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The Power of A Cloud

The days of flying kites in the warm breezes of summer, taking strolls in the park, sitting quietly on a park bench in the cool of the evening, or having meals with family around the dinner table seem to have become distant memories in some families. They have been replaced by a nonstop, fast-paced, merry-go-round style of living that leaves us with hardly any time to stop and take a breath. At one time or another, we have probably wished that we could add more hours to the day, just to be able to accomplish all the things that needed to be done. We have become so busy, it would appear that only a major crisis or challenge could slow us down or stop us in our tracks.

I think of the reports of the recent volcanic eruption in southern Iceland. In its fury the volcano spewed ash and molten lava several miles into the air, creating a cloud filled with volcanic ash. The headline of an article posted on the CBS News Web site on April 16 stated, "Volcanic Eruption Grinds Modern World to a Halt." The sub-headline read: "Soldiers Can't Get Home, World Leaders Can't Make a President's Funeral, and Flowers Wilting, to Name a Few Problems." The author begins the article by saying: "A volcano sneezes, and the whole world gets a major case of paralysis."

Just imagine being one of those directly impacted by the cloud that disrupted air traffic, causing major flight cancellations and delays. Airports were shut down, leaving passengers stranded for several days. Cargo planes, temporarily grounded and unable to meet their deadlines, crippled industries such as the African exporters of fruit and flowers who rely on the speed of air travel to get their perishable products to the markets. Businesses lost millions of dollars each day. Locally, some of the runners who prepared for months to participate in the annual Boston Marathon, were stuck, unable to reach their destination because of the threat posed by the ash cloud.

I have often expressed this statement, "Things don't come to stay they come to pass." The same was true in this case.

Eventually, the cloud moved away and the "all clear" was given for airlines to resume flights. And even though the cloud was not visible to most people, except through television and the Internet, the effects were felt around the world. In the end, weary travelers were overjoyed at being able to return home and business owners were grateful to be operating again.

In the not too distant future, another cloud will move through the skies, and it will also bring things to a grinding halt. It is a cloud that will signal the end of time as we know it and the beginning of a time of eternal rest from the cares of this life. Unlike the cloud formed from the volcanic eruption, every eye from all corners of the world will be able to see this cloud (Revelation 1:7). It will usher in a time when travelers will never again be stuck in airports. Homeowners will never have to fight to save their homes (John 14:1-3). No longer will there be any more illness, death, or pain (Revelation 21:4). The heartaches and cares of this world will become a thing of the past because God will make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

In the meantime, when the challenges of life seem to overwhelm us, we must remember to take some time to stop and rest awhile. We need to revisit the way we celebrate the Sabbath, a day of rest specifically designed for us, so that we can be refreshed from week to week. We need to remember Jesus' counsel in Matthew 11:28 (NKJV), "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Take time to slow down or stop from the busyness of life and fly a kite, go for a walk in the park, sit on a park bench, and eat dinner together with family. I encourage you, while you live in anticipation of Christ's return, to get off the merry-go-round, take a moment to remember the simpler times in life, and breathe. ☺

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The Atlantic Union Conference recorded 5,250 accessions by baptism or profession of faith during the year 2009. That was a record-setting number in the Atlantic Union's 108-year history. To acknowledge God's blessings for making it possible to reach this milestone, Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president

and ministerial director, along with the ministerial directors from the six local conferences, scheduled three one-day homecoming evangelism rallies in 2010. The rallies are intended to serve a two-fold purpose—a time to give God thanks for what He has done and to recognize several individuals who have done outstanding work in the area of evangelism in their local community.

The first of the three one-day, power-packed evangelism homecoming rallies, using the theme "Christ for the Crisis," was held on May 1 at the College Church of Seventh-day Adventists in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Greg Carter, pastor of the White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland, Maine, was the first of two speakers for the morning session. He reminded the congregation in his message entitled, "Reaching People in the Twenty-first Century," that "we need to be mingling and connecting with people. We need to be sitting with them and spending quality time with them."

King, the second speaker, presented the message for the worship service entitled "Return of the Redeemer." He suggested that it is not enough for individuals to be baptized by water, but they must be baptized by the Holy Spirit and intimately know the One who is coming back for them.



Administrators supporting the Evangelism Homecoming Rally held on May 1 in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, include, from left, Frank Tochterman, Southern New England Conference president; Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president; Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; Jeffrey Brown, Bermuda Conference president, and Walton Rose, Northeastern Conference ministerial director.

The day was filled with testimonies from members of the Bermuda, Northeastern, Northern New England, and Southern New England conferences, who shared stories about their work in evangelism in their territory. Testimony after testimony was filled with examples of how the power of God enabled these individuals to win others for Christ, including some of their family members.

The Atlantic Union presented four pastors with the Evangelist Star Award for their outstanding achievement as 2009 evangelists of the year in their respective conferences—Ryan Simpson (Bermuda), Yrvain Jean-Philippe (Northeastern), Greg Carter (Northern New England), and Felix Montero (Southern New England).

In addition, four members from those conferences received the Lay Evangelist Star Award for their outstanding achievement as 2009 lay evangelists of the year. They were Cora Raynor from the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church in Warwick, Bermuda (Bermuda); Winston Taylor from the Bridgeport Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut (NEC); Alfred and Susan Wallen from the Manchester Seventh-day Adventist Church in Manchester, New Hampshire (NNEC); and Iancio Encarnacion from the Brockton Cape Verdean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brockton, Massachusetts (SNEC).

The afternoon rally program was filled with music, testimonies, and the presentation of awards. The program also included segments by the Atlantic Union Conference Education and Youth Ministries departments.

In his statement of gratitude, King said, “I want to express profound thanks to God and to our pastors, teachers, lay evangelists, church members, literature evangelists, ministerial leaders, and union and conference administrators for their part in helping to achieve this milestone in the history of our union territory.”

At the conclusion of the rally program, King presented an evangelism strategic report. The report revealed that, in the Atlantic Union, the ratio of Adventists to the rest of the population is approximately 1:343. His research also revealed that there are 17 counties in the Atlantic Union that have no Adventist presence. “There is still a lot of work for us to do,” he said. Among the leadership initiatives presented in the report were the



From Bermuda, Gerald Dillas, a Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church member, left, shared his testimony at the Evangelism Homecoming Rally. Cora Raynor, center, from the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church, received the Lay Evangelism Star Award. Also pictured are Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, right, Bermuda Conference administrators, Jeffrey Brown, president, second from left, and Kenneth Manders, executive secretary, second from right.



Winston Taylor, second from right, from the Bridgeport Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was one of four individuals who received the Lay Evangelism Star Award at the Evangelism Homecoming Rally. Also pictured are Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, second from left, and Northeastern Conference directors, Oswald Euell, personal minister, left, and Walton Rose, ministerial, right.



Greg Carter, second from right, pastor of the White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland, Maine, was one of four pastors to receive the Evangelist Star Award at the Evangelism Homecoming Rally. Present with Carter was his wife, Diana. Also pictured are Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, right, and Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president, left.

Photos: Editor A. P. Davison

Evangelism Homecoming Rally

www.atlantic-union.org/homecoming2010.html

Sabbath, October 2, 2010

Driver's Village
Convention Center
Syracuse, New York

Sabbath, November 13, 2010

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Brooklyn, New York

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importance of nurturing and training new and regular members; the need to prepare the youth and students in our schools and our college to become disciples; the need to increase the percentage of young people who stay in the church and who get involved in church work; and the need to provide relevant witness and service to the community, the church, and the school.

King ended his report with a quotation from Ellen White: "I have been shown that the time has come for more effective labor in the East. . . . The angel of mercy is hovering over the East. Said the angel: 'Strengthen the things that remain. Proclaim the message to those who have not heard it' "—TESTIMONIES, vol. 1, p. 389.

Two more rallies will take place this year on October 2 in Syracuse, New York, and November 13 in Brooklyn, New York (www.atlantic-union.org/homecoming2010.html). Members from the conferences where upcoming rallies are to be held will be able to participate in the programs and share testimonies about what Christ is doing for them as they witness for Him.

As the members in the Atlantic Union strive to complete the work they have been placed here to do, it is important to remember, as Carter stated in his morning message, that we should endeavor to "be one link in the chain for reaching people," because "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people"—THE MINISTRY OF HEALING, p. 143. 0

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Photos of the May 1 Evangelism Homecoming Rally can be viewed on the Web at: www.atlantic-union.org.



The praise team for the May 1 Evangelism Homecoming Rally included, from left to right, Leighton Kennedy, Mary Medeiros, Michelle Hunte, and David Hunte, inset, on piano. They are members of the Pleasant Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Worcester, Massachusetts.



Photos: Ednor A. P. Davison

Members of the Hispanic Clinton Choir from the Clinton Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Clinton, Massachusetts, sang during the afternoon program at the Evangelism Homecoming Rally.





By Sylvan Lashley and Monique Glover-Alves

Time for Renewal and Recommitment

Our schools are challenged by the decline in enrollment, resulting in fewer funds for operations. In 2009, more than 40 Seventh-day Adventist schools closed in the North American Division. Suggested reasons for the enrollment decline are myriad—member apathy, perception of poor quality, a shrinking financial base, a poor perception of quality, poor marketing, lack of leadership, a non-rigorous curriculum, poor physical facilities, distance of parental homes from the

a product-based strategy (revise the curriculum), a cutback strategy (lessen the number of grades and teachers), a relational strategy (reach out to parents and students), a student-based strategy (services to students, such as meal programs, counseling, and special education), a structural strategy (reorganize schools by districts), and a financial aid strategy (provide student scholarships).

