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Money Management

The average person does not have a good idea about how to manage money. The consumer debt in America has tripled; the average person in America has more debt than they can handle. Most American families spend more than they earn in a year or just break even. Personal bankruptcies have increased in the last decade. A lot of families worry about money and debt. It is probably the number-one cause of divorce and family feuds.

I want to paint a bright picture for you. The problem today is not that people do not make enough money. The problem is that they do not manage it well. My encouragement to each one of us is that money management is easy, if only we can learn to prioritize, build a realistic budget, and have self-discipline to stick to a budget.

There are three things we can do with money: spend it, save it, share it. I want to share with you God's method of money management. First Timothy 6:7, NASB, says, "For we have brought nothing into this world, so we cannot take anything out of it either." Therefore, whose money is it? It is God's. God owns everything that we have. The truth about money is this: you did not bring it into the world and you cannot take it with you. It is His money and it not ours to hold. We are managers of the money, not the owners of it. It belongs to God.

Put God First. When we put God first, we have to change our order of using money. When we put giving first, God responds to our giving by getting personally involved in our finances. Proverbs 3:9, 10, NIV, says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." When we tithe, it is an act of thanksgiving.

Save Money. 1 Timothy 6:8, NKJV, says, "And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." After

you return your tithe and offering and meet your immediate needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and personal needs, then you need to pay yourself in the form of saving. We should not spend all that we have. We need to learn to save for the future, for emergencies, for unseen circumstances, for retirement, and for old age.

Spend Money. 1 Timothy 6:6, NASB, says, "But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment." Many of us have rich taste and great spending habits that can be cured with one word: contentment. People think that once we have returned our tithe, we can spend the rest of it any way we want to. I want to remind you to be wise in spending.

The average person spends money quickly, impulsively, and unwisely. We have become slaves to financial institutions that do not know our names; we are only a number in their sight. Remember, the only person who is looking out for your interest is you. Ecclesiastes 6:9, NLT, says, "Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have."

Proverbs 21:5, GNT, says, "Plan carefully and you will have plenty." Be cautious of how you spend your money; the best way to do it is by having a realistic budget and sticking to it. It is painful, but it is rewarding.

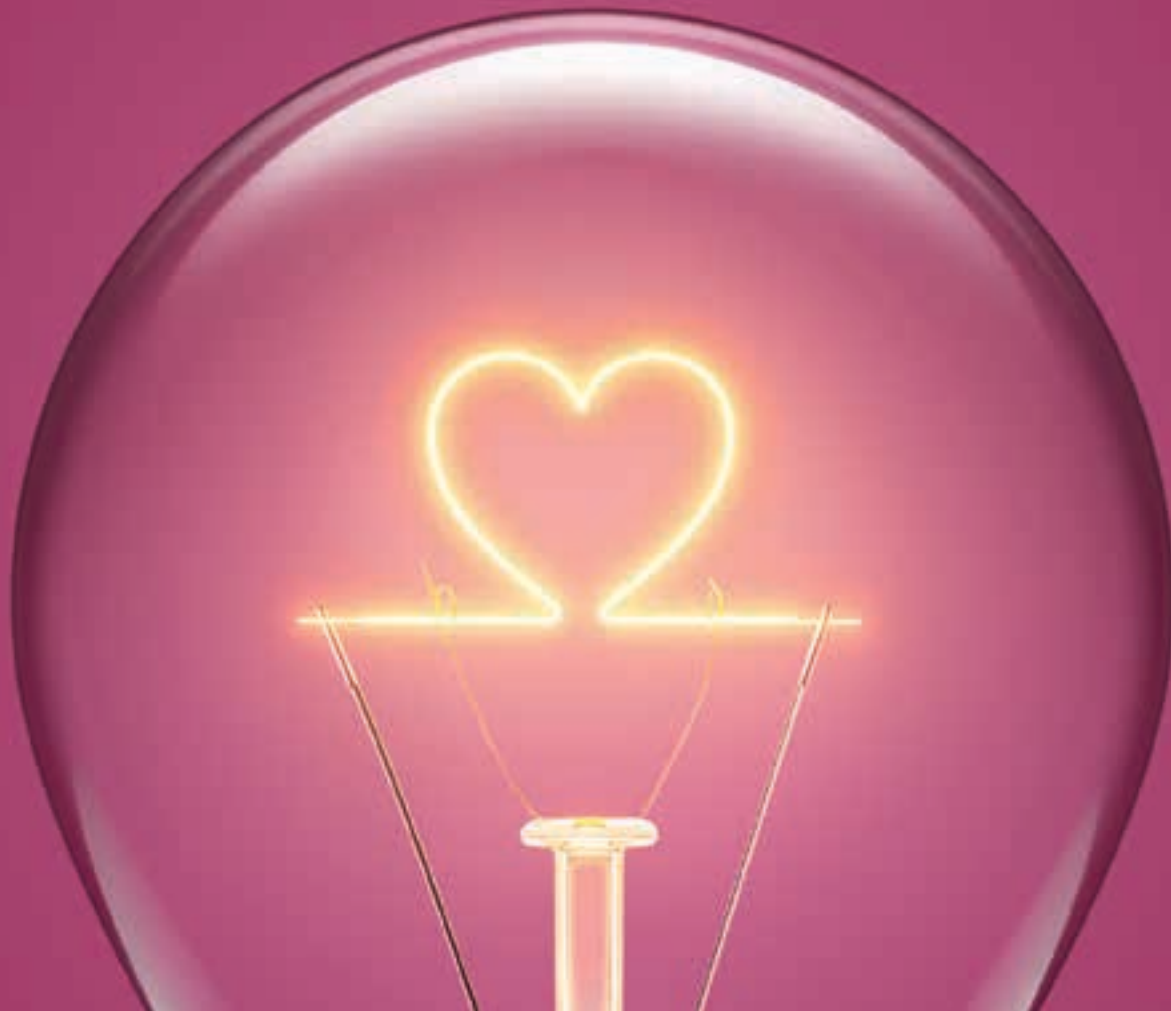
The question is not "Who owns the money?" The real question is "Who owns you?" Jesus has a claim on you. He signed it with His blood. He died on the cross to pay for your sins and also to pay for you. He is risen from the dead to come into your heart, not just to help you manage your money, but to help you manage your life. The God who owns it all wants to own you, as well. ①

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



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KEEP the Light Shining Brightly

Commemorating 115 years of leadership and service in the Atlantic Union Conference

By Ednor A. P. Davison

On April 16, the Atlantic Union will reach another milestone in its ministry and will commemorate 115 years of leadership and service in its territory. With its more than 118,201 members worshipping in 581 churches and 70 companies, the union places great emphasis on fulfilling the mission of Jesus and the Three Angels' Messages. It continues to raise the banner high and emphasizes religious liberty and human rights, lifestyle changes, education and personal growth, humanitarian aid and development, health and wholeness, and social issues, which lead men and women to respect and love one another as God's children.

