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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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# Adventists Help **Make a Difference**

**W**hen disaster strikes anywhere in the United States, the first responders we usually hear about are FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the American Red Cross. Depending on the severity of the damage, actors and artists from the entertainment industry are sometimes next in line to dominate the spotlight, holding benefits and supporting causes to raise funds to help those affected. As a nation, we are blessed to have such groups and individuals who care enough about others to want to assist in time of need.

On the local level, the news is sure to focus on stories about individuals who have performed heroic acts or acts of kindness. But it is unlikely that you'll ever hear about some groups of people who are a part of the fabric of the community and who are also there to lend a helping hand. Among those groups are Seventh-day Adventists. That was evident in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the most recent storm to hit the east coast.

Hurricane Sandy is recorded in history as the largest Atlantic hurricane and second-costliest on record—second only to Hurricane Katrina (2005). Over the span of one week, Sandy devastated portions of the Caribbean, Mid-Atlantic, and the Northeastern United States. It developed from a tropical wave in the western Caribbean Sea on October 22 and fluctuated between a tropical storm and a hurricane, leaving devastation along the way. The storm made landfall on the east coast on October 29 near Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Well before Hurricane Sandy dealt that devastating blow to the New Jersey and New York coastline, leaders in the Atlantic Union, Greater New York, and Northeastern conferences, and, more specifically, the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response teams, began meeting to plan the church's response in the aftermath of the storm. As soon as the storm passed, the teams immediately went into action. Many of them, victims themselves, put their needs aside to help their neighbors.

Facebook, a social networking site, was one source used to provide information before and after the storm. Facebook users were able to follow the activities of several teams through notes, photos, and videos, and were also notified of much-needed items and locations where people could go to help.

The actions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church family brought scripture alive: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes"—Matthew 25:35, 36 (Message). They provided meals, distributed school supplies, personal care packages, clothing and blankets. They also provided charging stations for those who needed cell phones and other devices charged, and so much more.

We take time to recognize the leadership teams, church members, youth groups, students, and groups from other states who, realizing that the church is not a building with four walls, put self aside and, with love and compassion, represented Christ as they went into the communities bringing hope to the suffering.

Many people may find this holiday season to be especially difficult. The Atlantic Union administrators and staff are lifting up in prayer the families who lost loved ones in the storm, those who have been displaced, those who were directly or indirectly impacted by the storm, and all those who took the time to help and make a difference. Heaven's record is the only source that will have the true account of the donations made and the work done by all these groups in the aftermath of the storm. "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith"—Galatians 6:9 (Message). <sup>1</sup>

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# Neighbors *Helping* Neighbors

Reaching out to victims of Hurricane Sandy



▲ Some homes were completely destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

▼ The message on the building is a testament to the resilience of New Yorkers. Standing, from left, are Sung Kwon, North American Division Adventist Community Services director; Ruben Merino, Greater New York Conference Adventist Community Services director, and Thierry Van Bignoot, ADRA Emergency Management Unit director.



**M**any of God's people in the Atlantic Union were "on one accord" as they reached out to assist the victims of Hurricane Sandy, a "superstorm" that made landfall about five miles southwest of Atlantic City, New Jersey, around 8:00 p.m. on October 29. Its impact dealt a devastating blow to the residents and businesses on the New Jersey and New York coastlines. Here are some highlights of neighbors helping neighbors.

- We are praying for those impacted by the storm that caused damage in the Caribbean and the Southeastern, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeastern United States before it dissipated on October 31.

- Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Recovery teams from the Greater New York (GNYC) and Northeastern (NEC) conferences, along with their youth ministries departments and federations, and the GNYC AYES Corps, were out in full force assisting from day one after the storm.
- More than 100 students from seven academies in the Atlantic Union participated in the first Academy

Compassion and Leadership Mission trip and went to New York on the weekend of November 8-11 to assist with disaster relief. The event was sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Adventist Youth Ministries and Office of Education and organized in collaboration with the Adventist Community Services department.

- Hundreds of volunteers from Atlantic Union churches and

schools have participated in the relief efforts.

- ACS DR teams, ADRA, and other volunteers from around the North American Division went to hurricane damaged areas to assist.
- More than 48 churches in the Atlantic Union were severely damaged by the storm. The Solid Rock church is reported to be a total loss. Adventist Risk Management has been involved assessing the damage and processing claims.
- The ACS departments of the conferences purchased generators from around the country to help storm survivors.
- Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, expressed an urgent appeal to the North American Division, at its year-end meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, for help for the victims. The North American Division and the General Conference responded by making appropriations of \$500,000 and \$200,000 respectively, for storm relief. The Atlantic Union Conference administration made an appropriation of \$30,000 and several other unions also promised to help.  
A North American Division Relief Committee was immediately formed to begin allocating funds to the affected areas in New York City and New Jersey. The Greater New York and Northeastern conferences immediately received \$100,000 each, with the balance to be dispersed as relief plans are submitted by the conferences to the committee.
- A special offering to assist the hurricane victims was taken in Atlantic Union Conference churches on November 10. Donations are

still being accepted. Make checks payable to the Atlantic Union Conference and write on the memo line “ACS Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.” Mail donations to Atlantic Union Conference, P.O. Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

- The “superstorm” left millions of people in need of food, water, personal care items, cleaning supplies, shelter, and much more. If you would like to donate items to the relief efforts, contact your local conference Adventist Community Services department.
- For links to more information, photos, and videos, visit the Atlantic Union Web site: [www.atlantic-union.org/hurricane-sandy-links](http://www.atlantic-union.org/hurricane-sandy-links).

Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have been working as Christ worked, “reaching people just where they are” and developing new relationships along the way. “If God’s people would show a genuine interest in their neighbors, many would be reached by the special truths for this time. Nothing will or ever can give character to the work like helping the people just where they are. Thousands might today be rejoicing in the message, if those who claim to love God and keep His commandments would work as Christ worked”—TESTIMONIES, vol. 6, p. 280. Please continue to pray for the work in New York City. ①

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*Photos courtesy of the communication departments of the Greater New and Northeastern conferences.*



Academy students receiving assistance from the National Guard to load supplies onto an Adventist Community Services truck.



Members of the Adventist Youth Emergency Services Corps helping with the clean up.



Northeastern Conference workers and volunteers distributing food, clothing, and other items.



Greater New York Adventist Community Services van out on the streets distributing much needed items.





By Jerrell Gilkeson

## The Bible Bullying Story

**S**chool is the one place that many students feel safe. Unfortunately, Joseph did not have a school to protect him from bullying. Bullying nearly cost him his life.

A safe learning environment is the highest priority of every Adventist school and teacher. Schools in the Atlantic Union have policies to prevent bullying and ensure the safety of each child. Bullying is in the news nearly every day. We cannot hide from it. School bullies, cyber/Internet/social media bullies, workplace bullies, and family bullies are a growing concern.

This is not a new phenomenon. One of the most well-known Bible stories is about older brothers bullying their younger sibling.