Other denominations report similar struggles. Catholic K-12 schools have

in the life of the church. Plan a collaborative strategy of pastor and teacher to herald a new beginning of church and school to work on joint annual plans of the probable ways education will move forward in their church community. Schools must work across administrative boundaries of conferences and regions to make geographic sense. There is a place for marketing and product refinement and a great rally and renewal of Adventist believers around the old waymarks of education.

The United States Catholic bishops have called for a “renewal of our commitment to Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the third millennium.”³ This General Conference year in Atlanta, why can't we call for a renewal and recommitment to Christian education? **Let 2011 be the year of Adventist enrollment.** ☺

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school, the lack of financial aid, and parental belief in secular education.

A review of the literature written on enrollment decline in the United States among Seventh-day Adventist schools shares a fuller picture.¹ The theory of the competitive and comparative best abounds—the best sports program, the best gyms, the brightest students, and the best product. Many Adventist parents prefer to pay top dollar for this perceived best.

Resolution responses to enrollment decline vary. Some have adopted a marketing strategy (tell everyone),

struggled to maintain quality in the face of change.²

There is no one simple solution. Efforts at stemming the tide of decline must be based in a broad-based strategy that encompasses church membership and leadership. We start first with a “rally then” of church members on the importance of Christian education. We call for a Sabbath School lesson series on Christian education, finances, and the relation to redemption. Orient the role of the school leader toward the church and not only the school through a visible involvement



Sylvan Lashley, Ed.D., J.D., superintendent of schools for the Northeastern Conference, and Monique Glover-Alves, doctoral student and principal of the Bethesda Junior Academy, a school in the Northeastern conference.



¹ *Factors Influencing Enrollment in Adventist K-12 Schools: A Review of the Literature*, Gus Gregorutti, 2007, Andrews University.

² *EDUCATION WEEK*, May 1984.

³ *Catholic Bishops Conference*, 2005.

Erroll McLean Joins NADEI Staff



Erroll McLean

“At NADEI, it is a great privilege to introduce the newest addition to our staff,” said Ron Clouzet, director for NADEI (North American Division Evangelism Institute). “Elder Erroll McLean, soon to finish his Doctor of Ministry degree in the area of church growth, is the latest NADEI faculty member joining our team. He will teach seminary courses in church growth, evangelism, and evangelistic preaching, and will manage and conduct several of the field schools of evangelism that NADEI coordinates every year, with a focus on regional conferences. He will also contribute to the vast lay training programs held by NADEI faculty across the division territory. We are delighted that he and his wife, Melzetta, will help us reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Three Angels Messages. Thank you for your prayers on their behalf.”

McLean will be leaving the Bermuda Conference, where he has served since 1995. His

ministry in Bermuda included serving at the Pembroke, Devonshire, and Southampton churches, and as director for media ministries as well as ministerial secretary for the conference.

McLean completed his undergraduate studies in theology at Northern Caribbean University. At graduation in 1985, he was chosen by the faculty and his peers to receive the Theology Student of the Year award. He also holds a master’s degree in human resource development and management from Webster University and a master’s in pastoral ministry from Andrews University. McLean is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Church Growth and Evangelism from Andrews University.

He is a trained diversity development facilitator and

has presented seminars on issues of diversity, church growth, membership in ministry and spiritual formation in Bermuda and the United States.

From 1986 to 1993, McClean worked as a pastor for the West Jamaica Conference. During that period, he received in 1990 an award from the West Indies Union for his “outstanding accomplishments in evangelism for baptizing 100 souls in that year.” In December 1991, he was ordained to the gospel ministry. As a pastor in West Jamaica, he baptized more than 500 individuals.

Evangelism and soul-winning have always been a big part of his ministry and, in addition to Bermuda and Jamaica, he has also done evangelistic ministry in Canada, the United States, and the Cayman Islands.

McLean met his wife, Melzetta Ratteray of Somerset Bermuda, at Northern Caribbean University. There she completed a bachelor’s in business administration. They have been married for 21 years and have two sons, Newton and Jovan.

As a committed evangelist, pastor, and leader, McLean’s philosophy is to be used by God in service to his fellow men. His vision and daily prayer is for a fresh Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church, resulting in a church that has an intimate personal relationship with Jesus Christ and is passionate about ministry—a ministry of leading our lost family, friends, and neighbors to salvation in Jesus Christ.

—Adapted from the NADEI April 10, 2010, newsletter (www.nadei.org)

Marriage Commitment Service Helps Strengthen Families

At the end of a four-week Family Enrichment Series, a marriage commitment ceremony was conducted by evangelist Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference family ministries and communication director. On March 27, the front of the Hamilton Youth Center quickly filled as couple after couple—those newly married and those who were experiencing many years of marital bliss—walked down the aisles to renew their vows.

Using a marriage litany, the couples rededicated themselves to God and to each other. The men pledged to remain faithful, loyal, and true to their wives. The wives also made the same pledge in the portion of the ceremony led by June Smith, the evangelist’s wife. Then, together, they promised to respect, care for, and remain faithful to their partner in marriage. Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference executive secretary, and his wife, Claudette, led in the traditional marriage vows. Jeffrey Brown, Bermuda Conference president, and his wife, Patty-Jean, charged the couples to remain faithful to their families. The ceremony ended with prayer.

—Sheila Holder, communication director, Bermuda Conference



Greater New York Conference Youth Take Messages of Hope FACE2FACE



Greater New York Conference Adventist Youth and Pathfinder coordinators in upstate New York, along with the local church directors, sponsored a Hope and Health Rally on April 24 at the Middletown Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Upstate New York

The AY and Pathfinder coordinators in upstate New York, along with the local church directors, held a Hope and Health Rally on April 24. The day-long event combined the Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department's theme, FACE2FACE, with the Teen Awareness Initiative. Herbert Goulding, M.D., and a team of Adventist doctors were there to provide health training for teens, as well as for the

parents and other adults present. I had the privilege of preaching on my favorite subjects, vision and hope.

The Middletown Seventh-day Adventist Church in Middletown, New York, hosted the event and shared lots of smiles, food, snacks, and special activities for the Adventurers and little kids. Local leaders made us feel great. The Middletown school principal, Lionel Jean Jacques, who was there the entire day, was very involved in serving the

young people and kids.

A special thanks to Teddy, Helmer, Alex, Barbara, and Jacque, for their excellent job of planning this event.

Long Island

On that very same day, the Long Island Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Master Guides took our FACE2FACE Message of Hope, Happiness, and Health to the Heckscher State Park during the celebration of Earth Day. The Long Island clubs had a booth, outlining the eight natural remedies (Eight

Habits of Highly Healthy People). During the day, they were able to give demonstrations on health, distribute more than 1,000 apples, bottles of water, and flyers with each of the eight health principles. Thanks and appreciation go to the Long Island Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Master Guides, their directors, and the coordinators, led by Natalie Santiago, for taking this message to the people in the community. This is evangelism at its best!

—José Cortés, youth ministries director, Greater New York Conference



Greater New York Conference Pathfinders, Adventurers, and Master Guides on Long Island took the youth department's FACE2FACE messages of Hope, Happiness, and Health to the Heckscher State Park during the Earth Day celebration.



Natalie Santiago, Pathfinder coordinator for the Long Island area, shares information with visitors at the GNYC booth during the Earth Day celebration in Heckscher State Park.



Pathfinder David Santiago, Jr., helped distribute more than 1,000 apples to Heckscher State Park visitors during the Earth Day celebration.



New York Conference Holds Fourth Quadrennial Constituency Session

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By
Kim
Kaiser

The Fourth Regular Quadrennial Constituency Session of the New York Conference was held on April 11, on the campus of Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York. The meeting began with a devotional by Stan Rouse, New York Conference president, which challenged those present to do three things:

1. To be sure they know what God wants them to do,
2. To expect that they will be given everything they need to do it, and
3. To wait and work to do it right so that when the door opens they will be ready to walk through with confidence.

The 233 delegates and 61 delegates-at-large voted to reelect officers Stan Rouse, president, and Angel Rodriguez, executive secretary. The position of treasurer remains open and will be filled by the executive committee, since Doug Falle, previous treasurer, has accepted a call to the Ohio Conference.

Departmental directors elected include:

- Priscilla English, associate treasurer,
- Stan Rouse, superintendent of schools, adult Sabbath School,
- Kim Kaiser, associate superintendent of schools,
- Angel Rodriguez, ministerial, community service, disaster relief, and personal ministries, and
- Dan Whitlow, youth ministries and family ministries.

Members of the K-12 board and executive committees were elected. The election of other offices was referred to the new executive committee.

In his report, Rouse reported on the overall growth of evangelism and confer-



At the Fourth Regular Quadrennial Constituency Session of the New York Conference, Stan Rouse, second from left, and Angel Rodriguez, third from left, were reelected president and executive secretary respectively. Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary, left, served as parliamentarian, and Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, right, served as chair of the nominating committee and assisted in chairing the meeting.

ence membership, the financial situation and challenges of the conference, and how education and youth ministries continue to impact the young people. Church members in increasing numbers have joined with pastors in seeking to fulfill the gospel commission. About 100 evangelistic events took place over the past four years, with the conference membership surpassing 5,400.

