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## Be Still, and Know . . .

**H**as there ever been a time in your Christian walk when you have just wanted to “get out?” I have heard people use the expression “Stop the world, I want to get off.” Do your burdens sometimes seem so heavy that they press you down, and no matter what you do or where you turn, everything seems to crumble around you? Does it seem that no matter how hard you try to do your best, things just get worse? What should we do when faced with these challenges?

Over the years, there have been times when individuals at difficult points in their experience have said, “Don’t tell me how to get out, just give me something to hold on to.” Perhaps you’ve felt that way at one time or another. I know I can relate.

What encouragement would you give someone who is in this position? The following are a few words of encouragement for you and me as we engage the enemy who is bent on destroying our faith.

- **Look up and remember** to “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”—1 Peter 5:8. Scripture also exhorts us, “Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way”—James 1:2-4 (Message).
- Take some time to **stop, pray, and let time pass**, because in the passing of time comes clarity. Talk to God about what He wants you to do. He knew before you accepted Him in your life that this day, and many other days like this, would come. Take some time and “Be still, and know that [He is] God”—Psalm 46:10. In that experience you will hear Him say,

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”—Matthew 11:28 (NLT).

- No matter what circumstances you encounter, **hold on to God**. Here are a few more Scripture texts for you:
  1. “Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us”—Philippians 3:13, 14 (NLT).
  2. “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”—Joshua 1:9 (NLT).
  3. “Do not be afraid! Don’t be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God’s”—2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT).

There are battles taking place all around us—psychological, spiritual, emotional, physical, and social. To survive, we must choose to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus so that we do not become casualties of this war. We need to continually search the Scriptures and to remind ourselves of His precious promises to us, and claim them. Above all, remember that the battle is the Lord’s.

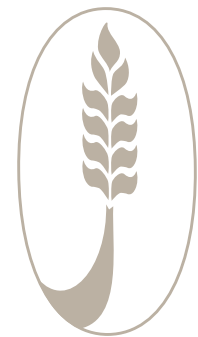
Jesus, the greatest teacher, is our perfect example, and He wants the best for us. “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,” says the Lord. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land”—Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NLT).

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Arthur Morgan

Arthur Morgan retired in 2000 after serving as pastor, Sabbath School director, religious liberty director, and children's ministries direc-

tor for the Northeastern Conference. He planned to just enjoy the life of retirement in Albany, New York, when he was asked to serve on a community foundation committee to help with the racial gap. Two years later, the Northeastern Conference asked him to pastor again, which he did until his re-retirement in December 2007.

During this chapter of his life he would like to do some writing. Having assisted others in Bible research, he would now like to write a book about people, using Elijah as a background. "Even though there is no mention of his family," Morgan says, "God could still use him to do a mighty work. The same applies to us. Even though we may not have prestige, God can still use us mightily in His work."

Morgan comes from a family of eight. Even though he cannot remember his father, he learned that his father wanted to give one of his children to the Lord for His ministry. Morgan made that pledge and give Him his service. He still rises at 4:00 a.m. every morning for prayer time. "That's when everything is quiet," Morgan says. "I put my plans to Him. As long as He gives me the strength, I will work. Remember, we're not working for God," he adds. "We're working with Him. He'll supply the energy, the power, as long as we let Him do it."

Morgan and his wife, Mae, of 50 years, have one daughter and one grandson.

BY TAMARA MICHALENKO TERRY



## Life After Retirement: No Rockers Here

Gone are the days when retirement meant hanging up one's hat and sitting in a rocking chair for the duration of life. Even if one could afford to do that, the new retirees are much too healthy and active for that.

Whether people are retiring early or later, they are continuing to be productive members of society. For the Seventh-day Adventist Church, sharing the gospel ministry has no age limit, so when 87-year-old Bernice Samuel wanted to join the Northeastern Conference Youth Department mission trip to Taipei, Taiwan, to conduct the first-ever Vacation Bible School, that's exactly what she did.

The new retirement seems almost a reflective point, a fork-in-the road, if you will. A time for people to determine what they'd like to do with the rest of their years. For those who retire early, there are many years ahead to choose a second career or fulfill dreams of travel, art, or writing. Accountants can take side jobs without having the grind of long hours. Artists can teach at a local school. Pastors can continue to pastor, volunteering their skills where needed. Anyone can join mission trips, traveling

Gordon Edgerton bought a farm in Taberg, New York, where he planned to retire. He tried for about six months, "but I couldn't do it," he says. He was a pastor in New York and Northern New England for about 20 years before he became a volunteer district pastor for the New York Conference in 1983. They asked him to help several churches that were in danger of closing.



Gordon Edgerton

Edgerton is 100 percent disabled from World War II, but credits the Lord with still going strong at 81. In addition to his church responsibilities, he assists his daughter, Valerie Roberts, at the Herkimer Community Service Center.

"As long as I feel great, I'm going to work for the Lord," Edgerton says. "The greatest joy is serving the Lord and seeing souls baptized for His cause. I just can't quit doing it," he says. "I like to baptize people."

Edgerton and his wife, Lois, of 62 years, have four children with lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One child passed away from cancer, but the rest moved back to the area, so the Edgertons get to enjoy their family nearby.

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Gaylen Johnson

Gaylen Johnson was a general surgeon at Parkview Adventist Medical Center in Brunswick, Maine, when he retired in 2003. Actively involved in cooking classes and health lectures with his wife, Kitty, of

almost 51 years, Johnson simply continued what he had always done other than to perform surgery. "I've been told that retirement is not biblical," Johnson said. "I believe that as well. I've retired from my profession, but as long as I'm able to help in areas of my expertise I will continue to do so."

Johnson continues his connection to Parkview as a consulting medical director. He is also involved in their health education program. He is on the personnel committee for the Northern New England Conference and gives relief to district pastors preaching at their churches.

One of the Johnsons' main interests is providing health-related topics for evangelistic meetings, or health evangelism as some call it, as they did when Ernestine Finley preached in Maine this past fall. They also assisted with a series in Maryland. "I believe that preserving our health is part of the Lord's last message that we have to give to the world," Johnson said. "With my master's in public health, it's a part I'm acquainted with and enjoy sharing with others."

The Johnsons have four children and nine grandchildren. Two of the children live nearby the other two live in Kentucky and Ohio, so they enjoy some travel time to see them.

all over the world building churches, schools, teaching Vacation Bible School, and holding evangelistic meetings. If work inhibited one from participating in mission work, retirement provides the time.

About half of Maranatha Volunteers International's 3,000+ volunteers each year are retirees. Many say that Maranatha projects are the highlight of their year. With both international trips, and projects closer to home in the United States and Canada, some volunteers attend multiple projects each year, reconnecting with friends and meeting new ones.

Maranatha also mobilizes volunteers to build urgently needed buildings around the world. Churches, schools, and orphanages in Africa, Asia, and Latin America make for meaningful work. On the project site, volunteers may be found mixing grout, baking cookies or fixing meals, taking blood pressures at a medical clinic, tapping in nails, or wheeling supplies

Belvina Barnes is a lasting tribute to Bermuda Institute. Beginning in 1953 she taught grades one and two. In 1984 she became their librarian. Even though she officially retired in 1998, she still helps on occasion in the library or wherever needed. She still teaches Sabbath School classes, is the prayer ministry director for the St. George's church, and participates in hospital visitations. "I'm looking forward to Jesus coming," Barnes says. "Whatever I can do to help others be faithful is my goal. I want to be ready and want to see others ready."



Belvina Barnes

Barnes loves to travel and proudly shares that there are only a few Adventist colleges she hasn't visited. "When I was a librarian we traveled to the different Adventist colleges for meetings," she explains.

Her husband, John, of 55 years, is famous in his own right. A retired bus driver, he now greets Bermuda commuters in the middle of the Crow Lane roundabout. You can read his story at [www.bermuda4u.com/Essential/bermuda\\_johnny\\_barnes.html](http://www.bermuda4u.com/Essential/bermuda_johnny_barnes.html). "Some people call him Bermuda's Ambassador," she states proudly.



Robert's Photography

Joyce Cady

Spending more time with her grandchildren was the reason Joyce Cady retired in 1994. She taught private and public school before she had children, then

took a break to raise her children for 20 years before returning to the classroom for another 14. She retired from Parkview Junior Academy in Syracuse, New York.

