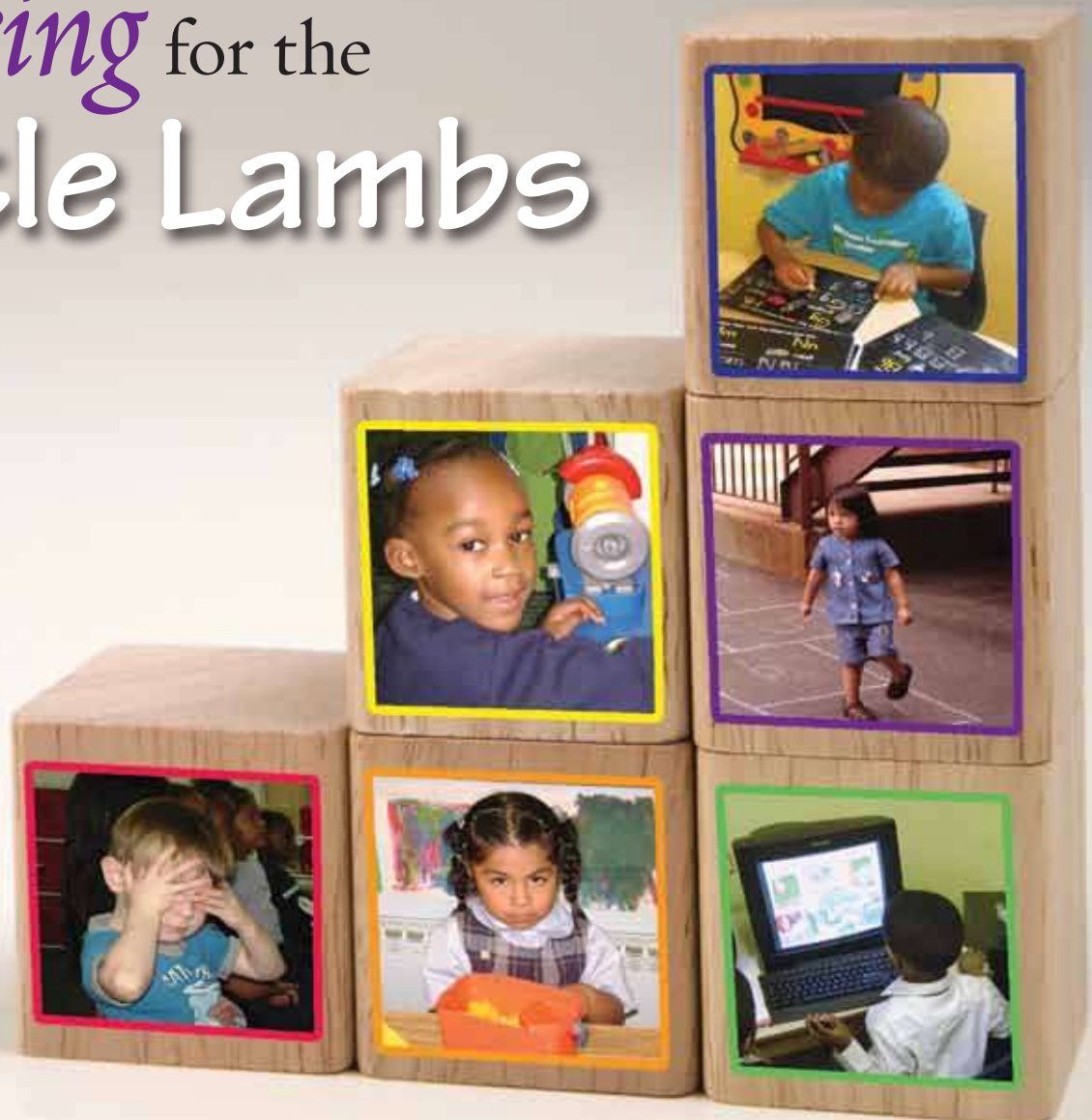


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To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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# Can You **Take A Risk?**

I am amazed at some of the risks people take with their lives, investment, retirement, health, and even family. Jesus told a parable of a man who was going on a long journey (Matthew 25:14-30). The man called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one servant he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to the third, one talent, according to their ability. The man who received five put the talents to work and made five more talents. The man who received two talents also doubled his output. The one who received one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. This was a common practice in ancient time.

After some time the master returned to receive the account. The one who received five talents went first and said, "You gave me five talents and I made five more for you." The master was delighted and said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The one with two talents came in and said, "You gave me two talents and I made two more." The master was delighted and said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The third servant came in and said, "I know you are a hard master, so I hid the talent in the ground, where it could be safe, and here it is." The master was angry and took the talent and gave it to the one who made an additional five.

Notice the third servant who took his master's talent and buried it because he feared failure. He was fearful of doing the wrong thing, so he did nothing at all. He was not going to take a risk or gamble with someone else's money by buying speculative stocks and bonds. He was afraid of what people might think of him. I wonder how many of us fail to be the people God has called us to be because we are afraid of what people think of us, speak of us, and because of how they evaluate us.

The one with one talent was afraid of his master. "I know you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered

seed." I do not see anywhere in the parable that the master was a hard man. In fact, he was very generous and gave compliments to the two other servants. The problem was that he was serving his master from fear rather than from love.

He played the "if only" game. If only I was given the talents of the other two men, then I could have accomplished something." We like to play the game too. I would love to teach a Sabbath School class, if only I had her ability. If only I had his voice, I would sing in the choir.

"He must have thought my one talent would not make any difference." There are a lot of people who feel that way today. May I remind you that the Good Samaritan who stopped to help a beaten victim on the road to Jericho that day did not resolve all of the social, political, and economic ills of the first century, but he did what he could. And that is the issue for us. Are we doing what we can, where we are, and with what we have?

The third servant, while acting prudently and cautiously, was not acting productively. Jesus did not like buried treasures. He did not take the side street or safe ways. Jesus did not teach His disciples to bury their faith for some distant future. Jesus taught His disciples to bear witness to their faith here and now. Jesus is not in the burial business, He is in the resurrection business.

Jesus insists that we bear, not bury. To bury our gifts, talents, and strengths is to waste His investment in us. How big a risk are you willing to take for God? Following Jesus means walking by faith, not fear. Following Jesus means trusting God. Following Jesus means maximizing the gifts He has given. Finally, we will hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." ①

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*Leon Thomassian is the Atlantic Union Conference treasurer and trust services director.*



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# Caring for the Little Lambs

Many parents in today's society entrust the care of their small children to non-family members in preschool or childcare while they are working. Some of those facilities are located in Adventist schools and churches around the Atlantic Union. Recognizing this awesome responsibility, the North American Division and its nine unions have made early childhood education and care a matter of priority. A governance system and administrative structure have been established to ensure that quality early childhood education and care is provided in each of these facilities.

