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## Woman's Place in the Church

Second-class status has often been accorded to women in both Judaism and Christianity. To a large extent this has been mainly due to the influence of other religious and social cultures, which have given women a position of social inferiority. Unfortunately, it was the customs and traditional teachings of the rabbis and other leaders in the pre-modern era that tended to render to women a place of lesser standing.

When Christ entered upon the scene, however, it was like a breath of fresh air to the freedom of womanhood and the restoration of her dignity. Women were treated by Jesus with the respect owed to them. They accompanied Him on His missionary and preaching tours and ministered to Him (Luke 8:1-3). Women (the two Marys) were the first to bear witness of His resurrection (Mark 16:1-6). Women were numbered among the 120 disciples who gathered in the Upper Room and who received the Holy Spirit's power for witnessing (Acts 1:12-14; 2:16-18).

Several women in scripture times were viewed as prophetesses, including Miriam (Exodus 15:20), Deborah (Judges 4:4), Huldah (2 Kings 22:14), Isaiah's wife (Isaiah 8:3), and Anna (Luke 2:36-38). The promise that daughters (as well as sons) would prophesy (Joel 2:28) found fulfillment after Pentecost since Philip's daughters at Caesarea were recognized as prophetesses (Acts 21:8, 9).

In Romans 16:3-5, Paul greets Priscilla and her husband Aquila and calls them his "helpers" or fellow workers in Christ Jesus, a term applied to Timothy (Romans 16:21) and others of Paul's companions in the ministry (Philemon 24). Priscilla was probably considered the most prominent and gifted in ministry, since in five of the seven times she and Aquila are mentioned, her name is listed first. They taught Apollos (Acts 18:26) and made their home available as a meeting place for the church (Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19).

The following women are some others to whom Paul sends greetings. They are Junia and Andronicus, "who are of note among the apostles" (Romans 16:7); Tryphaena, Tryphosa, and the beloved Persis are commended for their "labor in the Lord" (Romans 16:12). Paul also refers to Apphia, in whose house there was a church (Philemon 2); Euodias, Syntyche, and other women who were fellow workers with Paul and struggled with him to spread the gospel (Philippians 4:2, 3); and Lydia, who was considered an outstanding convert in the church at Philippi (Acts 16:12-16, 40).

Is it any wonder then that the Apostle Paul, in Galatians 3:26-28, points that out because we are "all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus"? In the same way, Paul shows that there are no longer inequalities or exceptions between Jew or Gentile, slave or free, and there is to be none also between male and female, since all are baptized members and have become one in Christ Jesus.

In the light of Scripture, it is clear that God bestows spiritual ministry gifts on women, whose place in the church is equally important and vital to the spreading of the gospel. (See "The Leadership Ministry of Women" on page 18 of this issue.) What matters most is the infusion of the Holy Spirit on all committed workers as seen in the following quote by Ellen G. White, one of the most prominent females in the Adventist Church: "It is the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit of God that prepares workers, both men and women, to become pastors to the flock of God"—MINISTRY TO THE CITIES, p. 76.

Even though the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not currently ordain women, the church continues to encourage, empower, and celebrate women's spiritual gifts of pastoral leadership and ministry. ④

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*TO THE CITIES, p. 76.*



# Southern New England Youth Make an Impact in Springfield

By Belinda Behnava

**I**mpact Springfield, coordinated by the First Springfield church in Springfield, Massachusetts, with co-directors of the project, Dina St. George and Daunette Lemard-Reid, was held at the Riverfront Park in Springfield. Additional assistance from churches in the same district came from the Warren and Florence churches and the New Jerusalem of Springfield Haitian Group.

After months of planning and preparing, and almost a year of praying for God to lead and direct, the hearts of those participating in Impact Springfield were confident and excited to do the work of showing the City of Springfield their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All participating church members and contributing Pathfinder Clubs arrived early on August 23 and cabanas were set up and materials displayed. After a devotion, led by Milton Marquez, Southern New England Conference's new assistant youth ministries director, they were ready to make their influence felt to God's honor and glory.

The cabanas, arranged along the perimeter of the park, offered a wealth of educational and informative information, and there were many giveaway items from the departments within the church.

The health ministries team took blood pressure readings and handed out bottles of water. They sponsored cooking demonstrations throughout the day with Jurea Dawson from The Voice in the Wilderness Mission.

Dawson is a vegetarian chef with more than 25 years of experience in the art of natural food preparation. This also included free samples of everything cooked.

The Adventist Community Services Disaster Response team provided information on preparedness in the event of an unexpected catastrophe or threatening weather. They also donated clothing to be given away. Cards were handed out as an invitation and reminder of the free spaghetti dinner provided on the last Wednesday of each month at the First Springfield church.

*enditnow*, the world-wide campaign that is part of the Women's Ministries program, brought attention to the fact that children, men, and women can all be victims of abuse. Literature was provided to educate and bring awareness to the community.

The prayer cabana afforded a soothing atmosphere where people could go to share their concerns, and prayers could be offered for them. It was combined with the literature table that provided Bibles, *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY*, *STEPS TO CHRIST*, and many *SIGNS OF THE TIMES* articles, free to all who walked into the park.

Close to the prayer cabana was information about the Depression Recovery Program presented by Neil Nedley, M.D. Visitors to the park were given an invitation to attend this free semi-



Co-directors Daunette Lemard-Reid and Dina St. George, and Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries director and assistant director, Jose Feliciano and Milton Marquez, announce the names of the individuals receiving awards.

nar every Monday night at the First Springfield church.

Children were seated together at a table under a cabana to work on fun arts and crafts, all coordinated by the church's Children's Ministries department. Children could also have pictures taken of them on the "Jerusalem Express" train. Face painting was available for the young and old.

First Springfield church prepared 1,000 "Safety Kits" that were distributed door-to-door throughout Springfield. The kits included items for emergency readiness in the event of severe weather or a disaster. Each kit included a whistle, batteries and flashlight, and a list of personal items to have organized and available at a moment's notice.

The highest measurement of Impact Springfield's success was a planned effort



put on by approximately 300 members of Pathfinder clubs from all over the Southern New England Conference. The teams went out into the city to assist in prearranged community work. These projects included many referrals from various senior citizen centers to assist elderly residents with lawn mowing, raking, and weed whacking their yards.

