



# 2023 RESOURCE PACKAGE

FOR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADERS

# INTRODUCTION

Dear Sabbath School Leader,

Thank you for accepting and pursuing the call to serve in the Sabbath School Department. Yours is the task of winning, training, retaining and reclaiming individuals (growing disciples) for Christ. Ellen White, one of the pioneers of our church, stated it this way, "The object of Sabbath School work should be the ingathering of souls" (Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 61). I hope this resource package will benefit you as you lead in this noblest calling of helping people grow spiritually and "Connect Like Jesus."

# TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Total Member Involvement (TMI) is a full-scale, world-church evangelistic thrust that involves every member, every church, every administrative entity, every type of public outreach ministry, as well as personal and institutional outreach.

It is a calendar-driven, intentional and soul-winning plan that discovers the needs of families, friends, and neighbours. Then it shares how God fulfills every need, resulting in church planting and church growth, with a focus on retaining, preaching, sharing and discipling.

# HOW TO IMPLEMENT TMI TIME IN SABBATH SCHOOL

## TMI IN-REACH

Dedicate the first 15 minutes of each lesson to listen, to plan, pray and share.

Plan to visit, pray, care for missing or hurting members, and distribute territory assignments. Pray and discuss ways to minister to the needs of church families, inactive members, youth, women and men, and various ways to get the church family involved.

# TMI OUT-REACH

Pray and discuss ways reaching your community, city and world, fulfilling the Gospel Commission by sowing, reaping and keeping. Involve all ministries in the church as you plan short-term and long-term soul-winning projects. TMI is about intentional acts of kindness.

Here are some practical ways to become personally involved:

Develop the habit of finding needs in your community.

Make plans to address those needs.

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



## TMI UP-REACH

Lesson study. Encourage members to engage in individual Bible study—make study of the Bible in Sabbath School participatory. Study for transformation, not information.

# TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

TMI	Time	Explanation
Fellowship Outreach World Mission	15 min.*	Pray, plan, organize for action. Care for missing members. Schedule outreach.
Lesson Study	45 min.*	Involve everyone in the study of the lesson. Ask questions. Highlight key texts.
Lunch		Plan lunch for the class after worship. <b>THEN GO OUT AND REACH SOMEONE!</b>

*\*Adjust times as necessary.*

# 2023 MISSIONAL EVENTS

**January 22**

WWWJ Update and Training

**February 11**

New Officers Training

**March 11**

The Connections Sabbath School Convention

**March 19**

New Horizon Sabbath School Teachers  
and Facilitators Training

**April 16, 23, 30**

Relating to People of Various Religious  
Persuasions

**May 7, 21**

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Persuasions

**June 3**

Ontario Camp Meeting

**October 27-28**

OCLEA Annual Convention

**November 4-11**

Week of Prayer



# SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

## Beginner (GraceLink Beginner)

Ages Birth to 2

## Kindergarten (GraceLink Kindergarten)

Ages 3-4

## Primary (GraceLink Primary)

Ages 5-9

## Junior (Power Point)

Ages 10-12

## Earliteens (Real Time Faith)

Ages 12-14

## Teens (Cornerstone Connections)

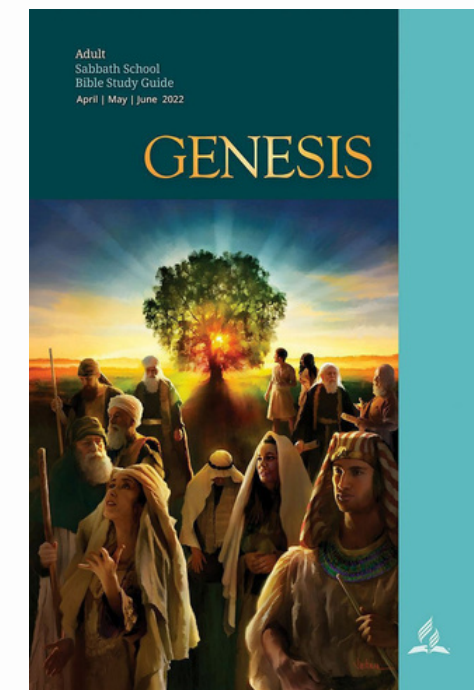
Ages 15-18

## Young Adult (InVerse)

Ages 18-35+

## Adult (Sabbath School Bible Study Guide)

Ages 18+



**VISIT EACH CLASSES WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL MATERIAL,  
INCLUDING APPS, PODCASTS, BLOGS, AND VIDEOS.**

