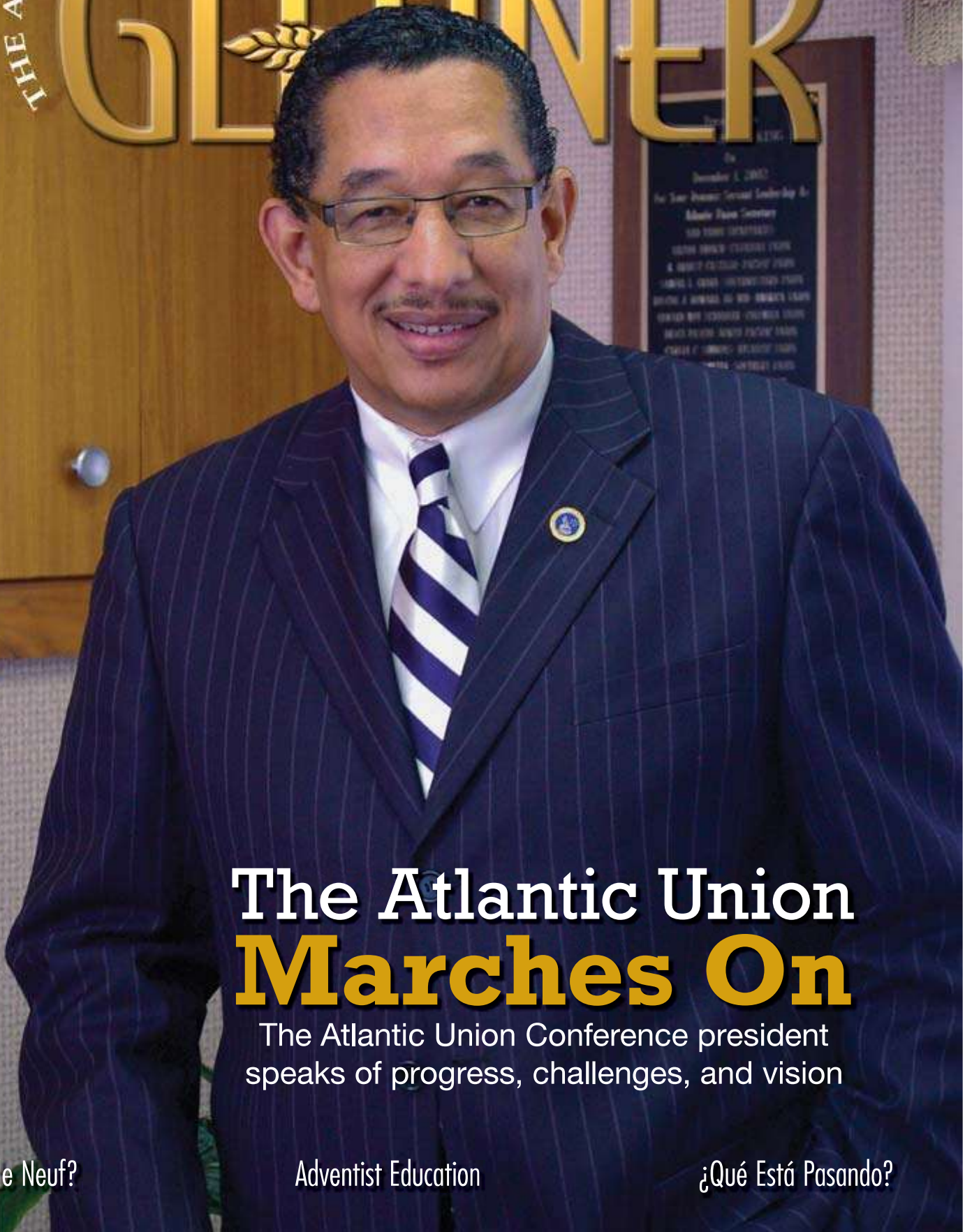


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The Atlantic Union Conference president, Donald G. King, shares his perspective on the state of the Atlantic Union in an interview with the GLEANER editor, Ednor A. P. Davison. In addition to speaking about the overall state of the Atlantic Union, he also focuses on Atlantic Union College, the Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM) ministry, youth activities, and more. Included in this issue are our regular features, Adventist Education and Positions of Our Faith. The photo on the cover of Donald G. King was taken by Ednor A. P. Davison.

Keep Looking **for the Light**



Perhaps at some point in your life you've heard the proverb, "It's always darkest before the dawn." Imagine traveling all night on the road. As the sun sets, it gets darker and darker and, during that period of darkness, many things are hidden from view. It becomes necessary to use headlights and street lights to illuminate the road ahead. If there are no lights at all, the darkness will be blinding. It is true that our eyes will adjust somewhat, but our only means of continuing the journey without the risk of hitting something or possibly going off the road would be the light from the vehicle. As morning approaches, just imagine how beautiful it is when the rays of the sun come up over the horizon. There is less and less need to rely on the car or street lights because the natural light from the rising sun allows us to see everything that was once dark. Now it is safer to continue to our destination.

The Christian's journey is sometimes like an all-night road trip. It seems as though we are traveling all night in the dark. Sometimes we cannot even see where we are going, and we wonder how much longer before we see the light. If we have taken the time to develop a relationship with God, the journey will not seem so long and dark. If we haven't spent the time getting to know Him, we might tend to worry, become frustrated, or even consider giving up.

The church is not immune to all that is going on in the world today. We are all on one journey or another. Sabbath after Sabbath we worship with individuals who are experiencing a myriad of challenges. Some have been laid off work; others have lost their homes, or money in the stock market or are gravely ill; still others are struggling in their marriages or with their children. The list is endless. At the very same time, we worship with individuals who happen to be in the "sunshine of their relationship" with God, where things seem to be going well and

the struggles are few. Regardless of our past experiences, our current condition, or the future ahead, God has shown us that we live in a sinful world and the road will not always be easy. We will face good times, uncertain times, and difficult times, but He has promised that "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you"—Hebrews 13:5 (NLT).

Just as we anticipate that the sun's rays will come over the horizon as dawn approaches on our road trip, we need to keep looking for the Light to shine on us in our individual experiences. We need to take God at His word and believe when He says, " 'For I know the plans I have for you,' . . . '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,' . . . '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).

This month, families all across the United States will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be a difficult time for many individuals who are struggling and looking for a ray of light to shine on them in this dark period of their lives. There are Adventists among them. If you are struggling, I encourage you to hold on to God's promises and keep looking for the Light.

I encourage everyone, wherever possible, to take advantage of this opportunity to perform some random act kindness. Let it be that, as the dawn approaches, the light you shine will lead someone to the greatest Light of all, Jesus Christ. Help give them a reason to give God thanks. Teach them to keep looking for the light.

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"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"—Jeremiah 29:11, NLT.





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Ednor A. P. Davison, editor of the GLEANER, interviews Donald G. King, the Atlantic Union Conference president.

Ednor A. P. Davison

Pastor King, how would you best describe the current overall state of the Atlantic Union?

Donald G. King

These are challenging and complex times. Inflation is up and morality is down. But I believe, in the midst of it all, there is hope. Not hope as the world sees it, but as God sees it, when we endeavor to “have the mind of Christ.” One of the encouraging bright spots on the church landscape is the increased desire for prayer. In difficult times, the prayer thermometer seems to rise, and that’s a good thing. No matter how tough things get, God’s children always have the option to pray, because God is always open to conversing with His people. In the Atlantic Union, evangelism is up. In 2008 the Atlantic Union achieved 87 percent of its “goal for souls” or 4,356 newly-baptized believers. This is the largest increase we’ve seen in many years. This upward trend has continued into 2009, showing signs of outstanding progress. One of our conferences has already baptized more individuals in the first quarter of this year than all of last year! We praise God.

Financially, last year was a banner year for us in tithes. The Atlantic Union led the North American Division in tithes increase over the previous year (4.4 percent). We thank God for that and for the faithfulness of His people. You know, Ednor, it was nice to receive a note from our General Conference president, Jan Paulsen, in which he expressed appreciation to “the faithfulness of [God’s] people and to the good spiritual leadership which is provided” in the Atlantic Union as evidenced in “the very fine showing in tithes for 2008.” While we do not yet know what the 2009 tithes will be in this global economic recession, we are hopeful that even a slight positive trend will continue.



Ednor A. P. Davison

The Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM) ministry is very important to you. Give us an update on this self-supporting ministry.

Donald G. King

While the golden age of tent and church evangelistic campaigns is certainly not over, there is an increasing difficulty in gaining entrance to the homes of people especially in urbanized populations of our territory. Large cities, such as New York and Boston, are becoming harder and harder to reach with the traditional forms of soul-winning. Hence, in 2002, I had the privilege of partnering with Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) to create the Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM) production truck. The idea was to capitalize on the plan of augmenting and supporting traditional forms of evangelism by adding media broadcast such as satellite, cable TV, and Internet streaming to soul-winning endeavors. After all, as you know, media can go where locked apartment doors and guard dogs will keep you out! AUAM is a self-supporting ministry of the Atlantic Union with volunteers manning the operation. There is a coordinating committee based in New York city headed by Rohann Wellington, a pastor and the associate communication director for the Greater New York Conference. Several programs that have been video-taped (live and pre-recorded) have been aired on 3ABN and Hope TV. We ask for the continued prayers and financial support of our people for this ministry so the world can hear the gospel of Christ.

Ednor A. P. Davison

Atlantic Union College has been through some tough times and is the subject of concern for many. As board chair, what can you share with the Atlantic Union members about our college?

