to Germany, then by train from Germany to Belgium. I finally made it to the camp after almost twenty hours of travel. After meeting everyone, I set up my tent in the row of tents, between the pond

and stream.

For the first few days we had nice warm sunshine, so we went swimming at a local lake, hiked in the woods, and had a camp games day where we split up into teams to compete against the others in a variety of activities.

During the second half of camp the weather turned cold and wet (although the friendships stayed warm), so we had more indoor activities. We went bowling and went to an old German town. We also went swimming at a local pool. One of the highlights for me was visiting a castle at Viaden, Luxembourg. The castle was built between the years 300 and 1300 A. D. on top of an old Roman fort. It was really fascinating to actually see and walk through history, not just read about it or learn it in school.

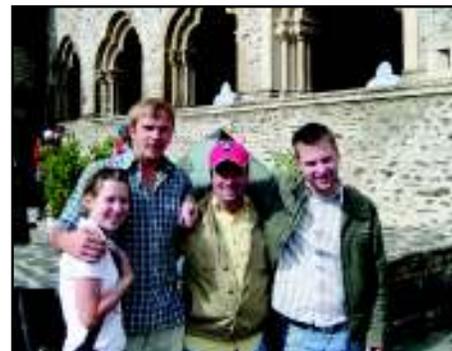
Every evening at camp we had a bonfire where we would all sit around and talk. We also had a Bible study every day, and one day a speech class where we

could give a speech on the theme of the Kingdom of God. It was a very fitting theme, seeing as we were so many people from so many different countries and cultures all come together in unity.

On Sunday everyone started to pack up and head home. The goodbyes were sad as they usually are, but everyone was very happy with the wonderful camp experience.

As I made my way home from camp, like everyone else, I began to look forward to next year's camp. I hope that I will again have the opportunity to go.

Walter Martin  
Owen Sound, Ontario



Pictures from left to right: The Castle overlooking the village of Viaden; Renne Kasper giving his speech at speech class; Walter in red cap with friends in Viaden; the row of tents used for their accommodation with the Canadian flag well displayed.

Pictures by Walter Martin



## FEAST MEMORIES AND KEEPING THEM ALIVE

### KEEP THE FEAST SPIRIT GOING AFTER THE FEAST

Robert and Synnove Teetaert, of Lethbridge, Alberta congregation, contributed the following points as ways to help with any post-Feast blues.

- \* Stay a day after the feast; don't leave the night the feast ends.
- \* Keep in contact with the people you meet at the feast, this will rekindle feast memories.
- \* Share stories, pictures and feast

messages with other church members after the feast.

- \* Participate in a church activity in December to keep involved.
- \* Just as we look forward to the Kingdom, we need to look forward to the next event (hopefully in December) or the next Holy Day with Passover. You won't really suffer any post-feast 'blues' if you are always looking forward.
- \* An activity in December will rejuvenate us through the cold winter

months to come.

- \* Participate in Church Bible studies to keep our spiritual mind focused and the big Feast picture alive.
- \* Always remember that God will take care of our daily cares, so we shouldn't anxiously worry or fret about a job or the money to pay bills after the feast.

Robert & Synnove Teetaert



Above left: A Jewish scholar (John Foster - West Virginia) gives a brief history of the world at the St. John's variety night. At right: Christian Lenkenhoff of Edmonton with daughter at Schluchsee, Germany. Below left: Ed van Pelt gives the offertory message at Collingwood. Bottom right is a panorama of Collingwood from the ski hill above Georgian Bay, Ontario.



# LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP - HOME OFFICE CINCINNATI

**12 couples attended 34 hours of class material over 5 days from August 30 through September 3, 2007. CD's of the Workshop will be available to Canadian Pastors for 2008. Presented here are succinct statements from notes taken during workshop sessions.**

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP OVERVIEW - JIM FRANKS

United Church of God is convicted that God wants planning for the future. Leadership is to help people spiritually, to encourage their ability to help others. Being put into Ministry depends on being called to that role.



## TEACHING AS WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

We trust that every Sabbath everyone hears what UCG believes and teaches. Each Sabbath is part of the preparation to be children of God in the Kingdom, so each Church service needs to be the best it can be from speaking, music, and teaching. We need leaders to lead the potential sons and daughters in UCG churches to reach the Kingdom by character and integrity.

## HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF UCG DOCUMENTS

It is reasonably simple to be United against something, but more difficult to be United for something. Documents are not more important than Scripture (Isaiah 8:20), but we can have corporate documents. We wrote documents so that the organisation continues.

