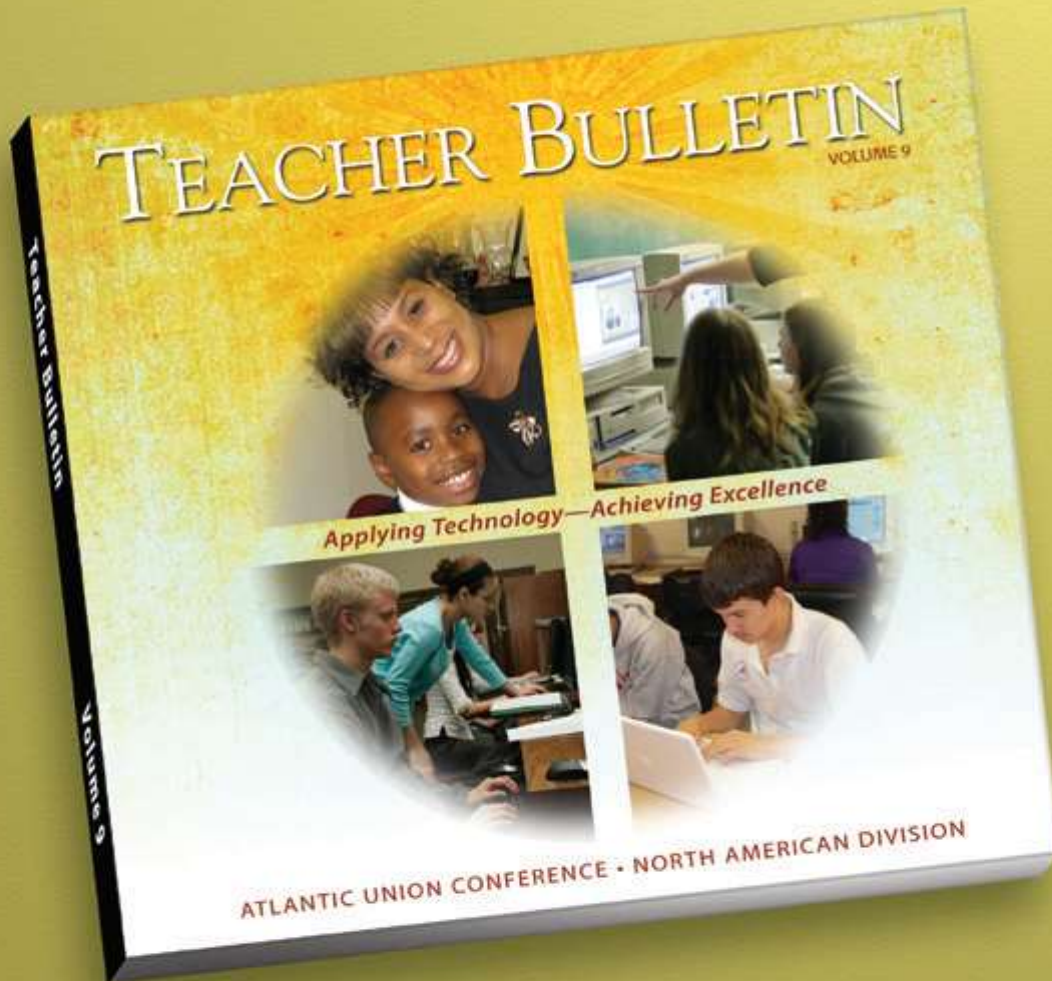


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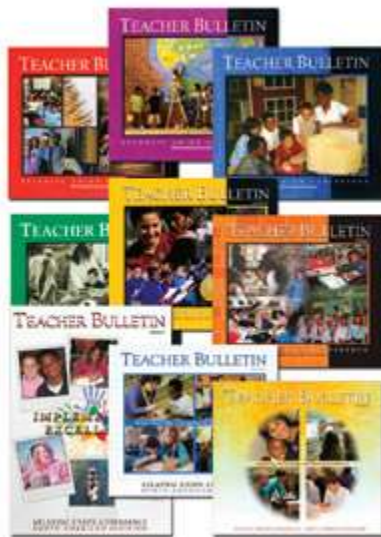
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“For Such a Time as This”

The phrase “for such a time as this” comes to us with a sense of urgency, a sense of “end-timeliness.”

I was recently asked to speak on this topic and immediately my mind flashed to the experience of Esther, recorded in Esther 4:12-17. The event was a critical one for Mordecai, Esther, and the Jews in Susa (Esther 3:5-6). Haman had secured King Xerxes’ blind approval. Esther had just been promoted to Queen. Mordecai understands all too well what is at stake, so he challenges Esther to think of her appointment as an opportune time to influence the king to address his blind approval given to Haman to destroy the Jews throughout his kingdom.

Another biblical incident that follows the trend and mood of the phrase “for such a time as this” is the story of Joseph, recorded in Genesis 50:20. We know all too well the story of how his brothers sold him to the Midianite merchants (Genesis 37:28), who in turn sold him to Potipher, the Egyptian (Genesis 39:1). From Potipher’s house he went to prison; from prison he went to be prime minister under the guiding hand of the Lord. In the dramatic revelation to his brothers, Joseph said, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives”—Genesis 50:20 (NIV).

Like Esther and Joseph, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been called into being for “such a time as this.” We are facing a time of crisis and a time of increasing deception, sin, financial global uncertainty, and moral and social decay.

Many lives are at stake. Armed with the Word of life, healing, and salvation, we, the church, must not forget our “calling,” our mission, and our sure hope in the promises of Jesus.

There are at least four things we must nurture and proclaim in these times of crisis that are also times of opportunity.

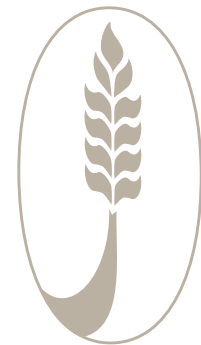
1. We must not forget the special message of life and salvation of Revelation 14:6-12 and John 10:10.
2. We must not forget that salvation originates and revolves around Jesus Christ by our faith and surrender to Him. (See Acts 4:12.)
3. We must not forget that God has always sought to establish a unique people to be His lights in a world of spiritual and moral darkness with His standards of dress, eating, ethical, and moral behavior. (See Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3:11.)
4. We must not forget that Satan will attempt, yet again, to deceive the whole world before the final conclusion of this cosmic conflict. (See 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; James 1:16.)

In this Year of Evangelism many individuals will be given a new lease on their eternal future. Let us be faithful “for such a time as this.” (See 1 Corinthians 16:13, 14, NIV.)

Carlyle C Simmons is the Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary and director of the Health Ministries, Human Relations, and Prayer Ministries departments.



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TEACHER BULLETIN: A Handy Resource Becomes Even Handier

Targeting a worldwide audience of Christian teachers and students, the Atlantic Union TEACHER BULLETIN is a creative and technical collaboration of uniquely Adventist pre-school through 12th-grade curriculum support material produced yearly under the direction of the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education. The North American Division Office of Education financially supports its production.

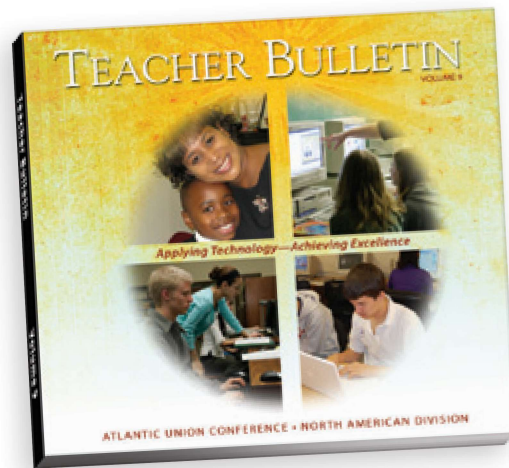
By Rondi Aastrup

Established 28 years ago under the guidance of then director Paul Kilgore, the BULLETIN has been making its way into the hands of educators ever since. Originally, it was a fat packet of ideas and copy-ready worksheets, stories, and bulletin board ideas that was delivered monthly to mailboxes. Teachers, new and experienced, looked forward to exploring that packet each month in much the same way one looks forward to the next issue of a favorite magazine or the next episode of a favorite TV show. Except that this was something you could really use over and over again.

