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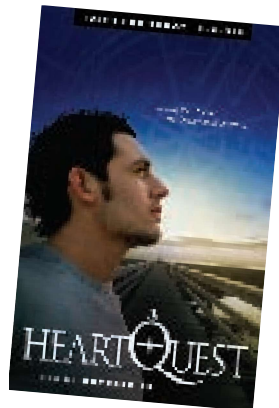


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The Heart of Youth Ministry

Youth ministry is alive and well in the Atlantic Union. I wish you could have been with me during the months of April and May to listen to young people from South Lancaster Academy share the love of Jesus with others in a youth revival series in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. I personally received a special blessing by attending these meetings. Other groups of young people have also been conducting evangelistic meetings in various areas of the Atlantic Union.

Many unique youth events have occurred over the past several months in different locations. One year ago 4,500 Pathfinders attended the “Light It Up” Atlantic Union Pathfinder Camporee. Hundreds of Pathfinders have attended local Pathfinder camporees throughout this union.

In February approximately 120 young adults attended the annual GODencounters weekend. Most of these young adults are students in public colleges and universities in the Atlantic Union territory. More than 20 young adults made decisions for baptism at the conclusion of that event.

At the end of February, the Atlantic Union had one of the largest union representations at the “Just Claim It” Youth Prayer Conference in Dallas, Texas. Hundreds of Atlantic Union youth pledged to go back to their home churches and communities and put into practice skills and concepts learned in the areas of evangelism, outreach, and community service.

Several youth groups and academies have taken mission trips to some faraway country. The team from Northern New England baptized 300 individuals for Jesus.

Recently, the Atlantic Union hosted “Let’s Talk” with General Conference president Jan Paulsen. It was filmed and produced in New York City. Thirty young adults and young professionals asked Paulsen some very specific and pointed questions.

I could continue to share all the awesome ministry events that have taken place in this union, but space does not permit. These events are all important as it gives our youth opportunities to impact their church and make life-changing decisions.

However, no matter how blessed we are that our young people are given these opportunities, nothing is more important than our ultimate mission with the youth, and that is making sure they understand that God cares for them and that their church cares for them. “God with us,” as stated in John 1:14, is a truth that takes us right to the heart of youth ministry—having a passion to flesh out the life of God and the love of God to the young people with whom we are working and to consistently, creatively, and obediently live out the Word of God in their presence.

“Youth ministry focuses on relationships, not only because of who teenagers are but because of who God is. God is a relationship—Christian tradition used the relational language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to describe the persons of the Trinity—and this God’s love is so generous that the Godhead alone cannot contain it. Significant relationships with other Christians matter because they teach us something about what God is like—the One who can love us in spite of ourselves and who loves us passionately enough to suffer willingly on our behalf”—**THE GOD-BEARING LIFE: THE ART OF SOUL TENDING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY**, p. 27.

May we all seek to be faithful reflectors of Jesus, God’s son, and seek to do ministry with our young people that reflects Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Because God can look on each one of us with clear assessment and unconditional acceptance, may we all look on our youth with the same grace and forgiveness.🙏

Bill Wood is the youth, Pathfinder, and Adventurer director for the Atlantic Union Conference.



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The Rest of the Story



“Wake up, Sleeping Beauty,” my husband said gently one morning as he attempted to nudge me into consciousness. “Um hmmm,” I responded, and then rolled over to savor my last few moments of precious sleep. I simply dreaded having to get up. While I don’t consider myself a night-owl, I’m not exactly a morning person either. Getting up during the “wee hours” just isn’t my favorite thing to do. And I don’t know how it is with

you, but the days on which I am sleep-deprived don’t go down in history as some of my better days. Not only do I yawn constantly, but my mood, my energy level, even my thought processes—all are affected when I don’t get my full quota of “Zzz’s.” I’ve always known intuitively that I need adequate sleep in order to function at my best, but lately I’ve made some surprising discoveries about the benefits of a good night’s rest and the serious health consequences of losing sleep.

Sleep—It's More Important Than You Think

According to the National Sleep Foundation, about one-third of Americans sleep 6.5 hours or less a night, less than the optimum 7-8 hours that most experts recommend. Each year the organization conducts a poll on the sleep habits of Americans. In 2002 their Sleep in America poll results reported that “While many Americans enjoy the benefits of sufficient sleep, as many as 47 million adults may be putting themselves at risk for injury, health, and behavior problems because they aren't meeting their minimum sleep need in order to be fully alert the next day.”

MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY (eleventh edition) defines sleep as “the natural periodic suspension of consciousness during which the powers of the body are restored.” Sleep allows the body to recharge and rejuvenate. It is essential to good health and, without it, our bodies would not be able to function. Sleep also has other benefits. For example, according to a study conducted by researchers at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and published in the June 30, 2005, issue of *NEUROSCIENCE*, getting adequate nighttime rest can improve a person's memory.

More specifically, sleep improves a person's ability to retain knowledge about words, according to a study conducted by The University of Chicago and reported on in the October 9, 2003, issue of the journal *NATURE*.

Sleep Deprivation Can Hurt You

But if that's not enough to convince you of the importance of a good night's rest, keep reading. Such conditions as heart disease and high blood pressure have been linked to a lack of sleep, according to a Harvard study of 70,000 women, reported in an article published

in *READER'S DIGEST* in 2005. In that study, the women who got less than seven hours of sleep had a slightly elevated risk of heart disease. Other study findings revealed that a lack of sleep is associated with higher levels of stress hormones, elevated blood pressure, and blood sugar levels. But don't be tempted to think that if eight hours is good, more is better. The same study found that nine or more hours of sleep tended to increase the risk of heart disease.

David White, M.D., a Harvard Medical School researcher who helped to conduct the study, reiterates what

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they discovered in an article entitled “Sleep Soundly for Heart Health,” “We followed them for about 10 years, and what we found was that if they slept less than six or seven hours per night, the incidence of heart attacks went up rather steeply. People who slept about five hours a night had about a 40 percent higher rate of heart attack than people who slept eight hours a night. Surprisingly, people who slept nine or more hours also had more heart attacks, though there was not as big an effect.” (Article source: www.dentalplans.com)

Other studies indicate that a lack of sleep affects not only the heart, but the mind as well. According to Mark Mahowald, a professor of neurology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, “One complete night of sleep deprivation is as impairing in simulated driving tests as a legally intoxicating blood-alcohol level.” (From The Franklin Institute Online at www.fi.edu/brain/sleep.htm)

Now here's an interesting tidbit you possibly never considered: If you're struggling with a weight problem, your answer could be to change your sleeping habits. A groundbreaking study, reported in the December 6, 2004, issue of *USA TODAY* revealed some surprising findings: “Too little sleep can make you fat.” The scientific explanation is that sleep loss raises the levels of a hunger hormone and lowers the levels of a hormone that creates a sense of satiety or fullness. The end result? Overeating and weight gain.

All this represents just a sampling of the more than 20,000 studies on sleep conducted by researchers over the years. Scientists are continually making new discoveries about the value of getting a good night's rest. Diabetes, insulin resistance, depression, impaired sexual functioning, and proneness to injuries, researchers say, are also some of the many conditions associated with a lack of sleep.

Rest Versus Sleep

But getting eight hours of shut-eye in the prone position is only one way of helping to restore our bodies. Remember the definition of sleep mentioned earlier? Though we often tend to equate one with the other, there is actually a difference between sleep and rest. Here's how Webster defines rest: “a bodily state characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities. To cease from action or

motion: refrain from labor or exertion. To be free from anxiety or disturbance.” In other words, when we’re resting, we’re not necessarily unconscious, but we are taking time out for a change of pace, to slow down, and to take a break from the hustle and bustle and stress of our normal workday activities.

Think about it. Have you ever had one of those days when you were going non-stop from the moment you woke up until you literally collapsed into bed at night? (I sure have.) Imagine if we were to carry on that way day after day. What do you think would be the result? We’d literally wear ourselves out, and eventually we’d become sick and die. Kevin Trudeau, author of *NATURAL CURES “THEY” DON’T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT*, compares that scenario to taking a battery-powered device and leaving it on until the battery is dead. He says that turning the device on for short periods and then turning it off for a while actually doubles the life of the battery. In the same way, rest lengthens our life span.

Some experts recommend taking a 20-minute daytime nap as a way of refreshing the brain and the body. A study of Japanese men found that a 20-minute nap improved their performance level and self-confidence. I once had a colleague at work who would actually close his office door for 30 minutes every day, stretch out on the floor, and take a snooze. At the time I thought the practice was rather strange, but in light of recent research, I believe he was actually a step ahead!



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Rest: An Ancient Concept

Though research continues to shed light on the importance of rest, the idea is as old as time itself. The Bible, in both the Old and the New Testaments, advocates the concept of rest. In Matthew 11:28 (NKJV) Jesus gave a refreshing invitation when He said, “Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” And in Jeremiah 6:16 God promises that if we walk in the “old paths” we will find “rest for [our] souls.” Even as far back as the book of Genesis, the Bible says that “on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done” (Genesis 2:2,

NKJV). I’d like to think that God didn’t rest because He was tired, but to allow Himself time to reflect on and enjoy His handiwork! If it worked for Him, surely it can work for us!

Get a Good Night’s Rest

According to Milton Crane, M.D., and Barbara Crane, R.D., of Weimar Institute, insomnia—having difficulty going to sleep—is the most common sleep disturbance today. Here’s what they suggest for dealing with mild insomnia:

- Go to bed and get up at the same time every day.
- Avoid caffeine.
- Don’t drink alcohol. It is not a good sedative despite what some recommend.
- Get regular exercise.
- Take a warm (not hot) bath or shower before bed.
- Keep your bedroom well ventilated.
- Spend time in quiet reflection and prayer.

The bottom line is, adequate sleep is essential to our health. If you’re still not convinced, try this little experiment: Start going to bed an hour earlier than usual, and, I guarantee, you’ll discover for yourself the rest of the story. I’m certainly up for the challenge. Are you?🙏



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Seventh-day Adventist Church® Statement on Aids

In order to increase awareness of the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on various subjects, the Atlantic Union GLEANER will publish monthly one of the position statements or guidelines voted by church leadership since 1980. These official statements were issued by the General Conference in session, the General Conference Executive Committee, the General Conference Administrative Committee, or the office of the General Conference president.

