

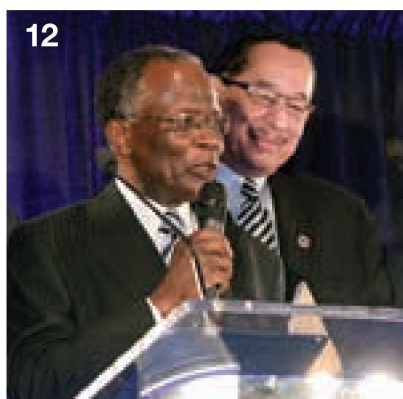
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Called to Serve — NY13

Can you recall what they used to call places where you fill your car with gas? They weren't called "gas stations" or "fueling centers," but "service stations." When you pulled in, someone would run out to greet you and serve you with gas, wash your windows, check your oil, check your tire pressure, and wish you well. Service stations also gave gifts and maps.

What is the first thing that comes to mind today when someone asks if you were ever "in the service"? Two things come to mind: "military service" and "serving others." We are all in service in the army of God, no matter what our background. Our churches ought to be "service stations" for all people—places where we serve them, help them, check their spiritual oil, bring them to the fountain of life, light, hope, and introduce them to the King eternal.

NY13 is upon us. What are we doing to make it a success in bringing Christ to the people in this large city? Are our churches service stations in the community or just another edifice?

Peter gives a descriptive look at what it means to be the people of God. "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"—1 Peter 2:9, NKJV. This is a significant and encouraging affirmation of not only who we are but whose we are.

As we take part in NY13, let us exhibit those qualities to the people we meet. When we bring new believers into the church, let us not neglect them, rather lovingly nurture them. Help them to grow to full maturity. God has called each one of us to serve.

Service is an experience. God, who first loved us, took the first step in serving the lost and also a big risk in sending Jesus Christ to this world. We did not seek God; God sought us. God was the initial actor in the experience of service.

We, as believers, should take the first step in helping and serving the people in our communities. Let us seize this golden opportunity during the NY13 meetings.

Service is an expression. We serve because we want to express our love to Him and our concern for the lost people of this big metropolitan city. Let us take advantage of the opportunity given to us to serve during these evangelistic meetings. This may be our last chance to serve.

Service is exercise. Here are two types of spiritual exercise: private exercise of prayer and Bible reading, and public exercise of Christian service. Bringing someone to hear the gospel during NY13 is a spiritual exercise.

Service is exaltation. To exalt means to lift up. Part of our service is lifting up Christ in our lives and in our community. If we exalt Christ as we should, we will have thousands of converts at the end of the NY13 evangelistic campaign.

Service is an extension. If you are a Christian, God will extend His hand of help down to you, and you, in turn, a helping hand to whom you are witnessing. God does not save us and then leave us to walk alone. Help someone to be saved through this tremendous opportunity God has given us with NY13.

Service is an expectation. Christians have something to live for; they are looking forward to something really wonderful. We are looking for and expecting a much better place than this world. We are heaven-bound people; so bring someone with you. Witness to someone during the NY13 evangelistic meeting and expect to see that person in heaven.

Let us seize the opportunity for service with commitment, courage, and joy, and let us all make 2013 a year to be remembered. ☩

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FROM THE TREASURER

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Impacting Children for Eternity

Leaving the air-conditioned airport, we struggled with heavy suitcases and the oppressive heat. After months of preparation, 18 members of the Northern New England Conference mission group arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. For many, this was their first mission trip.

After locating our driver, Don Luis, and loading the yellow school bus with our luggage, we began the two-hour journey to Santa Barbara. Luis expertly maneuvered the bus through chaotic city streets toward the mountains.

Each person from the group signed up to help with different projects, including special evening classes for the older children (designed to help them understand their true worth in Jesus), sewing classes, making food baskets for needy families in the community, health checks for each child, translation, and more.

Dee Christiansen and her 14-year-old daughter, Aryona, were excited about going on their first mission trip together. In addition to the adventures and excitement, Dee hoped that

For Jeannette Behrmann, sharing her skills meant teaching sewing to 22 girls. By the end of the week, 15 girls received certificates of high achievement, and seven were awarded with sewing machines in order to continue learning and practicing what they learned in the classes. Two of these girls, Tania and Thereza, are now making school uniforms for the Hogar to help save money.

Many of the participants found it difficult to imagine what the trip would be like. Before Gabriela Preda arrived, she pictured an orphanage full of neglected children. However, when she stepped off the bus at the Hogar, she was pleasantly surprised. Almost immediately she was greeted by one of the little boys, Hector, grasping her leg and wanting to be picked up.

“From that moment every preconceived image I had about an orphanage was gone,” Gabriela said. “We were surrounded by happy, playful, and adorable kids!”

In addition to spending time with the younger children, Gabriela also enjoyed helping with the sewing classes, distributing food in the community, and assisting with evening classes for the girls.

“I had a great experience at the Hogar and I thank God for the opportunity to be part of the group,” Gabriela said. “I know there are other places in the world that need help and love, but for me, the Hogar kids have a special place in my heart, and I can’t wait to go back.”

Josias and Yaneiri Baez’s biggest desire for their first mission trip was to emulate Jesus’ character to the children, and help lead them into a closer relationship with Him.

“I wanted to teach them how precious and valuable they are in the



Cynthia Craig

The men congratulate and present a certificate to one of the young men who completed the Hombres de Valor class.

I made the same journey for the first time in 2009. The Hogar de Niños is a children’s home operated by REACH International. I spent nine months there teaching English and caring for 10 boys. When I left, I promised the children I would return, and I have gone back each year since.

In preparation for the trip, the group packed suitcases with handmade quilts, pillowcases, clothes, shoes, school and medical supplies, as well as seven sewing machines—all of the 34 checked bags were for the children.

the trip would provide Aryona with a broader world view and a greater compassion for others.

Dee and Aryona helped Kathy Clem, M.D., to give more than 60 physical exams to the Hogar children, as well as to some members of the community.

“It was very rewarding,” Dee said. “It was exciting to use some of my experience as a nurse to help in a very different setting. It also reinforced Aryona’s goal to study nursing, and she is determined to return to Honduras next year.”



The girls at the Hogar de Niños get hands-on experience learning to sew with their newly-acquired sewing machines.

eyes of God,” Josias said. “The most challenging thing was to help them see the love of God despite all the physical, mental, and emotional abuse that they have experienced since childhood.”

On Sabbath afternoon, some of the kids approached Josias to thank him for his friendship and advice. They also told him that the messages had

and studying the Bible again.

“It was beautiful to hear those words, to receive their hugs, and see their eyes shine with happiness and peace,” Josias said. “There is nothing more extraordinary than to see the power of God working in the lives of young people, by restoring them and taking them to the feet of Jesus Christ.”

touched their lives. One of the girls said that she was resentful toward God for allowing so many bad things to happen to her, but she wanted to start a new relationship with Him, and start praying

When the trip came to an end, it was difficult to say goodbye. While the 10 days allowed the group to connect with and to encourage the children, there is still a great need for permanent adult staff to continue to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of these precious young people.

