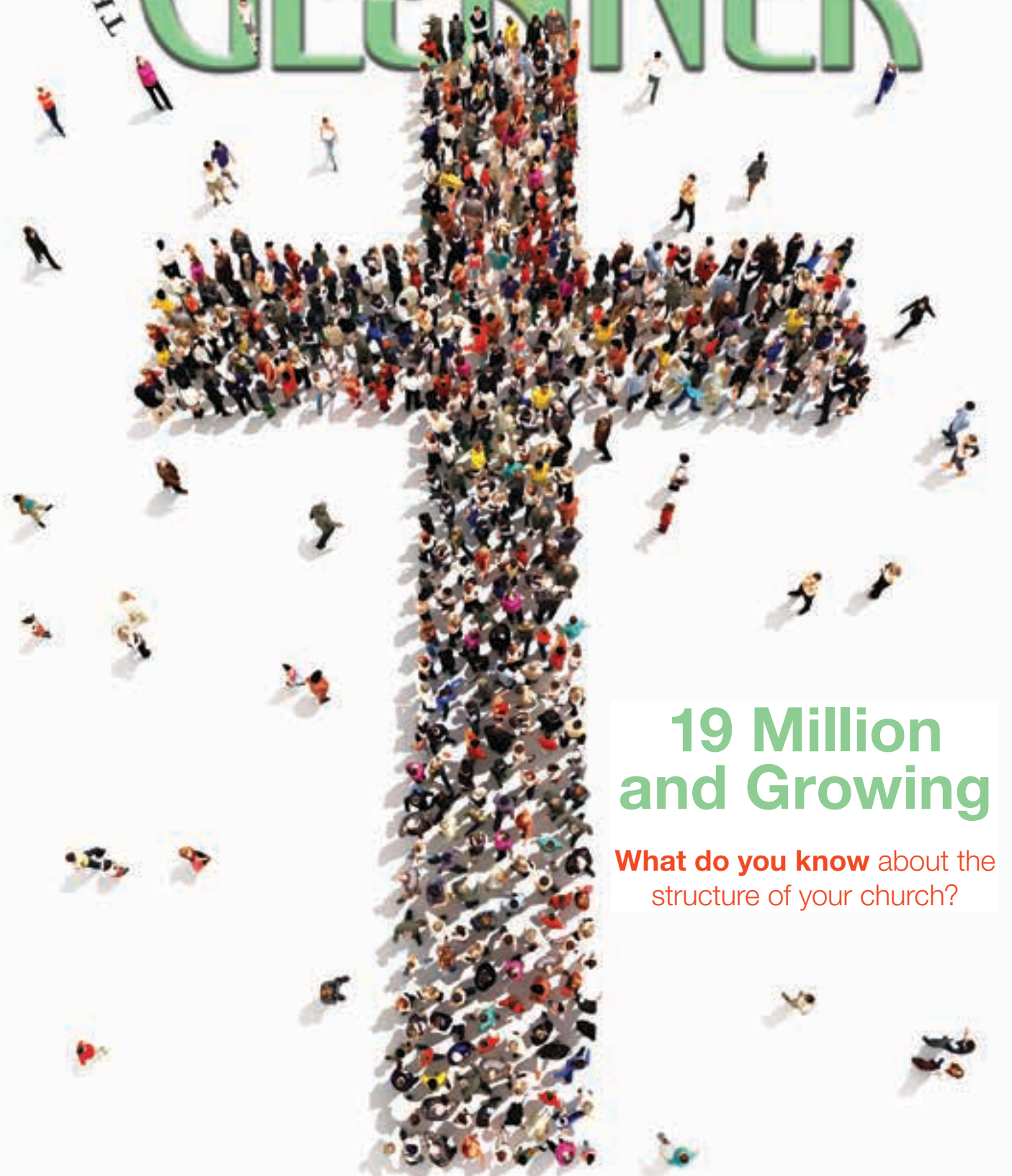


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First responders from Lancaster, Massachusetts, were recognized by the Atlantic Union administrators during the Atlantic Union College Alumni Weekend Sabbath worship service.

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A standing-room only crowd of parents and supporters filled the Old Westbury church in Westbury, New York, on May 7 for the Early Childhood Education Rally.

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Defying the Odds

“I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”
—Philippians 3:13, 14 (NKJV)

I recently watched a video of a news story about Micah McDade, who graduated from high school on May 20. What made this story exceptional was that this young man, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth and confined to a wheelchair, was able to walk across the stage at his graduation to accept his diploma.

The fact is that McDade was never expected to walk. However, through sheer determination, he worked secretly to achieve his goal of walking across the stage at his graduation. And, on graduation day, when it was his turn to go on stage, those attending him pushed his wheelchair to the top of the platform, then he pushed himself out of the wheelchair with assistance, and used a walker to walk across the stage.

This totally unexpected action on McDade’s part caused the crowd to erupt in applause and cheer him on. Imagine the joy and excitement of his parents as they stood in the crowd and watched him walk across the stage.

The diagnosis he was given at birth left no hope that he would ever walk. He was expected to spend the rest of his life confined to a wheelchair. However, he defied the odds, worked hard at reaching his goal, and he did the unthinkable—he walked. What a story of encouragement and determination!

So, what’s your story? What challenge is plaguing you to the point where you are believing there is no hope? What setback in your life has made you think that you are doomed and stuck where you are? You are likely in the company

of many others with similar stories of things that are holding them back and rendering them unable to move forward.

What is reassuring to me in God’s Word is the experience of Joshua. He was faced with the daunting task of conquering the land of Canaan with the Israelites when he became their leader after the death of Moses, who had led them through the wilderness for 40 years. God assured Joshua of His continuous presence with these words: “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”—Joshua 1:9, NKJV.

McDade’s graduation ceremony was the time for him to celebrate his accomplishment by defying the odds and walking, if just for a moment. Who knows whether this was just the beginning of a new experience for him? What we do know is that he held on to the hope of being able to walk, and when the time came, he did.

Hope is the foundation upon which achievement is built. So, when you are facing a challenge and you can’t see your way through it, or out of it, remember that God has promised His presence and power. Don’t let the challenge, whatever it is, be the end of your story. Be determined to defy the odds. Go forward with hope and courage knowing that God has promised to see you through and to be with you wherever you go. ☺

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What do you know about the structure of your church?

“Each local church is part of a worldwide organization that works together to preach the gospel to ‘every nation, tribe, language, and people’ (Revelation 14:6).”

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is made up of individuals just like you. The congregation you worship with week after week may be a company of 20 members, or a large established church of 1,200 members. Each local church is part of a worldwide organization that works together to preach the gospel to “every nation, tribe, language, and people” (Revelation 14:6). In fact, according to the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, you are one of more than 19 million members of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church.