“In the past,” says three-year writer Rebecca Fraker, a veteran teacher from Frontneac, New York, “I spent many hours assembling interdisciplinary theme units for my classroom. I’ve always taught in one-room schools, so I often could not reuse the material. It has been a dream come true to be able to share these units with other teachers and

help prevent ‘burnout.’”

As technology advanced, under the directorship of Rosemary Tyrrell, the BULLETIN format evolved from the paper version, which many long-time users still remember fondly, to a compact disk, then a DVD. There is no stagnation for TEACHER BULLETIN. For the past two years, with Astrid Thomassian as director, it has been accessible on the Internet.



Martha Ban, who came on board in the early paper-version years, is now the coordinator of the project, overseeing the several months of post-production as

well as keeping the 8-10 writers on task and on deadline. She is the driving force behind the inclusion of technology in the units. This enables teachers to integrate technology in the school curriculum—even though it is sometimes a challenge for the unit writers. Now, instead of hand-drawing crossword puzzles and word searches, teachers are asked to create Podcasts,



With Astrid Thomassian, education director, seated right, and Jerrell Gilkeson, right, at the helm in 2006, the TEACHER BULLETIN Committee forged ahead, making the BULLETIN Internet-accessible. Committee members then included, seated left, Martha Ban. Standing from left are Dana Waterman, Beverley Bucknor, Larry Robbins, and Marlene Alvarez.

Webquests, PowerPoint presentations, and videos to enhance the

Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School, says “The

vided as there are classroom tips, stories, plays, forms, worship talks, multimedia presentations, and Internet resources with an administrative slant included in each edition.

Laura Mayne, principal at the

resources for teachers without them having to reinvent the wheel.”

Teachers feel privileged to be part of the yearly project. “Words are very powerful, whether they are spoken or written,” muses Pauline Evans, a teacher in the Brooklyn Temple school. “I am honored to be a team member for TEACHER BULLETIN, where I get to use words to share my classroom experience and expertise with fellow teachers. TEACHER BULLETIN allows me to explore my desire to be a writer.” Other teachers like Laura Smith Kryger from the Lincoln school in Lincoln, Rhode Island, find that

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content of their “pack up and go” units, many of which are also interdisciplinary.

What makes the TEACHER BULLETIN invaluable as a resource is all of the energy and passion that each teacher pours into his or her work. But few have the time to create one great new unit a year, let alone a dozen in a variety of subject and content areas. Making use of these project-oriented lessons enhance the already rigorous North American Division curriculum and provides substitute teachers with content-rich material far above what ordinarily serves as substitute lesson planning. Administrators, too, benefit from the material pro-

TEACHER BULLETIN helps to keep me informed. It also provides valuable

working in a quiet room with colleagues is “a joy.” Karma Roberts,



Members of the 2004 TEACHER BULLETIN Committee who helped take it from the paper version to compact disk include, sitting from left, Rondi Astrup, Lillian Mitchell, Marlene Alvarez, Martha Ban, Rosemary Tyrrell, then education director; Helen Hovanic, and Millie Felt, administrative secretary. Standing from left are Erika Hinds, William Snow III, Dana Waterman, Beverley Bucknor, Larry Robbins, Dawn Kirk, Sauan Hayford, Robyn Rusenescu, and Yvonne Moore.

Photos: Walt Doyle



Ena Richards, retired Jamaica school principal, and Karma Roberts, R. T. Hudson school teacher, work on an early childhood education unit.

of the R. T. Hudson School in the Bronx, talked of the rewards of the hard work. “To know that teachers all over the country and world may be able to ease their teaching burden because of the work we did is priceless.”

Five of the 10 committee members are working this summer under the guidance of Christine Byrne to produce the very first early childhood units to be published in the BULLETIN. “For the first time in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a curriculum is being developed for young children who have not yet entered the formal educational system,” says Byrne, coordinator for

Early Childhood Education and Care in the Pacific Union Conference. “Because a child’s education begins at birth, the purpose of this early childhood curriculum is to introduce the young child to Jesus Christ using a Bible-based, research-backed, interdisciplinary set of purposeful learning experiences. For more than 20 years, parents of young children, homeschooling families, and Adventist early childhood professionals have dreamed of just such a curriculum. Now, the collaborative efforts of the Pacific Union Conference and the Atlantic Union



Paul Kryger, retired teacher, and Laura Kryger, Lincoln school teacher, work on an early childhood education unit.

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Conference have made this dream a reality. And this is just the beginning!”

“Over the years,” says Ban, “the TEACHER BULLETIN has changed in appearance, but certainly not in quality. As the writers strive to keep current with education trends and to include cutting-edge methods and technologies, the mission has stayed the same—‘presenting classroom teachers with creative and resourceful ideas that integrate Christian principles.’” ①

Rondi Aastrup is the Greater Boston Academy principal and a member of the Teacher Bulletin Committee.



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Pauline Evans, left, Brooklyn Temple school teacher, and Laura Mayne, Brooklyn school principal, work on the monthly magazine.



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By David Cadavero

1,260 Hours

Parents, did you know that if a child attends church every Sabbath and attends public school, he/she will only experience the godly influence of church attendance about 78 hours per year?

In comparison . . . that same child will be exposed to secular val-

Enroll your child in

the Atlantic Union

Conference K-12 system

of education . . . and see

the difference Christian

education makes!

ues at public school for 1,260 hours in one year alone.

Then consider . . . that the average child views television for more than 1,260 hours each year. You can see how little time one has to help a child know God and develop a Christlike character.

Parents, suppose . . . those 1,260 hours per year were spent in a Seventh-day Adventist church school/academy, which incorporates daily *a character-building curriculum, Bible classes, weeks of spiritual emphasis, baptismal classes, Christian service activities*, and a learning environment that emphasizes *Christian values*. What a difference these influences could make in a child's life!

Parents, you must be deeply concerned . . . about your children's education. The Atlantic Union Conference K-12 system of education has excellent church schools/academies that can meet this need and help your child know God. Our Seventh-day Adventist school system of education has been established in order that students may be surrounded by influences favorable to the formation of Christian characters. Thus, *the salvation of your children is a top priority*.

The Atlantic Union Conference elementary and secondary schools have exactly what you need for your child:

1. Dedicated principals and teachers who are "called" by God to a Christian ministry.

2. A balance between solid academic learning and spiritual, physical, and social development.

3. A safe environment where children can learn and develop Christian values and in which the school, home, and church work cooperatively to shape a child's life — today, tomorrow, and into eternity.

4. A program that is quality-oriented and Christ-centered.

5. A commitment to educational excellence with classes taught by North American Division certified teachers, who believe every child can learn, and that every child must learn in their classroom.

Having your child enrolled in a church school/academy will be one of the best investments you, as a parent, will ever make. You will receive rich dividends. Let us remember: "Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we are answerable to God for the management of His property"—CHRIST OBJECT LESSONS, p.195.



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



Growing Your Youth Group

So you want to double the size of your youth group. Wow, that is a great goal! So, what size is your youth group now? It is generally understood by youth ministry professionals that the average size of a youth group in North America is 12. Interesting isn't it, that this was the size of Jesus' youth group, as well.

Here are some pointers to consider as you seek to increase the size of your youth group:

1. Are you reaching the active youth group members? There is nothing that brings success like success. When you are reaching the active ones and they are feeling good about the youth group, their excitement will attract others. They can be your most productive recruiters. Challenge your group members to bring their friends.

2. Make this a matter of prayer. Write down specific names that you would like to see in your group and start praying. As you pray for them, also pray that God will give you a vision and greater passion for the youth of your church. Invite church members to be part of a prayer group that is specifically praying for the youth of the church.

3. Connect with all the youth personally. Inactive youth won't come to a youth function if they don't already know you. To do this:

- a. Plan some social events.
- b. Invite them into your home or apartment.
- c. Attend their events. This is practicing the "ministry of presence." Make sure they receive invitations to all youth group functions.
- d. Visit them in their homes.
- e. Pray with them individually.
- f. Take them to local sporting events, to see the Red Sox, Yankees, or Mets!
- g. Take them out to eat; youth always enjoy "free" food!

4. Plan interesting and creative programs with tons of variety. Meetings don't always have to be held at the church. Move the events around. Choose a location that might fit into the theme of your topic. Use these events as a time to get to know your group. Hang out with them. Shoot hoops with them on the outdoor basketball court or in the gym. Talk to them about what is going on in their life. Utilize

all the creative resource material that is available to help you plan creative programs. One that I might suggest is the INSIGHT YOUTH RESOURCE, which has tons of creative ministry ideas for youth leaders. You can order these through your local Adventist Book Center (www.adventistbookcenter.com).