Retirement allowed her the opportunity to accompany her husband on business trips (at that time he was a trustee for the American Medical Association). She was also responsible for planning activities for

the board spouses. She enjoys traveling and was privileged to visit Scotland, England, Brazil, Portugal, and Spain, to name a few places. One activity she enjoys is mountain climbing with her family. They've climbed the 46 highest peaks in upstate New York and Mt. Whitney in California.

When not traveling, Cady helps in the children's Sabbath School division. She sends papers to the children who are absent, as someone did for her children when they were little. She also sends church bulletins to those not able to attend church.

Cady has three children in the area and tries to help with each family on a

weekly basis by babysitting or helping where needed. She keeps her connection with the school by cataloguing books for the school library.

When asked what drives her to do what she does, Cady responds, "I have to have purpose in my day. I wake with a goal or list for that day. I have to accomplish something, whether it's around the house or for someone else."

Cady and her husband, Duane, have been married for 53 years. They have five children living in Massachusetts, Ohio, and New York, and have 10 grandchildren.



Clara Jobs

When you ask Clara Jobs when she retired she laughs and says, "I haven't." Probing further, she admits to having technically retired from factory work as an inspector in 1984 in Randolph, Vermont. But when she lists the 18 organizations she volunteered for after "retirement," you realize she truly hasn't retired.

On June 11, 2005, Jobs received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service as a National Service Program participant. The program listed some of the organizations she assisted, including serving in the Senior Companion Program since it began in Vermont more than 20 years ago. Jobs visited eight homebound seniors each week, providing companionship and helping with essential needs. She worked tirelessly to help keep these seniors living independently and aging successfully.

Some of her other volunteer activities include chairing the Randolph blood drive for the American Red Cross since 1987, helping in the formation of the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, serving as president of the Randolph House Sunshine Club, working with the Gifford Medical Center's Prevention Partnership of the Tobacco-free Coalition, the Randolph Food Shelf, the Randolph Ecumenical Emergency Committee on Housing, and playing piano at the Menig nursing home and at the East Braintree church.

She cared for her husband, Ariel, until he passed away in 1994. She recently semi-retired and moved in with her youngest son and his family in DeCalb Junction, New York. She still writes her "senior companions" faithfully, assists with her new church's greeting card ministry, and helps with the Pathfinder club. A Master Guide for many years, she is currently working on her Explorer and Ranger pins as they were not offered when she was a Pathfinder more than 60 years ago and are the only pins she does not have.

Even though she is no longer driving, she is always looking for opportunities to minister. When she recently learned a local nursing home was starting a library she began working on getting Adventist books in it.

When asked what drives her to do what she does. She tells the story of when she almost died at four and a half years old with Black Water Fever. She recalls waking to see her parents praying over her, asking God to spare her life and dedicating her to Him. "My parents impressed on me that I owed Him more than Him just dying on the Cross for my sins," she says. "So I know I'm not here by chance. I will never be able to repay Him, but am willing to do whatever He gives me strength to do. The Bible text [that tells me] to be about my Father's business applies to us as well. Furthermore," she adds "there is so much pleasure in helping others, it's so fulfilling."

Jobs has three children. Two live in New York and one in Massachusetts. She has eight grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

around the site. Flexibility and the desire to serve are the only requirements to be a short-term missionary.

ShareHim volunteers conduct evangelistic series in the United States and around the world. Associate director Robert Folkenberg, Jr. estimates one in four volunteers are over the age of 55. "They see this as a great opportunity to get involved in spreading the gospel,



When Rita Vital retired in 2000 from the Boston Van Ministry, John Ferraro was asked to take it over, as he retired that same year. He was a pastor in Rome, Italy, New York, and the New England area before he retired.

At that time the Boston Van Ministry was supported by the Southern New England Conference with a paid driver going on a regular basis to Stop and Shops, government centers, or health fairs. When finances didn't allow for a



John Ferraro

paid driver anymore they would go just on Sundays to the Boston Commons to do blood pressure checks and give clothing and sandwiches to those who needed it.

In 2004 the Stoneham Memorial church took the Boston Van Ministry under its wing. It is now known as the "Take It To Heart" Van Ministry. When Stoneham took over, Ferraro entered his next chapter of retirement. "I like to be busy. I'm still active with our church, giving Bible studies and visiting members," he says. "It would have been extremely difficult for me to do nothing." As long as he's able to contribute something he is going to do it.

Now at 75, in addition to his church work, he assists with sound and electrical items for camp meeting. He is on the Southern New England Conference Association Board and speaks at various churches.

He and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. One daughter is close by in Massachusetts. The other lives in Texas.

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Eugene Virgil

Officially, Eugene Virgil retired in 2000, “but it’s like I never really retired,” he says. “I never had plans to do anything else.” Originally Virgil was a jazz musician, but “once I got into the ministry I never had anything else in my mind. The guitar is hanging up in the basement.”

When he didn’t receive a call following graduation, Virgil taught school for one year at Dupont Park in Maryland. Then the call came to pastor in Bermuda, which he did for one year. Northeastern Conference (NEC) then extended a call and Virgil accepted. He spent 22 years with the NEC.

In July 1988 Virgil returned to Bermuda and has been there ever since. Recognized recently as the PARL leader, Virgil is still preaching and conducting funeral services as needed. He also preaches on the radio every other Sunday morning and still visits church members. “Mostly the senior ones,” he says.

“I like being involved,” Virgil adds. “I didn’t want to retire. I just wanted to keep serving the Lord as a minister, preaching and teaching, ministering for salvation, trying to help finish the work.”

He and his wife, Muriel Ann, have three children: one daughter, who lives with them, and two sons in Georgia and New York. They also have six grandchildren.

Folkenberg, Jr. states. “Many wished they had done it a lot earlier in their life once they saw how God could use them in such a mighty way.”

ShareHim volunteers don’t have to preach, though, they can assist with music, children’s programming, translation, or just be there for whatever assistance is necessary. They are still able to experience the incredible transformation in people’s lives as they learn about Jesus and commit their hearts to Him.

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) created a program where retirees can change the world without changing their zip code. Since retirees make up 60 percent of their volunteers, ADRA made it easier for volunteers to help right where they live. They call them ADRA Ambassadors. Qualifications are simple: believe that every child is entitled to a future filled with opportunity; believe that every individual deserves the right to health, education, and the ability to earn income; be passionate about God’s love for the most needy of His children.

ADRA Ambassadors volunteer their time and influence to seek out opportunities to raise awareness of ADRA, and work with their local church leadership, congregations, and school and community groups to make resources and information available.

Whether you want teach, preach, or simply be an ADRA Ambassador, these are just a few of the volunteer ministries that are changing lives for both the volunteer and the recipient. The interviewees for this article share even more in the sidebars. From health education to family commitment, all are dedicating themselves to their work, enjoying life for as long as they are able. What about you? Are you or is someone you know enjoying life after retirement? If so, we’d like to hear about it. E-mail your story to [gleaner@atlanticunion.org](mailto:gleaner@atlanticunion.org).



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## Mission Opportunities

### ADRA Ambassador Program

Ambassadors receive a quarterly newsletter, along with regular mailings from ADRA containing news, stories, and the latest resources. To find out more about ADRA’s Ambassador program, call 1-800-424-ADRA (2372).

### Maranatha Volunteers International

For information about upcoming projects visit [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org) or call (916) 920-1900. When you call, you can request to receive Maranatha’s quarterly magazine *The Volunteer* or a DVD of the television program *Maranatha Mission Stories*.

### ShareHim

ShareHim evangelistic opportunities are available at home and abroad. You can preach, translate, give special music, or simply tag along to help where needed. Visit [www.sharehim.org](http://www.sharehim.org) to select where you’d like to volunteer. ShareHim also has a TVNewsmagazine featured on 3ABN that highlights people committed to sharing Jesus. Episodes can also be viewed on the ShareHim Web site at <http://global-evangelism.org/php/newsmagazines.php>.

## Pastor Rohann D. Wellington Ordained in Ministry



Pastor Rohann Wellington, pictured here with his new bride, Lisa Reynolds, was ordained to the ministry on December 29, 2007, at the North Bronx church.

Pastor Rohann Wellington was ordained to the gospel ministry on December 29, 2007, at the North Bronx church.

The first of two sons of Pastor and Mrs. Leon Wellington, Rohann Wellington's passion for preaching started at a very young age. He would set up "church" in his house, "preaching his heart out"

to an audience of one, his younger brother, Handel.

