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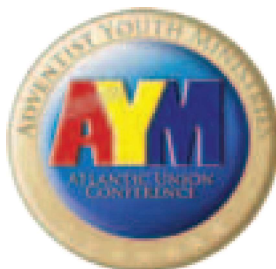


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More Ways to Tell the Story

I recall several years ago trying to convince my late mother to use Skype so that we could see each other when we talk instead of just hearing our voices on the phone. Well, that conversation didn't go very far. My mother made it clear that computers and other technology were not for her generation and she was perfectly happy with the technology of her time.

I can just imagine what she would have said if I had suggested that she use a smart phone to scan a QR code (Quick Response Code). Across the generations, there is a difference of opinion on what is the best way to communicate. Some have sentiments similar to those my mother expressed, others are embracing the technology as it becomes available, and then there are those who are slower in making the transition but, eventually, they get there.



Society has progressed a long way from black and white televisions, rotary phones, and manual typewriters. Today, many devices are available that we can use to extend our personal witness and enable us to tell the story that "Jesus loves you" to a wider audience.

The opportunity we have been given must not be taken lightly. We should make every effort to use the tools at our disposal to reach others who are searching for a Savior. The upcoming meetings in New York City in 2013 are a prime example of an event we should share around the world. Tools already in place that can be used to spread the

word include a Web site: www.ny13.org, a social media site: www.facebook.com/NY13.org, the GLEANER magazine, and the Atlantic Union GLEANER FYI electronic newsletter, to name just a few. Postcards with information about NY13 will be distributed at camp meeting sites this year.

The beauty of all these available means of communication is the ability to share the story with many people over and over again. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger bringing good news, Breaking the news that all's well, proclaiming good times, announcing salvation, telling Zion, 'Your God reigns!' "— Isaiah 52:7 (MSG).

Several times following the conversation I had with my late mother, she made the progressive leap beyond the comfort of her generational barrier and we communicated using Skype. It was the next best thing to being there.

Just as we can share a word of encouragement and witness face to face, so we should give prayerful consideration to the manner in which God would want us to use the technology at our disposal in order to reach beyond our comfort zone, and share the message of hope and wholeness to those whose lives we touch. He asks us just to tell them, and He promises to do the rest. ☩

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Reaching people in New York City in 2013 and beyond with the gospel of Jesus Christ

There has been a lot of talk lately about the evangelistic meetings scheduled for 2013 in New York City. What have you heard? Well, in case you haven't heard about NY13, here are a few things you need to know:

About NY13

- NY13 is an evangelistic outreach initiative, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to reach people in New York City in 2013 and beyond with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- It is the first phase of a challenge set forth by Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, to reach people who live in large cities around the world. "Approximately 50 percent of people live in cities rather than the countryside. While on this earth, Jesus went to where the people were. He wept for them. He did practical and good things for them," says Wilson.
- New York City, an urban center whose population reflects a microcosm of the world, was chosen as the first of about 650 cities where the Seventh-day Adventist Church plans to hold evangelistic meetings over the next several years. Church leaders are following the counsel of Ellen White in the Spirit of Prophecy: "Those who bear the burden of the work in Greater New York should have the help of the best workers that can be secured. Here let a center for God's work be made, and let all that is done be a symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world"—TESTIMONIES, vol. 7, p. 37.
- Leading this initiative and working together with local leaders, pastors, workers, and members in preparation for the meetings in 2013 are presidents Ted N. C. Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist world church; Dan Jackson, North American Division; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference; Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference; Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference; Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference; Jose Cortés, New Jersey Conference; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference; and Frank Tochtermann, Southern New England Conference.
- This is the first time that the General Conference, North American Division, a union conference, and local conferences have collaborated to accomplish a major initiative of this kind. "It is our goal to reach every major population center in the North American Division. New York is the first. Much will be learned from the New York City experience and that knowledge will help us focus efficiently on future initiatives," says Dan Jackson.
- Guest evangelists from around the world have volunteered to simulta-

neously preach the gospel in neighborhoods of New York City.

- According to Donald King, NY13 Steering Committee chair, it is anticipated that at least 300 locations will hold evangelistic meetings during a designated period of time in 2013.
- A promotional program about NY13 was taped at the Hope Channel studio with the presidents of the organizations involved in NY13. It is intended to help give members a clear understanding about the initiative. The program was aired on the Hope Channel and 3ABN. It is available for viewing at www.ny13.org.
- Bible worker training programs, community service activities, youth ministries activities, and more relational activities and services are already being implemented as a precursor for the meetings in 2013. "The NY13 steering committee has placed great emphasis this year on training programs in New York City. We want to drive the programs right down to the practical level where the people are, right in the pews and out in the streets where people's lives can be touched and we can make an impact for Jesus Christ," says King.
- Postcards with information about NY13 will be distributed at camp meetings in the five conferences involved in NY13. Be sure and get one.

How You Can Get Involved

Everyone can get involved in this initiative. You can:

- Become one of more than 5,000 prayer intercessors.
- Assist at an evangelistic meeting site close to where you live.
- Get training as a Bible worker and give Bible studies.

- Distribute literature.
- Become trained as a community health missionary.
- Witness to others.
- Make a financial contribution.

If you are impressed to share your time, talent, or other means, contact your church pastor. Those wishing to make donations can visit the www.ny13.org Web site and click on the "Donate" link or send your donation directly to the Atlantic Union Conference, P.O. Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561-1189.

An Invitation

You are invited to be a part of a Satellite Evangelism/Prayer Rally, geared toward preparing members for the campaigns in 2013. The event will take place on September 21-22, 2012, at the North Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3743 Bronxwood, Ave., Bronx, NY 10469, and will be streamed live on the Internet and shown in churches across the Atlantic and Columbia unions, and beyond.

Among the guest speakers are Ted Wilson, Adventist World Church president, and Mark Finley, international speaker.

Stay Up-to-date With Information

You can stay up-to-date with formation about NY13 by visiting the Web site at www.ny13.org, Facebook at www.facebook.com/ny13.org, or by contacting your church pastor. You can also sign up to receive the electronic newsletter on the www.ny13.org Web site.