In Luke 11:33, NKJV, Jesus reminds us that "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see

the light.” The light in the Atlantic Union is shining brightly so that many more individuals will gravitate to it and find hope in this troubled world. Ellen White, in a November 29, 1881, entry in the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, writes, “Now is the time for the friends of Jesus to be decided, faithful, and valiant for the Captain of their salvation. Now is the time to show who are the true Calebs, who will not deny that the walls are high, the giants mighty, but who believe that this very fact will make the victory more glorious. There are great difficulties and trials before us. It will require strong courage and persevering effort to go forward. But all now depends on our faith in the Captain who has led us safely thus far.”

Here are several things for Atlantic Union members to consider as we anticipate the journey ahead:

Remember the milestones and high points of our past history.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history”—*TESTIMONIES*, vol. 9, p. 10.

Assemble together with one another.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near”—*Hebrews* 10:24, 25, NLT.

Show love and compassion and help someone.

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to

those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ . . . The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’”—*Matthew* 25:31-36, 40, NLT.

Across the Atlantic Union members of all ages are reaching out with compassion and sharing a message of hope. Now is the time to become involved in this important ministry. Some of these ministries include Compassion Boston, a ministry that seeks to show Christ’s love to those in the Greater Boston area through community service; the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services Center in Queens, a ministry that serves the less fortunate and hurting through relief, restoration, and community development; The Olive Branch Cafe (formerly the Ark), Northern New England Conference’s outreach center of influence for Lewiston and Abuburn, Maine; the Street Store, a ministry that serves to provide clothing to those in need in the Binghamton, New York, area; and The Peoples Place, a ministry that is making inroads into the community in the Greater Gardner area, just to name a few.

One after another, we see disasters of unusual magnitude occurring around the world. This is not the time to be frightened and become weak. The events are reminders that earthly treasures will fade and, as a result, people tend to lose hope. Each member, church, conference, union conference, and division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a responsibility to make sure the light stays lit.

Thank God for the blessings of the past 115 years. Thank God for the difficult times He has brought us through. Thank Him for the challenges yet to come, and be determine that you will be a bright light in your part of this vast harvest field. ☺

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Atlantic Union College Certificate Programs Offer Career-oriented Education



Students and staff from Atlantic Union College pose for a group photo with the president, Avis Hendrickson, right front, following the certificate program luncheon.

This semester at Atlantic Union College (AUC), the Professional Certificate Program started Cohort 2 in Medical Billing and Coding (MBC) with nine students who will complete the program in December 2016, and be trained and qualified by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) instructors. MBC Cohort 1 continues strong, with six students who have completed four of the nine courses necessary to complete the program in August 2016.

In addition, the Certified Bookkeeping Program, which partners with the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB), began with four students who will complete their program and become trained and qualified professional bookkeepers by the end of August.

The Information Technology professional certificate program, which partners with the Cisco Networking Academy, has begun its first cohort with learning the fundamentals of computers and programming. Students will begin

working on their CompTIA A+ over the summer and then start the CCNA certification in the fall. This program will be completed in January 2017.

If you're looking for a short-term, cost-effective education program, consider the Atlantic Union College Professional Certificate Program that offers career-oriented education in Bookkeeping, Enrolled Agent (taxation), Information Technology, and Medical Billing and Coding. The academic certificate programs are learner-centered and focus on career entry or enhancement.

The AUC certificate program faculty and staff provide a quality Christian education and support services through academic excellence, and inspiring and engaging classes that foster community outreach and engagement. AUC certificate programs provide students with an experience that will foster career growth and economic development in this increasingly complex and technological society.

Students will be prepared to handle the educational challenges of the twenty-first century and provide quality educational experiences that are vital to succeeding in the work force.

For more information, please contact Barbara Fuller, director of certificate programs at (978) 368-2100 or barbara.fuller@auc.edu.

—Barbara Fuller, director of certificate programs, Atlantic Union College

ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND

April 15-17, 2016

Honor Classes: '41 (75th), '46, '51, '56, '61, '66 (50th), '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 (25th), '96, '01, '06, and '11

Friday, April 15

Afternoon: Seminars, including Nutrition
7:00 p.m.: Vespers - College Church

Saturday, April 16 College Church

10:00 a.m.: Sabbath School
11:15 a.m.: Worship Service - Pastor Luis Gracia
Atlantic Union Conference 115th Anniversary Recognized

Chan Shun Dining Commons

1:00 p.m.: Lunch
2:30 p.m.: Honor classes

Machlan Auditorium

7:00 p.m.: Sabbath Vespers and Concert Reception for AUC Alumni
8:00 p.m.: Atlantic Wind Symphony Spring Concert

W. G. Nelson Field House

9:00 p.m. Volleyball/Pizza

Sunday, April 17

11:00 a.m. Sunday Brunch

Visit: auc.edu/alumni

Three Guests Speak at Bermuda Conference Workers Meeting

Bermuda Conference held its annual workers meeting on February 10 on the grounds of the former Willowbank Hotel in Somerset, Bermuda. This is the time when all conference workers, including Bermuda Institute, the Adventist Book Center, the pastors, and staff of the Bermuda Conference and Adventist Television (ATV) come together in fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Three guests from overseas attended the meeting: Gina Brown, dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Howard University; Furman Fordham, senior pastor of Riverside church in Nashville, Tennessee; and Paul Brantley, North American Division vice president with responsibilities



Bermuda Conference workers take a group photo following the meeting; sitting on the front from left to right are: Aaron Spencer, Bermuda Conference treasurer; DeJaun Tull, Bermuda Conference secretary; Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president; Paul Brantley, North American Division vice president; and Gina Brown, dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Howard University.

ties for strategic planning, research, and assessment. The program began with song service conducted by Simona Mills-Pitcher, Bermuda Conference minister of music, accompanied on the piano by Owen Simon, Bermuda Institute vice principal, and Dwayne Foster, Bermuda Institute's

music teacher, on the saxophone. "Higher Ground," has been the conference theme since last year.