Donald G. King

Atlantic Union College (AUC) remains and continues to be an outstanding and fine institution of higher education for our young people in the Atlantic Union. I am pleased to report that enrollment is up at AUC by approximately 100 students compared to the previous year! This is great news in times of economic challenge such as we have today. Additionally, as board chair, I'm pleased to say that



the debt the college has been carrying for some time is slowly coming down, with some debts totally liquidated and others still have some ways to go. Plans are underway for major renovations to Founders Hall on campus (the denomination's oldest educational building still in its original location) with the campus now sporting high-speed wireless Internet2 for total accessibility by students, faculty, and staff.

The NEASC accrediting body (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) conducted a 10-year accreditation site visit on the campus in October. We expect a positive outcome.

Not long ago, the college attempted to partner with Loma Linda University (LLU), a Seventh-day Adventist medical institution in California, since more than half of AUC's students are in nursing and the sciences. This would have created, in essence, a Loma Linda-AUC campus in the Northeast. The plans were initially approved by the AUC board and the LLU board but failed by an extremely narrow margin (one vote) on the higher LLUASC board. We still think this out-of-the-box idea is a brilliant one—providing exposure for Loma Linda's unique brand of Adventist medical and healing arts on the northeast coast, AUC becoming a feeder school for LLU's nursing, science, medicine, and other majors, and at the same time helping to transition AUC (the oldest campus in the denomination) to become just that—a historical campus of repute rather than a solo institution struggling on its own as it has through the years. In the meantime, AUC continues to flourish even as it struggles. Every graduate is proof of that! On behalf of the board of trustees and the president of the college, Dr. Norman Wendth, I thank you for your prayers and support.





Thirty-six individuals from the Atlantic Union, Bermuda, Greater New York, Northeastern, Southern New England, and New Jersey conferences traveled in March 2009 to the Dominican Republic for a series of evangelistic meetings; 436 people were baptized.

Ednor A. P. Davison

Pastor King, is the Atlantic Union involved with any mission programs abroad?

Donald G. King

The Atlantic Union has a special “sister” partnership with the Dominican Union in the Caribbean. This means that from time to time we have exchange of pastors and evangelists conducting soul-winning campaigns in both unions. Recently, a number of our workers returned from the Dominican Republic after a successful series of several campaigns in which a total of 436 individuals were baptized. Also, in October 2008 after the General Conference Annual Council meetings in the Philippines, my wife and I, along with the other North American union presidents and their wives, were privileged to visit the Adventist Mission posts in Bangkok, Thailand, and Cambodia, where the gospel spreads very slowly. We were thrilled to see the measured advancement and witness the commitment and sacrifice by our missionaries there. A brief video report of our mission trip and how we can be involved is posted on our union Web site—www.atlantic-union.org; click on “Adventist Mission.”

Ednor A. P. Davison

What would you say to members who have concerns about the financial future of their families and churches?

Donald G. King

Someone has said that life is like a box of Kleenex

facial tissue—when you pull out one problem, out comes another. Life is fraught with financial worries, but I’m encouraged with the words of the Psalmist: “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread”—Psalm 37:25. The Bible is filled with promises of God’s watch-care and provision for the basic necessities of life. If we trust in Him, He’ll find a way. Some say I can’t afford to send my kids to Adventist schools—they’re too expensive. The reality is, you can’t afford NOT to give your child an Adventist Christian education . . . especially in the early formative years when the character is set for life. If you trust Him, He’ll find a way.

Ednor A. P. Davison

What areas do you think we need to improve as a union?

Donald G. King

Following-up on the matter of Adventist Christian education, I believe that we can do better as a union and as a church to provide affordable Adventist education for our members’ children. Let me be clear. I’m talking about lay members’ children here. Most of our church employees already get tuition discount for their kids. We need a plan where ALL of our members—denominationally and non-denominationally employed—may receive significant assistance in sending their children to OUR Adventist schools (some conferences have already begun to address this). Our schools should have a waiting list to get in because of quality and affordability!

Another area that can use improvement is for all of us as leaders—administrators, pastors, teachers, local elders, church officers, members, parents, single adults, and youth—to hold ourselves accountable and hold each other accountable for the biblical truths we believe and ought to practice. This includes treating one another with respect and refusing to engage in harmful gossip and destructive criticism. As the Apostle Paul reminds us: “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another”—Roman 12:10. Speaking of accountability, I’m also pleased to report that in 2008 five of the six conferences in the Atlantic Union implemented pastoral evalu-



ations with the goal of improving the professional performance of our pastoral workforce. At the Atlantic Union office the officers and directors are periodically evaluated by the union executive committee.

Ednor A. P. Davison

The membership of the Atlantic Union passed the 100,000 mark in January 2008. Tell us about some of the evangelistic initiatives the Atlantic Union has been pursuing in an attempt to reach the rest of the population in its territory.

Donald G. King

We thank God for the evangelistic growth in surpassing the 100,000 believer mark in our union, but we must not and cannot rest until the work is completed and Christ comes to take us home. Our focus must never cease to be on soul-winning in order to populate heaven and depopulate hell. Our mission is clear. Our orders are from heaven itself as pronounced by Jesus in the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20. Allow me to read it: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age"—THE MESSAGE.

Two important meetings occurred last year that gave emphasis and impetus to our evangelistic thrust: a Festival of the Laity/SEEDS convention was conducted and held in Stamford, Connecticut, to train lay members in the art of soul-winning and a Women's Ministries convention in Albany, New York. Also, in April of this year, the union conducted its first-ever Lay Evangelism Festival with Bob Folkenberg Sr., and Jr. The festival was held at the College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. As a follow-up to our 2009 Year of Evangelism, we are planning a three-site Evangelism Homecoming Celebration in 2010. These are one-day Sabbath events in three areas throughout the union designed to galvanize, inspire, and rouse our people to action in winning souls for Christ. The areas slated are the College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on May 1, 2010; Syracuse, New York, on October, 2, 2010; and New York City in

"Tell the World . . . Tell Atlantic Union"

**Baptisms/Professions of Faith (POF)
January - June 2009**

Conference	Baptisms/POFs	Membership
Bermuda	109	3,706
Greater New York	689	24,211
New York	111	5,330
Northeastern	802	47,865
Northern New England	59	5,123
Southern New England	474	15,263
Atlantic Union	2,244	101,498

on November 13, 2010. Much more will be announced in the months to come.

Ednor A. P. Davison

How engaged is the Atlantic Union in youth ministries?

Donald G. King

Quite engaged. In 2007, I invited Pastor Jan Paulsen, the world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to conduct a "Let's Talk" meeting with youth in New York City. I was amazed at how informed and engaged our youth and young adults really are as they interacted with Pastor Paulsen on a variety of topics relevant to youth issues. The program was broadcast live on Hope TV. Our youth department of the Atlantic Union is vibrant, with ongoing activities to create an environment where our youth are nurtured and prepared for Christian service. Some of the activities include a major union Pathfinder camporee, growth of the GODencounters young adult annual retreat, the Youth Ministries Intensives training seminars, the attendance of 4,500 Atlantic Union Pathfinders at the recent Courage to Stand International Pathfinder Camporee, and an upcoming Atlantic Union Dare2Do Youth Congress in 2010. Also, this month, the Atlantic Union Haitian Ministries department, along with other conferences and unions in the North American Division are sponsoring a YAHA (Young Adventist Haitians in America) Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. YAHA was founded by the Atlantic Union to provide nurture for Haitian young people in America.



Ednor A. P. Davison

Recently, the Atlantic Union, along with its six conferences, sponsored a Pastors and Teachers Convention that was an important initiative for the union. Tell us what is next after the Rhode Island convention.

Donald G. King

Yes, the feedback and evaluations from the first-ever Pastors and Teachers Convention have indicated it was a resounding success. The speakers, music, and breakout seminars were all well received. The training and inspiration provided were intended to help explore new and creative ways by which pastors and teachers could work together to inspire our children and young people to become champions for God. This convention was about shaping the future for the next generations of youth, a purpose for which our system of Adventist Christian education was designed. On the last day of the convention, it was inspiring to see the level of commitment expressed by the pastors and teachers as they filled out their commitment cards indicating a desire to team up with one another for the common goal of nurturing and preparing our young people for the kingdom of God.

The Atlantic Union and the six conferences are planning a variety of activities as a follow-up to the convention. For example, at the union level we are planning to engage both the conference ministerial and education departments in working to create an ad campaign with pastors and teach-



ers, students, and parents working together in their churches and schools. These ads would be featured in the Atlantic Union GLEANER on an ongoing basis for the inspiration of our people. Both the education and ministerial department leaders at the union and conference levels are laying follow-up plans to see how the teams are working together. We believe that these initiatives, along with the PASTORS AND TEACHERS MANUAL, that was created in time for the convention, will help to foster the goal of shaping and preserving our youth for Christian service.

Ednor A. P. Davison

This is the Year of Evangelism for the North American Division. What have the Atlantic Union administrators been doing?

Donald G. King

We have been excited about the Year of Evangelism in the Atlantic Union and as indicated earlier in this interview, the union has planned several things in response to this initiative. So much so that the union administrators and directors have been engaged “on the ground” in direct evangelism. This year, in addition to participating in and supporting meetings at the conference level, we conducted a series of evangelistic meetings at the Village Church of Seventh-day Adventists in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Both adult and children’s programs were implemented with the assistance and support of the Southern New England Conference, the Village church pastors, leaders, and members. I’m pleased to say that the whole union office staff has been engaged through their support and attendance at the meetings. A report on the Keys of Hope Bible Series will be included in an upcoming issue.

Ednor A. P. Davison

Do you have any parting words for our readers?

Donald G. King

As we near the soon coming of our Lord, I encourage all to press together in an effort to give God our best—in stewardship and service for our Master. This is no time for retreat or standing still. It’s straight ahead—with Christ as our Leader.

