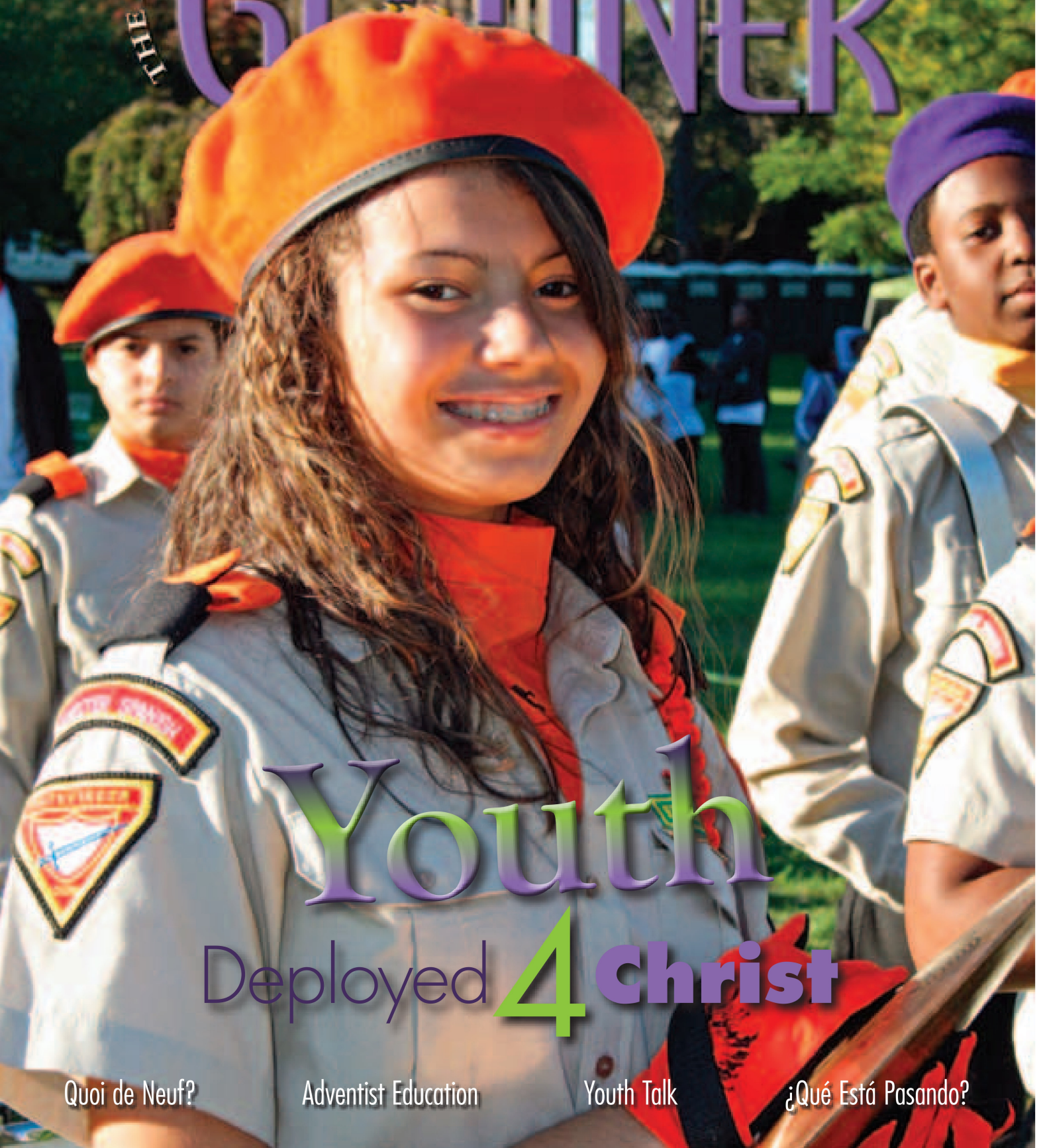


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To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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The Upward and **Outward Look**

The Atlantic Union Conference, composed of more than 103,000 believers and 561 churches, has a big challenge on its hands to “finish the work.” However, since God has not called us to be merely successful, but has certainly called us to be faithful, we know He will enable us to do our part in this great work before us.

For example, in the union territory, we have at least 16 unentered counties with no Adventist presence and we have 17 cities with a population of 100,000 people or more. This includes, in order of size, New York City; Boston, Massachusetts; Buffalo, New York; Rochester, New York; Yonkers, New York; Worcester, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; Springfield, Massachusetts; Syracuse, New York; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Hartford, Connecticut; New Haven, Connecticut; Stamford, Connecticut; Manchester, New Hampshire; Waterbury, Connecticut; Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Lowell, Massachusetts. Also, the ratio is 1:343 or one Adventist to every 343 people in the general population. What a task before us!

But this is not to limit us from doing our part. So then, just what is our part? Our part is to lift up Christ the risen Savior in what I call the Upward Look and the Outward Look. Jesus says “If I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). That’s it! Lift Him up!

The cross has simply two bars, the vertical and the horizontal. The upward and the outward. In the Upward Look, we reach up to God through Bible study, prayer, study of the Spirit of Prophecy writings, returning a faithful tithe and offering, witnessing through personal interaction with others, and sharing our personal testimonies of what God has done in our lives.

The Outward Look is one that reaches out to the world while nurturing the believers in the church. We reach out by conducting evangelistic campaigns where the Lord will add “to the church daily such as should be

saved” (Acts 2:47). Last year, we baptized the largest number ever in the history of the Atlantic Union—5,250 precious souls. We reach out by conducting community projects, planting church worship groups in new territories, supporting our youth and students in service and evangelistic projects, and scattering Bible literature like the leaves of autumn.

While reaching out, we also reach in and nurture our believers by calling them to improved attendance and reclamation. Training and nurturing new believers to become disciples is a must. Increasing the percentage of youth retained in the church and the number of students attending Adventist schools including elementary, academy, and Atlantic Union College is also a must. The practice of an upward devotional reach to God and the outward reach to the world while nurturing church believers is a top priority for every disciple of Christ.

“I have been shown that the time has come for more effective labor in the East. . . . The angel of mercy is hovering over the East. Said the angel: “Strengthen the things that remain. Proclaim the message to those who have not heard it”—TESTIMONIES, vol. 1, p. 389.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and, His teaching in our past history”—LIFE SKETCHES, p. 196.

Join us on November 13, starting at 9:30 a.m., for a grand Evangelism Homecoming Rally at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York. This will be the final of three evangelism rallies conducted throughout the Atlantic Union territory this year. Come and hear wonderful testimonies, inspiring music, and powerful preaching. It will be the Upward Look and Outward Look in practical demonstration! Come and be blessed! ☺

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



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Youth Deployed **4** Christ

More than 1,000 youth and young adults converged in Hartford, Connecticut, on October 2 and 3 for Impact Hartford, a two-day outreach program in which young people engage in community outreach projects.

The epicenter of Impact Hartford was Bushnell Park, nestled among the city skyscrapers and the capital building. Children, teens, young adults, and supportive adults came out to participate. Some were in uniform, others wore “Deployed 4 Christ” T-shirts, and still others came just as they were, but all came to worship, pray, sing, and then take to the streets for ministry.

Belinda Johnson led out in the worship service, recording artist Karima Kibble sang, and Willy Ramos, also

known as The Ghetto Preacher, delivered an inspirational sermon.

The highlight of the Sabbath was when everyone took part in some form of ministry, including street witnessing, literature distribution, and drive-by prayer ministry. In addition, the five partnering churches, Christian Fellowship, Faith, Grace, Hartford Spanish, and Hope, were joined by groups from other churches who assisted them in such ministries as the Health Expo, street witnessing, door-to-door



Wade Dacres

Southern New England Conference Pathfinder area coordinators led the marchers through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in Hartford, Connecticut.

work, singing in senior citizen centers, and fruit and water distribution.

In the afternoon, everyone met back at Bushnell Park for a march through the city escorted by police outriders and vehicles. The Master Guides led the 40-minute long parade followed by the drum corps from the Leominster Spanish and Worcester Pleasant Street Pathfinder clubs.