As the church continues to grow and make an influence, its role in the society will require that its views and what it holds true become known. Such will continue to be the demands of the society, and such will be the need to define Adventism's relevance, or present truth, to those who are asking questions and seeking answers to their dilemmas and problems.

The documents presented here are not an end in themselves, but a reflection of a movement sensitive to its calling and the people who "know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6, NIV).

Statement on Aids

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and associated conditions are spreading rapidly around the world. On the basis of statistical studies it is estimated that in the near future, in many countries of the world, every church congregation numbering 100 or more will include at least one member who has a friend or relative with AIDS.

AIDS is transmitted through two major sources: sexual intimacy with an infected person, and introduction of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) contaminated blood into the body either through injections with unsterile needles and syringes or through contaminated blood products. AIDS can be prevented by avoiding sexual contact before marriage and maintaining a faithful monogamous relationship with an uninfected person in marriage, and by avoiding the use of unsterile needles for injections and assuring the safety of blood products.

Adventists are committed to education for prevention of AIDS. For many years Adventists have fought against the circulation, sale, and use of drugs, and continue to do so. Adventist support sex education that includes the concept that human sexuality is God's gift to humanity.

Biblical sexuality clearly limits sexual relationships to one's spouse and excludes promiscuous and all other sexual relationships and the consequent increased exposure to HIV.

The Christlike response to AIDS must be personal—compassionate, helpful, and redemptive. Just as Jesus cared about those with leprosy, the feared communicable disease of His day, His followers today will care for those with AIDS. James advised, "What good is there in your saying to them, 'God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!'—if you don't give them the necessities of life?"—James 2:16, TEV.®

This public statement was released by the General Conference president, Neal C. Wilson, after consultation with the 16 world vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church, on July 5, 1990, at the General Conference session in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Resources

Listed are some resources that will help you learn more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church's beliefs, positions on specific topics, and established guidelines.

Web sites

Official Statements voted since 1980: www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html

Guidelines: www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/index.html

Fundamental Beliefs: www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html

Church Manual: www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/index.html

Other Documents: www.adventist.org/beliefs/other_documents/index.html

Books

Available online at AdventSource (www.adventsource.org) or your local Adventist Book Center (ABC) (www.adventistbookcenter.com)

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL

Bermuda Institute Builds Leaders

Bermuda Institute (BI) strives to provide an education that will equip our students to be productive citizens here on earth and also prepare them to live in heaven. We take seriously the charge that our students should be thinkers and not mere reflectors of others' thoughts. We train our students to be self-reliant but not self-sufficient, steadfast but not stubborn, disciplined but not demanding. This is the catalyst to producing stalwart leaders.

One such student who has begun the journey of becoming a strong positive leader is **DeShay Caines**, a senior at BI. Recently she enjoyed an experience of a lifetime—meeting and shaking hands with Queen Elizabeth II, the head of state of the United Kingdom. She, along with another Bermudian student, Mario Swainson, was elected as a delegate to represent Bermuda's Youth Parliament. She plans to pursue a career in law and political science. When asked how BI has assisted her in being a leader she responded, "God is our ultimate leader and we should strive to be like Him. God understands us and listens to us. He gives people the

power of choice. That's what good leaders do."

Leadership also involves persistence, courage, and sound judgment.

McKinnon Eldridge, co-editor of a local youth newspaper, displayed these qualities in such good measure that he was chosen to represent Bermuda at the United Nations (UN) in New York



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where he spoke in the UN general assembly. He presented a report on water catchment systems for small poor communities of Mexico and Africa.



DeShay Caines shakes hands with Queen Elizabeth II.

To encourage our **male students** to become strong leaders, the male teachers of BI strive to motivate them to fulfill their God-given potential and become positive leaders on campus, revolutionizing the school. Through community activities, lunch meetings, and social outings, the men of BI hope to inspire a generation of young "who will stand for the right though the heavens fall"—**EDUCATION**, p. 57.

Not only are we training our high school students to be leaders, but the youngsters in the elementary school are eager to embrace the qualities of leadership.

After observing a poultry farm as part of a social science project, the **third graders** decided to display what they had learned at the

annual agricultural exhibition. The class was very proud and excited to see that their entry won a second place ribbon (see photo on page 2).

Ultimately, our greatest desire at Bermuda Institute is to lead young people to Christ. All we do is to

that end. Faculty and staff get the utmost joy when a young person decides to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The conference has assigned two **Bible workers**, Loretta Gibbons and Eloise



During the 2006-2007 school year these students were baptized.

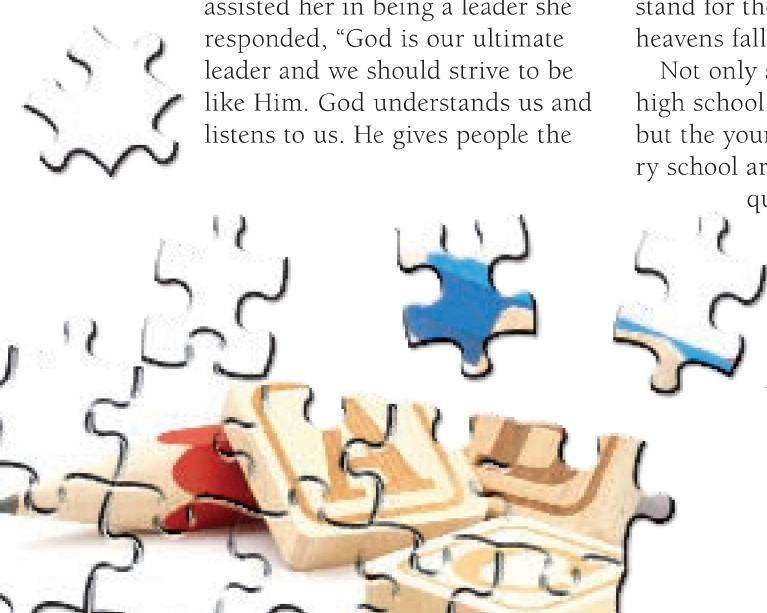
Symonds, to study consistently with our students to prepare them for baptism.

Adventist education nurtures and promotes a lifetime of service to the church and to the world as we prepare young people for happiness and success not only on earth but in the glorious life to come.①



Sheila Holder is superintendent of schools for the Bermuda Conference.

Putting the Pieces Together



Youth Talk

Atlantic Union youth share their opinions and ideas on various topics.

What are some experiences you had participating in *From Our Hearts*?

These responses are from six of the many Browning Elementary and South Lancaster Academy students who participated in the student-led *From Our Hearts* evangelistic series held in May 2007 at the Village Church of Seventh-day Adventists in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.



"*From Our Hearts* was a blessing to so many people in different ways. As a speaker, preparing and presenting a sermon is much harder than I expected. It gave me a new respect for pastors and what they have to do. I wanted to touch people with what I had to say, but in the process I became closer to God and was

blessed. When I speak in front of people I am usually very nervous. This time, however, I felt that God was with me because I was calm and could think and speak clearly. I am glad that God worked with us and that we completed these meetings for Him."—**Heidi Munding**, senior

"Less than a week before I was to speak at the *From Our Hearts* meetings I turned to God and received powerful additions to my message. I really grew closer to God and, because of this, I believe I delivered a more spiritual message, not only to the congregation, but to myself."—**Eric Morris**, freshman



"The evangelistic series idea came from chaplain and Bible teacher Jeff Marshall during the annual senior survival trip this past September. The title *From Our Hearts* was chosen because the students were sharing messages from their hearts along with a strong belief and personal relationship with God. The students

were in charge of the program from song service to closing prayer."—**Robert Drexler**, senior

"When *From Our Hearts* faculty coordinator Jeff Marshall asked me to participate in the meetings I expected him to ask me to be a behind-the-scenes person. Instead he asked me to be the music leader. I was surprised, as I am not that involved in music at school. I was ready to say no, but he challenged me to do something that changed my perspective. He told me to take some time and pray about it. I told the Lord if He wanted



me to do this He would need to give me a sign. Within the next few days I received an answer. Music started to flow through me. I realized this was God's answer. The song says, 'Deep down in my heart is where I want you to be Lord.' The next day I accepted the position. I put together a praise team

and sang the song for them. It was then that it was decided that song should be the official theme song for the series."—**Jessica Malcolm**, sophomore

"I have to admit I was skeptical about a bunch of teenagers pulling off a 14-day evangelistic series. I thought we were too busy, too inexperienced—too young. However, we learned that nothing's "too" much for God. We were blessed with a lot of support and advice from the community. It was fun to sit around with other students sharing ideas and suggestions for our sermons and then to be there when each student produced the finished product. I, for one, was blessed."—**Rebecca Barcelo**, senior.



"Writing my sermon was a great experience. In the first meeting we had I wanted to speak about Ephesus. Next it evolved into a talk about fire. When I met with Pastor Skip we wrote my outline. This outline was filled in by God and me later on. To date I have preached my sermon at least nine times

(four with a Spanish translator). I feel God blessed all the stages of my sermon, from preparation to the actual preaching."—**Chris Daum**, junior

If you are 30 years or younger, and would like to join these young people in sharing your opinions and ideas, e-mail the GLEANER editor at gleaner@atlanticunion.org. Photos this spread: Tamara Michalenko Terry.

A.J. Is on His Way!

Overcoming personal setbacks that would have discouraged many, Anston Roberts, Jr., persevered to win a prestigious scholarship to attend City College at the City University of New York this fall. The \$20,000 Petrie Award, as the scholarship is known, will cover his tuition for the next four years.

The Petrie Award is a competitive scholarship; only eight are awarded each year out of roughly 120 applicants. Applicants must score more than 1,200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

"We felt he was a strong student and deserving of the award," said Lee Linde, assistant director for City College's honors program.

A.J., as he's affectionately known, will be enrolled in the honors program with access to special advisors and mentors. He plans to pursue a double major in mechanical and electrical engineering. His ultimate career goal is to become an aerospace engineer.

Born in Trinidad and

Tobago, A.J. has battled the odds of survival from birth. While his mother was pregnant with him, she was exposed to x-rays on numerous occasions. Doctors suggested aborting the pregnancy, but that was not an option for the devout Seventh-day Adventist family.

A.J. was born healthy, but one day after coming home from the hospital, he suffered serious smoke inhalation from a fire next door. He would remain hospitalized for a month.

Then in 2001 at age 14, doctors discovered that he was suffering from scoliosis, curvature of the spine. He was brought to the U.S. for immediate surgery and would spend the next year recuperating and unable to attend school.