### The Story

Joseph was a cute little boy born to Israel's favorite wife and welcomed into the family. His father loved him and protected him. As he grew, he was honored with a colorful prince's coat. Life quickly changed for Joseph. The harsh description of the bullying by his brothers states: "They hated him and could not speak peaceably unto him." After a few years, on one occasion when Joseph went to take a lunch to his brothers, the bullying was so out of control that the opportunity arose to kill him. A plot was thwarted and resulted in his exile and years of separation from his family. While this story is often told with blame being cast on the father or even Joseph, the facts are simple. The brothers were bullies. They may have had their reasons—every bully does. But there is no excuse for bullying. As our mothers told us, "Two wrongs do not make a right!"

### What lessons can we learn from this story?

First, the Father gives all of us a coat! Each of us has a feature that will set us apart. Someone may hate us for that uniqueness. Someone may envy our coat, our skin, our hair, our money, or our circumstances. That uniqueness often becomes the point of bullying. Joseph's brothers hated the coat that was a sign of his father's love.

Second, the one group that Joseph feared the least caused him the most pain. They wanted to kill him! It is hard to imagine how a classmate, fellow church member, coworker, or family member could have an emotion so strong that it causes them to make someone's life miserable by bullying. Joseph admired and looked for protection from his brothers. But they did not share his emotion. Research shows that boys often bully with physical force. Girls often bully other girls with verbal abuse.<sup>1</sup>

Third, most bullying occurs with no provocation. But we must be ready to admit that some of the anger may be caused by our own words and/or actions. This is no excuse for bullying, but understanding the larger picture can begin the healing process. There is a difference between stating the truth and stating the truth in love.<sup>2</sup> Between the coat, dreams, and circumstances the bullying of Joseph reached a disastrous level.

Fourth, if we treasure the coat, the unique gift that our heavenly Father has given us, it will eventually become our greatest treasure. Bullying hurts for a while but joy can come in the end. If we know that we are an honored child of the King, we can survive. Each

child, student, church member, and coworker must know how important he or she is to Jesus. When we know Whose we are, then we can bear the pain along the way.

Finally, we must accept the fact that bullying is a problem. Those that study bullying indicate that 50 percent or more of all children are bullied at some time in their school experience.<sup>1</sup> It is believed that at least one in 10 (1/10<sup>th</sup>) are bullied regularly and to the point of making life miserable. The bully is also miserable and is damaging his or her future. Onlookers see the bullying and feel guilt and shame for not preventing it.

### What you can do?

Do not keep silent. If you are being bullied, tell someone. If you are bullying, seek help. If you suspect that your child is being bullied or bullying, reach out for assistance. Currently, the North American Division Office of Education is partnering with Adventist Risk Management in the "Breaking the Silence Now" anti-bullying campaign.<sup>3</sup> By working together, we can make all our schools, churches, and work places healthy, happy places to thrive.☺



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<sup>1</sup> *The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)*, [goo.gl/a4AWU](http://goo.gl/a4AWU)

<sup>2</sup> *E. G. White, COUNSEL TO WRITERS AND EDITORS*, p. 60

<sup>3</sup> *Breaking the Silence Now—No More Bullying*, [www.breakingthesilencenow.org](http://www.breakingthesilencenow.org)



# Compassion and the Christmas Season

It is clear that Jesus was not born on December 25. That does not mean Adventists cannot practice compassion during the Christmas season. Compassion must be a lifestyle that permeates every waking hour, every day of the year, including the holiday season. Compassion was a priority of Jesus daily, even during the holidays: “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them”—Matthew 9:36 (NKJV).

An Adventist pioneer, and a former Adventist youth, right here in the Atlantic Union territory had some interesting things to say about Christmas, Ellen White wrote: “If we would indulge less in feasting and merriment upon these occasions, and instead make them the means of benefiting humanity, we should better meet the mind of God”—THE REVIEW AND HERALD, December 11, 1879, par. 6.

This is what she did during a cold Christmas in Denison, Texas, in 1878: “I suppose you will be interested to know how we spent Christmas. The day before Christmas, we went to town, and it was tediously cold. I suffered with cold. I never remember of its being much colder in Michigan. But Brother Moore’s people were living in a tent and were very uncomfortable. We were determined he should not live thus, and we commenced to bring about a change. We moved them into Sister Bahler’s old house, which was very open but better than a tent, for several nights. We had divided our bedding with them to keep them from suffering.

“We then went to the city and purchased for them flour, white and graham; sugar, a bone of meat. . . . We laid out \$10 for clothing to make them comfortable, and necessary furniture to get along. I will tell you everything they had for breakfast—a few corn gems and a little beef suet fat. Not a chair; a straw bed and a comfortable laid over it. The children had an old rug and blanket laid under them. Sister Moore had no shoes, no comfortable clothing. He had no pants fit to be seen.

“Christmas morning we all took breakfast together”—MANUSCRIPT RELEASES, vol. 14, p. 318.

Do not spend the Christmas season fighting those who celebrate it, attacking Christmas

trees, or trying to keep others from mentioning the word. Rather, show compassion to someone. That’s what Jesus would do.

## Just a few tips:

1. Prepare a banquet for families that go hungry.
2. Organize a coat drive.
3. Coordinate a toy drive for kids in need (your post office has thousands of letters that kids send to Santa; unless you do something, these requests might never come true).
4. Visit someone who is lonely or recently lost a loved one.
5. Invite a homeless for soup or pizza at a deli.
6. Sing songs about Jesus’ birth with your youth group at a busy corner of your city.
7. Visit a cancer ward in a hospital.
8. Visit a waiting room at a hospital emergency room during late hours and give out some hugs and hot chocolate.
9. Arrange a visit to a local jail.
10. Send cookies and a great book to a soldier deployed overseas.
11. Visit affluent families and businesses and request their partnership with your youth group to sponsor a family in need.
12. Invite your neighbors over for dessert.
13. Invite college students, who cannot afford to go home for the holidays, to your Christmas dinner.

Remember, “For as much as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me”—Jesus. ①



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## Adventist Youth Leadership Perspective



[www.AUYouth.com](http://www.AUYouth.com)

## Educators Attend Inclusion Workshop



Merlene Alvarez

In all, 107 educators attended a one-day Inclusion Workshop at the Atlantic Union Conference office. The event was sponsored by the Office of Education.

Educators from across the Atlantic Union territory, 107 in all, attended a one-day Inclusion Workshop with an emphasis on Asperger's Syndrome learning spectrum. The work-

shop took place on October 10 at the Atlantic Union Conference office. It served to equip teachers with some of the the necessary tools in our effort to include more children in Seventh-day

Adventist classrooms. Every conference in the Atlantic Union was represented. Barbara Newman from Christian Learning Center Network was the presenter.

For years Adventist schools have had to turn away students with deficit behavior because teachers were not equipped to deal with these students. Six years ago, the North American Division received a grant to address this situation. As a result, the REACH Manual was developed. It identifies deficit behaviors, offers an explanation for the behavior, and equips teachers with strategies for responding to and facilitat-

ing instruction, minimizing classroom disruption.