The day ended with a free concert featuring a wide variety of talented artists, including IPraise, Mohel, Rachel and Jesse Gray, Christal Garcia, and many others.

On Sunday a smaller number of Pathfinder clubs went to the churches to help with cleaning up a park, redecorating a community center, cleaning up a drop-in center, giving away clothing, preparing food, and distributing literature.

Impact Hartford was made possible because of the cooperation, support, and collaboration between the Northeastern and Southern New England conferences. In addition, the Review and Herald® provided 10,000 REAL magazines for the event. The conferences plan to work together for Impact Providence in 2011 and Impact Boston in 2012, while seeking to follow through with the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries department's theme, "Inspire, Equip, Deploy."

The youth leaders and pastors in Hartford are extremely pleased with what has been accomplished and plan to work together to make this an annual event.

There is nothing more exciting than to see the young people actively involved in sharing their faith. This is how the church will grow. We need more events like this and more opportunities for young people to be placed on the front line doing incredible things for God. ☺

Contributors include, W. Georgia Dacres, freelance writer visiting from the U.K.; Yvette Young, AY director, Christian Fellowship church; Reggie Hardwick, Faith church; Carith Dean, Grace church; and Jose Omar Rodriguez, Hartford Spanish church.

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Odell Powell



Wade Dacres



Vernice McDonald



Marcus Moss



Jennifer Reid

1. The Southern New England Conference Youth Department has adopted and visually interpreted the Inspire, Equip, Deploy theme from the Atlantic Union.
2. Adventurer-aged children were encouraged to participate in outreach projects.
3. The combined drum corps of the Leominster Spanish and Worcester Pleasant Street Pathfinder clubs.
4. Willy Ramos aka The Ghetto Preacher fit right in with the community-focused worship service.
5. Young adults engaged in one-2-one contact with the general public.
6. Young people wore either their club uniform or a "Deployed 4 Christ" T-shirt.



Jennifer Reid



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Kathy Terlikowski



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Zasha Soto



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Zasha Soto



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Odell Powell

1. The worshippers stretched far into the park with downtown Hartford in the background.
2. The large pavilion stage was ideal for the open-air worship and concert.
3. From the Southern New England Conference are Robert Hines, associate youth director, and Frank Tochterman, president.
4. The group Synai performing at the evening concert.
5. Bible worker Hanif Maragh leading out in the prayer.
6. The Pathfinders participated in drive-by prayer ministry in the community.
7. The worship service was led by the Pleasant Street church praise team and band.
8. The young people distributed 30,000 pieces of literature.
9. The Hartford Spanish church Medical Cadet Corps helped to manage the literature station.

Two New Administrators Voted to Serve the Bermuda Conference

By the completion of Bermuda Conference's ninth triennial session that convened on September 26 at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hamilton, Bermuda, the delegates voted to reelect Jeffrey Brown as president and also elected two new administrators to join him in forming a new team—Sidney Gibbons as executive secretary; and Pamela Greyson as treasurer. In addition, delegates voted several changes to the conference's constitution and bylaws. The most significant change was moving from having constituency sessions every three years to four. The constituency commended and affirmed the young people who served as delegates to the session.

Directors of the various departments were voted in for the first time or were reelected to serve for the upcoming term. Sheila Holder was reelected to serve as superintendent of schools. The Adventist Youth department was strengthened by combining Pathfinders and Youth Ministries. By the end of the day the members of the executive committee, the constitution and bylaws committee, and the trustee board were voted. The Media and Publishing ministries director positions were referred to the executive committee.

Brown accepted the challenge of leadership, thanking the delegates and his fellow administrators for the confidence they have placed in him. He says he sees a "revival of true godliness" as the greatest need in the Bermuda Conference as we prepare to meet the return of Jesus. Brown says it is his prayer "that God will lead our new team to new



The new administrators voted by the delegates to serve the next quadrennial session pause for a photo with Atlantic Union Conference administrators. From left are Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary; Sydney Gibbons, Bermuda Conference executive secretary; Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer; Pamela Greyson, Bermuda Conference treasurer; Jeffrey Brown, Bermuda Conference president; and Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president.

spiritual heights as we prepare people to meet the Lord." Gibbons, who previously served the conference as executive secretary, expressed his commitment to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. He further articulated, "I solicit your prayers . . . in preparing Bermuda for the imminent return of Jesus." Greyson, the first female Bermudian administrator said, "I accept this position in confidence that with my hand yoked with Him, He will continue to bless my efforts. I solicit your prayers as I embark on this new endeavor."

The Bermuda Conference expressed sincere appreciation to Kenneth Manders and Derek Furbert, immediate past executive secretary and treasurer, respectively, for their dedicated years of service to the conference. "We know God holds their future in His hands," said Brown.

The Bermuda Institute (BI) principal, Lois Tucker, gave a comprehensive report on the progress of the school over the last triennial and garnered support for the school. She reminded the constituents that BI belongs to all the members of the Bermuda Conference.

In his remarks, Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, congratulated all those who have been asked to serve for the next four years. "I pray for God's richest blessings for Jeffrey Brown and his colleagues as they strive toward excellence for the Lord's mission in Bermuda," said King.



Sheila Holder is the communication director for the Bermuda Conference.



Bermuda Conference Sponsors Young Adult Summit

The Harbourview Ballroom at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel in Hamilton, Bermuda, was transformed into a house of praise on Friday, August 6, when more than 100 young adults and other supporters gathered for the launch of Bermuda Conference's third annual Young Adult Summit. Hearts were lifted in adoration during the praise and worship concert driven by the theme "Purpose Redesigned."

Young adults from all across Bermuda ministered in song and expression, including local recording artist Tricray Astwood, Lauren Easton, Dion Ming, Sasha Crockwell and Kimberlee Allers, Antonia Simons, Samone

the youth and young adult pastor at the Valley Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rialto, California, explained how our redesigned purpose takes shape through the love of God, which transforms us, compels us to worship, and ultimately drives us to testify and bear witness of Him.

Sabbath began with a time of fellowship at breakfast. Then the young adults engaged in two of four live chat sessions of their choice. The topics included: "Back 2 Basics — How to Have a Vibrant Devotional Life," "Sex in the City — Common Assumption: Everybody's Doing It, Fact of the Matter: Nobody's Talking About It," "All Work, No Play —



During the Young Adult Summit in Hamilton, Bermuda, from left, G Joshua Gibbons, Gianluca Gibbons, Sasha Crockwell, and friend witness to a policeman who is seated in his car (holding the flyer).

facilitators Linda Holdipp, Malcolm and Julia Clarke, Michael Hiller, and Delroy Brooks brought these topics to life and left those attending with much food for thought and valuable, practical applications meant to

ing a cool beverage, an inspirational card, and a word of encouragement and prayer to passersby. The third group remained at the Hamilton Princess for "Ministry Beyond Today," an action planning forum where opportunities to continue outreach ministry on an ongoing basis, such as the annual Young Adult Summit, were discussed.

The group came together again for the closing session, which featured testimonies of the day's experiences, a few selections by Duawne Starling, and one last word of admonition from Brooks.

Saturday night came alive and was buzzing with energy at the Southside Bowling Alley where music, food, laughter, bowling, and pool were the boast of the evening.

The Young Adult Summit, held annually for the past three years, is specially designed to engage young adults in opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, ministry, fellowship, and fun.

—Kylah Allers, Adventist Youth associate director for young adults, Bermuda Conference

[Following the afternoon community outreach segment], the group came together again for the closing session, which featured testimonies of the day's experiences.

Tucker, Lily Nzabalinda, and Deonae Dickenson. The worship leader for the weekend was gospel-recording artist Duane Starling. The Word was seamlessly woven throughout the evening as the guest speaker, Delroy Brooks,

Striking the Right Balance in Your Social and Spiritual Life," and "Failure to Launch: Dealing With the Prevalence of Noncommittal Attitudes and How it Impacts Our Lives and the Lives of Others - Spiritual and Otherwise." The

make a difference in their spiritual lives.