When he enrolled into Brooklyn's Erasmus Hall High School it wasn't long before his aptitude in sci-

ence and math was discovered. "I have always had a passion for engineering and designing and an unquenchable interest in the application of science in our everyday lives," he said.

Realizing his keen interest in engineering, he was encouraged to apply to the selective Aviation High School in Queens, New York. He was accepted, and once again made an impression on teachers, including his guidance counselor, Donald Celia who has known him for the past three years.

Celia noticed that A.J. was not a typical student. This was true not only academically, but he made an impression in another way.

"People in general would love to talk about their accomplishments," Celia said. "A.J. is the opposite. He's very reserved. If you don't approach him, he

would never tell you about his accomplishments. He doesn't boast about himself."

Last year, A.J. graduated from Aviation High School at the top of his class. He delivered the valedictory address, humbly crediting God and his close-knit family for helping to put him at the head, and not the tail.

Now 20 years old and facing a bright future, A.J. has the support of his parents, Anston, Sr., and Sheron; his older sister, Shimea, a Brooklyn College junior; and his Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church family. He currently serves in many church leadership roles, including youth elder, Sabbath School teacher, deacon, and Adventist Youth head secretary. The church's Family Life department recently honored him as "Youth of the Month."

His parents, both elders at Brooklyn church, are not surprised by A.J.'s recent achievement. "We always envisioned great things for him," said his mother. "And we know God has great things in store for him."

*Debbie Michel, communication director
Brooklyn church*



Jean-Les Michel

Anston J. Roberts, Jr., was presented with the "Youth of the Month" award at Brooklyn church.

New Pastor Installed at Brooklyn Church

Artemas Julien was installed on May 19 as the 12th pastor of the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church. He replaces Linford Martin, who has served as the church's pastor since February 2004.

Greater New York Conference president Richard Marker introduced Pastor Julien and his family to the congregation. Julien, a native of Guyana, comes to Brooklyn from Five Towns church and Beulah church where he was pastor for the past nine years.

Julien's first sermon, entitled "Why am I a Seventh-day Adventist?," covered a broad spectrum of Adventist beliefs ranging from Adventist church history to the Spirit of Prophecy. He told the



Pastor Artemas Julien was installed on May 19 as Brooklyn church's new pastor.

congregation of an impacting visit to William Miller's farm, nestled in the Adirondack Mountains near Low Hampton, New York. With tears streaming down his face, he spoke of being inspired. He shared that, as an Adventist pastor, he has the awesome responsibility of continuing in the footsteps of one of Adventism's pioneers.

Brooklyn church has a rich history dating back to the beginning of Adventism. Today, it stands as one of the oldest Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Greater New York Conference.

*Debbie Michel, communication director
Brooklyn church*

ChurchStep AY

When the week-long April showers finally cleared, it was a picture-perfect Sabbath day, the kind of day the Adventist Youth department had been praying for to have its scheduled community evangelistic program on the front steps of the church.

On Saturday afternoon, April 21, the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Department joined forces with the Personal Ministries, Health Ministries, Music, and Adventist Community Services departments to spread the gospel in the first of a series of "ChurchStep AY" programs.

Members sat outside the Ocean Avenue church while broadcasting their singing, preaching, and praying over a public address system for neighbors in the high-rise apartment buildings surrounding the church to hear.

The voice of youth pastor Jaime Kowlessar, of the Dunamis church, seemed to radiate for miles with his message, reminding youth that their value is actually God-determined, despite the false bartering system of the world.

Linford Martin, the church's pastor, prayed for the community and invited those within the sound of his voice to come visit our mission-driven church and experience our Christ-centered worship service. He said in a recent sermon, "The caring church goes out into the community."

There was Scripture reading, amplification of the Word, and music from the AY praise team—enough to hopefully whet the community's appetite to visit the church.

Health Ministries department member, Debra Patterson, prayed

with passersby and conducted blood pressure screenings for interested individuals. Ten people requested follow-up contact with the church.

During the program, Personal Ministries leader Anston Roberts, Sr., and his team handed out many copies of the book **NATIONAL SUNDAY LAW**. Meanwhile, Albert Hutchinson, Adventist Community Services department leader gave out bread.

"One of my favorite aspects of our worship service is the song, 'We Have Come into This House to Worship Him,'" said Adventist Youth leader, Jean Michel. "But with this 'ChurchStep AY,' it's apparent that at times to truly worship God, we need to come out of His house and proclaim His name to the neighborhood."

*Debbie Michel, communication director
Brooklyn church*

Emmanuel Church Treasurer Honored



Michael Green, Emmanuel church treasurer, with his wife, Pearlina, and daughters, Felecia and Alison.

Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church in the northeast section of the Bronx was almost filled to capacity with family, friends, and well-wishers on April 7 as one of its beloved members was honored for his dedicated service to the church.

Michael Green, an elder and founder of the church, was honored for his untiring, exceptional, and dedicated service as treasurer for more than 16 years. Green holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and utilizes his skills and talents in the church's treasury department.

Green was presented with two plaques, one by the treasurer from the Greater New York Conference Treasury Department and another from his church family. "This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflow-

ing in many expressions of thanks to God," said Rohann Wellington, the church's pastor, in a charge to Green.

Sharing in his joy was his wife, Pearlina, and daughters, Felecia and Alison.

*Marcia Hylton, church clerk
Emmanuel church*

What's Happening in Your Church?

Do you have news or other inspiring stories from your church that you would like to share with our readers?

Submit all articles and photos to your conference communication director.

For information on how and what to submit visit www.atlantic-union.org/gleaner.htm and click on "Guidelines for Submitting Articles."

We would love to hear from you!

Norman Wendth Accepts Presidency at Atlantic Union College

Norman Wendth, Ph.D., has accepted the presidency of Atlantic Union College. Wendth is a 1968 graduate of Atlantic Union College.

"The Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees is pleased that Dr. Wendth has accepted its offer to become the next president," says Donald King, chair. "Dr. Wendth is an alumnus of AUC and will provide

spiritual leadership and bring strong visionary and academic quality to the college. Our prayers and support go with him as he assumes the mantle of leadership."

In Wendth's acceptance statement he said, "I am very grateful for the invitation to serve God as president of Atlantic Union College. I know that AUC is God's college, that the college has been God's since its historic founding in the earliest years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and that its future is in God's hand.

"I know that the dedicated faculty of the college work diligently to direct and support the deepening faith of their students. I know that my own life of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the direct outcome of the direction I received

from AUC faculty and leaders when I was a student many years ago. I therefore know AUC as a school that makes a strong spiritual life the most important learning outcome.

"I pray for a college whose graduates are known for their active involvement in their local churches, alumni whose daily lives are lived so sweetly and winsomely that their very existence is a testimony to Adventist beliefs.

Most of all, I envision AUC sending hundreds of workers into the world vineyard, serving their church and their God with joyful diligence at home, in the workplace, and in their communities—Christians who are civic leaders, church leaders, business leaders, moral leaders.

"How could anyone not love such a school? I certainly do. Therefore, after many hours of prayer and consultation,

I have accepted the board's election as the invitation of the Lord, and have said 'yes.'"

Wendth spent time at AUC in June and will travel between colleges until his summer semester obligations are completed at Kettering.

*Cindy Kurtzhals
public relations director
Atlantic Union College*



Atlantic Union College president Norman Wendth

Cindy Kurtzhals

“His knowledge and thoughtfulness about Adventist higher education are unexcelled.”

Charles Scriven
President Kettering College of
Medical Arts

Wendth's acceptance of the AUC presidency was front cover news for the CLINTON ITEM. Kettering College of Medical Arts president, Charles Scriven, also said, "He will serve the Atlantic Union College community with distinction."

BACKGROUND:

Norman Wendth most recently served as dean for academic affairs at Kettering College of Medical Arts, Kettering, Ohio. His previous positions included chair of the Atlantic Union College Department of English and Division of General Studies; English professor at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California; English instructor at Nihon Saniku Gakuin in Sodegaura, Japan; and English instructor at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.

Wendth's doctorate in English was earned at Claremont Graduate School (now known as Claremont Graduate University) in Claremont, California; his master's degree in English at Loma Linda University; and his bachelor's degree in English at Atlantic Union College.

Some of Wendth's professional associations include Chief Academic Officers Executive Committee member, Southwestern Ohio Council of Higher Education (SOCHE), chair 2002-2004; John Henry Weidner Foundation Board of Trustees secretary; Dayton Peace Accords Project Board of Trustees member; Seventh-day Adventist Commission on Collaboration chair (that created the national Seventh-day Adventist College Consortium); former member of the Robinson Jeffers Association Grants and Awards Committee.

Intramural Sports—Christ-centered Recreation That Students Love at AUC!



Players of the year. From left, Estyvens Torchon, volleyball; Andrew Riley, men's basketball; Patrick Montero (seated), soccer; and Steve Booth, flag football.

“Our intramural sports program is not just your regular athletic program. Atlantic Union College is unique. The program is Christ-centered. There is honest play. Students are able to have fun; there’s no shoving with people being knocked to the floor or profanity being used. We play clean, we play hard, we play fair.”

—Sandy Smith, Coach



Jesus is the Answer. “The message on the gym floor says it all and sets the tone for sports,” says Coach Sandy Smith.

“I really enjoyed it here. It was fun and we had a lot of opportunities. I was one of the females who played every sport: basketball, flag football, and soccer. It was really, really interesting and Coach Smith really motivated us.”

—Carmella Cotrina, nursing major



Athletes of the year. From left, Marcelo Mansur, Carmella Cotrina, and Steve Booth.

“I thank God because He gave me strength to do this,” says Marcelo Mansur, theology major. “I played four sports and we were champions in all of them. They chose a male Athlete of the Year and I was chosen. It was AWESOME—I had so much fun.

“The sports were a witness to Jesus because everything was done to glorify Him. We had games every week and it was really fulfilling because with all the schoolwork, this was a relief for myself and for every student on this campus. I was busy with activi-

ties, and at the same time, I met a lot of people who played sports that were Christians—which we don’t really find in this world anymore.”

“When I think about parents who are going to be sending their young adults to college,” says coach Sandy Smith, “they’re looking for a quality education for them; a college that stresses Christian values; an environment that is safe; and one in which they can play and have fun. AUC is that school.”

Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director



Trophies for intramural sports for men and women: strong men competition, flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton singles and doubles, and the Paul Poyser, Jr., Triathlon.