5. Identify your leadership. Find out who the youth are that everyone looks up to. Use the talents of these individuals to connect with others, either inactive or active youth. Spread your leadership around; don't always rely on the same two or three. Give others an opportunity to utilize their gifts and talents, as well.

6. Be organized! One way to kill your youth group is disorganization. Have well-organized youth events that start and end on time and the program flows smoothly. Be consistent in your planning and in your personal leadership. You can't build a growing youth group if the youth can't depend on you and what you have assured them.

Remember, Jesus gave us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, 20. Part of that Great Commission is that Jesus says, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." That promise is for you! Through His help you will have success in growing your youth group. ☺



Bill Wood is the director for the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries, Pathfinder, and Adventurer departments.

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Celebrating the Harvest

As Bermuda celebrates its 400th anniversary (1609–2009), the Bermuda Conference also has something to celebrate, for we have witnessed our 100th baptism during this Year of Evangelism.

Last year, our accessions to the faith totaled 64 for the entire year. We are ecstatic this year as

Division challenged each church to conduct at least two evangelistic campaigns in 2009. Accepting the challenge, the conference leadership has adopted that vision and challenged its pastoral staff to lead their congregations in conducting a local church campaign and to support a district campaign, repre-

and Bible workers, thus strengthening each effort for the success of leading men, women, boys, and girls to Christ. People have heard the everlasting gospel, sealed their commitment in baptism, and have joined the Lord's remnant church.

Our pastors and lay workers have been successful in presenting the gospel in innovative ways. The Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church, which leads the evangelistic charts, did its "Praise, Prayer, and Proclamation" series of meetings from the "Den" (the Devonshire Recreation Club), as hope was beamed into the prisons, and to the population of our island, through our television station, ATV. Today, men and women behind bars are free from the shekels of sin as a result of these efforts.

The Bermuda Institute has been a viable part of the evangelistic success this year. Daily instruction from our teachers and local pastors, coupled with visiting Week of Prayer speakers, have helped our youth to make decisions for Christ and advance His kingdom. The Atlantic Union Conference headquarters has challenged the Bermuda Conference with a soul-goal of 200 baptisms for this year. We have made great strides toward that goal. Let us be faithful witnesses, in working and praying for those whom the Lord would have us reach, so that we might reach God's ideal for His children. In doing so, we can all be saved, and one day, together, celebrate the harvest.



—Kenneth Manders,
executive secretary,
Bermuda Conference

Our pastors and lay workers have been very successful in presenting the gospel in very innovative ways.

we behold what the Lord has already done for us in less than six months. To God be the glory; we are celebrating the harvest. Our pastors, Bible workers, administrators, teachers, and constituents are taking the gospel commission seriously. The North American

senting the east, west, and central congregations. So far, there have been a total of 10 local church efforts and two area [meetings].

We have been blessed to have some of the finest guest preachers and Bible workers come to our shores to work with our pastors

Christian Record Services Serves the People of Bermuda

Christian Record Services for the Blind, the General Conference ministry that provides Braille, large print, and audio materials to 20,000 blind people around the world, has offered its services to the people of Bermuda.

In October 2008, I met with Pauline DeShield, Bermuda Conference Disabilities Ministries director, and participated in a Disabilities Awareness program at the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Many people from the church and surrounding

communities attended the program. Also attending was Ann Lindroth from the National Office for Seniors and the Physically Challenged, which is part of the Ministry of Health and Family Services of the Bermudian Government. She indicated that she was impressed with the program and expressed her appreciation for the work that Christian Record and the Seventh-day Adventist Church do for the blind and disabled.

Christian Record Services is committed to helping to reach the blind in Bermuda with the love of Jesus by

providing an initial supply of Braille, large print, and audio Bible materials to the conference office to distribute. This will give blind people on the island access to wholesome Christian reading materials not previously available to them. Christian Record Services also introduced the Missionaries of the Blind program, which gives members the opportunity to befriend a blind person in their community and invite them to church.

We are pleased to be able to provide our support and services to blind people on the British island of Bermuda. Christian

Record Services currently services 16 people on the island. We hope that number continues to grow. Back in 1899, Austin O. Wilson, a Seventh-day Adventist blind man, had a vision to help the blind see Jesus and founded the ministry of Christian Record Services. We are still following that vision today.

—David M. Klinedinst, personal ministries director, Christian Record Services

For more information on services available to the blind, visit www.christianrecord.org. For more information on how to visit a blind person in your community, visit the Missionaries Of the Blind Web site at mob.christianrecord.org.

Bread and Bagel Ministry at Mamaroneck Church

For nearly a year, Mamaroneck Seventh-day Adventist Church has been distributing free bread, bagels, and other baked goods to its surrounding community each week. "Because of this ministry, many lives are touched in a very tangible way and our church is becoming more visible in the community," says Neylon Samuel, the church's pastor.

Mamaroneck church receives the products from a baked goods warehouse that is managed by Fred Lee, who generously started the program six years ago to donate surplus food. "I'm happy to provide bread for these organizations, which help out many who are needy," explains Lee. About eight non-profit

organizations, including five Seventh-day Adventist churches, regularly participate in the program.

A few dedicated Mamaroneck church volunteers arrive at the warehouse on Tuesdays and Fridays by 4:30 a.m. to receive their supply. With a full load in the van, the volunteers go to the designated handout spot each Wednesday evening, rain or shine, and are greeted by a line of regulars who are eagerly awaiting their arrival. "It is inspiring to see how much the program has grown and we are looking into other ways to meet the needs of these families," notes Daniel Xisto, the church's Adventist Community Services director. The bread received on



Fred Lee, second from left, donates bread to volunteers Jim Jones, from the Port Chester church, and Pastor Neylon Samuel and Daniel Xisto, from the Mamaroneck church.

Fridays is distributed on Sabbaths for members to give to friends and neighbors.

Being more known in the community is a positive force for spiritual ministry. During a recent evangelism walk around the neighborhood, many people were willing to

listen once they learned the questioners were from the "Adventist church that hands out bread." As the Lord continues to provide, Mamaroneck church will strive to supply physical and spiritual nourishment to its community.

—Cillonia McKenley, communication director, Mamaroneck church

The Eclipse Club Holds Combined Pathfinders and Adventurers Day

The Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs of the Living Waters and Mamaroneck Seventh-day Adventist churches,

known as the Eclipse Club, held their first combined Pathfinders and Adventurers Day and Induction services earlier

this year using the theme "United We Stand."

The Sabbath School program included a reflection of the early Adventist pioneers, dating back to the 1800s with William Miller and Ellen G. White. The Sabbath School lesson focused on the history and growth of the Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs.

Neylon Samuel, the church's pastor, was presented with an appreciation plaque on behalf of both clubs and churches. Samuel, who is also a Master Guide, has played an integral part in bringing both clubs to life after several attempts. Today, the Eclipse Pathfinder Club has membership of 36 and an Adventurer Club membership of 19 and they are still growing.

Paul Davis, Pathfinder director, shared a brief overview of the ups and downs of the clubs, one that would seem discouraging at times, but through persistence and God's grace, they have been brought back to life.

Abraham Henry, youth pastor for the Dunamis Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn New

York, was the worship speaker. His message entitled, "Hungry, Why Wait?" was clear, distinctive, and precise. Following Henry's message Pastor Samuel offered a prayer of consecration for the club members.

The Induction services were held in the afternoon at the Living Waters church. The Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church Victory Gems were present to induct the Eclipse Adventurer Club and the Shalom Seventh-day Adventist Church Pathfinder Club was present to induct the Eclipse Pathfinder Club. The events of the day, for many, will always be memorable.

—Kay-Ann Mitto, communication director, Living Waters church



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Bronx-Manhattan School Baptizes Ten

For Bronx-Manhattan Seventh-day School Proverbs 22:6, which says, “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it,” is more than just a wise saying; it is the principle on which the school is based. The school considers spiritual training integral to student life, along with a solid basis of academics. One of the goals of the school is to serve as a place where children can develop a personal relationship with God. Having a Christ-centered education allows students to become caring individuals who strive to make the world a better place in addition to becoming successful and knowledgeable citizens.

Since many of the children who attend the school do not come from Seventh-day Adventist homes, the school provides an introduction to the Seventh-day

Adventist message. The most beautiful result of the school’s Christ-centered approach is the decision of students, and even parents, to accept Jesus.



