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To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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# Youth Mobilized **for Christ**



Recently hosted the first-ever Let's Connect Live in the Atlantic Union territory. The program, designed for youth and young adults, aired live on [aum.tv](http://aum.tv), the Internet site for the Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM), a self-supporting media ministry of the Atlantic Union. At the event, held at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Harlem, New York, I was joined by the youth directors of the two New York City conferences (Northeastern and Greater New York) and the Atlantic Union. We responded to the tough questions youth are asking. This included questions that came in live from viewers using Facebook.

It was an exciting experience to interface with the young people from the Atlantic Union through this youth-favored medium and to have the opportunity to emphasize the importance of center-staging the youth as important in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (See story on page 4 of this issue.)

Permit me to emphasize once more that the Seventh-day Adventist movement was started by youth and young adults in their teens, 20s and 30s. What a tremendous opportunity we have to again mobilize our "army of youth" to win, make, and send disciples to a world filled with hopelessness. I'm convinced the time has come to marshal all believers to deploy themselves for the mission of Jesus Christ! This

includes the paid and unpaid, male and female, junior/senior high and college/university students, evangelists and pastors, experts and novices, and youth workers in all settings—big and small, rural, urban, and suburban, and struggling and growing churches.

We ought to be passionate about rallying students and youth for the cause of Christ. From the school campus to the church, we must empower our youth to reach this generation with the gospel of our Savior.

I believe that involving young people in ministry is part of the transforming intent of God. He has sent us to make disciples who, in turn, will make disciples. This involves helping them discover, develop, and deploy their gifts and talents while growing in their understanding of and communication with the Word of God.

Youth who are trained and "prayed up" will be ready to take youth ministries to the next level. That means they will be ready to go! Go where? Go to a world desperate for hope—to share the *gospel of hope*.

Please join me in praying for all of our young people that they may become ambassadors and champions for God, ministering His love as a way of life for themselves and others. ☺

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*Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.*

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# Atlantic Union Conference Hosts



## Let's **Connect** WITH DON KING & FRIENDS *Live*

By Ednor A. P. Davison



Travis Williams, foreground, DeNeil Clarke background, members of the camera crew at work during the live broadcast of *Let's Connect Live*.

**Y**outh and young adults from the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences met at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Harlem, New York, on Friday evening, May 14, for *Let's Connect Live*. It was the first-ever evening of conversation and music with host Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and friends José Cortés, Jr., Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries director, Nigel Lewis and Philip Wesley, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director and associate director, and Bill Wood, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director.

King and the youth directors connected with the young people using several mediums during the 90-minute program. Some participated by being part of the live audience at the Ephesus church. Others connected from their computers. Still other viewers joined using a link provided by Praizevision.com for their mobile devices. Online viewers were able to join the program and submit their questions using the live chat on Facebook. According to Gary Saunders, CEO of Praizevision.com, "In addition to the U.S., online viewers tuned in from such places as Bermuda, Canada, Jamaica, Barbados, and the Dominican Republic, to name a few."

"It was the first time we have ever done this," King commented. "I think the program was a success and it met its objective of being intentional about letting young people know how much we care about them, and gave them an opportunity to ask us their questions on any topic." Richard Marker and Trevor Baker, presidents of the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences respectively, showed their support by being present in the audience at Ephesus church.

Along with the question-and-answer segments, the program included several musical selections from local artists, and "infomer-

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cials” highlighting information about upcoming youth-related events in the Atlantic Union territory.

Managing director Rohann Wellington, and the AUAM (Atlantic Union Adventist Media) team collaborated with Praisevision.com to broadcast the program live on aum.tv. AUAM is a self-supporting media ministry of the Atlantic Union. “With the 90-minute timeframe for the program, it was not possible to answer all the questions that were submitted online. We did our best to get as many questions to the panel as possible,” said Lisa Wellington, a member of the AUAM production team, who handled all the questions submitted through the online chat room.

Marlene Alvarez, Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education assistant director of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and certification registrar, who watched the program online reports, “What an awesome way to connect with the young people in a non-threatening way, answering their questions and letting them know that they are important and that the adults care and want to know what they are thinking. Using this new technology is a revolutionary way to reach across the union and beyond and answer questions that are on young people’s minds. The best feature of this process is that the question can be asked by individuals present and online.”

King plans to hold several other *Let’s Connect Live* programs around the Atlantic Union territory and will involve youth directors from all the conferences. Discussions are already taking place regarding possible locations and ways in which the team can improve the presentation of the program.

To stay informed about upcoming *Let’s Connect Live* programs visit: [www.atlantic-union.org/letsconnect.html](http://www.atlantic-union.org/letsconnect.html). Facebook users can stay informed by joining the Atlantic Union Adventist Media page or the Atlantic Union



Photos: Lemnox Cohall

The *Let’s Connect Live* team include Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and his wife, Lois, center front, the Greater New York and Northeastern conference youth directors, the AUAM and Praisevision.com teams, several of the performers, and Richard Marker, Greater New York Conference president, fourth from left toward the front, and Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference president, front row, fourth from right.

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists page. To watch the May 14 archived *Let’s Connect Live* program, visit: [aum.tv/letsconnect](http://aum.tv/letsconnect).

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Local artists provided music including Shemiyrh Mighty, left, from the Pathmos church in the Northeastern Conference, and GRACE, above, from the Jackson Heights church in the Greater New York Conference.



Lisa Wellington, a member of the AUAM production team, handled all the questions submitted from online viewers who logged into Facebook.



The AUAM (Atlantic Union Adventist Media) production truck parked in front of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church was used to broadcast *Let’s Connect Live* on Friday evening, May 14.



Some participated in the *Let’s Connect Live* program by being part of the audience at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Members Donate More Than \$600,000 to Haiti Relief Effort

In the wake of the severe earthquake that occurred in Haiti on January 12, members in the Atlantic Union Conference responded to the appeal of the union and conference administrators to assist the displaced residents. Members offered many prayers, gave encouragement to relatives in the local Haitian community, sacrificed their time and volunteered with their physical presence in Haiti, and gave financial contributions.



ADRA Internacional

While funds are still being received by the union and conferences, as of press time, more than \$600,000 has been received for the Haiti relief effort through various sources in the Atlantic Union. The Greater New York and Northeastern conferences have both received donations totaling more than \$200,000 from members in their respective conferences. In addition, medical supplies and more than 600 tents were sent from the Atlantic Union and the local conferences in the early stages of the relief effort.

Individuals from around the Atlantic Union territory are still providing assistance in various ways. Plans are underway to assist with building temporary homes for the people of Haiti, since the project of rebuilding the area will take some time to complete.

“On behalf of the administrators from the Atlantic Union, Bermuda, Greater New York, New York, Northeastern, Northern New England, and Southern New England conferences, I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the Atlantic Union members and churches for their response to this great need in Haiti,” said Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president. “We also ask that our members continue to pray for the efforts to rebuild Haiti and for the projects the conferences are undertaking as they continue to offer assistance to the people of Haiti.”

## Atlantic Union Conference and Union Dominicana Administrators Meet in Punta Cana

A joint meeting of administrators from the Atlantic Union Conference, its local conferences, and the Union Dominicana and its conferences and missions was held on March 22-24 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. It was the first meeting of its kind since the two unions adopted each other in 2008. According to Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, “The purpose of the meeting was to discuss mutual ways in which the two unions can assist each other with their evangelism programs.”

### Some of the items discussed at the meeting included:

- The Atlantic Union would assist in the February and March evangelistic meetings in the Dominican Republic and the Union Dominicana would assist the Atlantic Union in the months of April, and early June through October. In addition, the third- and fourth-year theology students from the Adventist University in the Dominican Republic would come to the United States to assist with evangelistic meetings.
- Developing a program that would allow administrators and teachers from the Dominican Republic to travel to Atlantic Union College in the summer to learn English and the Atlantic Union leaders would travel to Adventist University in the Dominican Republic to learn Spanish.
- A proposal was presented that would allow direct collaboration between the conferences and missions in the Dominican Republic with conferences in the Atlantic Union. The proposed assignments would be as follows:

<b>Bermuda</b>	<i>Misión Dominicana del Sur</i>
<b>Greater New York</b>	<i>Asociación Central Dominicana</i>
<b>New York</b>	<i>Misión Dominicana del Sureste</i>
<b>Northeastern</b>	<i>Asociación Dominicana del Este</i>
<b>Northern New England</b>	<i>Misión Dominicana del Nordeste</i>
<b>Southern New England</b>	<i>Asociación Dominicana del Norte</i>

As the discussions move forward, the administrators agreed that the ministerial secretaries, Hispanic coordina-

tors, vice presidents, and personal ministries directors should all be included in the dialogue.

In addition to the administrators meetings, the group traveled to Haiti on March 27 and met with the Haitian Union leadership and presented them with \$10,000 from the Atlantic Union Conference toward the ongoing relief efforts in Haiti.

