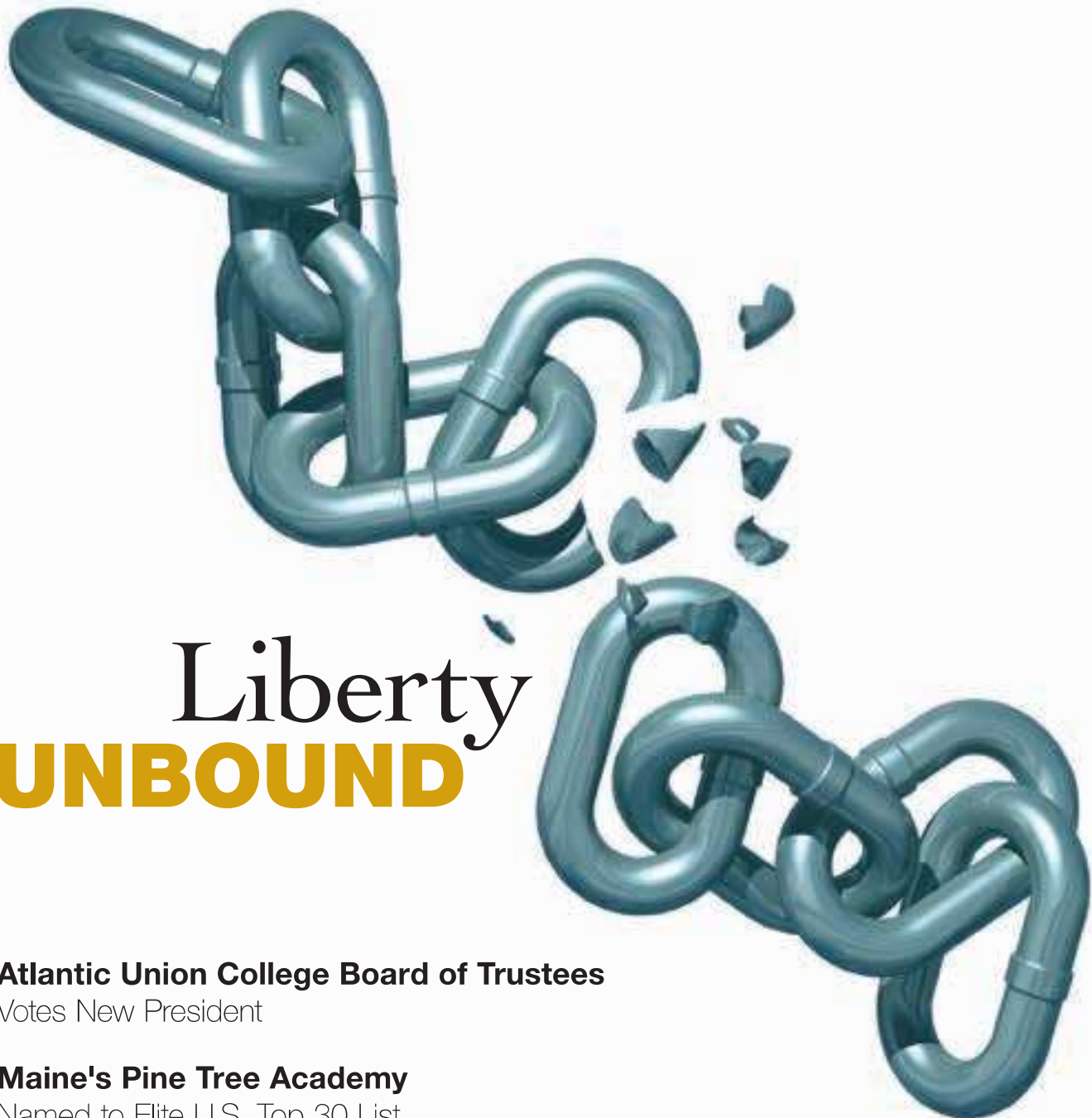


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Calling on the Lord in Prayer

“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known”—Jeremiah 33:3, ESV.

The Lord came to Jeremiah while in prison and encouraged him to call to Him in prayer. Jeremiah’s dungeon is symbolic of the dungeon of life. God does not leave His people, even while in the confines of prison-like circumstances. Indeed, He doubles His visits when His people are in double trouble.

Calling on the Lord is prized by the believer who trusts that God will answer, no matter where or how he or she may be confined. The Lord will answer our prayers because He has appointed and anointed prayer to be the medium of communication between earth and heaven. He has appointed prayer and made arrangements, not only for its presentation, but also its acceptance. God says, “Call to me and I will answer you.” It’s a promise. And God keeps His promises. He will never encourage us to pour out our hearts to Him only to be spurned by Him. He cannot lie or deny Himself.

When we call on the Lord in prayer, He will reveal great and hidden things, says Jeremiah. Actually, God’s praying people get to know a lot about the mind of God—like John who, by weeping, got the book opened; and Daniel who, by prayer, had the king’s secret revealed to him in a night vision.

Author Ellen G. White, who was recently named by the Smithsonian magazine as one of the 100 most significant Americans of all times, wrote: “Our Heavenly Father

waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the humblest of His children. . . . Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence?”—Steps to Christ, p. 94.

The fact that God is willing and ready to hear and to respond to our heartfelt prayers under all circumstances is profoundly reassuring. He is a loving Father who is interested, when things are going well and when the vicissitudes of life deal us devastating, tough, and terrible blows. When we feel like crying out, “God, where are You?” It is good to know that He is just a prayer away when you call on Him.

As we begin this new year, I encourage you to keep prayer foremost on your mind. There are many, many things to pray for in 2015—from the Youth Leadership Congress in January to the Compassion Boston evangelistic initiative throughout this year and next. Whatever the needs are, Jesus says, “Call to me and I will answer you.” ☩

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◆By Lincoln E. Steed



Standing for principle always carries a cost. But faithfulness can pay dividends beyond our imagination. Religious liberty is not just a principle in itself, but is integrally tied to our allegiance to the Creator and Lord of all things. Religious liberty is proven in actions. It is proven by the actions of those who honor the great “gospel of liberty,” as the apostle Paul puts it, and are willing to stand up, speak out, and remain faithful, “though the heavens fall.”