John Baker, Union Springs Academy (USA) principal, reported on the growth and challenges at USA over the past four years, including progress toward the individualized, project-based approach to education. He described how the academy program continues to help high school youth choose to follow Jesus.

The meeting ended as Rouse challenged each member to be willing to allow God to use them as never before to reach those in upstate New York who need Jesus.

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, closed the meeting with a prayer of dedication. ☉

Kim Kaiser is the communication director for the New York Conference.

Having a Child Changed Her Way of Thinking

Julie Marques Lawwill decided to give her life to Jesus again on February 13 after being away from the church for several years. Raised a Seventh-day Adventist from the age of 13, Lawwill was baptized soon after she started to attend church school. She continued to attend Adventist schools up to her sophomore year of college and then she became a student missionary. While Lawwill was a missionary, her relationship with God began to change, and after completing her service as a student missionary, she left the Adventist Church.

Fourteen years later,

by the grace of God and the prayers of church and family members, Lawwill returned to the church. By then, she was married and had a daughter. According to Lawwill, having a child changed her way of thinking. "I felt so responsible for raising my daughter for Jesus that I had to get my life right first," she said. After two years of attending church, Julie was baptized again. Her Buskirk Seventh-day Adventist Church family and friends pray that God will continue to guide her as she lives an example of Jesus for her daughter.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference

83-year-old Pastor Paints Church

G. B. Edgerton has pastored the Herkimer Seventh-day Adventist Church in Herkimer, New York, during three different terms of service for a total of 19 years. Semi-retired, he took on the Vienna and Herkimer district three years ago. He realized that the Herkimer church was in bad repair outside and, because the small congregation was short of funds, he decided to paint it himself.

The first Sunday he had help from Jim Holland and Jack Wilhelm. They scraped the whole church and helped putty some windows. Then each Tuesday, while his daughter, Valerie Roberts, was tending the community service center across the street, the pastor finished putting on two coats of paint. He says he is thankful that he had warm weather in October. Jim Holland rebuilt the front stairs, so now the church has been refinished inside and out.

Soon we will start painting the community service center. This is a bigger building, so the pastor will need more help. The Herkimer church has been operating the present Community Service Center since 1975, with a busy, free, clothing outlet.

—Jamie Miller, communication secretary, Herkimer Church

Natural Bridge Bustles With Activity



Pathfinders from the Natural Bridge church in front of the home being built for Sargent Roy Mitchell.

Members of the Natural Bridge Seventh-day Adventist Church in Natural Bridge, New York, enjoyed a busy Sabbath on March 13. The Pathfinder club, led by Luis and Keila Rodriquez and Jeff and Kelly Lawton, took charge of the worship service. The group shared information about the early church founders including Ellen G. White, Frederick Wheeler, Joseph Bates, and others. They also performed a reenactment of the Battle of Bull Run, and the vision in which Mrs. White prophesied about the battle. It was inspiring to see these young people learning about our early history and leading out in the church service.

In a ceremony following the worship service, Sargent Roy Mitchell, a soldier stationed at Fort Drum, and his family received the keys to a new home built by volunteers. Mitchell was wounded along the Pakistani/Afghani border, suffering third-degree burns and the loss of three-fourths of his left

leg, along with other injuries. Natural Bridge church members worked on the home, and provided food for volunteer workers.

After lunch, there was a community service event dubbed "High Voltage Outreach" in which 9-volt batteries were distributed to homes in the community with a memo which read, "Protecting God's Children. We care about you and your family. Please change the battery in your smoke detector."

The Natural Bridge church has launched a ministry entitled "Stone Soup." Every other month, the group prepares a meal, invites the community, free of charge, and provides music. On alternating months, the local Methodist church does the same. This aids those having difficulty meeting their food budget, and brings the community together. In January and March, approximately 75 people attended dinner at the Adventist church.

—Doreen Hebert, clerk, Natural Bridge church



Natural Sciences Students Prepare for Medical School—In and Out of the Classroom

“Gastroenterologists have a superior patient outcome if they undergo simulator training using these kinds of models for simulation.”

Tiffany Hutchins and Miles Merwin, both in the Class of 2010, do more than hit the science books. They get hands-on experience with cutting-edge medical research support work. Both students hold prestigious lab technician jobs at Endosim, a medical research company in Berlin, Massachusetts. Endosim focuses on the simulation of interventional endoscopy and laparoscopy.

“We prepare different pig organs such as the stomach, intestine, colon, and liver for different medical research and technique practice,” Hutchins says.

“We adapt the organs by inserting plastics, usually into the esophagus or the colon, that make the organ accessible to the endoscope.”

An endoscope is a medical device consisting of a long, thin tube with a light and a video camera attached to it. The tube is inserted into a natural orifice in a patient’s body, allowing doctors to investigate and operate in the least invasive ways. Companies such as Boston Scientific and Olympus, that develop endoscopes, use Endosim’s specimens to conduct research.

“Most people associate Olympus with cameras,”

Miles says. “They also develop the latest in endoscope technology. They are constantly working on new procedures using endoscopes, and our specimens help with that.”

“Miles and Tiffany are essential, since they create the models, which requires surgical skills, such as sutures and surgical ties,” said Endosim’s CEO Kai Matthes, M.D., Ph.D. “These models resemble human anatomy closely and allow the training of medical procedures using investigational and commercially available instruments. We also create pathologies such as tumors or bleeding



Tiffany Hutchins

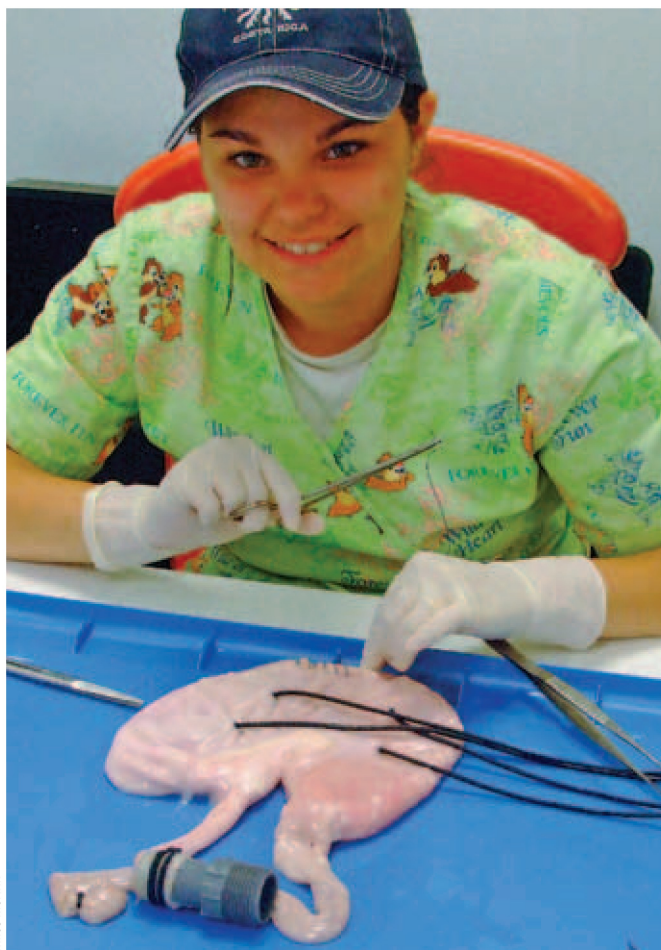
Miles Merwin sutures a pig stomach for use in medical research and training. Merwin works for Endosim, a medical research company in Berlin, Massachusetts, focused on the simulation of interventional endoscopy and laparoscopy.

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Miles Merwin

Tiffany Hutchins, one of two AUC pre-med students who work at Endosim, maintains research model standards by trimming the fat off a pig stomach in the lab.

sources, which are then used to train physicians.”

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Matthes says these models are at the forefront of scientific research. “The use of these models for medical training has become nationally and internationally accepted and is even found to be superior to the use of artificial tissue simulators,” Matthes says. “In a multicenter study, we could demonstrate that gastroenterologists have a superior patient outcome if they undergo simulator training using these kinds of models for simulation.”

Not only do Merwin and Hutchins prepare the models, they also teach people how to use them. “They set up models at national and international training courses and interact with our customers at the training workshops,” Matthes said. “The work that Miles and Tiffany do for our company prepares them well for their medical school education since they learn a lot about human anatomy, pathophysiology, and surgical intervention.”

Next Stop, Medical School

Hutchins and Merwin both plan to attend medical



Kai Matthes, M.D., Ph.D., left, the chief executive officer of Endosim, shows his company's work to a conference attendee during the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons 2009 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference allows surgeons to learn about developing technologies and techniques in their field.

school in the fall. Both credit AUC with providing the education and inspiring the confidence that has prepared them for this great adventure.

Hutchins and Merwin have not yet decided which medical school to attend. “I'd like to go somewhere with a strong focus on primary care or general surgery,” Merwin says. “That way I can work at hospitals all over the world.”

Hutchins is waiting to hear back from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, a Seventh-day Adventist teaching university in Loma Linda, California.