Then they traveled to the town of Jimani, Dominican Republic, to participate in a church dedication service. This was the culmination of a church building project that was undertaken under the direction of Roberto Reyna, formerly the Atlantic Union vice president for Hispanic Ministries, Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary, and Curtis DeGraf, a layman from the Bermuda Conference. Funds were raised for the church building project and the Atlantic Union's contribution greatly assisted in bringing the project to its completion. The new church facility has a seating capacity of 150-175.

It was a time of celebration and thanksgiving for those who physically worked on the project or made contributions. The guest speaker and translator for the service of dedication was Carlyle Simmons and Roberto Reyna respectively.

## Atlantic Union GLEANER Editor Receives Associated Church Press Award

The Associated Church Press (ACP) held its annual convention May 6-8 in Arlington, Virginia. At the May 8 awards banquet the ACP presented many Christian press awards. Among the winners was Ednor A.P. Davison, Atlantic Union GLEANER editor, who received an honorable mention in the "Convention or Meeting Coverage: Magazine" category for the article entitled "Atlantic Union Pastors and Teachers: Together in His Calling." The article appeared in the September 2009 GLEANER and featured the Atlantic Union Conference's first-ever pastors and teachers convention.

The Associated Church Press, founded in 1916, "is a professional organization brought together by a common commitment to excellence in journalism as a means to describe, reflect, and support the life of faith and the Christian community" (theacp.org).

The Atlantic Union GLEANER, founded in 1902, is the



Ednor A. P. Davison

official publication for the Atlantic Union Conference and communicates news and other information to the constituents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Northeast United States, Bermuda, and beyond.

## Native Ministries and Atlantic Union Combine Resources for Revival and Training

Native Ministries and the Atlantic Union are combining resources to provide pastors and members with a time of revival and evangelistic training on August 13-15 at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York. The weekend of events is open to anyone seeking revival in their personal Christian experience and revitalization of their church family's growth.

Speakers include Hal Thomsen, North American Division assistant to the president, and Stan Rouse, New York Conference president. Much of the music will be provided by Steve Darmody and Jennifer LaMountain.

Those attending the meetings will be presented with messages on the Holy Spirit and the latter rain experience, overcoming the "dry bones experience" in the church and one's personal life, reaching community leaders, meeting and ministering to the needs of local communities, increasing the effectiveness of evangelistic outreach, more effective marketing of churches to local communities, and much more.

Contact Barb Bridgers at the New York Conference at (315) 469-6921 or [barb@nyconf.com](mailto:barb@nyconf.com) for reservations and registration information.

—Aaron Purkeypile, pastor, New York Conference



Stan Rouse



Hal Thomsen



### Evangelism Homecoming Rally

**Sabbath, October 2, 2010**  
Driver's Village Convention Center, Syracuse, New York

**Sabbath, November 13, 2010**  
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York

[www.atlantic-union.org/homecoming2010.html](http://www.atlantic-union.org/homecoming2010.html)



By Trudy Wright

## They Care About Us!

*“He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”—Micah 6:8.*

**W**hen I lead an evaluation team for school accreditation purposes, I try to include a school board chair-



person, a pastor, principals, and teachers. I always use the Bible verse above because it says a lot about the

kind of leaders we need to be.

It is not about being fair, because fair might not always serve justice. Ruling by one standard without compassion may not best serve the students and the school.

Finally, the team is made up of imperfect learners, so all recommen-

### Is your church doing everything possible to educate each child and youth in an environment that is safe, spiritually, doctrinally, academically, socially, and physically?

dations should be made in a humble spirit. At some point in your life as a church member, you will probably serve on a committee, a board, or in

some other form of leadership capacity. When serving, it is important to put personal agendas aside and do what is best for those we serve.

Take a look around you on Sabbath. Is your church doing everything possible to educate each child and youth in an environment that is safe, spiritu-

ally, doctrinally, academically, socially, and physically? How has your church shown concern for its youth from kindergarten to college?

Though we live in economically difficult times, we do live in a time where sacrifices could make it possible for most children in our congregations to receive a Seventh-day Adventist Christian education. Are youth at risk in your church? Has your church adopted a school? Give the youth an opportunity to say “They care about us!”

Of Jesus it was said: “And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth”—Luke 4:22. ①



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





## 145 Baptized Following Family Enrichment Series

Hundreds of Bermuda's residents, Adventists and non-Adventists, the curious and the connected, the young and not so young, attended the Family Enrichment Series held nightly in the Hamilton Youth Center in Hamilton, Bermuda, during the month of March. The meetings were conducted by noted family therapist, renowned evangelist, and author, Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference family ministries and communication director. The soul-stirring evangelistic series resulted in the baptism of 145 people.

Television, Internet, radio, newspaper, billboards, handbills, and invitations were used to announce the Family Enrichment Series. When the series began, Internet streaming, Adventist Television (ATV) broadcasting, and live radio on Sabbath mornings were used to share the good news of a soon-coming Savior who is interested in everyday family needs. In a letter to Jeffrey Brown, Bermuda Conference president, one individual, who was not a member, said about the meetings that there was a "heavenly buzz" which per-

meated the community.

Smith's appeal touched people of all age levels. His family-oriented, intriguing topics such as "No Woman, No Cry," "What Women Want Men to Know," and "Liar Liar Hearts on Fire," kept people coming back night after night. The



Night after night many people attended the Family Enrichment Series presented by evangelist Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference family ministries and communication director.



As a result of the Family Enrichment Series, 145 people were baptized.



One of the baptismal candidates lifts his hands in praise as he comes up out of the water.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 9<sup>th</sup> Triennial Session of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda, on Sunday, September 26, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. and the Nominating Committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. (Article V). The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, executive, trustees and constitution and bylaws committees, and departmental directors for the ensuing term; to receive reports; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. Additional delegates are members of the executive committee, the constitution and bylaws committee, the board of trustees of the Bermuda Conference; members of the executive committee of the Atlantic Union Conference; all employees holding credentials and licenses issued by the Bermuda Conference; departmental directors, associate or assistant departmental directors, and members of the General Conference/NAD executive committee who may be present. The number of General Conference/NAD delegates shall not exceed 10% of the total number of regular delegates (Article V, Section 3).

Jeffrey O. Brown, President  
Kenneth Manders, Secretary

auditorium was packed on Tuesday night, dubbed Youth Night, as Smith spoke on the issues that touched the hearts of young people.

Smith is an adjunct professor at Atlantic Union College and a contract teacher at Andrews University. He has written several books, including *ABANDONED IN BRANDON: A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND COURAGE*. He has conducted evangelistic meet-

ings in the United States, Canada, England, and the West Indies.

Bermuda Conference officials pray that, as a result of the Family Enrichment Series, lives have been changed to the honor and glory of God. They look forward to the soon coming of Jesus and sharing eternity with their new brothers and sisters in Christ.

—Sheila Holder, communication director, Bermuda Conference

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Trustees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Bermuda

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a meeting of the trustees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Bermuda, a legal corporation, will be held in connection with the Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda, Sunday, September 26, 2010. The first meeting of the legal corporation will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Delegates to the Conference Session of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to the Conference Session of the Bermuda Conference Legal Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jeffrey O. Brown, President  
Derek R. Furbert, Secretary



## GNYC Hosts Children's Ministries Creative Arts Workshop

The second annual Children's Ministries Creative Arts Workshop, hosted by the Greater New York Children's Ministries Department, was held on the first weekend in April at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York. Phyllis Washington, North American Division (NAD) Children's Ministries director, was the keynote speaker.

Washington and Delia Talley, a volunteer in the NAD Children's Ministries Department, taught Puppet Ministry. Drama Ministry was presented by Priscilla Flores, one of Greater New York Conference's Children's Ministries advisory team members. Prayer Ministry instruction was presented by Marlene Francis and Teresa Moore-Medina, two

other local advisory team members.

In Puppet Ministry, each participant made three puppets to take home. In Drama Ministry, the class learned how to write a skit and then present it. Prayer Ministry focused on the types of prayer that can be used with children.

On Sunday morning the entire group met to share what each ministry group had learned. Following brunch, the focus switched to the Vacation Bible School (VBS) program featuring KGCN (Kids and God's Communication Network) from the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The next training event is scheduled for Sabbath, August 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and



Puppet Ministry participants made a presentation at the end of the course held in April during the second annual Greater New York Conference Children's Ministries Creative Arts Workshop.

Sunday, August 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Community Services building, 41-26 58th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. This will be for the ACMA advanced certification. Participants do not need to have the basics before

attending these classes.

For more information, contact the Greater New York Conference Children's Ministries Department at (516) 627-9350.

—Barbara Hyde, children's ministries director, Greater New York Conference

## C. D. Brooks Visits Patchogue Church

About 130 people gathered at the Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 3 to hear the message presented by C. D. Brooks, speaker emeritus of Breath of Life Ministries. Brooks and his wife, Walterene, who have been married and serving the church for more than 58 years, answered God's call to "feed my sheep," traveling by train from Maryland to Long Island to be with the Patchogue members.