Hopefully, you now have enough information about NY13 to be able to tell someone else about it. There is much work to be done and the time is short, but God is able. We invite you to prayerfully place this initiative before the Lord as often as you can, seeking God's will in this very important endeavor launched by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ☺

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Bernadine DeLafield

This group photo was taken following the taping of the NY13 program at the Hope Channel studio in Silver Spring, Maryland. Seated, from left, are Dan Jackson, North American Division president; Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president; Shawn Boonstra, North American Division associate ministerial director for evangelism and host of the program; Donald King, Atlantic Union president; and Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union Conference vice president for ministry development. Standing, from left, are Frank Tochterman, Southern New England Conference president; Jose Cortés, New Jersey Conference president; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference president; and Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference president.



Historic Vote for Female Seminary Graduates in the Bermuda Conference

Two female seminary graduates were appointed as departmental directors by the Bermuda Conference Executive Committee. This is the first time in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bermuda that female seminary graduates have been appointed as conference departmental directors.

Michelle Hill is a 2011 Master of Divinity graduate from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. While there, she held the position of president of the Women's Clergy Network. She has served as an evangelist and revivalist, both in Bermuda and the United States. Hill was appointed by the conference execu-

tive committee as Prayer Ministries director.

Simona Mills-Pitcher is a qualified chaplain and



Simona Mills-Pitcher, 2010 Master of Divinity graduate, was appointed by the executive committee as Bermuda Conference's Music Ministries director.

2010 Master of Divinity graduate, also from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. While there, she held the position of

president of the Seminary Chorus. She has for years been sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through the vehicle of music and worship and has ministered as a singing evangelist throughout the United States and internationally. Mills-Pitcher was appointed by the conference executive committee as Music Ministries director.

This is not the first time the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bermuda has



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ment to the other females who have been employed in the following positions: Sheila Holder, a doctoral candidate in Education and Leadership at Northern Caribbean University, who for years has held the positions of communication director and superintendent of schools; Bible instructor Eloise Symonds, a 2010 graduate of Atlantic Union College with a Bachelor of Arts in Personal Ministries, who was appointed in 2010 as Personal Ministries director, the only female in the North American Division to hold this position; and Pamela Greyson, who was elected at the 2010 constituency session as treasurer and chief financial officer.

Hill and Mills-Pitcher were sponsored by the Bermuda and Atlantic Union conferences to attend the first-ever North American Division Women Clergy Conference at Andrews University, April 23-26. They attended the conference not simply as seminary graduates, but as directors for the Bermuda Conference.

Appreciation is extended to D. Randolph Wilson and Grace Landy, previous directors of Prayer Ministries and Music Ministries, respectively.

—Jeffrey Brown, president, Bermuda Conference

What's Happening in Your Church?

We are looking for news and other inspiring stories from your church to share with our readers.

E-mail your stories with the photos attached as separate files to the Bermuda Conference communication director. Be sure and include a caption with each photo and the photographer's name.

For information on what types of stories to submit, visit: www.atlantic-union.org and click on "GLENER."

We would love to hear from you!



Sheila Holder
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appointed females to conference positions. Female lay volunteers occupy director positions in such areas as Children's Ministries, Disabilities Ministries, Women's Ministries, Young Adult Ministries, and previously, Adventist Youth Ministries, Health Ministries, and Family Ministries. This has been an invaluable comple-

Young People at Huntington Church Are Connected to Christ



◀ The Shiloh Gospel Choir performs at the youth rally as part of the Huntington church's Youth Day program.

▼ Youth Day at Huntington church on Long Island, New York, was well-attended.



After a week of focusing on their prayer life, Huntington Adventist youth packed to capacity their church on Long Island, New York, with standing-room only, and emphatically answered the question: "Are you connected?" That question was the theme for Youth Day 2012 held on Sabbath, March 31. The youth showed their conviction toward maintaining a life filled with fervent prayer, as they stay connected to Jesus Christ, grow spiritually, lead out in their church, and serve as examples in their community.

Lincoln Smith, the church's pastor, set the

tone for the day when he gave this exhortation to the congregation: "Huntington, continue to build an army of young people, rightly trained, and fully equipped with the Word of God."

Among those attending was Teddy Williamson, volunteer assistant to the Adventist Youth Ministries director, who brought greetings on behalf of Andres Peralta, Greater New York Conference youth ministries director. When Williamson yelled out "Connected!" the congregation loudly responded "Christ, church, community." During the proceedings, Desrene

Charles, AY leader, and Oveta Foster, assistant AY leader, were both presented with certificates of appreciation for their dedication and commitment to youth work at Huntington over the past several years.

Seanna-Kaye Denham, Ph.D., the featured speaker, encouraged the young people to remain 100 percent charged. She used a cell phone illustration in which youth go into panic mode when their cell phone battery is low, because they always seem to want it fully charged at 100 percent battery level. Her message outlined the strong faith and trust in God displayed by the three Hebrew boys in Daniel 3:13-30.

The day also included a Youth Rally in the afternoon, with performances by the

Shiloh Gospel Choir and Edison Alvarez, showing their gifted talents of singing and playing instruments.

Readings were done by Twari McKenzie, and the Huntington young people performed a three-part drama that focused on the guiding principles of living a Christ-filled life at all times. There was an interactive session with police officer Angela Farara and Sergeant Fives from the local Suffolk Police Precinct.

As sunset approached, Pastor Smith gave the youth a charge before the rally ended, but not before the majority of those attending were already asking, "When is the next Huntington Youth Rally and why does it have to be only once a year?"

—Chelston Lee, communication department, Huntington church



From left are Howard Francis, elder assigned to the AY department; Natalie Santiago, Pathfinder area coordinator; appreciation certificate recipients Desrene Charles, AY leader, and Oveta Foster, assistant AY leader; Wendwell Francis, first elder; and Lincoln Smith, the church's pastor.

Elmira and Friendship Churches Team Up

Earlier this year, the Friendship and Elmira churches held a combined worship service at the Elmira church. The worship service speaker was Jenks Brutus, pastor of the Friendship church. Brutus is holding a series of evangelistic meetings in the area. In addition to joining together for worship, members and guests also spent time together in fellowship during lunch.

The Pathfinders from the Elmira and Friendship churches have teamed up and meet together each

Sunday evening. The club stays very busy, under the leadership of Derek Colaw, Pathfinder director. The Pathfinder club has an annual event where they collect canned goods from residents in the neighborhood. Church members are asked to donate food that is added to a display in the front of the church. This year, many items were gathered and distributed to those in need in the church and in the community.

