



# The Vision



*"Where there is no vision, the people perish ..."* Proverbs 29:18a (KJV)

**Convention Issue**

## The History of the Church of God Sabbath– Keeping

The Church began in November 1970 in Bishop W.B Treleven’s apartment at Clendenan Avenue in Toronto, Ont. Canada. It started with Weekly Friday night Bible Study.

The Church began officially on Sabbath March 20<sup>th</sup> , 1971 at 18 McMurray Avenue. This was a detached house that was bought by Bishop Treleven for \$22,000.00 and was converted into a place of worship by him. The church had eight people in attendance the first Sabbath namely: Bishop Treleven, Sister E. Allen, Brother L. Staple, Sister Brown, (deceased), Missionary V. Clarke, (deceased) Sister S. Johnson and Sister D. Dilly. Bishop Treleven is the only one from the eight people that still remains with the congregation.

In 1973, 18 McMurray Avenue was sold for \$26,000.00 and Bishop Treleven bought a commercial building at 329 Dundas Street West in Toronto for \$35,000.00. The church then moved to this address. The sanctuary was very small and as the congregation grew it was necessary to acquire a larger property. In 1975, 3291 Dundas Street was sold for \$56,000.00 and 1344 Bathurst Street was bought for \$120,000.00. This building was built as a Jewish synagogue . We moved to 1344 Bathurst Street in 1976.

In 2000, 1344 Bathurst Street was sold for \$500,000.00 and the Congregation merged in with the Downsview congregation, at 3640 Weston Road. A commercial building was bought at 95 Milvan Drive for \$800,000.00, and the Church moved to this new address in 2002. We sold 95 Milvan Drive in 2011 for \$2,200,000.00 and bought 312-314 Rexdale Blvd for \$3.2 Million Dollars, and moved to that new address.

### MITCHAM CHURCH (London, UK)

The Mitcham church is in London, England and was started by Bishop W.B. Treleven in 2017. The current leader for this congregation is Leader /Teacher Nito Harvey. The current Pastor is Pastor E. Spencer, and Pastor J. Oxford as the Assistant Pastor.

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## Convention Survey



Scan and submit your feedback.

### **Bible Trivia**

How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles to distribute food to widows? Answer on the last page

# Convention Outline 2023

## Friday July 7 2023 - Day 1

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30pm in lunchroom

Prayer service (6:30 -7:00pm)

### Service starts at 7:00pm

- ◆ Welcome and official opening of Convention
- ◆ Praise and Worship/opening hymn
- ◆ Sermon - "Building Godly Men" by Bro. Eduful

## Saturday July 8, 2023 - Day 2

Continental Breakfast: 8:15 - 9:00am

Sabbath Service (9 - 2:30pm)

- ◆ Prayer session
- ◆ Panel discussion/ teaching lesson  
(Mini-BREAK for in-person audience)

### Main Service

- ◆ Worship Experience
- ◆ Speaker- Pastor Christopher McEwan
- ◆ Post service hosting - Online: Chris Duff and Lydea Cousins

### Lunch Break (2:30-4:00pm)

### Appointment Service 4:00 - 5:00pm

### Women's Ministries (Saturday 5 - 7pm)

- ◆ Praise and Worship - Sis. Monique Chambers-Watson
- ◆ Interactive session: "How Firm is your Foundation?" Sis. Campbell

## Sunday July 9, 2023 - Day 3

Breakfast - 7:30 - 9:00am

Morning service 9:00am - 12:15pm

- ◆ Ministerial workshop/Meeting

### Children's Ministry (12:30-2:05 Sunday)

- ◆ Praise and Worship
- ◆ Selections
- ◆ Skit
- ◆ Question and answer

## Sunday continued

### Lunch Break (2:05 - 3:00pm)

- ◆ Conference update (3:00pm - 4:00pm)
- ◆ Private session for Members only

### Youth Ministry (Sunday 4 - 5:30pm)

- ◆ Program - "A Time to Build"
- ◆ Traditional talent program
- ◆ Pop corn preaching - Pakistan video, D 'Andre Bryan (Brampton)
- ◆ Non-traditional talent portion

### Dinner 5:50 - 7:00pm

- ◆ Pre/post service hosting: Online - Marissa and Victoria
- ◆ Gospel Service
- ◆ Praise and Worship including opening Hymn
- ◆ Worship Experience
- ◆ Sermon- Pastor Christopher McEwan



## JOKE

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?