The Sabbath School lesson study was led by Patchogue church's pastor, Steven Siciliano. Music was presented by the Patchogue church choir under the direction of Carmen Whitfield. A token of appreciation was presented to Brooks and his wife by Samantha Armstrong, a Patchogue church elder. David Willis, Brownsville Temple Seventh-day Adventist

Church pastor, gave a touching reflection/tribute to Brooks. Willis then proceeded to inspire the congregation when he sang "Sinner Saved by Grace."

In his sermon entitled "Two Bothersome Words,"

Brooks presented the message with such clarity and force that it was evident that God had answered his simple prayer: "Lord, if you just



Program participants for the Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church April 3 services included, from left to right, David Willis, Brownsville Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor; C. D. Brooks, speaker emeritus, Breath of Life Ministries; and from the Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church, Samantha Armstrong, elder; Mark Armstrong, elder; and Steven Siciliano, pastor.

help me to say one word that will help somebody, I'll be thankful."

—Mark Armstrong, first elder and communication leader, Patchogue church

## Beulah Temple Honors Local Newspaper Staff



Reporter Tahkim Pierre from the CANARSIE COURIER accepts award from Veronica Arthurs during the Beulah Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church Community Guest Day service.

CANARSIE COURIER's freelance reporter, Tahkim Pierre, was the recipient of an award from the mem-

bers of the Beulah Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York. During its annual Community Guest Day, the church recognizes an individual or organization

that renders public service to the community.

This year the church decided to recognize the

CANARSIE COURIER for their tireless job of keeping the community informed and providing a medium for organizations, including religious bodies, to communicate with the public at no cost. In addition the newspaper has provided coverage for events at Beulah Temple at no cost.

The communication department has been submitting articles for the Religious News page in the newspaper to inform the public about events in the church and what the church believes. The communication department has also been notifying the public of upcoming events on the Community Event page.

When articles or notifications are submitted by Beulah Temple to the CANARSIE COURIER, the staff assigns reporters to cover selected events. The event is then published among the regular news with photographs. The members of Beulah Temple count this a blessing. On Sabbath, April 24, reporter Tahkim Pierre came to worship with the Beulah Temple members during the worship service and received an award on behalf of the staff at CANARSIE COURIER. The Sabbath School superintendent, Veronica Arthurs, presented the award on the church's behalf.

—Gillian Semple, communication secretary, Beulah Temple church

## Yonkers Spanish Church Welcomes New Members

Ten people were baptized on the first Sabbath in April as a result of a two-week evangelistic series held at the Yonkers Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Yonkers, New York.

The new converts were submerged in the baptism pool one by one by the church pastor, Jose I. Montano, as members witnessed the Sabbath afternoon service.

The evangelistic effort consisted of a Week of Prayer for the youth, conducted by Seanna-Kaye Denham, a clinical psychologist and

a member of the Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church in Laurelton, New York, and another Week of Prayer for adults, conducted by Joel Beltrán, lay evangelist from the Queens Corona Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Corona, New York.

We want to express a special "thank you" to God, and to the members and visitors who supported and attended the evangelistic meetings each night.

—Hugo Rene Ipiña, communication leader, Yonkers Spanish church

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the first regular quadrennial and fifty-fourth regular Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m. (registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.) on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at Camp Berkshire, 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York, 12594.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and departmental directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for every 60 members. Each church is entitled to elect alternate delegates who may be seated at the Conference Session in place of any regular delegate not present (Article III, Section 2: 1, 2).

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Organizing Committee is being called for Sunday morning, August 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at North Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3743 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, New York 10469. All members of the Organizing Committee should plan to be present.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Nominating Committee is being called for Sunday morning, September 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the Greater New York Conference Office, 7 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset, NY 11030.

Richard Marker, President  
G. Earl Knight, Secretary

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the first regular quadrennial and fifty-fourth regular meeting of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the fifty-fourth regular Constituency Session (first regular quadrennial) convening at 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, September 19, 2010, (registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.) at Camp Berkshire, 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York, 12594. The delegates to the first regular quadrennial session of the Conference are also delegates to the first regular quadrennial session of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees for the coming quadrennial period, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Richard Marker, President  
Lloyd Scharffenberg, Secretary

## What's Happening in Your Church?

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

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

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



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## Natural Sciences Students Work to Preserve Local Environment



Cindy Kurtzias

2010 biology graduates, Kate Kilbourn and Jason Knopp, discovered and certified a vernal pool for a senior research project



Kate Kilbourn

Jason Knopp measures the vernal pool he and Kate Kilbourn discovered in Lancaster State Forest.

Biology majors Kate Kilbourn and Jason Knopp, both in the Class of 2010, are out to preserve the Town of Lancaster's natural environment. Since March, the students have worked with the Groton,

Massachusetts-based Nashua River Water Shed Association (NRWA). Their job is to certify a vernal pool in the middle of Lancaster State Forest and is part of their senior science research project at Atlantic

Union College (AUC). The certification will prevent developers from cutting down trees, draining water, leveling the land, or building on it in any way.

"Vernal pools appear in the spring and dry up

in the summer," Kilbourn said. "They serve as critical breeding grounds for frogs, salamanders, insects, and fairy shrimp. You know you've got a vernal pool if you find fairy shrimp. They cannot breed in permanent bodies of water because the fish would eat their eggs and there are no fish in a vernal pool."

The first step of their research was to trek into Lancaster State Forest and establish the presence of important species in the body of water to prove it is a vernal pool.

The main entrance to the forest is located on Brockelman Road off George Hill Road. The vernal pool is about the size of a football field, and was formed by melting snow and heavy spring rains.

Kilbourn and Knopp quickly discovered the frogs, salamanders, and fairy shrimp. "Now we have to provide the town with GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) coordinates for the



Jason Knopp

An older mass of frog eggs with Kate Kilbourn's hand beneath them to show how small they are.

pool, a topographical map of it, and a Google earth image,” Knopp said.

While vernal pools mean life to fairy shrimp, Kilbourn said they indicate to scientists that the surrounding ecosystem is very delicate and needs to be protected from development. “Once a vernal pool is certified it is afforded more protection [from contamination and deforestation] under the Wetlands Protection Act,” said Martha Morgan, Water Programs director for the NRWA. “Fairy shrimp

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act and EPCRA.”

In August 2008, an oil leak from a broken generator seal got into a nearby brook unbeknown to the college. Morgan said AUC paid a fine to the Massachusetts State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), paid for the cleanup, and funded the certification of the vernal pool.

The project will secure the quality of the local environment, Morgan said,

able real-world scientific research experience. “We, in the sciences, are very excited about it, as it really is the perfect community engagement/service learning project.”

—John Weeks, writer, and Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College

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A bowl of frog eggs held in Kate Kilbourn's hands show how small they are.



A close-up on a bowl of frog eggs collected at the vernal pool in Lancaster State Forest.

are the big species, but there are also blue spotted salamanders, and wood frogs.” Morgan said the Nashua River Watershed Association has supervised the work of Kilbourn and Knopp.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), “This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an administrative enforcement action, In the Matter of Atlantic Union College, Docket Nos. CWA-01-2009-0020 and EPCRA-01-2009-0021, taken on behalf of

“It’s a great project for the NRWA and a great project for the town,” she said. “It benefits the town because it makes the law preserve the natural environment.”

“We work with the NRWA and they work with the local and state government,” Knopp explained. “Documenting the vernal pool protects the town from residential, commercial, and industrial development in the area where the pool is located.”

Biology professor Tim Trott said the project gave Kilbourn and Knopp valu-

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## Buffalo's Bison Bots Participate in Robotics Tournament

First there was a shriek of delight, then a celebration among the students from the Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy (BSCA) in Lancaster, New York. The excitement resulted from the fact that the students' robot finally picked up a loop. Five students at BSCA, Anna Gayle, Mia Gayle, Javier Hernandez, Mary Marciniak, and Karolyn Marciniak, have started a robotics team, the Bison Bots, and joined the Adventist Robotics League, a recognized part of the international First Lego League.

What may seem like an insignificant event came as a result of hours of creativity, hard work, trial and error, and team discussion. The burst of happiness was the reward for perseverance and the relief to see progress.

The student robotics teams work together to build and program a robot to accomplish several missions on a playing board within two-and-a-half minutes. While it seemed easy at first, the challenge to

understand programming movement, use the sensors, and develop the actual robot provided these student engineers with an experience in cooperation, higher-order thinking, out-of-the-box problem-solving, determination, and plenty of Christian patience.

The students from BSCA were the sole Atlantic Union and New York Conference representatives at the Adventist Robotics League at Southern Adventist University on March 14.

The judges at the tournament reviewed the Bison Bots on teamwork, robot design, and programming, as well as the robot's performance. Additionally, students had to research and develop a solution to a real-world issue centered on transportation.

The Bison Bots chose the movement of the Asian carp that has migrated and changed many U.S. waterways along the Mississippi basin and now threatens the Great Lakes. Their research included interviews with U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials.



