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Change

God never changes — “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8.

In our world we experience changes. This is also true in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On June 19, 2016, at the Atlantic Union Conference Quinquennial Session in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, we experienced major changes in the elected leadership of our union.

The constituents of the Atlantic Union are extremely appreciative of the leadership given by Donald G. King, former president, Carlyle C. Simmons, former executive secretary, and Leon D. Thomassian, former treasurer. We are also very grateful for the dedicated and enthusiastic service given by Astrid Thomassian, former education director, and Ryan Simpson, former youth ministries director.

As the new administrative officers, G. Earl Knight, president; Pierre O. Omeler, executive secretary; and Elias Zabala, Sr., treasurer, we are indebted to these dedicated men and this woman for their service of love and commitment to the cause of God. We will forever be grateful for the contributions they have made.

Along with the changes we experienced among the officers, Dionisio Olivo was reelected as Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president, Jose Joseph was elected as Haitian and African ministries vice president, Trevor Forbes was reelected as the undertreasurer, Jerrell Gilkeson was elected as the education director, Marlene Alvarez was elected as the education associate director, and Andres Peralta was elected as the youth ministries director.

The Atlantic Union Conference has experienced a radical change in its leadership. Along with these changes come fears, concerns, and even disappointments. However, in the cause of God we must remember that *He* has the church in *His* hand and whenever we submit our lives to *Him*, He will always direct our paths. God, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, never makes a mistake. He loves this church as His bride and will see us through to the end when the faithful will reap their reward.

As we move forward into the future, we face many uncertainties, but we serve a God who has led us in the past, is here with us in the present, and will continue to lead us into the future. As long as *He* is in the vessel, we can smile at the storms of life.

It is my prayer that we remain united, as the word “union” suggests, and focus on the mission to which God has called us. There is much to be done, and, as a team, we are ready to get to work and continue to fulfill the call of God to this church.

United we stand! The Pentecostal experience of Acts was the result of the unity of the disciples and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us be united with a common goal so that Pentecost will be repeated once again in our lifetime.

May God continue to bless us as we work together for *His* cause! ☺

G. Earl Knight is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.



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Leadership Changes

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The 30th constituency session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened on Sunday, June 19, in Machlan Auditorium on the campus of Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts. The theme for the session was “Faithful to the End.” Delegates from the six conferences in the Atlantic Union gathered to elect officers and committee members, and to receive reports on the work of the church in the Atlantic Union territory for the five-year term, 2011-2015.

Daniel Jackson, North American Division president, was the devotional speaker for the session and he used 1 Corinthians 3:16 and Acts 2:44-48 as his scripture texts. Jackson reminded the delegates that Jesus is the one true north in the Seventh-day



The five Atlantic Union Conference administrative officers who will serve for the 2016-2020 quinquennium are, from left, Dionisio Olivo, Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president; Pierre O. Omeler, executive secretary; G. Earl Knight, president; Elias Zabala, Sr., treasurer; and Jose Joseph, Haitian and African ministries vice president.



Trevor Forbes, undertreasurer



Jerrell Gilkeson, education director



Marlene Alvarez, education associate director



Andres Peralta, youth ministries director

Adventist Church. “Until you can put Jesus in the center of your message, don’t preach it. We are all broken and in need of the Holy Spirit and the saving grace of the Holy Spirit. We must be the people that uphold Jesus,” Jackson said.

Delegates voted changes in administration and three new officers were elected to serve for the next five-year term: G. Earl Knight, president, coming from the Greater New York Conference, where he served as president; Pierre O. Omeler, executive secretary, formerly serving as Haitian and African Ministries vice president; and Elias Zabala, Sr., treasurer, coming from the New York Conference, where he served as president.

Other individuals elected to serve the Atlantic Union are Jose Joseph as Haitian and African ministries vice president, coming from the

Northeastern Conference, where he served as Haitian Ministries coordinator; Jerrell Gilkeson as education director, formerly serving as education associate director; Marlene Alvarez as education associate director, formerly serving as education assistant director and certification registrar; and Andres Peralta as youth ministries director, coming from the Greater New York Conference, where he served as youth ministries director.