Our mission is clear, our task is formidable, the dragon is wroth . . . and he is big, but our God is bigger. I urge you to keep pressing onward and marching forward in Christ. ①

Local Church Starts Spiritual Mentorship Program



The Midland Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church initiated a spiritual mentorship program to benefit its recently-baptized members. Pictured are baptized members with their spiritual mentors.

The Midland Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church initiated a spiritual mentorship program this past June to benefit its recently-baptized members. Spiritual mentoring is one person, experienced in faith, who helps a new member grow as a disciple of Christ.

It was noted at a recent personal ministries council meeting that some newly-baptized members are often missing from church services and other activities. It was also mentioned that some of our younger members are being brought up in homes where only one par-

ent, usually the mother, is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Members recalled the days when it was customary to assign a spiritual guardian to newly-baptized members. After some discussion, it was decided that the church would identify all recently-baptized adults and young people and ask members to become their mentors. Fifteen mentors and 19 newly-baptized members were named. The plans are to also assign spiritual mentors to future members at their baptism.

The members spent some time thinking about the spiritual gifts, talents, and interests of the prospective mentors and mentees in order that the mentors and their charges would be matched as closely as possible.

During the service, there was an emphasis on the role of a mentor as explained in "The Six Important Roles of a Spiritual Mentor." The six roles are Prayer, Presence, Praise, Push, Perseverance, and Purpose. A brief biography of the mentors was read as they were introduced to their charges who stood beside them. In addition, the mentor was given a charge outlining some practical ways that they could exercise their roles. The service ended with a prayer of consecration by Damon Hendrickson, pastor of the Midland Heights church.

—Marlene Warren, personal ministries director, Midland Heights church, and Pete Saunders, associate communication director, Bermuda Conference

Bermuda Institute Principal Becomes Author

Bermuda Institute principal, Lois Tucker, has become a first-time author with the publication of the book *DISMANTLING THE HIERARCHIES: REDEFINING FAMILY IN CHARLES W. CHESTNUTT*. She was inspired to write the book more than four years ago while working on her doctoral dissertation, which addressed issues of racism and civil rights. The book looks at the contribution of black novelist Charles W. Chestnutt to civil rights, along with some of his personal struggles.

Tucker states, "This book explores Chestnutt's crafty and witty rhetorical manipulations, which dupe the literary opponents in his works and engages the reader in interpretative analyses. It further discloses him as a champion of a cause that not only may be recognized today as a predeces-

sor to the Civil Rights movement in America, but should also be recognized as a significant human concern throughout the world, generation after generation."

"The book became a reality after a friend recommended a publisher to me," said Tucker. "The publisher made contact with me and I forwarded the material and was excited that they accepted the project." Tucker believes that, though there is a scholarly/

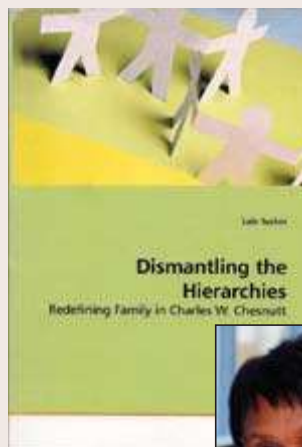
literary approach to the book, it is for the general public, as it touches many socio-political issues facing Bermuda and the rest of the world today. The book is available at

www.amazon.com.

Tucker, a member of the Midland Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bermuda, studied literature and criticism at Oakwood University, Andrews University, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition to serving as

principal at Bermuda Institute, she also serves as an adjunct lecturer in English at Bermuda College.

—Pete Saunders, associate communication director, Bermuda Conference



Awards Honor “Torches” of Excellence

The Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Office of Education made three presentations in recognition of educational excellence on Sabbath, September 19. In the GNYC K-12 education system, excellence is the torch that lights the way for our dedicated and talented principals and teachers. Two individuals in particular, and one school, were recognized as having “torches” that shine brightly in support of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

Award #1 was the Superintendent’s Award of Excellence, presented to Ismael Medina. He is a member of the Spanish Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church and is a former principal at the Bronx-Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. Since leaving the school in 2001, his heart remains in Christian education. For many years, he has conducted baptismal classes at the school, which

has resulted in more than 200 students giving their hearts to Jesus. This past year alone 27 students joined our church family after attending his baptismal class. We praise God for the wonderful influence of Ismael Medina and his lifelong commitment to academic and spiritual excellence. His “torch” has been shining very brightly for Jesus on behalf of students for more than three decades.

Award #2 was the Superintendent’s Award of Excellence, presented to Kimi-Roux James, who is a member of the Queens Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been a consummate professional and model of excellence while serving as administrative assistant to the Office of Education for three years. After leaving the education department in December 2008, she continued to volunteer her services and spent hun-

dreds of hours maintaining our education Web site. Thanks largely to her efforts, our Web site, www.GNYCED.org recently received national recognition, and was cited by Hermes Creative Awards as one of the top education Web sites in America out of more than 3,000 entries. To God be the glory for Kimi-



The Brooklyn school staff, along with Laura Mayne, the school’s principal, third from left, accepts the Excellence in Education award from David Cadavero, Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools, third from right.

This award was a team effort, but the principal, Laura Mayne, was the catalyst to make it happen. Congratulations to the Brooklyn school for raising the bar of educational and spiritual excellence. Previously, this was the first GNYC elementary school to operate a Junior National Honor Society and the first to initiate an evangelistic series conducted by students. To God be the glory for this outstanding achievement.

The Office of Education applauds this outstanding achievement attained by Ismael Medina, Kimi-Roux James, and the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. In each instance, Ellen G. White’s mandate, “To raise our standards higher and higher, far above where they now stand,” has been fulfilled. Congratulations on a job well done!

—David A. Cadavero, superintendent of schools, Greater New York Conference



David Cadavero, Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools, with award recipient, Kimi-Roux James.

Roux’s wonderful, dedicated Christian spirit of volunteerism.

Award #3 was the Excellence in Education Award and is the highest award given to a school that is part of the GNYC K-12 education system. To attain this award, the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist School had to satisfy 91 standards, complete a report identifying how each standard was met, and had an evaluation team inspect the school and review the report line-by-line to validate that each standard was met.



Astrid Thomassian, Atlantic Union education director, left, with award recipient, Ismael Medina, and David Cadavero, Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools.

Miracle in Spanish Town

The Greater New York Conference youth director, Jose Cortes, Jr., took a group of young people this past April to Jamaica for a mission trip. Their destination was the Spanish Town Infirmary located in Spanish Town, St. Catharine. The infirmary is home to approximately 150 residents. Most of these residents have no known relatives.

This was the second trip to the island by the Greater New York Conference youth. They again joined forces with the Central Jamaica Conference youth to reconstruct a building on the premises that was destroyed by fire almost two years ago. With only three and a half working days available, due to flight delays, the youth went to work on

what many believed to be a highly impossible task, but God was on the mission. By Friday afternoon a brand new roof was erected, flooring was repaired, walls were freshly painted, and new toilets were installed. The only way to describe all that was done in



such a short period of time is a modern-day “miracle in Spanish Town.”

The reconstruction of the building, while major, was

secondary. The main focus was to bring a spirit of cheer, words of comfort, and an atmosphere of hopefulness. God was leading. Every morning the residents antici-



pated the arrival of the youth. They joined in the morning worship and enjoyed daily personalized ministry by the youth and a full-time missionary chaplain. By the time the youth left on Friday, residents were singing God’s praise, joyful expressions were on their

faces, and the spirit of hope was rejuvenated.

The mission trip to Jamaica is only one of several sponsored by the Greater New York Conference youth department. Since 2003 the department has sponsored mission trips to Mexico, the Philippines, and New Orleans. More trips are being planned. This year youth will travel to the Dominican Republic and again to Mexico. Plans are also in the works for the first mission trip to Haiti in 2010.

For more information on how you can participate in any of these mission trips, visit the Greater New York Conference Youth Department Web site at www.gnycyouth.com.

—Teddy Williamson, volunteer assistant to the youth director for AY and youth area coordinator, Greater New York Conference

Patchogue Church Elder Receives President’s Service Award

The Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church members had the privilege, on June 6, of having as guest speakers the Atlantic Union Conference president, Donald G. King, and his wife, Lois. In addition to their contributions during the Sabbath school lesson study, the church was honored when the president presented one of Patchogue’s elders, Samantha Armstrong, the President’s Service Award in appreciation of her 10 years of dedicated work in the Patchogue community and church.

King’s sermon “Keeping Warm in a Cold Place” was in step with his mission in life, which is “to inspire and motivate others to achieve Christian excellence and ways of wellness in their lives. The personal testimony given by Lois King regarding her life and how she came to

the message was an eye-opener and brought a tear to more than one person’s eye. The message was timely, demanded introspective reflection, and yet, encouraging. The hymn of meditation was a duet sung by Earl Huie, Patchogue church elder and Jennifer Huie, member of the Washington Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Bronx.

Following the service, lunch was provided by the social committee. The Kings exuded such warmth and genuine caring that many of the members expressed sadness when they had to leave. Even one of the next door neighbors stated that they thought the Kings were family to one of the church members by what she had observed. Praise God, we are all part of the family of God.

May God use us to keep others warm in the light of God’s love

while living in this cold place until He comes.

—Mark Armstrong, communication leader, Patchogue church

Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, presents Samantha Armstrong, Patchogue church elder, with the President’s Service Award.



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Nursing Program Attracts Students

Testing Demonstrates Results



Nursing students settling down for class; from many countries, many ethnicities, and many age groups, they come to learn and serve.

One hundred twenty-four students registered for AUC's A.S. and B.S. nursing programs this semester, the largest number in the history of the department. Forty are new this fall, working together and forming what the department calls a "cohort."

They are destined for success, if recent trends hold true. In May 2009, all students completing AUC's nursing program and taking the national licensure examination, the NCLEX, passed the examination. A 100% pass rate is rare, reflecting well on the

student cohort and on the instruction that produced them. In May 2008, over 90% passed the examination on their first attempt.