In an ongoing effort to build on this knowledge and these strategies, the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education presents these workshops—this is the second presented this year. In April a training session was conducted on the campus of Parkview Junior Academy in Syracuse, New York, a totally inclusive school. Keeping an awareness of inclusion in the forefront will ensure that all children will be taught of the Lord.

—Astrid Thomassian, Office of Education director, Atlantic Union Conference

## Atlantic Union College Board Appoints New Interim President

On November 11, 2012, the Atlantic Union College (AUC) Board of Trustees appointed Duane M. Cady, M.D., as interim president. Cady is a general surgeon of more than 30 years in upstate New York, an immediate past chair of the American Medical Association Board of Trustees, and a graduate of Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts, and Loma Linda University in California. He is also an elder in the Syracuse Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Earlier this year, AUC applied to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education for the purpose of reestablishing degree-

granting authority at the college after it was informed in 2010 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) that its

accreditation would be discontinued for financial reasons. The college is now in the final phase of the application and has asked Cady, currently a board member, to assume the

position of interim president. In this role, Cady will work with board chair, Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to carry forward the mission of the institution.

—Atlantic Union Conference administration



Duane, M. Cady, M.D.

## Leaders Hold “Christ’s Method Alone” Day at Bethel Church

Leaders from the Atlantic Union, North American Division, General Conference, and the local conferences were at Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York, on October 27 to provide a day of training for members on effective methods to use when reaching people with the gospel. The program, entitled “Christ’s Method Alone for Urban Mission,” included three segments presented at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. The presentations included such titles as “Christ’s Method Alone,” “The Savior Mingled,”

“He Showed Sympathy,” “He Ministered to Needs,” “He Won Confidence,” “He Bids People to Follow,” and more.

The event was streamed live on aum.tv, praisevision.com, and broadcast on Hope Church Channel. The day culminated with a question-and-answer segment.

This was one of several events planned in preparation for the evangelistic meetings scheduled in 2013 in the metro New York City area. Photos can be viewed on the NY13.org Facebook page.

—Ednor A. P. Davison, GLEANER editor



Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, left, and North American Division representatives Jerry Page, ministerial secretary, left back, Tom Evans, treasurer, and Rick McEdward, Global Mission Study Center director, were among the presenters at the “Christ’s Method Alone” Day at Bethel church.





## More than 1,000 Participate in Let's Move Bermuda

**L**et's Move Day, the first-ever island-wide event took place on September 23. People of all ages and walks of life, Bermudians and non-Bermudians, were moving for health. They went from Shelly Bay field and T.N. Tatem Middle School to the Arboretum, from Chaplain Bay and other beaches to the surrounding community.

Two hundred worshippers from the New Creation Worship Center participated for two hours, culminating in 1,200 miles of walking and running. Seniors, school-aged children, even Bermuda's Governor George and First Lady Ferguson, cyclists, swimmers, runners, and members at the local gyms, to name a few, jumped on the bandwagon.

A goal of 10,000 miles island-wide was set for that one day. However, the group reached more than half-way (6,264 miles) with more than 1,000 participants. The smiles, the positive attitudes, and togetherness were success enough!

The *Let's Move Day* event developed from an initiative by Michelle Obama to improve the health of children in the U.S. The North American Division set aside a day in September as *Let's Move Day*. Bermuda's event was a collaboration between the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Bermuda Government Department of Health, the Well Bermuda Partners, and a number of local sponsors, including Barritt's, Lindo's, and Rubis.



Walkers from Shelly Bay (East End) prepare to begin the 4.5 mile track to the Arboretum finish line.

The event would not have been a success without the support of the partners and sponsors. Hundreds of Bermudians moved for health and many supported the event by purchasing *Let's Move Day* T-shirts.

The message from the

Bermuda Conference Health Ministries director is "Keep moving for your health, for in doing so you will bring glory to the God who made you and redeemed you by His precious blood."

—Leonard Gibbons, Health Ministries director, Bermuda Conference

## unSolved Mysteries Series Touches Lives

**"I**m ready, Lord, to do Your will." These are the heartfelt sentiments of newly-converted Stephanie Smith, who was recently baptized as a result of the unSolved Mysteries Seminar series conducted by DeJaun Tull, pastor of the Somerset church in Bermuda. Smith was raised as an evangelical Christian and strayed away as a teenager. In most recent times she has been studying on her own at the water's edge near her home—seeking God's will. So it was quite fitting that this single parent was baptized in the ocean and not in the baptismal pool.

Before the series began, Smith's attention was drawn to a young preacher on Channel 80 (ATV), the Adventist channel, who was presenting the Days of Elijah series. When she heard that he was starting another

series, unSolved Mysteries, at the Somerset church, she



Stephanie Smith was recently baptized as a result of the unSolved Mysteries seminar series conducted by DeJaun Tull, pastor of the Somerset church in Bermuda.

made it her business to be present. Nightly she sat in the same seat at the back of the church. As she and the preacher made eye contact, Smith says she felt the tugging of the Holy Spirit and knew she had to be obedient.

She said what intrigued her was that Bible truths

and prophecies were explained and not taken

for granted. She listened, became submissive to the Holy Spirit, and felt called to walk in truth.



When her conviction directed her to be baptized, Smith didn't tell her family and friends. "It was

personal between myself and God," she said. She invited friends and family to church on the designated Sabbath and surprised them all by being baptized.

Bubbling over with the good news, Smith says she longs to be used by God for His glory. She especially wants to be a living example for her teenage son whom she hopes will come to know Jesus as she does. "The enemy hasn't liked my decision and has been nipping at my heels," Smith said. However, she knows that Jesus has a greater power.

Tull began his unSolved Mysteries series on Sabbath, September 1 and continued until September 15. The meetings resulted in 15 baptisms.

—Sheila Holder, communication director, Bermuda Conference

## Pastors Ordained for Service



Pastors and church leaders lay hands on the three candidates as they offer a prayer dedicating them to service in the gospel ministry.



S. Yeury and Mariel Ferreira



Nazih and Mervat Yahcoub



Desta and Geodaly Zabolotney

A highlight of the Greater New York Conference's United Camp Meeting this year was the ordination of three pastors to the gospel ministry. S. Yeury Ferreira, Nazih Yahcoub, and Desta Zabolotney were presented by Steve Cassimy, conference ministerial secretary, to G. Earl Knight, conference president, for ordination. Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, the speaker for the evening, charged the pastors to devote themselves unreservedly to the service of God and humanity. Equally important in the ministry of the pastor, if married, is his spouse. Yvonne Knight, Ministerial Spouses Association leader, encouraged the spouses to be supportive and involved in the ministry of their husbands. Here is a glimpse into the life and ministry of these three candidates:

### S. Yeury Ferreira

Born in Bonaó, Dominican Republic, Ferreira accepted the Lord as his personal Savior through baptism in 1994. Months after his baptism he preached his first sermon and

conducted an evangelistic series. In 1998 he received the call to study theology at the Dominican Adventist University. He graduated with a degree in theology in 2003, and that same year he married Mariel Ceballos Ovalles, with whom God has given them the privilege of bearing two children, Elizabeth and Ernesto Ferreira.