Wellington is a product of Christian education from primary to tertiary level. He is a graduate of Northern Caribbean University with an associate degree in business management and a bachelor's degree in theology. His graduate studies include a master's degree in communication with an emphasis in media management and television production from the New York Institute of Technology. He is currently working on his master's in pastoral ministry at Andrews University.

While working for CNN (Cable News Network) in Manhattan, Wellington answered the call to work for the Greater New York Conference. This led Wellington to serve as the associate pastor for the Grand Concourse and North Bronx churches and

assist in establishing the All Nations church.

Wellington now pastors the Emmanuel and Mizpah churches. He received a city council citation from Councilwoman Helen Diane Foster for his community involvement. Wellington also worked as a spiritual care counselor with the American Red Cross to the police, firefighters, and families of the victims of the 911 tragedy.

Wellington, also a notary public, serves the 47<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct Clergy Coalition as secretary elect for 2008.

Pastor Wellington's greatest joy in ministry is to see an individual baptized for the kingdom of God. His love for evangelism has led him to conduct evangelistic meetings in Jamaica, the Ukraine, and the United States. He also led a successful mission trip to Cuba. More than 100 individu-

als have been added to the church as a direct result of his ministry.

Wellington has a vision for integrating media and ministry in successfully sharing the love of Jesus with the world. As such, he is the founder and director of the international television program Pathway of Hope with speaker Abraham J. Jules, pastor of the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York.

December 2007 was a special month for Wellington. Not only was he ordained, but earlier that month he married the love of his life, Lisa Reynolds, a physician's assistant.

Effective January 1, 2008, Wellington was appointed associate director of communication for the Greater New York Conference.

*Alanzo Smith, communication director  
Greater New York Conference*

## Conference Says Farewell to a Retiring Worker

Joyce Hospedales, a beloved worker in the Greater New York Conference, is retiring after more than 16 years of service. She has served the conference with distinction. Her last assignment was administrative assistant to the Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and English Ministries departments. However, over the years, she has worked in many other departments and assisted all the directors' assistants at one time or another.

Joyce has a pleasing and winning personality. She knows how to work every machine in the office



Joyce Hospedales, a beloved worker in the Greater New York Conference, is retiring after more than 16 years of service.

and can give information on any department. In short, she is a very resourceful person. She is also known for her decorative skills and infectious smile, and she is known for serving meals or making speeches at conference events. Her retirement comes as a great loss to our conference and she will be missed.

*Alanzo Smith, communication director  
Greater New York Conference*



## Youth Honored by Brooklyn Church Family Ministries

One youth helped raise \$100,000 for a school-based business. Another holds several federal aviation licenses. Yet another helped organize a series of youth-led evangelistic campaigns that saw some 40 individuals give their lives to Christ, with hundreds more requesting Bible studies.

These youth are shining examples of some of the high-achieving young people from the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church who were honored by the church's Family Ministries department during 2007. Each month, a student was recognized for their scholastic and spiritual achievements, and presented with a plaque by the family ministries team, headed by Dudley Thorne. "We wanted to validate and affirm our young people, and one way was to recognize their achievement and commend them," said Thorne.

Thorne says that the concept of honoring the youth is an idea that comes

straight from the pages of Scripture. "It's from the parable of the talents; Christ singled out two guys who

Valcin, Greater New York Academy junior; Carmela Payne, Blue Mountain Academy junior; Tristan

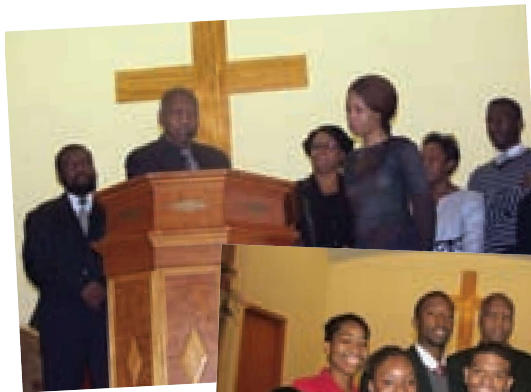
Kaye Wilson, nursing student; Shemia Roberts, speech pathology senior at Brooklyn College; Candice Juba, math education graduate student at Brooklyn College; Dacia Hylton, pre-med student at Borough of Manhattan Community College; Josanne Clarke, dental hygiene student at New York City Technical

College; and, Loudlye Noel, Northeastern Academy junior.

Besides their high academic achievements, all these youth are active in various ministries at Brooklyn church. Yet, Thorne says that these awards are also meant to serve as an incentive to encourage other students, as well. "We hope this will motivate underachievers to seek to improve their performance." And with

the inspiration that comes from sitting in the pews alongside these upward-striving youth, it should help all others press forward toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Debbie Michel, communication director  
Brooklyn church*



**Candice Juba, right, accepting Youth of the Month award for the month of October.**

were achievers. Also, Timothy was a young achiever, and he was singled out for doing well."

The 12 Brooklyn youth honored were: Anston J. Roberts, mechanical/electrical engineering freshman at City College; Kimberly

Cummings, computer engineering junior at Polytechnic University; Navarone Watson, business administration freshman at



**Eight of the youth honorees standing with Dudley Thorne, elder, (back row, second from right) include (front row from left to right) Carmela Payne, Josanne Clarke, Navarone Watson, Loudlye Noel, Shemia Roberts; back row, from left to right: Kerri-Kaye Wilson, Anston J. Roberts and Dacia Hylton.**

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## Northeastern Conference Impacts Taiwan



Individuals from the Northeastern Conference traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, to hold their first-ever Vacation Bible School.

The word went out, “Go ye into all the world . . .,” and the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department accepted the call. On December 20, 2007, a contingency of 14 departed New York for Taipei, Taiwan. The group accepted a call to hold their first-ever Vacation Bible School and to assist in cleaning the Taipei Adventist American School.

Vacation Bible School started on Monday, December 24 and ended on Friday, December 28. Our team of 14 included 87-year-old Bernice Samuel, team leader Melrose John, Beverley Bailey, and her sister, Marcia, Tyrone John, Clevon John, Leonard Pitter, and Sheila Flynn, all from the Linden church; Kimberly Sampson and Ijeoma Onyekwere from the New Rochelle church; Ingrid Providence from the Springfield church, with her friend CathyAnn Bonnett; Diana Hope from the Central Islip church; and Sabine René from the Eben-Ezer French church. In addition, our delegation was joined at the school by a group of 29 youth, pastors, and teachers

from the South Korean delegation, along with two young women from Montreal,



More than 76 students participated in the Vacation Bible School. As a result of the overwhelming response, the Taipei Adventist American School will host a Bible School for children.

Canada. It was truly a beautiful cultural experience.

About two weeks into registering children for VBS there were only 30 names, but, as we prayed, the registration increased to 74, and on the second day we had a total of 76. All 76 students were not Adventists, but both children and parents were eager to know about VBS, since this was new to them. Parents came to see how things were going and called back to the school to say how grateful they were for what we were doing and

how their children were “loving it.”

VBS was a true Bible school. During our general assembly and morning devotion, we taught the students Psalm 19:1-4 and the parting Mizpah, which we reviewed with them daily. Furthermore, each class learned an additional daily Bible verse as assigned by their teachers. By day three, two of the children brought funds in order to purchase a Bible for their home as they had none. Each child was given a book from our supply of KEYS TO HAPPINESS, THE MARKED

in an ongoing Bible school. Most of the parents enrolled their children.

As a result of the overwhelming response to the five-day VBS, beginning on Sabbath, January 5, and every Sabbath thereafter, the Taipei Adventist American School will host a Bible School for children, and if interest continues to grow, it will be extended to two days per week. This is a major step in a country where there is no emphasis on religion, few believe in God, and homage is paid to the dead.

In this vineyard the grapes are ripe, but the gardeners are few. We have been invited back to Taiwan in 2008 and are giving it prayerful consideration. As we set out to love, care for, and serve the people of Taiwan, we are impacted with the strongest message of all: “The message of God’s love and plan of salvation for man.” Lord willing, in 2013 we’ll have the privilege of joining thousands in Cape Town, South Africa, with this same message of love and salvation. Till then, we will press on.

*Garnet M. Morris, associate director  
Youth Ministries Department  
Northeastern Conference*



The Northeastern Conference delegation, South Korean delegation, and two young women from Canada worked together on this project.