This baptismal candidate was one of ten students baptized on this occasion. Many students, faculty, staff, and parents surround the baptistry showing their support for the decision this student made.

As a way to ensure spiritual growth, the school conducts baptismal classes every February on a volunteer basis by Ismael Medina, who formerly

served as both teacher and principal of the school for many years. The Bronx-Manhattan school baptized 10 students on Sabbath, May 30. The baptisms

were conducted by an alumnus, Laffit Cortés, New Jersey Conference Youth Ministries department director, who also gave a brief sermon.

Twelve additional students were baptized from local churches. Rafael Familia, pastor of the Spanish Intervale church, and Julio Cesar Ureña, pastor of the Spanish Highbridge and Spanish Weeks churches, also officiated. Greater New York Conference’s superintendent of schools, David Cadavero, witnessed this life-changing event. He brought the well-spent afternoon to an end with closing remarks and the benediction, giving God the glory for such a momentous occasion.

In a time when the economy and the morality of our nation seem to be failing, the Lord is enlisting our young ones to His service and is using schools like Bronx-Manhattan as His training ground.

—Marlene Romeo, principal, Bronx-Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist School

Babylon Church Honors One of Their Own

The Babylon Seventh-day Adventist Church honored one of its members, Harry Montello, on Sabbath, May 30, for his more than 50 years of service to the church.

Montello has been a member of the Babylon church since July 1957, when he and his wife moved to the Babylon area. Over the years, he has served in many areas of the church—as elder, Sabbath School teacher, stewardship director, deacon, and storyteller for the children. He has been a big help working around the church grounds, and he says he enjoys attending the men’s min-

istries meetings. An avid birdhouse maker, he gives a portion of the sale of his birdhouses to the church.

Montello became a Seventh-day Adventist in May 1955 and worked at Faith For Today for 15 years. When Faith For Today moved to California in 1970, he was called to the Greater New York Conference, where he was the mailroom supervisor and groundskeeper for 25 years. Harry’s spiritual example helped influence his wife, Edwina, to become an Adventist. She also worked at Faith For Today and the Greater New York Conference for a total

of 35 years. Altogether, they have worked for the Lord for 75 years. Montello and his wife retired from denominational work in January 1995.

On May 30 the church awarded Montello a plaque for dedicated service. He was also given 50 gold dollar coins representing his generosity and a gift certificate. The day included lunch and a special cake. Lots of good memories were shared about him from old and new members! He is famous for getting the congregation to chant “God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.” He has been a bless-



Harry Montello, right, and his wife, Edwina, attended events given in his honor for his 50 years of service at the Babylon church.

ing to the Babylon church. May God continue to bless him and his wife.

—Michelle De Falco, communication director, Babylon church

We Serve Students . . .

Students are exposed to thousands of healthcare career opportunities when Mike Wood, right, comes to Atlantic Union College (AUC) each year. Wood is director of leadership development at the Adventist Health System (AHS) in Winter Park, Florida. Business majors learn about employment venues in AHS healthcare, which spans the United States. Pictured from left are: Ashanti Edmonds, Tennyson Reid, and Angella Dezotell.

Other companies meet with students on a one-to-one basis in annual or semi-annual visits. Students in the sciences meet with:

- Andrews University,
- Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions,
- Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, and
- Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM).



Superintendents of schools from local conferences throughout the Atlantic Union Conference territory (New England, Bermuda, and New York), photo left, talk with students annually in Atlantic Union College's Department of Education and Psychology. Pictured from the left are John Turner, South Lancaster Academy principal Ron Huff, and Southern New England Conference superintendent of schools Gary Swinyar.

A student employee seminar, photo right, gave students best practices for successful employment.

Professors showcase guest speakers who provide real-world experiences in a given major. Previous business professor, Ebenezer Agboka, left, had Charlotte and Jack Creighton, photo middle left, share various aspects of business ownership. They own the College Town Inn Bed and Breakfast, and Creighton Floor Covering in South Lancaster.

It was an eye-opening experience for some students

to learn that Seventh-day Adventists can be successful business owners and observe Sabbath practices.

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Atlantic Union College is one hour from Boston and three hours from New York.



Richard Brown, Ph.D., chair of the Natural Sciences department, advised Fernanda Defreitas on the educational course for her career choice when enrolled at AUC. She earned an A.S. degree in health science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy.

Professors from the Atlantic Union College Education and Psychology departments advise students of careers in their field and necessary classes to get them there. Pictured from the left are Henry Noel and Roger Bothwell.

Photos: Cindy Kurtzhals

They Serve Others . . .

When the local citizenry takes up rakes and wheelbarrows in the spring, students, staff, current, and retired faculty clean up Atlantic Union College's (AUC) part of the neighborhood and beyond. The tradition of AUC's Clean Up Day started in 1980 in response to the national Earth Day begun on April 22, 1970, which continues today.

"The nearest AUC event to April 22 is alumni weekend, so the Social Work department started cleaning up the Prescott House area and Prescott Street," tells adjunct professor Juliette Willoughby. "Now, the annual event is always just before alumni weekend and prepares the campus for guests. In time, beautification of surrounding streets took place to demonstrate community engagement, and the college's commitment and appreciation of the area. Within two years, other departments followed suit," said Willoughby.

Students and Church Members Active in Community

"When we did the can drive with South Lancaster Academy and the College Church," says Impact Lancaster coordinator, Gordon Dezotell, "the community response was overwhelming. The plan to create 55 Thanksgiving boxes turned into 65 boxes!"

The mathematics major from Burlington, Vermont, "wanted to do something for the community and



Cindy Kurtzhals

Atlantic Union College's share of the neighborhood at 338 Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, is getting spruced up.

have a community service day for students." Together with then chaplain Luis Gracia, they orchestrated the event and Dezotell gained leadership training experience. In 2008 and 2009, Dezotell, class of 2009 president, carried the entire leadership responsibility.

The next project was random acts of kindness for neighbors. Students visited homeowners to ask what the homeowners needed—from scrubbing toilets to raking the yard. "We had so many people call in that we had to tell them we'd reached the limit of households we could help—about 100 homes," said Dezotell. "We accomplished a lot with 50-60 students participating."

Overseas Mission

Students and faculty also traveled to Barbados and Nicaragua this year to provide construction labor, and spiritual inspiration in Bible seminars with resulting baptisms.

For 126 years, students continue to exemplify the college's mission statement—"Atlantic Union College is a Christian liberal arts college in the Seventh-day Adventist tradition. As a diverse learning community, its mission is to develop the whole person by inspiring faith in a loving Creator God and encouraging a passion for knowledge, truth, and service to humanity."

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College



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Un-Yong Chong, left, and Angella Dezotell participated in the IMPACT LANCASTER project.

Lynise Currie



Voices of Praise in Congress Park

The third annual Open Praise Concert sponsored by the Saratoga Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Capital Region Seventh-day Adventist Church Council was held on Sabbath, June 13. This year the concert was held in Congress Park in downtown Saratoga Springs, New York. The event was part of a variety of activities planned by the Saratoga Arts Festival Committee.

The concert opened with remarks by representatives from the arts festival committee and featured singers and musicians from various regional Adventist churches within the New York Conference. These included the Saratoga Springs, Joy of Troy, Macedonia, and Albany Central church groups. In addition, each year, guest performers from the Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church make significant contributions to the concert and this year was no exception.

Supporting regional pastors present included

Donald Bozarth, David Harriss, and Roman Kozlov, who opened the program with prayer. Olive Foster, from Macedonia church served as hostess for the musical presentation.

With its grand architecture and stately appearance, the park's gazebo, and its surrounding pond provided an excellent stage setting for the concert. The musical selections were received by more than 200 people gathered near the gazebo while the melodious strains wafted across the park, arresting the interest of passersby who stopped to investigate.

Expressions of gratitude were extended to the Saratoga Arts Festival planning team on behalf of the participating Adventist churches. The Adventist concert team, with Kami Young as program coordinator, looks forward to the next opportunity to witness for the Lord in the Saratoga community.

—Olive Foster, member, Macedonia church



The group, "God's Own," from Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Albany, New York, were among those who participated in the Saratoga Arts Festival.

Frontenac School Science Project to Benefit Community

Students at Frontenac elementary school are working hard on community gardens. Three groups of students planned different styles of small gardens around the flagpole in the front yard. During science classes, the students picked the areas with the best soil. They then discussed the types of plants that would not need constant care in the summer.

