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QUEST QUIPS

Introducing The New Director

Welcome to our first edition of Quest Quips – a newsletter letting you know what is happening at the camp. In addition some basic information on what is happening at the camp, Quest Quips will include a regular testimony from someone connected to the camp, plus prayer requests. Be prepared to receive a Quest Quip approximately every three months.

I would love to introduce myself. My name is Dyan Moulard and I am the new Managing Director at



The Quest. I started in the middle of February and am still trying to get my feet under me, but am very excited for what God has planned for The Quest.

As the vast majority of you folks don't know me, I will give you a quick run down about me, and a short update from The Quest. First of all, the pronunciation of my name—this always seems to (understandably) confuse people. *Continued on page three*

COVID 19 Update

The Quest is taking steps at our facility to help our communities and user groups stay safe and healthy. We wish to be diligent about doing our part to prevent more impacts. We also remember that Scripture tells us "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Our staff is assuring that all aspects of our in-use facility are cleaned and sanitized daily as part of our regular routine. We are also prepared to bring in extra staff as needed to increase the frequency of cleaning when there is a user group at The Quest. We are also ensuring that items like hand sanitizer, additional cleaning supplies, etc are available to all of our patrons. *(continued next page)*

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Seventy five years is something to celebrate—and celebrate we will!

Mark your calendar for our upcoming festivity. Join us on Sunday, September 27 for a great time of reminiscing, sharing stories, eating good food, participating in activities, and simply enjoying the blessings that God has bestowed on this ministry and the people connected to it.

More details to come!



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COVID 19 Update (continued)

At this stage, we are suggesting that each user group determine if they wish to continue with their pre-existing bookings. The Quest should be informed of any cancellations at least two weeks in advance of the prearranged booking dates. It is also expected that each user group attending The Quest follow the guidelines put out by Health Canada and WHO.

Regarding Summer Camps: at this stage we anticipate that our camps will continue as planned. As a Board, we will revisit this decision in the weeks to come.

Friends, we have now seen some user groups cancel their bookings, or choose not to book at all. The Quest relies very heavily on these user groups to help pay the bills. While we ride out this storm, please prayerfully consider how you can help The Quest during this challenging time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

AGM: postponed

Work Bee: June 5-6

Refresh and Renew: June 7-11 (if you would like a paper application for this camp, please call the office and one will be mailed to you)

Intermediate One: June 28 -July 3

Family Camp One: July 5-10

Family Camp Two: July 12-17

Intermediate Two: July 19-24

Junior Teen: July 26-31

Juniors: August 4-7

Senior Teen: August 16-21

Introducing The New Director (continued)

My first name is pronounced “Diane” and my last name is pronounced “Moe-Land”. Now to really confuse everyone, my husband’s name is Chad Vankoughnett! Chad and I celebrated our 20th anniversary this year and we actually met at camp and were married there thirteen years later. We also have one son who is 17 years old – his name is Noah. A bit of trivia about us – Noah was born on our 3rd anniversary. We haven’t quite forgiven him for that...

We live in Hepburn for the time being and have been here for about

eight years. I come to The Quest with a camp background with both the Free Methodist Church in Canada, and with the Salvation Army. I am an ordained minister with the Free Methodist Church in Canada. Most recently I was the bi-vocational lead pastor at Cornerstone Free Methodist Church in Prince Albert while working part time at Hepburn Agencies. I love to garden and have been involved with a local farmer’s market where I would sell bedding plants. My husband is a former worship pastor but currently works for a union called CLAC. Noah is in grade 12 and enjoys playing the guitar, bass, and even the

electric kazoo. He has been involved with the Barn Playhouse for a number of years now.

I can say in all truthfulness that I am REALLY looking forward to meeting our constituency. I would love to come and talk about the camp to your church, small group, etc. I am also available to provide pulpit supply should you need it. So do give me a call and we can do tea (I don’t drink coffee) some time. Please note that I work remotely from home a lot, but try to be in the office at Prince Albert First Baptist Church on most Wednesday afternoons, and all day on Fridays.

75 by 75

The Quest relies on the generosity of donors and supporting churches to whom we are so very grateful. Despite this very unusual time in our global reality, we still firmly believe that God has great things planned for this ministry. But, we do need your help. In order to keep camper costs down, we need to bring in financial support through user groups and donations. Would you consider joining us in a different aspect of our 75th Celebration which we call 75 by 75? We are looking for at least 75 people who would commit to giving at least \$75 each month to The Quest through Pre-Authorized payments. Perhaps you are a former staff or camper, or have sent a family member to the camp in the past. Would you consider financially supporting us? If the equivalent of 75 people gave \$75 each month, this would go a long way to assuring that the costs of running this ministry are covered year round, including in the slow season. The Pre-Authorized Payment form is available online, or we can have one mailed to you if you would prefer. Thank you so much!



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Each summer, The Quest at Christopher Lake gives dozens of young people the opportunity to serve God by serving others. These young people are both a blessing to the camp, and are in turn blessed by their experiences. With every edition of Quest Quips, we would like to introduce you to one of these young people, and give you an opportunity to get to know them and their reasons for serving God at camp. We hope you take the time to pray for these young women and men as they prepare to be a part of our ministry at the camp, and throughout the summer.

Meet The Summer Staff—Caleb Sigstad, Cabin Leader

Camp, and the camp setting, changed my life forever. This change happened when I was at a camp called camp Easter Seals. It is a camp for people with physical and mental disabilities. I was no exception. I have Diplegic Cerebral Palsy which is a disability that affects the outer limbs of the person. For me though, it pretty much just gives me a limp. So, my disability is very mild. I always knew this, but I didn't truly understand how lucky I was until I went to camp.

When I went to this camp, I saw the extent of what CP can do to people. And I cried. I couldn't believe that I was being so selfish. I was mad at God for the life he gave me, because I can't ever and won't ever be really good at sports. No matter how hard I'd try,

everyone around me always seemed to be better. So, I was furious with God. But at camp I realized, that where I am not the best runner, or jumper, some of these kids can't even walk or talk. I cried because of how selfish I was being.

That's when I realized that this disability that I was convinced God cursed me with was an amazing blessed superpower. Because better than anyone I know, I can know what these people are going through, but I can still go and play sports with my buddies and have a bunch of fun doing so. So, thanks to that moment my summers have been filled with Camps that I get to praise God at.

For the past 3 years I have worked at a camp. At these camps I found that when

Staff unity was one of the highest priorities, the camp is way more successful. The staff works together better, the camp can be more focused on God and the Kids, and everyone in general has more fun with their summer. I chose The Quest this year, because I know with the new director, camp and staff unity is going to be a very high priority. Plus, the Quest as a whole is going to be a brand new and fun experience. And I can't wait.