Fordham presented the spiritual message, entitled "Say, what?" He told the story of God's selection of Aaron as the high priest for the children on the top of Mount Sinai while, at the

same time, he was not acting priestly at the base of the mountain. Fordham shared that the people must have had a "Say, what?" moment when they found out that God had chosen Aaron for the highly exalted position. Then Fordham began to share the reasons why God chose Aaron for the position of high priest to represent Him.

During the breakout sessions Fordham spoke with the pastors, while Brown shared with the teachers, and Brantley spoke with the administrators and those in leadership positions. At the end of the morning session, Brantley and Brown spoke to the joint assembly.

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

Southampton Church Holds Three-week Evangelistic Series

"Unsolved Mystery" was the latest evangelistic series sponsored by the Southampton church in Bermuda, under the auspices of DeJuan Tull, the church's pastor. For three weeks in January about 200 people crowded into the church to hear God's Word and to learn the key principles of the Sanctuary.

The Holy Spirit worked on the hearts and minds

of those who attended and those who viewed the program each night via the Internet. Six individuals have been baptized to date.

"Thy way, O Lord, is in the Sanctuary," Exodus 35:31, was the text everyone quoted at the beginning of each service. The rostrum in the church depicted the earthly sanctuary that was used by God's people in the wilderness. Life-

sized artifacts and structures representative of the various components of the Tabernacle were on display.

The ministry of the High Priest was demonstrated, aided by the priestly attire worn by Tull on certain nights, as he moved about the structures on the rostrum and explained the various Bible texts and concepts.

The children attended a separate session in the lower hall that paralleled the presentations in the sanctuary. As the presenters showed the corresponding visuals, and explained the correlating concepts and principles, the children's knowledge increased! Often as the children returned to their parents at the end of both presentations, they could be seen explaining the Sanctuary Service to their parents, who listened to them and observed attentively.

On the final night, the program ended with an audio-visual presentation of the final scenes in the Most Holy Place. The execution of the Cleansing of the Sanctuary was done by children ranging from 4 to 18. They were serious as events in the Most Holy Place unfolded. The presentation was electrifying and confirmed that the Unsolved Mystery was now solved.

In the evenings, the attendees also met with Leonard Gibbons from the Bermuda Wellness and Outreach Centre in Hamilton, Bermuda. The purpose of the presentations, each lasting about 45 minutes, was to help participants to become wiser and more health conscious in today's society. That goal was realized.

—Carol Bassett, member, Southampton church



The platform in the sanctuary of the Southampton church was decorated to depict the early sanctuary that was used by God's people in the wilderness.

GNYC Youth Learn to Retain, Reclaim, and Restore

Youth, young adults, and adults traveled from around the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) territory to attend the ninth Adventist Youth Ministries Leadership and Evangelism Congress. The event, which took place January 15-17 at the Hilton Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center in Connecticut, was geared to equipping leaders.

Annually, during the youth congress, the GNYC Youth Ministries department begins classes for its school of evangelism. This year, 11 tracks were offered and included two new additions. Students received training for Master Guide Certification, Adventurer Leadership Award, Adventurer Instructor Award, Adventurer Basic Staff Training, Adventist Youth Leadership Certification, Adventist Youth Emergency Service Corps, Adventist Youth Media, Adventist Youth



Youth, young adults, and adults attend the ninth annual Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Leadership and Evangelism Congress.

Preach It, Adventist Youth Theater Certification, Adventist Youth Photography, and Adventist Youth Ministry Training, which includes six certifications for Pathfinder ministry.

Almost 80 different seminars were presented, covering a range of topics. A vast number of presenters deliv-

ered the seminars. Among the special guest presenters were youth ministries directors Ryan Simpson, Atlantic Union; Paulo Macena, New Jersey Conference; Mark Tamaleaa, Northern New England Conference; and Roger Wade, Northeastern Conference; along with Steve Cassimy, GNYC English

ministries director; Alanzo Smith, GNYC ministerial and family ministries director; Adriana Perera, Oakwood University music professor; Manuel Rosario, GNYC Sabbath School and personal ministries director; Ariel Manzueta, GNYC pastor, and Reginald Barthelemy, GNYC stewardship director.

The event, hosted by Andrés Peralta, GNYC Youth Ministries director; his administrative assistant, Veronica Chaug; and assistant youth ministries directors Teddy Williamson and Angel Reyes, provided the perfect environment for spiritual growth and energized participants for service in the year ahead. Presenting this year's theme of "Retain, Reclaim, and Restore," every opportunity was utilized to provide the more than 500 attendees with the resources necessary to be effective youth ministry leaders in today's society. In addition to the presentations, time was carved out for early-morning devotion, social



Ruben Merino, assistant director of Esperanza TV, left, G. Earl Knight, GNYC president, second from right; and Henry Beras, GNYC secretary, right; pose for photo following the dedication of Melany Abigail, Andrés and Martha Peralta's new baby.

activities, and, of course, no congress would be complete without worship services.

The keynote speakers, Ryan Simpson, Roger Wade, and Paulo Macena, presented powerful messages to the engaged audience. In addition to the special presentations, G. Earl Knight, GNYC president; Henry Beras, GNYC secretary; and Ruben Merino, assistant director of Esperanza TV, took part in the dedication of Melany Abigail, the Peralta's new baby.

Rohann Wellington, GNYC communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning, hosted an interactive panel discussion with various youth directors and the GNYC conference president, that addressed issues relevant to youth



Catherine Merette, Naomi Codrington and Amy Bulnes are presented with a \$1,000 scholarship each, presented by Henry Beras, GNYC secretary, left, and Andrés Peralta, GNYC Youth Ministries director, right.

ministry in today's society. Three attendees, Catherine Merette, Naomi Codrington and Amy Bulnes received a \$1,000 scholarship each, presented by Beras and Peralta on behalf of the "Pastor Beras Scholarship

Fund," which funded two scholarships, and the GNYC Youth Ministries department, which funded the other.

As the attendees departed for home on Sunday the blessings of the weekend

were evident from the expressions on their faces. Truly the Spirit of the Lord dwelled among them as they participated in this event.