**F**ive days a week there are 93 teachers helping to mold 567 hearts in 33 centers of learning across the Atlantic Union. They are following God's commission to go and teach. Each day the children make new discoveries, acquire the needed academic skills, and grow in Jesus. Each day they are given opportunities to fall in love with Jesus and understand that it's the best thing they could ever do.

Throughout this article, you will see some examples of how God is leading in the lives of the younger members of the church. They are involved in community service, planting seeds for God, and sharing in simple ways. They, too, are following God's commission to go and teach.

## Riverview Memorial School

The six students at Riverview Memorial School in Norridgewock, Maine, are learning how they can model their lives after Jesus' character. The number one rule in their classroom is "The Golden Rule," based on Matthew 7:12, "Do unto others what you want them to do to you." They are given opportunities daily to make Jesus their best Friend. During their Week of Prayer themed Ten Days in the Upper Room, they learned how important it is to talk to Jesus and the significance of the Holy Spirit's role in their lives.

The students are following in the footsteps of the Master and learning to be productive members of society. They have developed a relationship with the local fire department. During Fire Prevention Week, they went to the firehouse and learned what to do if there is a fire. The highlight of their day was when they were able to board the big fire truck and pretend they were firefighters.

During the Christmas season, they learned about Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." They shared Jesus with their community by baking bread and delivering it, along with a handmade card, to the less fortunate. They did not preach a sermon in church, but they took to the streets and met the people where they are, showing love and touching one person at a time for Jesus.

*Terrie Smiley, pre-kindergarten teacher*



The children on the fire truck during their visit to the firehouse.



The children baked bread and shared it.

By Marlene Alvarez

### Poughkeepsie Seventh-day Adventist School

The last Friday of every month is a Dress-up Day at the Poughkeepsie Seventh-day Adventist School in Poughkeepsie, New York. In the pre-kindergarten class the eight students have been learning about community service workers. They are taught that, with God's help, they can become whatever they want to be. The future leaders come dressed to do their internship.

Dr. Lopez, dressed as a doctor, takes care of her patients, while Nathaniel, Amaury, and David understand and share the task of working together, not only to protect their community, but to build it. As a team they collaborate to construct a perfectly symmetrical building. They learn that together they are strong and together they can build a lasting community. The teachers work to instill in their hearts and minds the building blocks of cooperation and Christian values, coupled with the knowledge that God gave each person talents that must be used in His service and in service to the community.

*Judith White, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teacher*



**Dr. Lopez takes care of her patients.**



**The children learn to work together to protect and build their community.**

### Busy Bee Learning Center

The Busy Bee Learning Center in Brooklyn, New York, is housed at the Flatbush Seventh-day Adventist School. The students are always busy. They learn through song and activity that Jesus loves them. They, along with the first-, second-, and third-graders at the school, were in charge of chapel. They led the school in the opening and closing prayer and the opening song. They warmly welcomed their schoolmates to the chapel service. To add some spice to the program they melodiously sang "Jesus Loves Even Me." The students are preparing to take their places of leadership in our churches.

This year they are learning that reading is fundamental. They visited the library where the librarian brought the stories to life for them. They enjoyed the stories so much they wanted to continue the experience, so they used their library cards to check out books in order to repeat the experience at home with their parents. There are three entities that work together in the education of our children: the home, the church, and the school. Busy Bee students are making the connection with all three entities.

*Patricia Anderson, pre-kindergarten teacher*



### Cornerstone Daycare and Preschool

The Cornerstone Daycare and Preschool is located in Devonshire, Bermuda. The 43 students are always involved in many activities. In September 2011, they invited their grandparents to a tea party and hat show. The grandparents told stories about themselves.

In October 2011, the children prepared signs to welcome the police to their school. The police talked with the students about the different functions of the police department. They brought a motorcycle, a police car, and a police tricar with them. The children were given the opportunity to explore the police car, and ride on the motorcycle and the tricar. In November 2011, Kianna Simmons, a dentist, visited with the children and talked about taking care of their teeth and eating healthy foods.

In December 2011, they presented a play titled "Littlest Christmas Tree" for the parents and the community. The little lambs at Cornerstone are little evangelists who share the love of Jesus with others through a song, a smile, or a hug. They took time to present Christmas cards and to hang pictures with the residents of the Matilda Smith Rest home and the Extended Care Unit at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

January was a time to learn about career awareness. They met Austin Smith, a plumber, who showed them tools and told them a very funny story, and Lamont Burgess, an electrician, who talked about his job and showed them the tools that he uses. Finally, they met Bobby Rego, a fisherman, who brought fishing gear and pictures of different types of fish. The fisherman donated fishing gear to the school.

The children at Cornerstone Daycare and Preschool are making connections with their community and learning from the very best so that they, too, can become the very best now, when they are older, and in the world made new.

*Cheryl King, director*



*The children wait in line for their turn to get on the police tricar.*



*Busy learning at Seasons Learning Center in Bermuda.*

These are just a few examples of the learning that is taking place in pre-kindergarten centers. The children are being taught in simple language that we all must be obedient to our parents and to God. They are also learning that, although they may be small, they matter and they too can make a difference to hasten Jesus' soon return. "It is during the first years of a child's life that his mind is most susceptible to impressions, either good or evil. During these years decided progress is made in either a right direction to a wrong one"—CHILD GUIDANCE, p. 193.

The Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education Early Childhood Education and Care Department provides regional in-service education for conference ECEC personnel, visits the schools/centers, and works with and supports the staff and children in these centers. ①

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By Marlene Alvarez

## The Best Natural Resource of Our Church: The Children

**N**atural resources are essential for our survival. According to Webster's dictionary, a natural resource is something that occurs in nature and is of value to human life. Natural resources are also defined as resources occurring in nature that can be used to create wealth. In recent years there has been a great concern about the depletion of our natural resources. Many measures have been taken to protect the natural resources

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given by God from the foundation of the world. In 1982, the United Nations developed the World Charter for Nature to help protect nature from further depletion caused by human activity. The ultimate goal is to ensure that a healthy environment exists for all life on earth.

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we have natural resources that need to be protected. Our children are our greatest natural resource. We must do everything we can to protect children and ensure that they grow and develop in a healthy environment. According to scientific-based research and the Spirit of Prophecy, early learning matters. Tremendous growth and the development of habits and attitudes toward life occur between birth and age eight. Early childhood educa-

tion and care begins the journey for our children that will span a lifetime. The early learning years lay the foundation for critical-thinking skills, problem-solving skills, and social skills; but more importantly, it is the beginning of a love affair with their Creator, Savior, and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Because of changes in the family structure in society, early childhood centers have become much more important, if we are to

follow the instructions of the Master Teacher, to "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it"—Proverbs 22:6 (NIV). We are to train them to lead, empower them to serve, encourage them to persevere, and inspire them to be ready for His soon coming. This goal can be achieved if we make available to them Christ-centered, quality programs that are in alignment with the principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in safe learning environments. When something is important to you, you protect it. When Jesus walked on earth, He made it a point to let people know how important children were. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"—Matthew

19:14(NIV). Not only are they important to us, but He gives further instruction through the inspired pen of Ellen G. White, who recommends the following for the church, "Then let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock. Let the children be educated and trained to do service for God, for they are the Lord's heritage"—TESTIMONIES, vol. 6, p. 203. God has set the blueprint and He speaks with the end result in mind: "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children"—EDUCATION, p. 18.