Twenty-six students took the 2009 NCLEX, and all 26 passed it. "I am so proud of them!" says Lenora Follett, nursing department chair.

Last year for the first time AUC's nursing department had two cohorts, one entering in the fall and a second one beginning in January. There were 32 students in that first January cohort, a number that has since grown to 36.

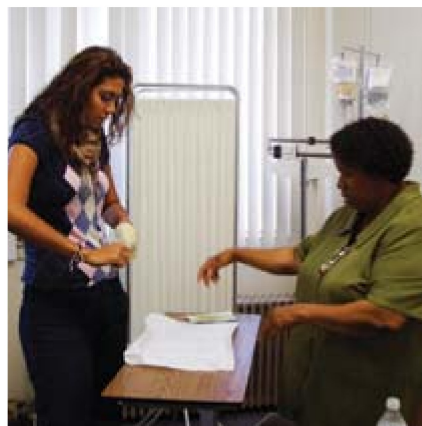
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In January 2010, AUC, Follett, and the department will welcome a new cohort of beginning nursing students, challenging them to serious study in preparation for a life of rewarding service. (To apply to join this cohort, contact the nursing department or the college admissions office at (978) 368-2030, toll free: (800) 282-2030.)

—Ann Parrish, professor emerita of English, Atlantic Union College



Under faculty supervision, student nurses practice measuring one another's blood pressure before assisting real patients. Front: Jamaal Hedrington practices with Catarina Lima. Rear: Magnsnoh Nwachukwu practices on Nancy Wada, her instructor.



Nothing is easy: Professor Olga Walker (right) instructs Anny Cunha in wearing and managing a sterile glove.



Nursing students model the isolation gowns they are learning to put on and work with.

Photos: Lenora Follett

Student Enrollment Exceeds Budgeted Expectations

When AUC's students and faculty assembled in the College Church for the fall Week-of-Prayer (September 20-26), they included in their prayers of thanksgiving their thankfulness for a student enrollment that eclipsed the budgeted number.

Despite the depressed economy, when, fall registration officially con-

cluded on September 28, Atlantic Union College had welcomed more students than projected by the administrators' cautious budget. After the inevitable late registrants trickled in, the faculty happily counted 404 new and returning students. Add to that number the 37 Adult Degree Program students who registered in July, and the number

rises to 441, beating the budgeted expectation by almost 15 percent.

Bordes Henry-Saturné, vice president for enrollment management, noted on his report to the board of trustees that 2009 has been a turning point for the college, with a total of 205 new students on the campus (spring and fall semesters). "There is

a 100 percent increase in the number of new students enrolled compared to last year," said Henry-Saturné.

The numbers are even higher when one includes 177 summer students. "The 2009 fall semester enrollment numbers confirm that Atlantic Union College is beginning a more propitious future. This is good news," he said.

"Very good news," said Issumael Nzamutuma, assistant vice-president for Assessment and Institutional Research. "We budgeted for only a small increase—to 350 financial full-time equivalents (FFTE)." Instead we have a fall semester enrollment of 382 FFTE."

"Our new emphasis," says President Norman Wendth, "is paying off."

—Ann Parrish, professor emerita of English, Atlantic Union College



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Corning Church Continues to Serve the Community

The members of the Corning Seventh-day Adventist Church understand the importance of community ministries. For several years now they have offered ministries designed to share the love of God with others.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) has been an annual event for several years. This year, under the leadership of Cheryl Cady and MariLou Conable, with B.J. Conable, Colleen Kabel, Loella Wickey, Ivy Ng'oma, and Becky Evans assisting, 45 children had a wonderful time of fun and learning. One child who has attended for several years said he was going to be at VBS for the rest of his life. He enjoys the activities as well as helping the leaders with the other children. They have been exposed to learning about Jesus, singing the songs that will stay in their memory, crafts, and games.

Eric Hall helped Jamie Loveless make snacks each day. Kelly Cranmer was in charge of the crafts, and Roger Curtis, the church's

pastor, was in charge of the Bible stories and games. The program ended on Sabbath morning and some parents attended.

We pray that VBS will be a means of bringing the message of God's love and saving grace to those who attended and that they will always see Jesus as their friend.

In 2003, the Eight Weeks to Wellness program was implemented. We have had two sessions each year since then. This year David Kabel, a registered dietitian, with Colleen Kabel, a nurse; Loella Wickey, a doctor; John Spielman, an occupational therapist; Roger Curtis, the pastor; and an



More than 40 children had a wonderful time of fun and learning at the Corning church Vacation Bible School.

vided information on how to improve one's health.

Corning church members are working to cover Steuben County, New York, with a packet of books, namely, HAPPINESS DIGEST (STEPS TO CHRIST), AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION, and a DISCOVERY Bible lesson invitation."

exercise physiologist from Guthrie HealthWorks pro-

It is an excellent tool for providing lifestyle improvement information to the community and definitely helps to get a good word out about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

It has been very well received, as registration this past fall was 20. It has reached as high as 40 in years past. Also in previous years, the YMCA has given free tickets to registrants, providing full access to their facilities.

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Steuben County, New York, with a packet of books, namely, HAPPINESS DIGEST (STEPS TO CHRIST), AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION, and a DISCOVERY Bible lesson invitation. A group of Corning church members, led by Loella Wickey, filled plastic door hangers with 2,000 books. Loella Wickey, MariLou Conable, and Ivy Ng'oma drove to a mapped destination and distributed them to the homes in Steuben County. This project was started three years ago and will continue until the county is covered.

There have been several Bible study invitation cards returned and Bible lessons started, which MariLou Conable corrects and sends back. We are looking forward to the second coming of Jesus and seeing the individuals who made decisions for Jesus.

—Marjorie L. Plumley, communication secretary, Corning church



MariLou Conable, Ivy Ng'oma, and Loella Wickey distributed books and Bible lesson invitations to homes in Steuben County, New York.

Three Baptized at Cortland Church

Three people were baptized at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cortland, New York, on August 1. For the first time in our church, the elders conducted the baptism. Dustin Hall, the church's pastor, oversees three dis-

ferent world they now live in she wanted to reconnect with God. Her father, Tom Rogers, an elder, baptized her.

Naomi Saldono came to this church through her sister, Karen. She had sprinklings of knowledge about the Seventh-day Adventist Church in her life, but it was not until she moved in with her sister that she dedicated her life to the Lord. She has been attending this church for about two years.

James Holler accepted an invitation to join in

Friday evening Bible studies and, because he is a friendly person and inquisitive, he started attending church services and decided that this is the way to the Lord.

Saldono and Holler were baptized by church elder Robert Castellanos, who

“The church’s pastor, oversees three districts, and with the rapid growth of our membership, he is empowering [the elders] to do more ministering.”

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Tara Rogers is a student at Medaille College in Buffalo. She had been baptized before, but with the pressures at school and the dif-



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Naomi Soldano was baptized by church elder Robert Castellanos.



James Holler was baptized by church elder Robert Castellanos.

worked with them in their studies.

—Dena Fitzgerald, co-communication secretary, Cortland church



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By Trudy Wright

A Different Way to Fight Terrorism

Our government has been fighting the war on terrorism in a very big way since 9/11. Greg Mortenson, an international humanitarian, literally stumbled off course, but walked into a plan that would lead to a very successful war on terrorism in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A course that, for a while, sent our government to investigate Greg and led our government to pattern their strategy after his. Born to Lutheran missionary parents, Greg Mortenson saw his father build a hospital and his mother build a school on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. It was there and in his home state of Montana that Greg learned to love mountain climbing.

Greg's little sister contracted meningitis as a three-year-old which gave her many challenges growing up. When, as a young woman, she died from one of her seizures, Greg decided he would honor her by placing one of her personal items on top of K-2, the second tallest mountain in the world on the border of Pakistan. A man with many talents and degrees, Greg set out with three other men to conquer the mountain. On the last leg of the climb, placing things in right perspective, Greg and one of his companions gave up their goal in order to save a man's life by carrying him down from near the top to where a helicopter could complete the rescue. Exhaustion prevented him from trying again to reach the summit.

In a state of mental exhaustion, Greg wandered off the trail, becoming separated from the group that was traveling out. He stumbled into the village of

Korphe, a village that literally hangs off the side of the mountain, but the residents had never seen a white man. They gave to him, a stranger, their best. After months of care, he recuperated and, being a nurse himself, he helped to treat their many ailments. They called him "Doctor."

The elders of Korphe declared their greatest need to be schooling for their children. A traveling teacher came to the village for a couple days each week to teach the children. Greg saw the many children sitting on the mountain rocks studying on their own day after day. In gratitude, wanting to repay the kindness extended to him, he declared in parting, "I promise to build you a school."

Greg Mortenson has built a school, and another, and another, until he has built more than 90 schools, educating more than 34,000 of Pakistan and Afghanistan's children. He knows that true education brings truth, peace, freedom, health, power, and more. These schools prevent the Taliban from controlling the minds of the children and thus the people. Greg's form of war on terrorism has changed the face of America to many people in these countries.

It should strike terror in our hearts when Seventh-day Adventist children are in schools operated by people that do not have the truth of God's Word. These students are often given false information regarding God, creation, truth, law, peace, war, life, morals, values, marriage, gender, homosexuality—the list goes on and on. How are we to face this war for the minds of our children?

Perhaps Paul's message is instructive: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"—Ephesians 6:11-18.

Who is controlling the minds of our children? It is time for Seventh-day Adventist church leaders and parents to get wholeheartedly behind Seventh-day Adventist Christian education before it is too late for the children. ☺



Trudy Wright is the Northern New England Conference superintendent of schools.

View—Greg's Girl Effect clip at: www.girleffect.org.