What you may be wondering is: How is this church organized? What is the role of the local church? Are there other church entities? What do they do? In this article we will attempt to share a brief synopsis of the overall structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Local Church

The local church is the most important part of the denomination. As of December 31, 2015, the Seventh-day Adventist Church had more than 81,551 local churches, and 69,909 small groups called “companies/missions,” and the number grows constantly. In North America, there are more than 5,400 churches, with 584 churches and 69 companies located in the Atlantic Union Conference territory of Connecticut,

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the islands of Bermuda.

Your church is responsible for evangelism in your city. Each local church elects leaders for nurture and outreach. The local church makes decisions about individual membership issues as well as handles church discipline.

The Local Conference

All local churches are part of a local conference. There are 58 conferences in North America; six of those conferences are a part of the Atlantic Union: Bermuda, Greater New York, New York, Northeastern, Northern New England, and Southern New England.

The local conference employs the pastors of Seventh-day Adventist churches. It operates summer camps and school systems. Yearly camp meetings are also planned by the local conference, as well as coordinating evangelistic activity. Conference leaders are elected at constituency meetings by representatives of the local church congregations of that particular conference.

The Union Conference

All local conferences are part of a union conference. The Atlantic Union Conference is one of nine union conferences in North America. The union conferences provide coordination and leadership in their territory, including operating colleges, providing financial stability, providing resources, and pub-





How is the

Seventh-day Adventist Church organized?

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is organized with a representative form of church government, which means that authority in the church comes from the membership of local churches. Executive responsibility is given to representative bodies and officers to govern the church. The structure of the Adventist Church is made up of five levels that lead from the individual believer to the worldwide church organization:

Local Church

The local church is the most important part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is made up of individual members just like you.



Atlantic Union MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

118,649
Total church members
in the Atlantic Union
Conference



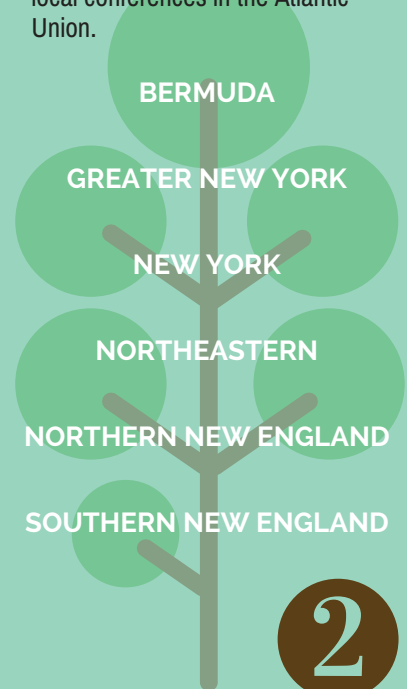
584 The number of churches in the Atlantic Union conference

69 The number of companies/missions in the Atlantic Union conference

Source: Atlantic Union Conference First Quarter Statistical Report 2016

Local Conference

Local conferences are made up of churches in a particular state, province or territory. There are six local conferences in the Atlantic Union.



Union Conference

The Union Conference, or union field/mission, is comprised of conferences or fields within a larger territory. (Often a grouping of states or a whole country.)

The Atlantic Union Conference is one of **nine** union conferences in the North American Division.



Division

Divisions are sections of the Seventh-day Adventist world church and are grouped by a collection of missions, fields, or states into unions of churches. The world church is divided into 13 divisions. The Atlantic Union Conference is part of the **North American Division**.



North American Division Numbers:

MEMBERS: 1,218,406+

CHURCHES: 5,483 COMPANIES: 845

Source: NAD Fourth Quarter Statistical Report 2015

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General Conference

The headquarters for the General Conference is located in the United States of America in Silver Spring, Maryland. It is made up of divisions, unions, institutions, and other entities in all parts of the world.



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Source: General Conference Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research

Constituency Sessions



Adventist Church leaders are elected through a democratic process by delegates comprised of local church members. Times are different for conference, union conference, and the General Conference sessions.

General Conference: Every five years

Union Conference: Every five years; usually the year following the General Conference Session

Local Conference: Every four years in the Atlantic Union

lishing monthly news magazines such as the Atlantic Union *GLEANER*, among other things. Union leaders are elected during constituency meetings every five years. The 30th constituency session for the Atlantic Union Conference takes place on June 19.

The Division

There are 13 divisions in the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church; each division is made up of union conferences. There are nine union conferences in North America that form the North American Division (NAD). The divisions produce resources for local churches to use in helping members to grow in Christ and for helping preach the gospel.

The General Conference

Thirteen world divisions make up the General Conference of

Seventh-day Adventists. The General Conference is the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is based in the eastern United States, in Silver Spring, Maryland. The General Conference is responsible for leading the church throughout the world field.

Once every five years, a General Conference Session occurs. Delegates at this 10-day meeting elect leaders, debate changes in church policy and practice, and review the progress of the world church in sharing the good news of Jesus' soon coming. The 60th General Conference Session took place last year, July 2015, in San Antonio, Texas.

Other Entities

The North American Division has more than 1,000 early childhood education centers, elementary and

secondary schools, plus 13 colleges and universities; more than 84 hospitals, urgent-care clinics, home-health agencies, long-term care facilities, and hospices; and hundreds of church-based Adventist Community Services centers. Several media outlets—print, television, radio, and Web-based—are also based in the North American Division and are utilized to spread the gospel message around the world.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a big church. It is also a small church, because it's made up of people just like you—one person at a time, who are in love with Jesus Christ, and working together to share the gospel. ☺

Atlantic Union GLEANER staff



Members Return to the Sanctuary After Repairs Completed

Hurricane Gonzalo hit and badly damaged the St. George's church on October 17, 2014, as it came ever so close to the islands of Bermuda. It was the roof section over the sanctuary that took the biggest blow. Several church members temporarily secured the roof for safety purposes and to avoid further damage. Since that time, members worshipped in the fellowship hall.

A project committee was formed and assignments were given to committee members to gather quotes for the repair of the roof, windows, and sanctuary. The estimated cost of repairs was more than \$160,000.

With members praying and the Holy Spirit moving, more than 60 faithful men came together to work on the repairs and the impossible looked possible.

The women of St. George's church, worked tirelessly, along with the gourmet

Bermuda Conference administrators, pastors and other members for their support. St. George's church members are also thankful for the 30 students from Mount Pisgah Academy in Chandler, North Carolina, 27 Devonshire Blue Birds Pathfinders, and

Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary, and his wife, Marilyn, joined the members of St. George's church on May 14 for the first service in the repaired sanctuary. Simmons was the speaker. Members and friends marched out of the fellowship hall into the sanctuary singing the old St. George's choir song, "Jesus the Light of the World." It was a spiritual and reflective atmosphere as members saw the church with a new ceiling, new lights, carpet, and windows; it caused them to desire a new beginning with Christ and the community.