The little lambs grow up very quickly and all too soon, the precious learning years have slipped away. We must protect our best resource, with the understanding that we do not just educate our children for the here and now, but also for eternity. "All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace"—Isaiah 54:13 (NIV). As one family, as one community, as one village, let us preserve our greatest resource, meet their needs, and ensure that we have quality centers where we can nurture our children in the way that they should go so that as they mature they will, hopefully, remain faithful. ☺



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# The Atlantic Union's Bold New Vision for an Evangelistic Training School



Lois King

Founders Hall on the Atlantic Union College campus in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

The Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee at its February 16, 2012, meeting approved in principle a proposal for the development of an evangelistic and gospel medical missionary training school. NETS or Northeast Evangelism Training School is envisioned as a non-accredited diploma pastoral and lay training institute conducted on the campus of Atlantic Union College to equip each student to become an effective soul-winning witness for Jesus.

NETS will offer short-term intensives for pastors during each calendar year by the most outstanding soul winners and church growth specialists in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. NETS will offer a six- and nine-month medical missionary training course for lay people who desire further instruction on how to win souls in their local church communities. Students will be taught how to follow the example of Jesus in meeting the needs of those they minister to, ultimately leading them to a saving knowledge of Christ and His last-day message.

While being provided with the highest quality education in soul winning, students will also have the opportunity to be “mentored” with “hands on” practice under the tute-

lage of experienced and successful evangelistic instructors.

Ellen G. White wrote many years ago, “We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us.

## “NETS will offer a six- and nine-month medical missionary training course for lay people”

The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths”—TESTIMONIES, vol. 7, p. 62.

The cost of operating NETS will be fairly low, since most of the instructors will be contract teachers and/or current church employees. A business plan, including a marketing/enrollment plan is being developed to ascertain financial feasibility.

NETS will be governed by the Atlantic Union Conference in cooperation and consultation with the North American Division and the General Conference of Seventh-day

Adventists. Eventually, it would have the possibility of expanding into a world-class international evangelistic training school and lay training medical missionary center.

The evangelistic endeavors conducted by instructors and students throughout the northeast will foster the growth of local Adventist churches. Students flooding into churches in New England, New York, and Bermuda from NETS will breathe new life into congregations. Pastors attending NETS short-term intensives will return to their congregations refreshed with a new vision. With a new workforce of lay people, trained and equipped to witness for their Lord, the church in the Atlantic Union will grow rapidly. Souls will be won for the kingdom of God.

God’s prophetic messenger to the remnant gives us this assurance. “There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have

not yet witnessed”—MEDICAL MINISTRY, p. 304. This promise of our Lord will be fulfilled before His return.

Multitudes in the great cities and rural areas of the Atlantic Union territory will be reached with the Three Angels’ Messages. The coming of our Lord will be hastened. The opportunity lies before us. The time is now to make a courageous decision to dream God’s dreams and do something significant for His cause. As Jesus said 2000 years ago, it is time to launch out into the deep and cast out the NETS!

—Donald G. King, president, Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Members, Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee





## Update on Atlantic Union College as of February 16, 2012

Late last year, the Atlantic Union College (AUC) Board of Trustees (BOT) voted to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) for the reestablishment of degree-granting authority at Atlantic Union College. This was done after its accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) was discontinued for financial reasons in July 2011.

After meeting with the DHE and a deadline was given to AUC of January 1, 2012, to submit the application, the BOT approved two programs: (1) Theology—to train students in theology and pastoral ministry to serve in local churches throughout the union territory, and (2) Health Science/Biology—because of AUC's prior outstanding track record in health and biological science programs, including nursing.

Gina Brown, Ph.D., a Maryland educator, was hired as an administrative consultant to spearhead the appli-

cation process, which was completed well before the January 1 deadline. The application process with the DHE is expected to take several months.

A part of the application process included the completion of the financial audit for the 2010-2011 school year. This too, was completed and submitted prior to the deadline. The external auditor reported an unqualified (the best type) status for the audit.

The continuation of studies for former regular students has been meticulously cared for through teach-out agreements with other Adventist colleges and universities. Nursing students are taught-out through Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Massachusetts.

AUC's Adult Degree Program (ADP) students are cared for through Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU), reports Barbara Fuller, ADP director. Several ADP students from AUC will graduate from SWAU in May.

Arrangements have been made through the Atlantic Union



Conference Office of Education for teachers in all six conferences of the Atlantic Union to receive their certifications through Andrews University. The arrangement will be assessed after one year. Prior to this arrangement, teachers in the Atlantic Union schools were certified at Atlantic Union College.

For updates on AUC, you may refer to its Web site: [www.auc.edu](http://www.auc.edu).

—Donald G. King, president, Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Inc., Board of Trustees

### Prayer Preparation for NY13 - Phase I

Every member in every church in the Atlantic Union is invited to participate in the Prayer Ministries Initiative in preparation for the Metro New York Evangelism in 2013. The initiative, sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Prayer Ministries Department, has three phases. Below is an outline of the timeline and suggested items for prayer during Phase I.

#### General Preparation With Prayer January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

- Every conference/church/member praying for NY13
- Union-wide Youth/Pathfinder Prayer Summit and Rally in New York City
- Every school/academy dedicate a period of time weekly to pray for NY13
- Union-wide Call to Prayer every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Call (712) 451-6100, Access Code: 3687072
- Northern New England Conference daily prayer line from 6:00-7:00 a.m.

- Every church and pastor engaged in prayer initiatives, including:
  - Day(s) of prayer and fasting
  - 40 days of prayer and Bible study
  - Weekly mention of NY13 in prayer emphasis
  - Community prayer walks/vigils
- Union-wide Fall Prayer Summit to be held October/November 2012
- Union-wide training of 3,000 prayer intercessors/partners
- New York City Prayer Rally on September 21-22, 2012
- Union-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting on November 16, 2012

For more information about the prayer initiative, contact the Atlantic Union Conference Prayer Ministries Department at (978) 368-8333 ext. 3010.

## Elders Ordained at Hempstead Church

The Hempstead church was packed to capacity, chairs were placed in the aisles, and additional members shared via closed circuit television the ordination of Therese Noel and Neville Townsend.