The Bison Bots team from the Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy in Lancaster, New York, competed in the Adventist Robotics League tournament at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, and at Walla Walla University in College Place, Washington.

They gave a five-minute presentation at the tournament.

At the Southern Adventist University tournament, the Bison Bots won first place on the research presentation; second place on the robot programming, the tournament, and on teamwork; the opportunity to proceed to the finals (one of three teams); and they won the Champions Award, given to the top team.

After hours upon hours of preparation and hard work, the Bison Bots were among nine teams chosen to participate in the finals at Walla

Walla University in May.

There they received first place in teamwork, second place in robot performance and in robot design and programming.

Overall, the five students have grown in maturity in how they address higher-order thinking skills and cooperative learning. They exuded the value of "gracious professionalism," helping and supporting the other teams, as well as making new friends along the way.

—Rick Maloon, principal, Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy and Bison Bots mentor



The Aeros, the Union Springs Academy gymnastics team, toured New England performing in several locations throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

## USA Gymnastics Team Tours New England

The Aeros, Union Springs Academy's gymnastics team, left upstate New York to tour New England for five days this past school year. Coach Randy Quillin led the group from Massachusetts to New Hampshire and all the way to "moose country" in Maine.

Performing in various places, the group had to travel, set up, perform, tear down, and then travel to the next spot. After doing this, sometimes multiple times a day, the team members were tired. By the time we reached our final location in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, we were exhausted.

Knowing we could not physically perform our best, we relied on God to help us. We simply said, "We cannot do this, we need You to carry us through." And He did! I believe it was the best performance of our trip.

It was just another reminder that God is our strength and that only through Him can we accomplish the impossible. That was valuable lifelong lesson that we can use for the rest of our lives.

—Kyle Raymond, sophomore and gymnastics team member, Union Springs Academy

## USA ADRA Famine Raises Money for Haiti

More than 50 students participated in the ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) Famine weekend held in January, at Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York. Students had to raise at least \$5 each to stay in the gym without food, from Friday evening to Saturday evening. This year the money raised dur-

ing the famine went to Haiti through ADRA.

Throughout the weekend, the chaplain for Campus Ministries, Timothy Raymond, wanted us to think about our lives and see what homeless people go through. We went for a walk in the snow to learn how people who are out in the cold must feel while walking to get to a place

to sleep for the night. We also watched several video clips of the devastation in Haiti. To some students, ADRA Famine was difficult because they couldn't eat for 24 hours, and they weren't allowed to bring their cell phones.

ADRA Famine is a time to think of someone other than yourself and to pray for someone you don't know. At the beginning of ADRA Famine, each student is given a card with a picture of a child who was born on the same day as they were. The reason the students have these cards is so that whenever the student gets hungry, they can pray for that child.

Also, we were split into four teams, and each team had two flour bags which

we called Flour Babies.

Each team had to care for the babies and, if left unattended, another team could steal the baby. This gave us a sense of how family members have to carry their babies during the difficult times.

A number of the students at Union Springs Academy come from refugee camps and they gave a presentation on what it was like living in a refugee camp. It was very surprising to the rest of us to see pictures of their friends in those difficult situations. ADRA Famine is a Union Springs Academy highlight. It's a time to reflect on and appreciate what God has done for us.

—Yharitza Miranda, senior, Union Springs Academy

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## TechTalk, a New Webinar Series

**T**echTalk is an hour-long webinar (Web-based seminars) that made its debut in March. It is hosted by Chip Dizard, founder and creative director of a Web design company called Absolute Presence, and Bryant Taylor, Allegheny



TechTalk hosts Chip Dizard and Bryant Taylor

West Conference communication director. The program shares the latest technology tools and resources, and showcases innovative things others are doing with technology. “The goal is to help our members and churches enhance their communication ministries,” says George Johnson, Jr., associate director of communication for the North American Division and the show’s executive producer. Information about TechTalk and previous programs available for viewing can be found at [www.adventistcommunicator.org/techtalk](http://www.adventistcommunicator.org/techtalk).

TechTalk is sponsored by the North American Division’s Office of Communication, the Society of Adventist Communicators, AdventSource, and Telestream.

## AdventSource Sponsors Free Ministry Training Webinars

**W**hen AdventSource launched its first in a series of free webinars on January 12, more than 300 people logged in online to participate. Since then, several additional webinars have been presented covering such topics as connecting with your community, parenting, creation health, ministry to seniors, and reaching your friends who leave the church.

According to Cassie Martsching, AdventSource communication director, “This series offers the chance to participate in interactive ministry training without

ever having to leave the office or home. All you need is a computer with Internet access.”

The fall Webinars for Growing Churches series will launch on August 10 at 8:00 p.m., EDT, with a presentation by Adventist Youth Ministries about how you can become a “mission lifeguard” and join a life-saving team willing to dive in for the rescue and save youth from spiritually drowning. It will be followed on September 14 at 8:00 p.m., EDT, by a webinar on public campus ministry.

AdventSource is also launching a 10-week series of leadership training webinars for family ministries on September 13.

Webinars last 60 minutes and end with a live question and answer session. Video and PowerPoint slides are available online following each webinar. For more information, visit [webinars.adventsource.org](http://webinars.adventsource.org).

## In the U.S., New Ruling Prohibits Use of Some Wireless Microphones

**T**he United States communication authority announced this year that radio devices operating in the 700-megahertz frequency range are prohibited for personal use starting June 12.

For users, including Adventist church sound technicians, the new law means that many wireless microphones used by preachers, singers, and worship leaders could need replacing or altering.

Some churches are fortunate, owning units that operate in different frequency ranges. Others will need to replace or modify devices, a service that most manufacturers provide on warranted purchases. However, many companies have a backlog of requests for replacements, analysts say, while many users never registered their devices upon purchase. They’re now having to shell out hundreds or thousands of dollars to replace the soon-to-be prohibited devices.

The 700 MHz band includes frequencies from 698 to 806. The band is now used by public safety entities and commercial wireless providers, the FCC Web site states. Wireless manufacturers have traditionally also offered devices in other frequency ranges, in the 500 or 600 bands.

The FCC made the ruling in January, though many analysts said it was years in the making.

Indeed, some churches will soon have to scrap their entire array of wireless handheld and lapel mics typically used during Sabbath worship.





The impact is also being felt by such venues as auditoriums and schools, as well as touring performers. Even the Heritage Singers, for instance, are out several thousands of dollars, having had to replace 16 wireless mics, said group's sound manager Greg Mace.

To find out which devices will no longer be allowed, visit [www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica).

—Excerpts from a news story on Adventist News Network (ANN). The full story is available at: [news.adventist.org/2010/05/in-the-us-new-ruling-1.html](http://news.adventist.org/2010/05/in-the-us-new-ruling-1.html).

## Adventist Publishing House Faces Reorganization

**R**eview and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA), the 161-year-old book-and-magazine publishing arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is reorganizing its management team, officials said April 29, 2010. The moves follow years of mounting financial losses and a desire to see a change in the organization's leadership, the unit's board of directors said.

RHPA Graphics vice president Mark B. Thomas has been named interim president. The RHPA Board requested that the leadership of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists form a committee to recommend a permanent president, and look at the possibility of structural and policy changes.

Along with printing ADVENTIST REVIEW and ADVENTIST WORLD for North America and several other nations, RHPA publishes several other Adventist periodicals.

It is the oldest Seventh-day Adventist publishing house, having been established by James White, a pioneering cofounder of the movement, in 1849 when he launched Present Truth, the magazine that became today's ADVENTIST REVIEW.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has nearly 200 employees in its workforce and reports an annual sales volume of \$28 million.

—Excerpts from a Review and Herald Publishing Association news story. The full news story is available online at: [reviewandherald.com](http://reviewandherald.com)



Photo courtesy of RHPA

Mark B. Thomas, was named interim president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association on April 29, 2010.

## New Management Structure at Adventist Risk Management

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church's risk assessment and insurance organization is revamping its management structure and consolidating operations in North America to enhance its mission and service, its chief executive said.

In an April 22 meeting of its board, Adventist Risk Management, Inc., (ARM) approved a revised structure for the organization that will remove some administrative levels and relocate most services from the Riverside, California, office to its home office at the Adventist Church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

ARM, comprised of some 140 employees, insures and assesses risk for each of the Adventist Church's 13 world regional divisions and many of the church's institutions. Its annual consolidated revenues total about \$46 million.

Following the restructure, California-based employees in Customer Care, Claims, and support staff in Field Services will be given the option to relocate to Maryland. In addition, field services representatives serving the western United States will continue to be based in the territory and provisions will be made for those employees to work in remote offices. Employees affected by the change will be offered alternative positions and those who are unable to relocate to Silver Spring, or unwilling to accept the new positions will be offered financial transition packages.

ARM's board also merged the Personal Risk Department with Risk Placement and will be managed by one of the current vice presidents.

The board also created the position of Chief Information Officer to manage Information Systems and Technology.