## The AUC Alumni Weekend is Coming Up!

### A Letter from the Alumni Association President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Atlantic Union College Alumni Weekend 2008 will take place April 17-20, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us. The Lord truly poured out an overflowing blessing last year. The speakers, music, and events were all excellent. Some people were so deeply moved that they said it was the best alumni weekend we have ever had. We pray that God will open the windows of heaven for us once again this year. He loves us more than we know and wants to bless us, so let us ask.

In light of Atlantic Union College's new focus, we have chosen *Toward New Perspectives, New Initiatives* as our weekend theme. More of the weekend's details follow.

- Thursday evening will be our Alumni Homecoming Banquet with a European menu. Cost: \$20 per person. Banquet tickets need to be purchased by April 8. Contact Rosemary Comley (978) 368-2340 or alumni@auc.edu.
- Friday activities include: a historical tour with David Knott, a campus tour, a health/cooking class, and nursing CEU classes. Register for historical tour and/or order sack lunches for same by April 15. Call: (978) 365-7453 or (978) 660-7947. At suppertime is the Honor Class supper. The Honor Classes are: 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963 and 1958. If you graduated in any of these years, we invite you to join us for the supper.
- Our Friday vespers speaker will be Alvin Kibble '67, a vice president at the North American Division in Silver Spring, Maryland.
- Our Sabbath worship speaker will be Jere Patzer '69, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, in Ridgeland, Washington.
- On Sabbath afternoon, Honor Class pictures will be taken in Chan Shun Dining Commons.
- The Art department will sponsor an exhibit in the Mabel R. Bartlett Art Gallery throughout the weekend under the director of professors Maria Roybal-Hazen '75 and Wayne Hazen '75.
- Eugene "Pete" Christoph '52 has been selected as an Alumnus of the Year and Dean Davis was selected as a Rose Bush honoree.

As we look forward to the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we must work diligently to bring that day closer. I urge each of you to pray daily for God's blessing upon this wonderful college; its faculty, staff, and students; our Alumni Weekend celebration; and for me, your president. Time is short, and AUC is sending out workers to reap God's harvest. Let us support and be faithful to that work in any way we can.

See you in April,  
Ed Collins '82

## Alumni Weekend Speakers

### Friday Vespers



**Alvin Kibble '67**  
*Vice President*  
North American Division

### Sabbath Morning Service



**Jere Patzer '69**  
*President*  
North Pacific Union Conference

### Honor Classes

2003, 1998, 1993, 1988,  
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1963, 1958



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## AUC Constituents Hear Exciting New Direction

An informational constituency meeting was held at Atlantic Union College for constituent delegates on Sunday, January 27, 2008.

“Updates about major academic, financial, and enrollment aspects of the college were provided,” says Donald King, Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees chairperson. “College president Norman Wendth presented his vision for the college; and a number of delegates’ questions were welcomed and answered, and comments and ideas heard.

“There was a good representation from the entire union constituency, which included various boards, educators, pastors, laity, students, faculty, and staff,” said King. “Now,” he added, “as we move into our transition process, we look forward to support from alumni, friends, and members around the union and across the United States—support from the heart, conversa-

tion, financial contributions, promotion, and prayer.”

### State of the College— Substantive Change

“Atlantic Union College is restructuring to achieve continued and improved academic quality and increased financial stability,” reported President Norman Wendth.

Many private colleges and universities today are facing financial challenges, even the august 150-year-old Antioch College in Ohio, and a growing number, are closing their doors.

“Many Seventh-day Adventist schools are part of this trend, because an increasing number of Seventh-day Adventist college-age students in the North American Division are attending state universities. In fact, only about one-third of Adventist young adults are in Seventh-day Adventist colleges!”

### Finances

“Atlantic Union College

ended the calendar year 2007 in much better financial condition than 2006,” said Wendth, “yet AUC is perhaps the college whose financial problems have been most visible to lay members. Its creative responses, however, promise to change the conversation by returning to sustained financial stability and increasing academic quality by offering a focused “specialty” academic program.”

### AUC’s New Focus— Unique in America and the Church

“Beginning this very next school year, August, 2008,” says Wendth, “AUC will offer a specialized curriculum focused on Community Engagement and Christian Leadership. All curricula will prepare graduates for careers in professions that serve others and improve society—careers in education, health-care, ministry, and similar “helping” professions. Very importantly, it also will now

offer one of the few degrees in Christian leadership in the United States and the only bachelor’s degree in Christian leadership in the Seventh-day Adventist educational system.”

Graduates will be prepared either to enter the workforce with leadership skills or to continue into graduate studies in Christian leadership elsewhere.

“All students, no matter what profession they are preparing for,” says Wendth, “will be prepared to actively engage with their communities. General Education courses—required by all U.S. colleges and universities—at AUC will include courses that develop the understanding to analyze social problems and the skills to act to help fix them—actively practicing the gospel in the most real ways possible.”

*Cindy Kurtzhals  
public relations director  
Atlantic Union College*

## Other Exciting News

- Students can now access the Internet wirelessly many places on campus—the men’s residence hall, women’s residence hall, and the computer lab. Thanks to alumni and friends for your contributions to the Technology Fund.
- Students served on mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Venezuela. In the Dominican Republic, about 100 people were baptized, including a 100-year-old woman. Hundreds more individuals continue to study the Bible and the life of Christ.
- Many parts of the physical plant were upgraded: a new roof for the historic Nathaniel E. Thayer mansion, refurbished student apartments, and a repaired generator at the powerhouse.
- The College received its second \$1M gift in its history.
- Two gifts of \$100,000 each were given to benefit the college’s transition process, with additional gifts being received daily.

## Constituency Votes New Scholarships for Dynamic Students

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Applications are now being accepted for the summer programs: Ignition, starting July 2; Summer Advantage in New England, July 20; Master of Education, including Chaplaincy, June 23; Adult Degree Program, July 6; and fall semester, orientation, August 26. Registration and testing is a process. Start now!







Duane and Teresa Honyoust with Pastor Roman Kozlov on their special day of baptism.

## God Never Gives Up

Have you ever worked with someone, hoping to win them to the Lord, and had them lose interest? Well, this is an amazing story that illustrates that our heavenly Father never gives up, even when a situation appears hopeless. On November 24, 2007, Duane and Teresa Honyoust were baptized in the new, portable baptistry at Buskirk church. Like any baptism, this one was special as two people publicly committed their lives to Christ. But, there was an even greater blessing to be realized. You see, the Honyousts were not strangers to most of us.

Twelve years ago, Miriam Ford had spent some time with

the Honyoust family in Bible study. They even attended the Bennington church for a brief time. The world distracted them and pulled them away from their Bible studies, but God never gave up. He knew the hearts of these two precious people and practically put the Buskirk church in their front yard. If Bennington was too far away, God was willing to bring the church to them.

Our little church was filled that Sabbath afternoon with family and friends. We are so blessed to have them as the newest members of our church family.

*Susan Carpenter, member  
Buskirk church*

## Tioga County Church Tells the Story of Christ's Birth

On a cold, crisp December evening, Catatunk, New York, experienced the reenacted story of Christ's birth. The empty field in back of the Tioga County church was the setting of this wonderful story.

Under the leadership of members Tim Main and Laurie Mosher, the story of Christ's birth came alive.

This was truly an evange-

listic endeavor. Tim invited his co-workers and other non-Adventist friends to be the main characters in this drama. Many of these people had been through difficult times throughout the past year and we had prayed for them. It was gratifying to see our prayers answered through this drama. Also, some of the students from the Southern Tier church school participated.

*"This was truly an evangelistic endeavor."*

From the construction of the stable to the star shining brightly over the stable, to the angel proclaiming His birth through song, the neighborhood witnessed an awesome occurrence. Following the reenactment, we became better acquainted with our guests while we

enjoyed homemade refreshments. We were truly blessed by the nearly 100 people who attended.

*Marnie Schrader,  
Sabbath School superintendent  
Tioga County church*

## Four Baptisms and a Wedding



The participants for this special Sabbath at the Curriers church include, front row from left, Jean Tucker, Jaimee Lee Piatt, and Tanya and Mike Perks. Back row: Jim Hammer, first elder, and Pastor Miguel Crespo.

The Curriers church members will always remember Sabbath, December 1, 2007. The Sabbath I had the privilege of presiding at a wedding and four baptisms. The baptisms were the result of the Hope for Rochester evangelistic meeting that was held at the Curriers church with Tim Gleason as speaker.