**Beginner (GraceLink Beginner)**

[gracelink.net/beginner](http://gracelink.net/beginner)

**Kindergarten (GraceLink Kindergarten)**

[gracelink.net/kindergarten](http://gracelink.net/kindergarten)

**Primary (GraceLink Primary)**

[gracelink.net/primary](http://gracelink.net/primary)

**Junior (Power Point)**

[juniorpowerpoints.org/](http://juniorpowerpoints.org/)

**Earliteens (Real Time Faith)**

[realtimefaith.net/](http://realtimefaith.net/)

**Teens (Cornerstone Connections)**

[cornerstoneconnections.net/](http://cornerstoneconnections.net/)

**Collegiate (InVerse)**

[inversebible.org/](http://inversebible.org/)

**Adult (Sabbath School Bible Study Guide)**

[absg.adventist.org/](http://absg.adventist.org/)

# GENERAL SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCES

**[AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) (Pacific Press)**

**[AdventSource.org](http://AdventSource.org)**

**[SabbathSchoolPersonalMinistries.org](http://SabbathSchoolPersonalMinistries.org)**

(Sabbath School Teacher Training and Curriculum  
available here)





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# ADDITIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCES

**[Alive.Adventist.org](https://Alive.Adventist.org)**

**[Hopetv.org/shows/hopess](https://Hopetv.org/shows/hopess)** (A weekly in-depth  
interactive study of the Word of God)

**[Fustero.es/index\\_en.php](https://Fustero.es/index_en.php)** (The weekly Sabbath  
School lesson available in 20+ languages)



# SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTING SYSTEM

Utilize these reporting forms for Quarterly and Weekly reporting of Sabbath School attendance.

Quarterly reports should be sent to the Secretary of the Ontario Conference's Sabbath School Department at the end of every quarter.



# O C A S S T A

## What are the primary objectives of the Ontario Conference Adult Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitator Association (OCASSTA)?

1. To promote fellowship, prayer and sharing of ideas beneficial to the Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitators.
2. To encourage discipleship and professional growth amongst Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitators.
3. To provide a forum for coordinating the equipping of Adult Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitators within the Conference.
4. To provide a support system (i.e. mentorship) for Adult Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitators.

Graduates of the various Sabbath School courses are automatically enrolled in OCASSTA. Contact the Departmental Secretary for more information.

www.ADVENTISTONTARIO.org  
ONTARIO CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

**Adult SABBATH SCHOOL**

**TEACHERS/FACILITATORS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**January 29, 2023 | 10:30 AM Eastern**

TOPICS: “Dealing with Debt” and “Laying Up Treasure in Heaven”

**PRESENTER DARRIN JOHN**  
Qualified Master  
Adult Sabbath School Teacher

**PRESENTER CLAUDETTE CHARLES**  
Qualified Master  
Adult Sabbath School Teacher

**HOST DR. ALLAN CHICHESTER**  
Director - Sabbath School, and Children's Ministries  
Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE @ <https://bit.ly/ssteachersjan29>**

*(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about the meeting)*

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**TEACHERS/FACILITATORS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**February 12, 2023 | 10:30 AM Eastern**

TOPICS: Lesson 07 - “Unto the Least of These” and Lesson 08 - “Planning for Success”

**PRESENTER DR. JAMES ZACKRISON**  
Retired General Conference  
Sabbath School Director

**CO-HOST CLAUDETTE CHARLES**  
Qualified Master  
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**REGISTER IN ADVANCE @ <https://bit.ly/ssteachersfeb12>**

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# ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCES

**[Absg.Adventist.org](http://Absg.Adventist.org)**

(Adult Bible Study Guide Website)