Following the live chat sessions, the day continued with the worship service, lunch, more time to fellowship, and the outreach segment "Beyond the Walls." Following lunch the group assembled for instructions and prayer and then divided into three smaller groups. One group was deployed to the hospital to minister to the residents of the Continuing Care Programme at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital. Another group took to the streets deliver-

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Co-Op City Church Holds Family Series



Seated in front of the people who were baptized at the conclusion of the family evangelistic series are, left to right, Loretta Bivins, Bible worker; Alanzo Smith, evangelist; Okezie Erondu, the Co-op City Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor; and Christine Sinclair, international recording artist.

With a commitment to build stronger families and to empower established ones, the Co-Op City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York, launched a two-week family evangelistic series. Family evangelist Alanzo Smith presented the nightly messages, and international recording artist Christine

Sinclair provided the Spirit-filled special music. The series focused on such family issues as rejection, depression, self-esteem, parent-and-child relationships, husband-and-wife relationships, singles, single families, and more.

Each night, family members were challenged to rethink their position on family values and/or spiritual values. Each night individuals responded to the call of the Master Shepherd as decisions were made for baptism. At the conclusion of the series 15 people were baptized.

The final Sabbath of the series brought much celebration as several couples renewed their marriage vows and pledged lasting love to each other. Okezie Erondu, the church's pastor, participated in the commitment service. Bertram Melbourne and his wife, Cavel, from Maryland, presided over the renewal of vows. Ironically, it was the Smith's thirty-third wedding anniversary and it was Melbourne who married them. The church acknowledged the occasion with a reception that followed in the fellowship hall.

—Rohann Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

Wakefield Church Honors Academic Achievements of its Youth

Members of the Wakefield Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York, joined together on Sabbath, August 7, for the first of what is likely to become a standing tradition to honor the academic achievements of its youth. Graduates of all sizes and ages marched in caps and gowns, reliving for a moment the thrill of accomplishment while anticipating the next step in their education. The church applauded its young people for resisting the ever-present lure of the streets and for standing for the principles that their family, both biological and church, have worked hard to instill in them.

Claudine Gailbraith, a church elder, was in charge of making sure that

Education Day went off without a hitch. One by one, the graduates and high achievers were spotlighted. A slideshow was presented featuring each individual in a brief, but extremely detailed introduction that outlined his or her academic merits, interests, hobbies, and God-given talents.

The charge was delivered by church member Kay-Ann Mitto, who urged the graduates to never become weary in the search for excellence and to continue striving onward and upward, seeking greater things. Awards were presented to each of the graduates including a certificate of achievement and a carefully handpicked gift that would aid them in the challenges that lie ahead. Among the gifts to

the college-bound were desk lamps that will be of great use for the late nights of studying that are sure to come.

Those who have completed college were given a coordinated tie, handkerchief, and cufflink set. After the last gift was given, the final

speech finished, and the closing prayer said, church members filed out of the sanctuary, led by the graduates whom they had done so much to help build up and direct in the right path.

—Eric Gordon, communication department, Wakefield church



Wakefield Seventh-day Adventist Church seniors were honored by the members for their academic achievements.

Greater New York Conference Elects a New Administration



Newly-elected Greater New York Conference president G. Earl Knight, second from left, and his wife, Yvonne, with Atlantic Union Conference administrators Donald King, president, left; Leon Thomassian, treasurer, second from right; and Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary, right.

Delegates gathered early in the morning on September 19 to conduct the business of the church in the Greater New York Conference (GNYC). In his devotional message, Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, called upon the people of God to be united. "This unity must be demonstrated in the love and respect we give to our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race or country of origin," Thomassian told the delegates. He challenged them to respect diversity within God's church and embrace the will of the Lord.

September 19 was a historic day for many reasons:

- This was the Greater New York Conference's first quadrennial constituency session.
- With a new process for the nomination of officers and department leaders in place, the nominating committee completed its work one week prior to the session. A list of names for the officers, department directors, constitution and bylaws committee, and the executive committee were all completed and ready for presentation on the morning of the session.

- This was the first time in the history of the Greater New York Conference that an African American has been elected to the office of president. G. Earl Knight is an ordained pastor with 33 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which 22 have been in Greater New York. Knight's passion for evangelism has resulted in thousands of baptisms locally and internationally. New churches have been planted within GNYC as a result of his ministry. He previously served as the executive secretary for about 10 years. Knight's wife, Yvonne, is an executive at a corporate bank and she served as the conference's Women's Ministries director. They have two young adult children, Anthea and Michael.

- This was the first time in the history of the Greater New York Conference that a Luzo Brazillian has



Gerson Santos
Executive Secretary

been elected to the office of secretary. Gerson Santos was overwhelmingly confirmed as the executive secretary. He previously served in GNYC as the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director. He leaves the Florida Conference where he currently serves as the vice president with special responsibility for church growth.

- This is the first time in the history of the Greater New York Conference that a treasurer has been recalled to the position after he left the conference. Carlos Gonzalez, former treasurer, was recalled to serve as treasurer.



Carlos Gonzalez
Treasurer



José Cortés
Adventist Youth/Pathfinder Ministries

Gonzalez leaves the Chesapeake Conference where he serves as an associate auditor and pastor.

- Greater New York Conference completed its business at 6:45 p.m. This was truly a historic day.

Amid all the positive historic elements of the day, the session was overshadowed with the sad reality that the Greater New York Conference has never been in such a negative financial situation. This no doubt gained much discussion on the floor and the new administration was challenged to turn the negative into a positive.

Another concern raised was the need for some attention to the evangelistic efforts among the Caucasian community. Knight has committed to doing his best in this area. Knight, in his acceptance speech, thanked Richard Marker, the out-



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English Ministries



Rohann Wellington
Communication

This was the Greater New York Conference's first quadrennial constituency session.

going president, for his service to the church and offered his prayers and support to Benjamin Santana, the outgoing treasurer, as he moves on.

The department directors were voted in block and all have accepted to serve for the next four years. The Children's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Religious Liberty, and Women's Ministries departments were referred to the executive committee. For a complete list of the members of the executive committee and the constitution and bylaws committee, visit the conference's Web site at: www.gnyc.org/session.

The administrators and departmental directors seek your prayers and support. ①

Rohann D. Wellington is the Greater New York conference communication director.



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Jose Dominguez
Publishing



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Stewardship



Hermann Kuma
Multi-Ethnic Ministries

Introducing Your New Pastor



Cindy Kurtzhals

Billwayne Jamel, an Atlantic Union College theology major, graduated with 60 classmates on May 9, 2010. After he was presented with his degree, he turned around, tilted his head back, and the audience read a creative sign attached to the top of his cap. "I DID IT" got a big laugh.

Billwayne Jamel came to Atlantic Union College (AUC) full of enthusiasm and drive to succeed in ministry. Today, the May 2010 AUC graduate is at the Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, continuing his preparation for pastoral ministry.

Active Life at AUC

"Energized and full of zeal, Billwayne was very involved on campus," says professor Bordes Henry-Saturné. "He was part of the audiovisual team using technology in ministry. A soul-winner, he gave Bible studies and prepared students for baptism and was part of the Student Ministerial Association."

"Coming from an Adventist family, Billwayne used his considerable leadership and organizational experience, and talents, to set up and sponsor both on-campus and off-campus spiritual life activities of all kinds," adds Rick Trott, chairperson of AUC's Religion department. Trott chuckled and said, "The department faculty urged him to give the same kind of time commitments to his course work. We encouraged him toward a balance of extracurricular activities with his academic focus. To his credit, he changed his approach such that by graduation, the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hired him."

That corporate church headquarters is located in Manhasset, New York.

Personal Mission

"Ever since I was a teen, I have wanted to reach others for God," Jamel said. "Many Adventists grow up, like myself, in church, yet never knowing Christ as a personal Friend and Savior. I believe if our members are energized in a relationship with God, they can go out and reach the world. My career goal is to eventually run a ministry that can creatively reach and minister to those who are in need of a closer relationship with God."

Successful Job Search and Placement

"After sending my resume to many conferences, the multiethnic department of my own home conference voted to take me on as a part-time pastor. After the conference executive committee voted, it decided it would be best for me to go to the seminary first so I can come back as a full-time pastor."

Today, Jamel preaches whenever given the opportunity. He is also currently working on a comic book that will focus on core Christian values for today's youth.