At the Mason Square Senior Center the

Another team of Pathfinders assisted Re-Green, a Springfield organization, in trimming, sweeping, and picking



Sara Casal-Moran takes the blood pressure of one of the many visitors to health ministries booth during Impact Springfield.

tions by the women's quartet, Amazed by Grace from Springfield; solo artists, Kirosha Huggan from Lancaster and Cristina Hernandez-Persia from Boston; the Majestic Heights Steele Orchestra from Brooklyn, New York; and the Tumayini Choir of Springfield.

Awards were presented by the Southern New England Conference and the First Springfield church, recognizing three prominent Springfield community persons. Recognized with appreciation for their advocacy efforts were Captain David Rivera, Fire Marshal of the Springfield Fire Department; Cheryl Clapprod, a member of the Springfield Police Department for 36 years; and Darryl Moss, mayoral aide in the Office of the Mayor of Springfield.

Josue Feliciano, Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries director, led in a devotional to end the day's events. As the Connecticut River flowed by and scheduled trains passed through the park, he reflected on the many people who came and went, on the children playing, and on the various new friendships made. He also reflected on the fact that, even though the sky was overcast for most of the day, God had answered prayers and held back the rain, giving them a successful and rewarding time of influencing, encouraging, and serving the community of Springfield to His glory and showing, by example, His wonderful love. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"—Matthew 25: 40. ①

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The Majestic Heights Steele Orchestra from Brooklyn, New York, perform during the afternoon concert.

Pathfinders painted the copy room and collated materials for them. The Prospect House Shelter had their outdoor deck stained, new mulch put in the flower beds, and their garage cleaned out. The Springfield Community Urban Garden on Hancock Street got a facelift, too! All the weeds were pulled and a strawberry patch was planted.

up litter along the Riverwalk Bike Path. Three nursing homes were visited—the Reed Nursing Home of Springfield and Wingate Homes in Springfield and Wilbraham. The children socialized with the elderly, prayed with them, and they all sang songs together. In the Bay Area neighborhood, a park was cleaned and cleared of overgrowth so that children would again have a suitable place to play.

In the afternoon, all Pathfinders returned to the Riverfront Park to march in a parade through the downtown area of Springfield. The display of club banners and flags, along with the drum corps sounding the beat, was a jubilant display of Seventh-day Adventist young people.

Following the parade, a concert held in the park included musical rendi-





By Frigga Simmons

## Christian Education, Is it an Expense or an Investment?

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*—Proverbs 22:6

In these tough economic times, Christian parents find themselves wrestling with the decision to make a choice regarding their children's education. They recognize the trust that God has placed on them to love and provide for their children. They also understand the heavy responsibility to educate them in an environment that embraces their values as Christians, to provide them with a quality education, and also guarantee that they will be taught of the Lord by loving, dedicated, and qualified teachers. Nevertheless, the question is often asked, "Christian education—is it an expense or an investment?"

### What is the difference between the two?

An expense is defined as a recurring cost with short-term benefits that are necessary for daily function (e.g. utilities, gas, cell phone). An investment delivers possible future, long-term benefits (e.g. stocks, mutual funds, bonds). In short, an expense is a necessity. An investment is a choice.

Our children are gifts from God. They are our greatest treasure. Christian parents should look for an education that focuses on eternity, not just academics, though extremely important. From that perspective, it is clear that Christian education is the only option and, therefore, is a worthwhile investment.

Having put three children through Christian education from elementary to college, I believe it is the best

investment any Christian parent can make, and I dare say any parent. At the end of the day, the benefits are incalculable. To name a few:

- The integration of faith and learning
- The development of a personal relationship with God in which they learn to trust Him and know Him as their personal Savior
- The acquisition of the desire to serve God and influence others to do the same
- The knowledge that they are equipped to be servant-leaders
- The security that they have the power to impact and change the world wherever they go, by the grace of God

As Christian parents, we could not think of anything more worthy of investing our resources in than an institution that would join our efforts in implanting the Word of God in the minds and hearts of our children. An investment in Christian education is even more secure than investing in stocks and bonds.

Christian education offers a safe, nurturing environment and certainly an academically sound education. Studies show that children who receive a Christian education perform better than their counterparts. Tools such as critical thinking, values, and

principles that are God-centered are acquired and will enable them to achieve their full potential. Every aspect of their education is infused in their daily lessons with biblical and spiritual applications. From this investment students receive a life-changing experience.

With so many uncertainties, much thought must go into the selection of an educational system for our children, whether it is Christian or secular. In Isaiah 54:13, we are told that "all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be their peace." Can you think of a better mentor for your children than God? Christian education does not stand alone; it is also supported by the home foundation and the church. These three form a strong team for the total development of the student.

The decision to invest in our children so they can be prepared to serve in this world and for greater service in the world to come is invaluable. Pray for heavenly guidance to make a choice for a Christ-centered education. Christian education pays dividends beyond imagination. We simply cannot put a price on eternity. So, to answer the question, categorically, yes, Christian education is an investment. ①



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## Hendrickson Guest Speaker at BI on Opening Day

Bermuda Institute (BI) opened its academic year on August 25, with the auditorium filled with students, faculty, teachers, parents, pastors and well wishers. Conrad Roach, former teacher, and Simona Mills-Pitcher, chaplain services/Bible teacher, led the song service.

The guest speaker for the event was Damon Hendrickson, pastor of the Somerset and Rockaway churches. Prior to the sermon, Dwayne Foster, the new music teacher, rendered special music on his saxophone.

In his message Hendrickson shared three points from the experience of Moses and the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt:

- 1. Have no fear.** Students will face circumstances beyond their control, and even beyond their expectations, but God promises to be with them. They need not fear.
- 2. Stand still.** Hendrickson explained that in the original language, the

word for “stand still” could also read “stand together.” BI is as strong as its weakest link. Everyone must stand together when facing challenges and strengthen one another. He charged the school to stand together and face challenges with no fear.

### 3. God will bring us through.

Hendrickson reminded the audience that “He [God] brought us to it, to bring us through it.” He challenged the students to be aware of times when they may be afraid, but to then remember the words of the Lord, “Fear not, stand still for God will bring you through.”