Read—*THREE CUPS OF TEA*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

A Statement on Human Relations

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).

Seventh-day Adventists deplore and seek to combat all forms of discrimination based on race, tribe, nationality, color, or gender. We believe that every person was created in the image of God, who made all nations of one blood (Acts 17:26). We endeavor to carry on the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ, who died for the whole world so that in Him "there is neither Jew nor Greek" (Galatians 3:28). Any form of racism eats the heart out of the Christian gospel.

One of the most troubling aspects of our times is the manifestation of racism and tribalism in many societies, sometimes with violence, always with the denigration of men and women. As a worldwide body in more than 200 nations, Seventh-day Adventists seek to manifest acceptance, love, and respect toward all, and to spread this healing message throughout society.

The equality of all people is one of the tenets of our church. Our Fundamental Belief No. 13

states: "In Christ we are a new creation; distinctions of race, culture, learning and nationality, and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female, must not be divisive among us. We are all equal in Christ, who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship with Him, and with one another; we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation." ①

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.

Resources

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

Web sites

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

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

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Books

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

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL

Solid Rock Welcomes 14 New Members

Fourteen people were baptized at the Solid Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 8 and 15. David Cuke, Sr., the church's pastor, and his faithful Bible workers allowed the Holy Spirit to lead them as they expounded and delivered God's Word. Here is what Solid Rock's newest believers wish to share:

"I feel good knowing I'm ready for Christ's coming. I don't want to be left behind."—Cammelita Samuels

"I'm recommitting my life. I want to be faithful to God and witness for Him."—Yolanda Earl

"I'm visiting from Jamaica, but I had wavered and decided to come home. This crusade is the perfect venue for me to recommit my life. I feel stronger now on my rebirth. At my first baptism in Jamaica, I had chosen a day when few people would be present in my church because I was bashful. Now I am bolder and on fire for God."—Tanya Williams

"It's time for me to come home. I want to be saved and ready for heaven."—Curtis Burns

"I'm excited and hope to make a difference in my home and community. I'll tell about God's love as often as I can."—Shamika Sutherland

"I needed to recommit, keep attending church, and [to keep] studying God's Word."—Samantha Sucher

"I want to make a change and get myself together and share God with my siblings. It's the best decision I could have made."—Savrina Sutherland

"Maybe I'm selfish, but I'm usually very sick. I want to test God, since my body is His temple. I want Him to heal my physical pains. I also want to be a leader for my family. I can guide them morally. I'm a mother of six and everyone comes to me for advice. Four of my children are being baptized today with me."—Carla Alexis

"I love God and wish to spend the rest of my life with Him. I'm excited,

but scared. I feel renewed. I want to make a difference in my home and community. God loves me and has died for me."—Keyah Patterson

When asked why he decided to be baptized, eleven-year-old Alan Adams said, "I want to be closer to God and walk in His way. I absorb the Bible lessons I learn in Sabbath school and Bible class. I listened carefully to the Bible workers. I want to be saved and go to heaven. Now I feel refreshed since being baptized."

Cuke has expressed his thanks to God for His mercies in using him to



The Solid Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomed 14 new members through baptism on August 8 and 15.

lead individuals back to His kingdom. He appreciates the work of his dedicated Bible workers and singing evangelist, Kay Fray. "To God be the glory," Cuke says. "His blessings continually uplift Solid Rock."

—Yvette Sheron Mingo, communication correspondent, Solid Rock church

Berea Church in Nyack Holds Evangelistic Meetings

The "Heaven Survival Package" evangelistic series was conducted at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nyack, New York, from July 11-25. Burnett L. Robinson, from Florida, was the evangelist for the meetings. He delivered timely, Christ-centered messages on how not to become desensitized by the troubling realities that characterize our world. He warned us not to get caught up in the ideas that cardinal virtue is tolerance and that morality is a matter of choice. He demonstrated through Scripture that the Word of God is our only solution for survival. One individual was baptized during the meetings and seven on Sabbath, August 8. Ucall Harris, the church's pastor, thanked Robinson, members of the church, and the community for supporting the meetings. He quoted: 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted the seed. Apollo watered it, but God made it grow."

—Frances Pratt, communication secretary, Berea church, Nyack



Burnett L. Robinson, was the evangelist for the meetings conducted at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nyack, New York.

Young People Attend Franco-Haitian Camp Meeting

The dreary skies and constant rain could not dampen the spirits of more than 200 youth who attended the worship service on Sabbath, August 22, at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, as part of the annual Franco-Haitian camp meeting.

Praise and worship pierced the usually quiet campsite. The white tent served as a beacon of light, bringing hope and joy to all who sought shelter from the rain, peace from life's struggles, and deliverance.

The camp meeting, which began on Wednesday, August 19, and concluded on Sunday August 23, was filled with sports activities, several workshops, an anointed Sabbath service from sunset to sunset, and our first-ever BBQ social.

Dressed in their Franco-Haitian youth federation polo shirts, Nigel Lewis, Northeastern Conference youth director, and Philip Wesley II, Northeastern Conference associate youth director, encouraged hundreds of youth to rededicate themselves to Christ and to stay vigilant.

Under the 2009 North American Division initiative, "Share the Hope," Israel Jean-Leon, pastor from the New Jersey Conference,

preached a message that was centered on our need to praise God in any circumstance.

His sermon, entitled "Crazy Cravings," explored Jeremiah 20, which depicts the story of Babylonians who wanted to experience praise and worship. The Israelites, however, chose not to comply with their request, because they could not see beyond their circumstance. They missed their opportunity to evangelize and testify of God's goodness.

In Matthew 28:30, we are given the Great Commission to teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Many Christians choose when and where to share His gospel, not knowing whether the person next to them is in need of encouragement. At times, we are given several opportunities to min-



Israel Jean-Leon, a pastor from the New Jersey conference, presented the worship message on Sabbath, August 22 to more than 200 youth at the annual Franco-Haitian camp meeting.

ister to our brothers and sisters and choose to ignore His calling. Let us remember to always share the good news with one another, for we do not know whether that person will have another opportunity to hear His Word and turn their lives over to Christ.

As Jean Leon made his final appeal in collaboration with Wesley, one young man gave his life to Christ, sealing his decision to forever walk with His creator until His second coming.

—Kristia M. Beaubrun, public relations coordinator, Franco-Haitian Youth Federation

Retired Teacher Celebrates 101st Birthday

Margaret Earle, a former teacher at Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy, celebrated her 101st birthday on September 7. Before coming to New York, she provided many years of dedicated service to children in schools in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Earle was married to the late John Robert Earle. Her genuine love of people

and her love for her Savior formed the basis for her teaching career and outreach to young people. She donated numerous books to children. Among her donations were her annual gifts of devotional books for each student at Rochester Junior Academy. Also, at graduation time, each graduate received a card from her with a little money tucked inside and a book.



Margaret Earle

Earle's love of education led her to a number of travel destinations, including India, the Holy Land, and

many General Conference sessions. Sister Earle, Aunt Margaret, or Mother Earle—as she is affectionately called—now resides in White Plains, New York, with her niece, Caddie Howell. The passing years have not diminished her wonderful memory, beautiful smile, and enjoyment of singing hymns.

—Georgia Oakes, teacher, Westchester Area school



Miracle at Camp Meeting 2009

Many people hear scripture over and over, and wonder if it's true, but, if one attended the 2009 Northern New England Conference camp meeting, doubt was put to rest. As people arrived for the week, many commented that they felt a "special presence," and said the atmosphere was good. Before camp meeting even started, prayer warriors dedicated the grounds as sacred, and prayed for all of the upcoming meetings. The Lord honored those requests.

As always, the prayer chapel became a sanctuary for many. The miracles that took place in that tent chapel were abundant and exciting. We share just one of those miracles.

A gentleman ran into the tent chapel to get out of the pouring rain. We asked him how we could help him, but he stated, "I didn't come in for prayer; I just came in to get out of the rain." We began to chitchat, and shortly he started questioning me about the Holy Spirit and prayer. Then I asked him if he would

like to have prayer, and he said, "If we are going to have prayer, then we need to be honest with each other like the disciples were." I agreed, and then he said, "After I tell you something, you may not want to have prayer with me." I couldn't imagine what he was about to say. He went on to explain that he had a problem with anger. He began to share with me that he was a singer. He said he hadn't been able to sing for a year, and felt that the Lord wouldn't let him. Previously, he sang at scores of weddings and other events.

We had prayer and then the prayer team began to sing "He's Able." While we were singing, the Lord impressed me that there was still an issue that had to be dealt with, an issue with forgiveness, and impressed me to offer another prayer. I told the gentleman of my impression from God, and he consented to have another prayer. Toward the end of our prayer, he loudly cried, "That's it!" At first I thought he meant

that we should stop, but I soon found out that he meant, "that's it" as in "that's the problem." He said that there was someone he needed to forgive.

He began to explain that this upcoming Sabbath was the anniversary that earmarked his decision to give up. He was angry, couldn't sing, and was discouraged and frustrated. In fact he almost wasn't going to come to camp meeting.

At this point he said he had to go, and that there was someone he needed to talk with. I told him he couldn't go yet because he needed to sing a song. He said he couldn't do that, and I reminded him that he was forgiven, was healed, and that he could sing. We went back and forth for a bit, and finally he agreed to sing. As each of us was opening our songbooks, I noticed we both opened up to the same song, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior."

He began to sing, and oh,



Many people who stopped by the prayer chapel shared testimonies of answered prayers.

what a wonderful voice it was! He stopped singing after two verses, but still there was an overwhelming joy that filled the air; sad tears were turned into glad tears. Can you see our God working here? Here was this precious individual, on the edge of "calling it quits," who came in to get out of the pouring rain, not for prayer. He found love from strangers (his words), got his singing voice back, received the spirit of forgiveness, and parted with a song in his heart. The Holy Spirit directed the entire event!

