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Are We the **Light of the World?**

Jesus made this point to His disciples during the Sermon on the Mount. He said, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a [bushel]. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven”—Matthew 5:14-16, NIV. Light is important to all of us. Darkness brings fear, gloom, and sadness. In the wintertime I sometimes have to get up early and drive in the dark to get to my appointment on time. It is sometimes a challenge to drive in darkness, but when daylight breaks, I feel happy, energetic, and can drive faster because I can see my way better. Light brings joy, happiness, and hope to me.

The Bible says that God created light first when He formed this world. He said, “Let there be light, and there was light”—Genesis 1:3. Our life and existence depends on light. Without light, plants, animals, and humans cannot live long.

When Jesus was on this earth, people knew more about darkness than we do today. In those days there were no street lights or lamp posts. At night people avoided traveling because harm could come to them. We complain if there is no sun for few days or when a storm cuts all electrical power. We are fortunate that we have more light now because of advancements in technology.

When Jesus was telling them that they should be a light of the world, He was probably also pointing to the hills and mountains, telling His disciples to be like the villages that had oil lamps or candles on the side of the hill to guide the travelers.

In Jesus’ time, people placed the lamps on stands to give light to the whole area. When they left home at night, they would place the lamp in an earthen ves-

sel for safety reasons. As soon as they returned home, they would place the lamp back on the stand.

Psalms 27:1 says, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” In other words, the Bible is saying that Jesus is the light of all mankind. He is the light of the whole world. John the Baptist declared that he himself was not the light; he was only a witness to the light.

Jesus, the true light, was in this world. He was among them, walking with them, teaching them, and preaching to them, but they did not know it. He came to His own and His own did not recognize Him or receive Him. Jesus said “I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”—John 8:12, NJKV.

Just as the sun provides physical light to the world, Jesus, the Son of God, is the spiritual light of the world. The church exists to glorify the Son of God, the light that has come into the world to overcome the darkness of sin and death. It is only as the light of Christ shines into our lives that our lives will have meaning and purpose.

Jesus said that we are the light of the world. What an amazing compliment and what an awesome responsibility. We, as His followers, ought to bring this light to the world in the community in which we reside. Jesus’ life was not focused on His needs, but the needs of others around Him and around the world. We need to share the light that He has given us with others and be true disciples.

We shine God’s light on people’s lives by the good we do, the godly example we set, and the positive difference we make. What a privilege and an awesome responsibility. Are we doing our part being the light to our community? ☺

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



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Great Things Hath *He* Done!

Atlantic Union Conference Mid-term Report

We are at the approximate midterm of the current quinquennium (five-year) for the Atlantic Union Conference. At the beginning of the term, the administrators, directors, and I reviewed our goals and objectives and prepared a Strategic Growth Initiatives document that has been voted by the union executive committee. Since that time, many activities have occurred and some of our objectives have been reached through the power and mercies of God. I share some highlights with you.

Atlantic Union College (AUC)

- Following the cessation of the academic program at AUC, we immediately began to research other options for the education of students in the Atlantic Union.
- We began working with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education to seek approval for the operation of at least two higher education programs at AUC as well as some non-higher education certificate programs.
- The application to the state for the degree programs, which was expected to take nine months, actually took 18 months. However, approval was granted in June 2013 giving authorization for two degree programs to be offered—theology/religion and biology/health science.
- AUC is currently in the accreditation application process with Transnational Association of Christian Schools and Colleges (TRACS).

NETS (Northeast Evangelism Training School)

- A NETS business plan was developed and approved in principle by the union executive committee. The program was then voted by the union executive committee and inaugurated on November 14, 2012.
- NETS held its first session in New York City in 2013 in connection with Ted Wilson's evangelistic meetings at Manhattan church.
- The first NETS graduation was held in New York City on June 30, 2013.
- The official opening of the NETS building on the campus of AUC was held on November 20, 2013.



NY13 Initiative

- We started the quinquennium in 2011 with a request from the General Conference and North American Division to conduct an evangelistic initiative in New York City, later to become known as NY13.
- The first meeting to discuss this evangelistic initiative was held in August 2011.
- The first major Evangelism and Prayer Rally was held at the

North Bronx church in New York, September 21-22, 2012, to launch the NY13 outreach for metropolitan New York City as the first of 650 cities around the world to conduct a Mission to the Cities campaign.

- An Evangelism Rally was held on January 19, 2013, to kickoff a series of weekend lay training meetings on how to be effective witnesses for Christ in New York City.
- A SEEDS Conference, sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Personal Ministries Department, was held March 30-April 1, 2012, in Hartford, Connecticut, where hundreds of lay persons were trained to win souls for Christ.
- The Atlantic Union Office of Education conducted several types of clinics for students—music, math, wellness/fitness, and writing—as part of the NY13 evangelistic initiative.
- Nearly 1,800 Bible instructors were trained.
- Nearly 1,000 health education missionaries were trained.
- A global International Field School of Evangelism with 320 participants from every division of the world church was conducted at the Luso Brazilian church in Queens, New York, in conjunction with NY13.
- More than 400 evangelistic campaigns were conducted in New York City in 2013.

- A OYiM (One Year in Mission) team comprised of 14 young adults, one from each of the 13 divisions of the world church and one from an attached field, spent six months participating in various youth and community service projects in New York City.
- Several leaders from the General Conference and North American Division joined the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences to conduct a “Christ’s Method Alone for Urban Mission” one-day training at the Bethel church in Brooklyn, New York.
- Seventh-day Adventist Church president Ted Wilson conducted a Revelation of Hope series at the historic Manhattan church in Greenwich Village. More than 70 persons were baptized.
- Women’s ministries leaders from the General Conference, North American Division, Columbia Union, Atlantic Union, and the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences collaborated to conduct discipleship and nurturing training for church members. An evangelistic campaign was also conducted in June 2013 by the General Conference and Atlantic Union Conference Women’s Ministries directors.
- For the first time, an NY13 Internet evangelistic campaign was held in Harlem, New York. The meetings at Ephesus church were streamed live around the world in English, and a live blog was maintained in English and Spanish.
- Ministerial spouses from the conferences were actively engaged in NY13. Several participated with

their pastor spouse in evangelistic meetings, children’s ministries, and health evangelism. Ministerial spouses from Northeastern Conference also conducted evangelistic meetings. As a result, many people made decisions to follow Jesus in baptism.