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College

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Increased Enrollment Helps Fund New Push on Deferred Maintenance



Lloyd Brown

The Physical Plant department facilitated the painting of Founders Hall and welding its fire escape.

Because of the number of students enrolled at Atlantic Union College last school year—above projections—funds have been available to complete many items on the campus physical plant to-do lists.

Founders Hall got early attention by getting a primer coat of paint before the snow fell last year. “Its fresh exterior now sparks smiles on campus,” said one staff member.

Founders Hall is the oldest Seventh-day Adventist educational building on its original site still in use today.

Physical Plant Accomplishments:

- Invested, dispensed, and allocated \$712,000.00 on physical plant and deferred maintenance for fiscal year 2009-2010.
- Procured a 60-foot boom lift, which allows crew to safely work on upper stories and roofs of buildings.
- Procured John Deere diesel tractor and repaired maintenance truck.
- Repaired roofs of Haskel Hall and G. Eric Jones Library, and cleaned roof of Founders Hall.
- Colonial Construction donated new paving for the Flag Street parking lot to prevent ice buildup.
- Procured donations for golf cart, winter sanding, and sand.
- Improved internal and external lighting.
- Repaired leaks.
- Installed new cameras and alarms on Lenheim Hall’s exterior doors.
- Painted the interiors of Machlan Auditorium and the Miles building.
- Repaired the ceiling of and constructed a backdrop for Machlan auditorium.
- Repaired the furnace at the Mabel R. Bartlett Art Gallery.
- Repaired and replaced broken windows, doors, locks, pipes, and furnaces.
- Improved energy efficiency on campus.
- Painted the exteriors of Chant Hall and the Miles building.
- Repaired and opened a Ross Way apartment previously closed for five years.
- Developed a master plan for library renovations.
- Conducted bi-annual pest control treatment of both residence halls.
- Major steam repairs were made.
- Replaced cooling pond and repaired roof in Art department.
- Maintain compliance with Lancaster Fire Department and all state fire regulations.

—Leslie Aho, plant services director, Atlantic Union College

Business Buzz—Certifications Offered to Community



Cindy Kurtzhals

Violet Bidwell

Violet Bidwell earned her Professional Bookkeeper’s Certification through the Atlantic Union College Business Department. Bidwell is a junior accountant for the Atlantic Union Revolving Fund (AURF) at the Atlantic Union Conference office in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Atlantic Union College offered evening classes, enabling working adults in the community to take advantage of its professional and certification programs.

Bidwell registered to study accounting and the certification program and she did an excellent work. The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers reported that she successfully passed all her examinations for national certification.

To enroll in the upcoming classes, contact: goauc@auc.edu or call toll-free: (800) 282-2030.

—Jacob Nortey, business department chair, Atlantic Union College

New York Conference Welcomes New Treasurer — Florencio Zabala



Florencio and Shelly Ann Zabala

The New York Conference welcomed Florencio (Elias) Zabala as its new treasurer, effective July 1, 2010. He was voted by the conference's executive committee to replace Doug Falle, the previous treasurer, who accepted a call to the Ohio Conference.

Zabala holds a bachelor's degree in theology with emphasis in pastoral ministry from the Dominican Adventist University in the Dominican Republic, a master's degree in theology from the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary in Florida, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix. He is completing his doctoral studies at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University in leadership and church administration.

Zabala brings a wide range of experience to his new position, having served in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico as a pastor and in Turks and Caicos as conference secretary, treasurer, and youth, personal ministries, and communication director. He was ordained to ministry in 2002.

In addition to his role as treasurer, Zabala will serve as the stewardship and trust services director for the more than 5,330 members in New York Conference who worship in 63 churches in the upstate region of New York.

Zabala and his wife, Shelly Ann, have two boys, Elias and Patric. Shelly Ann, a registered nurse, is currently a stay-at-home mom.

—GLEANER editor



Dustin Hall, pastor of the Cortland Seventh-day Adventist Church, baptized Dorothy Hilsinger and Linda Morgan on July 31 at the Robert Treman State Park in Ithaca, New York.

Baptism at Women's Retreat

About 50 women attended the women's retreat "Surprised By Joy," on Sabbath, July 31, sponsored by the Cortland, Ithaca, and Horseheads/Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Finger Lakes District of the New York Conference. Kelly Hall led out and Susan Caster was the guest speaker and vocalist. During the retreat, testimonies were shared and a special Communion service was held.

The highlight of the Sabbath was a baptism in the park swimming area. Two women from the Cortland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cortland, New York, Dorothy Hilsinger and Linda Morgan, recommitted their lives to Christ in baptism. Dustin Hall, the church's pastor, officiated.

—Marilyn Halladay, communication co-secretary, Cortland church

Member Participates in County Fair

Eunice Weber from the Pulaski Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pulaski, New York, volunteered some time at the Seventh-day Adventist Church booth, at the 2010 Oswego County Fair in Sandy Creek, New York, on July 1-5.

Hundreds of books were distributed; the most popular being STEPS TO CHRIST, DANIEL AND REVELATION, BIBLE READINGS FOR THE HOME, and SHELTER IN THE STORM. Other popular books included CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS and SIGNS OF HOPE. Also offered were free blood pressure screenings, performed by Marie Putman and Robin Fuller from the Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fulton, New York.

—Donna Vesta, member, Roosevelt church



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Two Baptisms at Watertown Church

The members of the Watertown Seventh-day Adventist Church in Watertown, New York, witnessed to two baptisms in the St. Lawrence River on August 28. Jean Golden and Jonathan Gonzalez, the two candidates, are now members of the church.

Jean Golden first visited the church with her husband, Morris, in March 2008 to attend the StepFast health program. Although Jean and her family were members of the Methodist Church for many years, Morris was a diligent Bible student, searching for a church that practiced all biblical teachings. The Golden family decided that the health program would be a good opportunity to check out the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This led to occasional church

attendance. Unfortunately, Morris lost his battle with cancer a few months later in December 2008. Jean was comforted and encouraged by the Watertown church family and continued to attend church and study with Richard Lawson, the church's pastor, and



Pastor Richard Lawson baptized Jean Golden and Jonathan Gonzalez in the St. Lawrence River in Watertown, New York, on August 28.

others. It was her desire to be baptized in the St. Lawrence River near her home and the church was blessed to share this experience.

Jonathan Gonzalez came to the United States from Columbia to study electronic engineering. He subsequently joined the U.S. Army and was deployed



to South Korea and Iraq. Although he had been raised Catholic, he was searching for God and thought that he might study Buddhism. But during his deployments, he was continually sur-

rounded by Christians. In Iraq, someone placed a CD on the desk of his roommate that contained the Storacles of Prophecy lessons from Amazing Facts. Jonathan studied these lessons and began to keep the Sabbath. While later stationed in Germany, he met a Seventh-day Adventist and they attended church together. While subsequently stationed at Fort Drum in Watertown, Jonathan began attending the Watertown church and decided to be baptized. Jonathan plans to go to Andrews University to obtain a Master of Divinity degree. All who have met Jonathan are convinced that God has great plans for this inspiring young man.

—Richard Lawson, pastor, Watertown church

Pulaski Church Celebrates New Members



Newly baptized members of the Pulaski Seventh-day Adventist Church, Colen and Ann Harton, with Bob Hess, the church's pastor.

Anne and Colen Harten, from Pulaski, New York, were baptized outside at the Pulaski Seventh-day

in Dexterville, New York. Anne requested to be baptized at the Pulaski church.

The Hartens first came to

the Pulaski church when they attended cooking classes in the spring of 2002. Colen was previously an Adventist and Anne attended Catholic churches and schools until she became a schoolteacher. They have been attending the Pulaski church and studying through the years and have become part of the church family. Pulaski members were happy to accept them as church members.

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—Eunice Weber, member, Pulaski church





By Sheila Holder

Investing in Your Child's Future

When I was a child, life was approached differently from what is now the norm.

Children were taught to respect and obey their parents and others who were in charge of them. Accepting responsibility for one's mistakes was a core value. Children went to school to learn how to read, write, and do arithmetic—the 3 R's. Of course, if you attended church school, you also learned about the Bible, acted out Bible stories, and memorized Bible gems. Such passages as Psalm 1, Psalm 121, Psalm 23, and others were committed to memory. A student could draw an expert diagram of the

White and enrolled their children in church school.