Conference Workers Visit Historic Sites in Germany



The remains of the Berlin Wall.

What do the Ishtar Gate, historic sites connected with Martin Luther, and a Nazi concentration camp have to do with each other? During the week of January 31-February 8, pastors and administrative staff of the New York Conference participated in a spiritual retreat that included visits to these and other sites in Germany.

The Ishtar Gate is an amazing reconstruction of Babylonian archaeological finds, recreating the entrance

to Babylon through which Daniel would have passed as a captive youth. The group was encouraged to think about Daniel's

commitment to be faithful to the God he loved regardless of his circumstances. Many other exhibits brought to life Bible stories of God's power and providence.

The group also visited sites pertaining to Martin Luther including the monastery he joined as a youth of just 14 years, churches in Wittenberg where he preached, such as the place he nailed his "Ninety-Five Theses," the monastery that was given to him as his home, the castle in

which he translated the New Testament, and the place where he died. Each of these places served as a powerful call to commit to serious Bible study and for unwavering commitment to truth as it is revealed through the Holy Spirit.

It was on a cold and rainy day that the group visited Dachau Concentration Camp—the site where great brutality and evil were perpetuated. Visitors saw firsthand the gas chamber posing as a shower room and the furnaces into which bodies were slid on cots to be burned. In spite of Satan's many triumphs in this place, it proved to be, as well, a place where courage and loyalty to God could not be stamped out.

North American Division president Don Schneider, and his wife, Marti, led this tour, punctuating it with frequent calls to recommit hearts and minds to the Savior who gave His all for us. Eighteen pastors along with office staff and a few spouses experienced a renewal of dedication and purpose as well as a fresh sense of teamwork and camaraderie as a result of this trip.

*Kim Kaiser, communication director
New York Conference*



The church door where Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses.

Photos: Sally Tochtlieman

Something is Cooking in Buskirk!

Who says that learning to cook a new thing can't be fun! It was lots of fun Sunday evenings during the month of March when Jennifer Ford and her daughters, Jessica and Heather, taught a diverse group about healthy vegetarian cooking.

Ford shared different aspects of the health message, including the eight natural remedies of START NEW: Sunlight, Temperance, Fresh Air, Rest, Trust in God, Nutrition, Exercise, and Water. Each week she focused on major health issues and covered two elements of the health message. One week was devoted to vegetarian breakfasts, another to soups and veggie burgers. Although prepackaged meat alternatives were introduced, the focus was on preparing good healthy vegetarian

meals from items available in our local grocery stores.

There was plenty of great food to sample and Ford shared many easy to make recipes. Some of the recipes included gluten (which is a mystery to many new Adventists), scrambled tofu and alfalfa sprouts. Eager to learn more about a healthy vegetarian lifestyle, the young and the old listened, learned, sampled, questioned, and gained confidence in leaving old eating habits behind.

As we face new challenges of living a lifestyle for the glory of God, let us think of the great example of Daniel, "And at the end of ten days



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their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat"—Daniel 1:15.

*Susan Carpenter, communication leader
Buskirk church*

Westvale Church is Active with Community Events

The Westvale church held two events recently that focused on the community. Under the leadership of Sally Hafner, the first event, an eight-week micro-CHIP (Cardiac Health Improvement Program), was held in preparation for a full CHIP event scheduled for the fall. Approximately 20 people attended each Sunday evening for instruction, spiritual fellowship, tasty food samples, and support for making lifestyle changes.

The second event focused on nurses. In honor of National Nurse's Week, which began May 6, the Westvale church held a nurse's Sabbath on May 5.



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During the service approximately 20 nurses, including several visitors, were invit-

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ed to the front for a word of encouragement from Elvira Szigeti, dean for the Upstate

Medical University College of Nursing in Syracuse. Each nurse received a special nurse prayer card and a pen. The children's story was even part of the nurses' program as Joan Payne R.N., N.P., told a story about "rotten teeth" and provided each child with a new toothbrush, a little tube of toothpaste, and an activity booklet on good dental care.

Pastor Bill Hrovat preached about "The Gentle Healer." *Circle of Friends*, a musical group from St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Syracuse, provided special music.

*Joan Payne, communication secretary
Westvale church*

Oneida Baptisms the Result of Teamwork

The New York Conference Native American church district launched a Bible-based project following the blueprint found in Scripture.

Ben Bernard joined the Native team as a Bible worker who was eager to make a difference for God. Preceding an evangelistic effort at the Oneida church, Bernard and other church members handed out books and advertisements door-to-door in the local community. Two weeks later a phone call was received from a lady wishing to pay for the book left on her door. I explained it was not necessary to pay for the book, but she was welcome to attend church on Sabbath and place a donation in the offering plate.

Denise Skinner did attend church that week and through Bible studies, warm fellowship and prayer, made her decision to follow the Creator's invitation, when He said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"—Revelation 3:20.

Bernard and the Oneida church members witnessed Skinner's baptism on April 14, along with four other people who had come as a result of door-to-door visits—the blessing of teamwork designed by God. Wonderful experiences await those who follow the counsels of the Lord.

*Bruce Wilkinson, pastor
Oneida and Onondaga churches*

The Joy of Troy Church presents
CHAPLAIN BARRY BLACK
September 15 at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
35 State Street in Troy
Lunch provided



The Time I Doubted

You often hear stories of faithful followers who put aside their tithe and trust God to provide the rest. This isn't one of them. This is a story about how God taught me a lesson when I thought I knew better.

My mother had been after me to pick up her dry cleaning all week, and every night I kept forgetting. Finally, driving home Thursday night I remembered to stop by the cleaners and reluctantly handed the man behind the counter my last \$20 bill. I had planned to use \$15 to buy gas the next day and return the last \$5 as tithe, but so much for that plan! I looked down at my change and cringed,

\$7! *Oh well*, I thought to myself, *when I get home Mom will reimburse me and then I'll be set*. Arriving home, I dropped my mom's clothes off in her room and told her how much money it cost.

"Sorry dear," she said, "but I can't get you the money until tomorrow. I have to go to the bank and get change."

"OK," I replied. "All I need is gas to get me home tomorrow, so I guess I'll just have to use my tithe money."

Just then, my dad walked in. "What is this I hear?" He gave me a questioning look. "Why are you using your tithe money on other things?"

I tried to explain my situation to

him, and that I would just return the tithe later, but he refused to hear it.

"No, Rebecca, you *never* use your tithe for anything else. If you don't have enough to meet your needs, God will provide, but set that money apart for God." I frowned and walked back into my room.

The next morning I was getting ready to go to school when I saw the \$7 sitting on my night stand. I stared at it, deciding what I should do. *All I need is enough to get me home tonight and I'll be set*, I thought. *Five dollars would do the job, but I don't know where I'm going to get \$5 at school*. My father's words rang in my head. "The Lord will Provide. *Yeah, sure, the Lord will provide. From where? I'll take it just in case*. I stuffed the money into my jean pocket, grabbed my backpack, and jumped in the car.

When I got to school, I parked the car and began to gather my belongings for the day. As I stood there a truck pulled up next to my car.

"Hey Bec, how are you this morning?" It was my friend Ryan's dad. "Could you do me a favor this afternoon and give Ryan a ride home?"

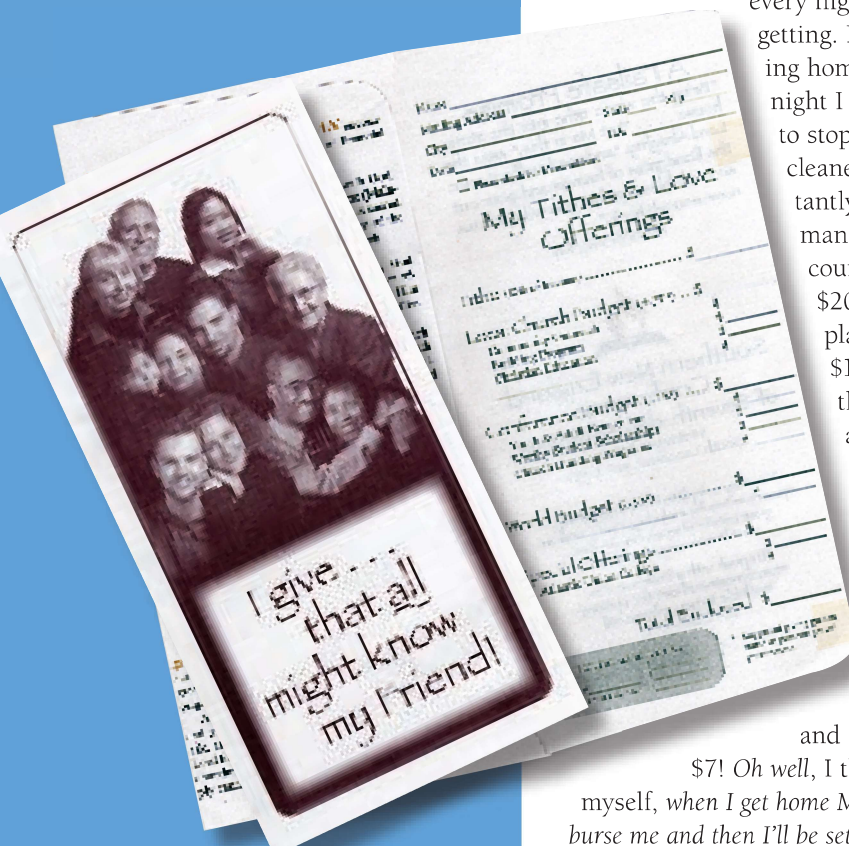
"Yeah, no problem Mr. Steitz."

He handed me a \$5 bill for gas, which he said I must take, and then drove off. I shrugged and headed down the hall toward my locker, then abruptly stopped in the middle of hallway. Five dollars? I looked down at the bill and smiled. *OK Lord*, I thought. *I get it. Nothing is impossible for You*.

That day I learned a big lesson about how seriously God takes tithing and that He really does expect us to trust Him. Yes, He will provide. ☺



Rebecca Barcelo wrote this story in her senior year at South Lancaster Academy. She graduated in June 2007.



By
Rebecca
Barcelo

HEARTQUEST

Turning Friends into Believers

Do you have a friend you would love to bring to Christ, but you can't get them to come to church? Is your heart breaking over a member of your family who has never accepted Jesus? What will it take for the Spirit to break through and claim that [individual] for His kingdom?