See answer on the last page

## A Word from Rexdale

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2023 started off with significant promise of revival; coming out of several lockdowns in 2022, and social distance all attributed to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are finally experiencing relief from the effects and impacts of this terrible disease. We give God thanks and praise for our life and His keeping care to each and every one of us.

As we proceed forward, we do so, looking to the Lord as always, while exercising caution to ensure protection for our members, visitors and guest, with the intent of maintaining a welcoming and safe atmosphere to worship, socialize and build trusting and lasting relationships

## Mitcham UK

Blessed beloved brethren, what a mighty God we serve! We are so fortunate to have a God who is merciful and indeed God is truly faithful! We give thanks and praise for spared life. It gives me great joy to report exactly what has been happening within our fellowship during the 12 months!

As there are noticeable changes within our world, our workplaces, our homes, our thoughts, our bodies, our personal relationships and situations, God never changes! He is the same, yesterday, today and always! Hallelujah! We are beyond thrilled that we have been able to maintain our weekly online services via the Zoom platform. There is nothing that compares to being able to exalt, glorify, and celebrate God with a heart filled with love, with the expression of surrendering our whole being to Christ, putting God first and foremost in our lives! Our oblation is a sign of our faith in God's providential care for us. We have maintained and have had an expansion and a rise in brethren, visitors and newcomers fellowshipping with us worldwide each week including from the following countries: The UK, The Caribbean, Canada, Greece, USA and Pakistan. Our divine Sabbath service commences from 11am-2pm (UK time) and includes Praise and Worship, Corporate Prayer/Personal Prayers/Opening & Closing Prayers, Testimonies, Teaching (bible study), Announcements, Preaching/Sermon (word of encouragement).

The Evangelism committee at The Church of God 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath Keeping in Nottingham proudly presents their International Crusade titled- Hope for The Nation: Jesus Saves, commencing on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 with the Host Pastor, Pastor E. Harlow and featuring Evangelist K. Cadette, Pastor Judah Mater, Bro L. J. Rhoden, Pastor Oxford, Pastor John, Pastor McClean and Pastor Stephen Mater. This Crusade is one that should not be missed and without a shadow of a doubt will be very powerful!

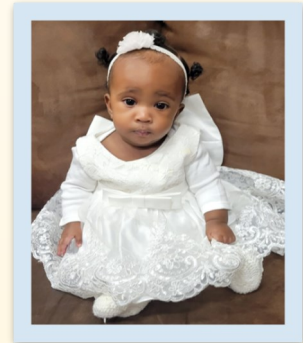
On behalf of The Church of God Sabbath Keeping here in the UK, we send you our warmest regards, our love and the blessings of God to all the ministers and the beloved brethren here in Canada and in the USA. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you all now and forevermore. Amen.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Theodore Lemuel Gooden  
Born: June 6, 2023  
Parents: Ruth Ann and Nimoy



Shiloh Jaiden Robinson  
Born: October 9, 2022  
Parents: Bethany  
& Mathurin



Luca Kerrome Brown  
Born: February 3, 2023  
Parents: Damian and Zoya

## In Memorial



Odel Budhai— Dec. 2, 2022

Sybil Edwina Parr— April 16, 2023

Tyola Francis — April 28, 2023

## GLOUCESTER CHURCH (United Kingdom)

The Gloucester church was started by the Late Pastor Lionel Weir January 29<sup>th</sup> 2000. Bishop W.B. Treleven is the overseer of this congregation. The founding members of the Gloucester church are: Sister Joan Weir, Sister Faith Lewis, Brother Shawn Lewis, Sister Darn Mills and Brother Cecil Malcom.