“I applied to Loma Linda because I completely agree with making man whole, not just in the physical sense of being a doctor, but spiritually and emotionally, as well. I believe that studying at Loma Linda would give me the opportunity to learn how to treat patients in every aspect of their lives.”

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Two Northeastern Conference Pastors Retire

Samuel Sampson Retires After 34 Years of Pastoral Ministry

A retirement banquet was held on Sunday, January 10, to honor Samuel Sampson who retired after 34 years of pastoral ministry in the Northeastern Conference. Sampson con-

cluded his ministry while serving at the Coney Island Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York. Over the years he was pastor of such churches as South Brooklyn, Goshen Temple, Bethel, East New York, and Elmont Temple. He was the recipient of

tributes and gifts from members of each of the churches where he served. Among his achievements was the establishment of the Amazing Grace and Mount Moriah churches in Brooklyn, New York.

The Northeastern

Conference thanks Sampson for his stellar years of service, and wish for him and his wife, Monica, God's blessings in their retirement years.

S. Reginald Michael Retires After 41 Years of Service

The Brooklyn Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, sponsored a retirement celebration for the church's pastor, S. Reginald Michael, on Sunday, March 28. The event, held at the Glen Terrace in Brooklyn, New York, was attended by family, friends, and members from churches he served as pastor. Michael has been the pastor of the Brooklyn Faith congregation for the past eight years and formally retired at the end of May after 41 years of service to the Seventh-



S. Reginald Michael retired in May 2010 after 41 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

day Adventist Church. He and his wife, Annette, have been ardent servants of the church, and will be relocating to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Northeastern Conference thanks Michael for his many years of dedicated service and wish for them respite and God's blessings in their retirement years.

—Adapted from *ENVISION*, the conference's newsletter, vol. 8, No.1, March 2010, p. 2



Trevor H. C. Baker, Northeastern Conference president, standing with Monica and Samuel Sampson at the retirement banquet honoring them for their 34 years of pastoral ministry in the Northeastern Conference.

Conference Sponsors Crisis Counseling Training

The Northeastern Conference Community and Disaster Services Department, under the direction of Fitzgerald Kerr, sponsored a seminar on March 8-9 in which 58 individuals were trained and certified in crisis counseling. Kerr states, "In the wake of the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, it is important that there be several who are prepared to respond in these volatile times in which we live." Joining those from the Northeastern Conference in this specialized training were pastors from the Allegheny East and New Jersey conferences. The facilitator for the seminar was Steven Willsey, coordinator for Crisis Care/Eastern U.S. for the North American Division Adventist Community Services Department.

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Dedrick Blue Honored at HCCIs Eighth Annual Awards Dinner

Dedrick Blue, senior pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Harlem, New York, was one of four people honored on April 22 by the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI). Appropriately themed, "Let Us Break Bread Together," the awards banquet, held at GU restaurant in Harlem, honored those who have accomplished extraordinary things in the Harlem community. Along with Blue, others who were honored include Michelle Paige Patterson, the First Lady of New York State and founder of Healthy Steps; Annie B. Martin, president of the New York City Chapter of the NAACP; and Keith L. David, actor, philanthropist, and Harlem native.

Blue, a member of HCCI, was the keynote speaker at the March 5 annual Spring Breakfast Meeting for the

National Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS forum sponsored by HCCI.

Humbled by the award, Blue expressed his gratitude by saying that he was well aware that several other clergy members in the room could also be honored with the esteemed award. Advocacy for persons who are living with AIDS/HIV has been a part of Blue's personal quest for a number of years. As the co-founder of Adventists Against AIDS in Africa (A4), Blue dedicated his award to a young child who succumbed to the disease shortly after he baptized her. During his remarks, he encouraged the audience to continue to fight HIV/AIDS, having the audience chant, "Yes, we will. Yes, we will!"

The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Tamron Hall, MSNBC anchor.

Founded in 1986, HCCI is a coalition of more than 90 inter-faith congregations

that has implemented a comprehensive portfolio of programs that include providing affordable housing and safe streets, and offering opportunities for individuals and groups to remain economically independent and increase understanding and access to health care.

A Boston, Massachusetts, native, Blue has served the Adventist Church for nearly 30 years. In addition to his role as a pastor, he has served as a missionary, college instructor, vice president of Student Services and chaplain at Oakwood University, among many other positions.

Through the work of the men's ministries, women's ministries, and Adventist Youth Society at Ephesus church, Blue continues



Greg Hodge

Dedrick Blue, senior pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Harlem, New York, was honored on April 22 by the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement as an individual who has accomplished extraordinary things in the Harlem community.

his efforts at stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Harlem community. His work with HCCI has enabled him to take this mission to an even wider audience.

—Shaunée L. Wallace, communication director, Ephesus church

NEC Pastors Attend Leadership Seminar

About 40 pastors from the Northeastern Conference met at the Northeastern Conference office on April 20 for a Pastoral Leadership Seminar. Walton Rose, the conference's ministerial director, led out in the seminar designed to increase the quality of leadership in the Northeastern Conference.

Topics included: Who Is a Leader, Motivation Leadership, Differences Between Leaders and Managers, and Positive and Negative Leadership.

"Pastors face tremendous pressure in this changing world and must always be adapting to deal with these pressures," says Rose. "This meeting was, therefore, planned to help equip pastors in effectively leading their churches in the twenty-first century." Rose says he sees today's pastor, unlike yesterday's, as a player, coach, and facilitator, endeavoring to bring the body together and deploying them into active ministry. He argues that the pastors must be proactive because many of today's churches have plateaued and pastors need creative ways to motivate them.

"It is about time we came together to think about ministry and how to do it well," says Sednak Yankson, pastor of the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York. "Furthermore, we do not do this often enough, and the interaction revealed that we need to do this more often so we can discuss some of these divergent issues."

The lively discussion ended with a meal as the pastors lingered and interacted with one another.

—Stephen Williams, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Northeastern Conference pastors attended a Pastoral Leadership seminar in April.



Prayer Congress Directs Youth to “Salvation and Service”

By Taashi Rowe

Though she was hundreds of miles away, 9-year-old Veronica Slack, who attends Capital Memorial church in Washington, D.C., decided to be baptized after watching, over the Internet, the Just Claim It 2 (JCI2) youth prayer congress in Columbus, Ohio. While it is impossible to say how many others were similarly impacted

by the four-day event, thousands of young people from around the North American Division (NAD) stood ready at JCI2 for “Salvation and Service.” With prayer at its core and youth leading in many aspects, the NAD Youth Ministries event was designed to train young people for effective ministries of their own. JCI2 combined the Youth

Ministries Leadership Summit, the Just Claim It 2 Prayer Congress, Ignition—GODencounters for Young Adults, and the Children’s Worship Festival sponsored by the Ohio Conference.

Calling the different activities at the congress “filling stations for spiritual growth, training, motivation, and encouragement,” pastors James Black Sr., NAD Youth Ministries director, and Manny Cruz, NAD Youth Ministries associate director, noted that delegates filled “their spiritual cups through prayer initiatives, community mission projects, evangelism outreach, teen preaching/testimonies, mass choir/orchestra, workshops/seminars, recreation, and a Sabbath youth rally and parade.”

Lindsey Gibbons, 13, came all the way from the South Hampton church in Bermuda looking to fill her spiritual cup with knowledge. “I really enjoyed the workshop on diversity,” she said. “In a lot of our churches in Bermuda we tend to put people in boxes, and I want to take what I learned here to make my church a better place.”

Rogers Johnson, pastor of three churches in Texas, can already predict what youth will do with the training they received. He taught the hands-on street ministries seminar. “I’ve been doing this seminar for 10 years,” he said. “I’ve seen participants become more active in their churches and become youth leaders and youth directors. One guy even started a church.”

Guest speaker Eddie Hypolite summed up the week’s meetings in his Sabbath sermon when he warned leaders not to make the church’s doctrines a yoke and burden. “We are teaching the traditions of men . . . as commands of God. But the centrality of who we are is Jesus. Jesus is not a doctrine.” ☉

Taashi Rowe is an associate editor for the Columbia Union Conference VISITOR magazine.



Children prepared bags to be distributed to people in need during the “Just Claim It 2” Youth Prayer Conference.



Jake Graf, Yamaris Velez, and Vincent Wilson from Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York, pose for a picture for Facebook at the “Just Claim It 2” Youth Prayer Conference in Columbus, Ohio.



Donnette Burgess, a member of the Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church in Laurelton, New York, creates a balloon clown for the residents of the Heritage Adult Day Health Center.



Georgia Brown and Garnett Drysdale, from the Brooklyn Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York, visited a home to offer prayer and sign up people for Bible studies during the “Just Claim It 2” Youth Prayer Conference in Columbus, Ohio, April 7-11.



Nathaniel Shorey, from the Foxborough Seventh-day Adventist Church in Foxborough, Massachusetts, helps assemble a prayer wall based on Revelation 8:4 at the 2010 “Just Claim It 2” Youth Prayer Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

10 Reasons Why You Should Be a Church Youth Leader

For some people, being a youth leader is like being a coach, a glorified babysitter, or it is something to do until you grow up! Here are 10 reasons why I believe youth ministries is one of the most important volunteer ministry positions in the church.