Having worked in the North Dominican Conference, Ferreira started his ministry in the United States in 2007 as an evangelist and Bible worker and now pastor in the Greater New York Conference. Some of the churches he has served include the Spanish Williamsburg, East New York, Haverstraw, Peekskill, and Spring Valley.

Ferreira loves preaching, reading, fishing, and watching baseball games. Ferreira is currently pursuing a master's degree in Theological Studies and Pastoral Leadership.

### Nazih Wadie Yacoub

Nazih Wadie Yacoub was born and raised in Egypt. Before serving as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, Yacoub served as a monk, priest,

and secretary to the pope, and associate pope with the Orthodox Church in Egypt. In 1993, God spoke to him and led him to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He completed his theological studies at Southern Adventist University.

Yacoub has served in Washington, D.C., at the Sligo church, ministering to the Arabic group. Today he serves the Greater New York Conference.

Yacoub is married to Mervat and together they have two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ruth.

### Desta Zabolotney

Affectionately known as Pastor "Z", Zabolotney is currently the pastor of the Emmanuel church in the Bronx. He joined the Greater New York Conference in February 2010. Since then, Pastor Z has served the Grand Concourse church as an associate pastor and senior pastor of the Mizpah church. Pastor Z helped in the formation of the Wakefield church.

Pastor Z's love for evangelism led him to hold evangelistic meetings across the country as well as in Kenya. A product of Adventist education, Pastor Z completed his bachelor's degree at Southern Adventist University and a Master of Divinity at Andrews University. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts.

Pastor Z is married to Geodaly Augustin, an administrative assistant at the Greater New York Conference office. Pastor Z's personal goal, like Jesus', is "to grow in favor with God and man.

—Rohann Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

## Seven Pastors Present the Seven Trumpets

Members of the Patchogue church celebrated Revival Sabbath on October 20. Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference executive secretary, was the guest speaker for the worship service. This event was the culmination of the church's four-month evangelistic series focusing on revival and outreach.



Seven pastors, from left, presented the Seven Trumpets: Dwayne Turner, Richard Calhoun, Hermann Kuma, Kendall Guy, Trevor Baker, Sylvan Lashley, and Linford Martin.



Oswald Euell, Northeastern Conference executive secretary, was the guest speaker for the Revival Sabbath worship service at Patchogue church.

The series began on July 3 with Henry Wright as the speaker. Euell's sermon, entitled "Living in Circles," brought hope and inspiration to the packed congregation. Special music was presented by Eden's Touch from the Jamaica church.

The afternoon program featured Revelation's Seven Trumpets presented by seven pastors. Trevor Baker, former president of the Northeastern Conference, presented the world's history prophesied in the first trumpet. Hermann Kuma, Greater New York Conference multi-ethnic director, expanded on this in the second trumpet. He also played "Redeemed" on his trumpet, accompanied

by Samantha Armstrong, an elder, on piano. Sylvan Lashley, former Northeastern Conference superintendent of schools, pointed out how the apocalyptic third trumpet portrayed two world

kingdoms. Linford Martin, former Greater New York Conference executive secretary, explained how the fourth trumpet detailed the final blow against the Western Roman Empire. Special music was then

rendered by Christina Clemente, who sang "He'll Do It Again" and Earl Huie, who sang "The Trumpet Shall Sound."

Richard Calhoun, pastor of the Flatbush church, outlined how the fifth trumpet placed us at the start of the three woes and the 1,260 year tribulation. Dwayne Turner, pastor of the Heritage and Voice of Hope churches, meticulously fleshed out the sixth trum-

pet, showing the rise and fall of the Ottoman empire and the great implications for us today. The seventh trumpet, which corresponds to the time of the end, revealing the justice of God and His return, was

proclaimed by J. Kendall Guy of the Bronx church. The program ended with a performance by the singing group "The Estatistics," led by Laurence Watkins and Bishop Critchlow. Their music brought the congregation to its feet. The closing prayers were offered by Winston Silvera, an educator, and Steven Siciliano, the church's pastor.

As a result of this four-month evangelistic series, 300 copies of THE GREAT HOPE were distributed; three people requested Bible study; eight people requested Bible study and baptism; former Adventists asked for prayer; community guests requested further information for private study, and many rededicated their lives to God.

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

This event was the culmination of the church's four-month evangelistic series focusing on revival and outreach.



## New York Conference Hosts School in the Outdoors

More than 90 young people from across the upstate New York region headed to Camp Cherokee in the Adirondacks to attend the annual outdoor school. The event, sponsored by the New York Conference, was held September 10-14. The goal for the week was to help the students see the God of creation in both the great outdoors and in the lives of the adults who lived and worked with them during the week. Students in grades five and six stayed on the grounds of the camp while those in grades seven and eight headed off in small groups for outings that included canoeing, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, survival camping, and caving.

Roger Curtis, pastor of the Batavia, Lockport, and Master's Vineyard churches, was the camp pastor. He shared stories from his life and truths from the Bible.



Students from schools in the New York Conference participated in the annual outdoor school at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York.

Many students requested Bible studies in preparation for baptism.

This event was made possible by volunteers, including ninth-grade students and many adults who shared their time and energy. Dan Whitlow, New York Conference Youth Ministries director, and his wife, Lisa, worked to ensure the comfort and safety of the group.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference

## Pulaski Church Celebrates Two Baptisms

Two people were baptized at the Pulaski church during the summer. Christopher Dundon of Sandy Creek mailed back a card he received from the Pulaski church indicating that he wanted to receive Bible studies. Josh Reitman, a local Bible worker at the time, studied with Dundon and later turned the study over to Marie Erickson, a member of the church. Dundon was baptized and has been attending the Pulaski church.

Joe Howard of Pulaski completed Bible studies over a period of time with Bob Hess, the church's pastor, and a couple of Bible workers. He also attended a series of evangelistic meetings the church held a couple of years ago at the Pulaski Fire Department. Roman Kozlov, pastor of the Saratoga church, was the speaker for the meetings. Howard was baptized last spring.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference



## New Pastor Welcomed to Churches in Upstate New York

Roman Beresnev is the new pastor assigned to the Buskirk, North Creek, and Kingsbury churches. He, together with his wife, Sweetlana, their son, Mikhail, and daughter, Ekaterina, will lead the work in that area of upstate New York. His ministry there began in August and Beresnev says his vision for the church is "to preach the three angels messages and to serve the community." The church members have indicated that they are looking forward to working with Beresnev and his family, and they held an ice cream social to welcome the family.

—Bret Collier, communication leader, Kingsbury church

## Union Springs Academy Students Participate in Community Activities

While community service is included in the curriculum for every student at Union Springs Academy (USA), students and faculty united voluntarily with the wider community in October to reach others with specific needs through three special events.

On October 3 a team of faculty members, their children, and an academy student joined with hundreds of others in the Light the Night Walk, carrying illuminated balloons through the streets of downtown Syracuse. Team member Norman Tagalog, a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor, carried a white balloon in honor of his successful battle against cancer. The team raised more than \$700.00 in donations for the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which holds the annual event to raise funds for blood cancer research and patient support services.