The support and love they receive now is important for their future physical development. However, by gaining a better understanding of Jesus’ plan for their lives, they are making spiritual choices for eternity. We look forward to heaven, and the day when we will all go home together. ☺



Hannah Kuntz is the communication specialist at Outpost Centers International, a family of lay ministries supporting the Adventist Church,

located in Apison, Tennessee.

Pastors’ Wives Share God's Love in Honduras

The mission trip to El Hogar de Niños, in Santa Barbara, Honduras, came about as a result of an idea shared by Jane Kuntz with a group of pastors’ wives in March 2012. Excited about the possibilities of sharing God's love, we began planning and preparing for the trip.

Eighteen people—13 pastors’ wives, three men, and two teens—went to minister from January 3-13. The purpose of all we did was to demonstrate the parental love of our Heavenly Father in tangible ways.

El Hogar de Niños is home to children who are there because of abuse, abandonment, or being orphaned. The house-parents are two dedicated sisters from Spain. They are committed to 24/7 selfless service. Student missionaries, one of whom was Hannah Kuntz, help on an interim basis.

Each person on the team shared his or her own talents, expertise, and made a difference. I can only imagine the satisfaction in God’s heart as He looked at those precious children at the Hogar receiving some of His very own love. “By this everyone will know that you



Northern New England Conference pastor's wives and children on a mission in Santa Barbara, Honduras.

are my disciples, if you love one another”—John 13:35, NIV. Being His ambassador was a privilege.

Lynn Ortel is the Northern New England Conference Ministerial Spouses Association director.

Compassion Is for Family Too

“My mother ruined our lives. She divorced my dad, and that changed my life and the lives of my brothers forever.” These were the words of a Christian young man, who was letting me know that he hardly ever calls his mother because he has a tremendous amount of resentment toward her.

He wishes his mother had stayed around longer and not filed for divorce, separating the family. He and his younger brother stayed with their father, while his older brother went with their mother. “I know things were not right between the two of them, but she could have waited until we were grown and gone to college to file for divorce.” As I listened to him talk, I could hear the pain coming through his words, and see it in his facial expression and his tears.

What is unbelievable about this is that this same young man is one of the most compassionate persons I have ever known. Now, a successful young adult, he opens the doors of his home anytime he sees someone in need, even if he does not know the person well. He donates money to charity regularly, goes on mission trips often, volunteers as a children’s basketball coach, and mentors youth in the church and the community. Yet he confessed with tears in his eyes that he hardly ever calls his mother. He has not visited her in more than a year, just because she opted out of a real bad and abusive marriage when he and his brothers were kids.

As we continued to talk, the conversation led him to realize something—everyone has an Achilles heel. Each of us has issues in our lives that we are not proud of, yet God is compassionate with us and is always willing to forgive our sins. He loves us despite our shortcomings.

But there was one more thing, which the young adult had never thought about. For

years he showed compassion for all types of people he met—people with addictions, marriage problems, young men with criminal records in prison, among others. Yet, he could not show compassion to his own mother. When I explained to him that through the years he was the heart, the hands, and the feet of Jesus to so many people with deep issues, scars, and problems, yet he had ignored his mother’s needs, pain, and hurt, he finally got it. He asked for advice. My advice to him was “compassion must begin in your family.”

How about you? Are you one of those who is compassionate in the streets and compassionless at home? How is your compassion for your own family, your father and mother, your

brother and sister, and your older grandparents? When was the last time you placed that call? Have you visited lately? Do you ever bring a gift or a little money to your relative in need? Do you know how much an “I love you” and a hug from you would mean to that little old lady, or to that man who made mistakes, but still longs to hold you again?

In the name of Jesus, the One who created compassion in the first place, I encourage you to make that call. Don’t hesitate. Go for the visit. And, please don’t forget the “I love you.” Oh, and make sure the hug is a tight one. Don’t just do it once; do it often. Compassion adds life to our loved ones and it also adds life to you.

Next time you are showing compassion out there in the streets, remember, compassion is good everywhere, but it must begin with your family! ☺



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

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British Young Adult Team Evangelizes Bermuda

All roads led to the Southampton church in Bermuda to witness young British evangelist Andrew Fuller preach with power and enthusiasm. Under divine inspiration, he expounded on the Word of God, sharing and revealing God's love for humanity and His desire to see all people saved. The simplicity with which he preached guaranteed that even the young could understand and respond accordingly.

At the end of the evangelistic meetings, four people were baptized, one individual was rebaptized, many rededicated their lives to God, and still others are presently engaged in Bible studies to learn more about the God who loves them so much.

Ten members of Preaching Place, an organization that goes the world over evangelizing, accompanied Fuller to minister in Bermuda. Prior to the meetings, there was a buzz in the air as people anticipated their arrival. Finally, 11 energetic, spirit-filled young men and women, ranging in age from 20 to 26, arrived.

Many members and visitors attended the meetings regularly. Opening the meetings each night at 6:30 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes, Leonard Gibbons, Bermuda Conference Health Ministries director, and his health team shared simple, easy-to-apply health tips, a real treat for the early birds. Marvin Pitcher, the

organist for Restoration Ministries, provided inspirational music as he played the piano, which added to the atmosphere and ensured good congregational singing.

Instrumentalists, praise teams, and soloists



▲ The four candidates prior to their baptism following the meetings at Southampton church. From left are Vertina Thomas, Sophia Hamilton, Patricia Thomas, and Charles Gladwin Robinson.



▲ British evangelist Andrew Fuller preaching to the congregation at the Southampton church.

played and sang praises to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Preaching Place's singing evangelists Collin Clark and Philip Fabayi sang meditation songs with tranquil voices, along with the melodious voice of Charmaine Coutet.

During the final week of the meeting, Fuller's brother, Stephen Fuller,



▲ Evangelist Stephen Fuller speaks with the students at Bermuda Institute.



▲ Members of Preaching Place who accompanied evangelist Andrew Fuller to Bermuda to assist with the evangelistic meetings at Southampton church.

and Solomon Coker, both evangelists, conducted the Fall Week of Prayer for the students and teachers at Bermuda Institute. Their commitment to the task was so strong that even after the meetings, they and other Preaching Place members, stayed and mingled with staff and students throughout the day.

ing to Bermuda, which was to honor and glorify God as they conducted the meetings and evangelized the island. All praises belong to the Heavenly Father for what He accomplished through Fuller and the Preaching Place ministering team.

—Roseann Russell, Personal Ministries director, Southampton church

The team engaged in street ministry and were also invited on their nights off to share with the inmates of the Co-Ed, the Farm, and the Right Living House correctional facilities. Whatever they did, they exhibited genuineness, mixed with a keen loving interest toward all.

They undeniably fulfilled their purpose for com-

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Communicators Prepare for NY13

About 150 communication leaders from churches in the Atlantic and Columbia unions met at the North Bronx church on January 27 for the NY13 Communication Workshop. Speakers and presenters from all levels of the church joined in this collaborative effort to help prepare communicators for their role in the upcoming NY13 evangelistic meetings in the Metro New York City area.