Sue was just such a person. Sue's aunt and uncle prayed for her every day and invited her to church every week, but church was a place Sue just wouldn't go. An unpleasant experience during her teenage years had left such a bad taste in her mouth that Sue just couldn't stand the thought of going to church. Her aunt and uncle wondered how Sue would ever hear the gospel.

The breakthrough came when Sue's aunt decided to hold a small group Bible study in her home. Sue accepted the invitation, formed close relationships with the member of the study group, and eventually accepted Jesus as her Savior. Some time later, Sue began to attend church.

When asked what made the difference, Sue pointed to the relationships she had formed in the non-threatening environment of her aunt's home.

The world is filled with people just like Sue, who are unlikely to ever go to church, but who might come to your home. That's why NET 2007 is designed to be something different.

The North American Division asked *Faith For*

Today to design a NET event specifically for home use. The series, *HeartQuest: Finding the One Who has Loved You All Along*, has been crafted so that those who have the church satellite system can register their home as an evangelistic downlink site.

HeartQuest is a series of 13 broadcasts created for today's generation, with follow-up lessons designed to prepare candidates for baptism. The series will begin October 19.

In the opening meeting, Jesus will be presented as the fulfillment of the human heart's longing for love, meaning, and acceptance.

Every subsequent meeting will focus on how to grow in the love relationship we establish with Jesus that first night. Every doctrine will be viewed from the perspective of its value as an aid to personal spiritual growth.

Justification by faith in Christ will be the theme, especially of the first meeting, but revisited often throughout the series. Sanctification by faith in Christ will be the central theme of subsequent meetings as the distinctive teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are viewed through the lens of the Cross.

Why are we using this

method? Post-modernism has changed the worldview of emerging generations, rendering our time-tested methods less effective than with previous generations. Previous generations were seekers of truth. Adventist doctrines are beautifully logical and easily proven from Scripture. Once convinced of the truthfulness of our doctrines, previous generations found them easy to embrace.

Today's culture is very different. True postmoderns are not seekers of truth, but

seekers of relationships and meaning.

To be effective in reaching this generation, evangelistic methods must focus

on developing relationships through felt-need programming, or use existing relationships of trust between secular people and church members. Reaping meetings must be tailored specifically to appeal to the needs of secular people. This is the method I've used the past 14 years in the church I pastor, and God has used it for His glory.

Local churches can register as downlink sites as with previous NET meetings, but the new twist for this series is that owners of the HOPE satellite dish will be invited to turn their home into a

downlink site where friends, neighbors, and family members will be invited to view the broadcasts. All the support materials available to churches will be made available to dish owners as well. Advertising materials, manuals, and a visitation guide will be provided for each registered site. Nightly sermons and study guides, as well as the baptismal guides, will be provided for download to your computer printer. Gift Bibles and books will be available for purchase at reduced rates. Many of the resources and all you need to know about *HeartQuest* are available at www.HeartQuest.info/host.

Your home can become an evangelistic downlink site! Your television can be used as a tool to reach this generation for Christ. If you're not sure that your dish is working properly or if you do not receive the Hope Channel, then call 800-ACN-1119 for equipment sales and services.

Join us as we attempt something new for Jesus. Plan now to register your church or home at www.HeartQuest.info/host as a satellite downlink site for this innovative evangelistic series.

Join us in reaching secular people with the news of a soon-coming Savior. ☺

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Mike Tucker is speaker/director for the Faith for Today television ministry.

New Spanish Mission in Syracuse, New York

On January 20 another Spanish mission was added to the Northeastern Conference family. Approximately 100 individuals and church officials attended the inauguration service celebrated at Mt. Carmel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syracuse, New York.

In attendance were Isaias Rojas, Northeastern Conference Hispanic Ministries coordinator, Pablo Huerfano, pastor from the Rochester First Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mt. Carmel's pastor, Nigel Stoddard, and Tulio Terrero, pastor of Amsterdam and Utica Spanish Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Nancy Muselli and I were recognized for our pioneering efforts in the summer of 2005 when we followed God's call to form another

Hispanic church in Syracuse, New York. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, the support and supervision of Pastor Stoddard and members



Pastor Pablo Huerfano, left, was among those in attendance at the inauguration of the new Spanish mission and Louis A. Velez nurtured the members of the mission along the way.

of the Mt. Carmel church, the plans became a reality within a few months.

Under the leadership of Louis A. Velez, an elder, the group took on new challenges and reached new heights as it outgrew its first meeting place and began meeting in a larger room to accommodate the 40-plus members and visitors attending. Within the first year, 12 individuals were baptized and the group grew in number and talent.

Members from neighboring churches attended the all-day celebration as they enjoyed special music and the message presented by Pastor Rojas. Tulio Terrero was named pastor of the new Syracuse Hispanic Mission. Soon, with the Lord's help, they plan to become the next Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist church.

*Martha Rodriguez, communication coordinator
Mision Adventista Latinoamericana*

Ephesus Installs New Youth Pastor

Jamie M. Kowlessar was installed as the 29th youth pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York City on Saturday, April 28. The Brooklyn native who did his undergraduate work

at Atlantic Union College and completed a Master's of Divinity at Andrews University, was joined by his mother and other family members as the church welcomed him into their fellowship.

Pastor Blue, holding microphone, and the Ephesus church elders pray for Jamie M. Kowlessar, center, at his installation service on April 28.



Nancy Ruffledge

Kowlessar takes over the helm of a dynamic youth church which has operated without interruption since March 1955. He joins an impressive list of notable pastors who have been youth pastors at Ephesus. Structured to mirror the senior church, Ephesus' youth church has proven to be a great training ground for developing young people for Christian service with its own church board, and local leaders, giving the youth an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Kowlessar would like to take this training one step further and plans to create disciples for Christ through our young people. He has joined the ministerial staff at Ephesus at a very exciting time for this historic congregation. The

church is near completion of a \$2.2 million restoration and is set to open a resource center in the near future. Dedrick Blue, senior pastor of the church, welcomes the opportunity to work with Kowlessar.

There is no doubt that the youth of today face unprecedented challenges as they strive to do God's will, but we are confident that through the leadership of Pastor Kowlessar, our young people at Ephesus will be equipped with the teachings that will enable them to resist the lures of this world and make it into the earth made new.

*Basil Daley, communication director
Ephesus church*

Linden Church Celebrates Religious Liberty Day

Elected officials and community members joined members of the Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church as it celebrated Religious Liberty Day on March 31. United States Senate chaplain Barry Black served as the keynote speaker.

"We recognize those who are making and have made contributions to our community, especially in the work of religious liberty—a privilege we hold so dear," said David Glover, the church's pastor.

The church presented Congressman Gregory Meeks with a plaque for his work in support and sponsorship of the Religious Liberty Act. "It's indeed an honor and a pleasure to be at Linden church. As you walk into this facility you can feel the power and presence of the Almighty God whom I serve," said Meeks. "Great tragedies are taking place in Darfur and that is because of the lack of religious liberty. People are being killed every day because of their religious beliefs. I look forward to coming back and working with you as we continue to uphold this privilege."

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee from Texas, Councilman James Sanders, Jr., from Laurelton, New York, and Executive Assistant District Attorney Jesse Sligh received tokens of appreciation for their work in maintaining religious liberty.

Lee grew up in the Linden church and is a religious liberty crusader and staunch defender of the Constitution.

"We must be on the battle field protecting the rights of religious liberty," Lee told the congregation.

Sanders congratulated the church for its work in the surrounding community. "Linden understands it does not close down... because it continues to work for the community after the Sabbath," Sanders said.

Linden also presented the 2007 Employer of the Year Award to Bennett Schepens, dean of Nyack College



Chaplain Barry Black presented the worship service message at Linden church on Religious Liberty Day.

School of Education.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued a proclamation making Saturday, March 31 Religious Liberty Day in New York City. "You celebrate a great cause—that of religious liberty," the proclamation read. "New York City has stood as a beacon of tolerance, welcoming people of all religions, languages, and cultures. Worshipers of myriads of religions work side by side in mutual respect."

Chaplain Barry Black, the speaker for

the worship service, presented a message entitled, "Giving God Your Best" in which he stressed the need to get back to basics with regard to developing a loving relationship with God. Black, the first African-American and the first Seventh-day Adventist Christian to serve as Senate chaplain states, "I'm just 'a nobody' trying to tell everybody that Somebody saves." He is the 62nd United States Senate chaplain and "is a man that has climbed many mountains." His work as Senate chaplain is non-sectarian and involves counseling and spiritual care for the Senators, their families and staff, a combined constituency of 7,000 people.

The Adventist Youth (AY) program in the afternoon was well attended as was the morning's worship service. Many returned to hear and take note of the remarkable differences we can make if we continue to be religious liberty workers for the Lord. We were blessed to participate in an interactive discussion with Chaplain Black and to hear special music from the Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Choir.

The day's events were filled with praise and gratitude to our Father and Master, the grand liberator of all people. Let's continue to stand up for Christ in upholding religious liberty—a God-given right and duty—for all to see.

Karlene Hamilton, communication staff and members in the Religious Liberty department, Linden church

Bethany's Women's Ministries Day

April 28 was a big day at Bethany as they celebrated Women's Ministries

Day under the leadership of JoAnne Carryl, the church's Women's Ministries leader.

The day's highlight was our guest speaker, Carol Barron who spoke on the topic "Where Have You Laid It?" She encouraged the congregation to

give to the Lord all the things that will keep them from not being accountable. "Self-pity, greed, gossip, self-righteousness, revenge, pride, and fear will keep you locked up," said Barron. "The church will accept anything, but God will not. We should leave the burdens we carry at the foot of Jesus."

Beverly Knight, Women's Ministries leader for the Queens/Long Island area spoke briefly about the

ministry's involvement in teaching young girls how to conduct themselves appropriately.

Special thanks to the program participants: Samella Carryl, Ange Pierre, Lyn Williams, Lillian Jackson, Adonica Mullings, Delores Graham and Mirianne Herron. Many thanks also to our sister churches for their support.

*Sydni Baker, junior writer
Bethany church*



Pictured left to right are Beverly Folkes, Mirianne Herron, Lillian Jackson, Luceana Merverge, JoAnne Carryl, Adonica Mullings, and Vera Talbert with Bethany's Women's Ministries guest speaker, Carol Barron.

Educate, Educate, Educate

In Atlantic Union, we are proud of the promise that the work will return to the east with power in the last days, and it is happening. Doors are miraculously opening for our precious health message to unite with the Third Angel's Message, as God spreads the gospel throughout Northern New England.