USA students and staff participated in the annual Red Cross Blood Drive held at the Union Springs Fire Department on October 10. In recent years, USA students who belong to the National Honor Society have assisted with publicizing and setting up for the event. This year, three students and three faculty members donated blood. Allie Quigley, an academy senior, gave blood for the first time. She says, "It felt good to know that I was helping people. I was scared at first, but I felt like God would want me to help out in this way."

For the second year in a



Shaina Ahles, right, is one of several students who donated blood at the annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

row, 47 USA students spent their Sunday afternoon walking the main street of Aurora, New York, during the local Crop Hunger Walk on October 15. The students raised more than \$200.00, which will be directed to ADRA.

USA students are demonstrating their desire to serve Christ through their continuing service to their community.

—Andrea Starr-Tagalog, philanthropic development director, Union Springs Academy

## Men for Christ Meet at Camp Cherokee

Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president, was the featured speaker for this year's men's retreat held at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York. He spoke on the theme "How to Remain Faithful in the Twenty-first Century."

Ortel's messages were direct, noting the responsibility of the male role in the family, church, and community. He emphasized the fact that "We have to daily stay connected to Jesus, and this can only take place by a complete surrender of our heart to Him." Ortel shared Bible verses, Spirit of Prophecy passages, and real-life stories. He encouraged the men to claim the promises that the Lord has given in Scripture.



Men from around the New York Conference attended the men's retreat at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York.

The men rededicated their lives and promised to be the husbands, fathers, and church leaders that the Lord wants them to be. Vespers and a Communion

service were held at the close of the Sabbath.

The weekend was also made memorable through song services, stringed instruments, and the violin selec-

tions of Will Remigio. Many of the participants indicated that they were already looking forward to next year.

—Jim Hammer, participant, New York Conference men's retreat



## Solid Rock Members Reach Out to the Community

Solid Rock church members reached out to Far Rockaway beach-goers and picnickers on Saturday, August 18. The outreach began with a song service conducted by Evita and friends, a children's program by Patricia Trim, featuring the captivating nine-year-old preacher Anthony

Danielle Dublin, Village SDA, Harmony 4, Sheree Grant, Annalisa Boyd, and

hundreds of spectators. During the concert, members distributed scores of

success. The Health and Personal Ministries departments of the Far Rockaway Spanish church interacted with the Spanish-speaking observers and shared bilingual literature. The program was moderated by Rickford Trim, first elder. Linda Bradley, an elder, obtained the park permit after several visits and calls to the permit office.

"I thank God for such weather that facilitated this spectacular outreach," said James LaMar, Solid Rock's pastor. "It's heartening to see members wholeheartedly witness for Christ and impact the community. It's also heartening to have our sister churches on board with this outreach that's fueled by unity and divine purpose. God is pleased. Our Far Rockaway community is blessed. With God's direction, this is definitely the precursor of greater outreach programs to come! Thanks to all who participated."

—Yvette Mingo, communication correspondent, Solid Rock



Rickford Trim, first elder at Solid Rock church, was the moderator for the program.



The Pathfinder drum corps at Solid Rock church marched on the streets of Far Rockaway as part of the church's outreach program.

Trim, and a concert arranged by Annalisa Boyd. The concert participants were Kay Fray & Company, Keisha Kellman-Martin, Signs of Praise, Travis Sanderson, Berlhey Bazile,

more. Solid Rock's drum corps heralded this outreach by marching from Beach 52nd to Beach 16th with melodic drum beats.

The aim was witnessing by love in action to the

brochures and literature with the gospel and health messages. CDs, mugs, and totes were special giveaways. A craft table to engage the youth and emphasizing healthy eating was attended by Jose Made Jean Baptiste.

The Sabbath School, Health, Personal Ministries, and Music departments were led by the Holy Spirit to make this outreach a

## Northeastern Teams are Champions at Bible Bowl Nationals

The city of Tampa, Florida, was filled with Bible Bowl players from around the North American Division on the weekend of October 26-27 for the thirtieth Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA) Bible Bowl Nationals. The event took place in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the Elim church.

The annual event is a grand undertaking in which about 350 players, 33 teams, more than 40 coaches, and 10 conferences participate.



The Junior Division team was undefeated in all their games at the BAYDA Bible Bowl Nationals.

The games began on Friday evening, and at the sound of

the first buzzer, Bible Bowl excitement was in the air.

During the national games various conferences send teams that are made up of individuals who were successful in their own conference playoffs. Those teams then move on to compete at the national level. The games consist of five divisions—Pre-junior, Junior, Senior, Young Adult, and Adult.

Northeastern Conference has a rich heritage in Bible Bowl, since it is the birthplace of the games. A vision of Trevor H. C. Baker, immediate past president of

Northeastern Conference, Bible Bowl was created as a unique way to involve young people in studying the Bible. Some 30 years later, the vision lives on.

The teams from Northeastern played well and advanced in three of the five divisions as first-place champions—Christian Fellowship church for the Junior Division, Spring Valley church for the Senior Division, and Goshen Temple for the Adult

Division. The Pre-junior and Young Adult teams from Christian Fellowship church received fourth-place positions respectively.

The Junior Division team was undefeated in all of their games. The Senior and Adult teams played skillfully and forced an additional game in the championship round to win.

All of the teams represented Northeastern Conference in exceptional fashion. Through the leadership of



**Bible Bowl Senior Division team winners.**

the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, Roger Wade, and the conference Bible Bowl coordinator, Deanna Lambert, along with the support

staff of judges, moderators, and system operators, the 2012 BAYDA national games were a success.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

## Twenty Baptized During Joint Prophecy Seminar

With weeks of praying, planning, and advertising, the Breath of Life and Jefferson Avenue churches joined forces to host a prophecy seminar. Nine thousand handbills were distributed in the community of Rochester, New York, reaping an opening night of more than 60 visitors.

The series was coordinated by Willie J. Wright, Jr., pastor of the Breath of Life church, along with Kenneth L. Green, pastor of the Jefferson church, and a dedicated team of Bible workers and church members. Both pastors presented powerful messages from the books of Daniel and Revelation in a relaxed atmosphere at School No. 44. An added dimension gave extra power to the

nightly meeting. Each Bible worker was assigned a section of the previous night's lecture to review with participants, allowing for relationship building and repetition of truth. The series averaged about 50 visitors throughout the meetings.

Fifteen-minute health nuggets based on NEWSTART were introduced at the beginning of each meeting by Mary Miller, D.D.S., a member of the Jefferson Avenue church, and Sylvia Wright, R.N., the pastor's wife at the Breath of Life church, with supporting health team members. After presenting the Sabbath truth for the first time, every participant who had never worshipped in a Seventh-day Adventist Church or on

the Sabbath, was invited to celebrate the Sabbath.

At end of the prophecy seminars 20 people joined the Adventist Church through baptism or profession of faith. Also, a graduation was held on Sabbath morning, October 20, at the Breath of Life church, where 35 people received gradua-

tion certificates. The services were followed by a concert. However, the work has just begun. There are many who are still contemplating making a decision. As a means to help them, the evangelists are conducting an advanced prophecy session.