Training sessions were held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and included workshops on crisis communication, graphic design, media relations, news writing, photography, social media, video production, and more.



Local church communicators attend a seminar on sound engineering at the North Bronx church.

With more than 420 evangelistic meetings scheduled between April 1 and October 31, the communication teams from the churches in the five-conference area are equipped to share stories of baptisms and changed

lives. Having the communicators trained and ready to do their part is just one of the many ways in which leaders are preparing members for the NY13 initiative.

AdventSource representatives were on hand to provide material and other

assistance. They also co-sponsored the luncheon for this event.

“As people are baptized and lives are changed, we want their stories to be captured and shared with the world as a source of inspiration about what God is doing through the NY13 initiative,” says Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director and NY13 communication committee chair.



To view photos of the event, visit goo.gl/t3C1q.

Devon Franklin Speaks to Capacity Crowd at GODencounters Retreat

Devon Franklin, senior vice president of production for Columbia Pictures and author of *PRODUCED BY FAITH*, was the featured Sabbath speaker at the GODencounters Retreat sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department. About 300 young people filled the meeting room to capacity on the weekend of February 1-3 for the tenth anniversary of this annual

retreat. Ten young people made decisions for baptism that weekend.

In his Sabbath-morning message, Franklin encouraged the young people to develop a relationship with God. “God wants you to raise Him up today in what you do, but you can’t do that if you don’t have a relationship with Him,” Franklin said.

Other segments of the weekend

included a Communion service, an anointing service, and a Compassion Project in partnership with Stop the Hunger. On Saturday night, the young people packed more

than 12,000 meals to be shipped to disaster areas in the U.S., Africa, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Music for the event was provided by a praise and worship team from Southern Adventist University.

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and his wife, Lois, Atlantic Union Conference Women’s Ministries and Ministerial Spouses Association director, brought greetings to the young people and were also workshop presenters.

Event planners had to close registration for the retreat several days before the event because the venue was filled to capacity. The event was streamed live.



Devon Franklin speaks to about 300 young people at the tenth annual Atlantic Union GODencounters Retreat at Camp Winnekeag in Wilbraham, Massachusetts.



To view photos of the event, visit goo.gl/2LkRI and goo.gl/RGJA2.



First NETS Express Held in South Lancaster



The first NETS Express group following the one-day training program at the Village church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

About 120 people attended the first NETS Express held at the Village church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on February 17.

NETS Express is a fast-paced, short-term version of the Northeast Evangelism Training School program. It is designed for busy people who may not be able to dedicate four months to the full NETS

evangelism, personal evangelism, and public evangelism, as well as time-tested methods that consistently produce results. Seminars presented include “Effective Ways of Getting Bible Studies,” “Health Ministry in Evangelism Methods,” “The Role of Relationship in Soul Winning,” “Gaining Decisions and Answering Objections,” “Dynamics

training experience.

The meeting was packed with relevant and timely insights on health

of Giving an Effective Bible Study,” and “The Evangelism Cycle.”

“Each person who attended NETS Express was presented with a certificate of completion,” NETS assistant director Lois King, said.

Eric Flickinger, the program’s director; Kevin Sears, assistant director; and Hildelisa Flickinger, a registered dietitian, were the presenters.

NETS Express is sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference. For more information about NETS, visit: netsatlanticunion.org or e-mail registrar@netsatlanticunion.org.



To view photos of this event, visit goo.gl/iDpSc.

One Year in Mission Volunteers Arrive in New York

A team of 14 young adults representing each of the 13 divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist and the Greater Middle East Union (attached field) arrived in New York on January 24 as a part of the global One Year in Mission (OYIM) project. The group will spend six months in New York in conjunction with the NY13 initiative.

The Greater New York and Northeastern conferences have each been assigned seven of the young people to work in their respective fields. They will be involved in ministry, giving Bible studies, working with the Compassion Movement and other New York City young adults, doing community service, and engaging in the evangelistic efforts of local churches.

Before arriving in New York, the members of the

group completed three months of training and orientation in their countries of origin. At the completion of the six months in New York, they will return home to debrief and assist in setting up Phase 2 of the project in their respective divisions. The goal is to ignite a movement of volunteers around the world.

Among those welcoming the group on the initial weekend of their arrival in New York were Armando Miranda, a Seventh-day Adventist Church general vice president; Erica Richards, editorial assistant for the General Conference Youth Department; Youth Ministries directors José Cortés, Atlantic Union Conference, Andres Peralta, Greater New York Conference, and Roger Wade, Northeastern



Member of the One Year in Mission team with the Atlantic Union Conference youth director, José Cortés, Jr., center, following Sabbath worship service at Ephesus church in Manhattan.

Conference, as well as Ruben Merino, Greater New York Conference Adventist Community Services director.

The Greater New York Conference Adventist Community Services Center will serve as the headquarters for training

and mission deployment for the OYIM team.



For more information on the One Year in Mission project, visit: oneyearinmission.org.



Leno and Cesar Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

The new year opened with two additions to the ordained ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Greater New York. Bledi Leno and Johnson Cesar were both ordained on December 22, 2012, at the New York Luso Brazilian Church in Queens.

Church administrators, conference leaders, friends, and family gathered to witness the laying on of hands. Special invitee and the pastor to deliver the charge was Oliveiros Ferreira, president of the Central Saol Paulo Conference, who previously baptized Leno.

Bledi Leno was born in Korça, Albania, and raised as an atheist. At the age of 12, he was introduced to the Christian faith through the work of the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries sent to Albania in the early 90s, Oliveiros and Elange Ferreira.

At age 16, he moved to São Paulo, Brazil, where he later responded to the call to ministry. In 2004 he graduated from the Adventist University of São Paulo with a degree in theology and business.

Leno has served the Adventist Church in Brazil as an associate pastor, chaplain, and evangelism worker, and in the U.S. in the Greater



The newly-ordained pastors and their families surrounded by Greater New York conference administrators, directors, and pastors.

New York Conference as a pastor in the Luso-Brazilian, Jackson Heights, and currently the New Jerusalem and Ridgewood churches.

He was married to the late Helen P. Bochnie-Leno, who lost the battle with cancer in June 2012.

Leno is passionate about representing and proclaiming Jesus to the world through life and ministry while preparing for His second coming. He also loves spending time with family and friends, traveling and exploring new cultures.

Johnson Cesar is a product of Christian education. He is a graduate of Oakwood College (now Oakwood University). In

2006, he received a master's degree in social work from Stony Brook University, where he is currently a doctoral candidate in social welfare with a specialization in research and policy analysis.

Cesar is married to Farah Jean, D.D.S. The Lord blessed them with a son, Samuel Johnson Cesar. Cesar pastors the Bethesda and Mt. Sinai French churches in Brooklyn, and Les Trois Anges company in Nyack. Prior to his current assignment, he served Bethsaida and Sychar French churches in Far Rockaway and Westbury.