**Therese Noel** was born in Haiti in an established Seventh-day Adventist family. Her grandmother, Unellie Mercier, was one of the pioneers of the Adventist message in Haiti and a colleague of Ellen G. White. Noel was baptized at the age of 12, and since that time she has used the gifts God has given to her in His service by teaching Sabbath School classes, being actively involved in the Pathfinder Club, and producing and directing biblical plays.

Noel is also gifted in the area of music. Her interest and deep involvement in the music ministry of the church has been the foundation of her activities in furthering the gospel. She uses her vocal talent to glorify God. She also teaches others to use their voice to minister in song, as well.

Her desire is to continue growing in grace while using all her gifts, talents,

knowledge, and resources to help finish the work of the gospel in the entire world. Her personal texts are, "My strength will manifest in your weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9) and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Noel has two sons, Daniel and Vladimir, who are trained to use their musical gifts in the ministry.

**Neville Townsend** was born in Jamaica. He was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church by a friend who gave him the booklet *ACROSS THE BRIDGE*. The impact of the book led him to visit the Hempstead church. He says that the warmth and fellowship with which the members embraced him encouraged him to join the church family.

Through the nurture and friendship of Easton Marks, then pastor of the church, and the membership at large, Townsend accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message and was baptized in 2004. He is involved in various ministries in the church, including men's ministries, personal ministries, and Adventist youth ministries. Townsend says



Pictured from left are Marie Townsend, wife of Neville Townsend; newly-ordained elders Neville Townsend and Therese Noel; Lillian Mitchell, the pastor's wife; and Orette Mitchell, Hempstead church pastor.

he enjoys being a Sabbath School teacher.

He is on fire for the Lord. He points out that the road to eternal life is not an easy one, and if, for some reason, he falls, he is asking the church family to help pick him up. Townsend is married to Marie and together they have one daughter, Amelia.

In his admonition to these two individuals and the congregation, Mitchell outlined the process pottery goes through before it is ready for use. He admonished that God is in the process of molding, but he can only mold clay that is willing to be molded. "As God molds us, He wants to

mold us into His likeness, so that we will reflect Him. God has promised that He will make us all into vessels of honor as we allow Him to mold us after His likeness," Mitchell said.

Ventryce Thomas, the church's first elder, presented the candidates for ordination, and James Patterson, elder, presented the charge. After the prayer of consecration and response by the newly-ordained elders, the certificates and a copy of the Andrews Study Bible were presented to the elders.

—Lillian Mitchell, member and pastor's wife, Hempstead church

## English Ministries Convention Emphasizes Living After Pentecost

Members from several of the English-speaking churches in the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) gathered on Sabbath, March 10, for their biannual English ministries convention. The theme for the convention was Pentecost, The Passion, The Power. Four highlights of the day deserve our attention.



A special panel started the day focusing on prayer. Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union

**D. Robert Kennedy, pastor of the Church of the Oranges in New Jersey, was the keynote speaker.**

Conference executive secretary and prayer ministries director, led the panel in discussing the power of prayer and the prayer of faith. Simmons encouraged all members to take part in the North American Division's prayer initiative for 2012 as well as the General Conference's 777 program, which encourages members to pray at 7:00

a.m., and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week.

D. Robert Kennedy, pastor of the Church of the Oranges in Orange, New Jersey, and former personal ministries director in GNYC, was the keynote speaker. In his message, Kennedy challenged listeners to live in the “after,” that is, to live a changed and victorious life “after” the Holy Spirit has been poured out and received within. Kennedy continued to note that many of us live in “before Pentecost” but God wants us to live “after Pentecost” and be a great witness for Jesus Christ.

“Our afternoon symposium sought to address many of the significant issues and challenges found in our churches,” said Bancroft Daughma, English ministries director.

The symposium tackled the stark reality that many churches today are splitting down the middle on issues such as worship style, leadership, and involvement of women in leadership roles, as well as involvement of young professionals in church life.

“I hope that our leaders, officers, and members left with enough information to address the pertinent issues in their churches in a healthy way,” said Daughma.

Delta Mu Chorale of the Greater New York Academy closed the evening with a gospel concert. Principal



Photos: Rohann Wellington

The Hempstead church choir sang at the English Ministries Convention.



Bancroft Daughma, Greater New York Conference English Ministries director.

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—Rohann D. Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

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## Discipleship Group Leaders Trained

Like the New Testament Church of Acts 2, members of the Warwick church are experiencing discipleship through a simple, effective format—welcoming each other, worshiping together, sharing God’s Word, and creating witnessing opportunities. Recognizing that true discipleship occurs only by the moving of the Holy Spirit, the members are excited about the potential of small groups. Ariel Manzueta, the church’s pastor, and Bernice Gibbons, a church member, are training the future group leaders who meet weekly in an environment “where leadership skills are modeled and challenged,” Gibbons says.

A successful discipleship group builds a strong community of believers who are intentional about reaching out to unchurched family members, friends, and coworkers. “We are looking for God moments to show

the love of God,” Beverly Brangman, a church member, says. To achieve this, each member—and by way of extension, the group—must experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The group members desire a Pentecost breakthrough when they “have all things in common” (Acts 2:44). Committing precious scriptures to memory and drawing closer to Christ through continued, personal study nourishes their prayer lives and emboldens them to speak for Him.

The group is diverse in age, backgrounds, and gifts. Yet, immediately, they realized that if new believers were to experience family unity within the church, the group must experience it first. Members have traded personal barriers of accountability and discomfort, for dedication, to allow the Holy Spirit free reign in their lives. They have opened the doors



Warwick members meet in small groups and are trained to be effective group leaders.

of their hearts to a deep level of Christian fellowship.

If a body of water doesn’t have an outlet, it will stagnate. Likewise, a closed group will eventually become stale. Healthy small groups grow by embracing new members and developing more disciples. Members grow spiritually and the fruit is multiplication. Each leader-in-training will eventually lead a small group, which

will birth additional groups. Nicole Jeffers says she feels inspired by the multiplication concept. “Just knowing that I will be able to do the same for others who wish to be led to Christ is an awesome feeling,” she says. The group looks forward to being used by the Holy Spirit and to the life-changing results of future groups.

—Sherma Webbe Clarke, member, Warwick church

## Church Members Feed Residents in Their Community

The Adventist Community Services (ACS) department of the St. David’s church launched a feeding program in September 2011 to serve the community. Under the leadership of Dora Baker, the church’s ACS director, several members meet on Wednesdays to cook or distribute food in the community.

Upwards of 60 people from the community and the church visit the fellowship hall of the church frequently. The program provides food for people in the community and includes an invitation for them to attend prayer meeting. At least one guest joins the church staff each week to help with cooking and distributing food. Jennifer Simmons is so pas-



Church members, Debra White, left, and Kenneth Cox, Jr., right, and Helen Baxter, center, a community resident, work together preparing food for the people in the community.

sionate about this program that she invited her friend Helen Baxter to join her and they both serve in the church kitchen each week.