—Communication Staff, Breath of Life church



The Breath of Life and Jefferson Avenue churches hosted a prophecy seminar on Daniel and Revelation at a school in the local area.

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## Laconia Church Members Share Christ at Gilford Old Home Day

Thousands attended Gilford Old Home Day in the town of Gilford, New Hampshire, where they found a booth with a banner that read “Healthy Choices for Body, Mind & Spirit, Laconia Seventh-day Adventist Church, Where Hope is Born.” The church played an active part offering blood pressure screenings, chair massages, water, apples, and information—all free.

More than 100 people stopped by to have their blood pressure checked. They left with a pamphlet about hypertension and a wallet-sized card to track their blood pressure numbers and current medications. Printed on the card was the church’s contact information.

The prospect of receiving a chair massage was a big enticement for people to visit the Healthy Choices

booth. Amber Flanders, a licensed massage therapist, treated about 15 people and, before they left, she taught them the importance of drinking plenty of water.

Sue Gleason, Central New Hampshire District Bags of Love coordinator, talked with a Brownie troop leader. She was excited to learn of the Bags of Love program and wanted to use it as an example of compassion in action for her Brownie girls. The leader now knows what it takes to fill the Bags of Love and promised to spread the word.

A former Marine wondered why an Adventist group would be sponsoring a booth on the Sabbath. Matt Harlow, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, told him they were there to be a blessing to the community, following Jesus’

example to do good on the Sabbath.

A neighbor in the next booth fell early in the day while lifting a heavy box. Those in the Laconia church booth offered him a chair and water. Throughout the day they made sure he had more water and apples, too. Later he asked them to watch his booth for a few moments. When he returned, he thanked them and said he was touched by the kindness that was shown to him. He then asked for a capsule definition of who Adventists are. They told him that the Bible tells us to love the Lord with all our hearts and that loving our neighbor is a response to Jesus’ love for us. They shared with him the “Who are Seventh-day Adventists?” brochure.

As the group packed up for the day, they gave thanks



Dan Griffin, an APRN, checks church member Norman Fernandez’s blood pressure.

for many answers to specific prayers. The had asked God for a good location for the booth, pleasant weather, a joyful smile and friendly spirit for every volunteer, and divine encounters. God did not fail them. He never does.


—Linda Griffin, communication correspondent, Laconia church

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## First Springfield Celebrates Baptisms

2013 by 2013 is a bold initiative to extend the kingdom of God wherever God calls us to be His witnesses. Every church in the Southern New England Conference is involved in this project. Every member is also invited to be a part of it, understanding that Jesus gave the blessing of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This command was given not only to His disciples, but also to all those who understand the importance of the plan of salvation and



On the front row, from left, are Michael, Rachel, Morgan, Samuel, and Wesley. On the back row, from left, are Mihail Baciu, Springfield church's pastor, and his wife, Viorica, and Pam and Sheldon Elliot.

the imminent event of Jesus' second coming.

Inspired by a love for

Jesus, seven people were baptized on September 8. Sabbath after Sabbath

five juniors from the Sabbath School—Morgan, Samuel, Rachel, Wesley, and Michael—studied the Bible with Myrna Leiper, who was assisted by Frank Torres, an elder.

Joining the youth who were baptized were Pamela and Sheldon Elliot. Their baptism was just the first half of their experience with Jesus. The next day, in the presence of God, their families, friends, and the members of the First Springfield church, they said their vows of faithfulness and love to God and to each other.

—Mihail Baciu, pastor, First Springfield church

## After Baptism, Lewis Tatro Says “He’s Home”

For more than 55 years, Lewis Tatro was a preacher in the Assembly of God Church. He loves Jesus with all his heart and he preached for more than 55 years about the Lord's day of worship, which according to his and many other Christian leaders' interpretation is Sunday. But one day, Tatro came in contact with Michael Samol, a member of the First Springfield church who took time to talk with him and explain to him from the Bible about God's true day of worship.

In Tatro's heart, a new understanding started to take shape. A new understanding helped him to see the Law of God—especially the fourth commandment—in a different light. From that day on, Lewis Tatro didn't have peace any more. All Bible studies that he did had new meaning and significance. When I visited him, he could not hide his joy. Like a child who has discovered a new toy, he told me with a big smile on his face: “Pastor Baciu, God revealed to me

His day of worship—the Sabbath! Yes, this is His day! I am so happy! How could I preach for more than 55 years about Sunday as the day



Lewis Tatro, seated, shares his testimony about his life, the Sabbath, and salvation.

of God, the day of worship? How could I be so blind that I could not see that the seventh day is the Sabbath, the Lord's day?”

The visits continued until, one

day, Tatro asked me: “Pastor, how can I transfer my membership from my church to the Seventh-day Adventist Church?” I explained to him that there are two options. One of them is by profession of faith (because he was already baptized years ago by immersion), and the other is by baptism. Even though his health was not the best, Tatro told me with conviction in his voice, “I want to be rebaptized!”

I remembered at that time Jesus' words: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd”—John 10:16 (NIV). So, on September 15, in front of a packed church, Tatro presented his testimony about his life, about Jesus, about the Sabbath, and about salvation. Many eyes had tears as he touched many with his testimony. His first words after he was baptized were, “Now, I feel that I am home!”

—Mihail Baciu, pastor, First Springfield church



# Quoi de Neuf?

Dans la Fédération de L'Union Atlantique

## L'Aide des Adventistes Fait la Différence

**L**orsqu'une catastrophe surgit n'importe où aux États-Unis, les premiers intervenants dont nous entendons parler sont généralement FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) et la Croix-Rouge Américaine. Tout dépend de la gravité des dommages, les acteurs et les artistes de l'industrie du divertissement sont parfois les prochains individus dans la ligne à dominer le feu des projecteurs, la tenue des prestations et de soutenir les causes d'amasser des fonds pour aider les personnes touchées. En tant que nation, nous sommes privilégiés d'avoir de tels groupes et individus qui s'intéressent suffisamment aux autres jusqu'à vouloir aider en temps de besoin.

Au niveau local, les nouvelles se sont certainement concentrées sur des histoires de personnes qui ont accompli des actes héroïques ou des actes de bonté. Mais, il est peu probable que vous ayez jamais entendu parler de certains groupes de personnes qui font partie du tissu social de la communauté et qui sont aussi là pour prêter main-forte. Parmi ces groupes sont les Adventistes du Septième Jour. C'était évident dans le sillage de l'Ouragan Sandy, la tempête la plus récente de frapper la côte est.