—Sharon Reynolds, communication secretary, Elmira church



Jenks Brutus, pastor of the Friendship church, was the speaker for the combined worship service of the Elmira and Friendship churches.

The Gospel Comes Full Circle

In the 1990s, Kevin Dunn was ministering to the Lockport church in New York, when he became acquainted with a young couple who recently started attending. Jim Webber, raised as a Seventh-day Adventist, drifted away from the church in his teenage years and his girlfriend, Christina McCleskey, was raised in the Catholic faith. Both young people felt the need for God in their lives and started reading their Bibles and *STEPS TO CHRIST*, a book that was sent to Webber by a church member when he was in the Navy. Dunn and Webber “hit it off,” both having a similar sense of humor.

Webber, a builder by trade, and McCleskey had regular studies with Jim Dolan and attended the weekly Bible study group, hosted by Shirley Powley.

Soon Dunn was preparing them for baptism. Before getting baptized, however, the young couple decided they needed to get married, and in February 1997 Dunn performed the ceremony. That happy occasion was soon followed by their marriage to Jesus through baptism. The

"They started an after-school program in a housing development . . . that soon led to various youth ministries."

Webbers became involved in the church as the desire to share Christ with others grew. About a year later, Dunn was asked to perform another sacred task for the Webbers, this time performing the ceremony in which they dedicated themselves to raise their new baby girl, Gabrielle, in the

love and service of Christ.

Over the ensuing years the Dunns and Webbers faced challenges in their Christian walk. The Dunns moved to a new district on the opposite side of the state. The Webbers felt the call to share Christ in the Niagara Falls area, where there was once a Seventh-

day Adventist presence that faded over time. They started an after-school program in a housing development using the North American Division tutoring and mentoring curriculum, that soon led to various youth ministries.

Eventually, Sabbath services, a church plant, and

mission school were going strong. Early this year, the Webbers were invited to formally join the New York Conference pastoral team. They were given three churches in the eastern part of the Southern Tier and the head pastor of the district was asked to mentor them as they embarked on this new venture into ministry. That pastor was Kevin Dunn, the one who officiated in their entrance into the Seventh-day Adventist Church 15 years before.

One may think that the things they do for the Lord have very little significance in the grand scheme of life, but occasionally, God draws back the curtain to let us see part of the plan in which He has included us.

—Wendy Dunn, pastor's wife, Vestal Hills church

Changed Lives at Vestal Hills Church

In August 2011 the quiet church on the top of Bunn Hill in Vestal, New York, was swarming with activity. Young people from around the state converged on the city, under the leadership of This Generation, to prepare for evangelistic meetings that fall. Two groups of 20 youth served two weeks, conducting surveys, getting Bible study interests, selling literature, and holding concerts in the parks and health expos in the Johnson City Senior Center. The women at the church assisted with the food preparation, and other members joined in various activities.

After This Generation left, four Bible workers remained to coordinate the follow-up on Bible study requests. During October, three weeks of meetings, conducted by Kevin Dunn, Vestal Hills church

pastor, were held in the church's fellowship hall. The turnout was good with an average of about 12 nonmembers attending each night.

Six months later, several people are preparing to be baptized as a

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result of the meetings. One couple, who started studies, moved back to their home country of Columbia, but are now attending an Adventist church near where they live. A

woman who has been fighting the battle with tobacco is winning with the Lord's help.

The greatest effect, however, is in the changed lives of the church members. Many are reaching out to their fellow church family and community as never before. Some who feared giving Bible studies have stepped out to let God use them. Members who stopped attending long ago have started coming again. A church that was once discouraged is now coming alive and is a happy place to be.

Sometimes when we reach out to others, God uses the opportunity to make the biggest change in us. Thank the Lord for the exciting things that are happening in Vestal Hills church.

—Wendy Dunn, member and pastor's wife, Vestal Hills church



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East New York Church Celebrates Africa Day

The East New York church in Brooklyn, New York, celebrated Africa Day on March 24, concluding a month-long Black Heritage emphasis that focused on countries in Africa and the Caribbean islands. It followed Black History month in February where one Caribbean island nation was recognized each Sabbath through participants from their respective nations. Under the leadership of Sednak Yankson, the church's pastor, the entire church and visitors from the community gathered to worship, clothed in traditional dress from different countries in Africa.

The day began with Sabbath School, during which a skit depicted Black people in the Bible. Divine service followed with a



Members and visitors worshiped clothed in the traditional dress from different countries in Africa.

parade of flags presenting the 20 nations represented in the East New York church. Visitors were welcomed by the pastor, who had authentic African gifts for all. One church member invited 16 of the more than 70 visitors who attended the service. The East New York African

Caribbean Choir sang songs in the Ghanaian, Nigerian, and Swahili languages.

Yankson presented a message titled "The Necessity of Jesus for Africa." Taking the congregation back to the early days of civilization, Yankson showed them how, even way back then, before

western missionaries went to the African continent, God was in the lives of African people. He reminded them that no culture can save people from sin and that their roots may be in Africa, but their fruits are in Jesus.

After the worship service, the congregation feasted on African dishes prepared by members from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Congo, Nigeria, Anguilla, and Zambia. The day ended with an AY program featuring actors representing different leaders in African and American History. Members and visitors watched attentively as people of all ages and backgrounds recited speeches from African leaders.

—Simone English, member, East New York Church

Northeastern Youth Leaders Let Jesus Shine

More than 600 youth and youth leaders from New York to New England attended the annual Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Convention to receive ongoing training and support in youth ministries. The 2012 theme for youth ministry is "Let Him Shine." The event was held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut. Ndubusi Nwade, a student at Oakwood University and a member of the Heritage church in St. Albans, New York, composed the theme song that was selected.

The weekend's keynote speaker, Debleaire Snell, pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama, delivered energizing and thought-provoking messages in addition to a general session on postmodern youth. Shian O'Connor, president of the Grand Cayman Islands Conference, deliv-

ered cultivating messages on how your setback can be your setup. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many youth and youth leaders rededicated themselves to the work of youth ministry.

The focus this year was on providing youth and youth leaders



Many youth and youth leaders attended the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Convention.

training in the areas of Adventist Youth Society, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Music and Sports ministry. An investiture for more than 100 Master Guides and senior youth candidates was held Saturday

evening in the grand ballroom. Other events at the convention included open mic and a music workshop for worship leaders.