In addition to members of the community sitting around the table for supper each Wednesday, there is a core group of members who distribute food to the surrounding neighborhood. On February 29, Shakir Amory,

a member of Somerset church, and his friends, Jah-Che Cooper, Daquan Pitcher, and Peter McGlashin joined the group. Shakir Amory formed BrightSide, a group dedicated to assisting others. They provide transportation to help distribute plates of food to the neighborhood residents. Shakir Amory’s mom, Roslyn Amory, an administrative

secretary at the Bermuda Conference, indicated that the four young men enjoyed helping to distribute food to the seniors in St. David’s so much they intend to make it a regular activity each Wednesday night. BrightSide is determined to be of assistance in and around the community.

The members of St. David’s church applaud the young men for giving to those who are in need and for using their time and dedicating their talents in the Lord’s work. The church is praying that the Lord will pour out His Spirit on these individuals who are doing what they can to bring comfort and cheer to the community.

—D. Randolph Wilson, pastor, St. David’s church

## Kingsbury Church Hosts Prayer Breakfast

The Kingsbury church family met for their annual prayer breakfast on January 22. The event was sponsored by the church's women's and men's ministries.

The church's pastor, Miguel Crespo, was the speaker. He shared the value, purposes, and power of prayer in the members' lives. He also pointed out that members should not only pray for each other, but with each other, anytime two or three



▲ The men who attended the Kingsbury church prayer breakfast took care of cooking the pancakes and vegetarian sausages.

◀ Bonnie and Miguel Crespo with Janice Close, right, the Kingsbury church women's ministries leader.



are together and before they separate. Those seated at each table spent time praying for each other. It was a morning of fellowship and blessings.

—Carol Grimes, women's ministries hostess, Kingsbury church

## Hundreds Attend Adventist Christian Fellowship Symposium

The Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) at Syracuse University recently held a healthy lifestyle symposium to reach out to the community as well as the student body. It was a way to introduce what they believe to others with a symposium devoted to living a healthy life, especially because health is one of the pillars of their faith. Sally Hafner, N.P. and Beth Burghardt, M.D., both members of the church in Syracuse, were the presenters. It was an opportunity to involve their local church family in their efforts to tell students more about life and how to have it more abundantly.

Hafner emphasized the importance of having a diversified, yet nutritious diet that will not only improve physical health,

but mental health, as well. During the event, the students served fresh, wholesome foods for hundreds of people. The food reflected Hafner's diet presentation and served as a reminder that their bodies are temples while highlighting the idea that whatever they eat, drink, or do, must be to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Burghardt spoke about the dangers of smoking and drinking, acts that defile the body and bring dishonor to God. She demonstrated how drinking and smoking damages one's physical, mental, and spiritual health.



Sally Hafner, N.P.



Beth Burghardt, M.D.

The students acknowledge the New York Conference for sponsoring gifts of books that include tips about healthy eating and simple recipes, and Paul Hafner, Jr., for coordinating the presentations. They also acknowledge Syracuse University for providing funding for the food and space rental.

ACF at Syracuse University is a campus ministry with a goal of spreading the gospel of Jesus to the collegiate community as well as the community at large, through community service, health seminars, and Bible studies.

The student fellowship leaders believe that this is only the beginning of their evangelistic efforts. They solicit your prayers as they spread the gospel to those who don't have it and need to hear it, to those who know it, but have no one to study with, and most of all, to those who have shut their ears to the sound of God knocking on the doors of their hearts.

—C. J. Bell, college student and member, Adventist Christian Fellowship

## Ephesus Church Holds Mortgage-burning Ceremony

The Ephesus church in Harlem, New York, staged a mortgage-burning ceremony at the end of January after a \$550,000 mortgage held by the Atlantic Union Revolving Fund was paid in full. The funds were used to restore the exterior of the 125-year-old building that was badly damaged in a fire in 1969.

The fire completely destroyed the interior of the church, except for three stained glass windows. A portion of the steeple, a Harlem landmark for generations, was removed to prevent it from collapsing. In 1977 an eight-year renovation project was completed at a cost of \$2 million.

In a survey conducted in 1998, it was discovered that the building's exterior

was in dire need of restoration and posed a risk to the public. The church voted to undertake the project and the restoration was done in phases so that it would not disrupt the use of the building. The missing 30 feet of the steeple, weighing 7,000 pounds, was replaced in December 2006. Today the steeple tower stands at its original height, making the church one of the tallest structures in central Harlem.

Ephesus church has occupied the building since 1930, and the congregation numbers about 1,300. "With the restoration of the exterior, Ephesus is now recognized as the landmark anchor of the historic village of Central Harlem, says Dedrick Blue, the church's pastor. "It has sparked a



Gregory Hodge

Ephesus church leaders celebrated paying off a \$550,000 mortgage during a mortgage-burning ceremony at the end of January. In the foreground are Alvaro Stewart and Dedrick L. Blue, the church's pastor. Behind them, from left, are Allen Price, Melissa Preddie, Joseph Merriweather, Otis Searcy, Franz DeFreitas, and John Cunningham.

new sense of community pride as tourists and residents now frequently enter into the building that once appeared so foreboding. Now with our \$62 refund

from the Atlantic Union Revolving Fund, we will begin the restoration of the interior. Praise God!"

—Ednor A. P. Davison, GLEANER editor

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the third regular quadrennial and twenty-sixth regular constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is for the receiving of reports for the past quadrennium, the election of officers, departmental directors, and pertinent committees for the ensuing quadrennium, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates chosen on the basis of one for the organization and one additional delegate for each 70 members or major fraction thereof.

Trevor H. C. Baker, President  
Larry J. Bailey, Secretary

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The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing quadrennium, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to the third regular quadrennial meeting of the Conference are the delegates to the third regular quadrennial meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

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## Adventist International Medical Missionaries (AIMM)

2012 Medical Mission Trips



AIMM is an international humanitarian organization whose members are professional volunteers from various Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the New York and New Jersey area. The mission of AIMM is to show the love of Christ by ministering to the needs of individuals who are less fortunate or under-served in local and global communities.

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## Female Students Participate in SHINE

For the past several months, the female students in grades 6-8 at Pine Tree Academy have had the opportunity to be involved in a girl's club called SHINE (Share Him In Everything). Janel Tyson, the teacher in grades 7 and 8, wanted to start something specifically geared toward the struggles and questions with which girls this age may be wrestling.

The girls are invited once a month to Tyson's home to discuss such topics as the spiritual responsibility of teen girls, inner beauty, manners, modesty, emotional health, and friendships. After socializing and snacking for awhile, Tyson leads the girls in a Bible study. She has

also asked several community members to speak to the girls about selected topics. Tyson is optimistic that this type of proactive approach to character development might alleviate some of the drama in which girls find themselves. "Please continue to pray for the success of this new program," Tyson says.