UCG is a continuation of the New Testament Church.

What drove UCG to form was Doctrine. We were not rebelling against a governmental structure, we were not willing to teach heresy. Our ideas about hierarchal government were affected, but this was not the motivation. The intent from the beginning was to never have groups pressure representation.

## IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE

Q - If you are doctrinally astray, what value are you to the Church of God?

Doctrine should be a unifying factor. It should be a solidifying force - not a divisive one. Doctrine is the whole range of our understanding. Doctrine is the formally established teaching of the Church by Christ and the apostles.

UCG has been tolerant of people with opposing ideas. But there is a time to withdraw from people of other ideas.

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## HEART OF A LEADER - CLYDE KILOUGH

Our UCG definition of Godly leadership is: Exercising righteousness to serve all in developing spiritual maturity.

We are all in the same boat - right is right, and wrong is wrong.

Leadership is to help someone else mature spiritually.

Christ didn't condemn greatness, He redefined it. A Christian should desire greatness as a husband, wife, or an encourager. Greatness is in the fruits of the Spirit. Be great in your gifts and talents. Offer self to God as an instrument of righteousness (Romans 6:13), not a pre-determined role or position.

Godly leadership begins with the heart - not concepts from books of the world, though these can be helpful.



## LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH - RICHARD PINELLI

We are trying to develop more professionalism in all we do, to upgrade ourselves. The leadership workshop is to develop leadership in the congregations. We are:

1. Passing on the baton of Truth and experience; 2. Preparing the next generation through ABC and Camps; and 3. Focussing on our manpower needs for the future.



## CHURCH CEREMONIES

**B**aptism: Six things to cover in baptism. 1. God's existence; 2. Biblical inspiration, the inerrancy of the Scriptures; 3. Why were you born? To go anywhere, you need know your purpose; 4. God's laws of the Ten Commandments and Holydays; 5. Understanding human nature. 2nd and 3rd. 'generations' need to understand how it applies to them. Must repent of what you have done, but also of what you are; 6. A need to understand the True Church and that one sign is the preaching of the Gospel. There is loyalty to the Way of Life, loyalty to One Doctrine and Belief and loyalty to where you will work out your salvation.

**WEDDING CEREMONY:** There needs to be pre-marital counselling some 3-6 months before marriage using good pre-marital counselling books, and personality tools like Prepare-Enrich. Other ceremonies covered were the Blessing of Children, Funerals and the Passover service.

## DEVELOPING THE ONE POINT SERMONETTE

The KEY is boiling things down to one point.

3 Scriptures with 1 as the main one. It is like one facet of a diamond; or a kernel of corn out of a cob. Say something 'new' about something 'old.'

Sermonette length in Church should be 10-12 minutes and 12-15 at the Feast.

## IMPORTANCE OF DISCERNMENT

The evil spirit world hates God's Church. Satan seeks to destroy from outside the Church by the world's culture, and from within the Church itself. Satan is good at dividing and heresy, and stirs by jealousy and fits of rage. We are often unaware of this 'stirring' when there is rage and argument amongst people. Satan influences impulses, attitudes and moods and stirs up the human spirit, and we need discernment to recognise what is happening at the time.

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## WORKING WITH YOUR PASTOR - DAVID JOHNSON

Each Pastor is unique and different and teaches everyone something. The Extrovert has to be around people to be 'charged,' while the Introvert can be drained by too many people and needs to be alone to be recharged (MYERS-BRIGGS terms). Past Church history emphasised a Christian should be an extrovert and caused problems for those who weren't. Both are different kinds of people and one is not better than the other. There is nothing wrong in withdrawing to re-charge.



## RELEVANCY IN SPEAKING

Today's life involves rapid changes that force speakers to confront different approaches. Mr. HWA was a master of understanding the time in which he lived. He would write ads. differently today.

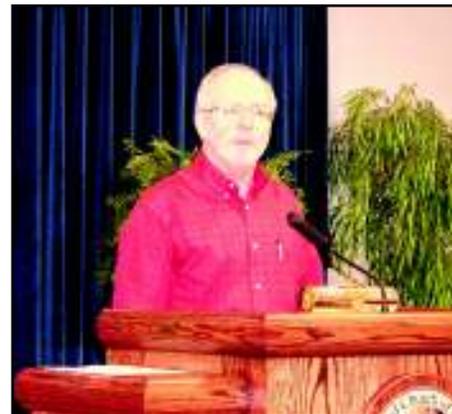
Speakers can be so predictable that the audience gets to the end before the speaker does. They have left the hall long before their bodies do.