—Howard Ebbin, pastor,
St. George's church

“Members of St. George's church worshiped in the sanctuary for the first time since the building was damaged by Hurricane Gonzalo in October 2014.”

committee leaders to provide meals for the workers.

St. George's church members would like to thank the

members and friends who prayed and committed their time building God's kingdom.

Sunshine Seniors Club Celebrates Worship

The Sunshine Seniors Club celebrated worship at the Southampton church in Bermuda. Joan Robinson, the current leader of the group, chaired the service and was assisted by Lois Scott. Both Robinson and Scott shared the background of the club.

The worship service, held on a Sabbath in April, was complete with a choir consisting of club members, along with a few members from The Brothers, under the direction of Sidney Simmons. The singing was spiritually enriching and “amens” resounded from the audience.

Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary and former member and pastor of Southampton church, was the guest speaker.

Special tributes were paid to former leaders of the club, including Joyce Brangman (deceased), who was also the original cook and was inspired to start the club; Joyce

“The Sunshine Seniors Club is very active in sharing their love for God with one another and the community.”

Jones from the U.S.; Georgia Carter (deceased); and Mayville Wilson. Simmons was recognized for recommending the name of the club, which began on October 6, 1990.

The Sunshine Seniors Club is very active in sharing their love for God with one another and the community. Their theme song is “There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today.” Each Monday morning they meet at the church where they engage in a variety of activities such as physical exercises; crafts, including crocheting, singing, and listening to guest speakers, one of whom spoke on “Growing Up In Bermuda,” showing several artifacts for work and play activities that were used in the past.

The group has prayer meeting every Tuesday morning under the leadership of Edith VanLowe, a retired school teacher.

—Carol Bassett, member, Southampton church



Poughkeepsie Church Helps People in the Dominican Republic

While many people are aware of the plight of the people in Haiti, fewer are aware of the difficulties faced by ethnic Haitians in the Dominican Republic. This is the second year that Sarah Moore, the outreach coordinator at the Poughkeepsie church in New York, mobilized the congregation to provide health kits. This year they provided them for over 300 families in the Dominican Republic.

The health kits consist of necessities for a healthy body, such as soap, washcloths, antifungal creams, toothpaste, and brushes, as well as information for a healthy soul in the form of tracts in English and Spanish about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and how to invite the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ into their lives.

Moore discovered that the Dominican Republic has a large population of ethnic Haitians that moved to that country in search of opportunity and work on the sugar cane plantations. These people live in company towns called bateyes



Poughkeepsie church members assembling kits that will be shipped to the Dominican Republic.

that are often in the middle of sugar cane plantations and removed from the cities. Living far from the cities and without citizenship, these people lack access to basic necessities such as clean water, education, and healthcare. With the decline of the sugar industry in the Dominican Republic, many of these bateyes have been abandoned by the companies. This strands people with no means of support and no access to resources on their own in the countryside where they live in shanty towns.

Seeing this need, Moore and the Poughkeepsie

church entered into partnership with a local nursing college that sends nurses and nursing students each year to the Dominican Republic to provide free health care and education to people living in the bateyes. The church came together this year to assemble the resources to provide health kits for 323 families in need and have them delivered to the Dominican Republic.

While these kits seem simple to us, they are a blessing for the families that don't have access to things as fundamental as clean water and soap. Fungal infections are epidemic among the

people of the bateyes and the medication in the kits is often the only means to treat themselves.

"I was fortunate enough to participate last year in one of these trips to the Dominican Republic. When I spoke with the people in the bateyes, they expressed to me how grateful they were. It wasn't just the supplies and tracts that they were receiving, more importantly, it was the fact that someone from around the world that didn't even know them personally was willing to help them," said Benjamin Hayes, who traveled to assist in the health clinics. "Many expressed that they often felt like they had been left in the bateyes and were 'stranded, just waiting to die.' Seeing the expression of love and care from someone they didn't even know was enough for the people I talked with to give them hope. It was truly beautiful seeing the effect on these people of the outpouring of love from the Poughkeepsie church."

—Communication department,
Poughkeepsie church

First-grade Class and Friends Collect Clean Water For Flint

The first-grade class of the Bronx-Manhattan school spearheaded a school-wide drive to collect clean water for the people of Flint, Michigan, during the month of March. The students, along with their teacher, went from class to class throughout the school to invite them to participate in this Christian service activity.

As a result, by the close of the drive, more than 45 cases of water were collected. More than \$200 in cash donations was also raised for this effort. Out of the sum collected, \$117 was contributed through

the efforts of vice principal Janel Tyson from Pine Tree Academy in Maine, who heard about the project through an e-mail that was shared by Astrid Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference education director, at the request of the first-grade teacher of the Bronx-Manhattan school.

Special thanks is also extended to Luis Biazotto, Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Adventist Community Services director, for directing us to Walter Harris, a GNYC representative who has been the liaison with the Northeastern

Conference Adventist Community Services in their efforts on behalf of the people of Flint. Harris informed us of the procurement of a truck that would transport water to Flint. All of these people came together, along with parents, teachers, auxiliary staff, students, and friends of the school, to make the "Clean Water for Flint Drive" a success. We thank God for each one who participated, whether directly or indirectly, in our quest to fulfill this mission.

—Bevan C. Mc Kenna, first-grade teacher,
Bronx-Manhattan school



Greater New York Youth Participate in Global Youth Day Projects

As Global Youth Day drew near, area leaders finalized the projects with their teams. More than 50 projects were organized between the five boroughs, Long Island, and upstate New York. There were varying types of projects impacting people of all ages, including visits to a nursing home and women's shelter, subway ministry, coat and food distribution, and recognition and salute of officers.

As the Web site opened for registration, many eager to be the hands and feet of Jesus quickly signed up for projects. Within the first few hours some projects had already reached capacity. Projects were added and expanded to accommodate the desire to serve. More than 1,300 people signed up to participate in the various projects.

With the setting of the sun on March 18, the Sabbath



As part of Global Youth Day, this group visited a women's shelter to deliver toiletries.

began with youth preparing packages for distribution early Sabbath morning. Onlookers joined the effort and the youth day momentum would continue throughout the day. Wearing their Global Youth Day shirts, Pathfinder/ Adventurer uniforms, or whatever compassion attire they could find, volunteers all

over marched forward with the message of Jesus' love showing compassion.

We estimate more than 10,000 individuals were impacted in the metropolitan area by the various projects conducted. As Global Youth Day drew to a close, many youth reflected on the activities of the day, noting

that in attempting to show compassion to others they, too, were blessed. Several projects were featured on the Hope Channel special Global Youth Day broadcast, touching the hearts of viewers around the world.