The admonition was two-fold—not only will students face trials and difficulties, but all those in attendance will face them, as well. They were all encouraged by Hendrickson’s words: “Have no fear; stand still, for God will bring us through.”

Following Hendrickson’s message, Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference



Damon Hendrickson, pastor of Somerset and Rockaway churches, shares words of encouragement on opening day at Bermuda Institute.

president, invited the students, faculty, staff, principal, and others to join him in a special prayer of consecration for the new academic year.

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

## St. David’s Church Holds First-ever Family Camp

St. David’s church celebrated its first-ever Family Camp on the grounds of Paget Island off St. George’s Harbour in St. George’s, Bermuda, September 18-20. About 34 people traveled, with all the necessary camping equipment, to the campground that can only be reached by boat. Some also carried tents for outside living.

The island has one of many camping sites provided by the Bermuda Government throughout the year. Several buildings are on the island. However, the main camping area consists of two buildings for dormitory-style living for males with adjoining quarters for females; a kitchen and a separate teaching room are also available. A separate small cottage is also available on the grounds.

Those attending family camp hiked uphill from the dock to where they spent their



Campers from St. David’s church take time out for a photo while enjoying family camp on Paget Island in Bermuda.

time on the island. The activities and schedule were organized by the church’s Family Ministries director, Ann Pitcher, who made certain the

group was actively engaged. The food was prepared by the church’s gourmet team, headed by Kimberlee Pitcher. Many of the meetings were

held in the dining hall that is located just off the kitchen.

Devotional thoughts were presented by the church’s elders and captured the theme of family throughout the event. The Sabbath morning worship consisted of older members (men with young men, women with young women) teaching the youth about members of the opposite sex and how they think. It was time well spent and enlightening for the youth.

On Sunday, the group had an opportunity to swim and participate in other activities. They had such an enjoyable time that a request has been made to make family camp an annual event. The members thank God for His blessings and for Ann Pitcher and the Family Ministries committee.

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



## Queens Faith Temple Communication Day a Hit

Queens Faith Temple church (QFT) in Laurelton, New York, held Communication Day on August 8. The day's activities were highlighted by the sermon, "More Than Eyesight," presented by Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director. Citing Mark 10:46-52, Wellington challenged the congregation to grasp the spiritual realities of blind Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus:

- The blind man's hopelessness is noted in his negative condition. He was known by the despondency of the situation, however, it did not rob him of spiritual eyesight.
- Lack of eyesight revealed the true condition of those around Jesus.
- Eyesight alone does not give you discernment.
- Walking with Jesus is not a sign of conversion. When



During the afternoon outdoor concert at Queens Faith Temple church, a prayer booth was erected to accommodate those needing prayer.

- one is converted, there are no winners or losers.
- Do not confuse conversion with perfection. It is possible to be a strict vegetarian and act like a pig.
- Conversion is the sum of your conduct and being.

In response to Wellington's solemn appeal, several individuals indicated their willingness to be totally connected to Jesus through baptism.

In the afternoon, gospel artists from a wide cross section of New York and beyond (Jamaica), climaxed the celebration with a free outdoor gospel concert extravaganza, dubbed REACH. "We are gathered here today to share God's love with the public," said a member of the planning committee. Hubert Wilkie, pastor of Queens Faith Temple, extended special greetings and acknowledgments.

Approximately 150 packaged gifts were distributed to the public. In addition, a special prayer booth was erected to accommodate those in need of prayer.

Master of ceremonies Edward Jackson interspersed the evening's presentation with his usual interaction with the crowd. Such artists as Vladimir Dougue, Gratitude, Mark Prentice, K3, Patrick Josephs, Resounding Praise, Khuent Rose, Petula Beckles, Laos in Harmony, saxophonist, Claud Morris, and many more kept the enthused crowd singing to the tunes of some of their favorites.

A special "thank you" is extended to Samuel Okonta, M.D., and his wife, Francisca, who distributed gift bags to those attending the event, and who allowed QFT to use their parking lot for the occasion.

—Communication department,  
Queens Faith Temple

## Mott Haven Spanish Church Holds Bible Marathon

The Mott Haven Spanish church in Bronx, New York, held a Bible Marathon, under the direction of Samuel Peguero, the church's pastor, and with the participation of church members and others from the community.

The marathon lasted 77 hours and during that time 627 readers participated. Among them were local church leaders, pastors, and leaders from various churches in New York City, including G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Henry H. Beras, Greater New York Conference executive



Samuel Peguero, Mott Haven church pastor and coordinator of Bible Marathon, accepts proclamation from the U.S. Senate in honor of the Bible Marathon, from Samaris Gross, director of the Interfaith office of Senator Rubén Diaz.

secretary; and Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Conference vice president

for Hispanic and Portuguese ministries, who gave the closing remarks.

There was also participation by many leaders from the city and the community. Among them were radio news anchors, reporters, business men and women, teachers, students, doctors, nurses, psychologists, children, youth, and adults.

Andrew Cuomo, governor of the state of New York, congratulated the organizers of the marathon and, at the same time, recognized the community service that has been rendered by the Mott Haven Spanish church.

Bill de Blasio, mayor of New York City, wrote a letter, welcoming all those who attended and partici-



pated in the Bible Marathon. According to de Blasio, Mott Haven church has been a pillar in leading the way with service to its neighbors.

Senator Rubén Díaz, Sr., representing the 32nd Senate District in the South Bronx, issued a resolution recognizing the 2015 Bible Marathon and issued a resolution declaring the Mott Haven church as “an institution highly respected and esteemed by the state.” Rubén Díaz, Jr., president of Bronx County, and Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo issued their proclamations declaring June

10-13, 2015, as Bible Marathon days.

Many neighboring communities came to the appointed place to read and listen to the reading of the Bible. The pastor, leaders, and members of the Mott Haven church are praising and thanking God for giving them the opportunity to help people remember that the Bible still has answers to their most important questions.

At the conclusion of the event, once the closing remarks were given, some people made the decision to immediately visit others and



**G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president, left, and Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Conference Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president, right, read portions of the Bible during the marathon.**

share the message of hope in Jesus Christ.