ARM and its affiliated companies have about \$49 million in consolidated net assets. The corporation also has offices in Brazil and England.

—Excerpts from a news story on Adventist News Network (ANN). The full story is available at: [news.adventist.org/2010/05/new-management-struct.html](http://news.adventist.org/2010/05/new-management-struct.html).



Adventist Risk Management's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ansel Oliver

## NEC Ministerial Department Sponsors Consortium for Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses

More than 1,500 people gathered at the Flatbush Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, on April 16 for the “Christ, the Center of Our Worship” elders, deacons, and deaconesses consortium weekend. The three-day event was sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Ministerial Department under the direction of Walton Rose.

According to Rose, the objective of the meeting was to equip, inspire, motivate, and nurture church leaders as they serve the local congregation and to assist pastors in the spiritual growth and development of the church and community.

Rose shared that he believes the work of church leaders is more difficult now than at any time in the church’s history. This he believes is a result of people’s preoccupation with technology, television, computers, and other kinds of activities. Rose says, “When we put Christ at the center of our worship, we can more effectively minister to those who are so preoccupied.”

Presenters included Jessie Wilson, associate professor of religion at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama; Keith Morris, pastor of the Calvary Seventh-day



The Northeastern Conference Ministerial Department sponsored a three-day consortium geared to preparing elders, deacons, and deaconesses to serve in their churches.

Adventist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Rose Rose, public educator for the state of Connecticut; Herman P. Charles, pastor of the Mount of Blessing and Beulah Seventh-day Adventist churches in Bronx, New York; Warner Richards, pastor of Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York; and Easton Marks, pastor of the Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York.

Topics covered included: Expository Preaching, Empowering

Your Church Through Small Group Ministry, Elders and Worship, Servant Leadership, and Elder’s Spouses Called to Ministry.

Leslie Gayle, first elder for the Flatbush church, says, “The meeting was inspiring, riveting, and gave me a new perspective on reaching the unchurched and helping to equip the elders of the Flatbush church in ministry.”

—Stephen Williams, communication director, Northeastern Conference

## Medical Missionaries Trained

The Northeastern Conference Health Ministries Department, under the leadership of Leroy Daley, sponsored a 10-day training course at the Christian Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York. The course, held March 12-21, was designed to make medical missionary training as affordable and accessible as possible by accommodating indi-

viduals who can’t take time away from family, work, and other responsibilities.

Nineteen presenters covered approximately 34 different topics during the 10 days of training. One of the main presenters was James Luke from Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital in Wildwood, Georgia, who taught the trainees how to perform lifestyle consultations. He also shared how one could

incorporate colporteur-ing into medical missionary work and make it a viable full-time ministry. Other presenters included Erwin Davis also from the Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital; Al and Magna Parks of Be In Good Health; Patricia Langley, Northeastern Conference prayer coordinator; Heather Evans, Queens area health ministries coordinator; Beverly John; and

Simonique Blackwood. A few recently-trained medical missionaries also made presentations.

Cecily Baker, one of the participants, said, “My vision of what the training would entail was so much narrower than what I have actually experienced. The presenters were so knowledgeable and obviously passionate about ministry.”

In addition to receiving educational and spiritual

**“I was skeptical before I started this course. But God clearly showed me that I needed to be there. This training has tremendously enhanced my lifestyle and helped me to be obedient to the laws of health.”—Blossom Hibbert**

food, the trainees and presenters were also blessed with physical food through the culinary skills of Sherolin Daley, the wife of Leroy Daley. She and her staff prepared plant-based meals each day.

The cooking class was hosted by a young man, Nyse Collins. He was full of zeal and joy in the Lord as he demonstrated how we can honor God by cook-

ing and eating the right foods and by teaching others to do the same. This class was not just about measurements and mixtures, but an opportunity to really experience the art of plant-based cooking. The books used were not just cookbooks, but kitchen resources, since they provided much more than recipes. Every presentation was guided by the Holy

Spirit, but this one had a special measure and made an impact on the young Adventists.

“When I realized that I was the only young man in the class, I thought I was in the wrong place. But the whole event was great. I realize God has a special work for young people to do,” said Fari Murray.

The training ended with a consecration service on March 21. Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference president, gave the keynote address and Ebenezer Agboka, the treasurer, was also present. That afternoon, 76 new medical missionaries stood ready to take their place in this important work—ready and willing, bursting with new skills and information and anxious to

go into New York and the surrounding areas with “the entering wedge.”

“My whole life has changed! This class helped me to make firm decisions for Jesus. I realize that He is soon to come and the work is great,” said Mae Kewley.

Pray for that these medical missionaries will remain strong in the Lord, for Daley, as he leads out in the work of the Health Ministries department, and for the entire Northeastern Conference leadership. Pray also that every church member will catch the vision and desire to reach the world with the lifesaving gospel and hasten the coming of the Lord.

—Adina Awai, participant, medical missionary training

## Hebron Youth Society Hosts Its First Retreat

The Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Society hosted its first retreat on the first weekend in April at the Norwalk Inn in Norwalk, Connecticut. Using the theme, “Are You Ready?” 50 youth from Hebron church in Brooklyn, New York, and other sister churches, spent the weekend rediscovering God’s Word, renewing their commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission in Matthew 28.

Throughout the weekend, youth were engaged in a variety of activities including morning walks, devotions, and biblical discussions that enabled them to reflect on their walk with God. They had the opportunity to decide whether they would be ready for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Seminars conducted by the main facilitator, Kevin Taylor, from the Rogers Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, and Gasmyr Valcin, from the Elmont Temple Seventh-

day Adventist Church in Elmont, New York, identified the pitfalls that cause Christians to stumble, stressed the importance of following God, not the world, and encouraged participants to make preparations for the last days.

The grand finale of the retreat was “The Wedding,” a banquet signifying the union between each youth and Christ. Original vows were written by each group, promising Jesus Christ that they would live a life full of love, patience, trust, support, and understanding. Vows were written as poems, in song, or in a traditional form.

As the rest of the Christian world celebrated Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, the youth realized the weekend was not a getaway but a wakeup call and a chance to contemplate the things they need to do to be ready when Jesus returns.

—Ritha Pierre, communication staff writer and Kristia M. Beaubrun, communication director, Hebron church

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## Northern New England Conference Team Attends Prayer Summit

The North American Division (NAD) Prayer Summit, held March 7-10 at the Cove Training Center in Asheville, North Carolina, had about 230 participants from across the U.S. and Canada. Fourteen people from Northern New England Conference (NNEC) made their way to North Carolina not knowing what to expect. Most drove through the night, spending the hours talking and praying about what they hoped God would do for them and the others who would join them there. But they could not have anticipated all that God had in store.

Participants at the prayer summit included pastors, prayer coordinators, and leaders from unions, conferences, and churches. The NNEC delegation included four pastors, and was the second largest group from

one conference. Ruthie and Don Jacobson were the coordinators. NNEC prayer coordinator Kelly Veilleux was a member of a team that assisted the Jacobsons.

Set in thickly wooded hills, the location gave a sense of being apart from the world. The Billy Graham Association staff, who served there, were thoughtful and helpful, meeting our every need.

The atmosphere of worship was created the very first evening by Derek Morris, pastor of the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apopka, Florida. His theme was "A House of Prayer for All People." The other speakers, Ivor Myers, Mark Finley, Ron Clouzet, and Wintley Phipps, continued to spread a feast from God's Word.

These were the best meetings I had attended since the revivals hit our colleges



A group from Northern New England Conference attended the North American Division Prayer Summit in Asheville, North Carolina, in March 2010.

40 years ago when hundreds of students from six of our schools met at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York, to draw closer to Jesus and understand more clearly what it means to follow Him.

During the last meeting, many were convicted that God wants to take hold of His work. The first step of cooperating with Him is to pray more.

As we drove the long way home from North Carolina, we rejoiced that God had taken us there. We prayed for our churches back home, and shared insights into the precious truths for our time. Everyone should have an opportunity to attend at least one prayer retreat.

—Cliff Gleason, pastor, central New Hampshire district

## A Divine Connection

The spring morning was crisp, compelling me to take a walk. My heart needed encouragement, my head need to delete the "stinkin' thinkin'," and my muscles needed a stretch.

Deciding to push myself a bit more, I walked further. As I rounded a bend, I saw a rambunctious dog running across the streets and through the yards. I immediately turned around and headed for home! I was almost to the familiar neighborhood when I heard a car horn blaring. The car drove to the side of the road, paused, and blasted the horn. I went a little further, and there was a blast of the horn again. I looked around

to see what I was missing. I looked at the car, the license plate, and then squinted so I could see the driver. Not

The honking didn't stop, but the car did. A frantic lady pushed a photo of a dog through her open win-

head right through it. I need to find him!"

More earnest questions were hurled in my direction. There was no space for a response. Initially I shook my head "no." Then I immediately remembered that I had seen a dog. In fact, that's why I had turned around well before I reached my initial point, not knowing whether he was friend or foe. He looked like he was on the run, and I sure didn't want him running after me!