## BECKENHAM CHURCH (United Kingdom)

The church now in Beckenham was started by the late Bishop L.A. Pinnock. The church first began at Malpas Rd, in 1973. The founding members are: the late Deacon Momrelle, the late Sister Momrelle, the late Brother Boyd, the late Sister Boyd, Sister Gabriel, Elder Fregis and Mother Cunningham. Beckenham owns its own church building. The current Pastor is Pastor E. Spencer, and Pastor J. Oxford as the Assistant Pastor

## NOTTINGHAM CHURCH (United Kingdom)

Nottingham church began in 1969 by the late Bishop L.A. Pinnock. The founding members are: Sister Witter, the late Brother Cruickshank, Mother Duffus, late Sister Moody, late Sister Carmen Jones, late Sister Pinnock, Sister Blossom Small, late Deacon Marshall, late Sister Marshall, late Missionary Wilson, and Missionary Foster. Nottingham owns its own church building. The current Pastor is Pastor E. Harlow.

## DOWNSVIEW CHURCH (Canada)

Downsview church started on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1994 by Bishop W.B. Treleven assisted by Pastor Lynch A. Anastacio. The founding members were: Pastor L.A. Anastacio, Sister Marline Anastacio, Deacon E. Nicholls, Sister Philpa Paul and Missionary Rose Thomas.

The church started at Firgrove Public School. The church location moved three times, the third time was to 3640 Weston Road. This was an industrial property that was leased, and then was converted as a place of worship.

Bishop Treleven handed over that work to Pastor Anastacio. After 1344 Bathurst Street was sold, the congregation merged with the Downsview church until we purchased 95 Milvan Drive. When the merge occurred, Downsview church had over 90 members. When 95 Milvan Drive was purchased Downsview church moved in, thus making one united congregation.

## SYRACUSE CHURCH (New York U.S.A.)

The Syracuse church was started by the late Pastor Conway Smith in October 1997. The founding members are 15 people including, Sister Joy Smith and her family.

## OSHAWA CHURCH (Canada)

The Oshawa church was started by the late Pastor O.O. Lee in 1994. Pastor Lee was assisted by Mother L. Bowen, the late Brother David Bowen, Missionary G. Okolo, the late Deacon P. Okolo, Brother and Sister Murry and the late Pastor E. Joseph and Missionary V. Joseph. The church originally was located in Ajax, then it moved to Oshawa. After 5 years, the late Pastor Elias Joseph became the Pastor. Pastor Louis George is now the current Pastor.

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“My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak.” 2 Cor. 12:9 .

## SCARBOROUGH CHURCH (Canada)

The Scarborough church was started by Pastor G. Edwards in 2002. The founding members are: Missionary M. Edwards and the family; Elder Rexton Blake, his wife and family; Sister Thrift Boston, Minister A. Brooks and Sister Clemetson and her family.

## PAKISTAN CHURCH (Pakistan)

The Pakistan church was a First Day Church. Having listened to Bishop Treleven’s teaching on Zoom, the Pastor contacted him. After a discussion with Bishop, he was convinced that he should observe the Sabbath. The Pakistan Church came in the fellowship in 2016.

The congregation was comprised of 50 people attending the fellowship on Sabbath in one congregation. Another congregation has started in another city about 14 miles away. In this second congregation there are 45 people in attendance. The Pastor was 19 years old when he joined the fellowship.

## THESSALONIA CHURCH (Greece)

The Thessalonica church was started by Bishop W.B Treleven in 2019. There are 19 people in attendance. Brother Steve Oyema is the present leader.