—Samuel Peguero, pastor, Mott Haven church, and Dionisio Olivo, Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president, Atlantic Union Conference

## Iglesia Adventista Hispana de Mott Haven Realiza Maratón Bíblico

Con la participación de diversos sectores de la sociedad, fue realizado el Maratón Bíblico 2015, organizado por la Iglesia Adventista de Mott Haven bajo la dirección del pastor Samuel Peguero. El evento tuvo lugar en el local de la Iglesia (dirección) y se inició el miércoles día 10 de Junio, 2015 a las 10 de la mañana y concluyó el Sábado 13 a las 3:00 de la tarde. Durante 77 horas participaron 627 lectores, entre los cuales habían líderes de la iglesia local, pastores y dirigentes de varias de las iglesias de

Nueva York, el Presidente G. Earl Knight presidente de la Greater New York Conference, el Secretario pastor H. Beras y otros dirigentes, el Vice-presidente del Ministerio Hispanos de la Unión del Atlántico el pastor Dionisio Olivo dio la proclama del cierre de dicho evento.

También participaron dirigentes de la ciudad y comunitarios. Locutores de noticias, reporteros, hombres y mujeres de negocios, profesores, estudiantes, médicos, enfermeras, psicólogos, niños, jóvenes y adultos.

El gobernador del Estado de New York, Andrew Cuomo, felicitó a los organizadores del Maratón, al tiempo que reconoció la trayectoria de servicios a la comunidad que ha venido rindiendo la Iglesia Adventista de Mott Haven. Por su parte, el Alcalde de la Ciudad de New York, Bill de Blasio, escribió una carta de bienvenida a todos los asistentes y participantes al Maratón de la Biblia. Según de Blasio, La Iglesia Adventista de Mott Haven ha sido un pilar en el liderazgo de servicios a sus vecinos y resaltó lo que esta iglesia ha venido haciendo desde sus inicios.

Por su parte el Senador Estatal Rubén Díaz, Sr. reconoció el Maratón Bíblico 2015 y emitió una resolución declarando a la Iglesia de Mott Haven como una institución de alto respeto y estima en el Estado. De igual manera el Presidente del Condado del Bronx, Rubén Díaz, Jr. y la asambleísta Carmen Arroyo emitieron sus proclamas declarando Junio 10-13, 2015 como días del Maratón Bíblico.

Muchos vecinos de la comunidad acudieron al lugar citado para leer y escuchar la lectura de la Biblia. Una vecina declaró: “siento que esto es un refugio para mi.” Otro vecino dijo: “nunca había venido a la iglesia, pero me he dado cuenta que es muy bonito leer la Biblia.” El Pastor, los dirigentes y miembros de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo-día, Hispana de Mott Haven, alaban a Dios y le agradecen por la oportunidad de ayudar a la gente a recordar que la Biblia todavía tiene respuestas a sus preguntas más importantes.

Al concluir la actividad y haberse dado la proclama de cierre, quedo en muchos de los presentes un sentimiento de nostalgia. Algunos, incluso, decidieron ir de inmediato a visitar a otros y compartir con ellos el mensaje de esperanza en Jesucristo.

—Informe preparado por Pr. Samuel Peguero y Pr. Dionisio Olivo



**Ernie Castillo, vicepresidente de la División Norteamericana, y Elden Ramírez, director de Ministerios Voluntarios de la División Norteamericana, participaron en el Maratón Bíblico.**



## Parkview Junior Academy Ninth-graders Write about Outdoor School

The fifth- through ninth-graders from elementary schools in the New York Conference traveled to Camp Cherokee on September 14 for Outdoor School. The fifth- and sixth-graders stayed on campus for the week and learned about rocks and minerals. They made rock collections, and they earned the Pathfinder honor in rocks and minerals. In their free time, they were allowed to go to the waterfront where they could go kayaking, screaming (tubing), or on the banana boat.

They also had the option of going swimming in the pool. Worship services each morning and evening started with song service. Bill Wood, retired Atlantic Union Conference youth ministries director, presented talks that coincided with the Outdoor School theme, "Rock of Ages." He talked about Jesus being our bedrock and our safety net. On the last morning, he gave everyone a small rock to remind them of the Rock of Ages. He also invited people who wanted to be baptized



Standing with the four students who accepted the call for baptism are Dan Whitlow, New York Conference youth ministries director, left; Bill Wood, retired youth ministries director, center; and Jeremy Garlock, New York Conference associate youth ministries director, right.

Photos: Fred Burghardt

to come up front. Four students came forward.

The seventh- and eighth-graders were able to do off-campus activities. Some of the activities were horseback riding, canoeing, geocaching, survival camping, backpacking, and mountain biking. They learned lots of outdoor skills, such as fire-building, using an axe, searching for "treasure" using a GPS, and night canoeing. They left camp on Tuesday morning and returned late on Thursday.

Ninth-graders worked in the kitchen and prepared meals

for the other campers. They also had breaks and were able to enjoy water activities.

By the time students and teachers piled into cars to return home on Friday morning, they had T-shirts signed by friends from all over the conference. They felt that they had packed as much fun as possible into the week. Most important, as one student said, "Now every rock, stone, mineral, boulder, or mountain will remind us of God, the Rock of Ages."

—Ninth-grade English class, Parkview Junior Academy, New York Conference



Students from across New York Conference participate in the annual Outdoor School event.

## Baldwinsville Church Hosts First VBS

Baldwinsville church was excited to host its first Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer using the theme "Babylon: Daniel's Courage and Captivity," in an effort to reach out to the local community. For five days, the church welcomed approximately 15 children to learn about the Bible story of Daniel and his three friends.

VBS participants were organized into designated groups, or "tribes," which they stayed with throughout the week. Each evening commenced with "Celebration Time," a joyful period of prayer

and praise. Next, the tribes journeyed along to different stations including the "Marketplace," visiting the hanging gardens, and the bead, astronomy, music, metal, and mosaic shops, respectively. Flavorful, authentic snacks were provided, as well as Babylonian-style activities and games.