In the panic, calmness entered. As I started to nod in affirmation, the lady started to listen. After describing the dog I saw, she sped down the road,

that I ever recognize cars or license plates, but I tried to look thoughtful without appearing too interested or totally oblivious.

dow. She blurted quickly and panicky, "Have you seen my dog? I lost him. I can't find him. I bought a new collar and he pulled his

**I had purposely gone walking to clear my head, and now I was back in a pit of criticism without even realizing it!**

honking her horn. The neighbors needed no alarm clock for a wake-up call that morning.

The excitement of those few moments left me speeding up my walk. I wondered if the dog I saw was in fact her dog. I rarely walk that way. Could God have set up some divine connections?

I reflected on the lady's panic. Unfortunately, I started to become a bit critical. Sometimes we do that, don't we? When we

don't know all the facts, we jump to conclusions; we misread motives; and we wrongly judge actions. I had purposely gone walking to clear my head, and now I was back in a pit of criticism without even realizing it!

"OK, mind," I told myself, "remember, you don't have all the facts, you cannot judge another, and who are you, anyway, to read someone's motives. Are you God?"

When my mind became "heaven-ized," (I like that

word!) I began to smile.

"Thanks, God, I needed Your truth to set my mind and heart free." As I started praising Him, I heard the familiar honking horn. Indeed, there was an excited and familiar-looking dog in the back seat, his head out the window, tongue drooling with spit, and panting as if he had just finished a marathon.

This time the passenger's window rolled down, and a less anxious woman was displaying her gratitude. "I found him!" And then a painful story spilled out. Her daughter had died from cancer, and she acquired this dog to get her through the grief. "If I lost him, it would be like losing my daughter all over again, she said, with tears in her eyes. "I couldn't stand that."

As I listened to a now heart-stricken mom, my heart was humbled. My former thoughts were displaced by compassion and a new understanding. Tears came to my eyes. I continued to listen. My heart mourned with her.

As we closed our conversation, words now poured out of my mouth. "May the



Lynn Ortel

same God who has a special place in heaven for your daughter, because of His love for her, give you comfort and strength for your heart as you go through this difficult time."

I love our God. He graciously gave me exactly what I needed—encouragement for my heart and a bonus for someone else, a purge of "stinkin' thinkin," and extra "umph" for my muscles in an accelerated, uphill walk. I have a hunch He'll give you what you need, too! He loves connecting the dots and creating a picture of heavenly attitudes here on earth!

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## Concord Church Members Sponsor CHIP

The Concord Seventh-day Adventist Church in Concord, New Hampshire, recently sponsored the third annual Coronary Health



The CHIP program emphasizes aerobic exercise every day. Eddy Travis, Maria Donnelly, Michelle Milano, Jordan Milano, and Monique Plourde are getting their exercise by walking around the Concord Seventh-day Adventist Church parking lot.

Improvement Project (CHIP). The program, developed by Dr. Hans Diehl from Loma Linda, California, consisted of 16 classes spread over a four-week period. It was well attended.

This year Brian Milano, Michelle Milano, Sophia Milano, and Cheryl Johnson co-directed the classes, which included DVD presentations by Diehl, food preparation demonstrations, food sample tasting, printed handouts, and two personal health screenings.

Those attending learned how to choose foods that are high in fiber, protein, vitamins, and minerals. They were encouraged to increase water intake, exercise, and to have a more balanced schedule to include regular sleeping hours.

Many participants have realized positive results after making simple lifestyle changes. Many experienced lower blood pressure, better cholesterol readings, and weight loss, as well as increased energy. They also achieved a more positive attitude by limiting foods that are high in fat, sodium, and sugar.

—Cheryl Johnson, communication correspondent, Concord church

### LEGAL NOTICE

Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the fourth quadrennial session of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., will be held at Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine, on Sunday, October 31, 2010. The first meeting of the session is called for 10:00 a.m. The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers, an executive committee, and the departmental directors for the ensuing quadrennial term; to receive reports; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members (Article III, Section 1a). The Organizing Committee shall meet on Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Portland Seventh-day Adventist Church (White Memorial), Portland, Maine. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the nominating committee to serve the constituency, constitution and bylaws committee, and any other committees as may be necessary (Article IV, Section 1e). The nominating committee shall meet on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the Northern New England Conference office headquarters (Article IV, Section 2a).

Michael F. Ortel, President  
Merlin L. Knowles, Secretary



## President's Corner

In a new documentary titled "Into the Universe With Stephen Hawking," sixty-eight-year-old British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking said, "Aliens are out there, but it could be too dangerous for humans to interact with extraterrestrial life."\*

If you believe Wikipedia's definition of extraterrestrial life which is "life that does not originate from Earth" then it might be argued that Adventists and other Christians have looked forward for centuries to the visit of extraterrestrials to earth! The existence of extraterrestrials may be controversial, but the Second Coming of Jesus is a certainty; indeed, Scripture calls it the "blessed hope."

Didn't He say, "I will come again?" Didn't the apostle write in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV), "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God"? And didn't the angel say, speaking of the risen Christ, "This same Jesus" would come again? (Acts 1:11, NKJV).

This same Jesus who walked the earth 2,000 years ago will come again! This same Jesus who healed the sick! This same Jesus who gave sight to the blind! This same Jesus who gave hearing to the deaf! This same Jesus who raised the dead! This same Jesus whom we know as our best Friend today is coming again! Not an extraterrestrial to fear. Like Job, we can exclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives . . . whom I shall see for myself . . . How my heart yearns within me!"—Job 19:25-27 (NKJV).

This is our hope. This is our confidence. This is our assurance. Jesus is coming again!

—Frank Tochterman, president, Southern New England Conference

\* [www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36769422](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36769422)

## Children's Community Day Visitors Enjoy an Afternoon of Fun

Several hundred people didn't let the threat of a tornado watch keep them from enjoying the fun of almost 20 free activities at the Children's Community Day, Sunday, June 6, on the grounds of the Southern New England Conference in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

"I had to hold down my canopy to keep it from blowing away," said Stacy Kramer, from DiTYz Cakes, who was there giving people an opportunity to try cake decorating techniques.

Lancaster Police officer Edwin "Moose" Burgwinkel arrested several people during the event, but thankfully it was only part of the fun. "I told my boys this better be the only time I see them in handcuffs sitting

in the back of a police car," Greg Morin commented.

Many "fires" were put out at the Lancaster fire truck's "fire house." Kwon's Martial Arts provided quite the demonstrations as many stood in awe of their abilities. Other activities that participants rotated through included four inflatable bounce houses, a rock wall, face painting, parachute fun, mini golf, petting animals, bubbles, and more. All activities were provided free of charge by their sponsors. A list of the activities and sponsors can be found at [www.sneconline.org](http://www.sneconline.org).

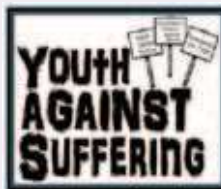
The Nashoba Robotics Team from Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton, Massachusetts, even brought

## Springfield Church Youth Hold Fundraiser to Raise Awareness

The youth from the Springfield Seventh-day Adventist Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, under the leadership of Alycia Crossfield, hosted a special evening program on April 3 to raise awareness for four causes.

This program came about after merging different fundraising ideas with the arising opportunities to support an outside cause. After the enditnow campaign was launched, followed by a fellow church member embarking on a mission trip to Lomé, Togo, and then by the Haiti tragedy, the youth were impressed to shift their attention toward alleviating the suffering of people in different parts of the world. As a result, the program spotlighted the urgent needs of the Haiti Relief Effort, Education in Togo, and enditnow: Adventists Say No to Violence Against Women.

The program featured special music, videos, and slideshow presentations by the youth and other church members. The youth also set up informational tables com-



plete with posters to highlight the plight of human suffering. To further promote this cause, orders were taken for specially designed T-shirts with

the "Youth Against Suffering" logo and the Bible text from Matthew 25:35, 26, 40 (NKJV).

A total of \$1,160 was collected: \$300 for enditnow, \$50 for the ADRA effort for Clean Water in Jamaica, \$360 for the Haiti Relief Effort; and \$450 for Education in Togo. The Haiti Relief Effort funds were sent to the Calunah Association in Florida to go toward setting up a water system in Haiti. The Education in Togo funds will be used to purchase textbooks for students and to help further the construction of the Adventist middle school in Togo.

We praise God for all our youth and everyone who supported these special causes. We know that God can work miracles with whatever we entrust to Him!

—Ellen Crossfield, communication secretary, Springfield church



Rock wall climbing was a popular attraction at the Children's Community Day event.

their award-winning robot to show fascinated onlookers.

"I liked the kickball game," James, age 7, said. "My favorite activity was the inflatable obstacle course," Jonathan, age 10, added.