The vote was to put in root beets, potatoes, along with winter squash,

The students These designs

"In the fall . . . the crops will be donated to food banks and local church members."

The vote was crops such as and onions pumpkins, and late corn. designed interesting for the gardens. included a

circle, a star, and a divided rectangle. Each group then laid out their garden and marked it. Steven Fraker, head of maintenance for Union Springs Academy, helped us to rototill the soil and allowed us to recycle some old paving bricks for walkways. Student designs will also feature a "bean teepee," small pond, and a tribute to veterans. As weather permits, we are trimming the gardens with flowers. In the fall the crops will be harvested and donated to food banks and local church members.

—Becky Fraker, science teacher, Frontenac elementary school

Native Ministries Camp Meeting

September 4-6, 2009

Camp Cherokee
Saranac Lake, New York

"Come Unto Me"



Speaker
Bob Burnette
North American Division

Registration ends: August 24, 2009

Registration Fee: Free
Register by e-mail:
nynativemin@gmail.com

Phone: (315) 399-7469
Fax: (315) 627-0425

Attendees may stay through Labor Day, September 7, for a nominal fee.

Rummage Sale Helps Meet the Needs of Batavia's Poor

The Batavia Seventh-day Adventist Church held its annual community rummage sale on the last Sunday in May. Hundreds of local residents sifted through unique treasures searching for those special gifts to take home. Church members had the opportunity to share God's love with neighbors in a different way. A new twist was added to the sale this year as our "Faith In Action Rally" was combined with the rummage sale. Our neighbors were able to meet

with local community organizations and learn new ways to make a difference in Genesee County.

District pastor Miguel Crespo, pleased with the success of the event, says, "We raised [more than] \$2,100. These funds will be used to meet the needs of the poor here in Batavia. We're happy to have the chance to meet our friends and neighbors and share the love of Christ with them."

Plans are already underway for next year's event. With God's help and lead-



Batavia Seventh-day Adventist Church members helped meet the needs of the poor in their community with the proceeds of a rummage sale.

ing, we know it, too, will be a success.

—Brian Warner, communication secretary, Batavia church

Get off Your Knees and Pray

October 23–25, 2009

The New York Conference invites you to the Women's Fall Retreat

Watson Homestead Center
Painted Post, New York



Keynote Speaker

Wanda Davis
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Florida Hospital, East Orlando

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55th Annual William Miller Camp Meeting

August 25, 2009

William Miller Home and Chapel
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Whitehall, NY 12887

Sabbath School – 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 11:15 a.m.
*Community Feast – Noon
Chapel History Tour – 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Program – 3:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Konrad Muller
Retired Director
Ellen G. White Research Center, Europe

Enjoy special programs for the whole family

William Miller Choir
Early Advent Singing
Children's Programs

*Bring your own lawn chairs, place settings, drink, and two dishes of food to share.

Students Awarded for Exemplifying a Life of Service and Witnessing

The 2009 Caring Heart Award Recipients

Once again, we recognize the Atlantic Union Conference Caring Heart Award recipients. These Adventist academy students have been chosen because they exemplify a life of service and witnessing. The award was presented during each school's 2009 graduation weekend events and consists of a special scholarship award of \$500, a plaque, and a Bible.

Courtney Smith, an 11th grade student at Bermuda Institute at the time she received the award, has attended Bermuda

Institute since kindergarten. She is known for her kindness, empathy, and compassion. She has a forgiving heart and tries to get along with everyone. She works hard at staying positive and not putting others down. She has willingly given her time and talent at the Happy Valley Day Care as well as the Extended Care Unit at the King Edward Memorial Hospital. Additionally, she has assisted with the "Soup and Roll Drive" at Elizabeth Hills Seniors' Home in Pembroke, Bermuda. Courtney has also been actively involved in painting Hope Homes as part of a team from her school. In December she went with her class to visit seniors' homes to sing Christmas carols, cheer the residents, and distribute gift bags. Earlier this year she also participated in



Courtney Smith

the PartnerRe Ltd. "Dollars for Hours" initiative. She gave up an entire Sunday to volunteer at the Bermuda Cancer & Health Center, setting up their file room by moving and packing away boxes of files. Her willingness resulted in PartnerRe making a generous financial donation to the school. Courtney is naturally kindhearted. She never has to be forced to help others. She simply seeks out opportunities and selflessly and reliably carries out any duties that are required. Through her commitment, dedication, and overall kindness, the entire campus has been blessed along with many on the island from different walks of life.

Jonathan Comeau is ranked second in his senior class at Central Vermont Academy (CVA) with a GPA of 3.84, reflecting his serious approach to academics. Jonathan has served as class treasurer for both his junior and senior years. What additionally sets Jonathan apart from his peers is his model character. Beyond his warm personality and top-notch behavior, Jonathan has a desire to help others and to make the world a better place. As a member of the National Honor Society, Jonathan actively participates in community service projects, including mission trips during each year of his four years at CVA. Outside of school, Jonathan



Jonathan Comeau

truly loves the Vermont outdoors. He is a passionate birder and volunteers many hours with the Vermont Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and loves his work with the Birds of Vermont Museum. He is also an active member and deacon in the Williston Seventh-day Adventist Church. Jonathan plans to utilize his math and science strengths, along with his artistic ability, as he enrolls as an industrial design major at Walla Walla University in the fall.

Emelie Pla, a 13-year senior at Greater Boston Academy, comes by her interest in service naturally, taking after

her mother, a long-time volunteer at the school. A talented singer, Emelie uses her gift at church and school, for special music and fundraisers. One of her passions is animal rights, and she has taken opportunities to work for the group. An honors student and member of the National Honor Society, Emelie edited the yearbook her senior year and has written for the school newspaper, as well. According to her Bible teacher, Emelie has been a conscientious worker at the local Community Service Center when the seniors volunteer there each week. Emelie plans to major in music and political science in college, furthering her opportunities to serve others.



Emelie Pla

Marcia Brown

began attending Greater New York Academy in September 2005. She has been a diligent and well-respected student throughout the years. She currently serves as the president of the community services and outreach organization, Adventist Youth for Better Living (AYBL). As president she has demonstrated to her peers what it means to be a servant leader. However, Marcia demonstrated her compassion before taking this office. She has a reputation for providing for students who cannot afford lunch. As president, she scheduled appointments for students to host Adventist Youth services in local churches. She led out in activities planned for the spring months, such as a community health fair, canned food drive, and various performances via song and dramatic presentations at local churches. These are just a few indications of her selfless, caring attitude. During her sophomore year, she spearheaded a fundraising concert on behalf of Greater New York Academy that yielded more than \$4,000.



Marcia Brown

an adolescent, where he still volunteers his time. He volunteers as a teacher assistant and helps fellow classmates in need of nurturing. During registration, he volunteers his time to help the program run smoothly. Jordan is a well-rounded young man who takes his academics seriously. He has been on the honor roll his entire academic career and is presently a member of the National Honor Society and on the Principal's Honor Roll. Jordan believes in punctuality and will not hesitate to inform you that detaining him will cause him to miss valuable information. Jordan loves the history, dynamics, and technical aspects of all sports and his thought process in learning about them is thorough. He also loves public speaking, computers, traveling, and anything that stretches his mind to learn.

Jordan Alonzo Stewart

a member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, attended the R. T. Hudson elementary school for his middle school years and Northeastern Academy for his high school years. His thirst for knowledge led him to take part in assisting the commissioners of the NCBL (Northeastern Conference Basketball League) as



Jordan Alonzo Stewart

Stephanie Harlow

has been active in her community, church, and school. While at Pine Tree Academy, she has helped with the student-led American Red Cross blood drives on the campus. During the school year, she was the student director of this campus/community ministry. Stephanie was also the senior class president. Her class chose to travel to southern Mexico for their class trip to assist with a medical clinic, build a church, and witness to the community. Stephanie has also helped her local church Adventist Community Services department. It is also common to see her providing special music for numerous churches in the Northern New England Conference, including at evangelistic meetings. She has also assisted with child care for the Mothers of PreSchoolers (MOPS) program run by a local church.



Stephanie Harlow

Alex Munding,

a graduate at South Lancaster Academy with a 4.0 GPA, served in his senior year as Student Association treasurer. He is a member of the South Lancaster Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society. More important, Alex is an outstanding role model for school involvement and community service. Alex took mission trips to Ecuador (2007) and Honduras (2009). In addition, he keeps active in the College Church by helping with maintenance and ground projects, and around the school he worked with the major appliance/electronics recycling project. He does all of this and more with a smile and great attitude.