Seventh-day Adventist Kim Crider is a young woman with an eight-year-old son, a bright, confident manner accompanying her professional training, and prior experience with the Peace Corps. When she applied for a position at the University of Tennessee with their Students Abroad program it seemed a perfect fit and she was quickly accepted. Then a week later she was told she must carry her cell phone on the weekends and be available to respond—this had never been mentioned before and created an immediate conflict with her deeply-held convictions on honoring God’s Sabbath.

This was a big thing for Kim, but might have been easily accommodated by her employers. In fact, fellow workers even offered to help cover the phones on the weekend, but this was not allowed. In short order Kim was fired. She appealed through legal means and lost the court case, in part, perhaps, because she was still a pro-

bationary employee. But that was not the end of story, according to Kim. As she tells it, the whole process gave her an opportunity—no, more than that, she believes she was placed in that position to witness to her counsel, to the lawyers, to the judge, to her employers, and fellow workers. She saw God’s leading in getting the job, only to lose it.

Several thousand years ago Joseph said something similar to his brothers—the very same brothers who had sold him into slavery. “As for you,” he told them as they came fearfully before him, thinking he might exact revenge: “you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive”—Genesis 50:20, NKJV.

Joseph’s realization of God’s overruling providence and Kim’s take on her situation are not as uncommon as you might expect. Yes, in our religious liberty work we are often able to help an employee win an accommodation case; and other times with others joining our voice we are able to block or delay legislation that might negatively impact our religious freedoms. But it is worth keeping in mind that the real issue at hand is witnessing and living out our freedom in Christ before the world and at all costs. Through the years the tested ones have seen this and often give glory to God for the experience of persecution itself.

For almost two years our religious liberty department did all that it could



to obtain the release of Pastor Antonio Monteiro, a church worker in Togo, imprisoned on charges of committing a heinous crime of mass murder and trafficking in the blood of the victims. The charge was bizarre and soon translated into equally bizarre coverage of Adventist belief and practice in Togo. It became a real “blood libel” to Monteiro and the faith he held.

The months went by and lengthened into years for our pastor as he languished in a jail with no indication of when the trial might be held. His jail was worse than hardened criminals in the west might endure. Plumbing and sanitation were hardly “up to code.” The prison was guarded on the outside, but inside the prisoners ruled themselves. The only food inside was what relatives were able to pass by the guards and through the door. We could imagine that the pastor’s very life was at risk during the imprisonment. And with the failure of each attempt to negotiate with different levels of government, we began to wonder just how God was going to show Himself in this desperate situation.

Well, less than a year ago Monteiro was released. Without much advance notice a trial was held. The testimony against him was recanted and he was declared innocent. There was again much prayer—this time of thanksgiving and there was much celebration of his release. He returned with his family to his little homeland of the Cape Verde islands to a tumultuous welcome from the government and the people there.

And to all and sundry his story was the same. God meant it for good. He felt that he had been chosen to witness under trial in that prison. For me one of the most enduring anecdotes of the whole story was the prison guard and inmates bidding farewell

to Monteiro on his release. How else could such a powerful witness be given to them?

Again I think of Joseph and his challenge. Joseph was like many of us, individuals born into, one way or another, the remnant movement. We know our history. We know God has spoken to us in these latter days by dreams and visions. We feel special and often communicate that to others. But are we ready when challenges come, when even our own turn on us, and perhaps betray us to the forces arrayed against truth? Are we ready to sacrifice all; perhaps give up a livelihood for our faith? Are we ready to stand before authorities and tell them what our faith means to them? Can we give a reason for our faith other than we once had a multicolored coat—that somewhere far away in our experience we knew the daily favor of a doting father?

Again I read something pertinent to this from the pen of Ellen White. “It does not seem possible to us now that any should have to stand alone,” she wrote in *THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, December 18, 1888, “but if God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when we shall be brought before councils and before thousands for His name’s sake, and each one will have to give the reason of his faith.”

Right now *LIBERTY* magazine is standing before councils and leaders of our nation and proclaiming religious liberty as our birthright from God. Give generously on Liberty Sabbath that this may continue. And pray that each of us will cherish true Liberty and show it in our lives. 0



Lincoln Steed is editor of LIBERTY magazine.

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—*THE REVIEW AND HERALD*,
December 18, 1888



By Marlene Alvarez

Each One Reach One

It was on an ordinary day at an ordinary chapel where Lisa* learned about the importance of sharing. Several Oakwood University students, who volunteer with NAPS (National Association for the Prevention of Starvation), stopped by the Berea Academy in Mattapan, Massachusetts, to share stories with the children about their mission trips. They spoke about their mission in Africa and how they fed the hungry and brought smiles to the faces of the children.

The NAPS students showed a video about hungry children whose stomachs were distended because of the lack of food and how sharing a simple meal made a difference and brought a smile to crying and sad children. They explained to the children how such simple things as prayer, a hug, and showing that they cared made a difference. At the end of their presentation, the students made a call to the children to find ways to help others.

The children were told that they were not too small to help. The students from NAPS spoke with passion, conviction, purpose, and intentionality. The children listened intently. Chapel was dismissed and the children went to lunch.

Four-year old Lisa was so moved by what she had seen and heard from the representatives of NAPS that she decided she was going to make a difference. She thought she and her friends had enough to eat and that they could share with the kids in the

video who were crying and had nothing to eat. She determined in her heart that not only was she going to take a stand, but her classmates were going to do the same. At that point a young leader emerged.

It is often said that the youth are the church of tomorrow, but the youth, starting with the little ones, can follow the example of older leaders and make a difference in their own way, today. Little children are not too young to make a difference. The Bible shows many examples of little ones such as the little maid who served in

“The children of today are eager to do their part to share God’s love with others.”

Naaman’s house, the little lad who shared his fish and loaves, making it possible for Jesus and the disciples to feed thousands, Jesus, who taught the Rabbis in the temple, Samuel, who was called by God for service, Josiah, who was a young ruler, and others who made a difference.

The children of today are eager to do their part to share God’s love with others. What they need are people who are willing to be intentional teachers like Jesus, teaching them to be

change-agents like Jesus. The children are looking for teachers, leaders, and church members who will show them how to love in the true meaning of the word. They need to look up and see the church loving the unlovable, making sacrifices while expecting nothing in return. They need to see Jesus reflected in our actions and our deeds.