1. The youth are not the church of the future, they are the church of today. You help to train, equip, and rebuke them in righteousness while helping them know God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).
2. Youth ministries helps our young people live up to the AY Aim, "The Advent message to all the world." It helps our young to "go . . ." More than ever, young people are willing to be stretched, used, and challenged to step out of their comfort zones. Planning outreach, community service projects, and mission trips puts into practice the text "Go ye into all the world . . ." (Matthew 28:19, 20).

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3. A strong youth ministry in a local church is not an option, it is a necessity. It helps the youth lead balanced lives in the mental, social, physical, and spiritual realms, and it clarifies the expectations of them.
4. It makes disciples (Matthew 28:19, 20). It is estimated by some that 80 percent of young people make decisions for Christ by the age of 18, with influences such as camps, retreats, youth rallies, and youth conventions similar to the recent JCI2 in Columbus, Ohio. Finalize plans to get your youth to the Dare2Do Youth Congress in Hartford, Connecticut, October 14-17, 2010.
5. It teaches. "Teaching them to obey all things"—Matthew 28:19, 20. This aspect of youth ministries

covers AY, Sabbath School, meaningful worship services, etcetera.

6. It helps simplify the gospel. Where else can you teach the basics of Seventh-day Adventist Christianity and leave a heritage?
7. It teaches unity (John 17). Youth ministry must and does function with the rest of the body of Christ. It works with parents, relatives, and the family of God. (1 Corinthians 12).
8. It builds community. Where else can you love God and kids? Jesus spending a lot of time with His disciples was one of the basics of forming community (Mark 12:28-34).
9. It is relational. When you build relationships with young people, they will last a lifetime. You have an opportunity to impact their lives forever!
10. It is lifesaving! Tired of hearing about youth leaving the church? Have you seen the church sign, "No Lifeguard on Duty, Swim at Your Own Risk"? Do you know of someone who is spiritually drowning? Become a "mission lifeguard" and join the lifesaving team of youth, teens, Pathfinders, pastors, parents, leaders, and others who are willing to dive in for the rescue. "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly"—John 10:10. We need a youth leader, a "mission lifeguard" in all churches in the Atlantic Union! Ask your conference or union youth leader how you can become a mission lifeguard or a spotter.

Now you know the reasons I have been in youth ministries for the past 41 years. Come join me in the greatest adventure of your life! ☺



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



Bibles for Calais



Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president, with Jasmil and Dorrin Patillo, who are going door to door giving the residents in Calais Amazing Facts Study Bibles.

The idea of taking God's Word to the community came to us one Sabbath as we were on our way to Sabbath worship. It was a warm, beautiful summer day. As we were driving to church, we noticed that so many people were out working on their lawns, houses, cars, or just basically doing their own thing.

They seemed so unaware of the Sabbath day and the wonderful opportunity to receive God's blessings. It also brought to us a sense of guilt. There we were, bypassing many who did not know the Sabbath-day truth.

We prayed about this, and claimed God's promise in Isaiah 55:11: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." God answered our prayers by blessing us with a small sum of money that we used to purchase approximately 20 Amazing Facts Study Bibles. We took the Bibles and started knocking on doors in the city of Calais.

Whenever we were close to running out of Bibles, God provided us with another financial blessing to purchase more.

We continue to pass out the Bibles, and to our amazement, people have been very receptive to receiving the free gift. They often ask us about our religion and church affiliation. We've also had opportunities to pray with people and encourage them to continue praying and trusting in Jesus.

So far, we have knocked on almost half of the doors of homes in the city of Calais. Only a few have refused to accept the free gift and told us it was because they already have one.

We thank God for giving us the opportunity to share His Word with others.

—Dorrin Patillo, lay pastor, Searsmont, and Jasmil Patillo, elder, Calais church

Estabrook Students Experience the Joy of Service

Clothes for Haiti were sorted and bagged during a break from morning Mathematics and Language Arts classes at the Estabrook Christian School in Lebanon, New Hampshire. The generous response to a clothing drive that began in the local community inspired elementary students to collect more. Items for babies and children were initially requested, but garments and shoes for all ages were collected in large quantities. The clothing was put with other goods accumulated by the West Lebanon Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Lebanon, New Hampshire. Students brought all their donations to Manchester, New Hampshire, where they

were added to the many goods collected by the Manchester Seventh-day Adventist Church and then transported to Haiti.

Community service is part of the curriculum at Estabrook Christian School. An annual canned food drive is a tradition in the fall that brings in well over 1,000 grocery items that are shared with local food pantries. An art class at Tip Top Pottery produced beautiful hand-painted pottery that was used for the Empty Bowl Benefit for world hunger at the Vermont Law School. Firsthand experience in teamwork and in helping others brings a wonderful perspective to young minds. Community service projects, an integral part of



Students from the Estabrook Christian School experience the joy of service by putting their faith in action to collect clothing for the people in Haiti. From left, Taylor Preseau, Elizabeth Vosgershian, Libna Solano, Quinn Bulkeley, Zachary Merrill, and Dylan Finney.

faith-based learning, fosters excellence in world vision, and is a practical extension of our class studies.

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—Ellen L. Busl, principal, Estabrook Christian School

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND Lynn Ortel, communication director

Serving Others Emulates Christ's Character



Frank Willis and Michelle Carlson, from the Williston Seventh-day Adventist Church, assist in serving a warm meal to the homeless.

The Williston Seventh-day Adventist Church in Williston, Vermont, was blessed with the opportunity to reach out to those in need during the month of February. They provided a meal with an Italian theme and befriended about 100 homeless people at the local Salvation Army. Under the direction of

Francine Nanda, the church's head deaconess, many were involved in the food preparation and assisted in serving the homeless.

Greg Carlson, the church's pastor, had the opportunity to eat and pray

with some of the homeless people. In addition, some of the women from the church were able to witness by praying for and encouraging them. "Each of the folks has a life story to tell and all were very thankful for the meal," said Carlson. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior

mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence"—THE MINISTRY OF HEALING, p. 143.

"The opportunity to serve a meal at the Salvation Army was a humbling experience," said Cali Campillo, Brownell Mountain school principal. "The people that came in for the meal were very

cheerful and thankful. Jesus spent His life serving others, how important it is for us to take every opportunity we have to serve others, as well."

Now that the members of the Williston church are aware of the need in their area, they plan to make feeding the homeless a regular event.

—Abilene Smith, communication correspondent, Williston church

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Services will include: spa services - neck, shoulders, hand, foot, mini massages, and whatever the service organization may need for us to help with.

Mark your calendar today for service!

We will meet the Sunday before, June 20th, at 4:00 p.m. to assemble gift bags to give to women.
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For more information visit our websites at www.women.nnec.org and www.nnec.org under "calendar" month of June or call Janice at 207-797-3760.



President's Corner

"Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You"—Psalm 63:3 (NKJV).

Some people "eat to live" and others "live to eat." Nutritionists and health-minded Christians will advise the former—"eat to live." Our bodies are the temple of God. The reason we eat is to live healthfully. To "live to eat" implies gluttonous behavior, eating without regard to health.

Jesus said, "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you . . ."—John 6:27 (NKJV). He also said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst"—John 6:35 (NKJV).

Let's not just "eat to live" but do more than that! Let us feast on Him. When we fall in love with Jesus, when we feed upon His word, when each day we cherish Him "more than life," the greatest joy of our life is Him and the time we spend with Him.

Someone said to a seeker of truth, "Read the words in red first." This is good counsel for new believers, but also good counsel for longtime believers. By beholding you will become changed. Fall in love with Jesus anew. Study His life. Read His words over and over again. Take a thoughtful hour each day. Fellowship with Jesus. Partake, fully and completely. Fill your cup. Take all you want. Take all you need. Eat up till your soul is fed. Allow Jesus to become the love of your life.

—Frank Tochterman, president, Southern New England Conference

Baptism Held at Ninth Annual Hispanic Women's Ministries Retreat



Kelly Dulac, a psychologist from Mexico, was the featured speaker for the ninth annual Southern New England Conference Hispanic women's ministries retreat.

Two hundred and thirty women participated in the ninth annual Spanish-speaking women's ministries retreat held April 16-18 at the Best Western Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The theme for the weekend was *En Manos del Alfarero* (In the Potter's Hands).

Kelly Dulac, a psychologist from Mexico, shared the five themes on brain functions and how they affect our mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Dulac, also a health expert, shared meaningful health advice and Bible-based practices. On Sunday morning, she led a vigorous exercise session with more than 100 participants who rose early to get their hearts pumping during an hour of cardio exercise.

Hilda Medina, elder, gave Bible studies to new member Carolina Acuna,

both are from the Danbury Nuevo Horizonte Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Company in Connecticut. Acuna chose this weekend to publicly accept Christ. Roberto Reyna, Clinton Spanish church elder and an ordained minister, baptized her in the hotel's



Carolina Acuna, from the Danbury Nuevo Horizonte Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Company, chose this weekend to publicly accept Christ and was baptized in the hotel's indoor pool by Roberto Reyna, Clinton Spanish church elder and an ordained minister.

Photos: Pablo A. Frías-Almonie

indoor pool. Five other women responded to the call to accept the Lord as their personal Savior.

The weekend was filled with praises and beautiful melodies by Addy Juarez.

The teenagers also enjoyed a special session planned for them by Esther Adames from Georgia.

The Atlantic Union College Art Department provided the decorations and a pottery table, where art students showed participants the process of pottery-making. Maria Roybal-Hazen, department chair, offered a workshop in which every participant was given clay and

the opportunity to make their own pottery creation, experiencing for themselves the care and delight the Master Potter takes in each of His creations.