But all of that was before what has been deemed the postmodern era, when many parents decide that what is “best” for their child(ren) and “best” for them does not necessarily include Christian education. Facilities rather than faith, expense rather than investment, scholastics rather than Scriptures, and earthly rather than eternal are some of the important considerations for today's parents. Many postmodern parents believe that there is no absolute truth—truth is relative to the situation, and church school is a good ethic, but it is not for

and thereby grow in faith at school. Adventist schools support and extend the work of the Christian home and the church.

2. Students attending Adventist schools receive more individualized instruction because of smaller classes. The students benefit academically and are able to develop to their full potential. According to an ongoing four-year study, our students achieve a higher level of academic achievement than their counterparts (*Valuegenesis* study).
3. Adventist schools develop Christian character in its young people. Faith and learning are integrated in each subject area. They are exposed to values that last a lifetime. Honesty, integrity, and respect for God, others, and self are modeled and taught. Opportunities are also presented to develop Christian friendships.

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2300-hundred day prophecy by the time they were in the seventh-grade.

Church school was held in the basements of churches and, long before multi-grade and multi-age education became popular, Adventist educators were practicing this strategy (out of necessity) and our students were reaping the benefits with tests scores above the national average. The importance of Christian education was preached from the pulpit on a regular basis. Our Sabbath School friends were also our day school friends. Adventist parents believed in the counsel of Ellen G.

“my” family. “My child learns differently and needs more than Christian education can provide,” is the stance taken by some parents.

However, I'd like to posit that Adventist education is still a viable and godly option for today's young postmoderns. It is helpful to observe:

1. Adventist education is Christ-centered. Children learn about the Bible and are not taught doctrines that are contrary to Seventh-day Adventists beliefs and practices. They can read the Bible and pray

Adventist education is an investment in your child's earthly and heavenly future. Parents and students will reap the benefits now and in the future. When your children receive their academic diplomas, they will also be equipped with foundational spiritual truths to direct and guide their future. This kind of education is unparalleled. ①



Sheila Holder is the superintendent of schools for the Bermuda Conference.

Youth Talk

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

A young adult from the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church shares her experience as a summer intern in Washington, D.C.



Simone English

Simone English, a member of the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, was recently named a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Shakespearean Scholar. She was one of 25 secondary educators chosen from among hundreds of highly qualified applicants across the country for the National Endowment for the Humanities Institute at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. The institute focused on four of Shakespeare's plays: *1 Henry IV*, *Twelfth Night*, *Measure for Measure*, and *Macbeth*.

The scholars spent the summer conducting research at the library that holds the world's largest collection of Shakespeare's original work and they were given access to its extensive rare books collection. In addition to research, each scholar completed curriculum projects. These projects and accompanying lessons are posted on the Folger Education's Teach and Learn Web site, a source of lesson plans and resource materials that attracts more than one million page views each year around the world.

As the only participant chosen from New York State, English is the leading Shakespeare consultant in New York and will be facilitating workshops for secondary and higher institutions to help bring Shakespeare alive to students. During the year, you can find English preparing students and performing scenes from Shakespeare's plays at the New York Annual Shakespeare Festival that attracts more than 2,000 performers each year from different high schools in the state.

English, who is very active in her church and community, says, "I hope that through my education, which includes a Master of Arts in English Education, Master of Arts in

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Creative Writing, Master of Arts in TESOL, and a doctorate in Education Leadership and Curriculum Development, I will be able to attract others to Christ. I hope that through this experience I will be able to host a "Bible Story Festival" in Brooklyn. What better way to bring the Bible alive for young people than through performance. I hope that, eventually, other areas will join in and this will become an annual event that draws thousands of young people to learn the Bible through performance." ☺

—Information provided by Simone English and the East New York church Communication department.



Bronx and Mount of Blessing Churches Hold Evangelistic Meetings

For four weeks, five nights a week, the Bronx and Mount of Blessing Seventh-day Adventist churches in Bronx, New York, hosted a gospel explosion revival using the theme “Now is the Time.”

Night after night, beginning on July 17, the members’ curiosity turned into anticipation, and the desire to hear the messages became a challenge as the attendance swelled each evening. God sent His spirit to arouse and ignite the spirit of evangelism at the meetings. Friends brought friends and visitors brought visitors to witness and share in the excitement generated by Claudius Morgan, the evangelist. The gospel was presented in a timely, practical, and celebratory way. The messages were peppered with

experiences of how Christ can make a difference, and the evangelist’s singing made each evening unique and the service vibrant.

The meetings resulted in 94 baptisms for both congregations. Thirty-two people were rebaptized, indicating their desire to renew their commitments, and 41 of those baptized were new candidates. Several individuals also rededicated their lives to Christ.

Those who may have had concerns before the meeting about whether or not it could be done, became more positive, and their apprehensions subsided, allowing them to invite five or six coworkers instead of just one or two.



The “Now is the Time” evangelistic meeting resulted in many baptisms for the Bronx and Mount of Blessing Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The messages Morgan presented during the meetings will not soon be forgotten. Kendall Guy, pastor of the Bronx church, and Herman Charles, pastor of the Mount of Blessing church, have asserted that this is just the beginning of great things to come in the Bronx.

—Loma McKinnon, communication director, Bronx church

Fifteen Baptized at Elmont Temple Church Lay Evangelistic Meetings

Lay evangelism has been the lifeblood of Elmont Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Elmont, New York, since its inception 15 years ago. When the Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries Department declared 2010 the year of the laity, the Elmont Temple Personal Ministries department had already laid plans to conduct evangelistic meetings. Under the leadership of Robert Terrelonge, the personal ministries director; Willis Reed, the church’s pastor; Godfrey Stewart, the first elder; and Arnel Borderon, the music director, plans were made for an evangelistic meeting entitled “Prepare to Meet Thy God.”

Victor Greenland was selected as the lay evangelist and Lovener Walcott as the singing evangelist. The planning

was not without challenges. A flash flood in the area caused water damage to the lower auditorium of the church and disrupted various programs of the church. However, Elmont Temple is accustomed to meeting challenges and, through much prayer and collective efforts, the evangelistic meeting was held.

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The meetings with Greenland ran for four weeks. During the meetings many individuals testified of the positive changes occurring in their lives as a result of what they learned. “The meeting has ended, but the work to garner the remaining 30 people for Christ continues,” says Terrelonge.

—Daphne Valcourt, assistant communication director, Elmont Temple church

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NORTHEASTERN Stephen Williams, communication director

Northeastern Conference Hosts Seminars on Fundraising Principles

Lilya Wagner, director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI), was the guest presenter at a recent training session on fundraising principles held at the Northeastern Conference office in Jamaica, New York. Wagner was invited by Sylvan Lashley, the conference's superintendent of schools, to conduct seminars for the pastors, conference leaders, and educators. Two separate sessions were held—one for pastors and one for educators. Approximately 30 individuals attended each session.

PSI is a General Conference-based entity

charged with promoting philanthropy and planned giving to Seventh-day Adventist institutions. One of its major functions is providing training oppor-

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day-long training on topics ranging from identifying potential donors to developing appropriate capital improvement campaigns. The Stewardship and

Planned Giving departments benefitted from the seminars as Daniel Honore, the director, Silas McKinney, associ-

ate director, and Cheryl Wilson, the department secretary, received training that should prove helpful in establishing and enlarging the Northeastern Conference Endowment Fund. The participants extended thanks and appreciation to the leaders of the Northeastern Conference Education Department for providing the opportunity for the workers to attend this type of training session.

—Adapted from *FIRST FRUITS*, a Northeastern Conference newsletter from the Stewardship Ministries department, vol. 3, issue 2, Summer 2010

Seven Baptized During Youth-sponsored Meetings at Solid Rock Church

The Solid Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Ministries department organized a two-week series of evangelistic meetings that concluded on July 31. Daniel Kelly, from Andrews University, presented the messages at the church in Far Rockaway, New York.

"I had doubts initially when the idea popped into my head," says Kemisha McKenley, the church's AYS leader. "But the AYS staff rallied around me, even when we disagreed and faced a paucity of funds. I'm happy that I followed God's direction to organize this summer [evangelistic meeting]."