He loves preaching and French literature. One of his favorite passages of



Oliveiros Ferreira, president of the Central Saol Paulo Conference, delivers the charge at the ordination service.

Scripture is John 17:3, NIV, "This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." His most cherished desire is to discharge his ministry faithfully.

Steve Cassimy, Greater New York Conference ministerial director, presented both pastors to the administration for ordination.

—Rohann Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference



Candidates for ordination Bledi Leno, left, and Johnson Cesar, right, with his wife, Farah Jean.



Steve Cassimy, right, Greater New York Conference ministerial director, takes turns reading the litany with the candidates for ordination.

Photos: Rohann Wellington

New York Senator Presents Citation to Moab Honoré



Prain Samscondar/Courtesy NACC

Senator Eric Adams of the 20th Senate District in New York presents a citation to Moab Honoré, Greater New York Conference Haitian Ministries director.

New York Senator Eric Adams of the 20th District of Brooklyn, New York, presented Moab Honoré, Greater New York Conference Haitian Ministries director, with

a citation for his involvement in community service in Brooklyn.

The citation was presented at a special meeting held on February 7 by the New American

Chamber of Commerce in Brooklyn. Honoré and another Protestant minister worked together to establish a foundation that helps young Haitians.

“The purpose of the foundation is to help [young Haitians] stay in school, go to college, stay out of gangs, stay out of prison, and to cre-

ate a recreation center where the young people can receive counseling,” Honoré said.

Honoré currently serves as chair of the foundation and is the first Seventh-day Adventist to receive this citation in the 20th District of Brooklyn.

—Rohann Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

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We are looking for news and other inspiring stories from your church that we can share with our readers. E-mail your stories with the photos attached as separate files to the Greater New York Conference communication director. Be sure and include a caption with each photo and the name of the photographer.

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Leaders Take Departmental Convention Back to Albany

The Holiday Inn in Albany, New York, once again hosted the annual Clerks and Treasurers Workshop and the Departmental Training Convention for the Northeastern Conference. Many of those in attendance said they were pleased to return to the location where the workshops began more than 30 years ago. Fitzgerald Kerr, Adventist Community Services and Sabbath School director, led the Northeastern Conference Sabbath School Department team that organized the convention.

Arthur Morgan, retired pastor, who founded the annual departmental convention, was honored by the Northeastern Conference administration and by Gerald D. Jennings, mayor of Albany, New York.

Abdele George, pastor of the Friendship church in Elmira, New York, was the devotional speaker for the clerks and treasurers. He reminded them that they have no need to fear because they are children of the King.



Communication leaders from Hanson Place (New York) and Springfield (Massachusetts) churches getting hands-on training.



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shared messages of encouragement and hope to those attending the departmental training convention. He reminded them that with

Gene Donaldson, pastor of the Capital Hill church in Washington, D.C.,



▲ Gene Donaldson, pastor of the Capital Hill church in Washington, D.C., shared messages of encouragement and hope to those attending the departmental training convention.

◀ During the award ceremony for clerks and treasurers, Daniel Honoré, left, Northeastern Conference president, congratulates Bethel Hispanic church treasurer Julia Jenkins for sending their church's remittance in on time.

Jesus in their boats, their nets are full, and with Jesus, you get satisfaction guaranteed.

Alexander Bryant, secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, spoke for the general session each morning. Bryant told the group that they need to be “thermostat Christians,” effecting change to their surroundings.

Training was provided for church leaders to help equip them to be more effective in their responsibilities at their local church. Workshops were available in Adventist Risk Management, communication, education, religious liberty, to name a few.

Donaldson, in his closing charge on Wednesday morning, reminded the leaders that “no matter the situation, nevertheless, God is always available.”

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Donald King, center, Atlantic Union Conference president, and Daniel Honoré, left, Northeastern Conference president, acknowledge the work of Arthur Morgan, right, retired pastor and founder of the Northeastern Conference annual departmental convention.

Youth and Young Adults Recognized at Leadership Convention

Youth and young adults from around the Northeastern Conference were recognized for their skills, talents, and leadership abilities at the Faith to Follow Leadership Convention on January 19 at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Connecticut.

The annual awards extravaganza was sponsored by the conference's Youth Ministries department. Numerous awards were presented to individuals, churches, and federations for excellence in sports, outstanding leadership, and overall improvement.

The highlight of the night was a performance by guest gospel recording artist Stephen Hurd. Roger Wade, the conference's youth ministries director, and his

team executed the program, which had never been done at a youth convention. "In addition to training the leaders, commending them for their accomplishments is important, as well," Wade said.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Ebenezer church Youth Soccer Team accepting the first place trophy for the Player Athletic Clinic for the Soccer League.



Farrell Jones, left, pastor of Mamre church, addresses the group after receiving the Pastor of the Year award. Roger Wade, the conference Youth Ministries director, is on the right.



Stephen Hurd, the guest gospel recording artist, performs at the Northeastern Conference youth leadership convention awards extravaganza.



Maurice Edwards, member of Faith church, accepts the Olympic Trophy presented by Roger Wade, right, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director.

BSSI Federation Has Strong Showing at Youth Convention

The Brooklyn South/Staten Island Youth Federation (BSSI) had a fairly good showing at the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Convention held at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Connecticut.

There was representation from most of the 22 churches in the federation. At the Sabbath afternoon Investiture Service, the BSSI had the largest group of AYS leaders invested. Of the 28 senior youth (AYS) leaders who were invested, 50 percent were from that area. In addition, they had 12 Master Guide candidates.

These are young people who worked hard and were able to successfully fulfill the requirements of these programs. Both leadership programs are extremely intense and they last an entire year. Some candidates needed two years to get it done!

Colwin Simpson, the AYS leader for the Mamre church, first vice president of the BSSI Federation, and a newly-



Tamon Charles, Brooklyn Faith church AYS leader, Jason Dryden, BSSI Youth Federation president, and Colin Tappin, soccer player from Brooklyn Faith church, collect the 2012 Super Cup trophy.

invested senior youth leader, says that the Senior Youth Leadership course has nurtured and solidified his role and potential as a leader. "It has a balanced and well-rounded curriculum that has equipped me with the skills and knowledge I need to lead the youth I serve," Simpson said.

Northeastern Conference has more invested youth leaders than any con-

ference in the North American Division. "I am so blessed and honored to be a part of this ministry," Petal Fong, BSSI senior youth coordinator and AYS leader of the Canarsie church, said. "It's only by leaning on God that we are able to see 14 more young people rightly trained to finish the work that God has given us to do."

At the first-ever awards night, BSSI received several awards in Bible Bowl, basketball, and soccer. To top it off, they received the award for Youth Federation of the Year 2012.

The BSSI Federation has a mighty army in the Brooklyn South/Staten Island area—young people who are trained and ready to lead. They now need to be mobilized, and what better way to do it than to have them fully engaged in NY13!