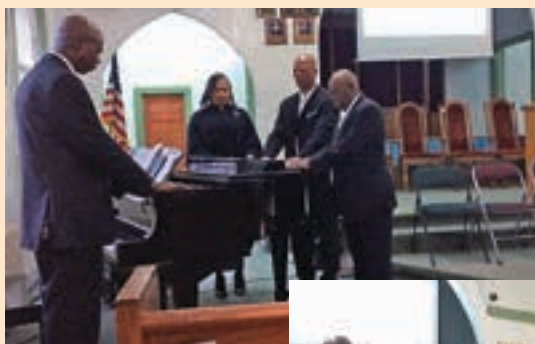
—Youth Ministries department, Greater New York Conference

Piano Donated to Riverhead Church

The Riverhead church in New York was the blessed recipient of a baby grand piano that was dedicated last Fall during a concert at the church. In an interesting turn of events, Jon Dahlquist, the owner of the piano, had indicated to his caretakers, Joe and Helen Silva, that he wanted to donate his piano. The Silvas shared that information with Alvaro Patiño, a member of the Spanish Hamptons church, who worked for them.

When Patiño learned of Dahlquist's desire to donate his piano, he contacted Daniel Duffis, Riverhead church's senior pastor. Duffis then made contact with the Silvas regarding securing the piano for the church. Interestingly, the church had voted a couple weeks before to purchase a baby grand piano, so they considered this a gift from God.

During the dedication concert, Alecia Anderson, the church pia-



Sylvester Blackwood, elder; Marta Duffis, the pastor's wife; Daniel Duffis, pastor; and Orley Anderson, first elder, dedicate the new piano.

nist, performed and Mildred Carvajal, a professional violinist from the Patchogue Spanish church, was accompanied by Duffis at the piano.

Dahlquist and the Silvas were present for the dedication of the piano and

the church expressed its gratitude. A plaque and a copy of CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS were given to Dahlquist. The Silvas were recipients of the same book and a bouquet of flowers.



Jon Dahlquist, center, received a plaque and an enormous amount of gratitude from the Riverhead church for his generous donation.

—Communication staff, Riverhead church

Five Churches Organized in New York Conference

As the year 2016 dawned bright and new, the New York Conference Executive Committee reviewed the membership growth, financial sustainability, history, and plans of five congregations in their constituency. With great delight the executive committee voted to officially

establish those groups into organized churches.

The Camden church, organized with a total of 36 baptized members, started in 2009 as a church plant. The Capital Hispanic church was organized with 33 baptized members. A core group of Hispanics has been congregating in the capital region

for the past 16 years with many roadblocks and trials, but victory came at last.

Excitement and a clear sense of mission permeated the faces of the 35-plus members of the Baldwinsville church. It all started with a deep desire to be closer to God and to heal broken people. Today, the members of the Baldwinsville church rejoice in God's promises of salvation, reaching others and leading men and women to Christ.

The New York Conference continues to foster the ministry to refugees in the conference territory. Many witnessed the organization of the Utica Karen church with 100 members and another similar amount to be received by profession of faith and baptism.

Lastly, the Seneca Lake church was organized with 31 baptized members. This group is characterized by their concerted efforts in soul winning and evangelism. Recently they baptized more than 11 people as a direct result of personal evangelism and in-home Bible studies.

The rejoicing that took place was great in both heaven and earth as each of these churches were officially established, but it is recognized that these faithful new churches are only a symbol of the kingdom growth that can take place within the New York Conference and the Atlantic Union as a whole. May God's Spirit continue to foster more kingdom growth across the union.

—Elias Zabala, president, New York Conference



New York Conference president Elias Zabala; Lisa Crittenden, elder; and Luis Peguero, pastor, pose for a photo at the organizing service of the Seneca Lake church.

New York Conference Music Festival: A Time of Worship

The Elementary Music Festival has a long history of being a spiritually uplifting program in the New York Conference, and this year was no different. From February 25 to 27, sixth- through ninth-graders from around the New York Conference gathered at Union Springs Academy (USA) for this annual event.

Fifty-nine students in all combined their voices to give praise and glory to God through music under the direction of the conductor, Michael Gayle, former Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy teacher. In addition to spending time in rehearsals, students had opportunities to learn alongside students from other schools in breakout sessions taught by USA staff and other volunteers.

Breakout sessions included parachord, ceramics, praise



Michael Gayle, conductor, standing front, prays for the students who are participating in this year's New York Conference Elementary Music Festival.

music, wood burning, gymnastics, and volleyball. On Thursday evening, USA hosted a large-scale recreational period where students competed in various activities, and on Friday evening, the USA choir and band led the

evening vespers with high-quality performances.

Music Festival culminated with a Sabbath program spanning both Sabbath School and the worship service. During this program, individual schools presented

musical numbers, skits, and recited poetry and scripture. The conference officers offered a prayer of dedication for all the students at the end of the program.

—Jeremy Garlock, communication director, New York Conference

Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy Hosts Community Event

The Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy (BSCA) hosted a valuable community service event on the evening of January 21. Weeks before, when approached by representatives of the New York State Guard (a state level version of the National Guard) about using the school gymnasium as a site for a free presentation on citizen preparedness, BSCA enthusiastically agreed. BSCA principal Jeff Locke, himself a member of the New York State Guard, was also instrumental in making these arrangements.

BSCA prepared the space for use, the New York State



Students from Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy accept an award presented to them by the New York State Guard for hosting the citizen preparedness event.

Guard took care of advertising and the program content, and 83 people registered online for the event. Although some members of the Seventh-day Adventist community were present, the great majority of attendees were not from the Adventist community.

The evening content was presented by National Guard Master Sergeant Brian Bennett, and focused on being prepared for a disaster, how to respond to a disaster, and how to recover from a disaster. Participants learned about automatically receiving

disaster alerts by registering at www.nyalert.gov, and were able to pose questions and obtain useful answers. At the completion of the event, all participants were presented with a certificate and a backpack “go bag” filled with emergency supplies and tools. Further information may be obtained through www.prepare.ny.gov.

BSCA and its sponsor congregation, Buffalo Suburban church, were glad to make its facilities available for this useful session and glad to serve the needs of the local community.

—Rob Erwin, board chair, Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy

Women at Vestal Hills Church Share Loaves of Love

With the increase of age in the larger society, each woman in the Vestal Hills church knows of at least one person who is a caregiver to a family member or friend. So on the Sunday before Valentine’s Day, a group of women, with baking supplies in hand, met in the kitchen of the Vestal Hills church to bake some loaves of love.