It is the responsibility of the communicator to make a message relevant. It is making things written thousands of years ago relevant to everyday life. It is painting word pictures by speech.

Our goal is for people to remember the message - not who the speaker was - because it is God's message .

## DEVELOPING SPLIT SERMONS - LYLE WELTY

Actor George Burns once said: A good sermon is a good beginning and a good ending, and as close to one another as possible. the BIC test is helpful: Is it Biblical? Does it have interest? Is it clear? God has chosen preaching as the means of salvation for His people (1 Corinthians 1:21). God can use humble servants to present powerful messages.



## DEVELOPING WISDOM AND JUDGMENT

Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:52). This is a goal as God expects a high standard of good judgment. Godly wisdom is to get along with others (James 3:17). This wisdom requires leaders to handle problems skilfully. Q - Why does Proverbs end with chapter 31 on the virtuous wife? A - Because she is an example of one who has mastered wisdom (Believer's Study Bible).

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## PRIDE AND HUMILITY - DAVE REGISTER

Our culture doesn't face the concept of pride as a negative thing. It is considered a great trait in secularism. Yet Scripture says God resists the proud. Humility in our culture suggests being low in a hierarchy and against equality. Yet humility is respectfulness and modesty.



## APPRECIATING DIFFERENCES

God has relationships to the spirit world, to man, and to God's Church. We all have relationships with Christ, God's Church, one another, and to family. Understanding personality and temperament differences helps us with serving one another. The Colour Code by Taylor Hartmann helps with this, along with Tim LaHaye and Myer-Briggs Inventory. Personality can be good or bad, but can be altered by the Holy Spirit, by discipline and experience. Temperament affects behaviour.

We can minimise our weaknesses and develop our strengths. Godly character minimises the limitations. Limitations are the opportunity for character to be built. The Church is full of all sorts of temperaments. It is an interesting study to consider the Red, Blue, Yellow, or White temperaments of Bible heroes, and as it relates to us today.

## WORKING WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

We live in 4 generations and this makes for leadership challenges. How do we reach 4 generations? There are Traditionalists, Boomers, Generation X and the Millennials. Activities and studies in Church can help connect all members from seniors to pre-school age.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

UCG currently has 42 programs and we have had a need to assess them all and prevent duplication of effort. We have an approach of beginning with the END in mind - Isaiah 46:10. And Deuteronomy 6:1-3: with the phrase 'so that' to mean having an end result expectation.

We are trying to connect Sabbath school to Teen camp to Young adults to ABC to family and Church programs. We have added speech training and foundations of faith to ABC. We have three times as many applicants for Youth Corp positions. This is encouraging as it shows this younger generation wants to serve.

## BEING ALL THINGS WITHOUT LOSING YOURSELF - MENTORING TO OTHERS

### Being All Things To All People.

Before we can be anything to anyone we need to build trust. People come to trust you as a leader when you have made deposits of trust in their account. We have Godly caring values that build trust: compassion and caring; honesty and integrity; respect and dignity. Put all these together and you are extending 'graciousness.'

A person's action may not be worth supporting, but their God-given potential is. Being all things to all people is in making yourself available. You do not have to have all the answers.



Dee Kilough

### Comforting Skills.

Women are said to tend and befriend. You see people who are heart-broken and you see real bleeding ulcer-type situations.

We can comfort others by the comfort with which we have been comforted from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). Being a 'conduit to others' is that we get comfort from God and can pass that on to others.

Be assured that our pain has purpose.

Sometimes just praying for someone is not enough. You really need to DO something. When you get an inkling of a need, respond to it right away. Stop what you are doing. We can sometimes talk ourselves out of doing something that is the right thing to do.



Judy Servidio

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### Overview and Outcome:

Graemme and Lynn Marshall

Lynn and I were privileged to sit in on the Leadership Workshop and absorb the environment of the Home Office. At the conclusion of the classes, President Clyde Kilough along with Jim Franks from Ministerial Services and Richard Pinelli, responsible for Leadership Development, asked what some of the attendees gained from the 34 hours of instruction. Here are some of their comments:

***"The workshop weekend has brought me to a closer relationship with God.***

***I have a better understanding of individuals.***

***A better understanding of different temperaments.***

***I have a better appreciation for a working relationship with my Pastor.***

***I have a better understanding of being on the same page.***

***It has brought a better concept of not just being a spectator in Church, but a desire to be more involved.***

***An appreciation of raising the bar and having a connection with those working hard here at the Home Office.***

***It has been a real shot in the arm and a source of encouragement."***

ERNEST A. MARSH, C.A. (1923 - 2006)  
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**AUDITORS' REPORT  
 To the Members of United Church  
 of God - Canada:**