In the rush to prepare for the meetings, we forgot to do any advertising! How, then, did we get four baptisms? Well, two individuals who had been listening for several years to WNAR 100.3 LPFM decided to come to church at the same time the meetings were being held. There was one individual who had been coming to church for a while but had never felt the need to be rebaptized—until she learned at the meeting that immersion was the only biblically recognized form of baptism. Still another had come to our church before, moved away, and came back on the Sabbath when the appeal was made and decided to follow Jesus and be baptized.

Mike and Tanya Perks were married at 2:45 p.m., and were baptized at 3:15 p.m. on the same day. All we can say is, praise the Lord!

*Miguel Crespo, pastor  
Curriers church*

## Southern Tier Gives Edible Thanks

The students and faculty from the Southern Tier church school in Vestal, New York, were looking for a way to reach out to their community. Vestal Hills church member, Faith Fish, came up with an idea. "Why not make cookies?" Since this is a common Christmas activity, we wanted to figure out how to do it for an uncommon good.

While pondering the idea one day, I noticed that the Binghamton University (SUNY at Binghamton) security patrol car drives around the school parking lot in its regular patrol of the area. "That's it," I realized. Why not thank these men and women for keeping a check on the school and church?

The last day before Christmas break last year the students and adults were hard at work baking and decorating about six dozen delicious cookies. When the cookies were ready, the students



Abigail and Michael Caesar delivered cookies to the Binghamton University Police Station.

put them on platters and signed cards, thanking the security guards and Vestal police force for their faithful work. Then the cookies

were taken to the respective police stations and given to the patrol officers by the students. The smiles and obvious surprised look on their faces was a sign that they had accomplished their goal of bringing cheer to these individuals.

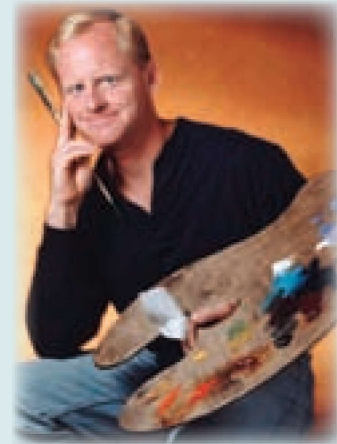
Wendy Dunn, teacher  
Southern Tier school



Max Main and MacKenzie Dunn delivered cookies to the Vestal Police Station.

## Nathan Greene to speak at the Kingsbury Church

Nathan Greene will speak for the worship service at the Kingsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, March 29. He will also present "Portraits of Jesus" that night at 7:00 p.m. This will include a PowerPoint presentation and a display of several of Nathan's art pieces. Artwork, including post cards and prints, will be available for sale in the lobby after the program.



Nathan Greene spent the early years of his career illustrating for publishers such as Christianity Today, Tyndale House, Focus on the Family, National Wildlife Federation, and NASA. Now Nathan is primarily known for his large, colorful, and compelling portraits of Jesus, which can be seen at institutions such as Florida Hospital, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and on the It Is Written television broadcast. He resides in rural Southwest Michigan with his wife, Patty, and their three children.

Kathy Harriss, pastor's wife and member  
Kingsbury church

## Young Adult Mission Trip

Wrangell, Alaska  
July 11 - 20, 2008



The participation fee is \$300.00.

*Each individual is responsible for making and paying for their own travel.*

The goal for this mission trip is to make contacts in the community and to present a Vacation Bible School program to the children.

For more information contact:  
David Damon at (315) 644-4140  
or Youth Ministries Department  
New York Conference at (315) 469-6921



# Youth Talk

## How has your community service work affected you personally?

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

Five Atlantic Union College students share some thoughts on their community service experience.



“As a nursing tutor to first- and second-year students, I learned that helping others reach their goal can be more rewarding than achieving the goal yourself. The tutoring experience impacted me by making me feel good about the achievement of others. I felt more gratification from helping other students do

well than doing well myself. Tutoring was a very rewarding experience and showed me that giving others the gift of your time can be an invaluable thing.”—**Coleen Berube**, *second year nursing student*

“My years at Atlantic Union College have only benefited my relationship with God. Each year I grow more and closer to Him. Last year I decided to start a community service program called IMPACT LANCASTER. We went out and did random acts of kindness throughout our community. We helped whoever let us help them. We scrubbed toilets, raked leaves, and even cleaned windows. This ministry has only strengthened my commitment with God and I am so glad He is using me.”—**Gordon Dezotell**, *junior, math major*



“Volunteering in the community has opened my eyes to the real world. The real world is not only filled with beauty, kindness, and justice but also ugliness, cruelty, and injustice. As a college student, community service has strengthened me and helped me transition from the emotional and physical shelter I

received from my Christian parents and teachers to the harsh realities people sometimes have to face in life. The people I have met have amazing stories to share that always put my life into perspective. Whether it was sharing the happiness of a 90-year-old great-grandmother who was celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> anniversa-

ry, or encouraging a young, depressed mother who felt hopeless and was fighting thoughts of suicide, I have been able to see what life is really about. Living is about the balance we create, no matter what happens to us as individuals. I see life as a wheel—concentric and always continuous, with balance as our only tool for stability and progression. The countless stories I have heard from the people in our community, no matter good or bad, have ultimately shaped their lives. Our ability to cope creates the person we are today and eventually will become.”—

**Sheeba Albert**, *senior nursing student*



“Community service gives me a sense of fulfillment in my Christian walk. I always feel as though I am responding to the words of Christ in which He says: ‘Inasmuch as ye have done it unto to these the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me’—Matthew 25:40. I consider it a privilege to serve Christ, and community service is one of the

very practical ways that I can do my part. It has always been very rewarding for me to serve in this capacity, and as a result, I have learned the importance of patience and the other aspects of the fruit of the Spirit. My community service has helped make me into a better person and a more effective Christian.”—

**Kervin Grazette**, *senior, music and social work major*

“The nursing program at AUC requires 96 clinical hours of community work, and I have enjoyed every minute of it so far. I get a feeling of personal joy when helping someone feel better. However, I’ve learned that serving the community is not about me, it’s really about serving Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25:40 (NIV),

Jesus tells us that “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”—**Kathy Caisapanta**, *senior nursing student*





# 10 Reasons Why Small Schools Work

By David Cadavero

Small schools are a major component of the Seventh-day Adventist school system. In fact, approximately 75 percent of the schools in the North American Division have three teachers or fewer. The following are just a few of the reasons why small schools work:

## 1. Lower Student-Teacher Ratio

In most small schools, there is a lower student-teacher ratio. This allows for more individualized attention and instruction.<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Individualization

Small schools provide the opportunity for the teacher to know a student's work and the way he or she thinks.<sup>2</sup> The teacher sees each child as an individual who may work at different developmental levels in various subjects.<sup>1</sup>

## 3. Academic Achievement

Comparing academic success on a national scale, more small school students attend college and standardized test scores are above the national average.<sup>1</sup> Also, preliminary results of our Cognitive Genesis study indicate that students attending [Adventist] schools outperform students in the public and private sector on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

## 4. Curriculum

[Adventist] small schools greatly benefit from a curriculum especially designed for multi-grade classrooms. The North American Division Office of Education has developed high-quality, up-to-date curriculum materials for multi-grade classrooms. The curriculum of [Adventist] schools is designed to assist students to develop an experiential relationship with Christ, and places an emphasis on the development of spiritual values.<sup>3</sup>

## 5. Accountability

In small schools, there is more accountability by teachers to parents, supervisors, and most of all, students.<sup>4</sup>

## 6. Social Skills and Attitudes

The wider the age span, the less competition there is and the more natural and realistic students are about themselves and others.<sup>5</sup> Several studies have found that multi-grade classrooms improve personal and social development, improve attitudes toward school, and help students become more cooperative and less competitive.<sup>1</sup>

## 7. Family Atmosphere

In small schools, there is a family atmosphere. In multi-age classes, students enjoy the differences and learn more.<sup>2</sup> As the age span widens, the competition and the stress decreases, and the children are more accepting of others' abilities.<sup>4</sup>

## 8. Parental Involvement

In small schools, many parents are involved in the education of their children. Everyone benefits when that happens. One tenet of the national school renewal movement is that parents should be more involved in their children's education, including volunteering to assist at school and being members on the local school board. That happens more often in small schools.<sup>5</sup>

## 9. Character Building

Character building is the primary concern of Adventist education. "Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings."<sup>6</sup>

## 10. Spiritual Dimension

[Adventist] schools focus on preparing students for eternity. The low-student-teacher ratio gives opportunity for the teacher to share Christ with the students on a more personal basis. From this experience and the advantage of flexible scheduling, the teacher can more easily lead the students into com-

munity service and outreach. Our children are the greatest resource of the [Adventist] church—they are the future. The future is now!<sup>7</sup>

In *A PLACE CALLED SCHOOL*, John Goodlad (1984) concluded that the burden of proof is on large size schools. Data from a study he conducted demonstrated that the smallest schools were better at solving their problems, more intellectually oriented, and had more caring teachers and greater parent and student satisfaction.