Throughout the event, musical performances were taking place in the main pavilion. The first hour gave opportunity for young musicians to shine. The second hour featured soloists Alex Bezerra and Halla Kalmansson. During the final hour, a Thayer Performing Arts Center group, Rose, Thorn, and Fiddle, performed. This group of about

20 area home-schoolers has been making a name for itself over the past two years with its enthusiastic performance of original arrangements of Scottish, Irish, Canadian, and American fiddle repertoire. Kathryn Kalmansson is the director. All the performances were recorded for viewing on CCTV, Clinton Community Television (Channel 10 in Clinton and Lancaster, Massachusetts).

The skies opened up around 3:30 p.m., closing the activity areas and causing many to think a big storm was coming. Many headed to the pavilion and enjoyed the concert for the last half hour of the day's activities, providing a positive and dry end to a fun day.

"I hope they will do this again," one individual said as she was leaving. She had traveled with friends from the Boston area.

—Tamara Michalenko Terry, coordinator (volunteer), Southern New England Conference Children's Ministries Department

Additional photos: [www.sneckids.org](http://www.sneckids.org)

Photos: Elinor A. P. Davison



Parents and children from the community spent the afternoon taking in the activities provided by the Children's Community Day sponsors.



Wachusett Hills Christian School from Westminster, Massachusetts, offered visitors a variety of one-minute challenges like apple stacking.



Rose, Thorn, and Fiddle, a group from the Thayer Performing Arts Center, performed in the main pavilion during the final hour of the event.



There were plenty of inflatable bounce houses for everyone to get a turn without having to wait in line.

## Southern New England School Feature

Wachusett Hills Christian School is located in Gardner, Massachusetts, and serves grades 1-8. We offer a challenging curriculum that focuses on three areas of development: spiritual, mental, and physical. We are dedi-



cated to making the educational experience of each student enriching and positive. Our goal is to prepare our students to learn Christian values and form a practical foundation for usefulness in our society so that they may be successful and a blessing to others.

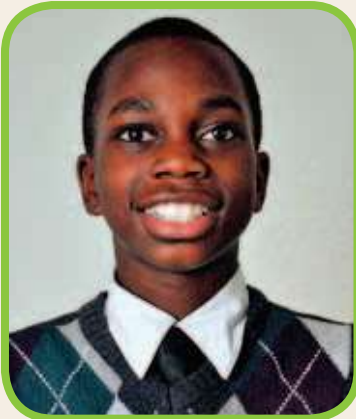
[www.sneckids.org](http://www.sneckids.org). Click on "Schools."

# Youth Talk

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

## The African American I Admire

An award-winning essay written by a 10-year-old member of the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church



Peter-John Henry

The African American I admire greatly is Ben Carson. I admire him because of the way he allows the Lord to teach him. Carson rose to fame by being the first doctor to successfully separate conjoined twins. He has dedicated his gifted hands to serve the Lord and to help others.

Some people, when they become famous, do not like to let others know that they are Christians. This is unlike Ben Carson, because he made it clear that he is a Christian. He even made it clear that he is a Seventh-day Adventist.

He overcame many obstacles in his life because he believed in Philippians 4:13 which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

He inspires me because he overcame the difficulties in his youth to become a benefactor of others.

I like the fact that he practices good stewardship. He uses his time, talent, and resources to bring honor to God.

I, too, have gifted hands like Ben Carson. I am blessed with the ability to play musical instruments. I use my gifted hands to enhance the music ministry of my church and bring glory to God. My gifted hands can cheer people up when they are down, because music is relaxing.

Ben Carson has written several books and I love his books because they inspire me. The one I love the best is THINK BIG. I have used the phrase "think big" to guide my life. As a child of color, I want to make a difference. Often people talk about the low achievement rate among African-American youth. What is the solution? The solution is that African-Americans really need to begin to "think big."

**T - is for TRUST.** "Trust in the Lord with all thine; heart and lean not on thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

**H - reminds me of hands.** "Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." By God's grace, I will use my hands to be of help to others. (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

**I - is for imitate.** "Be followers of God, as dear children." I must imitate the character traits of the Lord to be called His child. (Ephesians 5:1)

**N - reminds me of needs.** Jesus will supply all my needs so I don't have to worry about anything. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry." (Psalm 40:1, NKJV)

**K - keeper as in the theme "keepers of the flame."** I would like to keep the flame burning for Jesus. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work and glorify your father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NKJV)

**B - is for bold.** I will not be fearful doing God's work because He will give me boldness. "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him." (Ephesians 3:12, NKJV)

**I - is for instruct.** "I will instruct you . . . in the way you should go." I want the Lord to instruct me so I can reach higher grounds. (Psalm 32:9, NKJV)

**G - is for great things.** Jesus promises that if I call upon Him, He will answer. "And show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." I will allow the Holy Spirit to teach me. (Jeremiah 33:3)

—Peter-John Henry, a 10-year-old member of the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church, won a Black History Essay Competition with his article about Ben Carson.



## En Los Estados Unidos, Una Nueva Ley Prohíbe El Uso De Ciertos Micrófonos Inalámbricos

**L**a autoridad de comunicaciones de los Estados Unidos anunció este año que el uso de aparatos de radio para el uso personal operando en una frecuencia de 700-megaherios serán prohibidos comenzando el 12 de junio.

Para los usuarios, incluyendo técnicos de sonido de las iglesias adventistas, la nueva ley significa que muchos de los micrófonos inalámbricos usados por pastores, cantantes y líderes de servicios de cantos tendrán que ser reemplazados o alterados.

Las bandas de 700 MHz incluyen las frecuencias de 698 al 806. Estas bandas ahora son usadas por las entidades de seguridad pública (como la policía, los bomberos y los servicios de emergencias) y los proveedores de servicios inalámbricos del sector comercial (como los servicios de banda ancha inalámbrica), dice la Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones (FCC por sus siglas en inglés). Los fabricantes de micrófonos inalámbricos han tradicionalmente ofrecido micrófonos que utilizan otras frecuencias, entre las bandas 500 y 600.

de sonido para la iglesia adventista de Camelback en Phoenix, Arizona, la cual posee 17 micrófonos inalámbricos que usan frecuencia mas bajas. “Pero estoy seguro que esta nueva ley afectará a muchas Iglesias pequeñas aquí en Arizona.”

Definitivamente, algunas iglesias pronto tendrán que reemplazar muchos micrófonos inalámbricos que son usados típicamente durante los servicios del sábado.

“Tendremos que reemplazar nuestros cinco micrófonos,” dijo Maciek Misiak, encargado de sonido de la primera iglesia adventista de Minneapolis en Minnesota.

El impacto también será sentido en varios lugares como auditorios, escuelas y aún algunos artistas. Aún el grupo adventista Los Heraldos del Rey tendrán que reemplazar 16 micrófonos inalámbricos, dijo su encargado de sonido Greg Mace.

“Esta ley es algo grande,” dijo Mace, quien también trabaja para GJM Sound, una compañía localizada en Placerville, California la cual vende e instala sistemas de sonidos a diversas entidades incluyendo iglesias adventistas. “En los últimos tres meses hemos reemplazado 9,000 micrófonos, y nosotros solo somos una compañía.”

Para obtener más información acerca de cuales micrófonos no serán permitidos visite la pagina web: [www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica).

Source: *Adventist News Network (ANN)*

English translation available at: [news.adventist.org/2010/05/in-the-us-new-ruling-1.html](http://news.adventist.org/2010/05/in-the-us-new-ruling-1.html).

Traducción: Johanna Viteri

**Los micrófonos inalámbricos personales operando en la frecuencia de 700 MHz serán prohibidos en los E.U. a partir del 12 de junio.**

Algunas iglesias son afortunadas ya que usan unidades las cuales operan en diferentes frecuencias. Otros sin embargo, tendrán que reemplazar o modificar los micrófonos, un servicio que la mayoría de los fabricantes provee siempre y cuando se haya obtenido una garantía. No obstante, muchas compañías están ofreciendo reemplazos, dicen los analistas, aunque muchos usuarios no hayan registrados estos micrófonos después de comprarlos. Las compañías tendrán que invertir miles de dólares para reemplazar los micrófonos los cuales pronto serán prohibidos.

La FCC tomó una decisión este pasado enero, después de muchos análisis conducidos por la agencia.

“Yo le he estado amonestando a mis clientes por más de un año que esto iba a suceder. Muchas personas pensaban que yo estaba bromeando y decidieron ignorarme,” dijo Bill Wallace, un representante de ventas con proaudio.com, una compañía establecida en Grand Prairie, Texas-de los cuales muchas iglesias adventistas son sus clientes.

Algunas iglesias son afortunadas porque compraron sus equipos hace muchos años. “Esto no nos afectará a nosotros,” dijo Larry Atkin, encargado

### Aux Etats-Unis, Une Nouvelle Loi Interdit L'usage De Quelques Microphones Sans Fil

**T**he United States Communication Authority a annoncé cette année que les appareils de radio qui fonctionnent dans les 700 gammes de fréquence de mégahertz sont interdits pour l'usage personnel à partir du 12 juin.