Alex Munding

Daniel "Dee" Raulerson

is a senior at Union Springs Academy (USA). As he completed his freshman year in public school, he recognized that he was losing a lot of the values he had been taught in his family and church. Returning to Adventist Christian education was part of his answer. While studying at USA, Dee has consistently shown that he is dedicated to following the Lord. He is a counselor to the other young men in the dorm and a source of caring for their spiritual walk. Dee's testimony has been an inspiration to students and staff alike. ☺



Daniel Raulerson

—Information on the Caring Heart Award recipients was provided by the academics.

Northeastern Conference Celebrates with the Graduating Class of 2009



Ranita Campbell, from Northeastern Academy, gave the valedictorian address.



On line waiting to march in are the commencement speaker, Nigel Lewis, left, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, and Gwen Wesley, Northeastern Conference associate superintendent of schools.



The Hebron Seventh-day Adventist School Choir and the trio from Northeastern Academy rendered special music.



The 2008–2009 school year culminated with the 43rd Metropolitan Area Elementary and the 62nd Northeastern Academy commencement exercises on Monday, June 15, at York College.



Graduates from the R. T. Hudson school were just a few of the more than 200 graduates celebrating their accomplishments.

The Northeastern Conference Education Department, under the leadership of Sylvan Lashley, director, had a unique theme this year. It is a theme that speaks to what the ideal is for our schools. God requires of us the very best and the theme “S.A.F.E. Schools” (spiritually sound, academically rigorous, financially feasible, and excellent in service) speaks to that ideal. Using that theme, and under the guidance of the department’s administrators, the school year culminated with the 43rd Metropolitan Area Elementary and the 62nd Northeastern Academy commencement exercises on Monday, June 15, at York College.

What a day for celebration it was as we witnessed 166 elementary graduates bound for high school and 51 college-bound high school graduates march with great pomp and circumstance. They stood proudly, sharing with the world their aim to “Dream the impossible; achieve the improbable.” Their motto was, “The past is my heritage; the present, my responsibility; the future, my challenge.” As their class scripture clearly states, they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them (Philippians 4:13). Through word and deed, they affirmed that they were ready and willing to take on the challenge that will come their way as they pursue academic excellence.

Our hearts were lifted heavenward with the special music rendered by the Hebron Seventh-day Adventist School Choir and the trio from Northeastern Academy. The celebration would not be complete without the added challenge to the graduates and their parents by Nigel Lewis, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, who simply reminded the graduates that, if they put their trust in God, He will open “doors” for them and inspire them to achieve limitless possibilities to reach His ideal. He told them that it is okay

to *dream* the impossible; never forgetting that *obstacles* would come, but that the obstacles should be turned into *opportunities*, understanding that it was okay to take *risks* because all of those elements are necessary if their goal is to achieve success. Finally, to always remember to put God first, because true success comes from God.

No commencement would be complete without acknowledging the achievements of those who pushed a little harder to reach their goals. Atlantic Union College was present to award the following students: Kadeem Campbell, Danielle Tanis and Natoshia Allah were awarded \$1,250.00 each. Joneil Forsythe, Kristen Sampson, Edwin Richardson and Dianne Waterton were awarded \$1,500.00 each. Marshai Tate was awarded \$2,500.00. Ranita Campbell, Azizah Curry and Jordan Stewart were awarded \$3,500.00 each. Vinessa Gordon received the Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$30,000.00 over four years. Oakwood University awarded nine students and Northeastern Academy presented academic scholarships to the elementary graduates.

At this commencement, Northeastern Academy graduated its first cohort of students who have completed the requirements for the Child Care Training Program, which leads to an Early Childhood Diploma. The students had to complete an intensive 10-week Child Care Training Program, which included an internship at a school or daycare. Upon completing the 300 hours of training, and receiving their CPR, First Aid, and Child Abuse certificates they are able to provide care for children in a group or individually in their home. We are safe in our schools and safe in God’s hands. To God be the glory; great things He has done. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2009!

—Keicha Gosling, communication department office secretary, Northeastern Conference

Three Baptized at Concord Church



Three baptismal candidates, from left, Alex Milano and his cousin, Ana Milano, and Jacqueline Manirambona, were baptized by Pastor Cliff Gleason at the Concord church in New Hampshire.

Members of the Concord Seventh-day Adventist Church rejoiced as three individuals were baptized on June 6.

Jacqueline Manirambona came with her husband, Martin Harerimana, to Concord as refugees from the African country of Burundi three years ago. Martin was already an Adventist, but not Jacqueline. They attended the Concord church together every Sabbath. Soon they were expecting their first baby. However, the doctors found that their baby boy had a tumor growing in his chest. Surgery was needed while he was still in the womb and the place to have it done was in Philadelphia. The Concord church sent them off with much prayer. Then, God performed a miracle for them. The doctors in Philadelphia discovered that instead of growing, the tumor was shrinking! In a short time it disappeared! No surgery was needed! Jacqueline and Martin returned home to Concord rejoicing. A few months later Shadrach was born in good health.

Jacqueline began receiving Bible studies from Raquel DeVost and Cindy Hoyt. Nancy Nichols and Cliff Gleason, the church's pastor, helped her complete her preparations for a spring baptism.

Last fall elders Ken Haggett and Brian Milano put plans into motion at the Concord church for the children to view the Doug Batchelor satellite series *Amazing Adventures*. At the conclusion, eight young people decided to prepare for baptism. Alex Milano and his cousin, Ana Milano, were the first to complete their studies with Pastor Gleason and be baptized.

On June 6 Jacqueline Manirambona, Alex Milano, and Ana Milano were baptized. At the fellowship lunch that followed, Shadrach celebrated his second birthday.

—Cheryl Johnson, communication secretary and clerk, Concord church

Two Baptized at Bennington Church

For many weeks last fall, the Bennington Seventh-day Adventist Church was open night after night as Rick Kuntz shared the message. Each person had a reason for being at the evangelistic meetings. Some were looking for personal revival and others were hearing Bible truth for the first time. In December 2008 several people were baptized into the Adventist Church, others recommitted to their walk with the Lord, but that wasn't the end of the harvest. God was working on two others, leading them to choose baptism.

One of those who attended was Lorelei Fegley, a member of the Bennington church. Fegley felt a need to reaffirm her commitment. She attended the evangelistic series and

then weekly Bible-marking classes throughout the winter. Robert Thorpe was another. He, too, followed the series with Kuntz, but wouldn't take just anyone's word for it. He persisted in study for many months. Convicted through personal Bible study, he, too, decided to be baptized.

On Sabbath, May 30, Fegley and Thorpe were baptized by Arnet Mathers, the church's pastor. Gary Greene sang "The Old Rugged Cross" as he played the guitar. Those who attended rejoiced with Fegley and Thorpe!

We continue to pray, hoping that someday, some of the others who attended the meetings will join us!

—Susan Carpenter, communication, Bennington church



From left are Robert Thorpe and Lorelei Fegley were baptized on May 30 by Pastor Arnet Mathers, right.

What's Happening in Your Church?

If you have news or other inspiring stories from your church that you would like to share with our readers, we would love to hear from you!

E-mail your stories with the photos attached as separate files (not embedded in a Word document or the e-mail message) to the Northern New England Conference communication director. Be sure and include a caption with each photo and name of the photographer if that is available.

For information on what types of stories to submit, visit www.atlantic-union.org/gleaner.html and click on "Guidelines for Submitting Articles."



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Stepping Out in Faith for Children



Trish Simon poses with some of the children who come each month to the Teaching Bible Stories program at the Waterford church.

The Waterford Seventh-day Adventist Church faced a dilemma that many of our small churches have faced—not having many children. Two years ago they decided to step out in faith and have a Vacation Bible School (VBS). With lots of support and wonderful volunteers from our church, we were able to conduct a successful program. God blessed us with 18 to 22 children each night, many of them from non-Christian homes.

We wanted to keep them coming, so we decided to put together a monthly children's program with a VBS-style format. We call it TBS—Teaching Bible Stories. We took a regular VBS-style program and broke it down into months instead of days. The children have fun singing, learning the Bible stories, playing games, and doing crafts. The children's favorite part is the small "play" that a few of our members put on each month. We

decorate the church in easily moveable decorations to make clean-up a breeze. This program has blossomed and God has truly blessed our efforts.