The beginning of the year is a time when we make resolutions to change our lives, our attitudes, and our way of doing things so that we can be better. Jesus is looking for leaders who can show the way to the younger members of the church by following the precepts found in Deuteronomy 11:18-21, NIV: “Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.” ①



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**Not her real name*

Thanksgiving Has a Special Meaning for Bermuda

According to the National Ocean Service the Atlantic Ocean is 41,105,000 square miles. It covers 20 percent of the earth's surface and comprises about 29 percent of all the water on earth. Bermuda measures 20.6 square miles. It has been said that the chance of a hurricane hitting Bermuda directly is like an arrow hitting the bull's eye of a target from outer space.

On October 10, 2014, Bermudians went to sleep expecting to be brushed by Tropical Storm Fay. In the early hours of the morning, on October 11, they awoke to winds that wavered on hurricane force as Fay strengthened into a Category 1 hurricane. Many trees and telephone poles were down all over the island and some had lost parts of their roofs. One huge Norfolk pine came down on a main road, barely missing houses to the right and left.

Bermudians were stunned that they had been caught unaware, just as had happened with Hurricane Emily 27 years ago. (Emily had turned in the night and hit just as many were driving to work in the morning.) Fay's direct hit and increasing winds deprived more than 30,000 people of electrical services and before Bermuda had a chance to recover, the population was warned of the impending arrival of Hurricane Gonzalo. Gonzalo was a Category 4 storm, which was reduced to Category 3 shortly before arriving in Bermuda on October 17.

This unprecedented occurrence of two serious storms within a week prompted Bermudians to pull together in preparation and prayer.

There wasn't enough time to repair all of the damage from Fay before Gonzalo arrived, but complaints were few as many pitched in to help their neighbors.

Gonzalo began to pass over on Friday evening and lasted until the wee hours of Sabbath morning. The eye passed directly over Bermuda and the second half of the storm was far worse than the first. On Sabbath morning the skies became calm and individuals from Adventist congrega-



D. Randolph Wilson

Bermuda Deputy Governor Ginny Ferson accepts a token of appreciation during the thanksgiving service at Hamilton church.

tions sought out their families, friends, and neighbors to render service to everyone in need.

During this unprecedented event few complained. There was no loss of life and everyone waited patiently for power, knowing that Bermuda had never experienced two epic storms within one week. Neighborhoods cheered when they saw phone and electrical services return.

Though Thanksgiving is not a Bermudian holiday, on November 29 many gathered at Hamilton church to say "thank you" to 27 service organizations, whose efforts gave relief to those



D. Randolph Wilson

Bermuda Hospitals Board CEO Venetta Symonds accepts a token of appreciation presented by conference administrators Kenneth Manders, president, left, and W. Aaron Spencer, treasurer.



Derek Albuoy

The gazebo in the Pembroke Parish playground was damaged during the hurricane.



Derek Albuoy

Many homes in Bermuda suffered roof damage from the impact of Hurricane Gonzalo.

who suffered as a result of the storms.

Many came in uniform and the Inspirational Choir of Southampton offered praises to God for protecting Bermuda. Each organization

received a token of appreciation from the Bermuda Conference. It was truly a day of praise and thanksgiving to God.

—Celia Nzabalinda, editor, Hamilton church Communication department



Conference Hosts Meeting for Disciples and Church Planters

The first meeting of disciples and church planters was hosted by the Greater New York Conference (GNYC), under the auspices of Manuel Rosario, director of the Personal Ministries and Sabbath School departments, and was held at the Thessalonian Baptist Church in the Bronx on November 8, 2014. More than 350 participants packed the auditorium for the day-long series of inspirational presentations designed to familiarize lay leaders with the department's vision and mission for this quadrennium—a four-year period of conference-wide growth propelled by the efforts of highly-motivated disciples who have been trained to make disciples using Christ's method alone.

The Revelation 18:1-themed, "Light New York With the Loud Cry," introduced the personal ministries leaders and pastors to the depth and breadth of the Spirit-led vision Rosario and his team are promoting conference-wide to inspire, equip, and



Members of the Greater New York Conference attend the first meeting of disciples and church planters.

mobilize churches and their members to employ the only means that will give true success in reaching the people—Christ's method.

In the morning presenters included Gerson Santos, director of the Global Mission Urban Center of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, and church planters Kevin Sears and Steve Leddy. The observations and poignant questions posed by participants during the question-and-answer session that followed were a testament to the great interest

and zeal piqued by these presentations.

Greater New York Conference president G. Earl Knight brought the mid-day message, "Go and Make Disciples!" He recounted the evangelistic success the Lord brought to GNYC in 2013 that resulted in 20 church plants, with at least 20 more to come at the end of 2015 by the power and grace of God. Knight's message in a nutshell: We are all members of Prince Emmanuel's army; we are using His blueprint alone

for evangelistic success—without compromise—and God will use us in a mighty way . . . to light New York.

Rosario ended the proceedings by reiterating the important collaborative role conference and lay workers must play if Greater New York is to become a "symbol of the work the Lord would like to see done in the world" today (TESTIMONIES, vol. 7, p. 38).

With his invitation to "arise and build," the entire body of believers moved toward the altar, where Knight pronounced a blessing on all the disciples and church planters who had presented themselves before the Lord as living sacrifices—human instrumentalities consecrated to work with heavenly agencies to proclaim the three angels' messages with power, lighting New York with the loud cry. Now, the real work begins.

—Leslie Williams, personal ministries team member, Greater New York Conference

Crossroads Church Celebrates Religious Liberty Day

Lincoln Steed, North American Division Public Affairs and Religious Liberty associate director, delivered a message focusing on end-times as guest speaker at the Crossroads church on October 11, 2014. The congregation, located on the west side of Manhattan, was celebrating Religious Liberty Day.

In presenting the morning sermon, "The Bones of Joseph," and in facilitating an afternoon question-

and-answer session, Steed used the current Middle East upheavals to drive home his point that the world is nearing its end and Jesus will return soon.

Among some of his observations were that future Sunday worship regulations may be limited to Christians only, since the Jews may not be affected by such laws. Steed said this had already happened during the Dark Ages when Jews

were excluded from strict Sunday worship edicts in Europe.

Steed also said that Christians may be encountering time of trouble persecutions right now. He noted that in some Islamic areas, such as Iraq, the Christian community has been drastically reduced in recent years from one million Christians to 200,000.