It was in "Daniel's Place," that his story truly came alive. The children learned about the God Daniel trusted and served, and that they, too, have the same heavenly Father who loves them passionately. During times of uncertainty and unrest,



Baldwinsville church's first Vacation Bible School reaches out to the community.

they can be assured of His protection and loyal friendship. Baldwinsville church gratefully acknowledges the many committed volunteers involved in this outreach

event. They look forward to next year, and pray that many lives were deeply touched and blessed.

—Sonia Park, teacher, Parkview Junior Academy

## New York Conference Kick-starts Young Adult Ministries

Young adults from New York, Connecticut, and Vermont gathered for a young adult retreat at Camp Cherokee in Saranac, New York, on September 25. The New York Conference associate youth director, Jeremy Garlock, spoke to the group about the reality of God in their lives and the need to spread the reality of Jesus to the world.

During the course of the weekend the young adults began to plan how to spread the reality of Jesus to the world around them. Already plans are underway for a young adult mission trip, Compassion Emphasis Sabbaths, and constructing a communication system to



Young adults from New York Conference pose for a photo during the young adult retreat at Camp Cherokee in Saranac, New York.

help build a network of young adults ready to do God's work.

Please pray as this young army begins to work for Jesus.

—Communication department, New York Conference

## New York Conference Hosts Men for Christ Weekend

“Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!” was the theme for the Men for Christ weekend at Camp Cherokee in Saranac, New York. The messages delivered were intended to impress those who attended with the idea that, though life is hard, we are called to praise God and to keep fighting. Men from throughout the New York Conference attended, in hopes of being spiritually revived and challenged, and God did not disappoint.

Several stories from the life of David formed the basis of a discussion on the character qualities that God expects “men of God” to have. There were also discussions on what qualities “men of God” are not supposed to possess, as well.

Every meeting began with a quote that was familiar to many, but not one that is often repeated. “The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall”—EDUCATION, p. 57.

The purpose of sharing that quote at every meeting was to remind the attendees of the type of man Jesus was, and the type of man Jesus wants us to be, and given the times that we are living in, the type of man Jesus needs us to be.

I had the privilege of leading out in the meetings for the weekend and was encouraged by the turnout and participation of the “men of God.”

Though the responsibility of sharing the gospel with the world is ultimately God's, the success of the work in the New York Conference will depend to a large extent on whether or not we will have strong leaders who are willing to be true and honest, willing to be true to their calling and duty as men of God, and willing to stand for the right though the heavens fall. That was the challenge to each person, and I'm pleased to report that the challenge was willingly accepted.

—Miguel Crespo, executive secretary, New York Conference



Jeremy Garlock, New York Conference associate youth ministries director, speaks to the men attending the Men for Christ weekend at Camp Cherokee in Saranac, New York.



## Trinity Temple Church Helps Strengthen Community Bonds



The annual health fair participants included Trinity Temple church pastor, Vernon Jordan, center back, several church members, and Anstey Small, managing director of Healing Well Lifestyle Educational Resources, and his team.

The Trinity Temple church participated in an annual health fair on September 9 at the Mansion Square Park in Poughkeepsie, New York. The annual health fair is a city-wide affair. Various churches and individuals from the community came out to help share in strengthening community bonds and to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to make Poughkeepsie a better place to live and to work.

Trinity Temple church took the opportunity to

showcase the love of Jesus through conducting health screenings, singing songs, and sharing a brief message. It was also an opportunity to witness to the community.

The fair was started by the late John Flowers 11 years ago. A community activist, Flowers recently died. The Trinity Temple church, under the leadership of the pastor, Vernon Jordan, has participated in the health fair for the past 10 years.

At the fair, Anstey Small, managing director of Healing Well Lifestyle

Educational Resources, and his team from New York City partnered with Trinity Temple church members and health ministries team, under the direction of Lametta Bennet. They provided blood pressure screening, cholesterol analysis, body fat analysis, the step test, lung capacity screening, a health age determination questionnaire, and also examined waist circumference, and determined body mass index.

Handouts were distributed and an herbal display

was available to help teach about the healing qualities of different herbs. Nutritional counseling and upper body massage to help with relaxation were also offered.

Community health screenings are vital as a way of preventative health, and curbing high rates of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure through early testing and early identification. High-risk individuals with abnormal test results were referred to their health care professionals or a community clinic.

The members of the Trinity Temple church deserve recognition for their continued involvement in this annual community event. A plaque was presented to the church by the Flowers family in recognition of the church's 10 years of participation in the health fair.

God wants everyone to be in the best possible health. In 3 John 2 it says, "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

—Mirlande Jordan, member and pastor's spouse, Trinity Temple church

## Northeastern Conference Pathfinders Learn About Unlimited Possibilities

"When prayer becomes an active part of your life, you will have unlimited possibilities!" Jonatan Tejel shared with the Pathfinders at the 2015 Northeastern Conference Pathfinder Unlimited Camporee. More than 1,200 Pathfinders camped at the Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility, New Jersey, for four days. The Pathfinders were engaged in camp crafts,

camping skills, drilling, honors enrichment, team building, drum exhibitions and other fun activities.

This year's camp was part of the two-year cycle that allows all the Northeastern Conference Pathfinders to come together to connect and assess their camping skills. The theme of "Unlimited" was lifted high throughout the general sessions. This year, Pathfinders were fea-

tured on stage each night as they sang, played instruments, and inspired listeners through the spoken word.

The speakers lifted Jesus up and inspired the Pathfinders to live "unlimited" in the power of God. Thanks go to Gordon Jones, Sr., pastor of the Hunts Points church; Joseph Aaron,

Jonatan Tejel, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's associate youth and Pathfinder director, speaks at the Northeastern Conference Pathfinder Camporee.



pastor of the Corona church; Jonatan Tejel, the world church's associate youth and Pathfinder director; and Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president.

God smiled on the Pathfinders as they camped and He held back the rain. The weather cooperated each day and into the evening and on the last night there was a fireworks show. One of the guests at the camporee, Ryan Simpson, Atlantic Union Conference youth director, brought greetings and rallied the Pathfinders.

This year an added attraction was a white water river rafting trip down the Delaware River. More than 50 teens and "teens at heart" traveled down the river enjoying the scenic vistas. As the teams rafted, they learned and practiced team building,



Members of the drum corps play at the Northeastern Conference Pathfinder Camporee in Tranquility, New Jersey.

since everyone needed to paddle to get the raft to the destination. Fun and teamwork, what a combination!