Seventh-day Adventist small schools work not just based on educational research—but more importantly because each of our schools has been ordained by God. In determining where to place their children for the next school year, parents should heed the biblical mandate, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord"—Isaiah 54:13. When God asks the most important question regarding our children, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" (Jeremiah 13:20), may each parent be able to proclaim that they committed their all for their children. The home, church, and school (small schools and large Adventist schools) working cooperatively are an integral part of this process. Praise God for Adventist education.

*David A. Cadavero is the Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools.*

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Slowly, but surely, money is filling the jar in the Northern New England Conference office that will be given to the annual Hope for Humanity Campaign.

## Bottles for Bibles

At last year's Northern New England Conference Camp Meeting, Merlin Knowles and I heard the catchy slogan: "Bottles for Bibles." We learned that the literacy project funded by Hope for Humanity in inner America used Bibles to help people learn to read. Many of the thousands who learned to read also became Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Because of this, Knowles placed a large jar in our office and challenged us to collect bottles for Bibles. Slowly, but surely, money is filling that jar and will be given to the annual Hope for Humanity campaign—formerly known as Ingathering.

I continue to be amazed at how many bottles and cans I have collected on my daily walk/jog, even ones in the woods and pastures that are left behind by hunters and hikers. Each day when I return home with my bulging plastic bag, I thank God for the slogan "Bottles for Bibles." To my ears, this sounds very much like "Souls for God's Kingdom!"

Mike Ortel, president  
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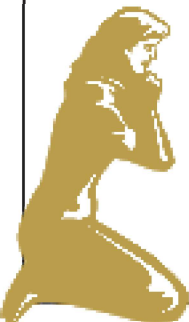
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## Baptisms at Howard Lake



Jodie Henry, center, is pictured with some members of her family who had preceded her in baptism five months earlier. They represent four generations.



Jamie Madsen, who is confined to a wheelchair, was baptized with the assistance of two elders and the pastor.

The message is to come back to the East with great power and the Calais church is getting an example of that power of the Holy Spirit! On the first Sabbath in October 2007, through the Holy Spirit's power and the efforts of Evangelist Rick Kuntz and Pastor Ed Fleisch, three more individuals dedicated their lives to serving the Lord. They were immersed in the waters of baptism at Howard Lake in Maine. Precious Jamie Madsen,

who has spent his life in a wheelchair, has a deeper understanding of the hope of complete restoration on that great day. He joined his family in the waters of baptism with the help of elders Dorrin Patillo and Jim Curran, and Pastor Fleisch. On the fourth Sabbath in October 2007, fourteen-year-old Jodie Henry joined her family as she took her stand and was baptized.

*Carol Deacon  
communication correspondent  
Calais church*

## Impressed, Revived, and Encouraged

Evangelistic meetings in Maine's Capital District, during October and November by conference evangelist Rick Kuntz, culminated many months of prayer, planning, and ministry by members who welcomed five individuals into church membership at the Farmingdale church on the first Sabbath of December 2007. Those baptized were Beverly Pellitier, whose first acquaintance with the Adventist message was

Portland evangelistic meetings with Ernestine Finley, all contributed to the enthusiasm and outcome of the meetings sponsored primarily by the Northern New England Conference and its members in Augusta, Farmingdale, and the Manchester Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship Group. Pat Manning arranged for the music and played the piano nightly, Dawn Doak led the children's program each evening, and Jane

Pastor Kuntz's spirit-filled messages of a loving and soon-coming Savior impressed, revived, and encouraged many who attended.

Kuntz presented health topics.

Meetings began on October 20, 2007, at the well-known Senator Inn in Augusta and later moved to our church in Farmingdale. Pastor Kuntz's spirit-filled messages of a loving and soon-coming Savior

impressed, revived, and encouraged many who attended.

Audio and DVD recordings of this series of meetings are available through Andy Knowles, 149 Leighton Road, Durham, ME 04222, phone number (207) 939-9205.

*Bob Farley, pastor  
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## Kim Remembers to “Honor the Sabbath”

Three days before Kimberly Thomas' baptism at Quinebaug church, I asked her to share with me her journey to this point. Below is what she shared with me.

*My search for Christ started when I was about 18 years old. I spent hours with a Christian neighbor talking about the Holy Spirit.*

*When I was 20 years old, I took a summer job in Mensch Hill, Pennsylvania, as a lifeguard for the mentally challenged. I went down there by way of an 18-wheeler truck with my Raleigh bike. When I didn't have to work, I traveled around on the flat roads looking for dairy farms and churches. I had a free spirit and I liked to make new friends.*

*My husband, Steve, and I were married in 1987 when I was 26 and he was 27. We were married by a Congregational minister in Thompson, Connecticut. The ceremony was performed in a field because I was rebellious against churches. For the next 20 years I was still looking for God. I went from the Thompson Congregational*



Kimberly Thomas had spent more than 20 years searching for God when she spotted a bumper sticker on a car at work that read, “Remember to Honor the Sabbath – God’s 7th Day.” Today Kimberly Thomas is a member of the Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church where she was baptized on November 3, 2007.

*Church to a Methodist church to an Assembly of God church, to a Baptist church, and back to the Thompson Congregational Church.*

*On June 15, 2006, I started working at Parsons Hill Nursing Rehab Center in Worcester, Massachusetts. That summer I saw a bumper sticker on a car at work that read “Remember to Honor the Sabbath – God’s 7th Day,” so I told my employer that I wanted to have every Friday and Saturday off.*

*Nothing drastically changed for me; I was working Friday and Saturday at home. I was like a hamster on a wheel, always working. One of my*

*friends at work, Betty, kept talking to me about God and how important it is to go to church and also about the importance of tithing. She said tithing is like planting seeds with God. It’s the only way to progress.*

*On Sunday, January 1, 2007, I went to the High Point church in Connecticut and wouldn’t you know, the sermon was on tithing. I tried to get back to that church, but had already requested Fridays and Saturdays to be my days off.*

*On Saturday, February 24, 2007, I remember thinking, “Kim, if you want to honor the Sabbath, go to a church that honors the Sabbath.” So I got out my phone book and called the Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church and I’ve been going there ever since. I have a close relationship with God now. I give thanks to Jesus Christ.*

*After Bible studies in her home, Kim was baptized on November 3, 2007, at the Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church.*

John K. Amoah, pastor  
Quinebaug church

## SNEC Members “Claiming Boston for Christ”



The Southern New England Conference has designated the second Sabbath of each quarter in 2008 as a “Day of Prayer” for the major population areas of the conference territory (Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island), 4,455,000 live within the Boston metropolitan area!

In recognition of the importance and power of prayer and our need of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God’s work, on January 12, churches across Southern New England were invited to pray specifically for the Boston population. In

the afternoon more than 100 members gathered at Greater Boston Academy for the purpose of “Claiming Boston for Christ.”

On April 12 Southern New England Conference members will have the opportunity for focused prayer for the city of Providence, Rhode Island, with a metropolitan population of 1,622,520 (including parts of southern Massachusetts). Please join us at your local church in praying for the Providence population. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.sneconline.org](http://www.sneconline.org).

Frank Tocherman, president  
Southern New England Conference

## School Theme Inspires Students to “Be More . . .”

“Be More. . .” is the theme for Edgewood/ Greater Boston Academy (EW/GBA) this year. A bulletin board in the foyer of the school announces that EW/GBA students will “Be More. . . Respectful, Curious, Involved, Knowledgeable, and Christlike.” But that list just touches the surface. While faculty and students are making a conscious effort to accomplish the stated five goals, other points of emphasis surface on a daily basis with the result that EW/GBA is truly more than it’s ever been before.

Students who have attended the school longer than the current year have commented that this year is “different.” They say that students are “calmer;” that they are more “spiritually enthusiastic;” and that they

are more focused academically. Faculty members have noticed a difference, too. At the mid-point of the first quarter, there were fewer “down” grades and more students headed toward the honor roll published at the end of October 2007.