Emmanuella Omeler says, "Convention 2012 was exactly what I expected and more. The worship was a blessing, the speakers were anointed, and the weekend was insightful. The most important thing was that it was Christ-filled from the beginning to the end. It all came back to 'worship is about God.' I enjoyed convention 2012 so much and I look forward to it each year!"

The Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department will host the next annual youth convention January 10-13, 2013. Details will be announced through the Northeastern Conference youth ministries Web site: www.necyoyouthministries.org.

—Philip Wesley II, youth ministries associate director, Northeastern Conference

iServe Team Shares Message

Young people attending the Northeastern Departmental Training Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, took part in sharing more than 1,000 MESSAGE magazines. This community effort was spearheaded by the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department. It was a continuation of the “iServe Movement” that originated during the United Youth Congress event sponsored by the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association.

The youth group showed no fear in bringing the message to people on the streets. They staged a street team movement and shared the message with many people who were in their cars at the stoplight. One man, watching from his apartment window, was so inspired by the group that he asked them to tie the magazine to a rope he dropped to them and then pulled it up. Melissa Mathews, an iServe Movement participant, says, “This year at the Hartford



Northeastern Conference youth on the streets of Hartford, Connecticut, sharing the message that Jesus saves, and distributing copies of MESSAGE magazine.



Northeastern Conference youth took MESSAGE to the streets, sharing the magazine with people as they waited at the stoplight.



convention, I had the liberty of reaching out to the community and experienced new activities that enriched my Christian walk.”

While one team shared the message, other members of the iServe youth group participated at the Food Pantry at Faith church. The Food Pantry operates every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MESSAGE magazine was included in bags that were handed out to the community. Gabe Honore says, “The Hartford convention was pretty live in general. We went on a lot of trips and even went out in the city to hand out litera-

ture. But the best night was when we went to Hartford Area School and watched movies and played volleyball and basketball.”

“iServe in Northeastern seeks to encourage more churches to be a major part of their community,” says Nigel Lewis, Northeastern Conference youth ministries director. The youth group participated in meetings, socials, and a trip to the Children’s Science Museum. They also were able to help someone and share God’s message.

—Philip Wesley II, youth ministries associate director, Northeastern Conference

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 June 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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Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the third regular quadrennial constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the twenty-sixth regular constituency meeting, (third regular quadrennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The meeting of the corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing quadrennium, and to transact such other business as June 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.

Trevor H.C. Baker, President
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By David Cadavero

We Must Retain Our Young People in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

The book, *WE CAN KEEP THEM IN THE CHURCH*, compiled by Myrna Tetz, presents a very poignant observation regarding a crisis in retaining our young people in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She says, "Picture 10 young people from your church. Some of them may be your own children and grandchildren. Got the faces in your mind? Mentally divide the group in half. Now ask yourself, 'Which five am I willing

in 1950 for every 100 members in the NAD, there were 26 students in Adventist schools and the majority were from Adventist families. In 2000, for every 100 members, less than 10 students were enrolled in Adventist schools and a sizable percentage were from non-Adventist families.

Adventist Christian education can play a vital role in reversing this trend of our young people apostatiz-

audience to grow our churches is the young people attending Adventist schools. There boys and girls are ready to make a decision for Christ. Adventist schools are designed so that Jesus Christ is at the center of the school program. Jesus Christ is the lifeblood of each of our schools.

What makes Adventist education so special is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of our students. He is present in each classroom, on the playground, and in all extra-curricular activities, every day, and in every way. In 2011, more than 25,000 students in Adventist classrooms gave their hearts to Jesus as a result of the Holy Spirit working in their lives through Christian teachers. Let us remember that "Education is a failure unless the student has grasped the truths of divine revelation, and the heart accepts the teaching of Jesus Christ"—*FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*, p. 536. Praise God for Seventh-day Adventist Christian education! ☺

Our churches need to seriously focus their energies on greater support for Christian education.

to lose?" The question is startling, but the truth is that in the North American Division (NAD), nearly half of our young people are leaving the church and rejecting the tenets of the Adventist Church. Does this concern us? Our answer should be unequivocally—Yes!

Seventh-day Adventists as a religious body are quite conservative. Yet when it comes to the education of our children, many of us can be real daredevils—willing to risk the most priceless heritage God has entrusted to us . . . our children. For instance,

ing. Our churches need to seriously focus their energies on greater support for Christian education, especially during the formative years when our children's characters are being shaped and formed and value systems are being developed. We cannot sit by and idly watch one more young person leave the church. The disease is identifiable. The cure is for pastors, teachers, and constituent members to work together and pray together . . . and make the salvation of our children a "top-priority." I believe that the greatest untapped



David A. Cadavero is the Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools.

Church Elections, Youth, and Young Adults

As I visit churches across the Atlantic Union, I have noticed that some are already beginning to elect a nominating committee to carry out the process of leadership elections for the local church. Whether your church holds this process half-way through the year or at the end of the year, I would like to join with my colleagues, the conference Adventist Youth Ministries directors, and associate directors in the Atlantic Union to encourage your local church to think of and remember the younger generation, as leadership is chosen. God has placed youth and young adults in your local church with a purpose—a purpose that no one else can fulfill.

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As our Adventist Youth Ministries Directors Advisory prayerfully worked together under the theme “The Future is Now,” we asked God to provide us with some goals and objectives that would help to advance the mission of the church in our territory and bless our youth and young adults. We unanimously agreed to several recommendations that we feel are of paramount importance for the present health of our church, as well as for the longevity of the church in the Atlantic Union.

Following are some of our recommendations:

1. Encourage youth, young adults, and children to have a relationship with God, to be loyal to Him, to attend, participate in church, and be faithful with their tithes and offerings.
2. Motivate youth, young adults, and children to have worship every morning before they leave their homes. Inspire them to pray much, to praise God and sing every day, and to study their Bibles daily, as well as weekly at a small group.

3. Make it a priority of the church, at all levels, to equip youth, young adults, and children for relevant ministry in the local church and community.
4. Encourage each local church in the Atlantic Union to appoint at least, but not limited to, one elder under age 35.
5. Encourage each church to have at least one elder, who is youth and young adult friendly, as an advisor for Adventist Youth Ministries in the church. In the case of larger churches, where there are many active ministries (AY, teens, young adults, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and others), more than one advisor may be needed.
6. Prompt each church in the Atlantic Union to involve youth and young adults in relevant roles, including roles that require participation on the local church board.