Pour les utilisateurs, y compris les techniciens de son de l'église Adventiste, la nouvelle loi signifie que beaucoup de microphones sans fil utilisés par les prédicateurs, les chanteurs et dirigeants de service d'adoration pourraient avoir besoin d'être remplacés ou altérés.

remplacer des appareils qui, bientôt seront interdits.

La bande de 700 MHz inclut des fréquences de 698 à 806. La bande est maintenant utilisée par les entités de sécurité publiques et les fournisseurs commerciaux sans fil, déclare le site de FCC. Les fabricants d'appareils sans fil ont aussi offert traditionnellement des appareils dans les autres gammes de fréquence, tel que 500 ou 600 bandes.

La FCC a passé cette loi au mois de janvier, mais d'après beaucoup d'analystes, elle a passé des années à travailler là-dessus.

laquelle possède 17 microphones sans fil qui utilisent des fréquences plus basses que 700 mégahertz. "Mais, je suis sûr que ceci va frapper quelque de nos petites églises ici à Arizona."

En effet, certaines églises auront à rejeter leur collection de microphones de poche et microphones de revers, typiquement utilisés durant le service d'adoration, le sabbat matin.

"Nous devons remplacer tous nos cinq microphones," déclara Maciek Misiak, directeur de son de la Première Eglise Adventiste de Minneapolis à Minnesota.

L'impacte peut aussi se faire sentir par les lieux comme les auditoriums, et les écoles, de même que les artistes en tournée. Même le groupe de chants Heritage Singers a dû dépenser des milliers de dollars pour remplacer 16 microphones sans fil a dit le directeur, Greg Mace.

"Cette [loi] est une grande affaire," a dit Mace, qui travaille également pour GJM Sound, une entreprise localisée à Placerville, California qui vend et installe des systèmes de son pour des lieux, y compris les églises Adventistes. "Durant les trois mois écoulés, nous avons remplacé 9,000 microphones et nous ne sommes qu'une seule entreprise."

Pour savoir quels appareils ne seront plus permis, visitez: [www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html#AudioTechnica).

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Traduction: *Margareth Morisset*

#### Appareils personnels sans fil qui fonctionnent dans les 700 gammes de fréquence de mégahertz seront interdits aux états unis après le 12 juin.

Certaines églises sont chanceuses, de posséder des unités de son qui fonctionnent dans les gammes de fréquence différente. D'autres auront besoin de remplacer ou modifier leurs appareils de son, un service que beaucoup de fabricants fournissent sur les achats avec garantie. Cependant, beaucoup d'entreprises sont reculées sur l'offre des remplacements, déclarent les analystes, alors que beaucoup d'utilisateurs n'ont jamais enregistré leurs appareils après leurs achats. Ils doivent écaler maintenant des centaines ou milliers de dollars pour

"J'ai dit à mes clients pendant des années que ceci allait venir. Beaucoup de personnes ont choisi d'une manière ou d'une autre de l'ignorer," a dit Bill Wallace, un directeur de compte à proaudio.com, une entreprise située à Grand Prairie, Texas-dont les clients incluent plusieurs églises Adventistes.

Certaines églises ont heureusement acheté leur équipement quelques années de cela. "Ceci ne nous affectera pas," a dit Larry Atkin, directeur de son de l'Eglise Adventiste de Camelback à Phoenix, Arizona,

# A Seventh-day Adventist Statement on Religious Liberty, Evangelism, and Proselytism

*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).*

**S**eventh-day Adventists believe that freedom of religion is a basic human right. As Christians, they are persuaded that the dissemination of religion is not only a right, but a joyful responsibility based on a divine mandate to witness.

God has called Christians to evangelism—the proclamation of the good news of salvation in Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20). This is central to Christian life and witness. Thus Christianity is missionary by its very nature.

In affirming global mission and evangelization, Adventists are motivated by willing obedience to Christ's commission and by a sincere desire that every human being be saved and inherit eternal life. They are also motivated by a sense of urgency in expectation of the imminence of Christ's return. In endeavoring to fulfill the gospel commission, Seventh-day Adventists are thus witnessing, preaching, and serving today in more than 200 countries.

In the context of the dissemination of religion, the issue of "proselytism" has arisen because the term "proselytism" is defined in a number of ways and increasingly is being given a pejorative connotation, associated with unethical means of persuasion, including force. Seventh-day Adventists unequivocally condemn the use of such methods. They believe that faith and reli-

gion are best disseminated when convictions are manifested and taught with humility and respect, and the witness of one's life is in harmony with the message announced, evoking a free and joyous acceptance by those being evangelized.

Evangelistic and missionary activity needs to respect the dignity of all human beings. Individuals need to be truthful and transparent when dealing with other religious groups. Terminology should be used which avoids offending other religious communities. Statements that are false or ridicule other religions should not be made.

Conversion is an experience of the Spirit, and should therefore in no way be connected to offering and receiving material inducements. While the right to engage in humanitarian activities must be fully recognized, such action must never be linked to evangelism in a way that exploits vulnerable people by offering financial and material incentives to entice them to that religion.

Seventh-day Adventists are committed to serving their fellow men by preaching the everlasting gospel to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (Revelation 14:6). ☮

*This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), for release at the time of the General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada, June 29– July 9, 2000.*

## Resources

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

## Web sites

*Official Statements voted since 1980:* [www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html)

*Guidelines:* [www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/index.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/index.html)

*Fundamental Beliefs:* [www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html)

*Church Manual:* [www.adventist.org/beliefs/church\\_manual/index.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/index.html)

*Other Documents:* [www.adventist.org/beliefs/other\\_documents/index.html](http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/other_documents/index.html)

# BulletinBoard



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Portland, ME	7:27	7:16	7:01	6:50
Boston, MA	7:28	7:18	7:03	6:53
South Lancaster, MA	7:30	7:20	7:06	6:55
Pittsfield, MA	7:37	7:27	7:12	7:01
Hartford, CT	7:33	7:23	7:09	6:59
New York, NY	7:37	7:27	7:14	7:03
Albany, NY	7:37	7:27	7:13	7:02
Utica, NY	7:45	7:35	7:21	7:09
Syracuse, NY	7:49	7:39	7:24	7:13
Rochester, NY	7:55	7:45	7:30	7:19
Buffalo, NY	7:59	7:49	7:35	7:24
Hamilton, Bda	7:48	7:41	7:29	7:22

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE Music for "Dare2Do" Atlantic Union Youth Congress 2010** – Are you an outstanding musician, soloist, choir or group? Would you like to be a blessing to someone? The Atlantic Union

Conference is looking for excellent music for the upcoming Dare2Do Youth Congress, Oct. 14-17, 2010, in Hartford, Conn. Please contact: Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department for more information: youthministries@atlanticunion.org, (978) 368-8333 ext. 3016. Applications due by Aug. 1.

## OUT-OF-UNION

**Sligo Homecoming Weekend**—Come home to Sligo church for a joyous reunion August 6-8! From Friday evening vespers through Sunday brunch and beyond, you will catch up with friends, feel stirred as former pastors dig into God's Word, enjoy the best of music (as always), and have fun at

a Saturday night talent show. For a true homecoming, you've got to be here! Visit [www.sligochurch.org](http://www.sligochurch.org) for details. Phone (301) 270-6777.

**WVU Alumni e-Newsletter:** Walla Walla University is starting an e-newsletter to communicate with alumni. It will go out once a month beginning June 2010. To sign-up to receive the e-newsletter, please visit the Web site at [alumni.wallawalla.edu](http://alumni.wallawalla.edu).

## Southern New England Conference Women's Ministries Fall Retreat

September 10-12, 2010 ~ Devens Springhill Suites, Devens, MA

Registration and Room Reservation Deadline is August 1

Participants are responsible for reserving their own rooms. Room rate is \$115/room (rooms fit up to four people) per night (mention SNEC retreat). To make a reservation, call (978) 757-3030.

Join us for an inspiring weekend! Cheri Peters is our guest speaker. She is the founder of True Step Ministries, author of the book *MIRACLE FROM THE STREETS*, and she shares an inspirational testimony you won't want to miss!

Download a registration form at [www.sneonline.org/article.php?id=18](http://www.sneonline.org/article.php?id=18)  
 Make registration fee checks payable to SNEC WM  
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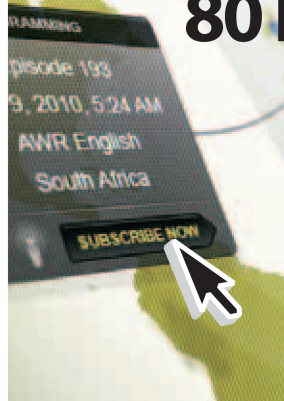
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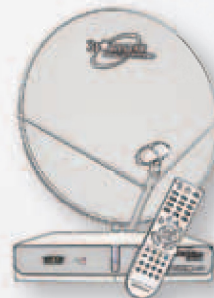
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