These faithful members decided to bake Banana Bread for the Susquehanna Nursing Home Adult Day Care care-

givers. When the director of the day care learned of the intent of the Vestal Hills members, she expressed great enthusiasm for the program.

Forty-three loaves of banana bread later, the members were excited to have given the caregivers a ray of sunshine and some needed encouragement. On each loaf of bread was attached a homemade Valentine’s Day card reminding the caregivers that their love for their family member/friend is not in vain.

While the members from Vestal Hills had an enjoyable time being together, they enjoyed even more the fact that they were able to show

their love and God’s love through these loaves of love.

—Marnie Schrader, assistant communication director, Vestal Hills church



Women from Vestal Hills church, from left, Khianne Stephenson, Weezie Lyons, Ellen Titus, Marnie Schrader, and Leanne Kulon, are baking banana bread to share with the caregivers of a nursing home in their community.

Legends Honored at Fundraising Banquet

More than 500 guests gathered in Stamford, Connecticut, to honor men recognized as “legends” for their service to their local churches. The event honored 21 men who have served their congregations as elders and youth leaders, as well as the Northeastern Conference Ushers Federation president, with a plaque of recognition for their devoted services.

Their biographies were included in the program booklet and summarized during the ceremony. The presentation of the individual awards was interspersed with musical selections. Nigel Lewis, pastor of the New Life church, served as master of ceremonies for the program.

The Legends Banquet was sponsored by the Camp Victory Lake Development Committee to raise funds for the renovation of the campground. Honorees were nominated by their local churches. The churches supported the program by sponsoring ads in the program



Pictured in the photo from the Legends Award banquet are, back row from left, Lester Primus, Owen George, Edson Bovell, Godfred Ansah, Christopher Tramel, John Ashmeade, Eric Shand, Daniel Nelson, Daniel Honoré, Daniel Marquez, Harris Davey, Rodrick Marston, JD Chery, Oswald Euell, David Hosten, Elie Alexis, Jeremiah Cox, and Munroy Simon. On the front row, from left, are Skipworth McDonald, Earl Bell, Cullen Phipps, Milton Haynes, Harold McKenzie, and Desmond Mahoney.

booklet and promoting tickets to the event. The banquet was completely sold out and raised more than \$50,000 for the camp.

Another banquet is planned for October 9 to honor the outstanding women of the Northeastern Conference who have made significant contributions to the growth

and development of the work in the Northeastern Conference territory. Individuals are free to nominate candidates worthy of the honor by submitting names to the Camp Victory Lake Development Committee in care of the president’s office.

—Daniel Honoré, president, Northeastern Conference

Three New Churches Organized in Northeastern Conference

The Northeastern Conference (NEC) officers were kept occupied in the final quarter of 2015 by organizing and welcoming three new congregations into the Sisterhood of Churches. The total number of organized churches in the conference now stands at 182.

Galilee French

Administrators traveled to the Greater Boston area on November 7 to organize the Galilee French church in Stoughton, Massachusetts. The Galilee mission came into existence in 2012 when Haitian Adventists residing in the town saw the need to have an Adventist congregation in their own

vicinity without having to travel to Brockton or Boston for church services. At that time the mission was placed under the jurisdiction of the Northeastern Conference Church and was supervised by Haitian Ministries coor-

dinator Jose Joseph. Luckson Jean-Francois, a ministerial graduate from Oakwood University and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, has been leading the day-to-day activities.

The Galilee mission has been very active in evangelistic outreach and was responsible for bringing 20 candidates to be baptized at the conference’s 70th anniversary celebration in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in August 2015. The 81 church members present for the ceremony erupted in applause upon hearing the administrators’ declaration of organization.



Members and friends attend the organization service of the Galilee church.

First Hollis

One week later, on November 14, the celebrations moved to Queens, New York, for the organization of the First Hollis church. The Hollis mission emerged as a result of an evangelistic



Members and friends attend the organization service of the First Hollis church.

campaign in the summer of 2012, preached by Nigel Lewis, pastor of the New Life church. Fifty-six people accepted the Adventist message as a result of this meeting, and Garnet Morris, then pastor of Queensboro Temple, saw wisdom in organizing a new mission under the guidance of the church.

The mission has demonstrated continued growth, financial stability, and leadership development since its inception. This prompted current Queensboro Temple pastor Raymond Alcock and the church board to recommend the mission's organization as a church.

Nearly 300 visitors, mostly from the surrounding churches in Queens, joined the festivities in welcoming the newest congregation of 52 members into the conference. Alcock remains as the district pastor. The congregation also benefits from the presence of Barrington Campbell, a pastor who served as first elder on a volunteer basis.

Beth Elohim

On December 12, the third church organization took place in Brooklyn, New York, as the Beth Elohim French Mission was also organized into a church. The Beth Elohim mission was birthed more than a decade ago by the Bethanie French church, under the leadership of Serge Lamour, then pastor of the church.

The goal at the time was to plant a new French-speaking church in the Canarsie region of Brooklyn. The mission has grown and developed for a period of several years, so that the congregation was able to acquire its own house of worship. Coordinator Jose Joseph joined Caleb Pierre, the church's pastor, and the administration team for the occasion, which resulted in 87 individuals choosing to become members of the new congregation.

These church organizations brought the number of organized churches to five since earlier in 2015, El Faro de Luz Spanish church in Utica, New York, and El Buen Pastor Spanish church in Syracuse were organized.

—Daniel Honoré, president, Northeastern Conference

Permit of Occupancy Issued for Camp Victory Lake Water Treatment Plant

The town of Hyde Park, New York, issued a permit of occupancy on January 6, 2016, for the Camp Victory Lake sewage treatment plant. This is the closing chapter of a construction project that has spanned more than 20 years and several administrations from inception to completion.

Built at a total cost of nearly \$5 million, the sewage treatment plant allows for wastewater to be treated and recycled on the campground and solves the water shortage problems experienced by campers for many years. Developing and planning phases for the project began in the late 1990s and actual construction got under way in 2000.

The town of Hyde Park had communicated to the Northeastern Conference that no further building permits would be granted for Camp Victory Lake until the sewage plant was completed. With the issuance of the permit of occupancy, the way is now cleared for additional development on the campground.

—Daniel Honoré, president, Northeastern Conference

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fourth regular quadrennial and twenty-seventh regular constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 5, 2016, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is for the receiving of reports for the past quadrennium, the selection of officers, departmental directors, and pertinent committees for the ensuing quadrennium, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates chosen on the basis of one for the organization and one additional delegate for each 70 members or major fraction thereof.