—Jason M. Dryden, president, BSSI Youth Federation



New Executive Secretary/Communication Director Named for Northern New England Conference

The Northern New England Conference (NNEC) Executive Committee voted on Sunday, February 17 to extend an invitation to Robert Cundiff to serve as conference executive secretary and communication director. He accepted the invitation and will begin in late March.

Cundiff comes from the Carolina Conference, where he served for 23 years. For the past nine years, he served as the head pastor at the Raleigh church in North Carolina.

He graduated from Southern College in 1990 with a degree in religion and completed his Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University in 1994. He is on track to graduate from Andrews University in August 2013 with a Doctor of Ministry degree, with an emphasis on preaching.

Cundiff's ministry includes serving as a student missionary, youth pastor, young adult pastor, associate



Robert Cundiff

pastor, senior pastor, and a frequent speaker at various events, including summer camps, camp meetings, Weeks of Prayer, and college chapel services.

He and his wife, Tanique, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, have three young adult children, Joshua, Lauren, and Rachel.

Cundiff is filling the position left vacant by Arnold Schnell, the former secretary, and the position left vacant by the outgoing communication director who retired.

Cundiff says his life passion "is delving ever deeper into the riches of God's grace and leading others in that same journey."

"We welcome Pastor Bob Cundiff, Tanique, and their children. We are delighted to see how God led in the development of this decision. We know God will continue to guide Pastor Cundiff's leadership in our conference," said Mike Ortel, Northern New England Conference president.

—Lynn Ortel, Northern New England Conference retired communication director

God in Shoes Team Provides Service to Women at Residential Facility

God in Shoes began as a ministry idea that is more than a program or event. It is women ministering to women and showing the love of God. This ministry for the Barre church in Vermont was started by the women (deaconesses and women's ministries team) of the church, who wanted to reach out and give value and love to those who may not always receive it.

Orchestrated by God-led women, the ministry was offered to the Barre Manor, a 120-bed residential facility for retired and disabled individuals. The idea was to create an in-house spa day for 16 female residents, that included a mineral foot bath followed by a foot scrub and lotion massage. The women of

the church also treated the female residents to neck and hand massages, a facial, and a hand paraffin dip. To top off the spa day experi-

“God in Shoes was started by the women of the church, who wanted to reach out and give value and love to those who may not always receive it.”

ence, refreshments were served, and each participant was given a small gift as a memento of their experience.

Unbeknown to the God in Shoes team, the Barre church Bible

worker was trying to get into this residential home to give Bible studies. During the activities the Bible worker's name was mentioned and they found out that he was connected to the same church sponsoring the God in Shoes team. This knowledge opened the doors of opportunity. The director of the facility allowed the Bible worker to give Bible studies and asked if the church gives health lectures and cooking seminars. It is amazing what love's response can do!

—Brian Bilbrey, pastor, Barre-Montpelier and Randolph churches

God Has a Purpose for Your Life

One morning, not even two minutes into my drive to work, I witnessed two incidents of violence and anger. I had also been dealing with some pretty heavy things in my life and the lives of a few close friends. My mind began to wander down that negative road called “self,” and I managed to talk myself into a “Diane pity party.”

I was sick of seeing what I witnessed earlier and sick of seeing all the other more evil, sin-filled things of this world. I began to question God and asked Him why He hadn't come yet to put an end to all this evil. I thought, *He must be even sicker of seeing this stuff than I am. I proceeded to tell Him that I don't even know why I'm still here, and how I don't seem to make a difference in this world . . . blah, blah, blah.* Then the Holy Spirit lovingly knocked some sense into me.

I apologized profusely to God, and asked Him for forgiveness. What was I saying? What was I thinking? I know I'm not God, and I certainly cannot fathom what He thinks and what His plans are for me or this world. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”— Isaiah 55:8-9, NIV.

When I finally arrived at work, I proceeded with my day, and began to go through my e-mails. One of the pastors in this conference creates a daily devotional to which I subscribe.

When I opened it and started reading, my eyes began to fill with tears. If this particular e-mail was not a personal love letter from God to me through this pastor's devotion, then I must be totally crazy! I know that it was written specifically to me from God!

It read:

“But first, I want you to know my thoughts for you and how you make a difference.

God is using you for His special purpose.

To Shine His light,

To Share His love,

To Shape His People.

You are making a difference in ways you don't even realize. And you're very much appreciated. God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8”

After I wiped my tears and picked up my jaw from my desk, I sent the pastor an e-mail, “Please know, Pastor, that what you do, what you allow God to do through you, makes a difference! These devotionals you write are just some of the things that God uses you for! So, if there are days when you feel like me, when you ask God what your purpose is, just know, please, that on more than one occasion, you've made a huge difference in my life. I can only imagine how many other lives you have touched today, in past days, and will touch in the future. God bless you! Thank you for letting God work through you! You are highly respected and loved!”

The pastor responded shortly afterward letting me

know he had been discouraged because he felt what he was doing didn't make a difference. He told me that of all the e-mail addresses



Diane Kane

that his devotions are sent to, very few actually open and read them. (He can track this information.) He thanked me for encouraging him. We both knew

that God was at work and had spoken to both of us.

Not only did God use this pastor's devotion to touch me and to encourage the pastor, but I told several of my friends and coworkers what happened, and they shared with me how my story had encouraged them.

God has a purpose for all of us. We all can't be rulers in high places. Even kings and queens need people to support them. Most of the time God used people who were unknown to the world's eyes. He even used a donkey! Yes, God has a purpose for your life. Please don't let Satan make you think otherwise!

—Diane Kane, administrative assistant, Northern New England Conference



Singles Take Time to Focus on Christ



Single adults at the Duffield Camp and Retreat Center in Delevan, New York, for a weekend event focusing on Christ.

Nine single adults met at the Duffield Camp and Retreat Center in Delevan, New York, for a weekend event that focused on Christ. In his presentation, Derek Colav reminded the group that as interesting and wealth-laden as a life may be, it doesn't compare with what one can have through a relationship with Jesus.

On Sabbath, the group visited the Carriers church for Sabbath School and

the worship service. They returned to Camp Duffield in the afternoon, where they went for a walk through the woods enjoying the beauty of the surroundings.

Carmen Gonzalez shared a devotional thought about her passion for singles ministries. She reminded the group that trusting their lives to Christ may mean that they stay single, and that they can be content either way, only if

Update on Search for President of New York Conference

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, the New York Conference Executive Committee voted to ask Angel Rodriguez to serve as acting president for the remainder of the quadrennial term that ends in 2014 and for Florencio Zabala to serve as secretary-treasurer, also for the remainder of the quadrennial term.

We continue to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit's power in the lives and hearts of the members of the New York Conference and for the soon and glorious return of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

—Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and the New York Conference Executive Committee



Angel Rodriguez



Florencio Zabala

Christ holds first place in their lives. Saturday night was spent playing games and enjoying Christian fellowship.

The group discussed plans to hold another event this year.