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference



Standing in the back on the right is Collette Pekar, assistant pastor at Brunswick church and chaplain at Parkview Adventist Medical Center, who was the speaker at one of Pine Tree Academy's SHINE club meetings.

## Parkview Adventist Medical Center Names Interim President

Officials at Parkview Adventist Medical Center in Brunswick, Maine, named Rande R. Reynolds interim president, succeeding president Ted Lewis. Board chairman Mike Ortel, who announced the news, says "There have been multiple clinical improvements during Ted's tenure at Parkview over the last 10 years, [including] the LifeFlight of Maine helicopter, many new primary care providers, the Topsham practice and new specialists, such as cardiology and orthopedics, to name a few.



Rande Reynolds

We appreciate his efforts and thank him for his service to the hospital and community. Parkview has greatly improved its total medical offerings during his tenure."

Reynolds, treasurer of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has more than 25 years of financial management experience with nonprofit groups.

Parkview Adventist Medical Center, a non-profit, acute-care hospital, was established in 1959.

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## God is Worthy of My Tithe

As I was growing up my father was always sparing with money. "Dad, will you help pay for my Christian education?" The answer was no. "Dad, will you pay for my car?" "No." "Dad, will you help pay for my wedding?" "No." My father supported me in every other way. He came to my baseball games, my band concerts, and was always willing to discuss my questions about life and the Bible. But the fact that he would never support me financially left me feeling unworthy and unimportant. It was almost as if money was more precious to him than me. The reality was that my father was attempting to teach me a valuable lesson.

Years passed by and at the age of 29 I had an epiphany. How does God feel when I do not return tithe? It doesn't matter how many community service projects I do, or how many Sabbath

**"The Lord took it upon Himself to put the conviction in my heart to begin returning tithe."**

School classes I teach. My actions are showing God where my priorities lie. There was always an excuse. "I'm in college, and I can't afford it." "I have children now, I can't afford it." The reality of this situation was that I needed to return tithe more than ever! I needed God's blessing on my finances through those tough times. By not returning tithe I was saying that God is unimportant and unworthy to receive my money.

My parents never discussed money or tithe with me, so the Lord took it upon Himself to put the conviction in my heart to begin returning tithe. From there I began a study of my own. One verse that still stays with me is Deuteronomy 26:13 (NIV): "Then you shall say before the Lord your God: 'I have removed the holy tithe from my house . . . according to your commandments which you have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them.'"

To not give tithe is to violate one of God's commandments! We work so hard at keeping the Ten Commandments, so why would we not follow the rest of God's instructions? I implore you to pore through your Bible and pray for God to lead you to what is right for you and your family. Ask yourself, "Is God worthy of my tithe?"

—Abilene Smith, communication correspondent, Williston church



## Quinebaug Members Reach Out to a Family in Need

Daniel Patrick Depatie is a nine-year-old who was given a five percent chance of surviving the return of a rare form of cancer after numerous surgeries, radiation, and medical treatments. Melanie Anderson, a friend of the Depatie family, contacted her colleague Chrystine Amoah in October 2011 to request prayer for Daniel and his family. Chrystine Amoah contacted her husband, John Amoah, pastor of the Quinebaug church, and some faithful prayer partners and they prayed without ceasing for Daniel. Chrystine Amoah soon realized this was an opportunity for the church to get involved in this case, since the community and school were already sponsoring fundraisers.

The church went to work. The Quinebaug Pathfinders provided a food basket and ministered to the family during Thanksgiving.



The Depatie family, from left, the mother, Sue; daughter, Samantha; father, Dan; nine-year-old Daniel, his friend, Colin Guyette; and Dan's father, Frank Depatie, in the background, attended the concert held in the family's honor at the Quinebaug church.

Members of the Quinebaug church supported the fundraiser project with the family's approval. The Depatie family received word on December 8, 2011, that Daniel was cancer free.

The church held a benefit concert on January 21 for the Depaties and set a goal to raise \$2,000. The family was present for the event and more than \$1,800 was raised. The funds were donated to help with travel expenses to

hospitals in Boston and New York for Daniel's continuing treatments that started on January 30. Overwhelmed by the compassion shown them from so many loving strangers, Daniel's mother, Sue DePatie, said, "I can't believe complete strangers would do so much for my family."

Performers at the fundraising concert included the Pleasant Street church praise team, John Amoah, and many others. Many

praises and prayers were offered on behalf of Daniel and his family. Anderson, the friend who asked for prayer on behalf of the family, said, "Whenever people upset me I will always remember that there are good people in this world. I have never met a group of nice people like this."

—Ken Maynard, communication director, Quinebaug church

## Worcester Doves of Peace Wins First Place at Bible Bowl

The Worcester church hosted an area-level Bible Bowl on March 3, featuring five teams representing the Pathfinder clubs in the area. Area coordinators Cynthia Wilson and Frankie Vazquez coordinated the event. The Worcester Doves of Peace Pathfinder Bible Achievement team from the Pleasant Street church proved that they are not allowing their minds to go to waste.

Participating clubs were required to submit teams consisting of six to seven Pathfinders in grades 5-10. The designated portion of scripture for study was the book of Isaiah, chapters 1 through 55. Representatives from the Worcester Doves of Peace were Lula Bethancourt, Jonathan Crooks, Nathan Danville, Dylan Gibbons,

Claudine Morana, Hadiya Severin, and Kevin Wright. The young people worked together to do their best to represent the club at their highest potential. The coaches, Hanif Maragh, Myra Campbell-Claxton, and Brenda Wright, encouraged the team members, providing strategies not only for memorization, but for them to enjoy the discoveries in God's Word and to make it a part of who they are. Even when members were discouraged and felt as if they didn't know enough to succeed, the coaches were right there pointing them toward the mark of the highest calling.

At the end of the day, the Worcester Doves of Peace were victorious, winning the first place award. They learned to work



Worcester Doves of Peace Pathfinders take a break during the Bible Bowl event at the Worcester church.

together as a group and also developed study skills that will be beneficial in their spiritual and academic life. The club members are encouraged to strive for excellence as they move onward and upward.

—Chauncey Moore, communication staff member, Pleasant Street church



# The Future is Now and You Are Not Too Young (Part 4)

**Y**ou want to be relevant and make your church better, not five or 10 years from now, but today. You believe the future has arrived and that you are not too young. If you do, you are just like the David of the Bible. He decided that he was not too young and that the future had arrived. He knew that unless he acted, there would be no future. He did not have the luxury of waiting to become more experienced. Had he waited, his parents, brothers, and all of Israel would have become slaves of the Philistines and perhaps the nation would have crumbled.