One student, senior James Harper, qualified as a semi-finalist for a National Merit Scholarship thanks to his outstanding score on the PSAT test. Harper earned the 14<sup>th</sup> highest score out of 55,000 students who took the test nationally. He is in the running for one of the 10,000 scholarships totaling more than \$50 million given to undergraduate students.

At the end of October 2007, the EW/GBA faculty conducted a Week of Prayer for their students. Eleven teachers gave their testi-

mony throughout the week, Edgewood teachers sharing with Edgewood students, GBA teachers sharing with GBA students. They each emphasized one of the five aspects of the school’s theme while illustrating it with their own experiences.

Friday’s meeting brought the entire school together with the older students sitting with their younger counterparts, singing, listening, and praying together. At Sabbath’s youth church, science teacher Arnaldo Mercado challenged his listeners to be more like Christ by committing to discipleship in an



Susan Andrews demonstrates how to be more Christ-like during the Week of Prayer at Edgewood/GBA.

ever-changing world.

In the months ahead, EW/GBA will continue to find ways to “be more.” You can read about them on a weekly basis on our Web site at [www.greaterbostonacademy.com](http://www.greaterbostonacademy.com).

Rondi Aastrup, principal  
Edgewood elementary and  
Greater Boston Academy

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## Bermuda Conference Receives Community Service Award



Kenneth Manders, executive secretary, and Jeffrey Brown, president, were among the individuals from the Bermuda Conference who attended the awards banquet held at the Fairmont Southampton Hotel. The conference's Community Services department was among those honored for their work in giving back to their community.

"In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me." These words of Jesus epitomize the work of the Community Services departments that were honored at a recent community service awards banquet held at the Fairmont Southampton Hotel in January.

This year Cablevision, a community sensitive company, which

believes in giving back to the public, focused its attention on the less fortunate people of our society, namely the homeless. These homeless groups are becoming a growing concern on the island. Cablevision highlighted the Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with the Salvation Army, for its feeding programs for the homeless. Four of our 11 congregations have reached out to the community in this way,

and have regular feeding programs that cater to homeless people. The largest feeding program is run by the Hamilton church, which provides an evening meal two nights a week, serving up to 120 people weekly. The other churches who regularly feed the homeless are Devonshire church, where the feeding program is led by the singles ministries of the church, the Pembroke church that take to the streets of Hamilton, and the St. David's church volunteers who focus on the elderly at the eastern end of the island, delivering meals directly to their homes. The Southampton church community service volunteers, while not feeding the homeless, supply breakfasts and lunches daily to 32 students. To God be the glory!

At least two volunteers from among the scores of those who assist in the above mentioned churches, along with conference personnel, attended the banquet. Kenneth Manders, conference executive secretary, accepted the award on behalf of the Bermuda Conference. The community service volunteers were applauded for this important work of feeding those who are in need.

*Sheila Holder, communication director  
Bermuda Conference*

## More than 100 Homeless Men and Women Fed

On an unusually warm 25<sup>th</sup> of December in Bermuda, when the world pauses to remember the gift of Jesus Christ, the Pembroke Seventh-day Adventist Church met and fed more than 100 homeless men and women. With the help of three sister churches, more than 80 meals were boxed and hand delivered with loving smiles to those sitting on park benches and sidewalks while others were picked up and driven to the fellowship hall of the church.

The almost empty streets were peopled by a few who did not have houses or families with whom to eat and could not participate in the indoor festivities of the season. Some seemed to stare vacantly into the noiseless sidewalk of Hamilton city.

Yet, being ushered into cars brought a changed, happy disposition, not only to the displaced but also the volunteers. "This is one of the best Christmases I have ever had" exclaimed Melvin Dickinson, one of the more than

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30 volunteers, speaking of the joy he received from giving. The organizer, Carolin Scott, proclaimed the day a success after counting all the meals that were given out and seeing the many happy faces of those who were fed on site and had received blankets and personal care packages. For these wonderful and precious people, the words "Joy to the World, the Lord Hath Come" took on new meaning.

*Ulric Hetsburger, pastor  
Pembroke church*

# Statement on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

*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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

From its very inception in the middle of the nineteenth century, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has supported human rights. Inspired by biblical values, the early Adventists were involved in the struggle against slavery and injustice. They claimed the right of every person to choose beliefs according to conscience and to practice and teach his or her religion in full freedom, without discrimination, always respecting the equal rights of others. Seventh-day Adventists are convinced that in religion the exercise of force is contrary to God's principles.

In promoting religious freedom, family life, education, health, mutual assistance, and meeting crying human need, Seventh-day Adventists affirm the dignity of the human person created in the image of God.

The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights was written and adopted by individuals who had emerged from the unprecedented destruction, disorientation, and distress of World War II. This harrowing experience gave them a vision of and desire for a future world of peace and freedom. Coming from the best and highest part of the human heart, the Universal Declaration is a fundamental document standing firmly for human dignity, liberty, equality, and non-discrimination of minorities. Article 18, which upholds, unconditionally, religious liberty in belief and practice, is of special importance, because freedom of religion is

the basic human right which undergirds and upholds all human rights.

Today the UDHR is often violated, not the least Article 18. Intolerance frequently raises its ugly head, despite the human rights progress accomplished in many nations. The Seventh-day Adventist Church urges the United Nations, government authorities, religious leaders and believers, and non-government organizations to consistently work for the implementation of this declaration. Politicians, trade union leaders, teachers, employers, media representatives, and all opinion leaders should give strong support to human rights. This would respond to and help reduce growing and violent religious extremism, intolerance, hate crimes, and discrimination, based either on religion or anti-religious secularism. In this way, the Universal Declaration will grow in practical importance and luster, and never risk becoming an irrelevant document.①

*This statement was voted by the General Conference Administrative Committee, November 17, 1998, and released by the General Conference Office of Public Affairs.*

### 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](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html)

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### Books

Available online at AdventSource ([www.adventsource.org](http://www.adventsource.org)) or your local Adventist Book Center (ABC) ([www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com))

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL



## La joie de témoigner pour Jésus

J'ai regardé une photographie datée de 30 ans montrant un groupe de gens dans une salle de classe. Parmi eux, se trouve un jeune homme qui, à ce moment là, était devenu un Adventiste. Il était anxieux de témoigner pour Jésus, et son église avait mis l'accent sur la nécessité de gagner des âmes pour Jésus. Après tout, la parole de Dieu déclare, "Celui qui gagne des âmes est sage" (Proverbes 11:30) et "Que votre lumière luise ainsi devant les hommes, afin qu'ils voient vos bonnes œuvres, et qu'ils glorifient votre Père qui est dans les cieux." (Matthieu 5:16).

Le festival des Laïcs de l'Union Atlantique "SEEDS Conference" sera une réunion historique. Car ce sera pour la première fois nos laïcs se sont unis au niveau de l'Union en vue de se former dans l'art de gagner des âmes.

Le jeune homme, de concert avec des Adventistes du septième jour, beaucoup plus mûrs ou plus âgés que lui, avait enrôlé dans une classe d'instructeur laïque de la bible. Il était très timide mais il trouvait la classe très valable et précieuse en le préparant à partager la parole de Dieu. Par la suite, il témoignait à plusieurs personnes, y compris les membres de sa famille, dont une partie d'entre eux a été baptisée et attend avec intérêt de voir leur bienheureux Seigneur bientôt. Certains de ces nouveaux membres sont devenus également des

gagneurs d'âmes et continuent à aider d'autres à se préparer pour le ciel. Les autres qui ont été baptisés servent dans diverses capacités dans leurs églises respectives.

Le festival des Laïcs de l'Union Atlantique "SEEDS Conference" aura lieu du 28 au 30 Mars à Stamford, Connecticut. Il est coordonné par l'Institut d'Évangélisation de l'Amérique du Nord (NADEI). La conférence offrira une opportunité sublime tendant à aider à vous préparer à être un gagnateur d'âme, planificateur d'église, et un éleveur/éducateur d'église. Si vous voulez être efficaces ou devenir plus efficaces dans la grande entreprise du partenariat avec Jésus pour sauver des âmes, c'est votre opportunité. Il y aura 15 champs d'études et 65 séminaires enseignés en Anglais, Français, Portugais, et Espagnols. Les présentateurs sont des gagnateurs d'âmes très expérimentés, ils enrichiront votre vie et vous équiperont dans votre rôle inspiré du ciel pour Jésus.