Reelected to serve were Dionisio Olivo as Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president; and Trevor Forbes as undertreasurer. All other positions will be appointed by the newly-elected Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee at its first meeting.

Reports were presented by the president, secretary, and treasurer, as well as the Disabilities Ministries, Education, and Youth Ministries departments. All of the agenda items were completed by the delegates, including electing members to serve on the executive committee, the constitution and bylaws committee, and the association board. The delegates also voted minor changes to the constitution and bylaws.

The outgoing officers and the departmental directors were recognized and thanked for their leadership and service to the Atlantic Union Conference. They were given the opportunity at the end of the session to share their thoughts with the delegates. Donald G. King, Carlyle C. Simmons, Leon and Astrid Thomassian, and Ryan Simpson all individually thanked the delegates for allowing them to serve and for their support over the years. The Thomassians are retiring, effective September 1.

Representatives from the North American Division who assisted with the proceedings were Daniel Jackson, president; G. Alexander Bryant, secretary; Tom Evans, treasurer; Michael Jamieson, undertreasurer; Alvin Kibble, vice president; and R. Ernest Castillo, vice president.

The new team of administrators and departmental directors will face the

challenge of moving forward with the work in the Atlantic Union made up of six conferences, with more than 118,600 members who worship in 584 churches and 69 companies; 54 elementary schools, eight academies, one college; many community service centers, summer camp programs, a

van ministry in the Greater New York area, and other entities in the Atlantic Union territory. ①

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Outgoing Leaders Recognized

The following outgoing administrators and directors were acknowledged during the 30th Atlantic Union Conference Constituency Session on June 19 for their leadership and service in the Atlantic Union. See the May 2016 GLEANER for a full report of their work and accomplishments during the quinquennium.



Donald G. King

Donald G. King served as president for more than 14 years and is the longest-serving president in the 115-year history of Atlantic Union Conference. His other responsibilities included serving as ministerial, evangelism, and publishing director, as well as chair of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees and the NY13 Steering Committee. Under King's leadership the Atlantic Union logo and pins, Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM), Let's Connect LIVE, and the NETS Evangelism Center were introduced.



Carlyle C. Simmons

as chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Carlyle C. Simmons served as executive secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference more than 15 years. His other responsibilities included serving as health ministries, human relations, and prayer ministries director, as well



Leon D. Thomassian

manager, and certified fraud specialist. He will retire effective September 1.

Leon D. Thomassian served as treasurer for 23 years and is the longest-serving treasurer in the 115-year history of the Atlantic Union Conference. His other responsibilities included serving as stewardship and trust services director, office



Astrid Thomassian

Astrid Thomassian served as education director of the Atlantic Union Conference for 11 years. Her responsibilities included serving as children's ministries and early childhood education and care director. She will retire effective September 1.



Ryan Simpson

Union Pathfinder Camporee in May 2016.

Ryan Simpson served as youth ministries director of the Atlantic Union Conference for one year. His responsibilities included emphasis on youth and young adult ministries, including public campus ministries. He also coordinated the Atlantic

The Atlantic Union Conference staff have been blessed by the presence of these individuals and their contributions as a part of the office team. There is no doubt that wherever Donald G. King, Carlyle C. Simmons, Leon D. Thomassian, Astrid Thomassian, and Ryan Simpson go from here, their ministry and witness will inspire others to look for the soon-coming Savior and King. They will be missed! ☺

A Report of the **Atlantic Union College** **Constituency Session**

by Avis Hendrickson

The theme that resonated at the Atlantic Union College Constituency Session through the devotional and keynote address by Larry Blackmer, North American Division vice president for education, is “We Have This Hope!” The atmosphere was enlivened by the hope we have in Christ Jesus and the evidence that the beloved Atlantic Union College will continue to be in service to God and humanity.