Here are some tips for youth and young adult leaders of today:

**Stay up to date and be ready to maximize your opportunities.** As David got ready to face Goliath, he took five stones with him (1 Samuel 17:40). Why did he take the five stones? 2 Samuel 21:15-22 mentions there were four more giants from the land of Gath. Bible students and historians suggest that these were Goliath's brothers. There was not only one giant, there were five. David was up to date, he knew the challenges, and was ready to face them. He went to battle ready to take on all five giants. Adventist youth and young adults who want to make a difference today must be ready not only for what can be seen, but for the rapid turns of events. Our society changes daily; we must be ready to face the ever-changing world for Christ. To capitalize on the opportunities, we must anticipate the challenges. To be effective for our God and our church, we must be on the cutting edge. Though he could only see one giant, David knew there could be five. He was up to date and ready.

**Turn away from negative critics.** When you catch the vision to do something worthwhile, you must know that you will be criticized and put down by some. The world is filled

with vision killers, and some have made their way to your family and even the church. There are also theoreticians, who know everything, but have not done much; at times, it seems as if they are in church just to comment on what others are doing. Their criticism can be discouraging. Love them, but don't pay too attention to their criticism.

I would think that right before David went into battle, his brothers would have been praying for him, giving him love, and encouraging him. That was not the case. Eliab, the oldest brother, mistreated, patronized, and judged David right before the battle (1 Samuel 17:28). In response, David had to turn from his brother (1 Samuel 17:30). It is perfectly OK to turn away from the negative critics, you can pray for them, but don't stick to them; they will not help you.

**Remember, God is with you.** As David approached Goliath, he proclaimed, "I come to you in the name of the Lord (1 Samuel 17:45). He knew he was not alone, and neither are you. The Holy Spirit is available to you. God has invested in you because He expects great things from you. So don't leave home without Him; don't face the giant by yourself. God wants to turn everything you touch into gold. Please, keep Him by your side. As a result, your church will be blessed now, Satan, the giant, will not take over the church, and it will be here for generations yet unborn. ☺



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## La Nouvelle Vision de l'Union Atlantique d'une École de Formation Évangélique

**D**ans une réunion le 16 février 2012, le Comité Exécutif de la Conférence de l'Union Atlantique a approuvé en principe une proposition pour le développement d'une école de formation de missionnaire médical évangélique. NETS ou Northeast Evangelism Training School envisage un diplôme pastoral non accrédité et de formation des laïcs sur le campus de l'Atlantic Union College, dans le but d'équiper chaque élève à devenir un témoin efficace dans l'œuvre de gagner des âmes pour Jésus. NETS offrira des cours intensifs

et expérimentés en évangélisation.

Ellen White a écrit il ya plusieurs années, "Nous sommes arrivés à un moment où chaque membre de l'église devrait avoir en main l'œuvre missionnaire médicale. Le monde est une léproserie remplie de victimes de la maladie à la fois physique et spirituelle. Partout, les gens périssent, faute d'une connaissance des vérités qui nous ont été confiées. Les membres de l'église sont dans le besoin d'une prise de conscience, afin qu'ils puissent réaliser leur responsabilité de transmettre ces vérités" (TÉMOIGNAGES, vol. 7, p. 62).

de NETS fréquenteront les églises de la Nouvelle-Angleterre, New York et des Bermudes, ils insuffleront une nouvelle vie dans ces congrégations. Les pasteurs qui fréquentent les cours intensifs de NETS à court terme retourneront à leurs congrégations rafraîchis, avec une nouvelle vision. A cause d'une nouvelle main-d'œuvre de laïcs formés et équipés pour témoigner en faveur de leur Seigneur, l'église dans l'Union Atlantique connaîtra une croissance rapide. Des âmes seront gagnées pour le royaume de Dieu.

La messagère prophétique de Dieu pour l'église du reste nous donne cette assurance: "Il n'ya pas de changement dans les messages que Dieu a envoyés dans le passé. Le travail dans les villes est le travail essentiel pour cette période. Lorsque les villes sont travaillées de manière que Dieu les aurait voulues, le résultat sera la mise en fonctionnement d'un puissant mouvement tel que nous n'avons jamais vu" (ministère médical, p. 304). Cette promesse de notre Seigneur sera accomplie avant Son retour.

Une multitude de gens dans les grandes villes et les zones rurales du territoire de l'Union Atlantique seront atteints par le message des Trois Anges. La venue de notre Seigneur sera accélérée. L'occasion s'offre à nous. Le moment est venu de prendre une décision courageuse pour rêver les rêves de Dieu et faire quelque chose d'important pour sa cause. Comme Jésus a dit il ya 2000 ans, il est temps de se lancer dans la profondeur et jeter les filets!

*Donald G. King, président de la Conférence de l'Union Atlantique des Adventistes du Septième Jour*

*Membres, du Comité Exécutif de la Conférence de l'Union Atlantique*

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**NETS offrira des cours intensifs pour les pasteurs au cours de chaque année civile par des grands gagners d'âmes les plus remarquables et des spécialistes en croissance d'église de l'œuvre adventiste du septième jour.**

pour les pasteurs au cours de chaque année civile par des grands gagners d'âmes les plus remarquables et des spécialistes en croissance d'église de l'œuvre adventiste du septième jour. NETS offrira une durée de formation de missionnaire médical évangélique de six et neuf mois pour des laïcs qui désirent recevoir plus d'instructions sur la façon de gagner des âmes dans leurs églises locales. Les étudiants apprendront à suivre l'exemple de Jésus pour répondre aux besoins des personnes à qui ils prêchent, et en fin de compte les conduisant à une connaissance salvatrice de Jésus-Christ et Son message des derniers jours.

Tout en étant pourvu à l'éducation la plus haute qualité dans l'œuvre de gagner des âmes, les étudiants auront également la possibilité d'être "encadrés" par "des scénarios pratiques" sous la tutelle des instructeurs réussis

Le coût pour établir NETS sera assez dérisoire, puisque la plupart des instructeurs seront des enseignants contractuels et/ou employés d'églises actuelles. Un plan d'affaires, y compris un plan de marketing/d'inscription est en cours d'élaboration pour déterminer la faisabilité financière. NETS sera régie par la Conférence de l'Union Atlantique en coopération et en consultation avec la Division de l'Amérique du Nord et la Conférence Générale des Adventistes du Septième Jour. Finalement, elle aurait la possibilité d'expansion d'une école mondiale internationale de formation et d'évangélisation et un centre de formation de missionnaire médicale pour les laïcs.

Les campagnes d'évangélisation menées par des instructeurs et des étudiants dans la région du nord-est favoriseront la croissance des églises adventistes locales. Étudiants venant

# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

## En la Unión del Atlántico

### La Nueva Visión de la Unión del Atlántico para una Escuela de Entrenamiento Evangelístico

**E**l Comité Ejecutivo de la Unión del Atlántico en su reunión del 16 de febrero del 2012 decidió aprobar en principio la propuesta para desarrollar una escuela de entrenamiento cuyo énfasis será el evangelismo y la obra médico-misionera. La Escuela de Entrenamiento de Evangelismo del Noreste o NETS por sus siglas en Inglés, es una visión de un diploma pastoral no acreditado y un instituto de entrenamiento para laicos que será conducido en el campus

“experiencias prácticas” bajo la tutela de exitosos instructores evangelísticos.