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Les leaders des Ministères Personnels et

les Administrateurs de toutes les Fédérations dans l'Union Atlantique soutiennent cette initiative importante pour Jésus et attendent avec intérêt de vous voir en Mars au festival.

Le jeune homme dans la photo, c'était moi. Cela me donne beaucoup de joie quand je réfléchis sur cette instruction laïque de la bible qui m'a aidé à être un gagnateur d'âme. En tant que Pasteur, j'ai baptisé beaucoup de personnes dont j'attends avec intérêt à les voir en ce grand jour du Seigneur quand la trompette sonnera et nous qui sommes vivants nous serons changés et nous rejoindrons ceux qui seront ressuscités de la tombe poussiéreuse afin d'être avec notre aimable Sauveur.

Je vous encourage à être un gagnateur d'âme et à éprouver la joie de voir une personne sauvée dans le royaume des cieux. Venez au festival des Laïcs en Mars 2008!



*Trevor Forbes est le Directeur du Ministère Personnel et l'Assistant Trésorier à l'Union Atlantique.*

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## El Gozo de Testificar por Cristo

Estaba mirando una foto de hace treinta años atrás que mostraba a un grupo de personas sentadas en un salón de clases. En medio de las personas estaba un joven, que en aquel tiempo, recientemente se había bautizado. Este joven estaba ansioso por testificar por Cristo, ya que su iglesia había enfatizado la necesidad de cada cristiano de ganar almas. Después de todo no nos dice la palabra de Dios que, “El fruto del justo es árbol de vida; el que gana almas es sabio” (Proverbios 11:30) y “Así alumbré vuestra luz delante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos” (Mateo 5:16).

El joven, junto a otros adventistas de mayor edad y madurez, se inscribieron en una clase bíblica la cual era enseñada por uno de los trabajadores bíblicos locales. El joven era extremadamente tímido pero encontró que la clase fue muy valiosa al prepararlo para compartir con otros la palabra de Dios. Posteriormente, el testificó a muchas personas, incluyendo a miembros de su familia, algunos de los cuales fueron bautizados y esperan el regreso de nuestro Señor Jesús. Algunos de estos nuevos miembros también han llegado a ser ganadores de almas y continúan ayudando a otros a prepararse para

el cielo. Otros que fueron bautizados están sirviendo en varios puestos en sus respectivas iglesias.

El Festival de Laicos de la Unión del Atlántico (SEEDS) se llevará a cabo del 28 al 30 de marzo en Stamford, Connecticut. El mismo está siendo coordinado por el Instituto de Evangelismo de Norte América. El festival ofrecerá una ponderosa oportunidad de ayudarle a usted a prepararse para ser un ganador de almas o un fundador de nuevas iglesias. Si usted quiere llegar a ser efectivo en la ganancia de almas en asociación con Cristo Jesús, entonces esta es su oportunidad. El festival ofrecerá 15 cursos y 65 seminarios, dados en inglés, francés, portugués y español. Los presentadores son personas con mucha experiencia en la ganancia de almas y ellos enriquecerán sus vidas y los entrenarán en el desempeño de su labor en colaboración con Jesús.

El Festival de Laicos de la Unión del Atlántico (SEEDS) será un evento histórico, ya que es la primera vez en nuestra unión que los laicos se reúnen para ser instruidos en el arte de ganar almas. Esta será una buena oportunidad de conocer a grandes ganadores de almas locales y líderes, los cuales les ayudarán a aprender estrategias que pueden ayudarle a

hacer la diferencia en sus iglesias locales.

Los líderes de los departamentos de ministerio personal al igual que los administradores de todas las asociaciones en la Unión del Atlántico apoyan esta gran e importante iniciativa para Jesús y esperan verlos en marzo.

El joven de la foto soy yo. Y me da mucha alegría al reflexionar acerca de esa clase bíblica que me ayudó a ser un ganador de almas. Como pastor, he tenido el honor de bautizar a muchas personas, las cuales espero

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ver aquel gran día cuando suene la trompeta y todos los que estamos vivos seamos transformados y aquellos que han fallecido serán levantados de sus tumbas para encontrarnos con nuestro amante Salvador.

Quiero animarlos a que sean ganadores de almas y experimenten el gozo de ver a una persona ser ganada para el reino de Dios. Venga al Festival de Laicos en marzo del 2008.



*Trevor Forbes es el Director del Ministerio Personal y el Tesorero Asociado de la Unión del Atlántico.*

### Festival de Laicos (SEEDS) de la Unión del Atlántico

A las iglesias Hispánicas y Portuguesas de la Unión del Atlántico queremos recordarles que el Festival de Laicos, “Dilo al (tu) Mundo,” se llevará a cabo del 28 al 30 de Marzo del 2008 en Stamford, Connecticut.

Este evento ha sido organizado por el departamento de Ministerio Personal de la Unión del Atlántico y la División Norteamericana (SEEDS).

Para más información hable con su pastor, llame a el departamento de Ministerio Personal de su Asociación local (vea un listado de teléfonos en la página 31) o comuníquese con el departamento de Ministerios Hispánicos/Portugueses de la Unión del Atlántico al (978)368-8333. [www.atlantic-union.org/pm\\_seeds.html](http://www.atlantic-union.org/pm_seeds.html)

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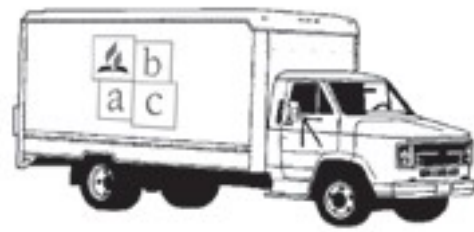
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**March 28 – 30 — Festival of the Laity/Seeds Conference,  
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**Pine Tree Academy Music Festival & Truckload Food Sale,  
Freeport, Maine**

**April 3** 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**April 4** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**April 5** Saturday Night after Concert  
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2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Oakfield Church, Maine  
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Lincoln Church, Maine

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10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Bennington Church, Vt  
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2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Morrisville Church, Vt.  
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury, Vt.  
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. South Newbury Church, Vt.

**April 25 – 27 — Southern New England Conference  
Spanish Women’s Retreat, Camp Winnekeag**

**April 25 – 27 — Northern New England Conference  
Women’s Retreat, Mount Snow, Vermont**

**May 4 – Orders due April 30, 5:00 p.m.**

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Boston, MA	7:15	7:23	7:31	7:38
South Lancaster, MA	7:17	7:25	7:33	7:41
Pittsfield, MA	7:24	7:31	7:39	7:47
Hartford, CT	7:21	7:28	7:36	7:44
New York, NY	7:25	7:32	7:40	7:47
Albany, NY	7:24	7:32	7:40	7:48
Utica, NY	7:32	7:40	7:48	7:56
Syracuse, NY	7:36	7:44	7:52	8:00
Rochester, NY	7:42	7:50	7:58	8:06
Buffalo, NY	7:46	7:54	8:02	8:10
Hamilton, Bda	7:40	7:45	7:50	7:55

Eastern Daylight Time

## ATLANTIC UNION

### ATLANTIC UNION

**Union-wide Women's Ministries Prayer Conference**—On August 15-17, 2008, in Albany, New York, the Atlantic Union Women's Ministries Department will celebrate the first union-wide prayer conference since 1995 (see [www.atlantic-union.org/womensretreat07.html](http://www.atlantic-union.org/womensretreat07.html)). We expect 2008 to be another historic year for women's ministries. We are anticipating the arrival of approximately 2,000 women to minister in the city of Albany as they are being ministered to.

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June Hilbert Harris, SLA '65

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**"Libraries 360":** The Whole Picture.' Association of Seventh-day Adventist Libraries 2008 Conference, June 22-28, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif. Librarians of all specialties are invited to attend. For registration information: Visit [www.asdal.org](http://www.asdal.org)

or contact Carlene Drake: [cdrake@llu.edu](mailto:cdrake@llu.edu) or (909) 558.4581.

**The Ellen G. White Estate is hosting an open house on March 16.** Tour the White Estate vault, see Ellen White's original handwritten works, and view other exhibits related to the church's heritage. Hours: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Groups of 25 or more are asked to call in advance for scheduling: (301) 680-6540. The White Estate, Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters,

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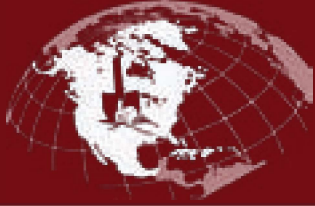
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