- The stewardship departments of the Atlantic Union and the North American Division joined together and organized a metropolitan city-wide stewardship evangelism weekend in August 2013, with preaching, training, and seminars.
- Impacto New York 2013: The Revelation of Hope in Jesus Christ was the motto chosen by the Hispanic community to reach, through evangelism, the Spanish-speaking people of the New York metropolitan area. About 235 people were baptized in this initiative.
- Haitian evangelism involvement in NY13 saw 11 new congregations planted and 901 new members added to the remnant church.
- A major highlight in 2013 was the NY13 Joint Camp Meeting (a first for the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences), held midway through the evangelistic campaigns, where approximately 13,000 Adventists and friends gathered at the Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, New York, and others from around the world viewed online.
- The NY13 communication subcommittee was tasked with news reporting to both the internal and external audiences. Many methods of communicating were used, including print media using the Atlantic Union GLEANER and the Columbia Union



Adventist Youth help the Far Rockaway residents get back on their feet after Superstorm Sandy devastated the area.

VISITOR, social media using Facebook and Twitter, an NY13 App, e-newsletters, live broadcasts on Hope Channel and 3ABN, and live streaming with AUAM (Atlantic Union Adventist Media) and Praizevision.

- A “Christ at Christmas: Rejoicing in the Harvest” program was held at the Linden church and Hunter College on the weekend of December 13 and 14, 2013 with more than 600 in attendance to thank God for the results of NY13.
- A comprehensive 40-page NY13 report has been prepared highlighting the activities and outcomes of the NY13 initiative in New York City. The report, titled, “An Evangelistic Adventure in Metro New York City” was presented to the North American Division and General Conference at its Spring Meeting in April 2014. The printed report is available from the Atlantic Union and may also be viewed online at www.ny13.org.

Disaster Relief Aid

- The Atlantic Union Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Adventist Youth Ministries collaborated together to bring support to the victims of Hurricane Irene.

- The Atlantic Union participated in building homes for victims of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti.
- At the 2012 NAD year-end meeting, conference presidents G. Earl Knight, Greater New York, and Daniel Honoré, Northeastern, and I made an appeal for relief funding for the victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York City. The North American Division and General Conference responded immediately with more than half a million dollars for relief efforts.
- Thousands of youth and young adults collaborated with Adventist Community Services to help with the Hurricane Sandy cleanup efforts in New York and they are still involved with that project.

Prayer Ministries

- There has been an unprecedented emphasis on prayer in the Atlantic Union since 2011, not only in connection with NY13, but in general.

Women in Pastoral Ministry

- A statement on Women in Pastoral Ministry was voted by the union executive committee. It reads:

Resolved, that the Atlantic Union Conference, in harmony with the scriptural mandates of the priesthood of all believers, is committed to supporting, empowering, and celebrating women in pastoral ministry.

- It was also voted that the union would continue to explore and promote the topic of Women in Pastoral Ministry through educational efforts.
- The union leadership subsequently met with all female pastors in the Atlantic Union to provide support and encouragement in their pastoral leadership.

Health Ministries

- More than 700 people walked or ran a 5K trail on “Let’s Move Day” in Flushing Meadows Park in Queens New, York, on September 23, 2012. A representative from the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition took part in the walk. A 103-year-old woman who attends the Corona church in Queens also participated.
- The North American Division Health Summit, “Choose Life: Tell the World,” was conducted in New York City at the Sheraton LaGuardia Hotel March 13-17, 2013.

Youth Ministries

- The Atlantic Union Youth Ministries Department launched a Compassion Movement in the Atlantic Union territory in 2013.
- A Compassion Rally, sponsored by the Atlantic Union Youth Ministries, was held March 22-24, 2013. Thousands of young people crossed the Brooklyn Bridge in a march against violence and in support of compassion. More than 100 projects were conducted in New York City

and on Long Island. Compassion T-shirts were worn by the participants.

- The Haitian Ministries department sponsored a YAHA Convention (Young Adventist Haitians in America) March 22-24, 2013, to give support and encouragement to young Haitians living in the United States. A group from the YAHA Convention went to New York City to join the march across the Brooklyn Bridge.

Hope Channel in New York City and Boston

- Hope Channel has entered into a contract that opens the door to reach nearly 2,000,000 households in New York City and Boston on free-to-air television. Anyone with a digital television will be able to watch Hope Channel on WMBQ Channel 46.2 in New York City and surrounding areas and WFXZ Channel 24.3 in the Boston metro area. This was made possible by an individual who donated 50 percent of the entire cost. The other 50 percent is covered by the Atlantic Union and its conferences.

We ended 2013 with nearly 5,300 baptisms as a result of the NY13 initiative. There is no full stop after NY13. The momentum continues. The passion for soul winning remains. In fact, it never ceases until our Lord returns.

As we contemplate the blessings and successes of this quinquennium, as well as the challenges and areas for future improvement, may the light of Calvary continue to shine forth through evangelism, so that our Lord, Jesus Christ, may come soon and take us all to the great eternal place “beyond.” ☺

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



Adventists are preparing to walk in Flushing Meadows Park on Let's Move Day 2012.



HOW Linda Found Church

Linda had a good life—a job, friends, and more than 20 family members who loved her and lived very close to her. Yet, she was full of despair.

“I could not fill this void and sadness inside me,” she says, remembering those dark days when she wanted to end her life. Having run out of options to handle her deep depression, she turned to prayer and the Bible. In her search for spiritual encouragement, she found Hope Channel on her television one day.

“The first truth Jesus brought to me through Hope Channel was His seventh-day Sabbath. I was amazed because I did not know about it at all. I checked the Scriptures to find out more and then I knew it was true! I was so happy for this revelation,” she says, describing the first moment of joy she felt in years.

For weeks, every Sabbath, Linda had church in her living room with Hope Channel. And every week, she wondered if there were people in her town who also worshipped on Sabbath. New in town and homebound by illness, she didn’t know how to go about finding a church that was open on Saturdays. Then one Sabbath she noticed her neighbors pulling into their driveway. It looked like they had been somewhere together as a family. “I wonder if they are returning from Sabbath church,”

she asked herself, and then quickly dismissed the thought. That would be too much of a coincidence.

The happier she felt in her new experience with Jesus, the more determined Linda was to find a Sabbath-keeping community. It had been 40 years since she had stepped into a church, but that didn’t stop her. Opening her phone book, she looked for churches that perhaps included their hours of operation. And that’s how she found an Adventist church. The following Sabbath, she convinced her sister to join her and the two of them stepped into a Seventh-day Adventist church for the very first time.

The people were friendly and the service was so similar to what was on Hope Channel, yet it had the added warmth and connection of other worshippers. After church, they were invited for potluck.

As they walked down the hallway to the fellowship room, Linda noticed a photograph of familiar people on the bulletin board. She looked closer; it was her neighbors! God had nudged her to ask her neighbors about church several weeks earlier; but when Linda hesitated, God simply found another way!