Daniel L. Honoré, President
Oswald S. Euell, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fourth regular quadrennial constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the twenty-seventh regular constituency meeting (fourth regular quadrennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The meeting of the corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing quadrennium, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Delegates of the fourth regular quadrennial of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the same delegates to the fourth regular quadrennial constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Daniel L. Honoré, President
Oswald S. Euell, Secretary

Lincoln and Ellsworth Churches Cook Up Something Special

The Lincoln and Ellsworth churches have been busy. No, wait; “busy” is the wrong way to put it. A better way to say it is “engaged and productive.” From Vacation Bible School (VBS) to visitation to literature to health evangelism, the churches have been reaching out to their communities, and a common element in these sister churches is food.

Both churches offer healthy cooking classes. Lincoln church offered a vegan cooking class that met on Tuesday nights for eight consecutive weeks. The class was attended by 21 community members. Another cooking class runs in the spring.

Ellsworth church established a “Healthy & Delicious Cooking School” (and a Facebook page by that name) to meet a



Church and community attendees listen to a presentation at a healthy cooking class.

demand for healthy cooking knowledge and skills. The school has been popular and has allowed the church to have a follow-up mechanism in place after it completes a health seminar series. Interestingly, the outreach efforts ahead of the health seminar and cooking school not only attracted attendees, but also resulted

in Bible studies with people who didn’t attend either the health seminars or the cooking school.

Ellsworth also mounted a significant outreach effort to workers at the blueberry harvesting camps nearby, visiting one camp every Saturday night for six weeks and another camp every Tuesday night for three

months. The group from the church held a song service and presented a short sermon. With seasonal workers from Central America and the Caribbean present, the sermon was translated from Spanish into Creole. Literature and DVDs were also handed out and some of the seasonal workers attended church as their work schedule allowed.

Lincoln and Ellsworth both hold regular services at nursing homes in the area, an outreach that is deeply appreciated. Between them, they also hold VBS, engage in literature distribution, hold visitor Sabbaths, conduct community surveys, and hold Bible studies. These churches are really engaged and productive.

—Communication Staff, Northern New England Conference

Laconia Goes to School for Evangelism

The church in Laconia, New Hampshire, is systematically preparing to launch a ministry on the campus of Plymouth State University (PSU) in Plymouth, New Hampshire. The effort has been accepted by campus administration and one of the church’s lay persons, Stephanie Freeman, has attended Adventist Campus Ministries training in California in preparation for launch.

Recently the core group had a planning meeting at a local fast food restaurant. Good progress was made in the meeting and plans were developed to formally launch the ministry. As the group left the restaurant, Freeman greeted the only other customer. He

responded and asked if the group worked at PSU. He explained that he is a recent PSU grad. Freeman shared the plans for a ministry at PSU and told him that the church worships on Saturday. A large smile crept over his face and he said, “Really? A group that actually worships on Saturday? I have been wondering why Christians don’t worship on Saturday.”

It turns out the young man has been studying on his own about the true Sabbath. He and Freeman exchanged contact information, since he is anxious to learn more about the Adventist Church. She also invited him to church, but he had an event scheduled for the weekend in which

he had to lead out. Freeman then offered for the group to pray for him. At the end of her prayer he looked up in astonishment, amazed that she had prayed specifically for the three things he particularly needed for the event. She explained it

was not her, but the Holy Spirit that provided for that. The Laconia group is going forward in faith and is witnessing the guidance and blessing of the Spirit as it does so.

—Cliff Gleason, pastor, Concord, New Hampshire, District

Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) is the official organization for Adventist campus ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses within the North American Division. ACF’s mission is to build Christian fellowship chapters on campuses that honor God and nurture the spiritual lives of students, engage students in the mission of the church through relational evangelism and Christ-like student fellowships, and empower local ACF chapters, churches, and sponsors through pastoral support, professional training, and access to resources.

NNEC Prints Last Edition of the CoNNEction Newsletter

All things on this earth come to an end, including Northern New England Conference's CoNNEction newsletter. But, as is often the case in transitions, this change is no cause for sadness, because the newsletter is being replaced with the CoNNEction magazine, to be released in July. The CoNNEction magazine will have more pages, more feature articles, and is designed to more deeply explore the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the sisterhood of churches in Northern New England.

So, why change the CoNNEction? It's pretty simple, really. In an era where more and more NNEC members get their news and information electronically, a newsletter that prints brief articles on events that happened a few months ago is probably not filling a true need in the conference. On the other hand, the conference has a Facebook page which provides timely news articles with pictures (and video), and that same material is being made available on the "news" portion of the



Beginning in July, the Northern New England Conference CoNNEction magazine will be printed three times a year.

conference Web site (www.nnec.org). All in all the need for a newsletter is significantly reduced.

What the conference does need, however, is a magazine that looks more deeply at the trends and challenges that

the sisterhood of churches in Northern New England is facing, along with potential solutions to those challenges and profiles of projects and outreaches that are working. The new CoNNEction magazine will provide all that and more.

How can a little conference afford a magazine? Well, it will be a small magazine—16 pages—and it will come out three times a year—March, July, and November. Compare this to the 12 pages of the CoNNEction that has come out four times a year and you see that NNEC is printing and mailing the same number of pages each year. However, with one less mailing a small savings will be reaped.

The world is changing rapidly and one of the fastest-changing things is the way people get their news and information. NNEC is trying to keep its communication fresh and relevant. If you would like to see the results of that effort, look at the "News/Media" section of the NNEC Web site at www.nnec.org.

—Communication staff, Northern New England Conference

Keene and Charlestown Churches Are Becoming Contagious

The Keene and Charlestown churches in New Hampshire are becoming contagious, and that's a good thing. A seminar series named "Contagious Adventist" is currently running at the Keene church on Friday nights, in which attendees learn how to share their faith effectively. The series has managed to spark some interest, and that is a good thing, because the church is generating more and more opportunities for members to share their faith.

The Charlestown-based low-power FM radio station, WLWM, is now fully active and broadcasting to the community. Media presence always generates interest and creates witnessing opportunities.

The churches are also planning a depression workshop where they will put their new "contagious" skills to work. Finally, three representatives from the Keene church are in the process of being trained by a local hospital as volunteers with the local hospice service, and will specialize in helping to create advanced directives for hospice patients.