There was much laughter on Saturday night during the banquet with many women dressed in their elementary school uniforms

and hairstyles, cheerfully recalling the fun and activities of yesteryear.

The tenth annual retreat is scheduled for April 15-17, 2011, with the theme *Unidas en la Vid Verdadera* (United in the True Vine).

—Rosalina Almonte-Frias, Hispanic women's ministries director, Southern New England Conference

Women's Retreat Makes History

The Southern New England Conference women's ministries English-speaking one day retreat on Sabbath, March 20, was a historic event. Included among the participants and those attending the event were Heather-Dawn Small, General Conference women's ministries director, Carla Baker, North American Division women's ministries director, and Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union Conference women's ministries director. Even though they have attended many women's ministries retreats and conferences, they had never been at a Southern New England Conference women's ministries event at the same time. It was a blessing to hear their reports of women's activities across the nation.

Experiencing the Power...Stepping Out in Faith was the theme for the day and the journey of faith was filled with inspirational speakers, such as



Attending the one-day retreat were, from left, Sally Tochterman, Southern New England Conference shepherdess director, Alice Jacobson, Southern New England Conference English women's ministries director, Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union Conference women's ministries director, Heather-Dawn Small, General Conference women's ministries director, Lois King, Atlantic Union Conference shepherdess director, Carla Baker, North American Division women's ministries director, and Rosalina Almonte-Frias, Southern New England Conference Hispanic women's ministries director.

Ninon Amertil who presented the worship service message, and Ruth Redding Brand, who delivered the morning and afternoon messages.

Praise reached heavenward by the musical performances from Rose Asare, Jessica Jantauh, Lanu Williams, We Are the Servants, and the Waltham church choir.

This day, filled with praise and joy, was coordinated by the Worcester Central women's ministries team, headed by Bernadette Henry, and the Southern New England Conference women's ministries advisory committee.

I believe that God richly blessed each one who journeyed together on this historic day.

—Alice Jacobson, women's ministries (volunteer) director, English, Southern New England Conference

Photos of the one-day retreat can be viewed online at: www.sneconline.org. Click Dept./Ministries and look for the Women's Ministries link.



A special prayer and sharing time took place during the afternoon program at the one-day retreat sponsored by the Southern New England Conference.

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La Iglesia Adventista Planea Ampliar Su Trabajo Conjunto Con La Organización Mundial De La Salud

Los líderes aprueban la participación en proyectos para reducir la mortalidad infantil y materna en las comunidades rurales

Los líderes adventistas votaron ayer aceptar una propuesta de la Organización Mundial de la Salud que busca el trabajo conjunto con la denominación en un programa para reducir la mortalidad infantil y materna.

La propuesta analizada ayer durante el Concilio de Primavera en la sede central de la iglesia solicita que algunas escuelas adventistas de enfermería seleccionadas que enseñan obstetricia sirvan como “laboratorios de cambio.” Allí, la OMS y la Escuela de Enfermería de Loma Linda, California, se dedicarán a concentrar recursos para graduar Parteras Especialistas, dijo Allan Handysides, director de Ministerios de Salud de la iglesia mundial.

Se espera que este incremento de parteras ayude a disminuir el número de muertes maternas por nacimiento en muchos países del África y de Asia (actualmente, 600 por cada 100,000, en comparación con 16 cada 100,000 en los países occidentales), dijo Handysides. Esto significa que se podrían prevenir tres millones de muertes maternas por año, dijo.

“Quiero decirles que por medio de esta sociedad, la imagen y la reputación de la Iglesia Adventista estará bajo escrutinio de la OMS,” dijo Handysides, que pidió a los delegados que no solo aprueben la propuesta, sino que se comprometan a apoyar la implementación del proyecto.

Los delegados se mostraron mayormente a favor de la propuesta. No obstante, pidieron que se analicen bien

cuáles podrían ser los aspectos negativos antes de avanzar.

“Soy reacio a ingresar en este compromiso, por más tremendos que sean los beneficios, sin un plan acabado para evitar cualquier riesgo que pueda surgir,” dijo Paul Ratsara, presidente de la iglesia en la región de África Meridional-Océano Índico.

Peter Landless, director asociado de Ministerios de Salud, dijo que si bien los riesgos potenciales no pueden ser eliminados, “se está trabajando y se seguirá trabajando para minimizarlos.”

Se espera que este acuerdo produzca mejoras en la calidad de la instrucción e incremente el número de instructores en las escuelas de enfermería seleccionadas. Se espera asimismo un incremento en la matriculación, dado que los gobiernos contratarán a estudiantes para que regresen a sus comunidades rurales, donde se produce gran parte de los casos de mortalidad infantil y materna, dijo Handysides.

Se espera que el proyecto cueste cinco millones de dólares, pero la OMS ha asegurado que están “muy



Allan Handysides, director de Ministerios de Salud, explica la propuesta de la OMS que pide la colaboración de la Iglesia Adventista para reducir la mortalidad infantil y materna. Este proyecto de trabajo conjunto, aprobado por los líderes de la iglesia, amplía el marco de colaboración de la iglesia con la OMS.

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dispuestos” a garantizar la financiación de la iniciativa, añadió.

La Iglesia Adventista “debería abrazar esta oportunidad de mostrar de manera pública nuestros valores de salud y de servicio,” dijo Lowell Cooper, uno de los vicepresidentes de la iglesia mundial y presidente de la Junta Directiva de la Universidad de Loma Linda.

Aunque el proyecto es “ambicioso,” es un plan a corto plazo (cinco años), y por lo tanto un “experimento,” dijo Handysides.

“Este puede llegar a ser un modelo para futuros trabajos conjuntos,” dijo Paulsen luego del voto.

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English translation available at: news.adventist.org/2010/04/adventist-church-pla.html.

Le président de l'église adventiste encourage les membres d'église à Haïti

La semaine dernière, à l'occasion de sa visite, le président de l'église adventiste du septième jour mondiale Jan Paulsen a loué le ressort dont les adventistes haïtiens ont fait preuve et les a exhorté à continuer d'apporter une réponse humanitaire au tremblement de terre dévastateur qui a frappé la nation haïtienne au début de l'année.

Le 17 avril, accompagné des administrateurs de la Division interaméricaine, J. Paulsen est venu en aide et a montré sa solidarité envers les membres d'église en Haïti lors d'une visite d'une journée.

Environ 230,000 haïtiens ont été tués par le séisme du 12 janvier, parmi lesquels on compte 600 adventistes. Des milliers d'haïtiens se sont retrouvés sans abris et des dizaines d'églises et écoles ont été détruites.

“C'est avec le cœur rempli d'émotions très mitigées que je me tiens devant vous” a déclaré J. Paulsen devant un auditoire de plus de 1000 personnes dans une église adventiste où 22 choristes ont été écrasés lorsque la terre a tremblé.

“Je suis tellement content de voir le ressort dont vous faites preuve” a-t-il dit, “bien qu'il y ait un sentiment de tristesse alors que nous nous tenons sur un sol sacré, non parce que c'est un lieu de culte, mais parce que tant de frères et sœurs sont morts ici.”

Le dirigeant adventiste a prié pour l'église et les membres des familles touchées par cette tragédie.

Durant cette première visite en Haïti, J. Paulsen a également visité plusieurs églises ainsi que le campus de l'université adventiste haïtienne où presque 20,000 réfugiés trouvent encore asile. Il a aussi rencontré le personnel de l'hôpital adventiste d'Haïti et le personnel de l'entrepôt de l'Agence

Adventiste d'Aide et de Développement (ADRA) d'Haïti et il a fait l'éloge de leurs efforts humanitaires.

Israel Leito, président de la Division interaméricaine, a dit qu'il était content que J. Paulsen et les présidents de Divisions aient rendu visite à ce pays. “L'église et le peuple d'Haïti doivent connaître l'esprit de compassion de l'église adventiste du septième jour” a dit I. Leito.

Plus tard, devant plus de 2,000 dirigeants de l'Eglise et membres de

Ce n'est pas la connaissance mais le comportement qui compte le plus, a dit J. Paulsen lors d'un service de culte auquel ont participé des milliers de personnes et qui a été diffusé à la radio pour toutes les églises de la nation.

“La spiritualité d'une personne est définie par la façon dont elle se comporte. La conduite détermine ou renie toute spiritualité” a dit le dirigeant adventiste. “Haïti est une nation qui est dans le besoin et chacun de vous

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l'Auditorium de la Bible, J. Paulsen a dit qu'il était impressionné par la réaction des instances administratives de l'église dans la région Interaméricaine.

“Je sais également ce que le reste de la famille mondiale est en train de faire pour continuer à vous aider et cela va continuer dans les mois à venir” a dit J. Paulsen.

“Je ne connais pas d'évènement dans l'histoire récente qui ait fait davantage pour consolider le sentiment de famille à l'intérieur de l'église adventiste mondiale comme le tremblement de terre en Haïti l'a fait” a-t-il ajouté.

“Je suis ébahi par le fait que tant de nos membres ici en Haïti s'occupent de nettoyer des bâtiments pour préparer des lieux de culte avant même de commencer à penser à avoir une maison pour eux-mêmes” a dit J. Paulsen. “Je suis vraiment fier d'être membre de cette église.”

a dans son entourage quelqu'un qui est dans le besoin; Dieu soutient le service que vous apportez en tant qu'adventiste du septième jour aux personnes qui sont dans le besoin.”