For the past two years we have had the same amount of children, 16 to 20, each month. About half of those coming are non-church members. When one child isn't able to come, God somehow finds a new child to take his or her place.

Many members have volunteered their time to help make such a wonderful program come alive each month for the children. Now, with God's grace, we have an Adventurer club. We still continue to do our summer VBS, and every year it somehow gets even bigger.

We want to let other churches know that with a little effort, a lot of prayer, and great faith, they, too, can be blessed by a children's program.

—Trish Simon, children's ministries director, Waterford church

God Loves Hats

The young people from the Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newton, Connecticut,



All Children

Showing their completed hats are Elizabeth Torchia, left, Sarah Plaisted, Bonnie Price, Daniel Harris, Richard de Meij, Laura Harris, Justina Rodriguez, James Shea III, Evelyn Rojas, a church visitor, Emily Rosa, and Nakia Johnson.

on knitting looms (Nifty Knitters). I learned about this service project while watching 3ABN. The young people were encouraged to pray for each baby who was to receive a hat and to pray about a scripture to put inside of it. The scriptures were written with indelible ink on a homemade fabric label by one of our church members, Richard de Meij.

The only time they had a chance to work on their hats was after our fellowship dinner on Sabbath, which amounted to only about 15 minutes each Sabbath. Some young people were appointed as teachers of the younger ones and, if a hat was completed, that person could also teach others to make one. There were many challenges and there were times when the hats needed to be started all over again, but the young people persevered because of the commitment they made.

Their labors resulted in 24 hats. The hats were then donated to the Connecticut Children's Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut.

—Elizabeth Torchia, project sponsor, Three Angels church

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Quinebaug Church Focuses on Nutrition and Health



Cindy Kurtzials

Rob Beaton, Atlantic Union College culinary school head chef, presented a health and nutrition cooking class at the Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsored a “Spring Into Nutrition and Health Cooking Class.” Figuring community members would appreciate a reawakening from a long dormant New England winter, they invited people from neighboring towns in Connecticut,

chef, was as captivatingly funny and engaging as he was skilled in making his culinary masterpieces. He emphasized the importance of a cook knowing and understanding his or her ingredients and how these ingredients work together. “The ingredients you use,” he said, “should be as close

Massachusetts, and Rhode Island to enjoy a tempting menu of vegetarian pizza, whole wheat bread, tofu crumbles, desert delights, and other items.

Rob Beaton, Atlantic Union College culinary school head

as possible to the way God created them.”

He also elaborated on why good health is important and why it is such a wonderful part of God’s plan for us. Participants, in addition to learning how

“[I am] familiar with the health message of the [Adventist] church and that it has a good reputation.”

to make good wholesome bread, learned about wheat as an ingredient, which parts are most nutritious, least nutritious, etc. He also explained how tofu, which

is quite bland, can be flavored in a variety of ways.

When participants were asked “What attracted you to the cooking class?” one woman shared that, while she is not an Adventist, she “is familiar with the health message of the [Adventist] church and that it has a good reputation with its health message.” As a result, she “takes every opportunity to learn as much as she can.” Another participant, who took the two nights off from work to attend, seconded this thought by stating that while she “did not believe everything that the Adventist church practices,” she is, in fact “acquainted with the good character of church members and their health message.”

—Sabrina V. Forbes, ShareHim team member, Quinebaug church

More than 200 Attend Hispanic Women’s Ministries Retreat

More than 200 women and teenagers met last April at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts, for the eighth annual Southern New England Conference Hispanic Women’s Ministries Retreat. Beny de Rodríguez, from the Venezuelan Union and author of the 2008 Hispanic Women’s Devotional book *AVANZANDO POR FE . . . CADA DÍA* (WALKING BY FAITH . . . EACH DAY), was the guest speaker.

Using the theme “At His Feet . . . Together, We

Will Conquer,” we traveled through the Bible as she reminded us how to live free in Christ. We learned to leave our pitcher of frustration by Jacob’s well so that we can drink the living water. With Leah’s story she reminded us that self-esteem comes not from accomplishments or human standards, but through the value assigned to us by Christ himself. “Do not proceed to the telephone prior to going before the throne,” she advised. Rodríguez encouraged us to open our hearts to the

transforming love of Jesus, at His feet, so that we may conquer.

The seminar presenters were Betty Borges, Arsenia Fernández, Alma Matos, Hilda Medina-Pérez, Estrella Ruiz, and Ana Salvador.

Arsenia Fernández was the guest speaker for the teenagers. Ysis España praised the Lord with her beautiful voice. We had a joyful and enriching expe-



Participants pose for a picture at the annual Red Carpet event held every Saturday night during the Hispanic Women’s Ministries Retreat.

rience with great fellowship. Together, we enjoyed a genuine encounter—at the feet of Jesus.

—Rhodi Lopez, elder, Worcester Central church

Rester activiste, voilà ce qui a été recommandé lors du Forum Annuel sur la Liberté Religieuse à Washington

Hier, à Washington D.C., un membre du Congrès américain a déclaré aux partisans de la liberté religieuse que bien que beaucoup de choses ont été faites pour faire avancer la liberté religieuse, il y a encore à faire.

Emanuel Cleaver II, coprésident du Groupe sur la Liberté Religieuse Internationale, a dit que les violations en matière de liberté religieuse sont souvent commises involontairement par les gouvernements qui ont peur de perdre le contrôle et exercent leur pouvoir avec force.

l'Homme. Certains spécialistes estiment à plus de 300 le nombre de personnes qui dans le monde entier sont persécutées pour leur foi. Les cas vont de l'interdiction de se convertir à la discrimination professionnelle.

“Le choix de pratiquer une religion en privé ou de manière publique ou celui de s'abstenir de toute croyance religieuse, ou le choix de changer de religion est indubitablement fondamental aux droits de l'homme” a dit E. Cleaver.

Les divergences politiques furent mises de

Hillary Clinton, qui était à l'époque sénatrice à New York, ainsi que les sénateurs John Kerry et John McCain.

Cet évènement annuel est financé par l'Association de la Liberté Religieuse Nord-américaine, le magazine Liberty et l'église adventiste du septième jour. Les partisans de la liberté de conscience utilisent le forum comme une occasion de rencontrer à Washington les bonnes personnes ainsi que les personnes qui sont capables d'influencer la politique dans les autres pays.

Ce dîner constitue égale-

Plusieurs partisans de la liberté religieuse ont également été reconnus pour leur travail.

Le bénéficiaire du prix international du Dîner de la Liberté Religieuse, Denton Lotz, est l'ancien secrétaire général de l'Alliance Baptiste Mondiale. Actuellement, il préside l'IRLA.

“Ce soir, nous sommes ici en tant que coreligionnaires de traditions différentes, parce que nous croyons que la liberté religieuse est un droit inhérent à toute l'humanité” a déclaré D. Lotz. “Nous croyons que là où la liberté religieuse est refusée, toutes les autres libertés sont bafouées.”

Rabbi David Saperstein a reçu le Prix National pour son travail en tant que directeur du Centre d'Action Religieuse du Judaïsme Réformé. Il travaille également pour le Comité de Conseil du Bureau des Partenariats Religieux à la Maison Blanche.

Cette année, la médaille A.T. Jones a été décernée à Alan J. Reinach, président de l'Association de la Liberté Religieuse Nord-américaine. Cet avocat et pasteur adventiste du septième jour représente les salariés victimes de discrimination religieuse.

Source: Adventist News Network
26 June 2009

English translation available at:
<http://news.adventist.org/2009/06/continued-activism-u.html>

Certains spécialistes estiment à plus de 300 le nombre de personnes qui dans le monde entier sont persécutées pour leur foi. Les cas vont de l'interdiction de se convertir à la discrimination professionnelle.

“Tout le monde a le droit à la liberté de pensée, à la liberté de conscience et à la liberté de religion ; pourtant, des persécutions et des atrocités sont toujours commises” a affirmé E. Cleaver devant les 300 participants au Forum de la Liberté Religieuse.

Ses réflexions lors du 7ème Dîner de la Liberté Religieuse à Washington D.C. ont souligné le cas de centaines de millions de personnes encore maltraitées de nos jours à cause de leur foi, plus de soixante ans après la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de

côté le temps d'une soirée. Démocrate et ordonné pasteur méthodiste, E. Cleaver a conjuré les dirigeants religieux de se concentrer sur les points communs au lieu des divergences d'opinion. Il a aussi mentionné que l'orateur de l'an dernier, Trent Franks, un républicain également membre du Groupe sur la Liberté Religieuse Internationale, fait partie du parti de l'opposition. “Mais nous sommes tous deux jumeaux lorsqu'il s'agit de liberté religieuse” a déclaré E. Cleaver.