—Neil Graves, communication assistant, Crossroads church



Church Joins the Fight to Save Local Hospital

When Shane Vidal, Maranatha church pastor, heard about the dilemma facing the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, he immediately got involved. This was an opportunity for the church to join in the fight with the community to save the local institution and also to let the community know that Maranatha church is not just a place on Winthrop Street for worship services on Sabbaths, but a place of hope.

Vidal, on invitation, attended a rally at the hospital. His prayer and message brought comfort to those present. He quickly organized a prayer breakfast at the church and invited his colleagues from the 67th Precinct Clergy Coalition, police officers from the 67th precinct, and representatives from the Downstate Medical Center.

The group discussed the impending closure of the institution and the need to continue the fight to keep it open for the benefit of the community. Many more rallies were organized, including a bus trip to Albany, the state capital, where members were able to meet and dialogue with their legislators about the situation.

Earlier in 2014, the New Generation Junior Drumline, under the direction of Chantel Hall, participated in the opening ceremony of a 48-hour prayer and fasting session at the hospital, organized by the interfaith clergy group. Their performance delighted those present and drew attention to some of the programs offered by the church for children. The prayer band, lead by Marcella Mighty, participated in the closing ceremony for the fasting session, further emphasizing the importance of prayer in all affairs.



Shane Vidal, pastor of Maranatha church, addresses rally participants at Downstate Medical Center.



Maranatha church's New Generation Junior Drumline perform at the opening ceremony for a prayer and fasting session at Downstate Medical Center.

Although the struggle continues, Vidal and the members of the Maranatha church are determined to see that this institution remains open and moves forward successfully, to continue providing the excellent health care, affordable education, and employment to the residents of Brooklyn, including members of the Maranatha congregation.

—Marjorie Silcott, Communication department member, Maranatha church



Kingsbury's Women's Ministries Enhances Spiritual and Social Growth

Women's ministries is a wonderful part of church outreach in the New York Conference. It provides women with an opportunity to meet and greet friends and neighbors, and to help point people to Jesus.

The women's ministries group in the Kingsbury church in Hudson Falls, New York, is very active. The group meets two or three times a year, and has different activities that enhance spiritual and social growth in the church.

The group meets at various women's homes, who serve as hostesses for what they call their regular tea party reunions. The women who attend prepare deli-



Women from Kingsbury church meet in each other's homes for their regular tea party reunions.

icious, healthy, gourmet dinners that everyone enjoys. The tea party reunions provide opportunities for old friends to reconnect, and new ones to meet for the first time. The meetings also give women an opportunity to share spiritual insights

and enjoy their time together with God.

On October 5, 2014, Maribel Booth, Westvale church member, was invited to make a presentation to the Kingsbury women's group on the traits of a virtuous woman. Booth said that a

virtuous woman is special and unique in the eyes of God. As described by King Solomon, a virtuous woman is a godly woman who thinks of her children, husband, parents, friends, and the homeless. She brings peace and comfort to those around her spiritually, emotionally, and physically. She does this because she is compassionate, loving, and caring. Above all, she seeks God's will and reflects Him in all that she does. For all these reasons, those with whom she comes in contact see the love of God in her eyes.

—Communication staff, New York Conference

New York Conference Singles Spend Time in Fellowship and Spiritual Reflection

The New York Conference Singles Ministries Retreat was held in October 2014 at Camp Duffield, a secluded site 40 miles south of Buffalo. The setting of the fall foliage throughout the camp and all around it is only a part of the experience. The time was spent in fellowship and spiritual reflection.

The small group was just the right size to get well acquainted with one another.

The guest speaker for the weekend was Andrea D. Hicks, Atlantic Union Conference Singles Ministries volunteer assistant and founder of F.O.C.U.S. Ministries. Hicks shared a wealth of knowledge with the participants. On Friday night she led a discussion about sexual desires. As a single Christian it can be difficult to maintain purity, but Hicks implored the



New York Conference single Adventists pose for a photo with retreat speaker Andrea Hicks, Atlantic Union Conference Singles Ministries volunteer assistant and founder of F.O.C.U.S. Ministries, seated, second from left.

group that this is a biblical mandate.

Hicks also encouraged the group that, no matter their past, they could commit to being "a born-again virgin." She shared that there are appropriate and inappropriate coping tools. For example, some appropriate tools are: prayer, exercise, and refocusing.

During Sabbath worship, Hicks asked the group to examine "which self they have surrendered" Don't hold back, she told them; Christ wants your all. On Sabbath afternoon the group heard about who would or would not be right for them in a workshop entitled: "It's Not YOU, It's Me: Reasons for Break-Ups."

The workshop put a quantitative value on the amount of time spent investigating whether the person you find interesting is the one for you or not. The amount of time Hicks suggested is 300 hours. This may seem like a lot, but as Hicks cautions, finding out whether or not you are compatible before the marriage could save you and your potential spouse a great deal of heartache. Hicks also engaged the participants in a discourse on healing.

For more information on these topics, visit the F.O.C.U.S. Ministries Web site at www.focusnyc.org and New York Conference Singles Ministries at www.nyconf.org, click on departments, and scroll down to the singles ministries department.

—Melissa Conrad, Singles Ministries director, New York Conference

Quality Meetings Held at the Quality Inn

The Vestal Hills church held evangelistic meetings at the Quality Inn in Vestal, New York, beginning Friday evening October 10, 2014. The speaker, David Baron, presented the Prophecy of Hope series.

In preparation for the meetings, the Vestal Hills members spent several weeks leaving GLOW tracts on adopted streets in the Vestal Hills area. The effort was followed by seasons of prayer before the invitations were delivered. Students of the Discover School and those receiving personal Bible studies were invited. Thousands of invitations were mailed to Vestal Hills residents.

With nervous excitement and anticipation of good results, the opening night arrived. The conference room at the Quality Inn filled. Baron's powerful, passionate presentations gripped the listeners at each session. Many took rapid notes. Bible pages were heard turning as people absorbed the information being presented. The participants and church members benefited from the presentations also.



The five individuals baptized as a result of the Vestal Hills evangelistic meetings are, front row, from left, Daniel Reagan, Linda Weiland, and Dennis and Nasheena Sullivan, right; and on the back row, right, Douglas Ellis. Standing with them are Kevin Dunn, the church's pastor, back row, left, and David Baron, the evangelist, center front.