Finding a place for the camporee challenged the leadership team for months. But God led them to Tranquil Valley two days before the start of the camp-

oree. When word went out less than 48 hours before the start, many clubs had to change transportation plans and notify church boards of the new site. By God's grace it was done.

"Thank you" to the many volunteers who handled the registration station, camp

store, and served as security and instructors with the honors and camping skills. Though there were many challenges, the volunteers stepped up to the plate, rolled up their sleeves, tackled the issues, and allowed the participants to enjoy the camporee.

As the flag was lowered during the closing ceremonies, promises were made to meet at next year's camporee—Atlantic Union Pathfinder Camporee, May 18-22, 2016—at Burlingame State Park in Charlestown, Rhode Island. The Pathfinders were encouraged to live their lives "unlimited"—with unlimited faith, unlimited courage, and unlimited possibilities.

—Roger Wade, youth director, Northeastern Conference

## Beulah Church Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, was the keynote speaker on August 8 at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beulah church in Mount Vernon, New York. He brought greetings from his fellow officers and the Northeastern Conference family.

Honoré expressed his appreciation to Reginald Guerrier, the church's pastor, for his ministry at the Beulah and Riverdale churches.

The congregation viewed slides showing the journey of Beulah church from its beginning through the 25 years, including the activities done in the community.

Honoré prayed a prayer of dedication for the church's new pulpit.



Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, standing in the center on the platform, joins the Beulah church members in celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Consecrating it as a holy object, Honoré asked for God's blessing on those who will utilize it for the proclamation of the gospel.

Honoré based his message on Acts 19, in a sermon entitled "A Revelation, A Revolution, and A Conflict of Interest!" He shared with the church that the book of Acts is

called Acts for a reason; and that it depicts the acts of the apostles, not the resolution of the apostles, not the committee of the apostles, not the promises of the apostles, but the acts of the apostles.

Honoré called for a united church and encouraged Beulah church members to grow,

prosper, and to preach the word of God boldly in the community. Using Paul as an example, when he accepted the revelation of Jesus Christ and preached it boldly as he did in Ephesus, he suggested that God did many miracles through him.

Ernest Davis, mayor of Mount Vernon, was given the opportunity by Guerrier to share a word with the congregation. Mayor Davis, not a stranger to Beulah, gave a warm greeting. He said he is humbled by what he sees in the Adventist church, the young people and families together, and by what the church does in the community.

—Heatherlyn Francis, communication department, Beulah church

## Bordoville Church Celebrates 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

The Bordoville Adventist Church in Bordoville, Vermont, is the oldest purpose-built church in the denomination. In other words, it is the oldest Adventist church that was built as an Adventist church. This living piece of history had its annual meeting on Sabbath, September 19. The service was attended by some 230 people, who gathered in perfect late-summer weather to hear the Sabbath School lesson and sermon by special guest speaker Philip Samaan, professor of religion and spirituality at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee.

There was a very specific reason that Samaan traveled from Tennessee to Bordoville to speak. Above and beyond the delight of speaking at the oldest purpose-built church in the denomination, there was the fact that Samaan is the mentor and former professor of Cornell Preda, pastor of the Bordoville church. And, in the afternoon of this high Sabbath, Samaan would participate in Preda's ordination and would lay upon him the ordination mantle.

As it turned out, Samaan is also the former professor of conference president Bob Cundiff and conference executive secretary Ted Huskins, both of whom were present for the day. Samaan enjoyed teasing his former students and "grading" them on various tasks through the day. He may have focused his wit on his former students, but with his personable speaking style, it wasn't long before he made everyone in the congregation feel very comfortable.

Preda officiated over the annual meeting and told the story of the Bordoville

church, which was built through the determination of the Bordo brothers, Augustine and Daniel, who were new converts to Adventism. The Bordoville church, located in the countryside and quite close to the Canadian border, turned out to be a frequent destination for such Adventist pioneers as James and Ellen White, who both spoke there on numerous occasions. The church was the launching pad for several missionaries, not the least of which were the Bordo

brothers, who worked in Europe with missionary pioneer J. N. Andrews.

The Bordo church entered a slow decline late in the last century and was not being used for services when Cornell took over the district a few years ago. Today, some 15-20 people typically meet there on Sabbath afternoon during the seasons when the unheated church is usable. The spirit is moving in Bordoville again and this last year the church saw five baptisms.

The Bordoville church has been brought back from disuse through dedicated volunteer labor put forth by a small band of volunteers led by Preda. This band has a big vision for restoring the historic church and they have the enthusiastic support of the recently established Historic Properties Committee at the conference. The building needs a very significant amount of work done over the next few years, and if the Lord prompts you to



Philip Samaan lays the ordination mantle upon Cornell Preda, pastor of the Bordoville church, in the Northern New England Conference.



The hand-painted sign outside the Bordoville church reflects the tired grace of the building in general.



Ordained ministers lay their hands on Cornell Preda, pastor of the Bordoville church, during the ordination ceremony.

support or volunteer for this effort, contact Cornell Preda or Ted Huskins at the conference office.

Whether or not you are called by the Lord to help

restore this historic church, you really should plan to visit the Bordoville church annual meeting that is held every year in September. This little church on a dirt

road in the countryside is a piece of living history, built with the hands of some of the first members of the Adventist denomination and, praise God, it still serves as

a light for the community around it.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## Seeker Site Project In New England Conferences Picks Up Speed

The Northern New England (NNEC) and Southern New England conferences (SNEC) have formed a partnership for the purpose of bringing a unique evangelism platform to the region. The “New England Seeker Site” is a Web-based Bible study site and is so-named because it targets people who are spiritually curious—those who are seeking spiritual fulfillment.

Now, granted, there is nothing unique about presenting the Word of God to people via the Internet. The seeker site, however, goes about it a bit differently: the seeker site features individual churches giving Bible studies using the pastor and members of that individual church. The entire approach of the site is a “hyper-local” focus that creates familiarity between the community and the local church—familiarity which can, over time, mature into fellowship. The site is set up to automatically help community members connect with their closest church.