—Nashonie Chang, area coordinator, Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries

Ebenezer Church Dedicates March to Youth Emphasis

It was Ellen G. White who said, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come"—EDUCATION, p. 271. So fittingly, the Ebenezer church congregation in Brooklyn, New York, seized the mandate and has begun earnest efforts to train its youth. The month of March was selected and dedicated as Youth Emphasis Month. Most of the affairs of the church were conducted by the youth functioning as "shadow officers" under the tutelage of the senior officers.

In their various capacities as elder, Sabbath School

superintendent, deacon, deaconess, personal ministries leader, family ministries director, or usher, the youth rose to the task and employed their best efforts.

They preached, led in worship, and performed

other duties. It was rewarding to see youth employed in the service of the Lord. The month ended with a youth Week of Prayer, a grand march through the Brownsville neighborhood, and a rally back at the

church where the Brooklyn-area youth convened for a special convocation.

The Lord blessed richly, and the month by all accounts flew by much too quickly. Even as Ebenezer church celebrates, the clarion call has been made, "Young men and young women, gather a stock of knowledge. Do not wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work; but go out into the highways and hedges, and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have"—THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR, March 3, 1908. The hope is that the youth of the world would heed the call and work to hasten the coming of the Lord.

—Zinee Frederick, communication director, Ebenezer church



Gerrald Harris, Jr., who is shadowing the first elder, preaches for the glory of God.



DeuJan Anderson provides special music.

Photos: Andrie Akkrison

Duane M. Cady, MD Event Center Dedicated

There are times when God blesses His work through the ministry of individuals who are faithful to His calling. The New York Conference has been blessed through the faithful, sacrificial, and consistent service of Duane M. Cady, M.D.

Throughout his life in Central New York, Cady has served his church, conference, and union in multiple capacities. He has served on the conference board of education, helped facilitate the construction of the Westvale church and Parkview Junior Academy, served as interim president of Atlantic Union College, and much more.

On May 1, representatives of the Atlantic Union, the New York Conference, and the Cady family gathered to dedicate the Duane M. Cady, MD, Event Center as a token of appreciation for Cady's long-term service.

Cady's daughter, Beth Burghardt, M.D., shared family memories of Cady and his leadership within the family. Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and Elias Zabala, Sr., New York Conference president,



Duane Cady, second from right, is joined by Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, second from left; Elias Zabala, Sr., New York Conference president, right; and Cady's wife, Joyce, left; as he cuts the ribbon to the entrance of the new Duane M. Cady, MD Event Center.

also spoke regarding Cady's leadership within the church organization.

This event center, located in a newly-renovated section of the New York Conference office, has been designed to accommodate a variety of events, including the training of workers and laity,

housing of special guests, and hosting retreats. It is the prayer of the conference leaders that the Duane M. Cady, MD Event Center will be used to further the Lord's work in the New York Conference.

—Jeremy Garlock, communication director, New York Conference

AY Program Focuses on Challenges Adventist Students Face on Secular Campuses

“How Do I Stand True in a Secular Environment While Being Away from Home?” was the topic of a recent AY program at Vestal Hills church in upstate New York. As a result of the concern for young adults who are leaving home to complete their higher education, Khieanne Stephenson spearheaded a panel of seven university/college students who have remained true to the Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, values, standards, and lifestyles.

Students from Cornell University, Binghamton University, SUNY Cortland, and Upstate Medical University, emphasized that choosing to remain a Seventh-day Adventist, and knowing what their beliefs

are and why, is crucial. The panel admitted it wasn't easy to be on a secular campus, but have found that by not compromising even once, the students are respected for their beliefs and standards.

Because they stand firm, they are able to help their peers in times of crisis. The panelists mentioned how important their new church family is. This is where they meet fellow Adventist students they didn't know were around. The students brought out that it takes effort on their part to find a church and attend weekly services. They appreciate the welcoming, warm, accepting, and inclusive congregations.

What was brought home to the listening congregation



A panel of Adventist students shares how they stay true to their faith while attending secular colleges/universities.

was that the points made are applicable to the members, too! Do we know and practice what we say we believe? Or, do we compromise? Do we make an effort to be at church weekly? Do we make an effort to schedule Bible study into our day? Do we

utilize the different APPS and other tools for busy people?

There is a bright future for the Adventist Church. These students showed that Jesus is alive within His people.

—Marnie Schrader, assistant communication director, Vestal Hills church

13 Graduate from Depression Recovery Seminar

Thirteen people graduated from Neil Nedley's Depression Recovery seminar on April 4, sponsored by the Roosevelt church. The group learned such skills as how to avoid negative thinking, recognizing distortions in our thinking that lead to depression, enjoying the therapeutic effects of classical music, and studying God's Word.

More than 19 million people in the U.S. suffer from depression annually, and during stressful times, this disease can intensify. But the cure may not be as difficult as one might think.

Actually, just a few basic lifestyle changes can help those suffering from depression break free of the trap. Getting proper nutrition from foods, and maintaining a good circadian rhythm, which includes getting enough rest, have a tremendous effect on our ability to cure depression and remain depression free. Nedley's material taught the participants how to improve brain function, maximize IQ in children, increase energy, boost concentration, engage in healthy sleep habits, improve physical performance, and gain renewed hope.



Participants of Neil Nedley's Depression Recovery seminar include, on the back row, Calvin Duncan, Mike Bukolt, Diana Bukolt, Dick Wheeler, Francis Alex, Sharon Alex, Bob Putman, Tim Whitens, and Nancy Whitens; seated are Brad Bridgers, Pearl Gardner, Pat Wheeler, Lynda Duncan, Marie Putman, and Jenny Holdren; and seated on the floor is Barbara Bridgers.

During the eight-week course, participants sampled foods high in calcium, omega-3, tryptophan, and many other natural nutrients. They also tried such high-nutrient foods as chia seeds, flax seeds, tofu, and lentils. For some of the participants these foods were a brand-new experience.

Each week a participant received a door prize that was a reminder of something they had learned that

week. According to test results from assessments taken by all participants at the start and end of the program, depression throughout the group had decreased remarkably in just eight short weeks. The assignment for each participant now is to maintain the things they learned, trust in God, and experience the joy of depression-free living.

—Lynda Duncan, certified presenter/director, Depression Recovery Seminar

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Shiloh Church Has a Very Important Visitor

A visitor walked into the sanctuary at Shiloh church in Springfield, Massachusetts, before the worship service began on Sabbath, March 19. He sat quietly in the third pew on the left of the sanctuary and kept his focus on all the activities happening around him.