The participants were reminded of the necessity to declutter and reprioritize their lives by controlling technological gadgets, television, computer time, and other time wasters. Once again everyone filled their minds with healthful, stimulating material from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

As a result of this series, Vestal Hills has been blessed and thrilled to witness the baptism of a young couple, two teenagers, and a gentleman, and several more are exploring the truths of the Bible. God is good, as always.

—Marnie Schrader, assistant communication leader, Vestal Hills church

Buffalo Suburban Church Recognizes Veterans

The Buffalo Suburban church celebrated Veterans Day on Sabbath, November 15, 2014, by honoring courageous veterans who have served the country bravely through the years.

Eight veterans, including Clare Bredenburg, who worked as a riveter during WWII, were among those honored at the annual event. The Sabbath message was delivered by Jason Insolaca, an elder at the Buffalo Suburban church, who served two tours in Iraq. The message focused on the comparisons between the wars experienced



From left, on the front row, are: Jason Insolaca, Iraq; Dick Smith, WWII; Dennis King, Texas, and Charlie Bredenburg, WWII; from left, on the back row, are John Elmore, Iraq; Ben Szpila, Cuba and Okinawa; Gary Augie, Texas; and Jerry Seewaldt, Vietnam.

among different nations, and the war that takes place in the spiritual realm.

The Navy, Army, Marines, and Air Force were all rep-

resented on this special recognition day. All the veterans were presented with gifts, one of which included an American

Flag (made in America) to attach to their houses.

A fellowship dinner followed and many stories and experiences were shared and listened to intently. What a blessing it was to share a Sabbath with this group of veterans from World War II through the years, up to, and including the present wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Always let a veteran or someone you know, who is currently serving in the military, how much you appreciate them.

—Jim Hammer, head elder, Carriers church



New Dimension Church Hosts “Empowered to Live” Evangelistic Series

The New Dimension church hosted the “Empowered to Live” evangelistic series in Brooklyn, New York, during the month of September 2014. The series featured a different speaker each week-end and on Wednesdays. Melvyn Warfield, pastor of the Immanuel church in Durham, North Carolina, gave the church a great start September 5-7 and charged the congregation with powerful messages on grace and accountability to God. “I was blessed by Pastor Warfield’s perspective of the story of Jesus healing the blind man,” said Anfernee Bobb, a member.

New Dimension hosted an evangelistic health explosion September 12-14, featuring Northeastern Conference’s Health Ministries director, Leroy Daley, who spoke on the “Longest Living People.” Alicia Flowers, M.D., spoke on the topic “Empowered to Live: Get Ready, Set, Go!” She followed with a presentation “There’s An App For That!” Flowers related her experience in the health profession and how God blessed her to start her own practice.

The weekend also included a presentation

by Achille Antoine, M.D., and concluded with a presentation on mental health by Seanna-kaye Denham, Ph.D. Denham used Bible examples of individuals

sold out after her sermon and concert.

On September 26, New Dimension church celebrated a Friday-night Communion Service, mak-

ing it inclusive so that church members and the community could bond together in humility. On September 27, Trevor Stewart, pastor of Calvary church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, delivered a fiery, inspirational sermon to empower the church to do an “Extreme Makeover.” Following this sermon, seven people were baptized and added to the membership of New Dimension church.

New Dimension church still empowers the Brownsville section of Brooklyn with more evangelism outreach through distributing MESSAGE magazine, Ingathering,



Trevor Stewart, pastor of Calvary church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, delivers an inspirational sermon to empower the church to do an extreme makeover.

who encountered issues with mental health. This health weekend included a CPR training and a small health fair for the church community with the health van from the Northeastern Conference and health tests for all who participated.

Recording artist Kimberly Bulgin also lifted the congregation with a spirit-filled presentation September 19-21, in addition to a powerful concert leading into her sermon. Her CDs



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prayer meetings, and concerts that inspire people to grow in Christ.

—Philip Wesley II, pastor, New Dimension church

Signs of Praise Celebrates Five Years

Signs of Praise SDA, a young adult praise dance ministry, celebrated its five year anniversary on October 25, 2014, at Kingsboro Temple church. The praise and worship program entitled “Still Standing” featured various pieces from the group’s five-year tenure, including dances by

Signs of Praise and Friends, poetry and singing from Benton Callwood, inspirational words from Rickey Venters, Jr., an elder, and the debut of the new youth group Signs of Praise II (ages 8-13).

Signs of Praise, founded in December 2008, is a Brooklyn-based multi-

cultural group that fuses African dance, dramatic improvisation, sign language, and personal testimonies together to visually illustrate the wonderful ways in which the Lord continues to bless His people. The original members of the group are Nadine Sinclair, Keitha Rhoden,

Karen Sinclair, Hemangi Pai Thomas, and Sean Thomas, an elder.

The ministry continues to break down cultural and traditional strongholds in modern-day churches through artistic creation and visual media. The group has been blessed to minister in various places



Percussionists from Signs of Praise ministry play at the group's five-year anniversary celebration.

of the Lord's vineyard, such as Camp Victory Lake, Camp Berkshire, in several conference federation churches, on Pathfinder and Adventurer days, Youth days from New York to Massachusetts, and at a number of street and outreach festivals in the five boroughs of New York, including Atlantic Antic (Brooklyn) and Gospel in the Park (Harlem). Signs

of Praise continues to inspire people to never give up on the power of God in their lives.

—Sean Thomas, director, Signs of Praise

Hanson Place Church Preaches the Gospel with Deeds

Hanson Place church preached the gospel with not only its mouth but with its deeds in 2014. The church held its annual health fair on Sabbath, July 19. Bernard Penn, the church's pastor, preached a charged sermon in the church, then the members filled the street.

Neighbors sampled vegan food and smoothies and participated in health screenings with personnel from such organizations as the Brooklyn Hospital and the Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center. "One way we can prevent obesity is to make sure that our kids eat healthy and that parents are role models of healthy eating for the children," said Lynn

Spivey from the NAACP, Brooklyn Chapter.

During the fair more than 80 children received a head start to the new school year with backpacks filled with supplies donated by church members. In August, Penn, presented Dawn Grant, director of Graham Windham, a foster agency in Brooklyn, with more than 30 backpacks to assist with its goal that "every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in school." In the fall, the church distributed new clothing to most of the men at the Brooklyn Armory Shelter.