Elena G. de White escribió hace muchos años, “Hemos llegado a un tiempo cuando todo miembro de iglesia debe actuar en la obra médico-misionera. El mundo es un lazareto lleno de víctimas tanto de enfermedades físicas como espirituales. Por doquiera la gente está pereciendo por falta de conocimiento de las verdades que nos han sido encomendadas. Los miembros de iglesia necesitan des-

Los esfuerzos evangelísticos conducidos por los instructores y estudiantes en el noreste ayudarán al crecimiento de las iglesias adventistas locales. El torrente de estudiantes que entrará en las iglesias de Nueva Inglaterra, Nueva York y Bermuda de NETS llenarán las congregaciones de nueva vida. Los pastores que participen de los cursos intensivos en NETS volverán a sus congregaciones refrescados y con una nueva visión. Con una nueva fuerza, los laicos, equipados y entrenados para ser fieles testigos para el Señor, ayudarán a las iglesias de la Unión del Atlántico a crecer rápidamente. Almas serán ganadas para el reino de Dios.

La profeta de Dios le da al remanente esta seguridad. “No hay cambio en los mensajes que Dios ha enviado en lo pasado. La obra en las ciudades es una obra esencial para este tiempo. Cuando se trabaje en las ciudades como Dios quiere, el resultado será la puesta en operación de un movimiento poderoso tal como nunca hemos presenciado hasta ahora” (MEDICAL MINISTRY, pág. 304). Esta promesa se hará realidad antes de la segunda venida de Cristo.

Multitudes en las grandes ciudades y en las áreas rurales del territorio de la Unión del Atlántico serán alcanzadas por el mensaje de los tres ángeles. El regreso de nuestro Señor será adelantado. La oportunidad esta en frente de nosotros. El tiempo es ahora para hacer una decisión de valor, para soñar los sueños de Dios y hacer algo significativo para su obra. Como dijo Jesús hace 2000 años atrás, ¡es tiempo de echar nuestras redes en lo profundo y sacar NETS!

*Donald G. King, presidente, Unión del Atlántico de los Adventistas del Séptimo-día*

*Miembros del Comité Ejecutivo de la Unión del Atlántico*

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**NETS ofrecerá cursos cortos e intensivos a los pastores durante cada año por los especialistas más dotados en las áreas de crecimiento de iglesias y ganancia de almas de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo-día.**

del Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico con el fin de equipar a cada estudiante para ser un testigo efectivo y un ganador de almas para Cristo.

NETS ofrecerá cursos cortos e intensivos a los pastores durante cada año por los especialistas más dotados en las áreas de crecimiento de iglesias y ganancia de almas de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo-día. NETS también ofrecerá cursos de seis a nueve meses en la obra médico-misionera para laicos que desean mayor instrucción en como ganar almas en sus iglesias locales. Los estudiantes aprenderán a como seguir el ejemplo de Jesús para satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos a quienes ministran, llevándolos al conocimiento de salvación en Cristo y su mensaje final.

Mientras se les provee una educación de mayor calidad en la ganancia de almas, los estudiantes también tendrán la oportunidad de ser “asesorados” con

pertar y darse cuenta de su responsabilidad de impartir estas verdades” (TESTIMONIES, tomo 7, pág. 62).

El costo de operación de NETS será mínimo, ya que la mayoría de los instructores serán maestros contratados y empleados actuales de la iglesia. Un plan de trabajo, incluyendo un plan de mercadeo y matrícula está siendo desarrollado para determinar la viabilidad financiera del programa.

NETS será administrado por la Unión del Atlántico en cooperación y consulta con la División Norteamericana y la Conferencia General de los Adventistas del Séptimo-día. Eventualmente, este programa podría tener la posibilidad de llegar a ser una escuela de entrenamiento mundial para el evangelismo a las ciudades, al igual que un centro de entrenamiento laico para la obra médico-misionera.



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South Lancaster, MA	7:51	7:59	8:06	8:12
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Hartford, CT	7:53	8:01	8:08	8:14
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Albany, NY	7:58	8:06	8:13	8:20
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Rochester, NY	8:16	8:23	8:32	8:38
Buffalo, NY	8:21	8:28	8:36	8:42
Hamilton, Bda	8:01	8:06	8:11	8:16

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## OBITUARIES

**DAVIDOVICH, Aleksandar—84;** b. Feb. 4, 1927, Belgrade Yugoslavia; d. Jan. 29, 2012, in Lancaster, Mass.. He was a graduate of the seminary at Colegio Adventista Del Plata (CAP) in Entre Rios, Argentina. He was a member of the College Church upon his retirement. He ministered in several churches in South America, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. He also served

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**HODDER, Alvin L.—80;** b. Feb. 22, 1931, in Newton, Mass.; d. Dec. 10, 2011, in Lancaster, Mass. He was a member of the Hudson church, and a former member of the College Church. He is a graduate of South Lancaster Academy. He is survived by Judith (Carey) Hodder, his wife of 35 years; two daughters, Vicki Hodder of Lynn, Mass., and Christina L. Hodder of North Attleboro, Mass.;

two sisters, Jean Mustard of Wash., and Lorraine Poppo of Fla.; five grandchildren, Jillian Kokocinski, Prudence A. Bailey, Carroll L. Bailey, Colby J. Ronco, and Evan L. Ronco; two great-grandchildren, Emma and Mason Kokocinski. He was predeceased by his son, Gary Hodder.

**TYLER, JR., Ray J.—92,** b. Mar. 2, 1919, in West Peru, Maine; d. Oct. 19, 2011, in Worcester, Mass. He was a former elder of the Leominster church, and a charter member of the Pathfinder Club. He worked as a colporter/evangelist in Maine and Vermont during his college years at Atlantic Union College. He is survived by Martha L. (Colligan) Tyler, his wife of 70 years; a son, John Tyler of Matthews, N.C.; two daughters, Judith Currie of Leominster and Joan Fortmiller of Hudson; a brother, Merle Tyler of Palm Bay, Fla.; two sisters, Rachel Lee of Brunswick, Maine, and Rosalie McGuire of Andover, Mass.; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

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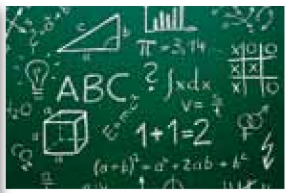
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Adventure/Diabetic Awareness Camp .....	July 15-22
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Young Adult Retreat.....	September 28-30

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Summer Camp Session 2 .....	July 22-August 5
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