Staring at the photograph, Linda broke down in tears, overcome by how God had been watching over her from that very first moment she turned to Him in desperate prayer.

In December 2013, both Linda

and her sister were baptized into that Seventh-day Adventist Church. “I didn’t know how real God was before,” is how Linda summarizes the amazing way in which her life turned around in less than a year. “The Lord is so good and I never want to be without Him in my life. There’s nothing to go back to once you know the Truth.” ☺

Fylvia Fowler Kline is the marketing director for Hope Channel.

Use Hope Channel as your evangelistic tool. It’s simple:

- Select someone to be your church’s Hope Channel ambassador. Have the person complete the form found at the following link www.hopetv.org/ambassadors.
- Use the resources Hope Channel will send every quarter to strengthen your outreach ministry.
- Be prepared to welcome people who learn about Adventism from Hope Channel and come looking for a church family.

Retaining Young Adults: A Priority of Each Local Church

Perhaps you know one, two, or, unfortunately, countless numbers of young adults who formerly sat on the pews in your church. Perhaps you were his Pathfinder leader and invested lots of time with him as he was growing up. Maybe you were her Sabbath School teacher and counseled her several times. Or, perhaps, you were their pastor, who went to the board countless times to get financial help for them to attend an event. But as you look around your church, the spots they used to occupy are empty. He is not there. She is missing. They are gone.

It hurts even more if he is your son, or she is your daughter. After all of those years in church, wearing the durable shoes and pretty dresses you bought them, attending all those youth events and camporees, and the thousands of dollars spent on church school, maybe you wonder if it was all a waste of time and money. They are not in church and, although you miss them, your biggest concern is “Will they be there on the morning when Jesus comes?” And it hurts! Do you know one, two, or maybe too many?

If you don't believe me, I invite you to conduct an audit of your church books. Go back 10 years and see how many of the youth and young adults who were members of your church are still members. Of course, there are some who have moved and are still faithful somewhere else, but what about the rest? What percentage are still attending church? I know this could be a painful process, but it is a necessary one that will help your church come to terms with the reality that we are losing the youth, and especially young adults. By the way, to me, losing one is one too many. Losing one should be alarming enough for your church.

Corporately, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America has recognized the need and has made the retention of our young adults one of its priorities. However, it serves our church little if organizational

leadership makes a commitment that never reaches the local church, the congregation where young adults have grown, been baptized, and nurtured. If each one of our local churches in the Atlantic Union does not make a commitment to retaining our young adults, whatever the wider organization has voted means nothing.

Together with our conference youth directors, we would like to call on each church in the Atlantic Union to make the retention of young adults a priority. A church board vote, a discussion at a general business meeting on the subject, and an audit of the church books to identify the missing ones would be a good place to start. You won't know who to reclaim unless you identify them.

If each church sees the need and agrees that it is time to change the trends with their own young adults and teens, it will be easier to make radical changes. This will provide a more healthy environment that allows our sons and daughters to remain in the church.

For the remainder of this year, we will dedicate “The Big Picture” to identifying reasons why young adults leave, how to retain those who are still attending, and how to reclaim those who have left. But remember, it all begins by identifying them. Each name has a face, each face has a life, each life is valuable to Jesus and must be to the church. Each one needs Jesus and, perhaps, the church. If you think they need Jesus and the church, it is time to get to work. I believe they need Jesus and the church, and, of course, Jesus and the church need them. So let's get to work for our children's sake. They are Jesus' most precious treasure. He died, rose, and is coming back for them. Jesus wants them and so do we. Or do we really want them? ☺



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

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Technology and Communication for the Mission to the World

Aspiring to “build the future online,” experts from multiple corners of the world—including the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences—convened to discuss the latest in technology and communication for church mission. The tenth annual GAIiN (Global Adventist Internet Network) Conference, took place in Baltimore, Maryland, February 12-16.

The conference is defined as an “annual gathering of Seventh-day Adventist technology experts, communication professionals, and pastors.”

The 2014 discussions of themes such as innovation and creativity, gamification, Web site and search optimization, content development, e-learning, project management, social media, mobile applications, cyber security, streaming and



Ansel Oliver

Martha Gabriel, a best-selling author and an influential marketing consultant, shares information at the GAIiN conference about mobile technology.

broadcast media, among others, were embedded with “seasons of prayer” led by chairman Williams Costa, Jr., communication director of the Seventh-day Adventist world church.

Speaking of “Mission to the Cities,” and “God’s commanding call” for spreading the gospel, Gerson Santos, Greater New York Conference executive secretary and director of the

Global Mission Center in New York, charged the audience to be the “spiritual salt” in urban areas. He also revived the concept of COI (Centers of Influence) coined by Ellen G. White almost a century and a half ago.

GAIiN 2014 also featured the live appearance and testimony of Antonio Monteiro, a pastor from Cape Verde, who was released in January 2014 from a prison in Togo,

after nearly two years of unjustified imprisonment. The audience of more than 400 participants praised God for Monteiro’s testimony, and also burst into amens during the screening of a new “creation-focused” series called “Animal Encounters,” and the premier of “Heroes,” a Bible media game that features such characters as Abraham, Esther, King David, and Ruth.

Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the world church, presented the “Net Award” to Milton Soldani Afonso, renowned Adventist business tycoon and philanthropist, for his “visionary support of thousands of people and institutions, enabling the use of communication and technology to fulfill the mission of the Adventist world church.”

—Jesse Nascimento, lay pastor, Greater New York Conference

Remembering . . . Paul E. Kilgore



Paul E. Kilgore

Paul E. Kilgore, 80, a former director of education for the Atlantic Union Conference, died on January 15, 2014, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Born June 2, 1933, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Kilgore graduated from Rochester Adventist Elementary School, then Mt. Vernon Academy. He spent one year at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) and in 1957 graduated from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist

University) in Collegedale, Tennessee. In his senior year he served as the first dean of boys at Collegedale Academy. He earned a master’s degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 1964.

Kilgore began his ministry in 1957 as dean of boys at Union Springs Academy in New York. He held other educational posts as principal of Dallas Junior Academy in Dallas, Texas, and Chisolm Trail Academy in Keene, Texas, and as superintendent of schools for the Texas Conference (1968-1977) and the Upper Columbia Conference in Washington state (1977-1979).

His journey eventually led him to the Atlantic Union Conference in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he served as director of educa-

tion from 1979 until his retirement in December 2000, leaving the legacy of having served as the longest-standing union director of education.