View Lessons Online

Downloadable PDF of Lessons

Future Lessons

Lesson Archives

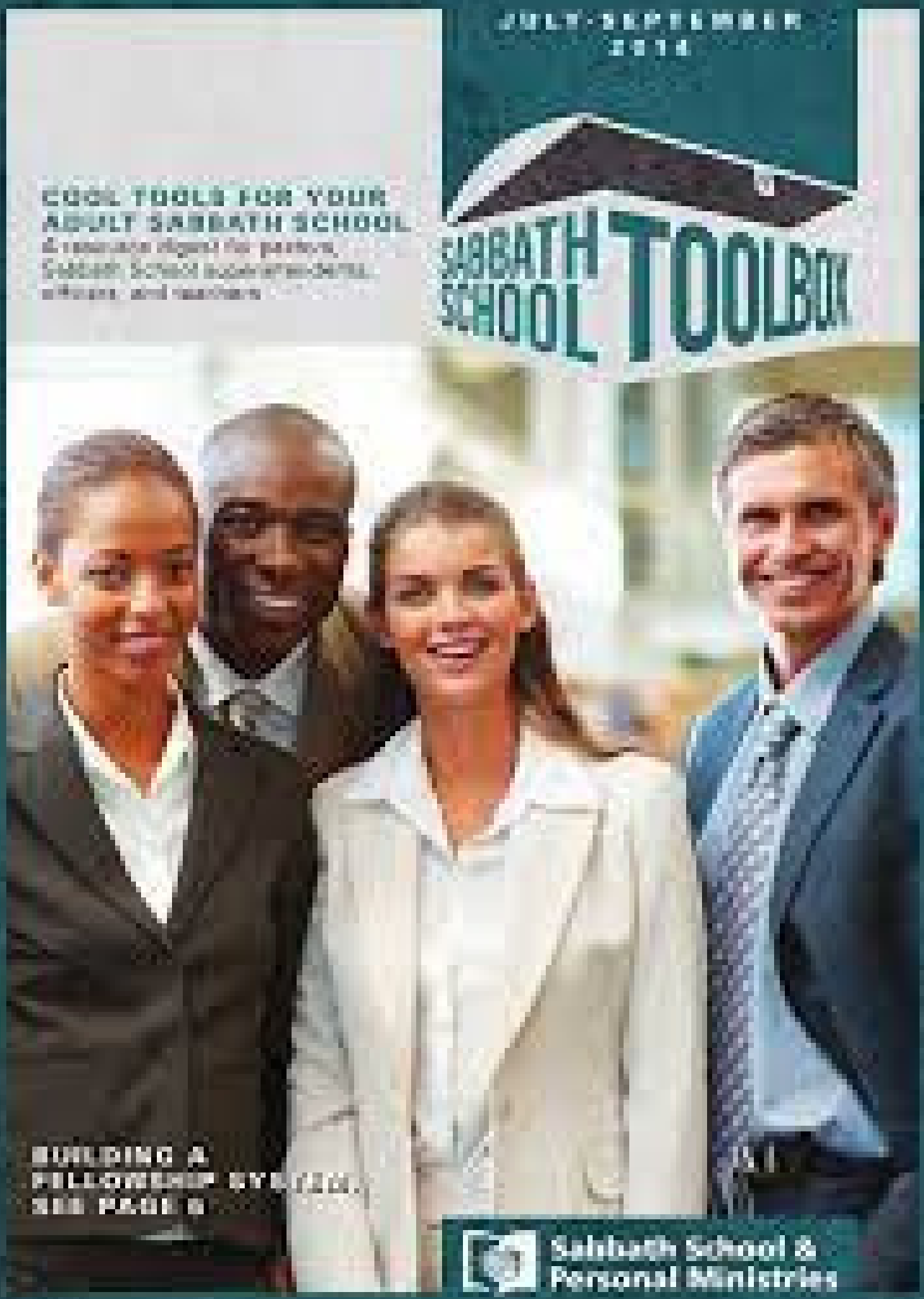
Superintendents' Training

Suggestions for Superintendents

Adult  
Sabbath School  
Bible Study Guide  
April | May | June 2022

## GENESIS





# ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCES

## **Sabbath School Toolbox**

(Magazine Subscription available at  
[AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com))

Features articles on the 3 Goals of Sabbath School

Study Guide Highlights

Hot-button Issues

Focus on Fundamental Beliefs

School School Ideas

Teacher Improvement/Enhancement



# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RESOURCES

**[AdventistYouthMinistries.org](https://AdventistYouthMinistries.org)**

(North American Division Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Website)

**[YouthSabbathSchoolIdeas.org](https://YouthSabbathSchoolIdeas.org)**

Weekly Resources

Scripture

Downloadable MP3 Commentary

Discussion Video

Downloadable Student Lesson, Teacher's Guide and Bible Study



# INVERSE

**InverseBible.org**

inVerse is a Bible study guide for university students, young adults, working professions, and young parents (ages 18–35+).

Published by the Seventh-day Adventist Church®, two of the four quarters correlate with the same study topics as the Adult Bible Study Guide, while the two remaining topics specifically address young adult issues.

# CHILDREN'S SABBATH SCHOOL RESOURCES

**[ChildMin.org/resources](https://www.childmin.org/resources)**

Child Safety

Sabbath School

Children's Sabbath

Bible Study

Vacation Bible School

Prayer Cards

And many more virtual resources!



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