The Keene/Charlestown district is proving that Christian joy is infectious!

—Ron Nickerson, pastor, Keene, New Hampshire District

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The Peoples Place Serves the Community

The third anniversary of the Peoples Place Community Center in Gardner, Massachusetts, occurred on February 8, and the members of the Gardner church remain staunchly committed to their mission of making inroads into the community of Greater Gardner. During the course of the past year, several new contacts have been established with community organizations that have expressed a desire to utilize the facility.

Ongoing programs include a smoking cessation clinic conducted by a healthcare professional that has the second highest success rate in the country (30-35 percent versus a national average of 5 percent), and a battered women's shelter is sponsoring a weekly educational meeting on building relationships.

A free financial fitness seminar was offered to the public by a local investment company in January, and a mental health organization



The Peoples Place Community Center in Gardner, Massachusetts, remains staunchly committed to the mission of making inroads into the community of Greater Gardner.

conducted a multi-week educational seminar in February. Occasionally, an organization that specializes in training tracking dogs utilizes the facility for its meetings.

Ongoing weekly events conducted by church members include a Bible study that has grown from the initial two participants to a group of sometimes eight or nine, resulting in the establishment of invaluable relationships. Additionally, a kids craft program, needle craft group, and bluegrass/gospel jam

sessions round out a busy calendar, and plans are in the works to host another vegetarian cooking class sometime this year.

Evidence of the impact of The Peoples Place on the community and increased recognition of the local Gardner church continues to mount. Last year, it was awarded a grant from the Heywood Hospital of Gardner; and the Gardner church was selected, for the first time, to host the annual revolving Gardner Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

A booth set up at the Gardner Street Fair in August 2015 yielded more than 300 completed surveys, providing residents with the opportunity to express their wants and needs, while simultaneously supplying direction to the center. The Peoples Place has also been blessed with both financial (in the form of a grant) and spiritual support from the Southern New England Conference and its president, David Dennis.

The mission of the Peoples Place is currently focused on the "sowing" stage, and is looking forward to the time when the Holy Spirit will begin the "reaping." And, as the Spirit leads, with the help of prayers from members in the Southern New England Conference, the Peoples Place of Gardner is anticipating another fruitful year. For more information, visit the Web site at www.thepeoplesplaceofgardner.org.

—Dale Spencer, advertising and publicity director, The Peoples Place

Four Baptized at Berkshire Hills Church

Four people were baptized at the Berkshire Hills church in Massachusetts on December 5, 2015, by Dennis Farley, the church's pastor.

The four candidates, shown in the photo on the right, are Oscar Mendez, Brad Dell, Noemirna Martinez, and Nancy Saldana. Mendez is a student at the Berkshire Hills school. Farley studied with Mendez during the school year.

Dell, Martinez, and Saldana were all rebaptized. The three have been studying with Gary "Bo" Suriner, the local church Bible work-

er. They had drifted from the faith and were convicted that it was time to dedicate their lives to God in the power of His forgiving grace.

Suriner is currently studying with others who will be baptized in the future.

—Communication staff, Berkshire Hills church



Berkshire Hills church celebrates the addition of four new members.

Fitchburg Church Choir Joins in Community Remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Book millions know and love tells believers to let their lights shine before men. Sometimes that means singing. On January 18, for the first time, the Fitchburg Seventh-day Adventist Church Gospel Choir shined their lights as they joined in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday observance program, sponsored by the New Patriots Christian Congregation.

Prior to this event the choir's director, Natalie Leveille, a longtime resident of Fitchburg, was approached by the program coordinator to see if the choir would participate. After consulting with the choir members, the answer was a resounding "yes."

Present at the event was the newly-elected mayor



Standing on the front row with the Fitchburg church's gospel choir are Stephen L. DiNatale, Fitchburg's mayor, fourth from left; Timothy Martin, pastor of the New Patriots Church, fourth from right; and Ernest Martineau, Fitchburg's chief of police, third from right.

of Fitchburg, Stephen L. DiNatale, and the Fitchburg chief of police, Ernest Martineau. Both addressed the attendees and it was Chief Martineau who asked

the probing question, "What would Dr. King think of the world we live in today?" Later he added, "Policing based on stereotypes is unjust and unfair. We must understand bias and learn how to overcome it."

Choir members indicated that they felt privileged and honored to participate in the event and plans are being made to support the

program next year, as well. Many attendees thanked the choir for their ministry and expressed the hope to hear them again. The gospel choir is a fairly new ministry of the Fitchburg church with practice scheduled for every Friday evening and most Sabbath afternoons.

—Einar Rom, pastor, Fitchburg church

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Compassion Boston is a multi-year evangelistic experience in Boston that seeks to introduce the people of Boston to the liberating love of Jesus through acts of kindness, compassion, and the warmth of wholesome fellowship. The heart and soul of this work will be person-to-person contact. Many churches in the Boston area are participating in this initiative and Compassion Boston leaders are looking for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about Compassion Boston, visit compassionboston.org.

New York Bible Series Concludes with 21 Baptisms

“Cure for a Broken World,” a revival and relationships series, was held at the Community Worship Center (CWC) in Springfield Gardens, New York, February 7-13. Guest presenters were Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, who spoke on last-day prophetic events; and Lois King, Atlantic Union Conference Women’s Ministries and Ministerial Spouses Association director, who spoke on relationships.

“In spite of inclement weather in the area during the same time, attendance was very good throughout the week, and especially high on the weekends,” said Donald King. Among those in attendance were Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; and Rohann Wellington, Greater



Onlookers crowd around the baptismal pool to view the candidates as they are baptized by Abraham Jules, Community Worship Center pastor, and Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president.

New York Conference communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning.

Sabbath, February 13, was a spirit-filled day as CWC pastor Abraham Jules, together with King, con-

ducted 21 baptisms at the conclusion of the meetings. Later that same day, the place was filled as the Kings conducted a special relationships seminar geared toward understanding some of the inherent differences between men and women.

The day ended with a solemn ceremony held outdoors at which the prayer requests collected each night during the meetings were lit. As the smoke ascended, the church members praised God in songs and prayers. “We thank God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit during this past week,” King said.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication office assistant, Atlantic Union Conference



Abraham Jules, Community Worship Center pastor, second from right, along with, from left, Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; Lois King, Atlantic Union Conference Women’s Ministries director; and Vincent Goffe, head elder, right, prepare to offer prayer for the requests submitted during the evangelistic meetings.