He retired and moved with his family to Cleveland, Tennessee, where he remained active and served on the Bowman Hills school and church boards. He enjoyed coin collecting, reading, and he loved singing and music.

Kilgore is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joan Hedgepeth Kilgore of Cleveland, Tenn.; children, Dixie Lee Lysinger (Walt) of Yuba City, Calif; Reggie Paul Kilgore (Vicki) of Sand Mountain, Ala.; and Penny Christine Kennedy (Howard) of Cleveland, Tenn.; one grandchild, Carrie Dunks (Eric) of Oregon City, Ore.; eight step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.



Seven Bermuda Institute Teachers Commissioned

The highlight of Focus on Adventist Education weekend 2014 was the special commissioning service held at the Hamilton church in Hamilton, Bermuda, on February 22. Seven teachers, whose service in Adventist Christian education has spanned from seven to 19 years at Bermuda Institute, were commissioned: Karen Blankenfedlt-Tucker, Ruth Hetsberger, Miranda Lister, Owen Simons, Apryl Tuzo, Latoya Tull, and Wendie Warren.

A teacher's Commissioning service is similar to a pastor's ordination. It sets a teacher apart for the work of the teaching ministry. There is an established criteria that teachers must attain, both in spiritual maturity and professional expertise, before they are eligible to receive



Owen Simons, Ruth Hetsberger, and Apryl Tuzo, are among the Bermuda Institute teachers commissioned on February 22.

such a designation. The significance of the commissioning service is to publicly invoke God's blessings and to consecrate the teachers to the teaching ministry.

The charge to the candidates was given by Dedrick Blue, senior pastor of Ephesus church in Harlem, New York. He recapped for

the audience of teachers, pastors, family, friends, and supporters of Christian education the importance and value that Adventist education has in today's secular society. He reminded teachers of their sacred calling to the teaching ministry.

Astrid Thomassian, Atlantic Union education

director, along with Bermuda Conference officials Jeffrey Brown, president; Sydney Gibbons, executive secretary; Pamela Greyson, treasurer; and Sheila Holder, superintendent of schools; and Bermuda Institute administrators Lois Tucker, principal, and Kathy Wilson-Allers, vice principal, participated in the service. Overseas guests Elissa Kido, director of the Adventist Research Center at La Sierra University, and Patricia Steward-Daniels, director of Service Learning at Oakwood University, joined in the celebration.

Thank God for each teacher's dedication and commitment to love, nurture, and serve the young people of the Bermuda Conference and Bermuda as a whole.

—Communication staff, Bermuda Conference

Members Encouraged to Have God Stretch Their Faith

Her name is Diane Fox. While she is not a baptized member, Fox attends the St. David's church frequently. Her mother was a member of the Adventist Church before her passing. During the last half of 2013, Diane felt the call of the Holy Spirit to do something for Jesus and the church. She felt the call to go into her community to collect canned goods for those less fortunate than herself. She began to collect cans, storing them in her home. Some people donated the first time she went to them, others told her to come back. And she did.

Toward the end of November she had collected enough canned goods to assist St. David's Adventist Community Services department to prepare and distribute more than 20 food baskets.

At the church, we are anticipating that the Lord will do marvelous things in 2014. Our new year's slogan, "We want God to do a new thing in 2014 for us."

We began the year with the Ten Days of Prayer on the second Sabbath, collecting more than 100 names for prayer. Every time we meet corporately, we divide the names up among ourselves and pray for them. We are already seeing and experiencing the movement of the Spirit in our lives and our prayer lives have improved also.

We are anticipating the movement of the Holy Spirit to turn our prayer list into our interest list. Each week, we continue to encourage the members to have God stretch their faith by adding more names to the list.

Like Fox, the church is listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit. We want to move when the Spirit says move, pray when the Spirit says pray, sing when



Diane Fox shows some of the canned goods she collected from people in the community.

the Spirit says sing, and by His grace, His voice becomes clearer and still clearer until the day we shall hear Him say unto us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—D. Randolph Wilson, assistant communication director, Bermuda Conference

G. Earl Knight Offers Prayer Before Mayor's State of the City Address



G. Earl Knight prays before the mayor of New York City delivers his State of the City address.

Greater New York Conference president, G. Earl Knight accepted an invitation from the office of the mayor for New York City to deliver the invocation at the State of the City address on February 10. The event was held at the LaGuardia Community College in Queens, New York, and broadcast live on several news stations.

Knight invoked God's blessing upon the mayor, his family, his commissioners, and other staff as they lead New York City in the next few years. He also asked God to give them wisdom in making decisions that will inspire hope in all citizens

of New York City. Knight also asked God to protect the city from terror, as well as to protect the police officers, firefighters, and other first responders.

In a statement released by Mayor Bill de Blasio after the State of the City address, the mayor said, "We were honored to have Dr. Knight deliver his prayer of invocation at the State of the City. I'm thankful for all his good works and those of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

James Richmond, community liaison in the Greater New York Conference communication office, facilitated the request of the mayor's

office and coordinated clergy representation from both the Northeastern and Greater New York conferences.

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

Upcoming Events

The Risen April 19-20

Camp Berkshire
680 Berkshire Rd.
Wingdale, NY 12594
Contact, GNYC Youth
Ministries
www.gnycyouth.com

Men's Prayer Convention May 16-18

Honor's Haven Resort & Spa
1159 Arrowhead Rd.
Ellenville, NY 12428
Call Lisa Gonzalez at
(516) 627-9350
or visit gnyc.org

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second regular quadrennial and fifty-fifth regular Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m. (registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.) on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Camp Berkshire, 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York, 12594.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, departmental directors, ethnic ministries directors, executive committee members, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for every 60 members. Each church is entitled to elect alternate delegates who may be seated at the Conference Session in place of any regular delegate not present. (Article III, Section 2: 1, 2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee is being called for Saturday evening, May 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at North Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3743 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, New York 10469. All members of the Organizing Committee should plan to be present.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Nominating Committee is being called for Sunday morning, May 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the Greater New York Conference Office, 7 Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset, NY 11030.

G. Earl Knight, President
Gerson P. Santos, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second regular quadrennial and fifty-fifth regular constituency meeting of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the fifty-fifth regular Constituency Session (second regular quadrennial) convening at 9:00 a.m., on Sunday, June 1, 2014, (registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.) at Camp Berkshire, 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York, 12594. The delegates to the second regular quadrennial session of the Conference are also delegates to the second regular quadrennial session of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees for the coming quadrennial period, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

G. Earl Knight, President
Lloyd Scharffenberg, Secretary



Photos: Dawin Rodriguez

Pastors from the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences are among those attending Mayor Bill de Blasio's State of the City address in Queens, New York.