L'ouragan Sandy est enregistré dans l'histoire comme le plus grand ouragan de l'Atlantique et la deuxième plus coûteuse en record—deuxième en après l'Ouragan Katrina (2005). En l'espace d'une semaine, Sandy a dévasté plusieurs parties des Caraïbes, le Centre de l'Atlantique, et le Nord-Est des États Unis. Il s'est développé à partir d'une onde tropicale dans l'ouest de la mer des Caraïbes, le 22 Octobre, et a fluctué entre une tempête tropicale et ouragan, laissant la dévastation le long du chemin. La tempête a touché

le sol de la côte Est le 29 Octobre près de Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Bien avant que l'ouragan Sandy ait donné ce coup dévastateur au littoral de New Jersey et de New York, les dirigeants de l'Union Atlantique, des conférences de Greater New York, Northeastern et, plus précisément, des équipes d'Intervention en cas de Catastrophe des Services Communautaires Adventistes se sont rencontrés pour planifier la réponse de l'église à la suite de la tempête. Le département des Services Communautaires de la Conférence de l'Union Atlantique a conclu un protocole d'entente avec l'Etat de New York et est en charge de la gestion d'entrepôt pour toute catastrophe qui affecte cet état. Dès que la tempête fut passée, les équipes se mirent immédiatement à l'action. Beaucoup d'entre eux, victimes eux-mêmes, mis à part leurs besoins pour aider leurs voisins.

Facebook, un site de réseautage social, a été une source utilisée pour fournir de l'information avant et après la tempête. Les utilisateurs de Facebook ont pu suivre les activités de plusieurs équipes à travers des notes, des photos et des vidéos, et ont également été informés d'articles indispensables et les endroits où les gens pouvaient aller pour aider.

Les actions de la famille des Eglises Adventistes du Septième Jour ont fait vivre l'Écriture: "J'ai eu faim et vous m'avez donné à manger, j'ai eu soif et vous m'avez donné à boire, j'étais sans-abri et vous m'avez donné une chambre, j'avais froid et vous m'avez donné des vêtements"—Matthieu 25, 35, 26 (Message). Ils ont fourni des repas, distribué des fournitures scolaires, paquets de matériels de soins personnels, des vêtements et des couvertures.

Ils ont également fourni des stations de recharge pour ceux qui avaient besoin de téléphones cellulaires et autres appareils chargés, et bien plus encore.

Nous prenons le temps de reconnaître les équipes de direction, membres d'églises, les groupes de jeunes, les étudiants et les groupes provenant d'autres états, qui se rendaient compte que l'église n'est pas tout simplement un bâtiment avec quatre murs, mettant à part tout ce qui leur appartient, et avec amour et compassion, représentaient le Christ tandis qu'ils allaient dans les communautés apportant de l'espoir à ceux qui souffrent.

Beaucoup de gens trouveront cette saison de fêtes particulièrement difficile. Les administrateurs de l'Union Atlantique et le personnel élèvent dans la prière toutes les familles qui ont perdu des êtres chers dans la tempête, ceux qui ont été déplacés, ceux qui ont été directement ou indirectement touchés par la tempête, et tous ceux qui ont pris le temps d'aider et de faire une différence. Le dossier du ciel est la seule source qui aura le récit véridique des dons et le travail accomplis par tous ces groupes à la suite de la tempête. "Donc, il ne faut pas nous permettre de nous lasser de faire le bien. Au moment opportun, nous moissonnerons une bonne récolte, si nous ne renonçons pas, ou cessons. À l'heure actuelle, donc, chaque fois que nous avons la chance, travaillons pour le bénéfice de tous, en commençant par les personnes les plus proches de nous dans la communauté de la foi"—Galates 6:9 (Message).

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# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

En la Unión del Atlántico

## ¡Impacto Nueva York 2013!

### La Revelación de la Esperanza en Cristo Jesús

**E**l fin de semana de octubre 19 al 21, pastores y líderes de las iglesias hispanas pertenecientes a las asociaciones de la Greater New York y Northeastern, se unieron para un fin de semana de inspiración y capacitación.

Impacto Nueva York 2013 La Revelación de la Esperanza en Cristo Jesús es el lema que los hispanos de las dos uniones, la Unión del Atlántico y la Unión de Columbia, junto a cinco asociaciones dentro de esas dos uniones han adaptado la iniciativa de la Asociación General "NY13" para alcanzar, con evangelismo, a los habitantes del área metropolitana de Nueva York.

Los miembros hispanos, han abrazado con todo fervor esta iniciativa y uniéndose con los hermanos de otros idiomas en este territorio comprendido por los campos previamente señalados, están llevando a cabo actividades de inspiración y capacitación, con el fin de preparar las iglesias y hermandad para involucrar a todos en las actividades evangelísticas que caracterizará el núcleo del trabajo que se piensa realizar en el área metropolitana de Nueva York.

Lo que tomó lugar del 19 al 21 de octubre es parte de esas actividades planeadas por el sub-comité Hispano de NY13 y el comité de consulta Hispano de la Unión del Atlántico. Próximamente también se llevarán a cabo en el territorio de la Asociaciones de New Jersey y Allegheny East, continuando hasta mediados de marzo del 2013, diferentes actividades evangelísticas: evangelismo de grupos

pequeños, campañas de evangelismo público, estudios bíblicos personales y otros enfoques de evangelismo en los cuales toda la hermandad hispana estará involucrada.

Las reuniones se llevaron a cabo en la Iglesia Hispana de Dyckman en alto Manhattan, abarcando a los hermanos de las áreas del Bronx y Upstate New York uniéndose también las iglesias de El Faro en Brooklyn,

Asociación de New Jersey y miembro del comité NY13 muy activamente involucrado con la implementación de esta iniciativa y Pastor Ramón Canals quien funge como Vice-presidente de la Unión del Pacífico Norte. Ambos participaron en el entrenamiento a los líderes presentes en las sesiones de capacitación, y predicaron en algunas de las iglesias del área el viernes de noche y el Sábado de mañana.



**Dionisio Olivo, Vice Presidente de Ministerio Hispano y Portugués de la Unión del Atlántico, derecha frente, José Cortés, Sr., Presidente de la Asociación de New Jersey, cuarto de la derecha frente, y Ramón Canals, Vice Presidente de Ministerio Hispano Unión del Pacífico, derecha atrás, se reunieron con los pastores hispanos de las Asociaciones de Greater New York y Northeastern en el fin de semana de 19-21 de octubre en preparación para la iniciativa Impacto Nueva York 2013.**

Long Island, Queens y Staten Island. Tuvimos la oportunidad de ver por primera vez nuestro video promocional y de motivación y escuchar nuestro himno tema titulado: "Impacto Nueva York 2013" que será distribuida a las iglesias hispanas.

Los invitados especiales fueron el Pastor José Cortés, Presidente de la

Los miembros hispanos del área Metropolitana de Nueva York están comprometidos con la Misión y han abrazado estrechamente la iniciativa Impacto Nueva York 2013.

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| Portland, ME        | 4:18 | 4:26 | 4:35 | 4:44                     |
| Boston, MA          | 4:26 | 4:34 | 4:42 | 4:51                     |
| South Lancaster, MA | 4:28 | 4:35 | 4:44 | 4:53                     |
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**Did you know** that *Missionary Impossible* is a yearly mission trip organized by the Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries Department to connect young people to the mission of the Adventist Church? The goal is that through this trip young people will clearly identify with the church's mission and continue to contribute and serve once they return home. *Missionary Impossible* will go to Petit Goave, Hati, April 12-21, 2013. Go to [www.snecyouth.org](http://www.snecyouth.org) for more information.