If we want a healthy and happy Adventist church today and a triumphant Adventist church tomorrow, we must include new generations in the conversation and the decision making of the church today. If we don't, there is a possibility that we will follow in the footsteps of the people of Israel or of other churches that have lost their mission, their younger generations, and have become irrelevant.

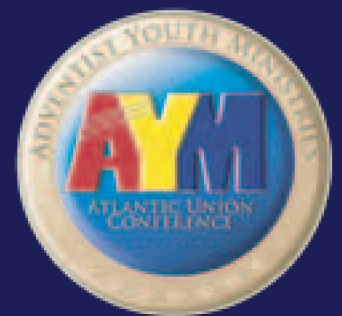
Including younger generations in leadership today will also help to close the generational gap, solidify their faith in God, and strengthen their support for the global Adventist movement. We will also have a stronger church as youth and adults with different methodology, but the same mission, work together under the power of the Holy Spirit in the twenty-first century. ①



José Cortés is the director of Adventist Youth Ministries in the Atlantic Union.



Adventist Youth Leadership Perspective



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Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party Outreach Touches Others

My daughter-in-law, Naomi, has been going through a very difficult and heartbreaking time. I prayed earnestly that Jesus would comfort her and give her the courage and strength she needed to get through her ordeal. I prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance to show me what I could do to comfort her. My prayers persisted for a few weeks and nothing seemed to happen.

Then while sleeping one evening, I was suddenly awakened at one o'clock in the morning with an image of a written invitation. I immediately went downstairs, typed it out, went back to bed, and felt at peace that this would some-

how comfort Naomi. That Sabbath, I handed out invitations at church to a few women and we held the first Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party (PPPP) at a restaurant.

The public place was chosen as a witness to others. My non-Adventist friend, Paula, and I have Bible studies at that restaurant in Auburn every Thursday. We are blessed by living in the United States right now; we still have freedom to witness where we choose.

The first PPPP meeting brought surprise and encouragement. Since its inception two subsequent meetings have been held, with more planned in the future. The guests of honor from the

subsequent meetings both said that they were so blessed and thankful.

During the Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party, a short letter, composed by the one who planned the party, is read to the guest of honor. The letter explains what the Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party is and who it is for. Then a special prayer is offered on behalf of the guest of honor. Each person attending the party reads what they brought to share. Right after each person reads their page it is placed into a Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party scrapbook. At the end



One person is invited to be the guest of honor at each Prayer, Promise, and Praise Party.

of the party, a closing prayer is offered and the completed scrapbook is given to the guest of honor.

If this ministry is God's will, it will take off. Everything is His and He can do what He wants with it.

—Jeanne Grover, communication correspondent, Woodstock church

Dover Indonesian Church Provides Weekly Outreach Program



Members of the Dover Indonesian church provide a weekly outreach to the community at a local school gym. They meet for fellowship, exercise, and fun. Jootje Bojoh, the church's pastor, and his son-in-law, Stanley Luntungan, lead out in gym activities for their church's weekly community outreach. When not playing, the women of the church are cheerleaders and take time to chat with one another.

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference



Northern New England Conference Camp Meeting

Name and Title Correction for Seminar Presenter

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A Storefront Ministry in Farmington Impacts the Community

A few months ago the idea for the Farmington church to open a storefront ministry of some kind popped into my head. Amazingly, it has come to fruition and it is called The Invitation. The space was leased in November 2011, and the landlord completed the painting and repair work. With everything almost moved in, we had a visit from our first customer.

When a woman delivered some lamps and end tables that I ordered, I told her we were preparing to open a Christian resource and health center. She browsed the books and took THE

GREAT CONTROVERSY, THE DESIRE OF AGES, and STEPS TO CHRIST. She seemed excited about getting them,

“We constantly pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work on the hearts of the people in our area of influence.”

but not as excited as I was about giving them.

Our reception in the community has been warm and positive. People come

in the doors and praise God for our presence. Some people stop to pray with us, others are curious, and some are drawn by the offer of free books. Everyone has walked away with something to read. We pray this place will bring them closer to Jesus.

The book, THE INVITATION, by Alejandro Bullon, a world renowned Seventh-day Adventist evangelist from Peru, is a great icebreaker. Virtually everyone wants a copy to read after they hear how David Black, a member of

the Farmington church, found the book long after the storefront ministry was named and the signs made. They are amazed that not only was there a book by the same name, but the lettering on the book and on the sign on the building is the same. People frequently remark that it had to be God’s guidance.

We constantly pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work on the hearts of the people in our area of influence. Praise God for His constant care and leading.

—Jayne Colby, communication correspondent, Farmington church

Praise and Thanksgiving Equal Peace

When Lynn and I were first married, we learned the huge benefits of having a Blessing Book. Every Friday evening at worship we wrote down a list of things for which we were grateful. We listed both big blessings as well as little ones. What a positive spin on life it brought.

God’s Word is ever counseling us to “praise” and “give thanks.” God knows that without it, the negative and cruel world will gobble us up in negativity, taking our eyes off Jesus, robbing us of joy, and deflating our enthusiasm. Ingratitude also misinterprets His promises, which offer peace and joy, as invalid and irrelevant.

Recently I came across our old Blessing Book. What an awesome emotional and spiritual high I had as my mind recalled God’s goodness and blessings of our yesterdays. My heart was encouraged when I read how God pulled us through

some challenging times. It reminded me that, He will do the same for me today!

We Seventh-day Adventist Christians know that the “greatest fear of the future is that we forget the way God has led and blessed us in our past.” Remembering His blessings strengthens us to live today.

Would you like to join me and gratefully write down God’s blessings in some systematic way in a special Blessing Book? Wouldn’t it be refreshing to have a Blessing Party and share the ways our God is good to us? What a way to welcome the Sabbath each week!

Want peace in this life of turmoil, stress, and care? Remember, praise and thanksgiving equal peace. Take time with your family and friends to reflect on God’s goodness. The “peace that passes all understanding” will be yours.

—Mike Ortel, president, Northern New England Conference

Indonesian Church Reaches Out into the Community



Men of the Rochester Indonesian church surround Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president, as they share God’s blessings for the newly-acquired and remodeled community service center.