There was a baptism; then the choir, platform participants, deacons, and deaconesses all took their places. Some members in the congregation recognized this visitor and whispered to each other about his presence. Walton H. Rose, Shiloh church's pastor, received word that the former four-term mayor Michael (Mike) Albano (1995-2003) of Springfield,

Massachusetts, was the visitor in the congregation.

Rose acknowledged the former mayor, who has

Albano was visiting on this Sabbath to present an official resolution from the Governor's Council, which



Former mayor Michael (Mike) Albano presents an Official Resolution to Walton Rose, Shiloh church's pastor.

served as the governor's counselor from District 8 of Massachusetts since January 2012. Mayor

read: "To Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr. Walton H. Rose, Sr., in recognition for outstanding

service to the Greater Springfield Community: and in recognition of the work done by the congregation to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise our families."

Mayor Albano shared that he has never been to the church, but heard some wonderful things from residents and city officials in the community regarding Rose's leadership in the community and the work being done to reach out. Not only did the mayor make a surprise visit to present the resolution but he stayed for the entire worship service just to hear Rose's sermon.

—Claudette Smart, communication secretary, Shiloh church

Hanson Place Church Hosts 2016 Oratorical Contest

The Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc. (www.edhlegacyfoundationinc.org), sponsored its third annual Oratorical Contest for students at Northeastern Academy (NEA) in memory of the 40 years that Edward D. Herndon served as the school's Bible teacher.

On April 23, two enthusiastic and well-prepared young orators assembled to present their stirring orations at the Mount Vernon church in New York. Contestant Maurice Maitland, a 17-year-old senior, spoke on fear. Joel Williams, a 17-year-old junior, spoke on alcohol. Both orators stayed focused and were deliberate in crafting their presentations. The audience was in awe as they listened and demonstrated through their applause how proud they were of the ora-



At the third annual oratorical contest sponsored by The Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc., are, from left, Bernard Penn, coach and Hanson Place church pastor; Talbert Weeks, coach and Hanson Place church member; Joel Williams, second-prize winner; Maurice Maitland, first-prize winner; and George Coke, New Hope and Dimensions of Hope church pastor.

tory skills displayed by the students.

Colet Coke, NEA graduate, organized and coordinated the logistics of the oratorical contest. The NEA staff, administrators, and contest mentors/

coaches, Bernard Penn, pastor of Hanson Place church; Talbert Weeks and Monet Weeks, members of Hanson Place church; and George Coke, pastor of the New Hope and Dimensions of Hope churches, helped

to reinforce the importance and high quality of this youth leadership development initiative.

The three-judge panel, Renee Nixon, Randy Bishop, and Frank Blair, scored the essays and orations on

content and delivery. Myra Franklin Smith, NEA graduate and chairperson of The Edward D. Herndon Legacy

Foundation, Inc., announced Maurice Maitland as the first-prize winner of \$500.00 and Joel Williams, second-

prize winner of \$300.00. In addition, both contestants received a Certificate of Leadership. Coaches and

judges received special appreciation gift bags.
—S.A. Herndon, member, Mount Vernon church

Community Tabernacle of Praise Holds Prayer Walk to Promote Health Day

Community Tabernacle of Praise church in Brooklyn, New York, participated in a community prayer walk in order to promote Health Day on Sabbath, April 16. Flyers were distributed as church members interacted with neighbors in the community to inform them about Health Day as well as share the love of Jesus.

The goal of Health Day was to encourage the community to be more health conscious and proactive about current health concerns. Another goal was to introduce the community to the Great Physician through counseling and health screenings.

—Isabelle Fesale, member, Community Tabernacle of Praise church



Members of Community Tabernacle of Praise church promote the church's Health Day.

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

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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.

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Breath of Life Summer Revival Coming to South Brooklyn Area

On the evening of Wednesday, May 18, the churches in the South Brooklyn area joined together for a United Prayer Meeting in preparation for the Breath of Life Summer Revival. Carlton Byrd, speaker/director for *Breath of Life* and the speaker for the revival (pictured right), preached a powerful word on prayer.

The summer revival begins on Sunday, July 17, and ends on Saturday, August 6. The location will be Goshen Temple church, 2414 Church Ave., Brooklyn, New York.



My Camp Lawroweld Memories

Editor's Note: We were pleasantly surprised when the following article appeared without warning in our inbox. The writer was a camper at Lawroweld some 60 years ago and the impressions that were made during her time at camp helped her establish a strong spiritual foundation. Though decades have passed, the mission of Camp Lawroweld remains the same: to introduce kids to Christ through nature and fellowship and to help them form lifelong friendships and memories.

My earliest days at Camp Lawroweld, near Weld, Maine, were as part of Junior Camp. This was in 1954 and I may have been 10 years old. I grew up on my grandparents' farm in Richmond, Maine, and basically was raised by them in my youngest years. My grandmother wanted to be sure that I had a special camper experience and my summers were filled with camp meeting in June, then I had Camp Lawroweld to look forward to in July or August.

Days at Camp Lawroweld began very early in the morning. When we heard the sound of reveille, we jumped off our cots, and either chose to do calisthenics or go for a very cold dip in Lake Webb! For me, neither was a great option, but over the week, I would do both. Then, came breakfast in the lodge.

The "lodge" is the focal point of Camp Lawroweld. As I recall, it had a huge fireplace, whole-tree rafters, and big kitchen, dining, and meeting areas. It also had a stone exterior with a big porch. In my time, meals were always prepared by the Armstrong family. They were the stability of camp each year!

After breakfast we went back to our cabins to clean them and get ready for inspection. Beds were made, suitcases in place, and floor swept. Also, as I remember, our Bible was laid on our pillow. As I recall there were ribbons given out for the neatest cabin. Devotions were back in the lodge, with lots of singing and a talk. There was something so special, even to a young girl, about the devotion time.

Crafts were a part of the mornings—making whistle cords, painting ceramics, making pot holders, and whatever else—taking place



The ministry of Camp Lawroweld has never been stronger nor has the opportunity to teach Christ through nature ever been more important than it is in this media-saturated age. Interestingly, there is no cell phone reception at Lawroweld and the emphasis is on the face-to-face sharing of Christ between staff, counselors, and campers.

in the basement of the lodge. These were "special" things to take home as reminders of our days at camp.

Also, mornings were filled with swimming lessons. This country girl was not much of a swimmer, but with patient instructors, I did learn the basics of swimming and, with the push of instructors, I learned to dive!

As I recall, our afternoon activities varied. One day that stands out is "watermelon" day when there would be lots of watermelons and everyone would just be outdoors munching on sweet, juicy melons to their fill!

Campfire time was the culmination of a full day. There was a lot of laughter, stories, and singing the best of the "campfire" songs. I will remember a girl from Hawaii (who even knew where Hawaii was at that time? This was before it was a state). She taught us "luau" campfire songs. After campfire we turned on our flashlights and trekked back to our cabins where our counselor would have us prepare for bed and have a prayer with us.