In preparation for the meetings, youth leaders and Pathfinders sounded their drums throughout the Far Rockaway community, distributing invitations and publicizing the event. Initial plans for a tent effort were

derailed because of limited funds. The youth were disappointed, but the Holy Spirit propelled them forward. God's divine guidance, months of fundraising, and dedicated planning made the meetings a success.

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God's saving grace. Vows were renewed and lives enriched. Seven people were baptized with more to follow. "This could not have been possible without the help of David Cuke, the church's pastor, Linda Bradley, the youth elder, the

Solid Rock church family, and my dear husband," says Kemisha. "I feel renewed and ready for the next project that God has for our youth department. Nothing is impossible with God. I believe that youth can

spread the word of hope. Young people must live their dreams and let God handle the obstacles."

—Yvette Sheron Mingo, communication correspondent, Solid Rock church

Northeastern Academy Attains a First

For the first time in its 90-year history, the Northeastern Academy in New York, New York, boasted a graduating class numbering 50 students. Thirty-four were from the main campus in Manhattan, and 16 from the academy's Brooklyn campus. The 2009-2010 school year marked the first year that students graduated from the extension campus. The commencement speaker, Jimmie Gibson, associate youth pastor at the Community Praise Center Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, challenged the graduates to "dare to dream," because the future belongs to the dreamers.

—Adapted from *ENVISION*, a Northeastern Conference newsletter from the desk of the president, vol. 8, No.2, June 2010



NNEC Celebrates One Hundred-year Milestone

The Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., celebrated its 100th year as a corporation in the State of Maine earlier this year. Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap presented this prestigious award to conference administrators Mike Ortel, president; Merlin Knowles, executive secretary; and Randee Reynolds, treasurer. In addition to the award, they also received a tour of the capitol building in Augusta by Secretary Dunlap.

“It was a real pleasure to represent the Northern New

England Conference at the State House as they honored our church as a corporation in the state of Maine for 100 years,” stated Reynolds. “Secretary Matthew Dunlap very graciously took us on a tour of the capitol building and legislative chambers,” stated Knowles. “He shared a wealth of history about many of our former leaders in this great state. It was a privilege to receive the plaque honoring the Northern New England Conference for being in Maine for 100 years.”

—Diane Kane, communication assistant, Northern New England Conference



Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, second from right, presented a plaque to the Northern New England Conference administrators Merlin Knowles, left, Randee Reynolds, second from left, and Mike Ortel, right, acknowledging the conference's 100 years as a corporation in the State of Maine.

Local Children's Home Receives Help from Portsmouth Church Members

Members of the Portsmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, engaged in community service activity at the Chase Home, a local children's home not far from the church. They

living at the home worked with the church members.

On that day, the members showed God's love in their community and made new friends for the church. Lunch was provided by the staff and the group was invited back to help with

other projects that would help the home. The members, in turn, invited the staff to visit the church for fellowship meals and to attend a seminar on organic gardening.

In the near future the church

Members of the Portsmouth Seventh-day Adventist Church engaged in community service activity at a local children's home not far from the church.

took a wood chipper, lawn tractors, trailers, hand tools, and glad hearts to complete the task. Over several hours they cleared wood, chipped it, and spread it on trails and activity areas. Some of the staff and the children

will be looking for more volunteers to help at the Chase Home and at the homes of other neighbors in need of help.

—Jack Moreau, communication correspondent, Portsmouth church

Seven Pine Tree Students Baptized at Camp Lawroweld



Many people gathered to witness the baptism of seven students from the fifth- and sixth-grade classes at Pine Tree Academy. About midyear, the class decided they wanted to take Bible studies and prepare for baptism. Each Friday night they came for refreshments and fellowship and, of course, Bible study.

Seven of the nine (pictured above) were baptized this summer at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine. Ryan Pierce was baptized by Mark Pekar, Brunswick Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor. I baptized Jessica Huston and Vlad Krivoruk. Justin Pelletier was baptized by Ed Labbe, ordained pastor. Victoria Edmond was baptized by Bob Farley, Augusta Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor. Lilly LeBlond and Stephanie Burgess were baptized by Harry Sabnani, Northern New England Conference Youth Ministries director. Lauren Krueger, not pictured, was baptized at Camp Lawroweld on August 7 during Family Camp, and Sieun Gong will be baptized at a later date. God is so good!

—David Perkins, teacher, Pine Tree Academy

Northern New England Holds Conference for Young Adults

Topics such as postmodernism, faith, and why young people are leaving the church were discussed at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, on August 13 and 14 during a weekend themed “Open. Smile.

between the ages of 18 and 30 are leaving the church or have left the church,” said Ben Schnell. He is the Bible worker at the Portland White Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Portland, Maine, and the

ties that included meetings both nights and a Sabbath School and church service on Sabbath morning. There was ample time for Bible study and meeting new people, as well. The weather even cooperated to allow for swimming, hiking, and a soccer game.

sentations and questions. One concept that surfaced during the discussions is that loving others is the most important testimony of Christ’s disciples.

Participants arrived from all over the Northern New England Conference and, for those who registered in time, the event was free, thanks to the sponsorship of the conference. Schnell said he wasn’t sure if the event would happen again next year, but hopes that it will.

—Chris Clouzet, communication intern, Northern New England Conference

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Talk.” It was a conference for young adults from around the Northern New England Conference.

“The main question that we asked was why 70 percent of young adults

organizer of the event. Schnell presented some of his views at the group meetings and asked questions to prompt discussion.


About 45 young people joined the weekend activi-

“It was quite an unusual topic Ben brought up,” said Travis Heath, a weekend participant. “[Postmodernism] is a difficult topic to talk about.” Many young adults like Heath found the weekend thought-provoking, and several said they were blessed by Schnell’s pre-

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Children's Ministries Corner

As a parent, I find it humorous that parents will do many things for their children that they probably wouldn't do otherwise. A man dressing up in a princess costume to have a tea party with his daughter is a great example, but there's another side to it, as well.

How many people do you know who have left the church, only to start coming again when they have children? Their childhood upbringing is embedded in them, no matter how they might resist. We all want what is best for our children and many know that church is a great place for them to learn about Jesus, make great friends, and become positive role models for society. That doesn't even include the realization that many of us pray daily for our children to be in heaven.

That is why children's ministries is so important in our churches. It is sad that many of our Adventist churches do not realize the importance of having vibrant children's ministries programming, but I'm thankful for the ones that do.

Vacation Bible School is one program that any church can do—whether or not they have children in their church—because it encourages community children to attend, and there are very few churches without community children nearby.

The Southern New England Conference pages this month feature some of the Vacation Bible School programs that were held by the churches in the conference.

—Tamara Michalenko Terry, volunteer children's ministries coordinator, Southern New England Conference

Vacation



▶ Boston Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Boston, Massachusetts, held their Vacation Bible School program from July 19 to 23, using the theme High Seas Expedition. Thirty-seven children attended, and seven of them were from the community. Twenty adults and nine teenagers assisted with the program. The children explored the mighty love of God through touch, song, taste, and action. As they traveled from station to station, they went deeper into their understanding of God, learning that God sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins because He loves us.



▶ Northboro Seventh-day Adventist Church in Northborough, Massachusetts, held their Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School July 26 to 31.



▶ Warren Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, held their Vacation Bible School program from July 26 to 31.



▶ Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Windsor, Connecticut, held their Vacation Bible School program August 2 to 6. The theme was High Seas Voyage. They had 47 children attending the program with 12 children from the community. While this is the seventh year the church has held a VBS program, it is the third year that the church has held an all-day Vacation Bible School Day Camp, where the children participate in additional activities such as swimming and field trips.



▶ North Stamford Seventh-day Adventist Church in Stamford, Connecticut, held their Vacation Bible School program from July 5 to 9. The theme was Sailing the High Seas: Exploring the Mighty Love of God. They had 20 children between the ages of two and 12 years old and three teen volunteers, who were also graduates of previous Vacation Bible School programs. Five children represented the community or children of families that are not Seventh-day Adventists. The children finished the program with a presentation to the church on Sabbath, July 10, featuring songs and things they learned during the week. This was the sixth year the North Stamford church held a Vacation Bible School program.