So, in 2015, the deeds continue, because Pastor Penn believes that "one of the main reasons we exist



Children and adults participate in the Hanson Place church street fair.

as a church is to serve our community."

—Margaret Babb, communication department, Hanson Place



Bernard Penn, pastor of the Hanson Place church, presents Dawn Grant, director of Graham Windham, a foster agency in Brooklyn, with backpacks for the children.

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Harry Sabnani Retires After More Than Four Decades of Conference Work

It is hard for a workhorse to step out of the harness. While in the harness, the workhorse knows exactly what to do and what is expected of him. Outside the harness, there is still work to be done, but everything is less clear and less structured. Just ask Harry Sabnani—he has been a workhorse for the Lord for many years and as he looks at imminent retirement, the prospect brings as many uncertainties and anxieties as it does attractive opportunities.

“We’ll still be serving the Lord—of that there is no doubt,” says Harry, referring to his wife and ministry partner, Judy. “But we’ll be serving Him outside an organization, and that is a very big change for us.”

Sabnani grew up in Pune, India, the second of five children in a Hindu family. When he was about 10, his father, a businessman, moved the family to Singapore. There was just one problem with their new home—since Sabnani was not born in Singapore, he was not eligible to go to the government-run schools. The family had to find him a private school to attend, and the one they found was a Seventh-day Adventist school. At the school, and for the first time in his life, Sabnani was exposed to Christianity.

By the time he was in his mid-teens, Sabnani knew he wanted to be a Christian. Further, he knew he wanted to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Sabnani prepared for baptism, knowing that his father would be unalterably opposed. Sabnani was right. When he told his father of his plans



Harry Sabnani and his wife, Judy, are retiring after many years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

to be baptized, his father responded with a terse “Absolutely not.”

What surprised Sabnani, though, was the even stronger opposition that he encountered from his older brother. From the time he was 15 until the time he left home at 21, Sabnani lived in an environment where his Christian lifestyle, and especially his Sabbath-keeping, was the focus of constant (and often clever) opposition by his father and brother. “My brother and father tried everything—everything—to get me to turn away from Christ,” said Sabnani.

But Sabnani could not be turned away from the Lord and thus it was that, after a difficult and circuitous path, he found himself on his own and enrolled as a theology student at Atlantic Union College (AUC). “I didn’t plan to be a theology student, but the Lord had other plans

and the Holy Spirit guided me into the right friendships and associations that, eventually, helped awaken in me a fire for serving the Lord,” said Harry.

It was at AUC that Sabnani met Judy. They were married immediately after graduation and started their new life together at Andrews University, where he was a student in the seminary. “It was hard,” said Sabnani. “We weren’t sponsored (meaning that a conference was not paying them a part-time salary to go to seminary) and I had no family help, so it was really, really hard to survive and pay the bills. Fortunately Judy did find some work as a nurse, so the Lord prepared a way.” The Lord prepared a job, too, because Sabnani was hired by the Wisconsin Conference before he had even completed the seminary program. Sabnani and

Judy spent 15 years working in other conferences in positions from pastor to evangelist before they came to Northern New England Conference, where Sabnani initially worked as ministries director, with an emphasis on evangelism.

It wasn’t until a couple years later, when the youth ministries director position opened up, that Sabnani was asked if he would take the position. “I accepted,” Sabnani says with a wry smile, “with great reluctance.” Sabnani was not sure if he could be an effective recreation leader and camp director. He assessed his gifts and found room for doubt. But Sabnani answered the call and threw himself into youth ministries. So he realized that he had at least two groups to minister to—the campers, with whom Sabnani found he could build rapport,

and the late-teens camp counselors, with whom Sabnani built very strong relationships and to whom he was able to strongly witness. “Those kids—the camp staff—over the years became my extended family. I love them all and together we witnessed to each other and to the campers for almost 20 years.”

Sabnani also found purpose in rebuilding Camp Lawroweld. “The site was excellent,” said Sabnani. “But the facilities were very poor and needed a great deal of work.” There were buildings to be refurbished, new buildings to be built, a waterfront to be improved, equipment to be added, and there were funds to be raised to get it done. “The camp needed new

life breathed into it,” said Sabnani. “Some of the camps were only attended by somewhere between a dozen and 20 campers. The camp could not survive as a ministry at that rate, so there was work to be done on every front.”

There were challenges too—challenges every year. “I think,” said Sabnani, “that perhaps one of the hardest things was to try and meet the expectations of three or four generations simultaneously. The campers needed to be met where they were and needed to experience Christ for themselves. The parents had an agenda they wanted us to follow. Grandparents had an agenda they wanted us to follow. My staff and I were trying to change what kids

were thinking, while others wanted us to change what kids were doing, such as the music they were listening to. We could only fight so many battles simultaneously, and it was important to keep the support of parents and grandparents. So every year, that was a very, very big challenge that required the wisdom and guidance of the Lord. Praise the Lord, every year we saw changes in kids as they let Christ into their hearts.”

If Sabnani has one disappointment, it is not being able to build the all-season lodge and conference center that the camp needs. “We have such a beautiful place and we could do so much more with it with an all-season lodge and conference

center in place. Such a facility would bless the members of the conference, but that challenge will have to wait for the energy and vision of the next person.”

When asked if he is ready for the transition to retirement, Harry gives a small, ironic smile. “It is a huge transition. An intimidating transition. I don’t know exactly what we will be doing or where, but I do know that we will be led of the Lord and that He will keep us busy.” For a workhorse like Harry, there is peace and comfort in keeping the same Master, even as the work changes.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Maine’s Pine Tree Academy Named to Elite U.S. Top 30 List

The members of the Northern New England Conference have always known that their flagship academy, Pine Tree Academy (PTA), is quite good. After all, most students who graduate from PTA go on to college. And the school is rich in music opportunities, including touring choirs and an internationally touring hand-bell choir. The school also hosts the annual NNEC Music Clinic, where some 400 students gather for a week of music training and performances. The school is also known for its incredible teachers and supportive parents.

So, yes, the school has a very good reputation. Still, most people in the conference are pleasantly surprised to find that PTA is now included on a list of the top 30 Christian boarding academies in the United States.

The list, recently published by The Best Schools, actually included three Adventist boarding academies—10 percent of the list. The full list can be found at <http://goo.gl/OJSqly>.