One day during our week at camp was an all-day hike up Mt. Blue or Mt. Tumbledown. Mr. and Mrs.

Armstrong always prepared special sack lunches for our all-day hike. To me, the hike up those mountains was like climbing Mt. Whitney! It was a strenuous hike and to reach the top was something to really brag about when I got home! Many years later in bragging to my husband about how high those mountains were, he looked on a map and laughingly explained that our current home in Yucaipa, California, is at a higher elevation than those mountains. Well, to a young camper they were high!

Sabbath was the grand finale of the week. This was the day we wore a special outfit we had saved just for that day. Campfire that night was the time we had our special reminder of the meaning of our time at camp—to learn who Jesus was, the joy of nature, the making of new friends and the desire to come back to camp again next year.

Sunday morning we had to get all our things stuffed into our suitcases. Somehow, nothing fit like it did when we arrived at camp. Breakfast was the last meal when we got to thank Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong for the good food they had prepared for us each day. Our final tears and good-byes were said to all who had become so special to us throughout the week—our counselor, our leaders, Elder Nosworthy, Elder Whitlow, Miss Legare, and of course, all in our cabin who had become comrades and lifetime friends. We parted with promises of seeing each other the next year.

I was fortunate to spend several summers at Lawroweld, thanks to my grandmother's generosity and love. Not only did she provide for my camping experience, she sent many children to camp over the years who, otherwise, would not have been able to have that opportunity. And she provided funds for many children to have an Adventist education.

I am thankful that Camp Lawroweld is still going strong, so that many today can have the experiences of growing closer to God through the ministry of the staff.

—Rolinda Rhynus Luevano,
former camper, Camp Lawroweld

Seeker Project Launched

After more than a year of preparation and steady work, the Seeker Project has finally launched. The Seeker Project is an innovative evangelism effort that was pioneered by the Northern New England Conference, and that the Southern New England Conference has adopted. The concept behind the project is simple: the Word of the Lord is proclaimed by local church members in their communities. The actual carrying out of this concept is much more complicated.

When a church joins the Seeker Project, the first thing that happens is that a video team sets up at the church and records some dozen church members giving eighteen 20-minute Bible studies (written by Ty Gibson) at various locations around the church. Before the Bible study, the church member introduces himself/herself and makes comments about how long they have lived in the area, what they do for a living, and more. The church ends up with a whole series of excellent Bible studies given by and for local people.

These Bible studies are placed on a Web site specific to that individual church. The Web site also has a number of other features, such as links to local sermons, links to additional study materials, a virtual tour of the local Adventist school, and more.

However, the project doesn't end with the creation of a Web site. In fact, the Web site is not even the main feature of the project. The main feature of the project is an 18-month social-network evangelism campaign that is powered by the Bible study videos. One video is placed onto electronic media, such as a DVD or flash drive, and accompanying that video is an introduction of the study by the local pastor, who also invites people watching the study to call him or write him if they have any questions.

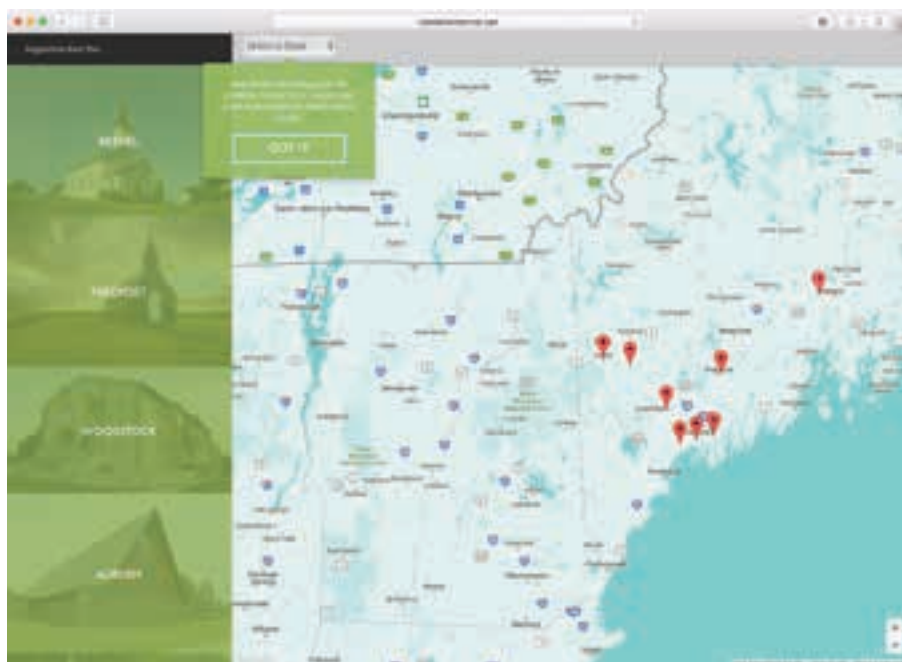
Church members then commit to distributing a certain number of copies of Bible study No. 1 in the first month to members of their social network (friends, neighbors, casual contacts, and others), then distribute

a certain number of copies of Bible study No. 2 in the second month, and so on through the full 18-month campaign, when they finally distribute Bible study No. 18. Each of the DVDs point the viewer back to the project Web site for further studies and additional resources.

The project proclaims the Word of God and claims the promise that His Word will not return to Him void. It also intentionally highlights the

allowing churches to begin their evangelism campaigns in earnest. Over the next two years numerous churches from both conferences are expected to join the project, which itself will probably go through several refinements as learnings are applied and revisions made.

To see the Web sites of the churches that are so far engaged in the program and see how it works, go to www.connectwithchrist.com. Project



After more than a year of preparation and work, the Seeker Project has finally launched the Web site at www.connectwithchrist.com.

members and pastor of the local church and features videos shot inside the church, all of which helps familiarize members of the community with the church and church family. Finally, the effort positions the pastor as a community spiritual resource and encourages people to call or write him directly with any questions they might have.

Preparation at each church for the video shoot is intense and the shoot itself usually takes two days, with several more days spent editing video. For several months, churches in both conferences have been engaging in video shoots and now the work on the Web site itself is complete,

director Scott Christiansen anticipates that when NNEC's churches are fully participating, as many as 10 percent of its members will be giving video Bible studies to their communities, and a far larger percentage will be distributing those studies to members of their social networks. That is exciting, because the Word of God does not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11).

—Communication staff, Northern New England Conference



Wachusett Hills Christian School Benefit Concert Raises More Than \$1,500

It all began 10 years ago when Lydia Montville, a Gardner, Massachusetts, church member, had the thought of spearheading a Wachusett Hills Christian School Benefit Concert in the likes of a “Gaither Homecoming Concert” to benefit the school. She networked with people and collaborated with others, including Alex Bezerra, who has served as master of ceremonies for many years, to promote a program utilizing local musical talent.