Membre de l'auditoire, Guirlene Louis a dit qu'elle a été touchée par le message de J. Paulsen. “C'est merveilleux de recevoir la visite du président de notre église mondiale qui nous rappelle que nous devons aider ceux qui sont dans le besoin” a dit G. Louis, une adventiste qui a perdu sa maison ainsi que plusieurs membres de sa famille.

“Ce message m'est venu droit au cœur” a affirmé Jean Claude Lallemand, professeur sur le campus de l'université haïtienne adventiste. “Nous devons continuer à nous rapprocher les uns des autres.”

Source: *Adventist News Network (ANN)*

English translation available at: news.adventist.org/2010/04/in-haiti-adventist-c.html.

Birth Control: A Seventh-day Adventist Statement of Consensus

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).

Scientific technologies today permit greater control of human fertility and reproduction than was formerly possible. These technologies make possible sexual intercourse with the expectation of pregnancy and childbirth greatly reduced. Christian married couples have a potential for fertility control that has created many questions with wide-ranging religious, medical, social, and political implications. Opportunities and benefits exist as a result of the new capabilities, as do challenges and drawbacks. A number of moral issues must be considered. Christians who ultimately must make their own personal choices on these issues must be informed in order to make sound decisions based on biblical principles.

Among the issues to be considered is the question of the appropriateness of human intervention in the natural biological processes of human reproduction. If any intervention is appropriate, then additional questions regarding what, when, and how, must be addressed. Other related concerns include:

- likelihood of increased sexual immorality, which the availability and use of birth control methods may promote;

- gender dominance issues related to the sexual privileges and prerogatives of both women and men;
- social issues, including the right of a society to encroach upon personal freedom in the interest of the society at large and the burden of economic and educational support for the disadvantaged; and
- stewardship issues related to population growth and the use of natural resources.

A statement of moral considerations regarding birth control must be set in the broader context of biblical teachings about sexuality, marriage, parenthood, and the value of children—and an understanding of the interconnectedness between these issues. With an awareness of the diversity of opinion within the church, the following biblically-based principles are set forth to educate and to guide in decision-making.

1. Responsible stewardship. God created human beings in His own image, male and female, with capacities to think and to make decisions (Isaiah 1:18; Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 30:15-20). God gave human beings dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28). This dominion requires overseeing and caring for nature. Christian stewardship also requires taking responsibility for human procreation. Sexuality, as one of the aspects of human nature over which the individual has stewardship, is to be expressed in harmony with God's will (Exodus 20:14; Genesis 39:9; Leviticus 20:10-21; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20).
2. Procreative purpose. The perpetuation of the human family is one of God's purposes for human sexuality (Genesis 1:28). Though it may be inferred that marriages are generally intended to yield offspring, Scripture never presents procreation as an obligation of every couple in order to please God. However, divine revelation places a high value on children and expresses the joy to be found in parenting (Matthew 19:14; Psalm 127:3). Bearing and rearing children helps parents to understand God and to develop compassion, caring,

humility, and unselfishness (Psalm 103:13; Luke 11:13).

3. Unifying purpose. Sexuality serves a unifying purpose in marriage that is God-ordained and distinguishable from the procreative purpose (Genesis 2:24). Sexuality in marriage is intended to include joy, pleasure, and delight (Ecclesiastes 9:9; Proverbs 5:18, 19; Song of Solomon 4:16-5:1). God intends that couples may have ongoing sexual communion apart from procreation (1 Corinthians 7:3-5), a communion that forges strong bonds and protects a marriage partner from an inappropriate relationship with someone other than his or her spouse (Proverbs 5:15-20; Song of Solomon 8:6, 7). In God's design, sexual intimacy is not only for the purpose of conception. Scripture does not prohibit married couples from enjoying the delights of conjugal relations while taking measures to prevent pregnancy.
4. Freedom to choose. In creation—and again through the redemption of Christ—God has given human beings freedom of choice, and He asks them to use their freedom responsibly (Galatians 5:1, 13). In the divine plan, husband and wife constitute a distinct family unit, having both the freedom and the responsibility to share in making determinations about their family (Genesis 2:24). Married partners should be considerate of each other in making decisions about birth control, being willing to consider the needs of the other as well as one's own (Philippians 2:4). For those who choose to bear children, the procreative choice is not without limits. Several factors must inform their choice, including the ability to provide for the needs of children (1 Timothy 5:8); the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the mother and other caregivers (3 John 2; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Phil 2:4; Eph 5:25); the social and political circumstances into which children will be born (Matthew 24:19); and

the quality of life and the global resources available. We are stewards of God's creation and therefore must look beyond our own happiness and desires to consider the needs of others (Philippians 2:4).

5. Appropriate methods of birth control. Moral decision making about the choice and use of the various birth control agents must stem from an understanding of their probable effects on physical and emotional health, the manner in which the various agents operate, and the financial expenditure involved. A variety of methods of birth control—including barrier methods, spermicides, and sterilization—prevent conception and are morally acceptable. Some other birth-control methods may prevent the release of the egg (ovulation), may prevent the union of egg and sperm (fertilization), or may prevent attachment of the already fertilized egg (implantation). Because of uncertainty about how they will function in any given instance, they may be morally suspect for people who believe that protectable human life begins at fertilization. However, since the majority of fertilized ova naturally fail to implant or are lost after implantation, even when birth control methods are not being used, hormonal methods of birth control and IUDs, which represent a similar process, may be viewed as morally acceptable. Abortion, the intentional termination of an established pregnancy, is not morally acceptable for purposes of birth control.
6. Misuse of birth control. Though the increased ability to manage fertility and protect against sexually transmitted disease may be useful to many married couples, birth control can be misused. For example, those who would engage in premarital and extramarital sexual relations may more readily indulge in such behaviors because of the availability of birth control methods. The use of such methods to protect sex outside of marriage may reduce the risks of sexually transmitted diseases and/

or pregnancy. Sex outside of marriage, however, is both harmful and immoral, whether or not these risks have been diminished.

7. A redemptive approach. The availability of birth-control methods makes education about sexuality and morality even more imperative. Less effort should be put forth in condemnation and more in education and redemptive approaches that seek to allow each individual to be persuaded by the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. ①

This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

To view the entire statement, visit: www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main_stat44.html.

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

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Books

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STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL





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Bangor, ME	8:10	8:03	7:56	7:46	7:35
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Boston, MA	8:11	8:05	7:59	7:50	7:39
South Lancaster, MA	8:14	8:07	8:01	7:52	7:42
Pittsfield, MA	8:20	8:14	8:08	7:59	7:48
Hartford, CT	8:16	8:09	8:04	7:55	7:44
New York, NY	8:18	8:12	8:06	7:58	7:48
Albany, NY	8:21	8:15	8:09	7:59	7:49
Utica, NY	8:30	8:23	8:17	8:08	7:57
Syracuse, NY	8:33	8:27	8:21	8:11	8:01
Rochester, NY	8:40	8:33	8:27	8:18	8:07
Buffalo, NY	8:43	8:37	8:31	8:22	8:11
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OUT-OF-UNION

Join the 'Adventist Race for Health 5/10K' Sunday, Jun. 27, 7:00 a.m., during GC Session at Centennial Park in Atlanta, Ga. For information, sign up www.AdventistRaceForHealth.org. Walkers enjoy the InStep trail Friday, Jun. 25 and Mon.-Thurs., Jun. 27-Jul. 1, 7:00 a.m., at the fountains also in Centennial Olympic Park.

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OBITUARIES

BLASER, George W. H.—86, b. Sept. 16, 1923, in Athol, Mass.; d. Mar. 13, 2010, in Wakefield, R.I. He was a member of the Attleboro Seventh-day Adventist Church in Attleboro, Mass. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by sons, George W. H. Blaser, III, of Somerset, Mass.; Douglas E. Blaser of South Kingstown, R.I.; and Guy L. Blaser of Canton, Ohio; daughter, Donna L. Blaser of South Kingstown, R.I.; a brother, Paul Chatigny of Winchinton, Mass.; five grandchildren, George IV, Kevin, Clayton, Mackenzie and Michael; four great-grandchildren Brennen, Avery, Savannah, and George V. He was predeceased by his wife, Madalynn M. (Cowan) Blaser and brother, Donn Blaser.

GAGNON, Beatrice J.—76; b. Feb. 25, 1934, in Brockton, Mass.; d. May 6, 2010, in Oakland, Maine. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Manchester, Maine, and former longtime member of the Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amesbury, Mass. She volunteered with community services through that church for many years, providing food and clothing for local individuals as well as overseas. She was well known for her custom-made Christmas stockings that she distributed to many maternity units at hospitals to be used for Christmas babies. She also made many children's choir robes for various organizations. She is survived by a daughter, Deborah J. Ellis (Jack) of Vienna, Maine; a son, Eric Gagnon (Fawn) of Shirley, Mass.; eight grandchildren, John, Brandon, William, Chandler and Bethany Ellis, and Evan, Adam, and Arlan Gagnon; three sisters, Geraldine Kemp of Williamstown, Mass., Frances Eichorn of Adams, Mass., and Myrtle White of Neb.; several nieces and nephews; and her best friend of almost 70 years, Nancy Weyers of Williamstown, Mass. Her husband, George A. Gagnon, predeceased her on Apr. 4, 2009.