The hyper-local focus means that the pastor and members from each participating church in the conferences—and that means as many as 150 churches—practice and present 17 Bible studies plus a few special features. This means a total of some 20 videos taped over two days. Doing the math, that means that the entire effort will result in approximately 1,500 presenters completing about 3,000 video Bible studies. That is a massive undertaking, which is already underway in both conferences.

“In NNEC, we’ll have some 500 members recording Bible studies and in essence standing up for Christ and offering to study the Bible with



Warran Smith and his son, Adam Smith, man the camera, teleprompter, and computers during a Seeker Site video shoot at Concord church.

their neighbors,” said Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president. “That is almost 10 percent of our membership. What is the effect on a conference when nearly 10 percent of its members become evangelists? I don’t know, but I’m very eager to find out.”

Each church site has the ability to offer Bible studies as well as archived local sermons and links to deeper Bible study resources. And each site urges seekers of Christ to contact the pastor with any questions or comments. Essentially, the community is urged to use the pastor as a spiritual resource.

Of course, all these rich spiritual offerings aren’t worth anything unless members of the local community access the seeker site, and this is where the effort’s second innovation comes into play: individual Bible studies are pressed onto DVDs over time, along with a greeting from the pastor and an invitation to visit the Web site for many other Bible studies and a depth of resources.

Members of the church purchase and distribute the DVDs, which cost \$1.00 each and essentially act as a new form of brochure. Members set a goal for how many DVDs they will distribute each two-month period. The Bible lessons are distributed one every two months for three years before all 17 lessons are handed out to the social networks of local members. Every time a community member views a DVD, the goals of spreading the Word of God and creating familiarity with the local church are both met, helping people connect with Christ while connecting with their local church.

Video-recording at churches in both conferences will continue for the next year or more, and the site itself will go live before the end of this year. Watch the GleanerFYI electronic newsletter and the GLEANER for an invitation to visit the site.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



## Beverly, Boston Korean, and Cambridge Youth Minister to the Homeless

Youth Ministries departments of the Beverly, Boston Korean, and Cambridge churches came together on Sabbath afternoon, July 18, and ministered to the homeless at the River House Beverly Shelter in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Beverly church started the outreach program by singing hymns and inspirational songs for the residents. The Galang family rendered a special musical selection



The Cambridge church group gather for prayer before leaving the shelter.

Mfise Mwanza

with father Cleofas playing the guitar, mother Gemalie and daughter Maegan singing, and son Roy playing the violin. Beverly Church ended their portion of the program by distributing water bottles and copies of THE GREAT HOPE to the residents.

The Boston Korean church's men's quartet sang a medley of hymns, then the entire group sang more hymns and inspirational songs. All songs were sung in Korean and English. When introducing the songs, James Song, Boston Korean church pastor, spoke in Korean, while one of his church members translated.

After their musical program, Boston Korean church members distributed sack lunches to the residents.

Cambridge church provided dinner for the residents as well as music, testimonies, and literature. Cambridge also brought donations of clothes, hygiene products, and other items. The highlight of the program was the testimony of Jeffrey Gregg, a Cambridge church deacon, who was once homeless. Gregg held the audience spellbound as he recounted his darkest days and how he was able to overcome through the power of

Christ. Lives were touched and the residents were inspired to see and hear from someone who overcame the cycle of poverty.

Overall, the outreach program was a success. Young and old from the Beverly, Boston Korean, and Cambridge churches were able to experience what it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Everyone involved was able to gain a better appreciation for God's blessings in their lives.

The youth ministries directors involved in coordinating this event were Daniel and Salina Holder, co-directors at the Cambridge church; Marilyn St. Fleur, Cambridge AY Council member; Ben Corriette, Beverly church's youth ministries director, and James Song. They plan to keep the momentum going by leading their young people in making a positive impact in the Greater Boston area and beyond.

—Youth department, Beverly church



Jeffrey Gregg, a Cambridge church deacon, recounts his darkest days when he was homeless and how he was able to overcome through the power of Christ.

## First Springfield and Warren Churches Celebrate New Members

For the First Springfield and Warren churches, it was a time of great joy when a group of people—adults and children—Angelina Massa, Emma Carlson, Richard Scott Malone, Michelle Massa (rebaptism), Vernon Noad-Brown, and Noreen Noad-Brown sealed their relationships with Jesus through baptism in the waters of the Dark Brook Reservoir in Auburn, Massachusetts.

They will never forget the date of August 2, 2015, when they heard God's voice whisper to their heart, as Jesus did when He was



Mihail Baci, the church's pastor, center back, and his wife, Virocia, standing with the candidates in the August 2 baptism at the Dark Brook Reservoir in Auburn, Massachusetts.

baptized: "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased"—Matthew

3:17, NIV. May the Lord continue to bless and guide them.

For the Montalvo family, Sunday, September 13 was also a special time, when parents, Abiezer and Carmen, and their son, Christopher, declared their love for Jesus near the shore of the Reservoir. It was there that, in the presence of a group from First Springfield church, they either gave their lives to Jesus or renewed their commitment to their Savior by rebaptism.

Baptism was, and always will be, one of the highest experiences in the life of someone who lives with Jesus in his or her heart. It



is more than a ritual when a pastor immerses in water a candidate for baptism. It is more than adding one more name in the church book. It is a spiritual occurrence between Jesus, the initiator of our salvation, and the sinner, the human being who, after a certain time to get familiar with the truth of the Bible, decides to publicly declare his or her affiliation with the family of heaven.

Yes, there is joy in heaven, but also on this earth, when someone appreciates Jesus' love and chooses to accept Him as their personal Savior.

—Mihail Baci, former pastor, First Springfield, Warren, and Florence churches



Family, supporters, Mihail Baci, the church's former pastor, on the right of candidates, his wife, Virocia, on the left of the candidates, stand with the Montalvo family prior to their baptism on September 13.

## Senior Survival: A Good Decision

My senior year . . . Wow! The only drawback was that I had to move to go to a different school. All those feelings of nervousness, anxiety, and stress ruled my last few months at home. I felt hopeful, but I worried that it might not work out. I was so beyond nervous. But my first day wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be and, as the days went by, things got easier.