Many Bible promises were fulfilled in just a few moments, but were years in the making. Praise God!

—Member of the Prayer Team, Northern New England Conference

God and the Tithing Small Business Owner

How does God work to protect the small business owner in these economic times? I've asked myself this often as I've watched the prosperity of my business fluctuate. My healthcare staffing agency provides temporary nursing staff for short-term needs. It's dependent on two things: having enough nurses who want part-time work, as well as hospital and nursing homes contracting with my agency for their unexpected staffing needs. If these facilities serve Medicare/Medicaid clients, as they almost all do, they

receive monies from the state, some of which filters down to my agency when they pay me for services rendered.

Imagine my shock as the owner of a healthcare staffing agency when I learned that hospitals and nursing homes wouldn't be able to pay their bills in full during June. The reason? The state had a shortfall in Medicare/Medicaid revenues and wouldn't be able to fully reimburse staffing agencies like mine during the month of June. It meant crisis!

My workers must be paid, or the reputation of the agen-

cy is at stake. So the choice was to fall behind in the agency's bills or to personally not take a salary for that month . . . or longer, depending on the shortfall. At the same time, I had just opened a new office one hour south, hoping to address the need to sign on more nurses with the agency; so the crisis was magnified.

Well, stand back in awe of how God provides for the tithe-payer! Of all the healthcare providers that contract with my agency, only one caters to a completely private clientele and thus receives no state monies.

This assisted living facility has only used my agency sparingly in the past. When I received the news about the coming "slow payments," I sat down with my schedule to assess what the damage was going to be. To my surprise, I discovered that the calendar was cluttered with the staffing needs of this particular assisted living facility; the only one to be in a position to be able to pay their bills in full. May God be praised!

—Julie Hadley, communication correspondent, with Anne Goorhuis, Freeport, Maine

Pine Tree Academy Receives Worthy Student Fund Gift

In 1998, a man visited the Northern New England Conference office, entering into then assistant treasurer, Bob Sundin's office. He informed Sundin that he wanted to create a worthy student endowment for students at Pine Tree Academy

in Yarmouth, Maine, in order to formalize the endowment. Knight, who had been a member of both the Portland and Freeport Adventist churches, had been frugal and made wise investments over the years since his Navy experiences of World War II.

When his estate was finalized, in December 2008, Allen Knight left a total of \$545,000 to Pine Tree Academy. This financial aid endowment fund, in his own words, is to enable "students of the Allen Knight Scholarship Fund and Pine Tree Academy to become missionaries traveling all over the world to preach the true Sabbath of God and God's commandments to the entire world until Jesus Christ chooses to come. I hope the fund and the school will create a true missionary spirit that will be acceptable to Him."

"When his estate was finalized, in December 2008, Allen Knight left a total of \$545,000 to Pine Tree Academy."

(PTA). In a serious tone, he shared with Sundin that he wanted young people "to be able to study—you know—the black book." Not knowing him, Sundin asked if he meant the Bible. The man's eyes lit up and he exclaimed, "That's the one!"

In August 2002, Sundin traveled to the home of Allen Knight

This allowed him to be generous in supporting PTA students with financial aid for some time. It also allowed him to put money aside, which eventually would support a generous donation to the school.

Allen Knight died on August 13, 2005, and, true to his word, he left a sizeable gift to PTA.

Allen Knight was honored publicly, in person, for his support for Pine Tree Academy at the school's commencement exercises on June 8, 2003.

—Brendan Krueger, principal, Pine Tree Academy

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Four Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

The Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, on May 14, approved the ordination of four Southern New England Conference (SNEC) pastors to the gospel ministry. Three of these were ordained on June 20, the first Sabbath of the SNEC English camp meeting, and the fourth was ordained on July 11, the Sabbath of the SNEC Hispanic camp meeting.

Franklin G. Jackson, born in Kingston, Jamaica, was a lay pastor and businessman in New York City for many years. Called to the ministry by the Northeastern Conference, Jackson transitioned to the Southern New England Conference with the formation of the Hartford Grace church in Connecticut. The Grace church is one of the fastest-

growing churches in the conference. Jackson and his wife, Jasmine, have five adult children.

Omar Jarvis, a graduate of Atlantic Union College, pastored the Brockton church for five years before attending the seminary at Andrews University, where he received a M.Div. degree. He and his wife, Venetta, are from Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She is currently the principal of the Lincoln school in Rhode Island. He is the pastor of the Lincoln/Grace and Glory/Cumberland church district in Rhode Island. They have two children: Malaika, age 6, and Elyana, age 4.

Noel Ojeda was born in Cuba, the son of a Seventh-day Adventist pastor. A graduate of Atlantic Union



Jackeline and Noel Ojeda following the ordination service at the SNEC Hispanic camp meeting.

College, Ojeda pastored the Willimantic Spanish church before attending seminary and receiving a M.Div. degree. While in seminary, he married Jackeline, who was born in Ecuador. Upon completion of his education, he pastored the New Bedford/Attleboro/Woonsocket Spanish church district in Massachusetts. He now pastors the Framingham/Jamaica Plain Spanish churches in Massachusetts.

David W. Steede II was born in Bermuda. His wife, Ra'Shall, is from Selma, Alabama. They met at Oakwood University, where he received a degree in theology and she, a degree in elementary education. Sponsored by the Bermuda Conference, Steede received a M.Div. degree in 2005 from Andrews University before joining the Southern New England Conference. They have two children: David III, age 11, and Summer, age 9. He pastors the Brockton/Attleboro church district in Massachusetts.

—Frank Tochterman, president, Southern New England Conference



David W. Steede II with his wife, Ra'Shall, Omar Jarvis with his wife, Venetta, and Franklin G. Jackson with his wife, Jasmine, following the ordination service at the SNEC English camp meeting.

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Churches Organized

The Southern New England Conference churches organized into the sisterhood of churches from November 2008 to November 2009 are:

- Salem**
January 17, 2009
- Greater Boston Chinese**
January 24, 2009
- Norwalk Spanish**
May 9, 2009

Churches Debt Free

The Southern New England Conference churches dedicated (debt free) from November 2008 to November 2009 are:

- Waubury Spanish**
November 2008
- Worcester Spanish**
November 2008
- Holyoke Spanish**
October 31, 2009

—Juan Borges, executive secretary, Southern New England Conference

GBA Students College Bound

Greater Boston Academy (GBA) graduated 10 seniors at its graduation exercises on Sunday, June 7. Fernando Sosa, one of the graduates, received two scholarships totaling more than \$30,000 to AUC. The scholarships were for leadership, scholarship, and service.

Emelie Pla received the “Principal’s Award,” chosen by the GBA faculty for her scholarship, service, citizenship, and courage. Six of the students—John Mercado, Iliana Panameno, Emelie Pla, Jeffandy St. Hubert, Rachel Slocum, and Raquel Valentin—were members of the National Honor Society.

Former science teacher Sandra Bent was the featured speaker of the Friday evening consecration service. She exhorted the seniors to “think differently,” illustrating her point with the story of how her father fostered Christian education in the Greater Boston community.



Greater Boston Academy graduates show their enthusiasm for a bright future.

Sabbath morning’s baccalaureate speaker was Kenn Dixon, current chaplain and religion teacher at GBA. He addressed each member of the class personally and challenged them to cherish their Christian education.

The Sunday afternoon commencement speaker was former GBA chaplain Mark Ishikawa. He talked with the seniors on a very personal level, ultimately challeng-

ing them to claim the plan that God has for them, as stated in their class text of Jeremiah 29:11.

The Class of 2009 was a service-oriented class, having participated in a Maranatha mission trip to Peru in 2008. They also spent Wednesday afternoons at the local Adventist Community Services Center, allowing the food pantry to be open an extra afternoon each week. Members of the class were also active in school leadership, holding a number of key offices and serving as role models to their younger schoolmates. Many who attended commented throughout the weekend about the high level of spirituality and inspiration of the programs, and, by extension, the young people. They now are college bound with all but one scheduled to attend an Adventist institution.

—Rondi Aastrup, principal, Greater Boston Academy

Poiriers Recognized for 50 Years of Pastoral Ministry

Leo and Lois Poirier were recognized by Stoneham Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church members for their half-century of pastoral, person-to-person ministry, which illustrates Jesus’ statement that servanthood is greatness.



Leo and Lois Poirier were surprised by the recognition of a lifetime of service presented by the Stoneham Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Peter Connolly recounted the couple’s life of ministry, using facts carefully compiled by the Poirier’s daughter, Maureen Hodson. Rebecca Montagne-Wilkins, who assisted Mr. Poirier’s chaplaincy ministry for many years, added heartfelt recollections of his caring pastoral ministry. Mirna Aeschilmann, M.D., also testified to Mr. Poirier’s caring ministry with and through her practice.

Bob Carruthers then presented the couple with a trip to Morocco, North Africa, where the Poiriers lived during their first year of marriage. This congregation’s gift of appreciation for a lifetime of pastoral service

has the Poiriers celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary in the place they celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

By this recognition service, held on August 1, the Stoneham Memorial church congregation not only wished to recognize the Poiriers, but also to uphold the central importance of both lay and ordained pastors—quiet,

often unseen, but effective and appreciated.

—Alister Hunt, member, Stoneham Memorial church

Student Baptism



Jacqueline Hebert, now an eighth-grader at Cedar Brook Seventh-day Adventist School in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, made her decision for baptism during a spring youth-led ShareHim evangelism series. She led the music during the series. She was baptized by Barry Kimbrough, pastor of the Taunton district, on July 18 at the Colt State Park in Bristol, Rhode Island.