Last year, John Clark, M.D., gave up his practice as an orthopedic surgeon to teach the health message full time. Since then he has developed compelling PowerPoint presentations for church and community alike, and has built a team to assist in making the presentations practical and doable. He has a full week of topics available: "Cancer; What's Eating You?," "Diabetes: the Butter with the Sweet," "Osteoporosis: No Cracking up Please," "Arthritis: Don't Let Pain Get You Down," "Low Back Pain: Lifting the Burden," "Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: Is Surgery the Only Answer?," "Healthy 100: Breaking the Age Barrier," "Health and Spirituality," and "Glorify God in Your Body."

Each night, Darlene Cropley demonstrates several recipes using foods that Clark recommends for a particular

complaint. While participants are enjoying tasty samples, Jane Kuntz shares tips on the value of these foods, and at the back of the room, Norm Cropley, a literature evangelist, has a table spread with books on foods for health and healing, recipes, and herbal remedies. Participants go home equipped to put into practice what they have learned. This week-long program is proving very popular. Churches who have hosted it so far include: Bangor, Whiting, St. Albans, Drewsville, Laconia, Limington, and Lincoln.

"Educate, educate, educate" is the watch word, and people are starving for a lack of health knowledge. One prevalent concern, other than the major lifestyle diseases mentioned, is the Bird Flu. What can we do about it? Is it really that big of a deal?

In response to this concern, Clark has developed a three-part training to equip church members to respond to this need, should the Bird Flu indeed arrive on our shores. Part 1: "What It Is?" goes into detail on the nature of the illness, with clear comparisons to the Bird Flu epidemic of 1918, named The Spanish Flu at that time. Anyone watching



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Part 1 will be highly motivated to return for Part 2 on prevention, because they will have learned that it is a very virulent and deadly disease. In Part 2, Clark teaches about the immune system and exactly which parts need to be strengthened in order to combat the flu.

A 30 percent attack rate is predicted. We certainly would choose to be among the 70 percent who are not victims! So each of the eight natural remedies (pure air, sunlight, temperance, rest, exercise, proper diet, use of water, and trust in divine power) are studied with emphasis on how to apply each one in relation to fortifying the immune system. It turns out that "an apple a day does keep the doctor away," because apples are rich in quercetin, a potent anti-inflammatory, and contain phytochemicals that inhibit flu viruses. Five or more apples a week will greatly improve lung function.

Another easy tip is to eat two Brazil nuts a day. They are one of the best sources of selenium, an antioxidant mineral that strengthens the immune system's antibody response, and vitamin E, which works with selenium to give a super boost to the immune system. Participants

leave session two armed with a list of all the foods to include and a few to leave off!

Part 3 teaches how to treat the Bird Flu if anyone is unfortunate enough to come down with it. In 1918, both the regular hospitals and the army hospitals struggled valiantly, but had poor success at a cure: 6.9 percent died of the flu itself and 17 percent caught pneumonia following the flu. The only medical institutions that did have success were those that, like Battle Creek Sanitarium, employed hydrotherapy as the mainstay of their methods. Here only 0.5 percent of patients died and only one percent went on to develop pneumonia. Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, of Battle Creek Sanitarium, actually wrote an article on treating the Spanish Flu. Clark has studied Kellogg's techniques, and in Part 3 he demonstrates them. Camden church is the first to have hosted this three-part series.

Our state and our nation have no plans other than enforced quarantine and hopes of antivirals and vaccines which have not helped in China and Indonesia. We are grateful that God does have a plan. For more information contact Julie Clark at (909) 435-0066.

*Jane Kuntz, evangelism coordinator
Northern New England Conference*



2007 Alumni Weekend

October 26-27, 2007

Honor Classes: 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002

For more details visit the alumni section of the Pine Tree Academy Web site at www.pinetreeacademy.org

Voices of Zion in Concert

Voices of Zion, a men's quartet, has been singing together for nearly 20 years. Three of the group, Bradley Krueger (1st tenor), Brendan Krueger (2nd tenor), and Robert Mills (baritone), have known each other since early childhood. They met M. Moses Andrade (bass) when the four attended Atlantic Union College.

Unlike many traditional quartets, Voices of Zion offers sacred music spanning the musical history of the church from the Renaissance to contemporary Southern Gospel and has performed throughout the United States and worldwide.

All are trained singers and musicians dedicated to singing for God and uplifting the church. Most recently, Voices of Zion held successful fund-raising concerts for schools, churches, and non-profit organizations including a fund-raiser for Pine Tree Academy. Bradley is currently part of the adjunct music faculty at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan; Brendan is principal and band director at Pine Tree



Voices of Zion members, front row: Brendan Krueger and Bradley Krueger; back row: M. Moses Andrade and Robert Mills, have been singing together for nearly 20 years.

Academy in Freeport, Maine; Robert is a pastor in Wisconsin: and M. Moses is a pastor in Pennsylvania.

*A'Lisa Andrade, pastor's wife
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

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An 11-year-old Witnesses For God



Jaslyn grew her hair more than the 10-inch requirement for Locks of Love.

The Bible says in Luke 6:31, “do to others as you would have them do to you.” Jaslyn Sinclair, 11, a North Stamford Tigers Pathfinder and newly baptized member of the North Stamford, Connecticut, church, has taken that Bible text to heart in a number of ways.

Last summer she heard about an organization called Locks of Love, a nonprofit group that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children. All she had to do was grow her hair more than the ten-inch minimum, so she did.

In December, Lisa Pampena, owner of Hairway to Heaven in Stamford, cut 11 inches off Jaslyn’s hair and styled it free of charge, a gift to Jaslyn for her donation.

But Jaslyn didn’t stop there. She wrote an essay about her experience and sent it to the local paper. THE



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ADVOCATE editors were so impressed with her essay that they printed it along with her “before” and “after” pictures. It appeared in the Sunday, December 10, 2006, issue. (See sidebar for article.)

“We are very happy they chose to highlight Jaslyn’s article,” said parents Robin and Christine Sinclair, who are “amazed that they did not omit the Christian aspect of the article. Jaslyn was able to get her message... to the entire community that we should not take for granted what we have and that we should share what we have with others.”

Compiled from information received from Christine Sinclair and Charlotte Thoms



Jaslyn with her newly styled hair and donation for Locks of Love.

Hair Care

Jaslyn Sinclair, 11, of Stamford, recently donated 11 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love Foundation. Her hair was cut by Lisa Pampena, owner of Hairway to Heaven in Stamford. Pampena cut and styled Jaslyn’s hair free of charge, a gift to Jaslyn for her donation.

Jaslyn sent in an essay describing her experience:

“You are probably wondering what is Locks of Love? It is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss called alopecia areata. Through the efforts of Locks of Love and their generous donors, these children are given something back that they have lost. That thing is their hair and a new sense of self-esteem.

“We take for granted that we have hair. Some of us even spend hours in front of the mirror doing our hair. I thought that it would be nice to give some of my hair to a child that is bald. Lisa, the owner of Hairway to Heaven, cut 11 inches off of my hair to donate. The Bible says, ‘do to others as you would have them do to you’ (Luke 6:31). If I were sick, I know I would like to have a wig. Wouldn’t you?”

“I heard about Locks of Love while at the pool. God works in some interesting ways doesn’t He? My family and I were at a hotel pool and met a really nice older couple. They were talking about how their granddaughter had just donated to the Locks of Love Foundation. Ever since then I’ve wanted to do it. The next week, I received a flier at school about Locks of Love and asked my parents if I could be a donor.

“You may not think that giving away your hair is such a major thing, but it is. It not only is a great opportunity for the children in need, but for the donors as well. I did this for a good reason, to help others. Lots of people tell me I did a kind thing and that makes me feel good. All big flowers start from little seeds.

“Now every time you go to your mirror, think about what you just read. You might have long hair, you might have short hair. You might even hate your hair, but remember those who aren’t as fortunate as you.”

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Fall River Church Burns Mortgage



Tamara Terry

The Fall River church members rejoiced at the completion of their last mortgage payment and celebrated with a mortgage burning on February 24, dedicating their church free and clear of any debt. Pictured, from left are Southern New England Conference Treasurer Randall Terry, Lloyd Hallock, pastor, and Leo Acker, church treasurer. Southern New England Conference executive secretary Juan Borges presented the dedicatory message.

Browning/SLA Holds Student-led Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer was fantastic! The students really appreciated the little but enormous changes that were made such as the location. Just having it in the gym created a different atmosphere. Students from grades five to eight were also participants. Their presence made it so much more jovial and cheerful.

Each day a different class led out: seniors led out on Monday, juniors on Tuesday, sophomores were in charge on Wednesday, freshman on Thursday, and on Friday a mixed

group led out. The sermons were awesome. Students preached—which held the attention of their peers and made it easier for the students to relate to the messages.

We also had unique performances such as signing, singing, and instrumentals. The special selections we had were all wonderful. Thanks to all the classes and Browning for participating and making this student Week of Prayer memorable.

*Precious Erving, junior
South Lancaster Academy*

Share Your Story

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Steede Presents Week of Prayer at Cedar Brook

During the week of March 4, the Cedar Brook school held its annual Spring Week of Prayer. Pastor David Steede II was the guest speaker. He elevated the Word of God with songs, such as “The B-I-B-L-E,” scriptures including Psalm 119:107, 133 and John 1:1, and sermons that showed how Jesus, Daniel, and his three friends overcame the trials and temptations of the devil because of their thorough knowledge of the Scripture.

At the end of the week Pastor Steede handed out prizes to the students

for memorizing the five memory texts discussed that week.

Throughout the Week of Prayer Pastor Steede had the students “tune in” to “Channel 1.” Each day they repeated after him, saying: Some books are very good. And some books are great fun. But for the Cedar Brook students, the Bible is number 1.

Pastor Steede also allowed some of the older kids to write a verse to a song that would serve to foster school spirit for many years to come.

Even though the prizes, singing, and recitations



Spring Week of Prayer guest speaker Pastor David Steede II is pictured with Cedar Brook students and faculty.

were educational and fun, the altar call on Friday was the best part of the program, as almost all of the

students pledged to commit God’s Word to their hearts.

*Dausele Vieira, principal
Cedar Brook school*

Nineteen Baptized at Devonshire Meetings

The first quarter of 2007, and the month of March in particular, was one of evangelistic excitement at Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church. Nineteen individuals were baptized between January 1 and March 31.