The Rochester Indonesian church in Rochester, New Hampshire, purchased and renovated a corner property where they will reach out in ministry to the downtown Somersworth area of New Hampshire. In addition to studying the Bible, English as a second language classes will be offered, as well as classes dealing with topics about the family.

—Lynn Ortel, communication director, Northern New England Conference

First Chinese Church Dedicated and Holds Mortgage-shredding Ceremony

The Greater Boston Chinese church was dedicated on Sabbath, March 10 after 16 years of hard work under God's leadership. This church, located at 762 Southern Artery in Quincy, Massachusetts, is the first Chinese Adventist church in New England.

The day of celebration began with a special children's program and a bilingual song service. Tiffany Tan, the church's pastor, welcomed everyone to the worship service. Vincent Tsang, an elder, presented the church's history, chronicling the church's development from its early beginnings in 1996. His presentation was a powerful reminder of God's leading through difficulties to the present blossoming of the ministry.

Tan shared congratulations she received from

around the world and honored those who helped the ministry. Lois King, Atlantic Union Conference Women's Ministries director, read the Scripture and Juan Borges, former Southern New England Conference executive secretary, offered the opening prayer.

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, was the speaker. He compared crossing the Jordan River to overcoming the challenges that block us from reaching our goals. It was the right time and place for everyone to hear that God will never leave or forsake His people.

Frank Tochtermann, SNEC president, offered the prayer of dedication. Tan and Joel Tompkins, SNEC treasurer, shredded the promissory note. Praise was voiced that the church is mortgage-free



Greater Boston Chinese Church Dedication March 10, 2012. Those who attended the Greater Boston Chinese church dedication service pause before lunch for a group picture.

Vincent Tsang

15 years ahead of the payment schedule.

Students from the San Ye English Center shared the day and brought their cultural food. The San Ye English Center, the church's main outreach in the community, serves new immigrants coping with the challenges of life in a different culture, provides them with needed support, and also helps them connect with the church and

a little piece of home.

The members expressed thanks and praise to God. They also thanked Samuel Young and the Southern New England and Atlantic Union conferences for their ongoing support. Their desire is that the church will be a house of prayer for all, one that honors and leads people to their Savior.

—Elizabeth Anderson, member, Worcester Airport church

Merrimack Valley Church Presents The Journey

At Easter, Christians around the world celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of the Savior. On Sabbath, April 7 the Merrimack Valley church held a live, interactive, walk-through presentation of the last days of Christ's life called *The Journey*. The church wanted to hold a different kind of evangelistic program—one they hoped everybody would invite their friends, family, and coworkers to attend. At five stations on the grounds of the church, vignettes of His life were played out with live actors clad in authentic biblical costumes and with props. The final scene, the resurrection, was staged in the sanctuary of the church. Four groups of about 150 people each

participated in the 60-minute experience that touched the hearts of many of the visitors.

The first scene in the market place featured the story of Zacchaeus, the healing of a crippled boy, and the restoration of sight to blind Bartimaeus. The second scene was at the temple where



During the live presentation of *The Journey* at the Merrimack church, Jesus, played by Fermin Peralta, comes forth from the tomb assisted by the angel Gabriel, played by Claudia Guillen.

Dale Jacobson

the Pharisees and the high priest taunted Jesus, the poor widow paid her offering, and Jesus answered questions about the greatest commandment. This was all accomplished with spoken lines by the actors along with commentary from a narrator and sound effects. The

third scene, the Garden of Gethsemane, featured Jesus praying and battling Satan as the disciples slept and climaxed with the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

The fourth scene, Pilate's Judgment

Hall, featured the mockery of trial and the sentencing of Jesus to die. The fifth scene, the Crucifixion, utilized three life-size crosses, the nailing of Jesus to the cross and raising it into position. This scene brought tears to eyes of many of the guests. The sixth and final scene highlighted the Resurrection of Jesus and His exodus from the tomb. The audience broke into spontaneous applause and gave a standing ovation to the resurrection of the Lord.

The *Journey* cast and crew, along with the Holy Spirit, gave the church a day of witnessing to the community about the love of Jesus and the plan of salvation.

—Dale Jacobson, member, Merrimack Valley church

Central Falls Spanish Church Dedicates New Building

The Central Falls Spanish church in Rhode Island celebrated the inauguration of their new church building with a capacity to seat 350 people. At the event, held on March 24, Mariana Taveras, a six-year-old girl, was in charge of cutting the ribbon that started the ceremony. Immediately following the ribbon cutting, Gabriel Ruiz, the church's senior pastor, offered the prayer of dedication.

In his sermon, Roberto Garcia, the church's first elder, made it clear that the temple is more than just walls, windows, and curtains. It is the place of worship where God manifests His comforting presence. Garcia also thanked Yolanda Then and other founders of the church by presenting them with plaques.

At the afternoon program, Juan Borges, former Southern New England

Conference executive secretary, offered a special prayer for the temple and encouraged the members to fill the place with souls for the glory of God. Noel Ojeda, pastor of the Framingham Spanish church, was recognized for the donation of 18 pews from his church.

The Central Falls Hispanic congregation began its work in 1998, giving Bible studies and visiting every house in the smallest city in America. In 2000, the church was accepted as the 95th church in the SNEC sisterhood of churches. The next year the Northeastern Conference established another congregation in the city, but by 2009 both congregations merged. The building was too small for the growing congregation

and in 2011 plans were made to buy a new building.

Victor Rojas and Jose Jaime, elders of the church, say this was the happiest day in the life of the church. According to the church treasurer, more than \$600,000 was spent in the construction, but the church was blessed to receive donations from SNEC and church members that helped to reduce the debt to \$280,000. The members volunteered hours of hard work every day to see the building completed. The building was designed by the Robert Morris of Morris Architecture and Roberto Garcia oversaw the project.

—Information provided by Roberto Garcia, head Elder, Central Falls Spanish church



The Central Falls Spanish church in Rhode Island celebrating the inauguration of their new church building.

See page 21 for Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting schedule changes.

Greater Boston Academy Raises \$10K for Scholarships

Nearly 100 parents, faculty and staff, board members, alumni, and friends attended Greater Boston Academy's (GBA) first annual Spring Gala and Silent Auction fundraiser on March 31. In all, \$10K was raised in support of GBAs Scholarship Fund. More than \$7,000 in cash and checks was raised that evening and the remainder, in the form of pledges, will be paid by June 30. The gala, held in the gym, included 17 silent auction items, and featured the talented and three-time Boston Urban Music Award winner, Athene Wilson, a 1985 GBA graduate. In addition to the faculty, staff, students, and their families, many other individuals and organizations supported the event.