The constituency meeting was held less than 24 hours after G. Earl Knight, the new president for the Atlantic Union Conference, took office. He made a statement of support for Atlantic Union College.

Standard reports to the constituency were rendered, including the auditor’s report which showed the college to be in good financial standing.

Judging by the 145 delegates who were registered and in attendance at the start of the constituency meeting, and the show of support through the votes of acceptance of the reports, AUC is solidifying its place as a viable member of the Atlantic Union.

Atlantic Union College, the only college in the Atlantic Union, offers two degree programs and several certificate programs. Each career pathway, whether academic degree or certificate, is financially accessible through the low tuition costs. Students are encouraged to work part-time on or off campus and graduate with little to no debt.

Accreditation is a work in progress. In the process, at least one Articulation Agreement has been obtained;

although the goal is to increase the number. Students will be able to start at AUC at a discounted tuition and transfer to another college to complete a degree of their choice, if they are not able to complete it at AUC.

New members were elected to the board of trustees which includes 27 members with three alternates. “Trustees are to reflect the institution’s priorities in their deliberations and are to secure human and financial resources that enable the college’s long-term stability and growth”—Atlantic Union College Board Policy Manual, Adopted November 17, 2013, p. 4.

The bylaws committee was also voted. Added to the committee are three advisors and one alternate.

Atlantic Union College’s birth was an act of faith, and it continues to be effort based in faith. The sustainability of AUC is dependent on the constituency. Where is your faith?

Dates to Remember:

- Student Orientation is Thursday, August, 25-28 2016.
- Convocation and Graduation Ceremony for the Certificate Program students is Sunday, August 28, 2016.
- Degree Program classes start Monday, August 29, 2016.

Registration is currently open. 

Avis Hendrickson is president of Atlantic Union College.

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How God Paid for My College

This past January, I was given the opportunity to apply for the Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is given to a total of 25 students who have persevered academically despite having socioeconomic backgrounds and environmental conditions that could have hindered them from attaining their educational goals.

The scholarship covers 50 percent of college expenses and can go toward any college or university in the U.S. that the student chooses. This scholarship is an incredible blessing, and I'd like to share how my upbringing led to me being eligible for this financial aid.

I grew up in the projects in Clinton, Massachusetts. When I was a kid, it was always just my mom and me. My mom and dad are both schizophrenics, and when I was young my father left my mother, so she had to raise me by herself. Despite her mental illness, she really did an awesome job raising me. Unfortunately, she was not always able to keep us financially stable. Growing up, I grew accustomed to not knowing where our next meal would come from, or whether or not our shower would have hot water.

In addition to these financial issues, I often found myself having to take on the role as the parent due to my mom's illness. Eventually, I wasn't able to continue living with my mom and, in 2012, at the age of 13, I moved in with my aunt and uncle. Adapting to a different setting also proved to be a challenge. However, if there are two things that kept me going as a child, they were God and school.

School was my escape. I looked forward to taking my curiosity to the next level in the classroom every day.



Hannah Knowles applied for and was awarded the Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship that will cover 50 percent of her college expenses.

Although there were tough times in my academic career, I kept moving forward because I knew I didn't want the life I lived as a child to be my future. I also had my awesome mom to always remind me that she didn't want that for me either, so succeeding in school was very important to me.

God was always there for me in the past and still is now. I thank Him for all He has blessed me with thus far in life. All those times I wondered where our next meal would come from, God provided; just like He provided me with the amazing opportunity to further my education in college. Since I'm the only Seventh-day Adventist in my family, God knows how impor-

tant attending an Adventist college is to me. Unfortunately, Adventist colleges are not cheap, so for the past few years I wasn't sure how I was going to make it there. Thankfully, my worries were quieted when I received a letter in May informing me that I had won the scholarship.

I attended the ceremony at the State House in Boston to receive the scholarship. As I sat in The Great Hall surrounded by my friends and family, I thought about how getting to where I am today wasn't easy, but never impossible.