Student Task Force Assists With Organizing Community Service Projects at Just Claim It

The students at Parkview Junior Academy and Union Springs Academy (USA) are at it again. On February 16, Mark Tamaleaa, the school's principal, took a small task force team of seven young people to Florida for the fourth world youth prayer congress called Just Claim It. There were more than 1,000 registered participants and a crowd of about 4,000 over the weekend.

Just Claim It is a jam-packed event where young people can fill their spiritual cups through prayer initiatives, community service projects, evangelism, teen preaching and testimonies, mass choirs and orchestras, workshops and seminars, a Sabbath youth rally, and recreation. Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, . . . and all these things

shall be added unto you"—Matthew 6:33.

The main purpose of Just Claim It is to challenge an entire network of young people to put spiritual things first. This is at its core. Tamaleaa and his task force of students were asked to

help with organizing and leading out in 15 community service projects over the course of two days. Parkview believes that empowering students and giving them opportunities to lead are some of the best ways to teach young people.

Prior to the start of Just Claim It, the task force team ran a two-hour workshop for the students of Mt. Olivet Junior Academy detailing ways to document, record, and edit video footage of the service projects. The task force team from Mt. Olivet then joined forces with Parkview and USA, and together they led and facilitated service projects throughout the city of Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

The overall experience for the task force team from the New York Conference was great. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Parkview Junior Academy and Union Springs Academy continue to show that it is truly better to give than to receive.

—Staff, Parkview Junior Academy



Mark Tamaleaa, Parkview Junior Academy principal, right, and a small task force team of young people assist with community service projects at Just Claim It.

Adventist Christian Fellowship Group are Interested in Growing and Sharing Their Faith

I recently had the privilege of going to the Syracuse University Campus to have worship and a Bible study with the local Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) group there. These young Adventists have a definite passion for worshipping Jesus, and an interest in growing and sharing their faith. The group is blessed to have the support and mentorship of one of the professors there, Kofi Appiah Okyere, who also happens to be one of the head elders at the Westvale church.

Our topic of study that night was the importance of prayer and eight factors that can make our prayer life more effective. The ACF group is doing more than having worship services on Friday night; they are



This Adventist Christian Fellowship group reaches out to their classmates on the Syracuse University campus.

also interested in developing ways to share their faith with their fellow classmates. They have planned an event for the Syracuse University campus on April 12 and the theme

is "What is the Purpose of Life?" I am looking forward to it and ask that you keep the group in prayer.

—Miguel Crespo, pastor, Westvale church

New York Conference Teachers Take Time for Professional Development

The teachers from the New York Conference elementary schools met at the conference office on January 21 for a day of professional in-service training. During the in-service training some of the teachers presented special topics of interest. The participants included Kim Kaiser—Vocabulary Instruction; Michael Gayle—

Science Methodology; Tracy Arnett—Grant Writing; Jeremy Garlock—Cooperative Team Building; and Thalia Sewell—Fruit Art.

The next teachers' in-service meeting will be held in August with presenters Lam Lun, Suzy Gloudeman, Diana Rowe, Sue Hayford, Monica Sargeant, Alicia



New York Conference elementary school teachers are at the conference office for a day of professional development.

Biek, Mark Tamaleaa, and Bradley Booth.

The New York Conference is blessed with professional

teachers who love their students and put God first.

—Education department, New York Conference

OFFICIAL NOTICE

New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Constituency Session

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the fifth regular quadrennial Constituency Session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, called to convene at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 13, 2014, in the Union Springs Academy gymnasium, on the Union Springs Academy grounds, 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, NY 13160. The purpose of this meeting is:

1. To receive reports and establish future plans for the New York Conference.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, an Executive Committee, a Constitution Bylaws Committee, and a Board of Education Committee.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference.
4. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference, Article 3, Section 2a, "Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen (15) members or major fraction thereof, each of whom must be a member of the church from which they are delegates."

Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the New York Conference office, 4930 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215, for the purpose of appointing members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference, Article 5, Section 1a, "The Organizing Committee shall be constituted as follows: Each church represented at the Constituency Meeting shall choose from among its delegates, or empower its delegation to choose, one (1) member plus one (1) additional member for each five hundred (500) members or a major fraction thereof."

Angel Rodriguez, Acting President
Florencio Zabala, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

New York Conference Association
Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular Constituency Session of the New York Conference Association, a New York corporation, is called to meet in the Union Springs Academy gymnasium, on the Union Springs Academy grounds, 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, NY 13160 on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., concurrently with the regular session of the New York 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 the New York Conference Constituency Session will be the delegates for the New York Conference Association.

Lunch will be provided.

Angel Rodriguez, Acting President
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More Than 30 Baptized at the Gospel Renaissance Revival



Solid Rock church celebrates its newest members who were baptized during The Gospel Renaissance Revival meetings.

The Northeastern Conference ministerial director, Ainsworth E. Joseph, embarked upon a three-week evangelistic series at Solid Rock church on October 15, 2013, which blossomed into four weeks of seminars, gospel music, concerts, gift giving, and

a baptism of more than 30 people. The Gospel Renaissance Revival was well-timed, since Solid Rock is the newly-refurbished church that Superstorm Sandy had ravaged.

Solid Rock's church board and members are a resilient people that God has blessed

with a now modern sanctuary and new members to love and nurture. What is also remarkable is that among the baptized members are two law enforcement officers, a mother and her two children, and a couple married and baptized on Sabbath as a result of these meetings.

Joseph's messages included such topics as "How to Get More Across by Saying Less," "Three Hazards of Being Male," and "Bouncing Back From an Economic Setback." Joseph said that these meetings will have an indelible place in his heart, because of the meticulous planning and execution, the array of people who were baptized, and the fact that he and his team could not have accomplished this great

feat without the mighty hand of God. He came prepared with a team of three pastors, Bible workers, and two singing evangelists.

James LaMar, Solid Rock's pastor, hosted the meetings, along with the elders and the Personal Ministries department. LaMar, who baptized most of the new members, said, "This is just the beginning of greater things to come for Solid Rock." He suggests a tent effort as next on the agenda. "It is nice that our refurbished church could be the new home for our new members and the Far Rockaway community. It is truly a blessing to be home," LaMar said.

—Yvette S. Mingo, communication correspondent, Solid Rock church

Departmental Convention Participants Encouraged to Stand

For Northeastern Conference church leaders, attending the annual departmental convention is more than a time for seminars, but it is also a reunion. Members from all across the conference territory met February 16-19 in

Albany, New York, for the annual convention, which caters to the various church departments by providing leadership seminars.

Sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Sabbath School Department, the director, Fitzgerald Kerr, his secretary, Suesiana Shields, and their team registered 410 participants for the four-day training.

Each morning began with prayer, worship, and a sermon by Debleaire Snell, senior pastor of First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Snell spoke on various topics, including, "When You've Done All You Can, Stand" and "Open the Doors and Get Out of God's Way." He told the participants that "Praise is the discipline of recognizing



Northeastern Conference administrators, seated center, take time to pose for a photo with Bible workers who served during the NY13 evangelistic campaigns.

the goodness of God in any and every situation, to see the finger of God [moving] in everything."

The convention concluded with a final word from Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president. "The work you are doing is of utmost importance. I may not know your name, someone else may get the plaque, you

may not get the building named after you, but we are not working for men. Jesus knows your name, He's coming soon, and He is the One we are all working for," Honoré said.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Fitzgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference Sabbath School and Adventist Community Services director, addresses the group attending the annual departmental convention.

144 Invested at Youth Leadership Convocation

The Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department conducted a Youth Leadership Investiture Convocation in Hartford, Connecticut, on Sabbath, February 8. Formally known as the Master Guide service, the name was changed to incorporate all entities of youth ministries that would participate in the investiture.

This first investiture of 2014 was comprised of 144 candidates, which is the largest class across the North American Division. There were 116 Pathfinder Master Guides, 11 Adventurer Master Guides, three Pathfinder Leadership Award candidates, and 14 Senior Youth Leaders.

“The atmosphere was high in sheer excitement, and anxious candidates sat in their seats waiting for their names to be called. Many proud family, friends, and church members came and filled up the seats quickly,” said Cheryl Wilson, an invested Pathfinder Master Guide and administrative



Investiture candidates fill the pews at the Youth Leadership Investiture Convocation in Hartford, Connecticut.

assistant for the Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department.

The day began at 10:00 a.m. with the worship service. Roger Wade, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, was the speaker. The investiture followed at 3:00 p.m., and Wade presented the candidates with a charge.

His charge to the candidates summed up the mission and purpose of their journey and investiture: “You have attained the highest ideals of youth ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You are now honor-bound to exemplify it in your daily walk of life.”

Afterward, designated Master Guide candidates

spoke from their heart sharing testimonies of how their lives have changed by being in the youth program. Joining Wade for the event was his associate youth directors, Raymond Alcock and Kenneth Jones.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Roger Wade, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, right, and Kenneth Jones, associate youth director, left, lead the procession into the sanctuary at the Youth Leadership Investiture Convocation.



Dixfield Church Secures FCC License to Start Religious Radio Station

The Adventist congregation in Dixfield, Maine, has been wanting to have its own radio station for more than 10 years. During that time, they saved up money and prayed that the Lord would open the doors for them to be able to start their own local religious broadcasting station. While they saved and prayed, they kept an eye on announcements from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), because they knew that the FCC only opens up the application process for radio station licenses very rarely.

In January of last year, the faith and planning of the Dixfield congregation were rewarded when the FCC announced it would accept new applications. Led by James Sweet, elder, a team of volunteers filled out most of the paperwork and worked with a lawyer to fill out all the rest, then responded to the several requests for clarification and additional infor-

mation that the FCC made. Then they waited to see if the Lord would open doors for them. He did! Just before the new year the church was notified that they had been successful in getting a broadcast license.

The church praised the Lord, then got right back to work, because they are far from done and can easily lose the license they have. The church now has until June 2015 to be fully up and broadcasting in order to keep its license. This means that they have to find and buy a broadcasting site (and have cable and power run to it), establish a studio and fit it with broadcasting equipment, and provide programming (through 3ABN, as well as their own programming) continuously before the deadline in order to keep the license.

The Dixfield congregation has a great deal of work ahead of them, but they remain highly motivated by the knowledge that their radio station will reach souls



The team that spearheaded Dixfield church's drive for a radio station are, front row, Esther White, and Clarita Michaud; back row from left, James Sweet, Bob White, Paul Michaud, and Mark Jacobs.

they could not have otherwise reached, and that the Holy Spirit will make a great work of their humble beginning. Please remember this effort in your prayers—Satan will be opposing this work in every way he can. Remember that the fervent prayers of a righ-

teous person “availeth much” (James 5:16). In other words, through prayer we unleash powers and actions that we do not understand, but that work to do the will of God.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Quick Facts on Low-Power FM Radio Stations

- Low-power FM radio station licenses are reserved by the FCC for non-profits, religious groups, educational and community groups, etc.
- The maximum broadcast power allowed for a low-power FM radio station is 100 watts, which gives the station a 3.5 mile radius of strong broadcasting, though low-power FM stations can often reach radios 10 miles away, depending on topography.
- Commercial FM broadcasters have opposed the issuance of low-power licenses and it is unknown whether a license opportunity will ever come again. Prior to the license opportunity in 2013 there was a wait of more than 10 years for the license window to open.

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Norridgewock and Waterville Churches Get FCC Approval for Radio Station

If you are in the greater Waterville, Maine, area, 100.7 on your FM dial is where you'll be able to listen to 3ABN radio, as well as local sermons and health programming from the Waterville and Norridgewock churches. But you'll have to wait a bit to hear the sermons, depression recovery seminars, healthy cooking programs, and other topics, because the station needs to be outfitted and constructed before it can go on the air.

The radio station is something that came about quite suddenly. It was only last October that Brian Milano, pastor of the Norridgewock and Waterville churches, found out that the FCC was accepting applications for low-power stations. Unfortunately, he found out very late in the process and by that time the FCC window was about to close.

Moving on faith, Milano sprang into action to inform and mobilize his churches. He had come to the Norridgewock and Waterville district from Rutland, Vermont, where his church had a low-power radio station. There he had seen firsthand how people in the community responded to the broadcasts by calling in and asking follow-up questions. Some accepted his offer of Bible studies. Milano wanted that kind of community outreach in his new district. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the vision of a radio station immediately fired up his churches and the race to beat the deadline was on.

The churches immediately formed a joint committee, which quickly hired an Adventist attorney in Virginia and a radio engineer to help with the complicated

and technical portions of the application. But despite the rapid pace, it appeared that the FCC deadline for submissions might slip by. The churches were praying for the radio ministry, and God's hand was at work—the FCC deadline was extended because of the government shutdown, allowing just enough time for the Norridgewock/Waterville application to be submitted.

After submitting the application, the churches formed a non-profit organization—Sonlight Media Group—to own and run the radio station. After the extended deadline of November 20, 2013, the churches just had to wait until word arrived from the FCC in the form of a letter that was opened at a church board meeting. The

letter stated that Sonlight Media Group has a radio station construction license and now has 18 months to get their station built and up and broadcasting, if they are to achieve a full license.