People began to welcome me into the SLA family and I was slowly

integrating into the school. Before I knew it, it was time for the annual Senior Survival trip. I honestly started to dread the trip. I wasn't looking forward to waking up at three in the morning, a six-hour bus ride, sleeping in tents, and potential rain. But I took those steps onto the bus and boarded on an adventure that was more than I bargained for!

I have to say that going on Senior Survival with South Lancaster Academy was the best decision I've

ever made. It wasn't just the time getting to know my classmates or the fun activities we did or the tears we shared by the campfire . . . it was one of the most spiritually uplifting times of my life. The bonds formed and memories made on the trip are ones that I will cherish forever. By the end of the trip I could honestly say that I love each and every classmate and chaperone who participated.

In my last few high school years I've been torn apart from an SDA school that I loved and had a bad experience at another Christian school. I've been so sad and not myself, but since I came to SLA I feel happy again.

The Lord is so good! He is blessing each one of us every day, even when we can't see it. I now see how God has been watching over me and preparing the way for something better. I am so grateful to be here. It's exactly where God wants me and I look forward to the rest of my senior year!

—Madison Reynolds, senior, South Lancaster Academy



Seniors from South Lancaster Academy participate in the school's annual Senior Survival trip in Jackman, Maine.



## The Leadership Ministry of Women

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) has for many years approved and recognized the leadership ministry of women and have granted to qualified women the authority to preach and conduct pastoral services, including serving as senior pastors, along with evangelistic, educational, and administrative roles. This applies to all ministry categories where policy allows. This position remains currently in tact, regardless of the vote taken recently at the 60th Constituency Session of the GC in San Antonio, Texas, not to allow world divisions of the GC to ordain female pastors (though they are set apart through a commissioning service).

The foregoing paragraph is explicitly stated in order to avoid any confusion regarding the San Antonio vote, which some may have erroneously thought was a vote to bar all females from pastoral leadership.

Recently, the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee (EXCOM) voted its commitment to sustained support for all female pastors in ministry and to continue to encourage, empower, and celebrate their gifted spiritual leadership. (See



The Atlantic Union Conference Administrators Council in session at the September quarterly meeting.

the approved EXCOM recommendation below.)

### Atlantic Union Approves Statement Regarding Women in Leadership

Due to significant discussions regarding women in leadership and ministry both prior to and subsequent to the recent 60<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in San Antonio, Texas, the Atlantic Union Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and the Administrative Council (ADCIL) recommend the following statement:

*Whereas* the Atlantic Union and its six constituent conferences, college, and other institutions enjoy the rich

tradition of intentionally endorsing and enabling women in ministry, and

*Whereas* the Atlantic Union Conference is part of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a world church organization, it is therefore resolved:

In harmony with the Bible teaching of the priesthood of all believers, the Atlantic Union Conference is committed to its sustained support of the current world practice of authorizing women in pastoral service (including senior pastor, evangelistic, educational, administrative), and in all ministry categories where policy allows. We commit to encouraging, empowering, and celebrating their gifted spiritual leadership. Furthermore, we will continue to do so in coordination with the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and as expressed by the actions taken by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its world business session.

This item was voted by the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee on September 16, 2015.

—Donald G. King, president, Atlantic Union Conference

## The Better Plan: Classroom Management

It is always challenging to select an in-service training that meets the needs of all teachers of K-12. This year, Jim Roy, author of *SOUL SHAPERS: A BETTER PLAN FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS*, and professor of education at Pacific Union College, was invited to share with all Atlantic Union Conference teachers the importance of student choice in classroom management and its impact on academic success.

Roy worked very closely with William Glasser, developer of Choice Theory. As a young professor, Roy frequently quoted William Glasser until an attendee at one of his workshops chal-



Elementary and high school educators from across the Atlantic Union participate in the "A Better Plan: Classroom Management" training presented by Jim Roy, associate professor of education at Pacific Union College.

lenged him to quote from the "Red Books" (Ellen White's writings) instead of always referencing secular authors. Stirred by the comment, Roy began reading the writings of Ellen G. White. He was amazed that Glasser's theory mirrored what White espoused.

- The only person whose behavior we can control is our own.
- All we can give another person is information.
- All long-lasting psychological problems are relationship problems.

- The problem relationship is always part of our present life.

Each time Roy would find a parallel between White and Glasser he would share his findings with Glasser. This continued over the years, and finally in his waning years, when Glasser could barely verbally communicate, he asked Roy to give him a piece of paper, and on it he scribbled "Follow the Seventh-day Adventist plan." What an endorsement for Seventh-day Adventist education as teachers begin the school year.

—Astrid Thomassian, education director, Atlantic Union Conference



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Portland, ME	4:04	4:04	4:06	4:09	
Boston, MA	4:12	4:11	4:13	4:17	
South Lancaster, MA	4:13	4:13	4:15	4:19	
Pittsfield, MA	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:25	
Hartford, CT	4:20	4:20	4:22	4:25	
Providence, RI	4:14	4:14	4:16	4:20	
New York, NY	4:28	4:28	4:30	4:34	
Albany, NY	4:20	4:20	4:21	4:25	
Utica, NY	4:26	4:26	4:27	4:31	
Syracuse, NY	4:29	4:29	4:31	4:35	
Rochester, NY	4:35	4:35	4:37	4:40	
Buffalo, NY	4:41	4:41	4:43	4:46	
Hamilton, Bda	5:12	5:13	5:16	5:19	

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## OUT-OF-UNION

**10 Days of Prayer, January 6-16, 2016.** The theme for each day of the 10 Days of Prayer will cover topics related to "Abiding in Christ, based on Ephesians 3:16-19. Register yourself or your group at [www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org](http://www.TenDaysOfPrayer.org). While there, you will find promotional materials as well as downloadable guidelines for leaders, which will enable a first-time leader to easily walk a group through an hour of prayer. Invite friends to participate, join the Facebook event at [10DaysOfPrayer2016](http://10DaysOfPrayer2016), follow it on Twitter at [#10DaysOfPrayer2016](http://#10DaysOfPrayer2016), and watch special episodes of Let's Pray-10 Days of Prayer at [www.hopetv.org](http://www.hopetv.org).



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