I was sitting there that day to celebrate one of my greatest achievements because I had a desire to learn from my hardships and use them to do positive things. Through these hardships, God showed me that He will always be there; providing me with what I need at the right times. ①

Hannah Knowles is a junior at South Lancaster Academy.

Caring Heart Award Recipients

Eight students from the eight academies in the Atlantic Union are the recipients of the 2016 Caring Heart Award. The Caring Heart Award for Christian Service was established to give recognition to students attending Adventist academies who have “demonstrated a personal commitment to active participatory service and witnessing activities and programs.”

Students in their junior or senior year are nominated by staff members, pastors/campus chaplains, student

leaders, or the school’s witnessing/outreach coordinators. The final screening and selection is made by a committee at the individual’s school.

The award is given along with all other scholarships and awards that are presented during graduation weekend at the school. Each recipient receives a scholarship award of \$500 and a plaque.

Congratulations to the 2016 Caring Heart Award winners.



Nikholas Roach
Junior
Bermuda Institute



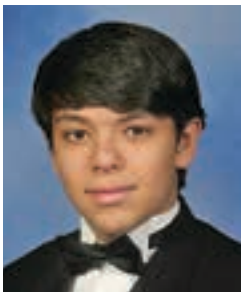
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Senior
South Brooklyn Academy



Jonathan Daniel Baker
Senior
Union Springs Academy

Camp Meeting Points Members to Higher Ground

The Bermuda Conference celebrated camp meeting 2016 as one like no other. The theme for the 10-day series was “Higher Ground.” Each message was Spirit-filled and pointed members to higher ground.

Each day began at 6:30 a.m. with Early Morning Manna. Speakers included Jessie Wilson, Oakwood University assistant professor of religion; Andre Anderson from Toronto, Canada, and speaker for the second half of the youth and young adult ministries camp meeting; Stanley James, a physician who holds a master’s degree in theology; and Carlyle C. Simmons, outgoing Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary.

Speakers for the adult camp meeting included Ainsworth Keith Morris, Goshen Temple church pastor in New York; and Charles Wesley Knight, Oakwood University professor of religion and theology. Donald Rolle, hospital chaplain and youth evangelist in New York; and Andre Anderson, Toronto East church associate pastor, shared the love of Jesus with the youth and young adults. The children’s ministries maintained attendance during the week with about 50 children, but swelled to near 150 on Sabbaths.

Donald G. King, outgoing Atlantic Union Conference president, and his wife, Lois, Atlantic Union Conference women’s ministries director; and Carlyle C. Simmons, and his wife, Marilyn, were recognized for their service to the Atlantic Union.

Music for camp meeting,

organized by Simona Mills-Pitcher, Bermuda Conference music ministries director, included guests from the U.S., Neville Peter and Beverly Burton, along with local artists, including praise teams, a combined praise choir, and various musical groups from around the island.

The prayer ministries team, under the direction of Michelle Hill, Bermuda Conference prayer ministries director, was visible on the grounds of the camp. Team



The Bermuda Conference camp meeting choir sings during the worship service.



Ainsworth Keith Morris, Goshen Temple church pastor, speaks for the worship service at the Bermuda Conference camp meeting.



Charles Wesley Knight, Oakwood University professor of religion and theology, speaks for the worship service at the Bermuda Conference camp meeting.

members wore shirts with the words, “Need Prayer?” A designated prayer room provided a quiet venue for those who wished to pray before, during, and after the nightly services.

A special Adventist Community Services conference, conducted by Sung Kwon, North American Division Adventist Community

Services executive director, was held in the adult pavilion on Monday through Friday evenings. Kwon encouraged members to get involved in community service.

At the conclusion of camp meeting, thanks was expressed to Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president, and the administrators, for the inspirational time they shared. On Sunday following the close of camp meeting

and going forward, every service was broadcast via the livestream site, www.bdacampmeeting.org.