The station and broadcast antenna will be located at the Waterville church. The antenna will initially be attached to the peak of the church roof. This location—some 50 or 60 feet off the ground—will allow a good broadcast signal to be received all over Waterville. When money can be raised, a 100-foot free-standing antenna will be built on the church property that will allow a good signal to be received over Waterville and Norridgewock and parts of Skowhegan. The churches are now raising funds to purchase the necessary equipment.

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August 16, 2014



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Gary Councill
Director

Adventist Chaplain Ministries

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Teamwork Makes Dreams Work at the Framingham Centre Church

In the past six months Framingham Centre church members have been greatly challenged and inspired to try new things in the name of ministry. It serves as a testament of what they can do as a team when they allow the Holy Spirit to use them collectively for His glory.

In October 2013, they hosted their first blood drive in collaboration with the Red Cross, under the leadership of Debra Correa, the new Adventist Community Services director. Eighteen pints of blood were collected from the 28 church and community members who dropped in. It was a splendid opportunity to share wellness information and open the church doors to members of the community. The Red Cross has already expressed their desire to hold another blood drive again soon.

In November, they held their first Day of Giving at a park located in downtown Framingham. Members gave away food, clothing, toys, books, and small home appliances and electronics. While the praise team sang, the Pathfinders and Adventurers handed out literature and invitations to the church's Community Guest Day and cooking seminar. Those who stopped by were surprised to know the items were all free and at the end of the three hours at the downtown common, the remaining items were donated to a local shelter that the church has served for many years.

In December, the church showed appreciation to two police officers—the chief of police of Framingham and a police lieutenant of Ashland.



Framingham church members sponsored a blood drive, in collaboration with the American Red Cross, and Pathfinders helped to distribute information on wellness.

They presented the “Best Neighbor” award to a friend, Ann, on Community Guest Day weekend. The largest non-member support for the free Gourmet Holiday Cooking Seminar with Evita Wilbur Missions, was held the following day under the direction of the health ministries leader, Paulette Chandler, M.D.

As the church members embraced the community, the Lord allowed these ministry events to touch their souls and inspire them to do more. However, like many congregations, only 20 percent of the members carry 80 percent of the church's load, bringing them to a road block until they read the report from the Hamilton church in Bermuda, published in the November 2013 issue of the *GLENER*, which gave them a new dream.

Thanks to their story, the church held its first Church Ministries Exhibition on March 1. The goal was to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among the church family to ultimately increase manpower and effectiveness. Each ministry or department was assigned

cate members and visiting friends about stewardship and gifts.

For those already involved, it was a wonderful opportunity for recommitment of time and talent; for others an awakening and joyous invitation to “open the Gift Box of Ministry” as the pastor, Van L. Sailo, had encouraged during his sermon. They rediscovered that, indeed, their unity and strength is in the beautiful diversity they share in the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit blessed beyond expectation! It became a celebration of His spiritual gifts to the church.

—Liola Mathieson, Ursula Mejia, and Lanre Olawoyin, members, Framingham Centre church

an area in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or children's division classrooms to showcase “who they are,” “what they do,” and “what is needed” through various displays and use of technology. There was fellowship and energy! It was a great opportunity to edu-

Massachusetts District Disabilities Awareness Sabbath

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May 31, 2014



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New England Adventist Book Center Under New Management Branches Out

There is a lot going on with the New England Adventist Book Center (ABC) these days. In October 2013, Sean Bellman accepted the call to be the new manager. Bellman previously worked in the marketing department at the Review and Herald, and comes to the Atlantic Union from Coldwater, Michigan, where he served as the sales manager at Remnant Publications.

Bellman and his team at the ABC have hit the ground running and are currently in the midst of a massive expansion of territory. For years the Adventist Book Center in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, has served as the home base for both Southern New England and Northern New England, but now they are also serving the New York Conference, and even crossing union borders to provide all the book center needs

for the Pennsylvania Conference. This decision comes as a result of agreements reached with these conferences after the Pacific Press Publishing Association withdrew from managing many of the ABCs across the nation.

The new Pennsylvania branch, located at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, will be opening this month. This branch will join the two other branch book centers located in Stoneham, Massachusetts, and Freeport, Maine.

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Bellman says that he and his family are excited to watch how the



Sean Bellman is the new manager of the New England Adventist Book Center in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Lord works in their lives as they minister in the New England area, and throughout the northeast.

—Staff, New England Adventist Book Center

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Boston, MA	7:46	7:53	8:01	8:07	8:13
South Lancaster, MA	7:48	7:56	8:03	8:10	8:16
Pittsfield, MA	7:55	8:02	8:10	8:16	8:22
Hartford, CT	7:51	7:58	8:05	8:12	8:18
New York, NY	7:54	8:01	8:08	8:14	8:20
Albany, NY	7:55	8:03	8:11	8:17	8:23
Utica, NY	8:04	8:12	8:19	8:26	8:32
Syracuse, NY	8:08	8:15	8:23	8:30	8:36
Rochester, NY	8:14	8:21	8:29	8:36	8:42
Buffalo, NY	8:18	8:26	8:33	8:40	8:46
Hamilton, Bda	8:00	8:05	8:09	8:14	8:18

Eastern Daylight Savings Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREATER NEW YORK

Bronx-Manhattan school invites all alumni, teachers, and staff to Homecoming Sabbath on May 17. Join us for a reunion. Reconnect with friends and teachers. Bible study at 10:00 a.m., worship service at 11:30 a.m. Location: 1440 Plimpton Ave., Bronx, NY 10452. RSVP: (718) 588-7598. Stay connected on Facebook. Search for Bronx-Manhattan S.D.A. School Alumni Association.

NORTHEASTERN

Harlem's Ephesus church celebrates 90th Anniversary in 2014. Calling all former Ephesians and friends to come home for the Grand Homecoming Celebration in October. Several events will also be happening throughout the year. Please contact us for more details and with your information so we can keep you informed. You can e-mail us at ephesuschurch@email.com, or visit our Web site: www.ephesus.org. Please feel free to visit us anytime at 101 West 123 St. (Lenox Ave.), Harlem, NY.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Michael Harris in Concert. Songs and Testimonies from the Heart, at the Nashua church, 20 Robinson Rd., Nashua, NH, on May 3 at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Pastor Carl Behrmann at (603) 296-5839, or visit the Web site at Nashuasda.org.