Bible School

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Frank Tothteman, communication director



▶ Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist Church in Amesbury, Massachusetts, held their Heroes from the Bible themed Vacation Bible School program from June 21 to 25 with a program on Sabbath, June 26. Thirteen children attended the program with four coming from the community. The boy getting water balloons tossed at him was playing Goliath and the rest of the children were David using their arms as slings.

▶ Gardner Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gardner, Massachusetts, held their VBS program from August 9 to 13.



▶ Pleasant Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, had their Vacation Bible School from July 19 to 24. Their theme was High Seas Expedition. They had 119 children in attendance with dinner served nightly.



▶ Framingham Centre Seventh-day Adventist Church in Framingham, Massachusetts, held their Vacation Bible School program from July 12 to 16. More of their VBS pictures can be found on their church Web site: www.framinghamda.org.



▶ Fall River Portuguese Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fall River, Massachusetts, presented Castles and Crowns, a royal adventure-themed Vacation Bible School program from July 26 to 30. They had 45 children attending their first Vacation Bible School program. According to church member Silvia Silva, many children did not want to go home after the program; they wanted to stay at the church.



▶ Fitchburg Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, held their Vacation Bible School program from August 16 to 20.

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T. Wilson se Réunit Avec les Dirigeants de L'église Adventiste Mondiale par Vidéo-Conférence Pour Prier

Au mois d'août dernier, les dirigeants hauts placés de l'église adventiste du septième jour de différents pays se sont réunis pour prier tout en restant dans leur bureau.

Le président Ted N. C. Wilson a dirigé un moment de prière d'une durée de quinze minutes dans le siège principal de l'église adventiste mondiale avant de tracer les grandes lignes du comité de réveil spirituel nouvellement formé. Ensuite, chacun des neuf présidents de Divisions participant à la vidéo-conférence ont informé les

Les dirigeants peuvent désormais se réunir grâce à un système de vidéo haute-définition crypté et sécurisé, de façon à protéger encore davantage les questions délicates ou les affaires financières.

“Nous économisons ainsi des centaines de milliers de dollars par an” a dit Joseph Davis, ingénieur audio-visuel à la Conférence Générale.

Pourtant, J. Davis pense que la dénomination a même le potentiel d'économiser davantage. La question est le coût initial pour équiper les ordinateurs des employés avec le logiciel.

demander fréquemment l'utilisation de la salle de vidéo-conférence lorsqu'il est en visite à la Conférence Générale. Ainsi, il peut organiser des réunions de personnel avec les dirigeants qui se trouvent en Amérique du Sud.

D'autres cadres de l'Eglise utilisent les conférences via internet pour que les employés qui travaillent sur des continents différents apprennent à mieux se connaître.

Depuis qu'il a pris la tête d'Adventist Risk Management en début d'année, Robert Kyte a lancé des réunions mensuelles de personnel pour présenter les nouveaux employés, discuter des nouvelles initiatives et mettre en avant un département et ses salariés. Ces réunions qui durent habituellement une demi-heure, englobent les 140 employés de Maryland, de Californie du Sud, d'Atlanta, d'Angleterre et du Brésil. Un employé parlant l'anglais et le portugais assure l'interprétation des réunions pour les quatorze employés au Brésil.

“Avant cela, une personne travaillant dans notre bureau au Brésil n'aurait jamais su à quoi ressemblait le chef comptable ou quels étaient ses centres d'intérêts” a dit R. Kyte. ①

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autres dirigeants des progrès de la dénomination sur leur territoire.

T. Wilson a fait part de son projet d'organiser plus tard cette année et au début de l'année prochaine d'autres réunions par vidéo-conférence.

Bien que ces rencontres par vidéo ne soient pas nouvelles puisque les responsables de l'Eglise organisent des rencontres annuelles par vidéo depuis plus de cinq ans, les capacités en matière de technologie augmentent, ce qui permet de réduire le besoin de rencontres face à face ainsi que les coûts que celles-ci entraînent.

“Nous devons nous développer” a dit Mark Lindemann, vétéran en marketing avec trente ans à son actif et adjoint à l'audio-visuel à la Conférence Générale. “Il n'y a pas de raison pour que chaque directeur de département et chaque vice-président n'ait pas cette fonctionnalité sur son ordinateur.”

Ces dernières années, l'église adventiste en Amérique du Sud a équipé la plupart de ses bureaux régionaux et institutions de la technologie par vidéo-conférence. Le président de cette Division, Erton Köhler, est réputé pour

Wilson se Reúne Mediante una Videoconferencia Para Orar con los Líderes de la Iglesia Mundial

Los principales directivos de la Iglesia Adventista de diversos países se reunieron el mes pasado para orar, cada uno desde sus oficinas.

Ted N. C. Wilson, presidente de la sede central de la iglesia, lideró el grupo en 15 minutos de oración antes de bosquejar los planes de una recientemente formada comisión de reavivamiento. Cada uno de los nueve presidentes de división participantes actualizó a los demás líderes sobre los progresos en sus territorios.

que la denominación posee el potencial de ahorrar aún más. Entre los costos iniciales, se encuentran los de la programación informática necesaria, que permite usuarios múltiples y simultáneos. Este sistema avanzado ya está disponible en Sudamérica, Interamérica, Norteamérica, y también en la División del África Centro-Oriental, con sede en Nairobi, Kenia.

“Tenemos que expandirnos,” dijo Mark Lindemann, un veterano de



Los líderes de la iglesia se reunieron por medio de una videoconferencia el mes pasado para interiorizarse de los planes de Ted Wilson, el presidente de la Iglesia Adventista mundial, respecto de la recientemente formada comisión de reavivamiento.

Los avances tecnológicos permiten ahora que los líderes utilicen un sistema de alta definición cifrado, lo que protege aún más el tratamiento de temas sensibles o cuestiones financieras.

Wilson dijo que espera llevar a cabo más de estos encuentros, que significan una gran reducción de costos en pasajes aéreos, hoteles y alquiler de automóviles. Los avances tecnológicos permiten ahora que los líderes utilicen un sistema de alta definición cifrado, lo que protege aún más el tratamiento de temas sensibles o cuestiones financieras.

“Estamos ahorrando cientos de miles al año,” dijo Joseph Davis, ingeniero audiovisual en la sede central de la iglesia. Aun así, cree

promoción y asistente audiovisual en la sede central de la iglesia. “No hay razón por la cual cada director de departamento y vicepresidente no tenga esta capacidad en su computadora.”

En los últimos años, la iglesia de Sudamérica ha equipado a la mayoría de los oficinas regionales con la tecnología de videoconferencia. Su presidente, Erton Köhler, a menudo solicita el uso de la sala de videoconferencias cuando visita la sede central de la iglesia, para llevar a cabo reuniones con otros

líderes de su región.

Otros ejecutivos de la iglesia utilizan este medio para incrementar la familiaridad entre los empleados que trabajan en diferentes continentes.

Desde que asumió la conducción de Adventist Risk Management hace unos meses, Robert Kyte ha comenzado reuniones mensuales, donde se presentan a los nuevos empleados y se bosquejan nuevas iniciativas. Estos encuentros, que suelen durar una media hora, incluyen a los 140 empleados de Maryland, el Sur de California, Atlanta, Inglaterra y Brasil. Una persona interpreta el encuentro del inglés al portugués para los catorce empleados de Brasil.

“Antes de esto, alguien de las oficinas de Brasil acaso nunca conociera la cara del jefe de contadores de aquí, o cuáles eran sus intereses,” dijo Kyte. 0

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Statement on Meeting the Challenges of Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Part 2

See the October 2010 GLEANER, page 26, for Part 1.

Biblical Principles:

Although the efforts described above (see page 26 of the October 2010 GLEANER) are in many ways beneficial, they are only a response to existing situations created by the impact of sin. In the Scriptures, God has set out a superior plan to guide our use of His gift of sexuality. Built upon a series of guiding principles, it presents in practical terms God's ideal for His people who must live in a sin-stricken world.

1. Sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage. Sexuality is a loving gift of the Creator to humanity (Gen. 1:26, 27). The gospel calls believers to an appreciation for and stewardship of their sexuality in harmony with the divine purposes (1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:13-20; Eph. 5:1-8; Phil. 1:27; 1 Thess. 4:3-7). In God's plan, sexual intimacy is reserved for a man and a woman within the bounds of the marriage covenant (Gen. 2:24, 26; Ex. 20:14; Prov. 5; Song of Sol. 4:12; 8:8-10; 2:6, 7; Hos.3:3; Heb. 13:4). Sexual fidelity within marriage is crucial to convey a full understanding of God's metaphor comparing marriage to His relationship with His people (Isa. 54:5; Hos. 2:14-23; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:6-9; 21:9).
2. Sexual intimacy outside of marriage is immoral and harmful. Such intimacy has detrimental effects on individuals (Lev. 18:6-3; Rom. 1:24-27; 1 Cor. 6:18), as well as on the marriage relationship (Prov. 5:1-23). It is identified by Scripture as part of the sinful life (Gal. 5:19; Col. 3:5).
3. God recognizes human frailty. His divine will for human beings and His intent for creation are unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; Matt. 5:17-20; Acts 20:27). His absolute love for human beings and His redemptive intent are equally unchangeable (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 8:35-39; Eph. 1:1-14; 1 Jn. 4:7-10). The gospel message, centered in Jesus Christ, binds these truths together (Ps. 85:10; 1 Jn. 2:1, 2).
4. The church conducts its mission in a fallen world. Existing conditions contrast sharply with God's ideal. Both believers and unbelievers are vulnerable to sexual immorality as one of the tragic results of sin (Jn. 17:15; 1 Jn. 2:15). The church is called to minister to believers and unbelievers alike, reaching and reclaiming sinners (Matt. 28:19; Mark 2:17; 2 Cor. 5:20, 21), nurturing the growth of believers (Eph. 2:19-22; 4:11-13, 15; 1 Thess. 5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18), uplifting the infinite worth of each individual (Isa. 43:3, 4, 7; Matt. 12:12; 1 Pet. 1:18,

19), protecting the weak and vulnerable (Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Heb. 13:3), promoting and preserving life and health (Jn. 10:10; 1 Cor. 6:19; 3 Jn. 2), and calling men and women to take up their lofty position as God's chosen and holy people (Eph. 4:1; 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16). The ministry of the church is both to meet individuals where they are (1 Cor. 3:1, 2; 7:1-28), and to call them to a higher standard (Luke 19:5-10; Jn. 8:3-11; Acts 17:18-34).

5. A spiritual development process is anticipated in the Christian life. Change for the Christian involves both conversion (Jn. 3:3, 7; Acts 3:19; Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 5:17) and growth (Prov. 4:18; Luke 2:52; Eph. 3:17-19; 4:11-15; 2 Pet. 3:18). At conversion, believers accept Christ's perfect life as their own by faith and experience a Spirit-led transformation of values (Jn. 3:5; Gal. 2:20). Both external and internal forces may provoke relapses in thought or conduct (Gal. 5:16-18; 1 Jn. 3:20), but commitment to grace-induced progress in the Christian life (1 Cor. 15:10; Phil. 3:12-14; Col. 1:28, 29) and reliance upon God-provided resources (Rom. 8:5-7; Gal. 5:24, 25) will produce growth toward Christlikeness (Gal. 5:22-25; Eph. 5:1).

The Scriptures call for human beings to progress morally and spiritually throughout their lives (Luke 2:52; 1 Cor. 13:11; 14:20). Planning for and facilitating such growth is integral to fulfilling the gospel commission (Matt. 28:20; Eph. 3:14-24). It is the task of religious education to attend to individual development and to present truth in ways that hearers can understand (Matt. 11:15), causing them to stretch but not to stumble (Rom. 14:1-21; 1 Cor. 8:9-13). Though some allowance may be made for the unlearned or immature (Matt. 13:34; Jn. 16:12; Acts 17:30; 1 Cor. 3:1, 2), over time individuals should progress toward a more complete understanding of God's will (Jn. 16:13) and a fuller expression of love for God and one another (Matt. 22:37-39; Jn. 13:35; 1 Jn. 3:14; 4:11, 12). Under God's blessing, the clear presentation of the gospel and careful attention to the disciple-making process will bear spiritual fruit, even among those who have been involved in sexual sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11). ①

This statement was voted during the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee on Sunday, September 27, 1998, in Iguacu Falls, Brazil.

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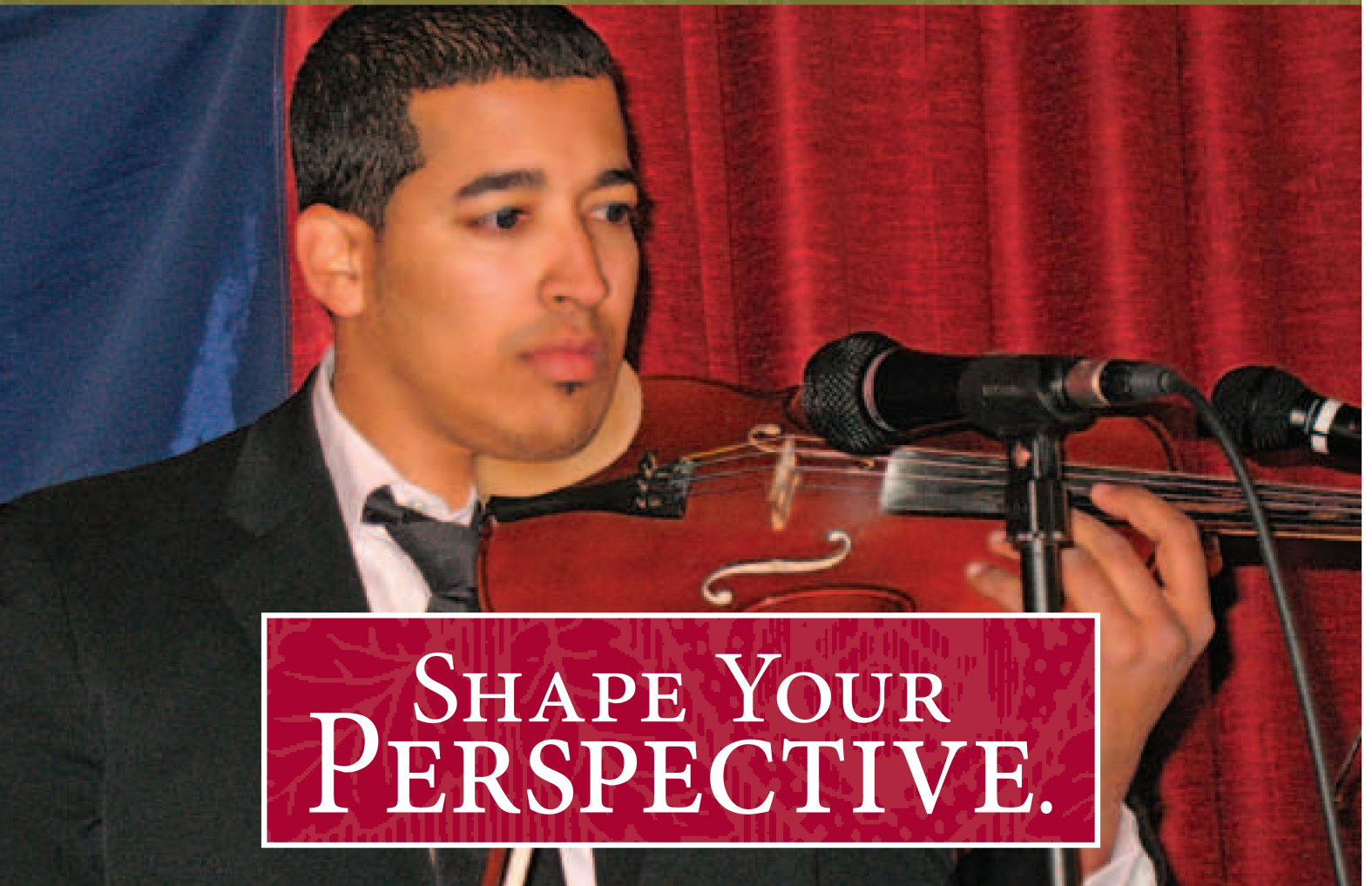
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