We have audited the statement of financial position of the United Church of God - Canada as at March 31st, 2007 and the statements of operations and fund balance, and changes in cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our

responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of the Church as at March 31st, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**August 15th, 2007  
 North York, Ontario**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - CANADA  
 Statement of Financial Position**

**As at March 31st, 2007**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 533,959	\$ 226,999
Local Church area floats	10,350	10,750
Goods and Services tax recoverable	6,461	7,562
Prepaid expenses and deposits	<u>29,552</u>	<u>77,845</u>
	<b>580,322</b>	323,156
<b>Capital Assets - (Note 3)</b>	<u>17,100</u>	21,800
	<b>\$ 597,422</b>	\$ 344,956
<b><u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u></b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 107,356	\$ 96,195
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u>490,066</u>	<u>248,761</u>
	<b>\$ 597,422</b>	\$ 344,956

# UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - CANADA

## Statement of Operations and Fund Balance

**For the year Ended March 31st, 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Tithes and offerings	\$ 1,290,948	\$ 1,055,259
Subsidy from international affiliate - (Note 4)	74,014	93,460
Interest	11,014	6,851
Festival fund receipts	19,950	17,751
Gain on sale of assets	<u>46</u>	---
	<b><u>1,395,972</u></b>	<b><u>1,173,321</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries and benefits	572,195	604,613
Travel	126,265	90,755
Relocation costs	---	13,031
Festival costs	25,915	25,879
Contract services	1,120	790
National conferences	27,436	30,266
Office and general	124,427	107,095
Insurance	8,478	7,869
Telephone	15,252	14,722
Advertising	51,282	1,837
Professional fees	6,689	110,124
Hall rentals	91,011	94,057
Church supplies	7,145	10,777
Tape duplication	6,118	8,793
Rent	33,560	33,614
Equipment rental	36,445	33,255
Assistance	14,253	14,229
Bank and interest charges	2,377	2,021
Loss on sale of assets	---	716
Amortization - (Notes 2(b) and 3)	<u>4,699</u>	<u>6,056</u>
	<b><u>1,154,667</u></b>	<b><u>1,210,499</u></b>
<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the Year</b>	<b>241,305</b>	<b>(37,178)</b>
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>248,761</u>	<u>285,939</u>
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b><u>\$ 490,066</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 248,761</u></b>

## NORTH BATTLEFORD LOSES A PIONEER

Jack Phillips (Harold Jack Phillips), died in the early morning hours of August 27th 2007 at River Heights Lodge in North Battleford. Jack was born on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1912 and grew up in the Mullingar, Saskatchewan district. He married widowed Mary Scott and was a dedicated father to her six children. He and Mary were called into God's Church in the sixties and they were among the first members to attend services in North Battleford. The

Phillips family moved into North Battleford from their home in Mullingar to be nearer the Church.

Mary died in 1979 and Jack continued to live independently until the spring of 2007, when due to failing health it became necessary that he move into a care facility. Jack was faithful to God's way of life despite being unable for a number of years to attend services regularly due to ill health. A graveside service was conducted on Friday, August 31st at North Battleford City Cemetery.

Adeline Sanoy



## SASKATOON ANNIVERSARY

Bill and Annette Wall celebrated their 25th anniversary in June, 2007. The Saskatoon congregation honored them with a cake after services.

Everyone wished them many more happy years together. Bill and Annette are a very faithful and devoted couple in our congregation, showing much love and concern for all.

They enjoy flying to different areas for the Feast each year.

Darlene Buck

Photo by Dorothy Kostyna



## LAURA W. PANTER – 1926-2007

Laura Panter died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in Brockville General Hospital, after a short stay. Her husband Bill was at her bedside at the time. She was mother to four children; three daughters are members of the United Church of God. A funeral service was held on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>. in Prescott, Ontario.

Laura was a nurse in Hazelton, British Columbia, and in Nanaimo before returning to Ontario. She was Nursing Director at Featherstone Nursing Home in Kemptonville until retiring.

She was baptized in 1957 and celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> year in August this year and in July

her 59<sup>th</sup>. wedding anniversary with her husband, Bill.

Her last year at services would often see her with the aid of portable oxygen to assist breathing. She was a lively, spirited lady with great love for her children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

An interesting note on the day is that she had also been a driving instructor for High Schools for some twenty years and two of the funeral directors there had taken their driving exams through her.