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Teen Camp	July 3–10
Junior/Tween Camp	July 10–17
Adventure.....	July 17–24
Family Camp 1	July 31–August 7
Family Camp 2/Health Professional Retreat	August 7–14
Family Camp 3/Home School Camp.....	August 21–26

CAMP VICTORY LAKE

Contact: For more information, call Camp Victory Lake at (845) 229-8851, or visit www.campvictorylakenec.com.

Session 1	July 3–10
Session 2	July 10–17
Session 3	July 17–24
Session 4	July 24–31
Session 5	July 31–August 7
Full Session	July 3–August 7

CAMP LAWROWELD

Contact: For more information call, the Northern New England Conference Youth Department at (207) 797-3760, ext. 216, or visit www.lawroweld.org.

Blind Camp.....	June 26–July 3
Junior Camp	July 3–10
Teen Camp	July 24–31
Family Camp One.....	July 31–August 7
Family Camp Two.....	August 7–14

CAMP WINNEKEAG

Contact: For more information, call the Southern New England Conference Youth Department at (978) 365-4551, or visit www.campwinnekeag.com.

Adventurer	June 26–July 3
Junior Camp	July 3–10
Tween Camp	July 10–17
Teen Camp	July 17–24
Family Camp 1	July 24–31
Family Camp 2.....	July 31–August 7



Visit the Atlantic Union Conference Adventist Youth Ministries online for information on youth and young adult events, activities, and other ministries at auyouth.com, facebook.com/atlanticunionadventistyouthministries, and twitter.com/auyouth.

Photos courtesy of the camp staff from the camps in the Atlantic Union.

Sunset Table

May 2016	6	13	20	27
Bangor, ME	7:48	7:56	8:03	8:10
Portland, ME	7:51	7:58	8:06	8:12
Boston, MA	7:51	7:58	8:05	8:11
South Lancaster, MA	7:53	8:01	8:08	8:14
Pittsfield, MA	7:59	8:07	8:14	8:20
Hartford, CT	7:56	8:03	8:10	8:16
Providence, RI	7:51	7:58	8:05	8:11
New York, NY	7:58	8:05	8:12	8:18
Albany, NY	8:00	8:08	8:15	8:21
Utica, NY	8:09	8:17	8:24	8:30
Syracuse, NY	8:13	8:20	8:27	8:34
Rochester, NY	8:19	8:26	8:34	8:40
Buffalo, NY	8:23	8:30	8:37	8:44
Hamilton, Bda	8:03	8:08	8:12	8:17

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Atlantic Union

Register for the "Finish Faithful" Atlantic Union Conference Camporee 2016. Join Pathfinders, Master Guides, parents, and church leaders for an exciting camporee experience in 2016! For more information and to register, visit atlanticunion.camporee.org.

North American Division Haitian Ministries 60th Anniversary Celebration, September 1-4,

at Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando Florida. Early bird registration is going on now through May 26, 2016. Register at www.adventsource.org, click on "31 Events," then "Event Registration" or call (800) 732-7587. All participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Contact the hotel at (866) 996-6338 to reserve your room.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Atlantic Union College Corporation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the quinquennial session of the Atlantic Union College Corporation is called to convene Monday, June 20, 2016 in Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts 01523. The first meeting of the session will convene at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees, revise the articles of incorporation and bylaws, hear reports, and to attend to any other business which may properly be brought before the body.

The constituency of this corporation shall be composed of the members of the board of trustees of Atlantic Union College; representatives of the College who shall be regular, full-time employees elected by the college officers and academic and auxiliary department heads not to exceed one-third of the total number of constituents excluding North American Division and/or General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist representation; the union educational director and associate(s); the local conference educational superintendents, senior academy principals, and either the secretary or treasurer of each local conference of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the executive committee of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the North American Division and or General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists in attendance at any meeting of this corporation; the North American Division and or General Conference delegates shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates; up to fifteen (15) Atlantic Union College alumni who are not included in the other categories, selected by the AUC alumni executive committee; the president and other elected officers of the Atlantic Union College Student Association; members of the AUC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Committee; six laypersons and six denominational employees each, appointed by the executive committee of each local conference in the Atlantic Union Conference territory, plus one additional representative for each 10,000 members and major fraction thereof for local conferences having 10,000 or more members.

Avis D. Hendrickson, President
Issumael Nzamutuma, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 30th Regular Constituency Session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, June 19 and 20, 2016. The first meeting of the session will convene at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 19, 2016. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

This constituency session is being held for the purpose of receiving reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 2015, the election of officers, departmental directors and an executive committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

The Atlantic Union Conference constitution, Article III, Section 1: Voting Representation – Regular Delegates, defines who are the members of this constituency and outlines the formula for arriving at the number of delegates to be chosen as follows:

- Each member organization shall be represented at Union Conference constituency meetings by duly accredited delegates as follows:
 - Each local conference be entitled to one (1) delegate without regard to conference membership and (1) additional delegate for each two hundred fifty (250) church members or major fractions thereof. Calculations for delegate allotments shall be based upon the conference memberships as of December 31 of the year preceding the session.
 - Delegates shall be chosen by each local conference Executive Committee and shall be representative of the diversity in the local conference membership including women, youth, and or representatives of major ethnic groups.
 - At least one-half of the delegates appointed to the Union Conference constituency meeting provided for in Section 1. a (1) above, shall be persons who are not denominationally employed, of whom approximately one-half shall be women.

Delegates-At-Large

- In addition, the following shall be delegates-at-large with all the rights and privileges of regular delegates, at the Union Conference constituency meetings:
 - Members of the Executive Committee of this Union Conference.
 - Members of the Board of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.
 - Officers of the local conferences.
 - Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
 - Members of the General Conference and North American Division Executive Committees who may be present at any constituency meeting of the Union Conference. The number of such delegates representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates provided for herein above in Section 2.a.(1) of Article II of these bylaws.
 - Such other persons from the Atlantic Union Conference staff, representatives from health care systems/institutions serving the Union, church institutions owned and operated by the Union or local conferences, as may be recommended by the Union Conference Executive Committee and accepted by the regular delegates in session; the total number of delegates from this category not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of regular delegates provided for herein above in Section 1.a.(1) of Article II of these bylaws.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in connection with the 30th session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, June 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Delegates to the 30th session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates to the 30th session of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Donald G. King, President
Carlyle C. Simmons, Secretary

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