Michael Harris in Concert. Songs and Testimonies from the Heart at the Manchester church, 37 Back River Rd., Bedford, NH, on May 3 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Carl Behrmann at (603) 296-5839, or visit the Web site at Manchestersda.org.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Community Gospel Concert, featuring Michael Harris on May 10 at 7:00 p.m., at the Johnston church, 2693 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919. For more information, call (508) 243-1289.

OUT-OF-UNION

Andrews University will again be offering its 6-day Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy Workshop, Aug. 3-8. In addition to University faculty, the following speakers will present: Don Miller, Uchee Pines Institute; David DeRose, Weimar Center of Health & Education; Elvin Adams, US Health Works; Norman McNulty, neurologist. For more information, visit andrews.edu/go/nrhw/ or e-mail fran@andrews.edu or call (269) 471-3541.

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CAMPBELL, Lawrence Gene (Huck)—78; b. Feb. 7, 1935, in Randolph, Vt.; d. Sept. 23, 2013, in Rutland, Vt. He was an active member of the Rutland church in Vt. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Campbell of North Clarendon, Vt.; daughter, Heather (Mike) Yendell of North Clarendon, Vt.; son, David (Amy) Campbell of Chittenden, Vt.; sisters, Joyce (Dave) Merrill of Hardwick, Vt., and Rebecca (Ray) Hedding of Rutland, Vt.; brother-in-law, Mike Harness of Randolph, Vt.; granddaughters, Samantha and

Sydney Yendell; and grandsons Jason Yendell and Sawyer Campbell.

MAPES, Richard Frederick "Fred"—85; b. Jun. 26, 1928, in Buffalo, N.Y.; d. Nov. 30, 2013, in Lancaster, Mass. He was a charter member of the Leominster church in Leominster, Mass. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Eleanor Smith Mapes; his sons, Lon D. (Diane) Mapes of Redlands, Calif., and Hal J. Mapes of South Lancaster, Mass.; his brothers, Douglas (Shirley) Mapes of Ashville, N.Y., and Herbert Mapes, Sr. of Newport News, Va; his sisters, Nancy Seekins of Jamestown, N.Y., and Patricia Buncy of Aurora, N.Y.; Laura Mapes of Clinton, Mass., grandchildren, Kylee and Ashley Mapes and Sabrina and Alyssa Mapes, and nieces and nephews.

RAMSEY, Frances E.—96; b. Sept. 19, 1916, in Shrewsbury, Vt.; d. Sept. 1, 2013, in Rutland, Vt. She was a member of the Rutland church in Vt. She graduated from South Lancaster Academy in South Lancaster, Mass., and received her nursing education in Stoneham, Mass. She was predeceased by her husband, Burton Ramsey and sisters Marion

Smith, Florence Pierce, Mildred Ebourne, and Cheryl Ramsey. Survivors include her sisters, Helen Smith of Rutland, Vt., and Demaris Murray of Fla.; stepdaughter, Sarah Jane of N.C.; stepsons, Jerry Ramsey and David Ramsey of Calif.

REISS, Clarice Erma Campbell—106; b. Sept. 24, 1907, in Somerville, Mass.; d. Nov. 23, 2013. She was a member of the Lowell church, which became the Merrimack Valley church in Dracut, Mass., from 1943. She served as the Dorcas Society leader for many years. She was predeceased by her husband John M. Reiss, two sons, John H. Reiss, Sr. and Robert W. Reiss, grandsons, Robert C. Maguire and Keith A. Stone; brother Clifton R. Campbell, and sister, Aline H. Campbell. She is survived by her children; Lorraine C. Campbell, James C. and Joan Reiss of Chelmsford, Mass.; Carolyn L. and Edmund Jodkowski, Constance and Edward P. Stone Sr. of Titusville, Fla., Paul E. and Linda Reiss, of Miamisburg, Ohio, Stephen and Juanita Reiss of Dayton, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren; one niece and two nephews.

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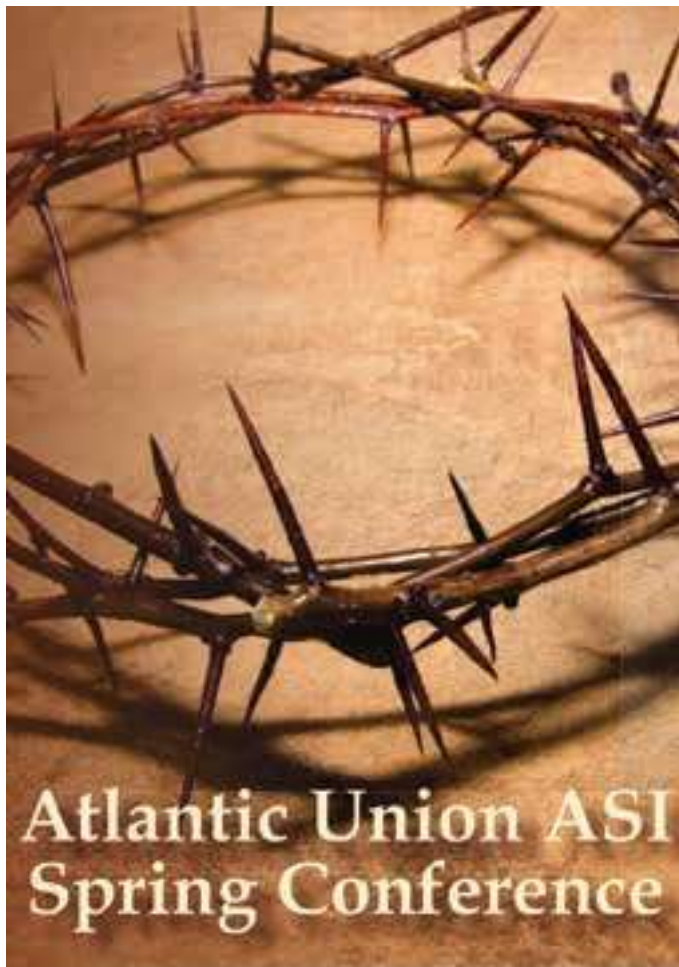
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Junior/Tween Camp	July 6–13
Adventure.....	July 13–20
Family Camp 1	July 27–August 3
Family Camp 2/Health Professional Retreat	August 3–10
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Session 2	July 13–20
Session 3	July 20–27
Session 4	July 27–August 3
Full Session	July 6–August 3

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Junior Camp	July 6–13
Teen Camp	July 13–20
Horsemanship Camp	July 20–27
Wilderness Living Camp.....	July 20–27
Blind Camp.....	July 20–27
Family Camp 1	July 27–August 3
Family Camp II.....	August 3–10

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Family Camp 1	July 20–27
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