Barbara Plummer - Pembroke



## SAMUEL ARTHUR WEBB

Sam was born on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1929 in Blind Bay, Ontario into a family of three brothers and three sisters. In 1977 Sam married his wife Willie in Kelowna, British Columbia where they resided. Sam's life was filled with family, friends, music and laughter. Sam had many hobbies, the most popular of which were fishing, camping, and playing music with the wonderful people he kept closest. Sam's passing was brought about on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 at 10:30 pm as

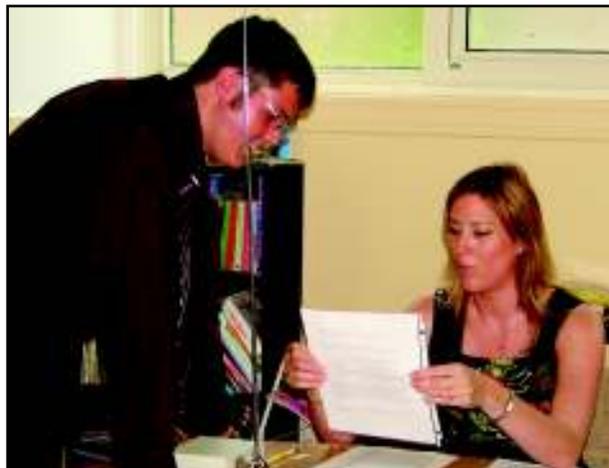
a result of a stroke. A memorial service was held on Thursday, September 6, conducted by Rainer Salomaa. A highlight was having Sam's friend of fifty years, Ken Anderson, play Sam's guitar and sing three numbers: "I'll Fly Away," "Amazing Grace, and "Life is a Mountain Railway."

Sam had been a member of United in Kelowna since United began. He will be truly missed. Rainer Salomaa



## MONTREAL PUBLIC LECTURE -- August 25th 2007 - - presentation in French.

With 484 Good News subscriber letters in mind, the Public Lecture was two split sermons presented in French by Messrs. Daniel Morasse and Walter Hehle from Ottawa. English translation was provided through FM headsets for the anglophones in the audience. 48 people were in attendance with 5 new people coming along to hear the messages. Next spring 2008 we have scheduled Mr. Joel Meeker to visit and present a Public Lecture for Quebec.



Above left Achille Vitale introduces the congregation to hymns and the speakers. At right: sound technician William Moulton from Ottawa assists Mrs. Marianne Delfino with English translation notes. Below at right is first French speaker, Daniel Morasse from Ottawa. To the left is second split sermon French speaker for the day, Walter Hehle.



### KILLARNEY, Manitoba

Twenty five people gathered at the home of the Simons' for a July 21<sup>st</sup>. Sabbath service. The weather was hot and humid, fitting for an enthusiastic and warm gathering. Songs were rousing and spiritual food was satisfying.

We were privileged to have two guest speakers: Ralph Mayer, a deacon from Minnesota, gave the first message and the sermon was given by Bruce Anderson, an elder from Minnesota.

The service was followed by a barbeque outside in a garden setting next to Killarney Lake. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all and many positive comments were received. It surely was a

Sabbath service to remember.

### Ian and Mariana Simons

Pictured at right is elder Bruce Anderson from Minnesota giving the sermon. Below picture shows deacon Ralph Mayer in conversation with Maurice Drewniak.



## MONTREALERS CLIMB MONT SAINT-HILAIRE

An enthusiastic group of ten climbed the local high point just outside of Montreal city. This mountain nature reserve is one of the last remaining intact old-growth forests in southern Quebec, under McGill University ownership, and is a popular hiking destination.

On Sunday, August 19 2007, the mixed group of young and old started out early at 9:00 am to climb the high point of Dieppe at 381 metres. Two others of the group made the alternative route to Rocky lookout at 400 metres. The lookouts offer vast views of the Richelieu river and Montreal city skyline in the distance. UNESCO designated the mountain's unique natural richness as a Biosphere Reserve in 1978. Climbers were down the mountain by early afternoon in time to escape the crowds arriving for hikes and picnics later in the day.

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Top left: Achille Vitale and Lynn Marshall at Dieppe lookout. To the right is Glenn Connell and view over Richelieu river. Below is the hike group, then Stan Krumal and Achille Vitale pictured at Lac Hertel. Mont Saint-Hilaire mountain from the highway with a view of Montreal city skyline in the distance. Green frogs were abundant in a pool near the top.