The criteria for determining inclusion on the list included exceptional programs in:

- Academic excellence and college preparation



Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine, is now included on a list of the top 30 Christian boarding academies in the United States.

- Spiritual Growth of Students
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Just for comparison, there was one other school from Maine that made it to the list—Kents Hill School, founded as a Wesleyan seminary in 1824. Kents Hill School (in Kents Hill, Maine) was awarded the Siemens Foundation prize

for excellence in science in 2012 and was awarded the Harvard Singer prize for excellence in teaching in 2007. The Kents Hill School Web site says that boarding tuition is \$52,500 a year.

Praise the Lord that Pine Tree Academy is in such company! And praise the Lord that Pine Tree Academy is able to offer a rich, Christ-centered education for a mere fraction of the cost!

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees Votes New President

On Sunday, November 16, 2014, the Atlantic Union College (AUC) Board of Trustees voted to invite Avis Hendrickson, Ed.D., to serve as the new president of Atlantic Union College. She will begin her role as president as soon as possible.

“We’re very pleased to welcome Dr. Hendrickson to join the long history of service at Atlantic Union College as president,” says Donald G. King, chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees. “She brings with her many years of experience as an educator and administrator. The board of trustees looks forward to working with her as she seeks to provide leadership, vision, and strategic planning for the operation of Atlantic Union College, poised for transition into the future. Hendrickson will assist in guiding AUC in its quest for reaccreditation and to build on creating more certificate programs in addition to the one it currently operates on campus known as NETS (Northeast Evangelism Training School).” Last year, AUC received State approval from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education to offer two four-year degree programs in Theology/Religion and Biology/Health Science.

Hendrickson has a doctorate in Developmental Education: Student Development and Personnel Services from Grambling State University. She



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received a master’s degree in Guidance and Counseling from Hunter College of The City University of New York, a bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Sciences from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a senior college of The City University of New York, and a professional degree in Administration and Supervision from Bank Street College of Education.

Hendrickson comes with extensive experience in student affairs, having worked in community colleges, senior colleges, and universities in urban, suburban, and metropolitan communities. The institutions were public, private,

city, and state organizations. Recently, also, Hendrickson has been invited to serve as an evaluation team member with NEASC (The New England Association of Schools and Colleges).

Her additional experiences include serving as a higher education administrator at the executive level (most recently serving at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut, as the chief student affairs officer) and overseeing operations and procedures to identify strategies to make the enrollment process more efficient.

Hendrickson has been involved in a number of additional professional activities and has given presentations on various topics to entities in and outside of the Adventist Church. She is the recipient of several honors and awards and has published articles in a number of publications.

Hendrickson has four children—three sons, one of whom graduated in 2006 from AUC, and one daughter. Sadly, her husband passed away almost two years ago. She is a member of the Hunts Point Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and has served the church in many capacities.

—Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees

Update: Women’s Ordination Question Moves On to General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas

The following is a synopsis taken from a report posted online in the ADVENTIST REVIEW, September 23, 2014:

“In an effort to better understand the Bible’s teaching on ordination, the church established the Theology of Ordination Study Committee, a group of 106 members commonly referred to by church leaders as TOSC. It was not organized to be proportionately representative of the world church but simply to carry out the two-year study. In a first, special Biblical Research Committees in each of the church’s 13 world divisions contributed to the study process and were represented on TOSC.

“A main goal of TOSC, which finished its work in June, was to determine whether it could find a consensus on women’s ordination, which it did not. Members split into three camps, known as Position Nos. 1, 2, and 3:

“**Position No. 1** emphasizes the biblical qualifications for ordination as found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and the

fact that never in the Bible were women ordained as priests, apostles, or elders. Therefore, it says, the Adventist Church has no biblical basis to ordain women.

“**Position No. 2** emphasizes the leadership roles of Old and New Testament women such as Deborah, Huldah, and Junia, and biblical passages in Genesis 1, 2 and Galatians 3:26-28 that stress all people are equal in God’s eyes. Therefore, it says, the biblical principle of equality allows the Adventist Church to ordain women to positions of church leadership wherever possible.

“**Position No. 3** supports Position No. 1 in recognizing a biblical pattern of male leadership in Israel and the early Christian church. But it also emphasizes that God made exceptions, such as the case of granting Israel’s desire for a king. It says women’s ordination is a matter of church policy

and not a moral imperative and, therefore, the Adventist Church should allow each field to decide whether or not to ordain women.

“Although TOSC did not reach a consensus on women’s ordination, its members did approve a consensus statement on the theology of ordination and, in a separate statement, affirmed that they remain ‘committed to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church as expressed through the 28 Fundamental Beliefs.’ ”

In the final document that will go to the General Conference Session in 2015, it states the following: “Differing interpretations of the Bible on this matter and conscientious convictions based on those interpretations may be found in virtually all areas of the world. As a result, the question becomes one of how Church members will live in harmony and unity while acknowledging the presence of differing views on a variety of issues.

Whereas various groups appointed by the General Conference and its divisions have carefully studied the Bible and Ellen G. White writings with respect to the ordination of women and have not arrived at consensus as to whether ministerial ordination for women is unilaterally affirmed or denied, and;

Whereas the Seventh-day Adventist Church affirms that “God has ordained that the representatives of His Church from all parts of the earth, when assembled in a General Conference Session, shall have authority” (see Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual, 18th edition, p.18 quoting from Ellen G. White, TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, Vol 9, p. 261),

Therefore, the General Conference Executive Committee requests delegates in their sacred responsibility to God at the 2015 General Conference Session to respond to the following question:

“Consensus that there is no consensus: After various groups appointed by the General Conference from around the world have carefully studied the Bible and Ellen G. White writings with respect to the ordination of women, they have not arrived at consensus as to whether ministerial ordination for women is unilaterally affirmed or denied.”

“Recognizing the importance of this question with respect to understanding the Bible, the multinational and multicultural nature of the church and its mission, and the biblical example of addressing differences that do not directly involve fundamental beliefs (see Acts chapter 15 on how the early church dealt with the tension regarding circumcision) the General Conference Executive Committee chose to again call for guidance from the global church.”