The programs were typically two hours in length and drew talent from several local Adventist churches. Each event included a number of performances, as well as refreshments, either during an intermission or the conclusion of the program that were provided by the school, under the leadership of the principal, Edie Conrad.

Each program is free, but includes a moment when



Standing for a group photo are the participants of this year's Wachusett Hills Christian School Benefit Concert.

a freewill offering is collected to benefit the school scholarship fund. This year \$1,556 was raised. The highest amount raised was several years ago when the grand total was in excess of \$5,000. Dale Spencer,

chairperson of the school board and promoter of the concerts, has calculated that \$19,336.56 has been raised over the past 10 years as a result of the benefit concerts.

The school and supporting churches, Gardner and

Fitchburg, praise God for the blessing and power of music and the blessings of quality Christian education.

—Einar Rom, pastor, Gardner church

Brooklawn Church Holds 30 Days of Prayer

The Brooklawn church embarked on a 30 days of prayer service. Following Jesus' example, the group met in the sanctuary before the sun rose at 5:30 a.m. each day, from February 21 to March 21. On average, 25 people attended at the church. In addition, a phone conference was set up and people joined from as far away as Texas and Maryland. Forty people joined them by phone each morning to approach the throne of grace. The focus of the study was, “Operation Final Preparation for the Second Coming of Christ” by Dennis Smith.

Some non-Adventists joined the meetings each morning. They had burdens to share and the group prayed with them.

During the 30 days of prayer, the group saw amazing answers to prayer. One person had been praying for four months for an ailing family member to be granted a visa to the U.S. for medical treatment. On her first day at the prayer service, her request was lifted up. Miraculously, only three minutes after the service was done that morning, she received an e-mail that the visa was granted.

The group grew as the days progressed. They shared the burdens on their hearts and for others, and for various difficulties in their lives, and the lives of their loved ones.

Two sisters who were estranged and hadn't spoken to each other have been reunited. A mother and son who were alienated for a year are now speaking to each other. A prayer for unity among siblings and extended family was answered.

A person who had no job, received one. A member who has been out of work since July was offered a job.

Unfortunately, that person was asked to work on the Sabbath. Even though it was the first job offer since July, the member walked away from it, choosing to honor God's Sabbath. How is this an answer? This member was grateful that God had enabled her to be obedient to His commandment when she could have buckled and said, “I need to provide for my family.”

A man was suffering with a severe headache that the doctor could not explain, and the CT scan did not show any issues. After being sick for several days, the

group prayed for him on a Wednesday and by Friday, all problems went away.

Those who participated in the 30 days of prayer have had the Spirit work on helping them to see the spiritual conditions they are in and their need to reach out and cling to God as never before. One person said that the Lord lifted a burden that she had been carrying for 60 years. During this time a member is seeing his family return to prayer by noticing changes in his life through his intense prayer life and baptism.

One of the phone participants said the Holy Spirit has worked on her heart to quiet her tongue during a time when she normally would not have been quiet, but would have fought fire



Brooklawn church members meet to pray together before sunrise.

with fire. Because of her surrender, God turned the adversary into a supporter.

Another participant shared that she had an issue with another member of the church. The Spirit led her not to share her

dissatisfaction with that person with others, but instead to vent her frustrations to Him only. Through this experience, not only is that relationship totally restored, but this person has purposed in her

heart to make this her new plan of action.

Prayer works, God hears, and He is sure to answer when we call.

—Roxanne August, member, Brooklawn church

Family Members Baptized at Grace and Glory Church

In a world where the family unit is being torn apart and pulled in many different directions, Grace and Glory Church in Providence, Rhode Island, has seen God move in a mighty way. On March 26, Juan Damon, the church's pastor; assisted by Steven Thomas, elder; baptized the Brito family—Alberto, Jeneen, and Jalen—as they surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ and made the decision to follow Him all the way.

While heaven rejoices, members of Grace and Glory church are happy to be this family's new extended family. Church members invite your prayers as they surround the Britos with love and share the right hand of fellowship.

—Kennisha Blake, communication coordinator, Grace and Glory church

2016 Payment Breakdown	
\$500	Upfront Registration fee
\$500	due by June 1
\$500	due by October 31
\$400	Final December 31

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Local First Responders Recognized as the Atlantic Union Commemorates 115 Years



Debra McKinney Banks

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, right front, and Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, left, present tokens of appreciation to Courtney Manning, Lancaster Fire Department captain; Michael Hanson, Lancaster Fire Department fire chief/emergency management director; and Edwin Burgwinkel, Lancaster Police Department police chief.

The Atlantic Union Conference commemorated 115 years of leadership and service in the northeast United States and Bermuda on April 16. As part of the celebration of this event, local first responders (police

and fire) from Lancaster, Massachusetts, were recognized by the Atlantic Union Conference administrators during the Atlantic Union College Alumni Weekend Sabbath services at the College Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, presented tokens of appreciation to Edwin Burgwinkel, Lancaster Police Department police chief; Michael Hanson, Lancaster Fire Department fire chief/emergency management director; and Courtney Manning, Lancaster Fire Department captain.

The Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (originally called Eastern Union Conference) was organized on April 16, 1901, at the 34th General Conference Session held at Battle Creek, Michigan. It was renamed Atlantic Union Conference at its first biennial session held at the church (now called Village

Church) in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, November 27 to December 5, 1901.

Today, the Atlantic Union has more than 118,649 members scattered throughout 584 churches and 69 companies/groups in the six New England states, New York, and the islands of Bermuda. The Atlantic Union Conference continues to hold to its mission to lead all people, through the power of the everlasting gospel, into a growing, balanced, mature Christian experience; to develop the church family; to serve the local community; and to prepare every person for the soon coming and triumphal return of Jesus Christ.

—GLENER staff

ASI Continues its Mission to Serve Christ in the Marketplace

The ASI Atlantic Union Chapter Annual Spring Convention was held at the Mystic Hilton in Mystic, Connecticut, April 22-24. This year's theme was "Unity" (based on Psalm 133:1). The Spirit-filled messages were rendered by Andrew Waller, co-director of Tekoa Missions, an evangelism training program in New Hampshire; and Norman McNulty, a board-certified neurologist practicing in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Each of the speakers brought in-depth, important, touching messages for the times in which we live. These audio messages can be heard at <http://bit.ly/1WN9fBG>.

The Hanson Place church choir from Brooklyn, New York, gave a special musical performance. Approximately 13 ministries and businesses

showcased their work for the Lord according to their respective calling, and were also able to network with various individuals at the convention.