Parmi les anciens orateurs, on compte la secrétaire d'Etat

ment une occasion pour les associations de parrainage de diffuser des reportages sur le travail en cours en matière de liberté religieuse. Depuis 2005, l'Association Internationale de la Liberté Religieuse (IRLA) a organisé vingt festivals dans le monde entier pour reconnaître les pays dans lesquelles la liberté religieuse est assurée et exercée. Le secrétaire général de l'association, John Graz, a expliqué que bien que la véritable liberté religieuse soit encore inexistante dans trop de pays, elle existe bien dans plus de 150 pays.

Festival de libertad religiosa en Perú recibe apoyo nacional

Varios de los líderes nacionales del Perú celebraron el compromiso del país con la libertad religiosa durante un festival de libertad religiosa que reunió a unos cuarenta mil adherentes, según estimaron los organizadores.

Al hablar ante una multitud en su mayoría de adventistas en el Estadio Nacional de Lima, Javier Villa Stein, presidente de la Corte Suprema del Perú citó a Elena G. de White, una de las fundadoras de la iglesia y promotora de la libertad religiosa, y felicitó a la igle-

junio por el centro de la ciudad en la que participaron unos diez mil adherentes de la libertad de conciencia en representación de diferentes comunidades de fe, a la que le siguió un simposio en el que participaron cuatrocientas personas, entre ellas, Stein.

Desde el 2005, el enfoque de la Iglesia Adventista en la promoción de la libertad religiosa ha adquirido un enfoque de celebración, lo que se tradujo en estos festivales de libertad religiosa.

En los últimos años, se han llevado a cabo diver-

unos trescientos millones de personas son perseguidas por su fe. Graz instó entonces a la multitud a que defiendan a los que tienen otras creencias.

“El defender a otros también significa defenderse a uno mismo,” dijo a la multitud por medio de un intérprete al español.

Graz también mencionó zonas del mundo que no cuentan con libertad de creencias.

“Piensen qué pasaría si estuvieran en Corea del Norte,” dijo. “No es posible tener derechos humanos

Nidia Vilchez Yucra, ministra de la mujer y el desarrollo social, y los embajadores de Israel y de Palestina.

Graz dijo que el origen de los festivales se encuentra en 1995, cuando como orador invitado en una iglesia, solo 25 personas asistieron un sábado de tarde para oírlo hablar de libertad religiosa. “Después de eso, vi que tenía que hacer algo,” dijo.

Para Erton Kohler, presidente de la Iglesia Adventista en Sudamérica, y un equipo de líderes de la iglesia que participaron de la organización del evento, el festival de Lima fue el último de una serie de iniciativas que favorecen la promoción de la libertad religiosa en el continente.

Los asistentes dijeron que asistieron para apoyar la libertad religiosa, un don que en algunos países se da por sentado. Ronald Aguilar, un miembro de iglesia, dijo que la obra de las organizaciones de libertad religiosa ha contribuido a una sociedad donde es posible compartir el evangelio sin ningún problema.

En su mensaje, Graz enfatizó que la libertad jamás tiene que dejar de ser apreciada.

“Ha llegado el tiempo de decir: Gracias por la libertad religiosa,” dijo.

*Source: Adventist News Network
22 de junio del 2009*

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sia por su compromiso continuo con ese legado.

“Estoy con ustedes,” dijo Stein ante la multitud que se reunió el pasado sábado 13 de junio.

El festival fue el último y más grande de una serie de eventos similares llevados a cabo para agradecer a los países que apoyan la libertad religiosa. Entre los patrocinadores de los eventos se encuentra la Iglesia Adventista y la Asociación Internacional de Libertad Religiosa, el foro más grande del mundo sobre el tema.

El evento de Lima incluyó una marcha el 12 de

junio por el centro de la ciudad en la que participaron unos diez mil adherentes de la libertad de conciencia en representación de diferentes comunidades de fe, a la que le siguió un simposio en el que participaron cuatrocientas personas, entre ellas, Stein.

Durante su alocución principal en Lima el sábado por la noche, John Graz, director del departamento de Relaciones Públicas y Libertad Religiosa de la Iglesia Adventista mundial, dijo que muchos expertos estiman que en el mundo,

unos trescientos millones de personas son perseguidas por su fe. Graz instó entonces a la multitud a que defiendan a los que tienen otras creencias.

Florez Aráoz, ministro de defensa del país, también se dirigió a la audiencia diciendo que celebraba la obra de la Iglesia Adventista.

“Son afortunados,” dijo Aráoz. “Perú no solo tiene una buena defensa militar, sino también ciudadanos que creen en la defensa de sus creencias.”

Entre los restantes oradores invitados se encontró

A Statement on Smoking and Tobacco

For more than a century, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has warned its youth and the general public regarding the addictive and health-destroying nature of tobacco smoking.

Cigarette smoking is the single greatest preventable cause of death in the world. One of the firm ethical concepts of most, if not all societies, is that prevention is better than cure. When it comes to smoking, most countries are faced with an ethical paradox: while many decades of research have provided incontrovertible evidence of the hazards of cigarette smoking, the tobacco industry still flourishes, often with either tacit or overt government support. The ethics of smoking is made even more serious by alarming revelations about the

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We believe that the ethics of prevention requires in every country a uniform ban on all tobacco advertising, stricter laws prohibiting smoking in non-residential public places, more aggressive and systematic public education, and substantially higher taxes on cigarettes. These measures would save millions of lives every year.

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29-July 8, 1995.

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A serious question of international ethics is the exportation of cigarettes to developing countries, especially cigarettes higher in lethal ingredients than admissible elsewhere.

For over a century, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has warned its youth and the general public regarding the addictive and health destroying nature of tobacco smoking. Cigarettes are a world-wide health hazard because of the combination of addiction coupled with the economic greed of the tobacco industry and segments of the marketing community. Seventh-day Adventists believe that the ethics

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3. Stricter laws prohibiting smoking in public places,
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5. Substantially higher taxes on cigarettes, and
6. Regulations requiring the tobacco industry to pay for the health costs associated with the use of its products.

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He is survived by his wife, Rachel R. Bergherm; son, Steve Bergherm; daughter, Donna Boehmer; brother, Bruce Bergherm; sister, Betty Miller; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



William H. Bergherm

Leonard G. Newton

NEWTON, Leonard G.—b. Jul. 30, 1929, in Shreveport, Louisiana; d. Jun. 14, 2009.

His pastoral ministry spanned 47 years that included South Central Conference—Gulfport, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Soso, Miss., Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Nashville, Tenn.; Southwest Region Conference—Oklahoma City, Okla., Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, and Baton Rouge, La.; Allegheny East Conference—Newport News, Va; and Northeastern Conference—Boston, Mass. He served as the Northeastern Conference Stewardship Department director from 1976 to 1985 and later as president from 1985 to 1988.

His strong commitment to Christian education was demonstrated by the founding of two schools, Grace Temple Seventh-day Adventist School in Fort Worth, Texas, and Calvary Seventh-day Adventist School in Newport News, Va.

He was very involved in extra-curricular activities which related to the ministerial association on the Oakwood College campus. He served as the first vice president of religious affairs for the Ministerial Association in 1948.

His first assignment after graduating from Oakwood College with a degree in theology was to work alongside E. E. Cleveland in a tent effort in Gulfport, Miss.

He, along with his wife, fulfilled a lifelong dream of serving as missionaries from 1989 to 1995. He served as ministerial secretary of the Indian Ocean Mission in Madagascar, and finally as president of the Central African Union Mission in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The Newtons retired to Anniston, Ala., in 1995 where they unofficially worked with the Mount Olive congregation in whatever capacity they were needed.

He is survived by his wife, Ora Lee Newton (Davis); children, Leonard G. Newton, Jr., Gayle Newton-Taylor (Michael), Leonora D. Coopwood (Ronald), Valeria F. Newton, and Lionel D. Newton; daughter-in-law, Marlene Mair Newton; grandchildren, Leonard G. Newton, III (Shelley), Aaron D. Newton, Therron E. Coopwood, Kellen D. Coopwood, Timothy R. Taylor, Kendall J. Coopwood, and Taye Newton-Taylor; great granddaughter, Sanaa Newton, and other relatives.



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