## LUCEA, JAMAICA (Jamaica)

Our first branch in Jamaica was established in June 2022. It was originally started by Deacon Robert Bracket and the current leader is Pastor Vivian Rattary.

## *A Word from Rexdale*

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Our focus is not only to sustain health, but to strategically grow the local body, utilize the momentum we are experiencing and focus our efforts on the Great Commission. Our online presence continues to expand, we are seeing increased numbers attending our Bible Studies and Fasting Services, Glory to God! We are further encouraged to see more and more members returning to our live Sabbath services, including a constant flow of new and return visitors.

Come what may, we are absolutely committed to staying the course and remain relevant in our communities and around the world. The combination of uncertainty in the world suggests that normalization is no longer possible, and the climate is no longer conducive to the fundamental Gospel message. Thus, we are mindful that our core beliefs, based on the Holy Scriptures will keep us grounded to the Truth. Our Mission will keep us answering the “why”, and our Vision propels us towards our goal of being a world impacting ministry.

I am very confident in our ability as one body to meet the challenging days ahead...The Lord leads, we follow.

Let’s go get what’s next!

~Pastor Blagrove



## Pakistani Points

We are giving thanks and praise to the LORD!

In 2014, The Church of God Sabbath - Keeping Pakistan was founded by Bishop W.B Trevelen. Since then, we have been walking with faith and getting ready every day for the coming of our Great King! We give thanks to GOD for He is doing marvelous things with his church here. We won 32 new souls to the Kingdom of God and were blessed to baptize them in water!

We started construction on the church building in July 2021. We are so grateful to all the brethren throughout the conference for all of your love and support. Thanks to GOD and all of you, we were able to put the roof on the church building in July 2023. We can now gather, offering worship and praise to our Lord.

Please continue to pray for us. Your precious prayers, love and support are unforgettable.



## Scarborough Scoop

~Kristene Edwards-Clemetson~

We are pleased to report that God continues to save, keep and satisfy our souls.

Since our last submission we have experienced God's divine favour on the Scarborough Congregation in that we have experienced an increase in membership and are thankful God for the eight additional souls who were baptized on April 1st.

God continues to miraculously bless our congregation. People have experienced divine healing and deliverance from kidney cancer, heart conditions, brain tumours, spiritual infirmities, etc. As such are no match for a fervently praying church, the Holy Spirit and the mercies of God.

Despite the many challenges that the enemy pose against our congregation, with God's help and guidance, we were able to renew our mortgage for another term. This is nothing short of a miracle and divine favor from God. We are very grateful and confident that He will continue to provide for us.

We are also very thankful to Jehovah for providing a new roof and kitchen for us, and enabling us to begin to make small improvements to our building.

Our outreach department continues to serve the community with its back- to- school and community giveaways. Throughout this interim we have seen our numbers more than triple, which brings great joy to our hearts.

We have also celebrated many milestones such as: birthdays, anniversaries and people in our congregation such as our amazing Pastor Gervan Edwards and our committed and supportive clergy and brethren.

Though we are small in number, we are mighty in battle and in love.

We wish you all the best as we continue to build the kingdom of God and grow in righteousness.



# Church Events



Wayne Oxford ordination England



Scarborough baby blessing



Pastor Moore— Convention, Jamaica



Scarborough baby blessing



Nottingham choir

## Men's Retreat 2023



Brampton baptism





### From the President



It is hard to imagine that we are in the year of our Lord 2023. It is even more difficult to believe that it was in the summer of 1990 that Deacon Robert Bracket and Mother Sybil Parr introduced the idea of a convention for The Church of God Sabbath Keeping. Who dared to envision that 33 years later we would be in a “**Time to Build**” 2023.

The cornerstone of this monumental vision was embraced by our then President and Bishop Dr. Walter Treleven. He breathed life into a foundational idea and today we have spring-boarded into a global ministry catapulted by the Holy Spirit.