Funds have been pledged by over 50 families and more than \$46,000 was raised to support the work of the ASI featured ministries: The 7th Scroll, STRIDE, and Tekoa Missions.

During the convention, an outreach event was offered as part of the program, which was generously organized by The 7th Scroll and Tekoa Missions. Nearly 40 people of varied ages and backgrounds descended upon the neighborhoods surrounding the Norwich church in Norwich, Connecticut. There were many divine appointments and wonderful encounters during the time in the field,



The ASI Atlantic Union Chapter members are, from left, Greg Perry, president; Hugh Wesley Carrington, vice president of membership and recruiting; Steve Peden, New York Conference representative; Michael Edwards, vice president of evangelism; Lance Wilbur, general vice president; Ivan Raj, vice president of communications; Anston Roberts, Greater New York Conference representative; and Cynthia Huskins, vice president of finance (not pictured).

which were shared with the larger group later that evening at the convention.

At the end of the convention, all indications were that each attendee went home blessed and inspired to "share

Christ in the marketplace." Stay tuned for information on the ASI Atlantic Union 2017 Spring Conference.

—Ivan Raj, vice president of communication, ASI Atlantic Union Chapter



Old Westbury Church Hosts Early Childhood Education Rally

A standing-room only crowd of parents and supporters filled the Old Westbury church in Westbury, New York, on May 7 for the Early Childhood Education Rally. “The theme of the rally, ‘Touching Hearts for Jesus,’ was based on service,” said Marlene Alvarez, Atlantic Union Conference Early Childhood Education assistant director. “We want everyone to know that God can work through little children to touch hearts for Jesus.” Eighty-five children enrolled in early childhood education programs around the New York City area participated by reciting scriptures and poems, singing songs, and performing skits.

Early childhood centers represented at the rally included Bethesda, Bronx/Manhattan, Flatbush, Jackson Heights, Jamaica, Lebanon, Oakview, South Bay, Westchester Area, and Whispering Pines.

Guests were welcomed in Korean, Spanish, and English by Jonathan Lobo of Whispering Pines, students from South Bay, and Shirley-Ann Laurencin, Whispering Pines school principal. Jerrell Gilkeson, Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education



The Early Childhood Education mass choir, under the direction of Renata Mendonca, sing for the rally day program.

associate director, read the scripture. The program culminated with a tribute to the retiring Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education director, Astrid Thomassian, who gave the closing remarks. The Early Childhood Education Rally mass choir, under the direction of Renata Mendonca, sang two songs “Lord, I Give You My Heart” and “This Little Light of Mine.”

Rosalie van Putten, chairperson of the Lebanon Early Childhood Center school board, says, “Watching all of those little children singing, reciting, and even performing short skits with so much gusto and joy reinforced the

fact that, truly, Jesus loves the little children. They, too, have a big part to play in spreading the story of God’s love. I applauded the dedication of the parents, teachers, staff, and supporters. The event was so well attended that there was no standing room. To God be the glory!”

The Early Childhood Education Rally was co-sponsored by the Office of Education for the Atlantic Union Conference, Greater New York Conference, and Northeastern Conference.

—GLENER staff

Atlantic Union Churches Participate in Safety Sabbath

More than 280 registrants participated in the first annual Safety Sabbath held the last Sabbath in March. The Atlantic Union Conference represented 10 percent of those registrants.

Safety Sabbath was created by Adventist Risk Management (ARM) to promote safety in the church by providing resources, training, and opportunities to practice safety drills. Fire, missing child, and active shooter drills were options for churches to implement.

According to ARM, the Atlantic Union churches that participated in Safety Sabbath are the Advent Hope; Bay Ridge; Bethel; Brockton Temple French; Buskirk; Canaan; City Tabernacle; Flatbush; Greater Albany; Middletown; Morija; Mount of Olives; Mount Vernon; New Haven, Connecticut, English; New York

Conference; Queens Spanish; Shekinah Haitian; South Ozone Park; Bay Ridge Spanish; Corona Spanish; Spring Valley; Victory, and Westvale churches.

Of the registered churches that reported participating in Safety Sabbath, 91 percent conducted a Fire Drill, 7 percent conducted the Active Shooter Drill, and 2 percent conducted the Missing Child Drill. Thirty-four percent of the registered participating groups were located in the southeastern portion of the United States.

Churches are welcome to conduct emergency drills anytime and also throughout the month of March 2017, although the official 2017 Safety Sabbath date is March 25, 2017. For more resources on emergency drills and the Safety Sabbath campaign, visit SafetySabbath.com.



Safety Sabbath 2016 was sponsored by ARM, with support from the North American Division, and the General Conference Youth Ministries Department.

—GLENER staff

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Camp Cherokee, Saranac Lake, New York

Discovering the Power of Prayer

Presented by
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June 10-12, 2016

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August 6, 2016



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Merlin Knowles

*President, Montana Conference
and*

Designer of the Sabbath Trail

Sabbath School 10:00 a.m.

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Waldo Farnsworth (1885-1960)

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Friday, August 5, 2016

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July 2016	1	8	15	22	29
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Portland, ME	8:26	8:23	8:19	8:13	8:05
Boston, MA	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:12	8:05
South Lancaster, MA	8:27	8:25	8:20	8:15	8:08
Pittsfield, MA	8:33	8:31	8:27	8:21	8:14
Hartford, CT	8:29	8:26	8:22	8:17	8:10
Providence, RI	8:24	8:21	8:17	8:12	8:05
New York, NY	8:30	8:28	8:24	8:19	8:12
Albany, NY	8:34	8:32	8:28	8:22	8:15
Utica, NY	8:43	8:41	8:37	8:31	8:24
Syracuse, NY	8:47	8:44	8:40	8:34	8:27
Rochester, NY	8:53	8:51	8:46	8:41	8:33
Buffalo, NY	8:57	8:54	8:50	8:45	8:37
Hamilton, Bda	8:28	8:27	8:24	8:21	8:16

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YORK

A mission trip to Chad, Africa, is being organized by Susan and Joe VanGelder, for Oct. 24 through Nov. 7. Anyone who would enjoy helping children at Bible school (teaching) and malnourished children at the Nutrition Center, helping with carpentry work with repairs of

buildings, or the other needs of the mission, are welcome on this trip. Needed for leaving the U.S. are a passport, Visa, vaccines—yellow fever (mandatory) and typhoid. Suggested are hepatitis A and B, and malaria treatment. The cost is \$1,500 - \$1,800 depending on the airfare. Anyone interested and has a talent that is needed in Bere, Chad, please contact Susan VanGelder at (607) 776-3740 or e-mail: svgservinggod@gmail.com.

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 June 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
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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 June 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 June 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 June 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 June properly come before the meeting.

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