Adventistes américains sont plus lents que le commun des mortels pour adopter la nouvelle technologie personnelle

Tandis que les adventistes du septième jour aux Etats-Unis sont plus lents que le commun des mortels à adopter une nouvelle technologie personnelle, ils sont à l'avant-garde en matière d'évangélisation par internet. Voilà ce qu'a suggéré cette semaine une étude présentée à l'occasion d'une convention mondiale sur l'approche de l'Eglise en matière de technologie.

Les adventistes aux Etats-Unis sont généralement plus âgés que le grand public, c'est ce qui peut expliquer cette tendance, a déclaré Paul Richardson, directeur exécutif du

gens cherchent à créer des liens, qu'ils souhaitent construire sur la confiance.”

Du 9 au 11 septembre, le congrès GiEN de l'Eglise a attiré 120 techniciens Web, agents de communication et administrateurs adventistes du monde entier à Orlando en Floride pour discuter des nouvelles méthodes de diriger des projets d'évangélisation en utilisant les technologies d'internet.

“Ce congrès permet de motiver les gens, de leur dispenser une formation et de leur offrir une vision plus large et plus globale pour partager les idées

Le congrès a aussi mis l'accent sur l'impact de “NetAdventist” et Adventist “Church Connect,” deux plate-formes de gestion de sites qui permettent aux églises locales de lancer facilement et de gérer leurs propres sites d'internet. Parce que plus de 70 % des visiteurs potentiels vont naviguer sur le site Web d'une église avant de choisir de se rendre dans celle-ci, une forte présence en ligne est vitale a dit P. Richardson.

L'étude des adventistes de l'Internet, porte sur 6.000 églises adventistes aux Etats-Unis dont 52

ment la nouvelle génération” a ajouté P. Richardson.

“En dehors de cela, un autre défi se présente: nous devons aider l'ancienne génération à adopter ces technologies afin qu'elle puisse les utiliser pour l'évangélisation” a-t-il expliqué. “Les brésiliens ressentent la liaison grâce à la technologie.”

Quelques 400.000 demandes de prières ont été transmises aux dirigeants de l'Eglise dans ce pays depuis le lancement de ce centre de média, et plus de 40.000 personnes ont terminé des cours d'étude de la Bible électroniquement, ce que J. Santos attribue en partie au sentiment de communauté que les gens trouvent sur l'internet.

Tandis que le GiEN fait un grand travail pour “galvaniser” un intérêt pour l'internet parmi les adventistes en montrant son utilité pour l'évangélisation, J. Santos a dit qu'il espère que cette étude qui a été présentée cette année va encourager les dirigeants de l'Eglise à embaucher davantage de jeunes gens à la pointe de la technologie pour transformer cet intérêt en action.

“Ils sont enthousiastes, ils ont de bonnes idées et viennent tout juste d'obtenir leurs diplômes. Ils se font déjà volontaires pour aider, mais ils doivent faire preuve d'un engagement global et fort pour qu'on fasse appel à eux.”

Source: Adventist News Network
23 Sep 2009

English translation available at: news.adventist.org/2009/09/adventists-in-us-slo.html.

Du 9 au 11 septembre, le congrès GiEN de l'Eglise a attiré 120 techniciens Web, agents de communication et administrateurs adventistes du monde entier à Orlando en Floride pour discuter des nouvelles façons de diriger des projets d'évangélisation en utilisant les technologies d'internet.

Centre pour le Ministère Créatif de l'église adventiste de l'Amérique du Nord lorsqu'il a pris la parole au Congrès Mondial de l'Evangélisation par Internet de l'Eglise (GiEN).

Au Brésil, l'église adventiste a coordonné l'intégration à l'internet des médias sociaux et des études de la Bible, ce qui a conduit à des milliers de demandes de visites personnelles. Malheureusement, l'Eglise n'a pas la possibilité de répondre à plus d'un quart des demandes.

“Je pense que ceci est instructif pour nous ici en Amérique du Nord” a affirmé P. Richardson. “Les

et les expériences” a dit Williams Costa Jr., coordinateur du congrès et directeur adjoint des communications pour la production de médias à la Conférence Générale à Silver Spring, Maryland.

Dans le passé, l'Eglise a été lente à tirer partie d'internet, a dit Jobson Santos, coordinateur de l'Evangélisation par l'Internet pour le centre des médias de l'Eglise au Brésil. “On a pris huit ans pour lancer un département d'internet dans notre centre des médias. Mais l'Eglise avance” a-t-il ajouté. “A présent, nous en investissons le temps et l'argent nécessaire.”

% ont moins de 100 membres.

L'étude révèle qu'un quart des églises adventistes ont une boîte postale propre à l'Eglise. Cela souligne la faible utilisation d'Internet parmi les adventistes, a expliqué P. Richardson.

Les adventistes utilisent davantage l'internet que le grand public pour gérer leurs comptes; ils lisent autant les “blogs” que les gens ordinaires et utilisent l'internet moins que le grand public pour lire les nouvelles, faire des courses et jouer des jeux.

“Un bon nombre de nos membres utilisent les sites sociaux mais c'est spéciale-

Los adventistas de Norteamérica tardan más en adoptar las nuevas tecnologías que el público en general

Conferencia sobre evangelismo por Internet muestra los beneficios de las nuevas tecnologías para la actividad misionera de la iglesia.

Aunque los adventistas de los Estados Unidos son más lentos para adoptar nuevas tecnologías personales que el público, se encuentran en la vanguardia del evangelismo por Internet, según indican los resultados de las investigaciones presentadas esta semana en una conferencia global sobre el tema.

Los adventistas de los Estados Unidos tienen

tudes de visitas personales. Desafortunadamente, la iglesia solo puede atender menos de una cuarta parte de los pedidos que recibe.

“Eso, creo yo, nos sirve de enseñanza a nosotros aquí en Norteamérica,” dijo Richardson. “La gente está buscando una conexión y quieren establecer una relación de confianza.”

La Conferencia de GiEN de la iglesia reunió a ciento veinte tecnólogos, comunicadores y administradores web adventistas de diversas partes del mundo en la

Iglesia Adventista en Silver Spring, Maryland.

En el pasado, la iglesia ha tardado en capitalizar el uso del Internet, dijo Jobson Santos, coordinador de evangelismo por Internet del centro de medios de la iglesia en el Brasil. “Nos llevó ocho años lanzar un departamento de Internet en nuestro centro de medios, pero la iglesia finalmente está avanzando en este sentido,” dijo. “Ahora estamos invirtiendo el tiempo y el dinero necesarios.”

utilizan los medios sociales de Internet, pero casi todos pertenecen a las generaciones más jóvenes,” dijo Richardson. Esto nos da otro desafío: tenemos que ayudar a las generaciones de mayor edad a abrazar estas tecnologías y a usarlas para la obra misionera.”

Desde el lanzamiento del centro de medios en Brasil, se han recibido unos cuatrocientos mil pedidos de oración y más de cuarenta mil personas han completado un curso de estudios bíblicos en línea, algo que Santos atribuye en parte al sentido de comunidad que halla la gente en línea.

Si bien GiEN está realizando una gran tarea para instaurar el interés en Internet entre los adventistas al mostrarles cuán útil resulta para la obra misionera, Santos dice que espera que la investigación presentada este año estimule a los líderes de la iglesia a contratar a más jóvenes con conocimientos de tecnología a fin de hacer que este interés se traduzca en acciones.

“Esta gente está entusiasmada, tienen buenas ideas y acaban de graduarse,” dijo. “Muchos ya están colaborando como voluntarios, pero necesitamos un sólido compromiso para que sean parte de nuestro equipo.”

Source: *Adventist News Network*
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La Conferencia de GiEN de la iglesia reunió a ciento veinte tecnólogos, comunicadores y administradores web adventistas de diversas partes del mundo en la ciudad de Orlando, Florida, del 9 al 11 de septiembre, con el propósito de analizar nuevas maneras de llevar a cabo las actividades misioneras por medio de las nuevas tecnologías.

por lo general más edad que el promedio de la gente, lo que podría explicar esta tendencia, dijo Paul Richardson, director ejecutivo del Centro de Ministerios Creativos de la Iglesia Adventista en Norteamérica, al hablar durante la Conferencia de Redes de Evangelismo Global por Internet (GiEN).

En Brasil, la coordinación que realiza la Iglesia Adventista de la integración Web de medios sociales y estudios bíblicos está llevando a miles de solici-

ciudad de Orlando, Florida, del 9 al 11 de septiembre, con el propósito de analizar nuevas maneras de llevar a cabo las actividades misioneras por medio de las nuevas tecnologías.

“Esto busca inspirar a las personas, brindarles preparación y ofrecerles una visión global más abarcadora para compartir ideas y experiencias,” dijo Williams Costa Jr., coordinador de la conferencia y director asociado de comunicaciones para producción de medios en la sede central de la

La conferencia también destacó el impacto de NetAdventist y de Adventist Church Connect, dos plataformas que permiten que las congregaciones locales lancen y administren fácilmente sus sitios web. Es vital contar con una presencia en línea, dijo Richardson, porque más del setenta por ciento de las potenciales visitas miran el sitio web de la congregación antes de tomar la decisión de asistir a esa iglesia.

“En las iglesias adventistas, muchos miembros





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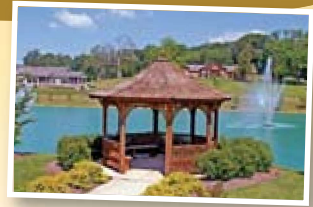
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OBITUARIES

EVELYN, Iona—82; b. Apr. 17, 1927, on the island of Cuba; d. Apr. 17, 2009, in Milton, Mass. At a young age her family migrated to Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies. She relocated to Boston, Mass., with her family in 1969. She attended the Waymark Seventh-day Adventist Church and was a longtime member of Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass. She was well-known for her gift of hospitality and put a lot of her efforts into raising funds for the church. She is survived by Manley Evelyn, her husband of 58 years; five children, Ronald, Barbara, Gerald, Myleen,

and Hermine, 10 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Maxine, Amanda, Matthew, Seddrick, Iona, Sean, Natasha, Meshon, and Thyra; and one great-granddaughter, Abriana. Her daughter Desrene predeceased her.