The picture was clear and bright, thanks to the new technician, Michael Simmons, a graduate of Atlantic Union College, who operates the conference’s redesigned Web site www.adventistbermuda.org. He worked tirelessly to get the camp meeting page up and running.

Thanks to the webmaster, Michael Simmons; ATV staff, Barry Richardson and Steve Ingham; audio coordinator, Steve Easton; and video coordinator, J.D. Virgil, and the camera personnel, who assisted in making the live streaming a success.

—D. Randolph Wilson, communication director, Bermuda Conference



The Bermuda Institute auditorium is full for the worship service at camp meeting 2016.

2016, members and friends enjoyed fellowship at the annual Bermuda Conference picnic at Shelly Bay Beach.

Camp Meeting Streamed Live

For the first time in the conference’s history, camp meeting services were streamed live. Beginning with Early Morning Manna, on Sabbath, June 25,

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Pastors and Educators Receive CPR Training

One hundred and twenty-one pastors and educators received cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training during Northeastern Conference's spring workers meeting at Camp Victory Lake on April 5. The course was conducted by New York career emergency medical technician (EMT) Ellis Joseph, who serves as a local elder at the First Rosedale Mission in New York, along with several of his colleagues. "We are training not only to save souls, we are training to save lives," said Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president.

In addition to getting practical hands-on training, the workers were trained to perform abdominal thrusts, used to save choking victims; and on the proper use of a defibrillator to deliver an electric shock to someone in cardiac arrest. The participants received certification from the American Heart Association at the completion of the training. Pastors are now better prepared to handle certain emergency situations in their church should the need arise.

—Communication department,
Northeastern Conference



Pastors and educators practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation at Northeastern Conference's spring workers meeting.

Conference Executive Committee Votes Departmental Directors

On Sunday June 26, 2016, the newly-elected Northeastern Conference Executive Committee met to select conference departmental directors who will serve for the next quadrennium. The following individuals were elected by the executive committee to serve for the next four-year term.

Coordinators

- **Franco-Haitian Ministries:** Japhet St. Louis
- **Hispanic Ministries:** Hector Ramos

Departmental Directors

- **Assistant to the President for Communication:** JeNean Lendor

- **Adventist Book Center:** Stacy Gordon-Dally
- **Adventist Community Services:** Fitzgerald Kerr
- **Education:** Viola Chapman
- **Family Ministries:** Pollyanna Prosper-Barnes and Baldwin Barnes
- **Health Ministries:** Leroy Daley
- **Ministerial:** Ainsworth Joseph
- **Personal Ministries:** Kendall Guy
- **Religious Liberty and Trust Services:** Lawrence Brown
- **Sabbath School:** Pablo Huerfano
- **Stewardship:** Ferron Francis
- **Women's Ministries:** Mireille St. Pierre
- **Youth Ministries:** David McKenzie

The Northeastern Conference serves more than 56,700 members who worship in 181 churches and 22 companies, 15 elementary schools, two academies, many community service centers, the Camp Victory Lake summer camp program, and other entities in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

—Communication department, Northeastern Conference



The Northeastern Conference office is located in Jamaica, New York.

Richmond Southern Asian Church Planted in Richmond Hill, New York

It was the dream of the New York Southern Asia church members to plant a new church in Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill is dominated by Sikhs and Hindu communities from India, as well as Urdu and Punjabi-speaking communities from Pakistan. It's a great challenge to reach these communities with the three angels' messages. However, it is the members' belief and faith that this unreachable task is and will be possible only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Samuel Masih, New York Southern Asia church pastor, along with his wife, Kamla, started visiting a few families in the Richmond Hill area of New York. They met with Luke Chand, who was in the hospital in critical condition. His daughter, Simmy Charlotte, a lab technician, met Masih in a health center in Jamaica, Queens. She asked the pastor to visit and pray for her father. Masih accepted the request and continuously



Members of the New York Southern Asia church hand off lit candles to the new Richmond Southern Asian church members.

visited the family and gave them regular Bible studies. After many prayers, Chand recuperated from his illness and, as a result, they showed a keen interest in being a part of the remnant church.