—Melissa Conrad, organizer, Carriers church



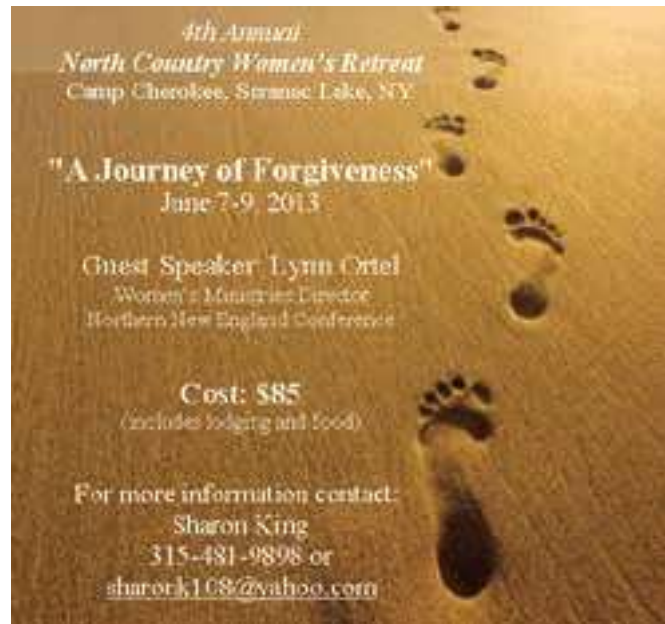
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Salem Church Hosts Benefit Concert for Work in Honduras

The Salem church hosted Naomi Jackson for a Sabbath-evening benefit concert to raise money for missionary work in Honduras.

Jackson was born and grew up in the United States. An Andrews University graduate with

she sang songs from her album titled "What If I Give All," and shared many stories from Honduras. She shared how the work got started, the church was established, and how they were able to evangelize the people who at first seemed disinterest-

"The stories from her missionary work revealed how the Lord is working mightily in Honduras."

a degree in music, she has dedicated her talents for the advancement of God's work.

After leaving Andrews, the Lord called her to Honduras, where she is doing missionary work through VIDA Internacional, a self-supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During the January 19 hour-long benefit concert for the Honduran mis-

sion, Jackson sang songs from her album titled "What If I Give All," and shared many stories from Honduras. She shared how the work got started, the church was established, and how they were able to evangelize the people who at first seemed disinterest-

ed with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The stories from her missionary work revealed how the Lord is working mightily in Honduras. The Salem church members were encouraged by her stories and the message in her songs that what they are doing in Honduras can be done in the city of Salem too, with help from God.

—Communication staff, Salem church

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Southern New England Conference
Constituency Session

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the 36th Constituency Session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013, in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561. The purpose of this meeting is:

1. To receive reports.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, an Executive Committee, a Constitution Bylaws Committee, and an Association Board.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the conference.
4. To consider amendments to Set Fund Guidelines.
5. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 5, A1 "each Church shall be entitled to select one Delegate for the Church and one additional Delegate for each thirty-five (35) members or major fraction thereof, provided that each Church shall be entitled to select not less than two (2) Delegates."

Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2013, in Bailey Hall, on the Southern New England camp grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561, for the purpose of appointing members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 8A "each Church shall select, from its Delegates, one (1) representative for the Church, and one (1) additional representative for each five hundred (500) member of that Church or major fraction thereof."

Lunch will be provided.

Frank Tochtermann, President
Whitford A. Shaw, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Southern New England Conference Association
Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Constituency Session of the Southern New England Conference Association, a Massachusetts corporation, is called to meet in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561 on Sunday, July 14, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., concurrently with the regular session of the conference.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and a board of trustees, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates of Southern New England Conference Constituency Session will be the delegates for the Southern New England Conference Association.

Lunch will be provided.

Frank Tochtermann, President
Tom Murray, Secretary



En Amérique du Nord, L'attention Accordée À Ceux Qui Tentent De Décrocher De Leurs Dépendances, Prend Un Nouvel Essor

Les Adventistes du Septième Jour mènent un combat contre la dépendance et les comportements compulsifs et ils ne sont pas les seuls à lutter.

Ceci est un message que les professionnels de la santé sont en train de promouvoir alors que la nouvelle phase du ministère rétabli par l'Eglise pour lutter contre la toxicomanie et autres dépendances fait des émules en Amérique du Nord.

A travers des ressources et de la formation, ce ministère remis au goût du jour par l'Eglise, ouvre une voie vers la guérison et permet de se défaire de comportements nocifs, ont déclaré les dirigeants d'églises en matière de santé.

“Nous éprouvons un réel désir d'apporter notre soutien à quiconque souhaiterait se défaire de ce sentiment d'être pris au piège par une habitude nuisible à la santé, à quiconque souhaiterait s'en trouver libéré par Christ afin de faire des choix différents,” a déclaré Katia Reinert, directrice du département santé au sein de la Division Nord-Américaine.

Ce ministère propose une approche spirituelle qui s'apparente au traditionnel programme en douze étapes utilisé par les Alcooliques Anonymes. Ce programme révisé assorti chaque étape à des versets bibliques et des thèmes tirés des écrits d'Ellen G. White, cofondatrice de l'Eglise Adventiste. Ces textes illustrent les principes chrétiens tels la soumission, la confession et la réconciliation. Le programme définit également Jésus comme étant “la plus haute autorité”, en remplacement de la « haute autorité” dont il est question dans le programme en douze étapes des Alcooliques Anonymes, autorité d'où ils puisent leur force.

Ce modèle date du milieu des années 80, quand l'avoué adventiste Hal Gates, lui-même un ancien alcoolique, s'est senti appelé à mettre sur pied un ministère ancré dans la puissance régénératrice du Christ, en faveur de ceux victimes de dépendance. Et un peu plus tard, des groupes de soutien de soi-disant “régénération” ont émergé à travers l'Amérique du Nord afin de s'étendre à travers le monde.

Bien que l'Eglise Adventiste fut favorable au ministère de Gates, ce n'est que depuis deux ans que la Division Nord-Américaine a pris un vote afin d'en échanger le nom et faire de ce ministère une initiative du département de la santé.

A présent, avec de nouvelles ressources à disposition, les dirigeants au niveau du département de la santé, proposent des programmes de formation qui auront lieu pendant le sommet organisé localement et par le département santé. Un séminaire de formation type dure le temps d'un week-end et équipe les responsables en matière de santé, le clergé et les laïcs, pour qu'ils parviennent à assurer la supervision d'un groupe de soutien au sein de leur église ou de la communauté a déclaré Reinert.

“Traditionnellement parlant, les facilitateurs ont eux-mêmes fait l'expérience du processus de rétablissement, mais nous, nous souhaitons que tous soient équipés pour soutenir un groupe en phase de rétablissement,” a-t-elle déclaré.

Connaître et comprendre la dépendance est une étape cruciale pour faire table rase des préjugés souvent associés à la phase de rétablissement, confie Reinert.