One of the events held during that period of time was the Endtime Series with speakers Calvin Watkins, Steve Cassimy, Philip Willis, Errol McLean, and Burnett Robinson. Singer, songwriter, and music leader Gale Jones Murphy provided special music for the meetings. The sermons were powerful and dramatic, the appeals were clear and convincing, and the responses were prompted by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The testimonies of those baptized were inspiring as they rejoiced about knowing Jesus.

Dunn and Mary O'Mara were among those baptized during the series. During a visit to Dunn O'Mara's home, Evangelist Robinson from the Florida Conference discovered that Dunn is the brother of Pastor Patrick O'Mara. Robinson rejoiced at this because more than 30 years ago Pastor O'Mara was the evangelist who baptized Robinson's wife at an evangelistic meeting in Jamaica.

Devonshire church is looking forward to seeing more individuals

touched by messages presented at the next set of meetings, the New Beginnings Bermuda series with evangelist Jessie Wilson.

*Errol McLean, Pastor
Devonshire church*

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Church Works 2007—Sharing God with Bermuda

The Bermuda Conference and New Beginnings Bermuda held Church Works 2007 from April 20 to 22 at the Bermuda Institute Complex. Church Works is about every member being involved in ministry and every ministry being about outreach.

Each church was represented by a team of members who were challenged to do deep

personal reflection and strategic planning. Stimulating and meaningful presentations, interspersed with prayer, were made by Russell Burrill, North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI) director; Edward Schmidt, NADEI associate director; and Rod and Donna Willey, lay pastors and church planters of two new Illinois churches. Marti Schneider, an associate in the World Church's Global Mission department and wife of the North American Division president Don Schneider, accompanied them.

*Edwin Smith
communication director
Rockaway church*



Church groups listen to instructions from Eduard Schmidt at Bermuda Conference's Church Works 2007.

Walla Walla College Steel Band Performs in Bermuda

Visiting Bermuda from College Place, Washington, the Walla Walla College (WWC) Steel Band brought a joyful spirit to the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church worship service and provided the perfect accompaniment for featured speaker Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president. King's message from the book of Job, entitled "The Power of Knowing," captivated the congregation, particularly King's A to Z catalogue of Bible vitamins.

Other performances for the WWC steel band included Bermuda Institute's awe-inspiring and student-led Week of Prayer and a steel band concert with Bermuda Institute's own steel band.

William Linthwaite, Bermuda Institute's band teacher, coordinated this group of young people, demonstrating yet another powerful advertisement for Christian education.

*Jeffrey Brown, president
Bermuda Conference*

Le Conseil Science et Foi se réunit et embrasse la croyance adventiste en un Dieu créateur

Malgré l'émergence continuelle de théories sur les origines du monde, l'église adventiste du septième jour déclare: "Nous croyons toujours à la création en six jours présentée dans la Bible." Il y a deux ans environ, la Conférence Générale de l'église a formé une équipe composée de scientifiques adventistes qui croient en la Bible, de théologiens et de dirigeants de l'église, pour faire en sorte que l'église adventiste donne un témoignage clair et sans ambiguïté de sa foi, en un Dieu créateur. Cette équipe porte le nom de Conseil Science et Foi, elle s'est réunie pour la deuxième fois le 18 avril dernier.

Lors de cette réunion annuelle, les membres ont voté d'étudier plusieurs sujets d'un point de vue théologique et scientifique, et de faire des comptes-rendus de leur travail. Ils ont aussi décidé de parrai-

ner des conférences publiques. Ainsi, des experts en science et en théologie dans le domaine des origines basées sur la Bible, pourront parler sur la création et sur d'autres sujets en lien avec la création. Ils ont aussi pris la décision d'appuyer la production de matériel pédagogique par l'Institut de recherche en géosciences de l'église. Ce matériel est destiné à l'usage des pasteurs et enseignants qui ont une approche des origines centrée sur la Bible.

Ted Wilson, vice-président de l'église adventiste mondiale et vice-président du Conseil Science et Foi admet: "Dans la société, les membres d'église sont bombardés de théories et concepts évolutionnistes. Nous devons être dynamiques lorsque nous expliquons ce en quoi nous croyons. Un de nos challenges est d'aider les intellectuels qui traitent ce sujet à

combiner leur foi et une évidence scientifique apparente."

Gerald Karst, vice-président de l'église adventiste mondiale et président du Conseil Science et Foi, affirme: "Nous n'ignorons pas les défis que nous lance la science, mais nous croyons, par la foi, en la Parole de Dieu. Grâce au Conseil, nous faisons un effort pour discuter et fournir de la documentation sur la création biblique."

Le Conseil a vu le jour suite à une série de rencontres Science et Foi. Ces réunions organisées par la Conférence Générale ont eu lieu de 2002 à 2004. De ces rencontres a résulté un document intitulé "La création confirmée." Ce document identifiait le besoin de clarifier la position adventiste sur la nature littérale et historique de la création en six jours, telle qu'elle est présentée dans la Bible. L'église

adventiste s'est occupée de cette question en adoptant une déclaration intitulée "Réponse à la création confirmée." Cette déclaration a initié le Conseil Science et Foi, qui, avec des universitaires et dirigeants adventistes, a une représentation mondiale.

En 2006, lors de la première rencontre du Conseil, les objectifs et méthodes de travail du Conseil ont été définis. A la seconde réunion, des priorités ont été posées sur des questions spécifiques qui ont besoin d'être étudiées, et les tâches ont été assignées. Le Conseil a aussi discuté sur comment faire pour que l'église adventiste donne un témoignage clair et sans ambiguïté de sa foi en un Dieu créateur, à la fois aux membres d'église et au public.

*Timothy G. Standish and Taashi Rowe
Adventist News Network (ANN)
1 May, 2007*

Les départements de la jeunesse célèbrent leur centenaire en plantant un arbre

Le 15 mai, c'est en plantant un arbre que les jeunes adventistes du septième jour du monde entier ont fêté le centième anniversaire du département du ministère de la jeunesse.

Plusieurs dirigeants et membres laïcs de l'église adventiste mondiale se sont rassemblés à l'église adventiste espagnole de Washington à Silver Spring (Maryland) à 15 heures, heure précise à laquelle le département du ministère de la jeunesse fut créé, il y a cent ans, à Gland (Suisse).

Au-delà du fait que planter plusieurs centaines d'arbres sur notre planète est une bonne chose pour l'environnement, Baraka Muganda, directeur du département du ministère de la jeunesse de la Conférence Générale, a dit que planter des arbres a aussi un but symbolique.

"Lorsque la prochaine génération demandera pourquoi cet arbre a été planté, nous voulons qu'elle sache que cette église s'intéresse aux jeunes. A

cause de cet intérêt spirituel, l'église a créé un département spécifique pour veiller au développement des jeunes selon leurs besoins et les stimuler à participer à la mission de l'église.

B. Muganda ajoute, "Cet arbre va aussi nous rappeler que le ministère de la jeunesse porte des fruits: des jeunes pour Jésus-Christ. Voilà pourquoi nous plantons un arbre."

Les dirigeants du ministère de la jeunesse estiment que 70% des adventistes ont moins de trente ans.

Josant Barrientos a 24 ans et est pasteur. Il travaille pour le ministère de la jeunesse de deux églises différentes. Il affirme, "C'est une bénédiction de pouvoir aider les jeunes du monde entier. Je suis moi-même un exemple de l'efficacité du ministère de la jeunesse. J'ai participé depuis toujours aux activités de la jeunesse adventiste, et cela m'a donné le désir d'aider les jeunes à connaître Jésus."

En plus de planter des arbres, le département du ministère de la jeunesse de la Conférence Générale encourage les jeunes à organiser des activités spéciales pour marquer l'occasion. Il peut s'agir de programmes d'aide, ou prêcher et baptiser des jeunes, proposer des concerts ou un moment de prière spécial en faveur de la jeunesse.

B. Muganda a écrit, dans une lettre envoyée dernièrement aux dirigeants de la jeunesse adventiste du monde entier: "Nous devons garder à l'esprit des jeunes et des dirigeants de la jeunesse, la raison d'être de la création de ce ministère dans l'église adventiste. A l'origine, le but était le 'salut de notre jeunesse et sa formation au service.'"

*Taashi Rowe, coordinatrice de la rédaction
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Se reúne el Consejo de Fe y Ciencia y apoya la creencia adventista en el Dios Creador

En esta reunión del Consejo, los miembros votaron estudiar y realizar informes respecto de varios temas desde una perspectiva teológica y científica. Asimismo, votaron patrocinar conferencias públicas donde expertos teológicos y científicos del área de los orígenes según la Biblia realizarán presentaciones acerca de la creación y otros temas relacionados. Y se votó apoyar la producción, por parte del Instituto de Investigaciones en Geociencia, de materiales educativos para ser utilizados por pastores y docentes en cursos relacionados con un enfoque bíblico de los orígenes.

“Como parte de la sociedad, los feligreses son bombardea-

dos por teorías y conceptos evolucionista,” reconoció Ted Wilson, uno de los vicepresidentes de la Iglesia Adventista mundial y vicepresidente del Consejo. “Necesitamos mostrarnos activos en explicar lo que creemos. Uno de nuestros desafíos es saber cómo ayudar con los académicos que tratan estos temas para que sepan relacionar la fe bíblica con las aparentes evidencias científicas.”

“No estamos ignorando los desafíos que nos arroja la ciencia, pero por fe creemos en la Palabra de Dios,” dijo Gerald Karst, uno de los vicepresidentes de la Iglesia Adventista mundial y presidente del Consejo. “Al contar con este Consejo

estamos haciendo el esfuerzo de analizar y brindar materiales que afirmen la creación bíblica.”

Este Consejo surgió después de una serie de tres años de reuniones de Fe y Ciencia patrocinadas por la Asociación General afirmación de la creación.” Este documento identificó la necesidad de clarificar la posición adventista en relación con la naturaleza literal e histórica de la creación en seis días según se registra en la Biblia. La Iglesia Adventista atendió esta necesidad por medio de una declaración titulada “Respuesta a una afirmación de la creación,” que estableció el Consejo de Fe y Ciencia con representación

mundial de investigadores y líderes adventistas.