The second family, Darshan Singh, was introduced to the truth while he was doing some construction work at Masih's house. He invited the pastor to visit his family in Richmond

Hill. Masih gladly accepted the invitation and kept visiting them consistently. Meanwhile, Singh and his wife, Anju, introduced Masih to a few families from Pakistan who lived in their neighborhood.

During this period, Anthony J. Rodriguez, pastor of Richmond Hill Spanish church met Masih during workers meeting at the Greater New York Conference office. They were designated prayer partners. After the meeting, they discussed how they could work in collaboration to spread the three angels' messages. They discussed various means and methods. Finally, they agreed on starting a Hindi class that would enable others to learn the language and eliminate language barriers to reach these communities. Kamla Masih agreed to teach the Hindi class on a volunteer basis.

On April 16, the new church foundation was laid with the support of the mother church and its members. The members of the mother church handed

lit candles to the new church members, symbolizing the spreading of the truth and shining for Jesus Christ. Three weeks into the progression of the church and with the continuous guidance of the Holy Spirit, three people, Darshan Singh, his wife, Anju, and Santokh Singh happily and willingly accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and were baptized on May 7. This special Sabbath was celebrated in the presence of the mother church members and the outgoing Greater New York Conference president, G. Earl Knight.

This is only the beginning and many more people have yet to accept and know the truth. The church members request continued prayers for the mission so that many more people may be ready for the great day when Jesus comes.

—Malvika Samuel, communication director, New York Southern Asia church



Pictured are, from left, Samuel Masih, New York Southern Asia church pastor; outgoing Greater New York Conference president G. Earl Knight; and newly-baptized members Santokh Singh and Darshan Singh.

“Operation Rescue” Declared a Success

On May 28, the Ebenezer church in Brooklyn, New York, began a three-week evangelistic series entitled “Operation Rescue.” The meetings were held under the leadership of Daniel Duffis, pastor of the Patchogue Spanish, East Hampton Spanish, Hamptons Spanish, and Riverhead churches; Errol Stoddart, pastor of the Church of the Oranges; and Lincoln M. Smith, pastor of Ebenezer church.

The series resulted in 22 baptisms, and on June 18 the newly-baptized members received the right hand of fellowship.

The celebrations were capped by the Black Ministers Association-sponsored “Preach Out,” where fellow pastors Gregory Carrol, Shalom church; Hubert Wilkie, Queens Faith church; and Andy Lagredelle, Ephése French and Sychar French churches,



Lincoln Smith, pastor of the Ebenezer church, baptizes Deyna Thompson, one of 22 who were baptized as a result of the “Operation Rescue” evangelistic series.

reminded the rank and file that this battle may be won, but the war continues. They also reminded the members that they cannot lay their arms down, cannot become complacent, but they must press forward for the mark

of the high calling in Christ Jesus until they all receive their crowns.

—Zinee Frederick, Ebenezer church communication director



Errol Stoddart, pastor of the Church of the Oranges in New Jersey, speaks during the “Operation Rescue” series.



Daniel Duffis, pastor of the Patchogue Spanish, East Hampton Spanish, Hamptons Spanish, and Riverhead churches, speaks during the “Operation Rescue” series.



Calling All Greater New York Academy Alumni!

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Beginning with a Welcome Table supper at 6:00 p.m.

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on Facebook on “Greater Nya”, or
via e-mail at alumni@gnyacademy.org,
or call GNYA at (718) 639-1752

A Gift from God for the Utica International Church School

It started with a need. The Utica International church in New York had many children that needed a Christian school, but there were no funds, no teacher, and no help. Because many of the potential students were from another country, there were also language barriers and minimal resources.

