



Seventh-day
Adventist Church
ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Allan Chichester

Sabbath School,
Children's Ministries

September 21, 2021

Dear Fellow Leaders:

How quickly time flies. Next weekend October 1 and 2, 2021, is our **"Bring The Children To Me" virtual Children's Ministries Retreat**. The retreat is primarily for Children's Ministries Leaders and Children Sabbath School Teachers. However, anyone who works with children can attend. The first good news is that **registration is free**. The second good news is that **everyone registered before next Wednesday, September 27, 2021, will receive a gift** from the Children's Ministries Department.

Here is the registration link:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqfu-tqzwwGdVene_0XU2OBd9E3Ks1iRbk

Also, I have attached the flier which can be used to register.

As discussed at our recent meeting, our presenters are:

Sheri Uhrig, our NAD Children's Ministries Director

Francini Reis, our NAD Children's Ministries Trainer

Elvis Gyebi, Registered Psychotherapist

Ruth Baah-Gyebi, Registered Psychotherapist

The program begins on Friday, October 1, 2021, from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** It continues on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m** and from **2:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.**

We are beginning the program on Sabbath at 11:00 a.m. to allow our Children's Sabbath School teachers to conduct Sabbath School. After Sabbath School is finished they can attend the retreat.

The presenter will do seven seminars at the retreat. These are:

- Helping Children Through Tough Times
- Entering The World of Kids
- Fostering Family Unity
- Learning Styles
- Developing Christian Values in Children
- Involving Children in Mission
- Mental Health Awareness

For those of you who attended the Growing Spiritual Champions Children Ministries Retreat 2019, this retreat allows you to complete your NAD certification in **Track One, Understanding Children**. Also, for those who attended the seminars at the 2021 Camp Meeting, this retreat offers you the opportunity to complete your certification in Track Six, **Ministering to Families**. After completing the requirement for each track, attendees are eligible to receive a certificate and pin.

Please note that the Administration of the Ontario Conference approved a request from me authorizing the reopening of in-person children's Sabbath School. I emailed information about this approval and the requirements for reopening to all pastors.

Looking forward to see you at the virtual retreat next weekend.

Yours truly,



Allan Chichester, D. Min.
Director, Sabbath School, and Children's Ministries
www.achichester@adventistontario.org
(905) 571-1022 x 215 cell: (647) 300-5711