La primera vez que se reunió el Consejo, durante 2006, se establecieron los objetivos y la manera en que éste funcionaría. Durante el segundo encuentro, se priorizaron las preguntas específicas que necesitan estudio y se repartieron tareas. El Consejo analizó asimismo cómo garantizar que la Iglesia Adventista sea un testigo claro e inequívoco de su fe en el Dios Creador, tanto ante los feligreses como ante el mundo.

*Timothy G. Standish and Taashi Rowe
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Ministerios Jóvenes celebra 100 años plantando árboles

Los jóvenes adventistas celebraron el 100º aniversario del Departamento de Ministerios Jóvenes el pasado 15 de mayo plantando un árbol.

Varios líderes y laicos de la Iglesia Adventista mundial se reunieron en la Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Silver Spring, Maryland, a las 15:00, la hora exacta cuando 100 años atrás se creó el Departamento de Ministerios Jóvenes en Gland, Suiza.

Si bien el plantar árboles es positivo para el medio ambiente, Baraka Muganda, director del Departamento de Ministerios Jóvenes de la Iglesia Adventista mundial dijo que plantar árboles también posee un propósito simbólico.

“Cuando la próxima generación pregunte qué significa este árbol, queremos que sepan que esta iglesia se preocupa por los jóvenes,” dijo. “Debido a esta preocupación espiritual, la iglesia creó un departamento especial para

ayudar a los jóvenes según sean sus necesidades y desafiarlos para participar en la misión de la Iglesia.

“El árbol también nos va a recordar que los Ministerios Jóvenes llevan fruto, que son los jóvenes para Cristo. Es por eso que plantamos un árbol,” añadió.

Los líderes de Ministerios Jóvenes estiman que el 70 por ciento de la Iglesia Adventista tiene menos de 30 años de edad, el grupo exacto al que están dirigidos estos ministerios.

Josant Barrientos, un pastor de 24 años de edad que colabora con los ministerios jóvenes en dos iglesias diferentes, dijo “Es una bendición ser parte de ... algo que ha estado ayudando a los jóvenes en todo el mundo. Soy un ejemplo de cuán efectivos son estos ministerios. He sido parte de ellos desde que tengo memoria y esto me ha dado el deseo de salir y ayudar a que los jóvenes conozcan a Cristo.”

Además de plantar un árbol, el Departamento de Ministerios Jóvenes de la Iglesia Adventista mundial animó a los jóvenes a realizar otros proyectos para celebrar la ocasión tales como proyectos de servicio, de predicación y de bautismo de jóvenes, además de conciertos musicales y oraciones especiales por los jóvenes.

Debemos “hacer que los jóvenes recuerden que el propósito original por el cual se creó este ministerio en la Iglesia Adventista es ‘salvar a los jóvenes y prepararlos para el ministerio,’” escribió Muganda en una carta que dirigió un tiempo atrás a los líderes de jóvenes de todo el mundo.

*Taashi Rowe, coordinador editorial
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The Linden Church of Seventh-day Adventists, Laurelton, New York, will be celebrating its 80th anniversary during the week of Aug. 25–Sept. 2. Theme: "To the Next Level...Heaven Next." All former members and friends are encouraged to join us. For more information call (718) 527-1950 or visit our Web site: www.lindensdachurch.org.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Bordoville Sabbath. The 143rd Annual Homecoming, September 15. Sabbath School 9:50 a.m., worship service 11:00 a.m. The speaker is Mike Ortel. Location is in West Enosburg, Vermont, on Chester A. Arthur road off Rout 108. Don't take the Bordoville Road as it gets impassible in the middle of the road.

OUT-OF-UNION

College View Academy Alumni Weekend,

Oct. 12-14, 2007. Honor classes '47, '57, '67, '77, '82, '87 and '97. Special feature Saturday, Oct. 13, 11:00 a.m.: Byard Parks, class of '87. All former students welcome. Come enjoy a great weekend. More information at www.sdasl.org.

OBITUARIES

BARKER, Althea Isabella Hope—b. Aug. 13, 1949, in Parish of St. Thomas, Barbados; d. Jan. 4, 2007, in Boston, Mass. She was a member of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Boston, Mass. She moved her family to Boston in 1989. She directed and taught in the pre-school and pre-kindergarten program at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy. She became a foster mom in 1997, which included the care and support of more than 20 children. In 1999 after ten years of service at the Berea Academy she retired due to health reasons. She is survived by her son, Damian; her daughters, Soondarie, Janice, Rheila, Sasha, and Shahni; her granddaughter, Radia; her siblings, Petra Ebisemiju, Eulah Wickham, Judy Myers, Gloria Ifill, Lynette Hope, Rodney Hope, and Richard Hope.

BETHMANN, Janina—70, b. June 11, 1936, in Riga, Latvia; d. Jan. 10, 2007, in Berlin, Vt. She was a member of the Barre-Montpelier Seventh-day Adventist Church. She migrated to the U.S. in 1949 from Germany and became a U.S. citizen in 1956. She graduated from Takoma Academy in Maryland in 1954. She and her late husband moved to Warren, Vt., in 1995. She is survived by a daughter, Monica Bethmann of Harpers Ferry, W. Va.; a son, Michael H. Bethmann; grandson, Michael H. Bethmann, Jr., of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.; a sister, Skye Burger of Oakhurst, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

BRIDGHAM, Marjorie Adams—91, b. Dec. 20, 1914, in Avon, Maine; d. Nov. 10, 2006, in Canaan, Conn. She was an active member of the Auburn church in Maine. She held almost every church office. She served on the Pine Tree Academy board in Freeport, Maine, and its predecessor, Auburn Seventh-day Adventist Church School. She married Erland Bridgham in 1941 and they were baptized together soon after as a result of meetings held in Portland, Maine, by Roscoe W. Moore, Northern New England Conference president at that time. She is survived by seven children: Claire Ellen Warner (Malcolm) of Hendersonville, N.C., Patricia McCall (Jerry) of South Lancaster, Mass., Bruce A. Bridgham (Cynthia) of New Gloucester, Maine, Martha Scott (Edward) of Canaan, Conn., Wayne Bridgham of Minot, Maine, Joan Gray (John) of Leeds, Maine, and Lois Merwin (Gary) of Woodsville, N.H.; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three sisters. Her husband, Erland, predeceased her in 1972.

BUTLER, Michael Anthony ("Che")—b. Apr. 26, 1966, in Kingston, Jamaica; d. Mar. 2, 2007, in Boston, Mass. He was an active member of the Mattapan Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mattapan, Mass. He became a Seventh-day Adventist at the age of 15 in Jamaica and was a member of the Duxes church in Point Hill, St. Catherine. He migrated to the U.S. in 1987 where he settled in the Mattapan section of Boston. He had a lengthy battle with epilepsy and at the time of his death was found kneeling at his bedside. He is survived by his mother, Mavis Williams of Boston, Mass.; his father, Hopeton Butler of Jamaica; his brothers, Keith Nicholas (Blossom), Earl Brady (Lena) of Maryland, Marcel Brady, Delroy Butler (Kim) of Boston, Mass.; Mark Butler (Sabriquet) of the Bahamas; his sisters, Jean Humber (Lloyd) of Boston, Mass., and Yvonne Butler of England, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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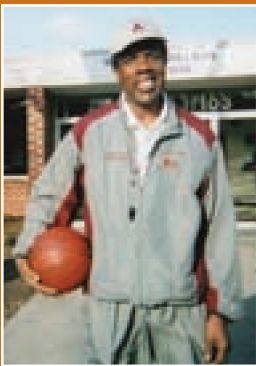
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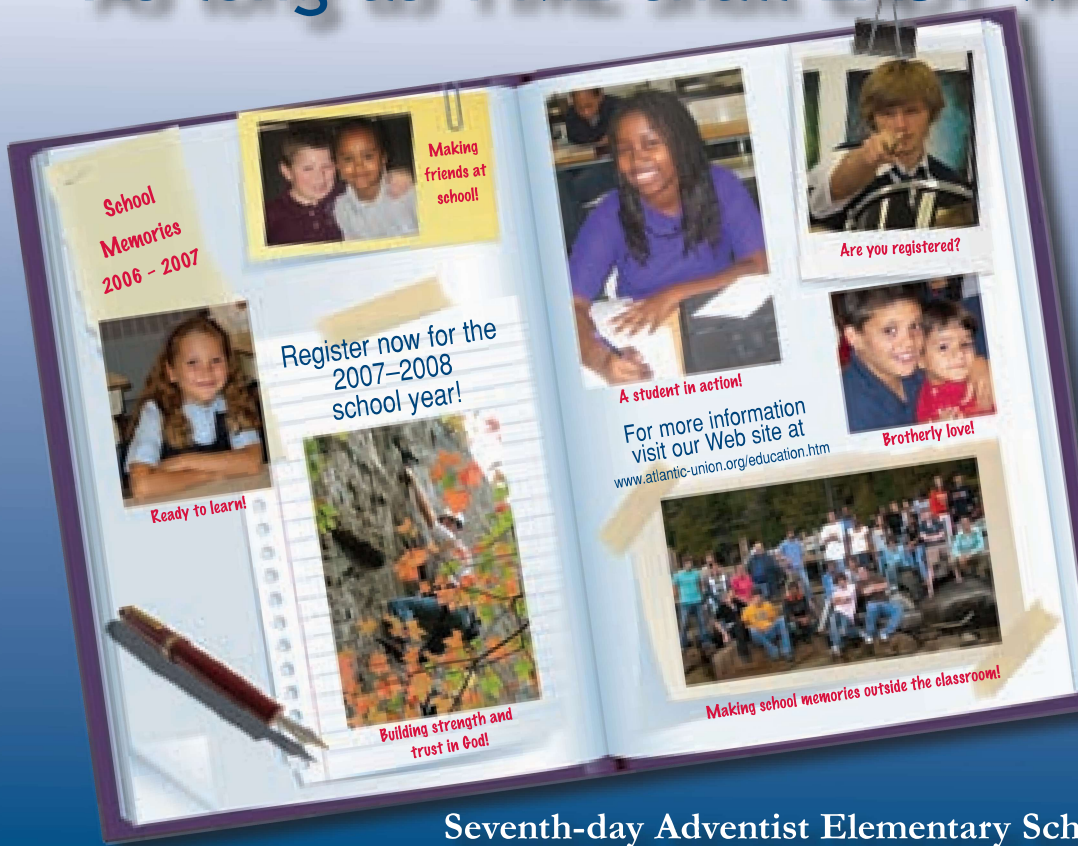
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