## OBITUARIES

**CARTER, Caroline Edith (Knott)**—93; b. Jul. 22, 1918, in Heath, Mass.; d. Jun. 14, 2012, in Greenfield, Mass. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, attending at Shelburne Falls. She is survived by her children, John Carter and Ann Frost of Buckland, and Steve Carter of North Reading, Mass.; grandchildren David Carter of Cedar Lake, Mich., Glenn Carter of Walla Walla, Wash., Joanna Murdick of Silver Spring, Md., Andrew Frost of San Diego, Calif., and Rebecca Martin of Fallbrook, Calif.; and great-grandchildren Jill Carter, Olivia Carter, Emeline Carter, César

Carter, Jonathan Murdick, Jamel Martin, and Warrick Lewis.

**COE, Herbert E.**—79; b. Aug. 19, 1933, in Stockton, N.Y.; d. Sept. 28, 2012, in Clinton, Mass. He was a member of the Saratoga church in Saratoga, N.Y. He served as an Army medic during the Korean War. He graduated from Andrews University in 1961 and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1962. He spent four years in pastoral internship in Pa. (One in Harrisburg and three in Wellsboro) He was ordained in 1966 and served for 32 years in the New York Conference. Following his retirement in 1998, he continued helping the local churches in Amsterdam, North Creek, Gloversville, and Saratoga. He is survived by a son, Loren Coe of Broadalbin, N.Y.; a daughter, Donice Valentine of Clinton, Mass., two grandsons, David Currie II of Jefferson, Mass., and Brandon Valentine of Clinton, Mass., Three granddaughters, Lynise (Currie) Mendoza of Willimantic, Conn., and Ashley and Elizabeth Valentine of Clinton, Mass.; two sisters, Irene Hauschild and Donna Rees of Delta Colorado; and two brothers, Paul Coe of Delta, Colorado, and Ervin Coe of Big Rapids, Mich.

**CHRISTOPH, Beryl Doris (Mason)**—83; b. Oct. 17, 1928, in Apex, N.Y.; d. Jul. 16, 2012, in Sterling, Mass. She is a graduate of South Lancaster Academy (1947). She attended the New England Sanitarium and Atlantic Union College, where she met and later married (1952) Eugene "Pete" Christoph. From 1956, she and her husband spent six years in the mission field serving at the Seventh-day-Adventist Secondary School in Ihie, Nigeria, and then in Bekwai, Ghana. She was an active member of the College Church in South Lancaster for more than 50

years where she provided many floral arrangements and sang in the choir. In 1968, while serving as Home and School leader at SLA, she co-founded the SLA Alumni Association with Elaine Nosek. She served in many capacities, including president, historian, and consultant. She was the 2005 SLA Alumnus of the Year. She is survived by Eugene Christoph, her husband of 59 years; her children, Cynthia (James Greve) Christoph of Miami, Fla., Bonnie (Paul) Koval of Ashby, Mass., Roy Christoph of Nampa, Idaho, Peter (Kathy) Christoph of South Lancaster, Mass.; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Jim Mason of West Paris, Maine, Earl Mason of Bryant Pond, Maine; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

**JOHNSON, Melvin G.**—94; b. Jan. 3, 1918, in Stockholm, Maine; d. Jul. 7, 2012, in Clinton, Mass. He graduated from Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., and Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. He was a member the Village church in South Lancaster. He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years as a pastor and evangelist, retiring in 1986. In his declining years, right up to the end he was a dedicated and active soul-winner. He is survived by a daughter, Lynette Fisher, of Aurora, Colo.; two sisters, Linnea Klouzek, of Lancaster, Mass., and Nettie Boland, of Farmington, Maine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**JOHNSON, SR., William Harold**—94; b. Sept. 17, 1918, in Shreveport, La.; d. Sept. 25, 2012 in Hendersonville, N.C. He graduated from the Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1945 and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955 when it was located in Washington, D.C. He worked for the General Conference from 1945 to 1986. Prior to his retirement near Fletcher, N.C., he served as pastor in Indiana; Rwanda and Congo, Africa; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Nebraska; Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. He is survived by Wilma Jean Johnson, his wife of 67 years; a daughter, Sharon Tachenko (Michael) of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sons, Harold Johnson (Laura) of Hendersonville, N.C., and Malcolm Johnson (Peggy) of Baker, Mont.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**KNOTT, David William Knott**—84; b. Dec. 6, 1927, in Heath, Mass.; d. Sept. 21, 2012, Berrien Springs, Mich. He graduated from Atlantic Union College (AUC) in South Lancaster,

Mass., in 1951. In 1952, he began a half-century career as a teacher in Seventh-day Adventist schools on the elementary, secondary, and college level, with his first teaching job at the Adventist elementary school in Syracuse, N.Y. He completed a masters degree in 1958, and later, all but dissertation for a Ph.D. degree from the same institution. He lived in New York, Texas, and Massachusetts, as he taught at Union Springs Academy, in Union Springs, N.Y. (1953-58); Ft. Worth Junior Academy (now Burton Adventist Academy) in Ft. Worth, Texas, (1958-63); Southwestern Junior College (now Southwestern Adventist University) in Keene, Texas, (1963-65); and AUC from 1966 until his official retirement in 1996. He continued to do part-time teaching at AUC for several years after retirement and was a longtime unit supervisor in AUC's Adult Degree Program. In his later years, he developed a specialty leading tours of the literary and religious history of New England. He also served for several years as a member of the Lancaster Historical Commission. He is survived by his three sons: David Knott (Mary) of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Bill Knott (Debby) of Laurel, Md.; and Ronald Knott (Esther) of Berrien Springs, Mich.; six grandchildren: Rachel Knott of New Zealand; DJ Knott (Jodi) of Guyana; Emily Gibbs (Jacob) of Escanaba, Mich.; Evan Knott and Brady Knott, of Laurel, Md.; and Olivia Knott of Berrien Springs, Mich.; his brother-in-law, John Galey of Syracuse, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews.

**THOMAS, Carol Ann**—74; b. Jan. 14, 1938, in Syracuse, N.Y.; d. Oct. 16, 2012, in Hagerstown, Md. She attended Atlantic Union College and Andrews University. She served with her husband in the publishing ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 45 years in the Atlantic, Columbia, and North Pacific unions. She is survived by Kenneth Dick Thomas, her husband of 54 years; sons, Mark Bradley Thomas (Dawn) and Kent Russell Thomas (Joan) of Hagerstown, Md., a daughter Cheryl Thomas Peters (James) of Middletown, Calif., sisters, Barbara Schmidt of Tustin, Calif., and Nancy Clark of Sandy Creek, N.Y.; grandchildren Bradley Thomas, Callie and Benjamin Williams, Kenneth Thomas, Kenzie Thomas, Kenneth Caviness, Cara Peters, Chelsea Courtney, and Brandon Peters; great-grandchildren Bryton and Dylan Caviness and Andrea and Angelina Courtney.

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