“Nous voulons démontrer que la dépendance est aussi répandue que le

diabète, par exemple, une maladie qui touche beaucoup de personnes,” ajoute-t-elle. “Les gens n'ont pas envie de déclarer ‘Je suis un toxicomane,’ mais tous nous avons un comportement compulsif quelconque. Il ne s'agit pas seulement de tabac, d'alcool ou de jeux. Il pourrait s'agir d'autres genres de comportements qui pourraient s'avérer tout aussi nocifs. Il pourrait s'agir de la nourriture que nous consommons jusqu'aux divertissements auxquels nous nous adonnons.”

Alors que les responsables de la santé continuent leur campagne de sensibilisation au sujet du rétablissement face à la dépendance, Reinert déclare qu'elle est optimiste et que le programme va dépasser les frontières de l'Amérique du Nord. Ce ministère se prépare déjà à traduire son bulletin “Journey to Life/ En route vers la vie” en espagnol, en portugais, en français et en russe. Il est également envisagé de faire traduire les ressources destinées à la formation.

“L'accoutumance, il est triste de le dire, est un des secrets les mieux gardés de l'Eglise Adventiste du Septième Jour,” a déclaré Peter Landless, directeur associé du département santé au niveau de l'Eglise Adventiste Mondiale.

“Ce ministère adventiste auprès de ceux souffrant d'accoutumance est une intervention, et je prie en ce sens, à laquelle je voudrais que l'Eglise Mondiale adhère, ce qui fera de nos églises des centres de santé communautaires, où ceux en voie de rétablissement pourraient trouver un havre de paix et faire l'expérience de l'amour et de la grâce de Jésus.”

*Source: Adventist News Network
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¿Qué Está Pasando?

En la Iglesia Mundial

Llamados a Servir — NY13

¿Se acuerda usted como se llamaban los lugares donde llenan su auto con gasolina? No solían llamarse “estaciones de gasolina” o “gasolineras” sino “estaciones de servicio.” Cuando usted entraba, alguien le saludaba cordialmente, le echaba la gasolina, limpiaba su parabrisas, revisaba el aceite de su auto y la presión de las llantas y luego le deseaba un buen viaje. Las estaciones de servicio también ofrecían regalos y mapas.

¿Qué es lo primero que se le viene a la mente a usted cuando alguien le pregunta si usted ha “servido”? Dos cosas me vienen a mi mente: “el servicio militar” y “el servicio comunitario.” Todos estamos en el servicio militar de Dios, no importa cuál sea nuestro antecedente. Nuestras iglesias deben ser “estaciones de servicio” para todas las personas; lugares donde podamos servirles, ayudarles, revisar su aceite espiritual, llevarlos a la fuente de vida, luz y esperanza e introducirlos al rey eterno.

NY13 está sobre nosotros. ¿Qué estamos haciendo para que sea un éxito al traer a Cristo a las personas de esta gran ciudad? ¿Están nuestras iglesias listas para ser estaciones de servicio en la comunidad o solo otro edificio?

Pedro nos da una mirada descriptiva a lo que significa ser el pueblo de Dios. “Pero ustedes son linaje escogido, real sacerdocio, nación santa, pueblo adquirido por Dios, para que anunciéis las virtudes de aquel que os ha llamado de las tinieblas a su luz admirable”—1 Pedro 2:9, RVA. Esto es una afirmación significativa y alentadora no solo de lo que somos pero de lo que hemos sido llamados a ser.

Mientras tomamos parte en el esfuerzo evangelístico NY13, demos-

tremos estas cualidades con las personas que conozcamos. Cuando traigamos a nuevos creyentes a nuestras iglesias, no los descuidemos, sino apoyémoslos amorosamente. Ayudémoslos a crecer hasta una madurez completa. Dios nos ha llamado a cada uno de nosotros a servir.

El servicio es una experiencia.

Dios, quien nos amó primero a nosotros, tomó el primer paso en servir y tomó el riesgo de enviar a Jesucristo a este mundo perdido. Nosotros no buscamos a Dios; Dios nos buscó a nosotros. Dios fue el actor inicial en la experiencia del servicio. Nosotros, como creyentes, debemos tomar el primer

El servicio es exaltación. La exaltación significa levantar. Parte de nuestro servicio es levantar a Cristo en nuestras vidas y en nuestra comunidad. Si exaltamos a Cristo correctamente, tendremos a miles de personas que se convertirían al final de la campaña evangelística NY13.

El servicio es una extensión.

Si eres un cristiano, Dios extenderá su mano de ayuda hacia ti y tu debes entonces extender tu mano a quien estas testificando. Dios no nos salva para dejarnos solos en el caminar cristiano. Ayuda a alguien a ser salvo por medio de esta tremenda oportunidad que Dios nos ha dado con NY13.

Todos estamos en el servicio militar de Dios, no importa cuál sea nuestro antecedente.

paso en ayudar y servir a las personas de nuestra comunidad. Tomemos esta gran oportunidad durante el esfuerzo evangelístico de NY13.

El servicio es una expresión.

Servimos porque queremos expresar nuestro amor a Dios y nuestra preocupación por las personas perdidas de esta gran ciudad metropolitana. Tomemos la oportunidad que se nos ha dado durante estos esfuerzos evangelísticos. Esta podría ser tu última oportunidad de servir.

El servicio es un ejercicio. He aquí dos clases de ejercicios espirituales: el ejercicio privado de la oración y el estudio de la Biblia, y el ejercicio público del servicio cristiano. El traer o invitar a alguien a escuchar las buenas nuevas de salvación durante NY13 es un ejercicio espiritual.

El servicio es una expectativa.

Los cristianos tenemos un motivo por el cual vivir; estamos esperando algo maravilloso. Estamos en expectativa y esperando un mundo mucho mejor del que vivimos. Somos personas que van rumbo a cielo; así que recuerda traer a alguien contigo. Testifica de tu fe a alguien durante los esfuerzos evangelísticos de NY13 y espera ver a esa persona en el cielo contigo.

Tomemos esta oportunidad de servicio con un compromiso, valor y alegría y hagamos del 2013 un año para ser recordado.

Leon Thomassian es el tesorero y el director de fideicomiso de la Unión del Atlántico.

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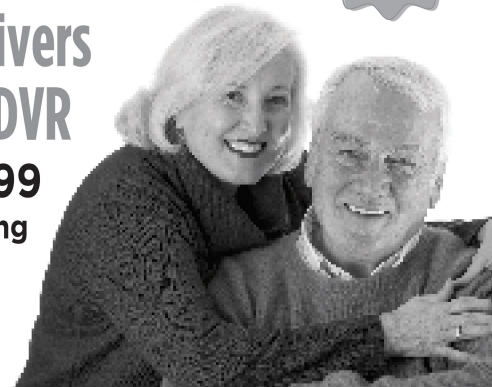
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Eastern Daylight Savings Time

OUT-OF-UNION

"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion

will take place Jun. 7-9 for alumni and warmly welcomed schoolmates of 1963 and earlier at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan. Honor classes: '33, '43, '53, '63. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. Also, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at (989) 427-5181, or visit www.glaa.net for further information.