MAY, George—84; b. Dec. 31, 1924, in Rochester, N.Y.; d. Aug. 8, 2009, in Rochester, N.Y. He was a member of the Bay Knoll Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rochester, N.Y. He is remembered by dozens of young people and the young at heart for planning church ball games, and boat outings on Honeoye Lake, roller skating outings and church socials. For 14 summers, they worked at Camp Owasco in Auburn, N.Y., and Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, N.Y. He was director of waterfront activities and his wife worked as a girl's counselor and director. He is survived by Helyn May, his wife of 62 years; sons, Roger May (Connie) of Keene, Texas, Robert May (Jeanmary) of Ocala, Fla., and Donald May (Rebecca) of Berrien Springs, Mich.; two grandchildren, Alan and Heather; and one great-granddaughter.

MENARD, Ifausia—79; b. Jan. 1, 1930, in Port Salut, Haiti; d. Jun. 18, 2009, in Boston, Mass. She was a member of the Bethesda Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hyde Park, Mass. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Ménard; children and stepdaughters, Erla Tsewole (Oscar), Margarette Voyard (Eric), Raynold Ménard, Ginette Jean-Félix, and Michelle Jean-Baptiste; two grandchildren, Erica Abel and Raynaldi Voyard; one great-grandchild, Damitri Abel, her sisters, Yolande Civil (Simon) and Valina Charles; her best friend Léana Laurent; and many nieces and nephews.

MURPHY, Joseph—87; b. May 8, 1922, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico; d. May 30, 2009, in Palm Beach, Fla. He was a member of the Thai Seventh-day Adventist Church

in Loma Linda, Calif. He was a longtime active lay member of the Jackson Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Woodside, N.Y., for more than 20 years. He is survived by daughters, Judith Nelson, Vivian Broussard, and Sarah Mueller; sister, Clara Murphy; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and other relatives.

POWELL, Gwendolyn Pernalia (Marnock)

—99; b. Sept. 24, 1909, in Trelawny, Jamaica, West Indies; d. Sept. 5, 2009, in Clinton, Mass. She migrated to the Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1968 where she became a member of the Christian Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her family moved to Clinton, Mass., in 1973, where she became a member of the Village Church of Seventh-day Adventists in South Lancaster, Mass. She served the church in many capacities including, deaconess, Sabbath school teacher, secretary, and superintendent, Dorcas leader, and treasurer. She had a deep place in her heart for the young people and supported Christian education. She is survived by two sisters, Frances Bryant and Sarah Henry; six children, Icelyn Powell, Dorothy Powell, Alvin Powell, Ethlyn Powell, Myrtle Powell, and Lloyd Powell. 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, daughter-in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

SEYMOUR, David E.—62, b. Mar. 12, 1947, in Fitchburg, Mass.; d. Apr. 21, 2009, in Harrisburg, Pa. After he attended South Lancaster Academy, he was drafted into the Army and served as a medic in the Vietnam War. He received a bachelor's degree from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., and his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He pastored churches in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Barbara J. (Ratcliffe) Seymour; son, Matthew R. Seymour of Harrisburg, Pa.; a daughter, Ashley A. Felix (Richie) of Watertown, Pa., twin brother Dan Seymour (Sue) of South Lancaster, Mass.; three sisters; Connie Seymour of Marlboro, Mass., Beverly Lance of Roanoke, Va., and Norma Niemi (Paul) of Fitzwilliam, N.H., father and mother-in-law George and Dorothy Ratcliffe of Pilot, Va.; granddaughter, Peyton Felix, and step-grandsons, Billy and Jacob Felix.

SHERWOOD, Georgina "Jean" E. (Cunningham)—73; b. Sept. 11, 1935, in Elmira, N.Y.; d. Jul. 2, 2009, in Syracuse, N.Y. She was a member of

the Westvale Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syracuse, N.Y. She was a volunteer in the office at the Parkview elementary school. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Sherwood; sons, Brett Sherwood and Matt Sherwood; daughter, Glenda Roberson; her sister, Joyce, and three grandchildren.

WHEELER, Muriel Cumberbatch—85; b. May 1, 1924, in New York City, N.Y.; d. Aug. 18, 2009, in New York City, N.Y. She was a member of the Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church in Corona, N.Y. She serves as pianist, organist, choir director, and music coordinator. She also assisted in organizing the youth choir, sanctuary choir, and founded the church's young adult choir, Alpha. She organized the community's first Block Association. She is survived by her husband, Raleigh Wheeler; daughters Robyn Wheeler Grange (Leslie), Wanda Wheeler, and Jacqueline Wheeler Lee (Robb); grandchildren, nieces, a nephew, and a host of cousins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Gloria Hinds.

WILLUMSON, SR., Johannes "John"—78; b. May 27, 1930, in Kerry, Estonia; d. April 24, 2009, in Harpursville, N.Y. He was a member of the Vestal Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vestal, N.Y. He donated many hours doing drywall finishing for many of the building projects throughout the conferences. He is survived by his wife, Rose Willumson; sons, John Willumson, Jr., of Harpursville, N.Y., Thomas Willumson of Ooltewah, Tenn., Timothy Willumson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Hans Peter Willumson of Johnstown, N.Y.; daughters, Susan Willumson of Skowhegan, Maine, Heide Conibear of Martville, N.Y., and Lori Flores of Harpursville, N.Y.; sisters, Lydia Suckert of South Lancaster, Mass., Esther Ushmantat of Bremerhaven, Germany, and Linda Peters of Valley Stream, N.Y.; 20 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

YARGAN, Elizabeth—93; b. Feb. 14, 1916, in Tekirdag, Turkey; d. Jul. 3, 2009, in Lynnfield, Mass. She and her family survived the Armenian genocide that took place during her childhood years. Her family migrated to Boston, Mass., in 1959. She was a member of the Stoneham Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church where she served for many years as a deaconess and also with the Adventist Community Services Van Ministry. Her husband, Ara Yarjan, predeceased her on March 2, 1987. She is survived by her sons, Sevan Yarjan of Georgia, and Yephrod Yarjan of Lynnfield, Mass.

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He is survived by his son Earl Cleveland (Pinkie); a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cleveland; four grandsons; three granddaughters, one cousin, Dolly; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 year, Celia, on May 31, 2003.

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HORSLEY, George Ernest "Ernie", M.D.—89; b. July 9, 1920, in Birkenhead, England; d. Aug. 20, 2009, in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was a longtime resident of Melrose, Mass. He is the second of twin boys. His twin, Thomas Horsley, M.D. predeceased him in 2008 leaving him the last surviving member of his family of two girls and four boys.



George Ernest Horsley

He practiced ear, nose, and throat medicine at New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, Mass., as well as other hospitals in the area. He worked alongside his wife, Margaret Horsley, M.D. who practiced ophthalmology. Their son, Will Horsley, M.D. continues an ophthalmology practice on the site of the former hospital to this day. Three other sons and both daughters are also medical doctors. Horsley trained at Loma Linda University Medical School in Calif., and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He also served abroad in the Seventh-day Adventist mission service for five years.

Early in his life they moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and soon on to Chilliwack, B.C. and subsistence farming. He spent a year in a crippled children's hospital for a knee defect but, despite this, went on to Walla Walla Adventist College and Loma Linda University Medical School in Calif. He earned much of his way through school selling nursery stock and religious books door-to-door. He was known for his encyclopedic knowledge of history, literature, and science, his great sense of humor, his love of music and singing, and his devotion to family, country, and God.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret Horsley; sons, Will Horsley of Mass., Brooks Horsley of Ky., Ross Horsley (Diane) of N.Y., Sterling Horsley of Texas, Joshua Horsley (Janelle) of Calif.; daughters, Sheila Hubble (Carl) and Heidi Lehman (Roy) of Texas, 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

MELASHENKO, Anne (Koleada)—89; b. Dec. 1, 1919, in Perdue, Saskatchewan; d. Aug. 8, 2009, in Paradise, Calif. She was one of 11 children, born of Russian-Ukrainian immigrants who fled to Canada from the Ukraine before the Bolshevik Revolution. On Apr. 15, 1945, she married Joseph Melashenko and to this union were born five sons. She faithfully accompanied her husband for his two-year hitch with the King's Heralds Quartet at Voice of Prophecy from 1948-50 when he sang bass.



Anne Melashenko

In 1957 the family moved to Massachusetts to enter the gospel ministry. Here the musical career for the Joe Melashenko Family Singers was launched. She taught her sons to sing harmony a capella when they were 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5 years of age. Through her behind-the-scenes coaching, her family greatly enhanced the Adventist image for Southern New England at public performances, television programs, first-ever family prison appearances at Walpole and Norfolk, singing before 20,000 young people at the Atlantic City Youth Congress in 1959, evangelistic meetings throughout the conference, civic programs, educational, and cultural events, camp meetings in between her husband's obligations as pastor for the Springfield, Northampton, Taunton, and Brockton-Foxboro churches. Every year during Ingathering/Christmas caroling, she joined her family singing carols nightly for three weeks, often in inclement weather, as she helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for the church's humanitarian and uplift relief work. Subsequent assignments included Bermuda, Maryland, and California. Since retirement, they made their home in Paradise, Calif. until her death.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Melashenko; five sons, Lonnie, Joedy, Dallas, Eugene, and Rudy and their wives; nine grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren and one on the way; sister, Vera Donesley of Boise, Idaho; brothers, George Koleada of Sun City, Calif., and Nick Koleada of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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