



**Esther R. Knott** has pastored for 28 years in Illinois, Maryland, and Michigan. Esther brings a wealth of experience to her role as Associate Director of NAD Ministerial, and Director of the InMinistry Center located at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of

Andrews University. Her responsibilities include, 1) being a pastor to the pastors across the division, 2) program director for the MA in Pastoral Ministry, and 3) directing the division's efforts to support local conferences in building a comprehensive, sustainable continuing education system for pastors, with similar standing and expectations that are required of professionals in other fields. Esther serves as the Division's liaison with the Seminary.

Knott has served as campus chaplain at Broadview Academy and Andrews University. From 1987 to 1990 she was the director of the NAD Education department's Harvest 90 Education Project, where she developed a curriculum for teachers to use in educating Adventist K-12 students about early Adventist leaders and the history of Adventism. From 1990 to 1997 she was associate pastor at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Maryland. In 1997 Knott joined the staff at Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University, where for 16 years she focused on congregational nurture, discipleship, small groups, personal evangelism and community engagement. In 2012, she and Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor, along with the staff, launched a major initiative to move Pioneer into a strong small group model for intentional discipleship. In the first semester of the program, more than 800 members were involved weekly in small groups. Working with a team from Pioneer and AdventSource, Knott was a lead developer of Contagious Adventist, a nine-session seminar that helps Adventists learn to recognize and create contagious Adventist moments where they can naturally introduce specific Adventist teachings to other Christians. Knott has also been very active in developing strong relationships with various organizations and agencies and leaders in the surrounding community. Knott holds a MA in Religious Education (1987) and is working on a PhD in the same field. She is married to Ronald Alan Knott, who is director of Andrews University Press, the Adventist Churches only regularly established academic publishing house, and the publisher of the Andrews Study Bible.

"We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to those who developed the **Becoming a Contagious Christian** course. We have conducted that seminar numerous times in our church and our members were so blessed by it that they asked us for a follow-up seminar designed specifically to share our Seventh-day Adventist beliefs".

Dwight K. Nelson, Pastor  
Pioneer Memorial Church  
Berrien Springs, MI

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28: 19-20

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To facilitate an easier registration process for our members you may register one of three ways.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION

You may register online at [www.AdventistOntario.org](http://www.AdventistOntario.org). On the Home Page under "Featured Events" find the Contagious Adventist icon and follow the links. (You must pay with a credit card to use this feature)

#### MAIL-in REGISTRATION

You may register using the attached mail-in registration form using cash, credit card or cheque.

#### E-mail or Call-in REGISTRATION

You may register by e-mailing Rose at: [rdunn@adventistontario.org](mailto:rdunn@adventistontario.org) or calling 905.571.1022 Ext 204. If your church is sponsoring you we can invoice your church directly with a call or email from your pastor.



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# Discipleship 2.0

## Contagious Adventist

Recognizing and Creating Faith Sharing Moments



Cost: \$ 69.99

Friday, September 14	7:00pm
Sabbath, September 15	9:15am
Sunday September 16	9:30am

#### Location:

**Kingsview Village SDA Church**  
70 Kingsview Blvd, Toronto

Price includes 238 page workbook,  
3 meals and more



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**What past attendees are saying about  
"Contagious Christian"**

- Content very applicable
- Positive Presenter and topic presented very well
- Was much needed for this time
- Should be done at each church, many members are not aware that they need to hear this info.
- It was clear and very easy to understand so one can put words into action
- The presentations were very interesting and thought provoking
- It gave me a new zeal to endeavour with God's help to be a Contagious Christian
- The cost was affordable and I hope in the future more people will take advantage of this
- Styles Questionnaire was excellent. A major benefit to me and also a great help in understanding why my church brethren behave and are the way they are. More time should be spent to reinforce this aspect
- The simplicity and the clarity of the presentations
- I love the topic and hope as an Adventist Christian I will begin to practice and become an effective Contagious Christian
- I am pumped with the presentation and the presenter is excellent
- How it was done this weekend was perfect for youth and adults – just the right length
- The Gospel was broken down easily in a way that made it simple to relay to others
- The book was very important so I could follow along and make necessary notes ie: Contagious Christian is fueled by love, is authentic, is expressed in words and actions because it is built on relationship
- The instructor was excited about the material he was presenting, so learning is easy

There is **ONE** thing we have learned along the way. Every time we have presented this seminar, participants have come to us and said, "It's amazing how God just keeps bringing particular people into my life for me to share with. This has never happened before. What's going on?"

It is all about **RELATIONSHIPS**. You will become more and more aware that God is bringing particular people into your life for you to have a spiritual connection and forge these relationships with. You may have even interacted with these people before, but just never recognized the spiritual potential of those contacts in the way that you will now.

**What will I learn from "Contagious Adventist"?**

- 1. His Story** - Each session starts out with a short review of one of the major biblical beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists. They are Jesus' story relative to that particular subject (the Great Controversy, the Sabbath, death, the second coming, etc.).
- 2. Our Story** - This is the testimony section in which we practice becoming consciously aware of how biblical beliefs of Scripture have made a difference in our own lives. We will become conscious on how these beliefs have impacted us.
- 3. Recognizing/Creating Contagious Adventist Moments**  
In this section we will learn and practice ways to interact with people. If we are good listeners, we will hear their story. The next step you will learn is to skillfully learn to introduce Jesus' story to them.
- 4. Decisions** - In this section, we learn to ask questions appropriate to the occasion that will give people a chance to make Jesus' story part of their own story in a way that it is not presently. There is always an appropriate question that will move them along this path. The goal of all witnessing is to help people discover the adventure and fulfillment that results from making Jesus' story part of their own story at levels they have not yet experienced.

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**Registration Form - Due by September 6, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
First name Last name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Cheque (please make payable to: Ontario Conference - Personal Ministries)  Credit Card (VISA/MC)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is NOT complete without full payment**

**Send form & full payment to:**  
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