"The gala was exquisite, very well done from the decorations, the food,

to the music by Athene Wilson. It was refreshing to see so many people come out to support GBA; from the school family, area churches, and



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our conference administration. It was also exciting to see our academy students willing and ready to serve during the evening. The gift baskets

were exceptional! The organization and the implementation of this gala was first class," says Angela Walton, the school's principal.

"Athene Wilson was truly inspirational. She is a gifted gospel singer, and she embodies what God and a GBA education can do. I thought her outgoing personality complemented the performance very well; she brought a lot of life to the evening," says Astrid Wendth, English and history teacher.

Greater Boston Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian School founded in 1944 that currently serves 176 pre-school to twelfth grade students.

—Lisa Wheeler, advancement director, Greater Boston Academy



Nous Devons Retenir nos Jeunes dans l'Église Adventiste du Septième Jour

Dans le livre, *WE CAN KEEP THEM IN THE CHURCH*, compilé par Myrna Tetz, détient une observation très poignante sur une crise à retenir nos jeunes dans l'Église Adventiste du Septième Jour. Elle dit ceci: "Figurez 10 jeunes de votre église. Certains d'entre eux peuvent-être vos propres enfants et petits-enfants. Vous avez les visages dans votre esprit. Mentalement, divisez le groupe

que Dieu nous a confié . . . nos enfants. Par exemple, en 1950 sur 100 membres dans la NAD, il y avait 26 élèves dans les écoles Adventistes et la majorité étaient issues de familles adventistes. En l'an 2000, sur 100 membres, moins de 10 élèves étaient inscrits dans les écoles Adventistes et un pourcentage non négligeable venaient de familles non-adventistes.

L'éducation Chrétienne

de faire du salut de nos enfants une "priorité absolue." Je crois que le plus grand public inexploité de la croissance de nos églises est celui des jeunes qui fréquentent les écoles Adventistes. Garçons et filles y sont prêts à prendre une décision pour Christ. Les écoles Adventistes sont conçues à mettre Jésus Christ au centre de notre programme scolaire. Jésus-Christ est la pierre angulaire de chacune de nos écoles. Ce qui rend l'éducation Adventiste si spéciale, c'est la puissance de l'Esprit Saint à l'œuvre dans la vie de nos étudiants. Il est présent dans chaque salle de classe, sur le terrain de jeu, et dans toutes les activités extra-scolaires, chaque jour, et dans tous les sens. En 2011, plus de 25.000 étudiants dans les classes Adventistes ont donné leur cœur à Jésus, grâce au travail de l'Esprit Saint dans leur vie à travers les professeurs chrétiens. Rappelons-nous que, "L'éducation est un échec à moins que l'étudiant saisit les vérités de la révélation divine, et son cœur accepte l'enseignement de Jésus-Christ"—*FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*, p.536. Louons Dieu pour l'éducation Chrétienne des Adventistes du Septième Jour!

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Nos églises doivent sérieusement concentrer leurs énergies sur un plus grand soutien pour l'éducation Chrétienne

en deux. Maintenant demandez-vous, 'Quels sont ces cinq suis-je prêt à perdre?' "La question est surprenante, mais la vérité est que, dans la Division Nord-Américaine (NAD), près de la moitié de nos jeunes quittent l'église et rejettent les principes de l'église Adventiste. Est-ce que cela nous concerne? Notre réponse doit être Oui—sans équivoque!

Les Adventistes du septième jour en tant qu'organisme religieux sont assez conservateurs. Pourtant, quand il s'agit de l'éducation de nos enfants, beaucoup d'entre nous peuvent être des casse-cous réels, prêts à risquer le patrimoine le plus précieux

Adventiste peut jouer un rôle vital pour inverser cette tendance de nos jeunes apostasiés. Nos églises doivent sérieusement concentrer leurs énergies sur un plus grand soutien pour l'éducation Chrétienne, surtout pendant les années de formation, quand le caractère de nos enfants est en cours d'être façonné et formé et des systèmes de valeur sont en cours d'élaboration. Nous ne pouvons pas rester les bras croisés et regarder un autre de nos jeunes quitter l'église. La maladie est identifiable. Le remède est pour les pasteurs, les enseignants, et les membres constitutifs de travailler ensemble et prier ensemble . . . et

¿Qué Está Pasando?

En la Iglesia Mundial

Debemos Retener a Nuestros Jóvenes en la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día

En el libro, *WE CAN KEEP THEM IN THE CHURCH*, copilado por Myrna Tetz, se presenta una observación muy conmovedora concerniente a la juventud de nuestra iglesia adventista del séptimo día. Ella nos dice que deberíamos, “Imaginarlos a 10 jóvenes de nuestra iglesia. Algunos de ellos pueden ser nuestros propios hijos y nietos. ¿Pueden ver sus rostros en su mente? Mentalmente divida al grupo a la mitad y ahora pregúntese usted, ‘¿Cuales de esos cinco estaría usted dispuesto a perder?’” La pregunta es sorprendente, pero la verdad es que en la División Norteamericana, casi la mitad de nuestros jóvenes están dejando la iglesia y rechazando los principios de la iglesia adventista. ¿Nos preocupa esto? Nuestra respuesta sin lugar a dudas debería ser un—¡Si!

Los adventistas del séptimo día como cuerpo religioso son bastante conservadores. Pero cuando se trata de la educación de nuestros hijos, muchos de nosotros podemos llegar a ser muy atrevidos. Dispuestos a arriesgar el patrimonio mas invaluable que Dios nos ha encomendado a nosotros . . . nuestros hijos. Por ejemplo, en 1950 por cada 100 miembros en la División Norteamericana, habían 26 estudiantes en las escuelas adventistas y la mayoría provenían de familias adventistas. En el 2000, por cada 100 miembros, menos de 10 estudiantes son matriculados en las escuelas

adventistas y un porcentaje considerable de estos proviene de familias no adventistas.