MACBETH, Wayne—70; b. Jan. 14, 1939, in Stoneham, Mass.; d. Jan. 9, 2010, in Winchester, N.H. He graduated from South Lancaster Academy in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army, where he drove ambulances as a medic, stationed stateside. He was a member of the Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vernon, Vt., where he served as an elder, a lay advisory committee representative, a Sabbath School primary teacher, assistant treasurer, and board member to the church's school, Pioneer Junior Academy, in Westmoreland, N.H. He is survived by his wife, Joan Binns; a brother-in-law, Jack Binns (Claudia) of Attleboro, Mass., and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister, Brenda Roberts.

MEDFORD, R. Foster—86; b. Apr. 6, 1923, in Coleman, Mich.; d. Dec. 29, 2009, in Grants Pass, Ore. He graduated from Emanuel Missionary Collage (Andrews University). He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a teacher, minister, and conference youth director in the Michigan, Greater New York, Southern New England, and Carolina conferences. From 1953 to 1963 he was a missionary in Africa. Before retiring in 1988 he worked as a chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital. From 1988 to 1993 he taught English as a volunteer at Taiwan Adventist College. He was married for almost 50 years to Eda GoldBerg Medford, who preceded him in death in 1995. He was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Snow of Cedar Lake, Mich. He is survived by his wife, Loweta Walter Medford of Grants Pass, Ore.; three children, Glenda Sutherland of Bend, Ore., Charles Medford of Valdes, N.C., and Gloria Cooper of Damascas, Ore.; a sister, Barbara Hamlin of Berrien Springs, Mich.; three brothers, Robert Medford of Lakeview, Mich., Lester Medford of Loma Linda, Calif., and Ronald Medford of Miami, Fla.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

MEYER, Donald—72; b. Mar. 25, 1937, in Bronx, N.Y.; d. Dec. 28, 2009, in Duncan, S.C. He was a member of the Woodroffe Seventh-day Adventist Church in Woodroffe, S.C. He started his career working for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1979 in the maintenance department at Union Springs Academy in Union Springs,

N.Y. In 1982 he and his wife accepted a call to Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA) in Candler, N.C. He retired from MPA in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Harriette Meyer; daughters, Terry Ford, Tammy Thompson, Tay Meyer, and Tracy Meyer; brothers, Warren, Walter, Richard, and Douglas; five grandchildren; and three great-grand children.

MEYER, Inga Zenkel—62; b. Apr. 29, 1947, in Bayreuth, Germany; d. Jan. 29, 2010, in Sedona, Ariz. She was a graduate of Atlantic Union College where she met her husband, Jerry Meyer. She taught for the Southern New England Conference and the public school system in Conn. She is survived by her husband, Jerry Meyer; son, David Meyer (Grace), and grandson Nolan of Irvine, Calif.

MOORE, Fern J.—88; b. May 15, 1921, in Plattsburg, N.Y.; d. Feb. 5, 2010, in St. Lucie, Florida. She was a member of the First Springfield Church in Springfield, Mass. She is survived by a son, Donald G. Moore of Feeding Hills, Mass.; daughter, Marilyn M. Field of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

MOORE, Gordon W.—93; b. Nov. 10, 1916, in Smoky Falls, Ontario, Canada; d. Apr. 14, 2010, in Ft. Pierce, Fla. He was a member of the First Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church, Springfield, Mass. He is survived by his son, Donald G. Moore of Feeding Hills, Mass.; daughter, Marilyn M. Field of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. His wife, Fern Moore, predeceased him on Feb. 5, 2010.

PAGAN, Evelia Santos—82; b. May 11, 1927, in Carolina, Puerto Rico; d. Feb. 26, 2010, in Worcester, Mass. She was a member of the Pleasant Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Worcester, Mass. She is survived by two sons, Carmelo Santos of Worcester, Mass., and Richard Santos of Attleboro, Mass.; her sister, Aida Gautier of Worcester, Mass.; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her first husband, Carmelo Santos, in 1952, her second husband, Pablo Pagan, in 2005, her daughter, Jeannette Santos, and five brothers.

PETERS, Sylvia (Trotman)—85; b. Jun. 19, 1924, in Princesstown, Trinidad; d. Mar. 8, 2010, in Westborough, Mass. She attended Caribbean Union College. She was a member of the Rockville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rockville, Md., and served as head deaconess. She is survived by three daughters, Lauren Peters of Trinidad; Carrie Peters of Franklin, Mass., and Flora Peters of Bellingham,



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FAGAL, Virginia M. (Rittenhouse)—92, b. Sept. 24, 1917; d. Feb. 25, 2010, in Loma Linda, Calif. She and her late husband, William A. Fagal, cofounded Faith For Today, the first television broadcast sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist

Church, which began airing on May 21, 1950, on WABC in New York City. It is one of the longest-running religious television broadcasts in U.S. history. She was the director of the Bible school started by Faith for Today in 1952. She remained in that position until she and her husband retired in 1982. More than 450,000 people have completed one of Faith for Today's correspondence courses, and at least 30,000 people are known to have joined the church through its ministry.

She was a full member of the executive board and a working member of the script committee through 1980. In later years, as director of prayer ministries, she responded to thousands of people who wrote concerning their heartaches and burdens.

Among the awards received, she was presented with the Women of the Year – Professional Life Award in 1990 by the Association of Adventist Women, for the outstanding and unique contributions she made in her professional life. She received the Irene Morgan Award by the Society of Adventist Communicators in 2002, an award that honors those who have exemplified courage and integrity. She also was presented with the SONscreen Innovation Award at the 2004 SONscreen Film Festival for her dedicated service in pioneering media ministries.

Survivors include a son, William; a daughter, Kathryn Fagal Prall; brothers, Harvey Rittenhouse and Robert Rittenhouse; a sister, Geneva Anderson; four grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.



FINLEY, Gloria Dora Jackson—86, b. Jul. 7, 1923, in Natick, R.I.; d. Dec. 11, 2009, in Deltona, Fla. She graduated from Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Conn., in 1941 and worked making bandages during World War II. After her marriage to James Finley on Jan. 3, 1944, she moved to Valejo, Calif. Gloria then enjoyed many years in Conn., living with her family in Norwich for 36 years and Waterford for 29 years. She worked beside her husband for more than 30 years in the family business, Finley Screw Machine Products.

Her top priority was always her children, three of whom graduated from Atlantic Union College, with the fourth graduating from Loma Linda University. Her son, Mark A. Finley, is a noted evangelist and vice president of the General Conference, headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Springs, Md.; her daughter, Sandra Doran, is an associate superintendent in the Florida Conference; daughter Dale Slongwhite operates a writing consulting business from her home in Fla.; the youngest daughter, Holly David, remained in New England, where she is a registered dietitian in private practice. Through the years she served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in many supportive capacities behind the scenes. After her retirement, she and her husband trailed all over the United States and Canada for 15 years, hitting 44 states. In 2005, the couple moved to Deltona, Fla., where she lived until she died at home in the presence of her family.

She is survived by her husband, James W. Finley; a son, Mark Finley; three daughters, Sandra Doran, Dale Slongwhite, and Holly David; a sister, Lucy DeBerry of Encinitas, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mass.; two sisters, Lucille Leacock and Yvonne Trotman; six grandchildren, Allison, Lawrence, Curtis, Justin, Jovan, and Sylvia; and 5 great-grandchildren, Sierra, Araceli, Lucien, Arianna, and Alexavier; and granddaughter-in-law, Kathleen. She was predeceased by husband John; son, Edward; granddaughter, Aryana; and her sisters, Pearl Archibald and Ruby Wint.

THOMAS, Marian (Mills)—75; b. Dec. 30, 1933, in Bridgewater, N.Y.; d. Mar. 21, 2009, in Saranac, N.Y. She was a member of the Chateaugay Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chateaugay, N.Y. She graduated from Atlantic Union College and taught in the Seventh-day Adventist school sys-

tem for 20 years. She taught ceramics to children at Camp Cherokee for years. Survivors include her husband, Howard "Gene" Thomas, pastor of the Chateaugay church; daughters, Margene Damon and Patricia Clarke; a brother, George Mills, a sister, Lillian Menshausen; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

TYSON, Clarence—72; b. Nov. 21, 1937, in Allensville, Ky.; d. Dec. 11, 2009, in New York. He was a member of the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, N.Y. He served the church in numerous positions including as an elder. Survivors include a son, Spencer Tyson (Beth); two daughters, Shana Wesley (Philip

and Gwendolyn Washington; five brothers, one sister, and six grandchildren.

ZIMMERMAN, Frank S.—87; b. Jul. 4, 1922, in New Haven, Conn.; d. Feb. 6, 2010, in Auburn, Maine. He was an active member of the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Haven, Conn., and attended the Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church in Woodstock, Maine. He is survived by two daughters, Renita Johnson (Mark) of Auburn, Maine, and Lorelle Porrazzo (Donald) of Wallingford, Conn.; and two grandchildren, Elise and Donald Porrazzo. He was predeceased by his wife, Charlotte Zimmerman, and sister, Audrey Scott Zimmerman Clifford.



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