And all the while we built these walls, brilliance was never too far from each brick. God sent us pillars, Anne Duff, David Severin, Melleeta Brown, Joanna Nichol: walls are up. It is incredible to think that there are people ministering in our conventions that were not even born when the vision was written and made plain. They all came and they ran with it, Dr. Donovan Stanberry, Pastor Joseph McEwan, Pastor Oscar Folkes, Pastor John Millwood, Pastor Dewdney Bent, Pastor Alva Donaldson, Dr. Donville Bell, Pastor Leslie DeSouza, Bro. Kevin Facey, Pastor Samuel Holland, Pastor Whaid Rose, Pastor Loren Stacy and waiting in the shadows Pastor Christopher McEwan and Bro. Jason Eduful.

Whatever our theme, our vision remains the same, to galvanize the Church of God Sabbath Keeping into a global organization. Our purpose is unchanged, 1. To deepen our spiritual outlook 2. Sharpen our operational practices and 3. Expand our global reach.

On behalf of Vice-President Maurice Blagrove and our Executive Team, we wish all our members and participants a tremendous experience at our 2023 convention.

### MONTREAL CHURCH:

Knowing no one in Montreal and haven't been there before, the Lord instructed Bishop Treleven to go on a missionary trip to Montreal. The first trip was in 1975, and Bishop Treleven took four people with him, namely Deacon Spencer, Pastor O.O. Lee, Missionary V. Clarke and Missionary V. Joseph. Missionary V. Joseph and Bishop W.B. Treleven are the only two persons that are still in the fellowship.

The Church began officially in 1984, when Bishop “T”. moved to live in Montreal for 18 months. The founding members are Sister Pauline Smiley, Missionary V. Farrell-Piertrantonio, the late Deacon Gooden, Mother Gooden, Missionary Schobert and Pastor A. Barker. Pastor S. Balfour is the current pastor for the Montreal congregation.

### THE OTTAWA CHURCH:

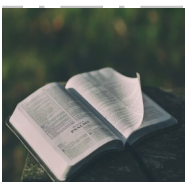
The Ottawa church began in 1986 by Pastor O.O. Lee. They that laboured with him were: Missionary M. Francis, Sister Massia Strachan, Sister Laverne Strachan-Francis, Missionary D. Sadler, Missionary Eastmond, Missionary V. Rose (deceased). The current Pastor of the Ottawa church is Pastor Quarrie.

### MISSISSAUGA CHURCH:

Mississauga church began on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1993 by Pastor Ricardo Severin. The founding members are Pastor R. Severin, Sister Barbara Severin and the Family, the late Evangelist E. Sutherland and Sister Doreth Sutherland. The church started at Burnamthorpe Community Center. The present address of the church is 3341 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Mississauga Ontario.

### BRAMPTON CHURCH:

The church started in Brampton in 1990 at the YMCA on McMurchy Ave by Bishop W.B Treleven under the leadership of Nathan Byfield and Deacon Brown (now Pastor), as the Lord added new members to the church, a new place of worship was acquired at 199 Advance Blvd. In 1999, the church went through a short period of transition and Bishop W.B. Treleven took over leadership. In the interim, services were held at the Russell's home until a new place of worship was found. During the few months of transitioning, the church sought a permanent senior pastor to take over the leadership of the growing congregation. In February 2000, Dr. Clarence Duff was inaugurated as the Senior Pastor for the Brampton church. Dr. Duff continues to serve as the senior Pastor along with Pastor David Brown as the Associate Pastor.



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# Church Events



Children's Banquet Rexdale



Baptism Rexdale



Baptism Pakistan



Baptism Pakistan



Children's Day Brampton

### ANSWERS

- Trivia = 7
- Joke =
- Floodlights

## The Vision

Thank you to all of our contributors. Please also consider getting involved in our future publications by making submissions to the Public Relations Officer (PRO) at your local church your support is truly appreciated. Thank you.

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Due to space constraints, we request your article be kept under 250 words

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