The following is the request to the 2015 General Conference Session:

Whereas the unity for which Jesus prayed is vitally important to the witness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and;

Whereas the Seventh-day Adventist Church seeks to engage every member in its worldwide mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ among people from every nation, culture and ethnicity, and;

After your thorough study of the Bible, the writings of Ellen G. White, and the reports of the study commissions on ordination, and;

After your careful consideration of what is best for the Church and the fulfillment of its mission,

Is it acceptable for division executive committees, as they may deem it appropriate in their territories, to make provision for the ordination of women to the gospel ministry? Yes or No.

As your union president and chief servant, I encourage all members of our Atlantic Union Conference constituency to study the documents for themselves, which may be found online at the following sites: www.adventistarchives.org/ordination as well as the final recommendation document from the 2014 Annual Council to the 2015 General Conference Session: www.adventistreview.org/assets/public/news/2014-10/statement.pdf.



But most of all, I ask that you sincerely pray, especially as we near the GC Session in June 2015. It is totally unacceptable and vile for Christians to malign or denigrate others who may not agree with one's own position on this matter that has been neither affirmed nor denied in Scripture or the

Spirit of Prophecy. Let's all pray that God's Holy Spirit will provide guidance to His church as this matter is discussed respectfully and in the spirit of Christ.

—Donald G. King, president, Atlantic Union Conference

Academy Students Participate in Disaster Relief Training



Students from academies and junior academies in the Atlantic Union are at Union Springs Academy for leadership training.

For several years each fall the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education, together with the Youth Ministries department, sponsored leadership conferences and prayer conferences on an alternating basis for academy students.

Two years ago, after Hurricane Sandy devastated New York City and Long Island, Atlantic Union academy students volunteered to clean up the wreckage incurred, as well as distribute food and clothing. During this activity it was evident that students needed training on how to respond to such disasters.

The Office of Education contacted David Canther, director of ACTS World Relief, and requested training for the academy students. This exercise would equip students to respond in a timely manner in an emergency situation. Their trained response would demonstrate the sympathy God has for mankind, regardless of their circumstances or religious affiliation.

Ninety-six academy students, representing all Atlantic Union Conference academies and three junior academies, converged on the campus of Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, New York, November 6-9, 2014 for this training.

They learned the leadership skills necessary to lead teams of early responders, crowd controllers, identifiers of injury severity, and counselors to console the injured and offer comforting words to frantic victims and family members. It was thrilling to observe and listen to the students while they implemented their training during the simulation of an explosion. The level of maturity and leadership the students demonstrated was truly outstanding. Here are some remarks

from students who participated in the training:

"It helped me realize that if someone is not trained to help immediately after a disaster, the suffering could go on for months and months. It inspired me to learn about meeting people's needs after a disaster," said Moses Ntekereze, eleventh-grade student at USA.

"It was a lot of fun to learn how to save lives while having fun with friends. The mock disaster was really 'real-life' and it helped to understand what an actual disaster is like," said Alyssa Walter, eleventh-grade student at USA.

"It was awesome to see so many other people who were as on fire for God as we are here," said Jonnie Baker, eleventh-grade student at USA.

The students are anticipating the second part of training, which is scheduled for next fall. More students are now interested in receiving training. Let's lift them up in prayer so that if or when called upon, they will be able to recall what they learned at the leadership conferences and prayer conferences and share God's sympathy with those in need.

—Astrid Thomassian, education director, Atlantic Union Conference



Academy and junior academy students in the Atlantic Union receive hands-on training on disaster response.

Area Churches Serve the Community Together

Under the leadership of the Connecticut Valley church (CVAC), area churches worked together to organize a free community health fair at the local fire department.

Bethesda Medical Mission, comprised of members from Faith, Grace, and Hope Adventist churches, as well as CVAC, provided health screening, ranging from weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose testing to oral cancer screening and total health score. The Rockville-Tolland church health ministries team advertised their Depression Recovery program and handed out green smoothies and healthy goodies.

The most popular booth by far was the chair massage, offered by a therapist from the Rockville-Tolland church. The CVAC youth hosted a craft table and face

painting station for kids waiting for their parents.

The churches found this the perfect opportunity to pass out information about CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program), vegetarian cooking classes, a Breathe Free seminar, and the upcoming evangelistic series.

CVAC's pastor, Tom Dombrowski, personally invited the mayor of South Windsor. The mayor was so impressed with the idea that he invited 200 of his closest friends who are leaders in the community. Dombrowski also asked several local organizations that promote wellness to participate.

When Andrew Paterna, a representative of the South Windsor Food Alliance, was setting up his booth, he asked a CVAC member, "Do you require people to



Connecticut Valley and other area churches reach out to their community with a free community health fair.

pre-register for this event?" "Oh no, we just pray," came the answer. "Our health ministries director, Lisa Walke, prayed for 100." A look of wonderment crossed Paterna's face. When all was tallied at the end of the day, the health team had screened about 80 people and the registration volunteers reported that about 20 had walked through for

the samples, massage, and information.

When all God's people work together with all their talents and resources used to the fullest extent, they will make an impact on the community. But when they work together with God, His blessings really flow.

—Sandra Dombrowski, publications liaison, Connecticut Valley church

Graduates of Discipleship Class Are Asked to Pass the Baton

October 25, 2014, was graduation day at the Leominster church. For many months Mark Gagnon, the church's pastor, taught a class on discipleship. The students were taught how to take someone through the plan of salvation from the Garden of Eden to the world made new.

Upon their graduation, the students received a flash drive with all the lessons, a chart which details the progress of God's salvation plan, and a baton. The baton is symbolic of having received the good news and the training. Now it is up to the graduates to pass the information along. A prayer was offered for the graduates inviting the power of the Holy Spirit



These graduates from the Leominster church's discipleship class have been charged with passing along the information they received in class.

to be in their lives. This was the second class to graduate from the church.

—David Dennis, communication director, Southern New England Conference

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Albany, NY	5:14	5:23	5:32	5:41
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Syracuse, NY	5:24	5:34	5:43	5:52
Rochester, NY	5:30	5:39	5:49	5:58
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Hamilton, Bda	5:56	6:02	6:08	6:14

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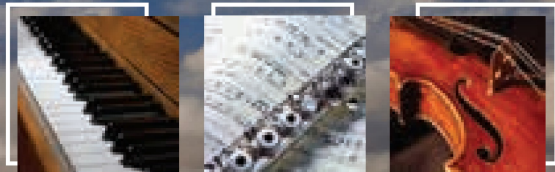
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