OBITUARIES

AIJALA, Sulo Alfred—90; b. Feb. 4, 1922, in Coventry, R.I.; d. Nov. 27, 2012, in Rindge, N.H. He was a member of the Gardner church in Gardner, Mass., after being a member of the Providence, R.I., and Attleboro and Taunton, Mass. churches. He served on school boards, supported Seventh-day Adventist education, and taught the junior Sabbath School class for many years. He attended the church school at City Church, Manhattan, South Lancaster Academy, and Atlantic Union College. He was baptized as a result of Ida Aasplund, a Fitchburg, Mass., woman living in New York City, going door-to-door, selling literature, and witnessing to the Finnish residents. He is survived by his children, Roy of Mo., Karen Carpenter (Don) of Windsor, Calif., Stephen Aijala (Jackie) of Sonoma, Calif., Joyce Aijala of Rindge, N.H., Becky Aijala of Charlotte, N.C., and Carol Greene (Phil) of Warren, R.I., brother, Lauri Ayala of Boise, Idaho; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step-daughters and their families.

CASTRO, Margene Yvonne (Mills)—64; b. Apr. 7, 1948, in Battle Creek, Mich.; d. Aug. 28, 2012, in Pawtucket, R.I. She was the daughter of the late Merle and Elizabeth Mills, former Southern New England Conference president (1952-1966). She was a longtime member of the Lincoln church, a devoted member of the Cumberland company, and was active in her church community. She attended Browning elementary school and South Lancaster Academy in Lancaster, Mass. She is survived by three sons, Randy Castro of South Attleboro, Derek Castro of Pawtucket, and Michael Castro of North Attleboro; a brother, Myron Mills of Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Ryan, Andrew, Olivia, Christian, Krista, Kendra, Michael, Cameron, Matthew, and Alexis; and several nieces and nephews.

DWYER, Hilda S.—79; b. Apr. 18, 1933, in Elmira, N.Y.; d. Nov. 10, 2012, in Sayre, Pa. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 50 years. She is survived Malcolm C. Dwyer, her husband of 56 years; children, Karen Twining Sr. (Nicholas) of Conklin, N.Y.; James Dwyer of Tupper Lake, N.Y.; Barbara Chase (Jeffrey) of Dresden, Maine; grandchildren, Nicholas Twining Jr. (Jessica) of Buffalo, N.Y.; Sarah Twining of Forest, Va.; Marjorie DePersis (Michael) of Afton, N.Y.; Spencer Chase and Camden Chase both of Dresden, Maine; brother, Floyd Seymour Jr. (Evelyn) of Wellsburg, N.Y.; sister, Mary Jenne (Leonard) of Scottsville, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

GAUL, Evelyn (Burnett)—67; b. May 20, 1945, in Boston, Mass.; d. Oct. 28, 2012, in Boston, Mass. She was a member of the Hyde Park church in Hyde Park, Mass. She is survived by her daughter Felicia King (Gary); son, Richard James Gaul, III; brothers, George

Burnett (Jacqueline); Robert Burnett (Charlene), Gary Burnett (Deborah), and Fred Burnett; sisters, Gail Burnett, Pauline White, Inez Twitty (Lance), and Myra Burnett; grandchildren, Shakwan, Jr., Richard V. Christopher, Jayla, Iyanna, and Marquis; and many nieces and nephews.

JOHNSON, Wilma Jean—89; b. Sept. 15, 1923, in Frankton, Ind.; d. Dec. 22, 2012, in Hendersonville, N.C. She attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). She was the wife of the late William Harold Johnson who served as a pastor in the Atlantic Union (see page 21 of the Dec. 2012 GLEANER). She lived in Michigan, Indiana; Rwanda and Congo, Africa; West Virginia, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Tennessee. She taught special education in the Providence, R.I. school system until her retirement. She played the organ for the church. She is survived by her 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.

JONES, Hopeton—72; b. May 21, 1940, in Jamaica, West Indies; d. Nov. 5, 2012, in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the Hyde Park church in Hyde Park, Mass. He is survived by his son, Dennis Jones; brother, Lewitt Jones; sisters, Ruby Jones, Ivy M. Haynes, and Doreen B. Jones; two grandchildren, Tiara Moxley and Drahcir Jones; and nieces and nephews.

LEONDELATORRE, Carmela—72; b. May 15, 1940, in Guayaquil, Ecuador; d. Jan. 14, 2013, in Warwick, R.I. She was a member of the Providence Spanish church in Providence, R.I. She was the first Spanish-speaking member baptized in the state of Rhode Island in 1978. She was active in her church and enjoyed being Sabbath School superintendent. She is survived by her son Luis Fernando Epstein.

POPE, JR., Clifford O.—73, b. Feb. 5, 1939, in Teague, Texas; d. Dec. 16, 2012, in Worcester, Mass. He was a member of the College Church in South Lancaster, Mass. He joined the Adventist church in Nov. 1963. He served local congregations as a deacon, Sabbath School teacher, elder, and church treasurer. He obtained his master's degree in mathematics from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He worked as professor

of mathematics and applied science at Atlantic Union College and accountant for the Atlantic Union Revolving Fund. Between 1980 and 1995 he was one of three elected commissioners operating the Lancaster Sewer District. Over a 15-year period he wrote programs and created databases for customer billing. At the Revolving Fund he computerized much of the process. He held professional memberships with the Mathematical Association of America, the American Statistical Association, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is survived by Ruth (Atkinson) Pope, his wife of almost 46 years; son, John E. Pope (Krista) of Amarillo, Texas; daughter, Carolyn Denio of Lancaster; six grandchildren, Renee, Elaine, and Jeny Pope, and Ashley, Madison, and Ethan Denio; two sisters, Elizabeth Smith (Roger), and E. Marie Lawrence (Richard) of Teague, Texas; many nieces and nephews.

TURBIDE, Theresa A. (Terry)—76, b. Dec. 5, 1935, in Leominster, Mass.; d. Aug. 18, 2012, in Leominster, Mass. She graduated from the Perkins School for the Blind in 1955. She was a member of the Fitchburg church in Fitchburg, Mass. She was a volunteer for the Salvation Army. She served as a community support person for the disabled, especially those who were visually impaired. She was a member and volunteer for the Massachusetts Association throughout the Montachusett area. She was a well respected spokesperson for the physically challenged. She leaves behind many valued friends and volunteers.



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Junior/Tween Camp	July 7–14
Adventure.....	July 14–21
Family Camp 1	July 28–August 4
Family Camp 2	August 4–11
Homeschool Camp	August 18–24

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Session 2	July 21–28
Session 3	July 28–August 4
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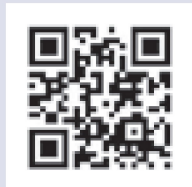
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Teen Camp	July 14–21
Teen Outpost Camp	July 21–28
Blind Camp	July 21–28
Family Camp 1	July 28–August 4
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Junior Camp	June 30–July 7
Tween Camp	July 7–14
Teen Camp	July 14–21
Family Camp I.....	July 21–28
Family Camp II.....	July 28–August 4



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