Una educación adventista puede ejercer un rol vital en invertir esta tendencia de apostasía en nuestros jóvenes. Nuestras iglesias deben enfocar seriamente sus energías en un esfuerzo mayor para apoyar la educación adventista, especialmente durante los años formativos cuando el carácter de nuestros niños esta siendo formado y moldeado y los sistemas de valores

Jesucristo es el elemento vital de cada una de nuestras escuelas. Lo que hace que la educación adventista sea tan especial es el poder del Espíritu Santo trabajando en la vida de nuestros estudiantes. El está presente en cada salón de clases, en el recreo y en todas las actividades extra-curriculares, todos los días y en todas maneras. En el 2011, más de 25,000 estudiantes en los salones de nuestras escuelas adventistas dieron sus corazones a Cristo como resultado

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están siendo desarrollados. No podemos sentarnos y mirar ociosamente como nuestros jóvenes abandonan nuestra iglesia. La enfermedad es identificable. La cura es que los pastores, maestros y miembros constituyentes trabajen juntos y oren juntos . . . y hagan de la salvación de nuestros hijos una “prioridad superior.” Yo creo que la más grande audiencia sin explotar para el crecimiento de nuestras iglesias son nuestros niños y jóvenes que asisten a nuestras escuelas adventistas. Hay niños y niñas listos para tomar una decisión por Cristo. Las escuelas adventistas están diseñadas para poner a Jesucristo en el centro de la programación escolar.

del trabajo del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas por medio de maestros cristianos. Recordemos que, “La educación es un fracaso a menos que el estudiante haya captado las verdades de la divina revelación y el corazón acepte las enseñanzas de Jesucristo”—*FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*, p.536. ¡Alabemos a Dios por la educación cristiana!

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New York, NY	8:29	8:26	8:21	8:15
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Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting

Schedule Changes

Chinese and Korean members will attend the English Camp Meeting.

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Retired Professor
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Remembering . . .



Stanley J. Steiner

Stanley J. Steiner

Stanley J. Steiner, 86, former president of Southern New England Conference, died on February 14, 2012, in Rittman, Ohio.

Steiner was an ordained minister and served churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, and Massachusetts. He was president of the Southern New England Conference from 1981 until his retirement in 1991, after 40 years of ministry.

Born April 6, 1925, in Milton Township, Ohio, Steiner lived in Pennsylvania, Texas, Maryland, and South Lancaster, Massachusetts, before returning to Rittman in 2004. He is a 1952 graduate of Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Maryland. He served in the U.S. Navy before attending college.

Steiner's wife, Nelle G. Steiner, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughter, Liz Vrungos (James) of Canton, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.



Harvey L. Rittenhouse

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Harvey Louis Rittenhouse, 93, died on February 11, 2012, at his home in Sterling, Massachusetts. He was born on December 8, 1918, in Tacoma, Washington. Rittenhouse attended Union Springs Academy, Atlantic Union College, LaSierra College, and graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1943. World War II was in progress at that time and he was immediately taken into the Army as a medical officer.

After the war he returned to the United States where he took residencies in internal medicine and surgery. He met and married a musician, Virginia Gene Shankel. They served as missionaries to Jamaica where he worked at the Adventist hospital in Kingston while she taught music at the Adventist college in Mandeville. He also took short-term appointments as a relief doctor for mission hospitals in Africa and Central America.

When they returned to the United States, they settled in Sterling, Massachusetts, and he worked at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham. In 1977 while traveling in their motor home to Walla Walla, Washington, they were involved in a tragic motor home accident in Billings, Montana. Rittenhouse suffered injuries which resulted in permanent paralysis of his right arm. This effectively ended his medical career and he devoted the rest of his life to enhancing his wife's career. They traveled extensively with the Youth Ensemble, for concerts in Europe, Africa, South America, China, Australia, New Zealand, Central America, and throughout the United States and Canada. His wife, Virginia Gene (Shankel) Rittenhouse, predeceased him on August 30, 2011, after 61 years of marriage.

He is survived by a brother, Robert Rittenhouse (Peggy); nephews: Bill Fagal, Bruce Anderson, and Jerry Rittenhouse; and nieces: Kathy Prall, Janet Duncan, Barbara Matthews, and Connie Drexler.



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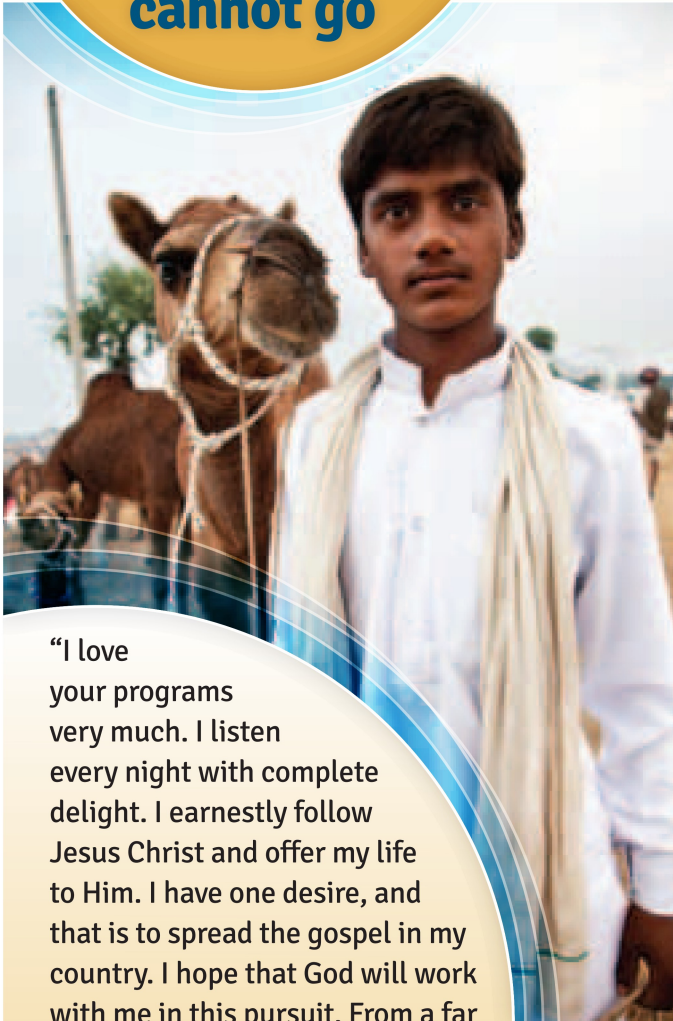
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