Recognizing the need for heavenly guidance, the church leadership decided to present their burden to God. And so, after much prayer, a group of church members moved forward with plans for the school. The church facility had rooms that could be used for a classroom, and students were available, but they needed a mission-minded teacher and much-needed funds. Prayers for these items rose to heaven. Soon funds began to trickle into the school for these needs.

Three years later, there is a thriving school with 30 students in attendance and a highly dedicated mission-minded teacher, aide, and volunteers. The church has rec-



Students are thriving in Utica International church school's enhanced educational program.

ognized this school as a mission ground, and has made the school its number-one priority. Not only has a mission-minded teacher been found, but the church continues to prayerfully find ways to enhance the educational program of the school. To this end, a set of handbells has been added to the inventory of the school. The chil-

dren are able to use music to bless the congregation that has blessed them. When God has a plan, He places burdens on the hearts of His people. As they follow, God opens the door to do marvelous things.

—Becky Dombroski, member, Utica International church

Joy of Troy Church Added to State and National Historic Registers

The Joy of Troy church in Troy, New York, was officially added to the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. The church was chosen after waiting more than two years since submitting an application in January 2014.

On March 24, New York governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the Joy of Troy church building would be one of 19 buildings nominated to be listed on the historic registers. The members were notified of their acceptance onto the state registry in May, and official notification from the national registry arrived the following month.

In 2006, Hugh Langley, former Joy of Troy first elder and now lay pastor, saw a news story about a Methodist congregation putting one of their two churches up for sale. Langley immediately contacted the church to inquire. “We only had 36 members at the time and the Methodist pastor felt it would be a big stretch for such a small group,” Langley recalls.

Their initial bid was rejected. Undeterred, Langley drafted a proposal to the church’s pastor stating their belief in God’s miracles and asked them to reconsider. “[The pastor] told us ‘miracles don’t happen anymore,’” says Langley. Several months later,

the Methodist pastor contacted Langley. A group was interested in purchasing the building and utilizing it for another purpose, but the congregation wanted the church to continue to be used as a place of worship. They wanted to see if Joy of Troy was still interested in purchasing the property. Joy of Troy purchased and occupied the church in 2007.

Originally built in 1849 as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Lansingburgh, a rear extension to the building was added in 1875 and additional updates were completed in 1903. The listing on the state and national historic registers provides eligibility for the Joy of Troy congrega-

tion to apply for, and receive matching state and federal grants and loans for restoration and rehabilitation to the Greek-revival style church.

—Annette Barnes, elder and Sabbath School superintendent, Joy of Troy church



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New York Conference Retirees Honored

The annual New York Conference Retiree Dinner was held during camp meeting at the Union Springs Academy gymnasium on June 28. This annual banquet is held to honor and appreciate retirees who contribute so much to the New York Conference.

In 2015 the retirees completed a successful fundraiser at the dinner, raising \$5,000 to refurbish the Union Springs Academy chapel. This year the focus was on the needs of the academy students. The new academy development director, Janica Caster, reminded the attendees that this is the academy's 95th year in operation, and that there are many students who would love to attend but are in need of sponsors.

Many people showed their support of the retirees by working hard to contribute to



New York Conference retirees attend a banquet held in their honor.

this event and make it a success. Chef Norman Tagalog outdid himself with a gourmet Mexican meal. His wife, Andrea Starr-Tagalog, decorated the gym. Much-loved former New York Conference pastor and youth director Mike Ortel attended, and gave an inspiring presentation encouraging practical, loving Christianity.

Beautiful music abounded. Jacob Crespo sang special music and academy students provided instrumental background music for the dinner. Pastors and academy staff willingly gave their time to set up the tables, chairs, and stage. The New York Conference Trust Services Department sponsored and planned the event. The

attendance was record-breaking as 130 people signed up to attend.

They may not realize it, but the retirees of the New York Conference, by their example, support, and contributions, are making a difference for future generations.

—Nancy Whitens, trust services director, New York Conference

Westvale Church Celebrates Nurses

The Westvale church in Syracuse, New York, held its annual Sabbath service in celebration of nurses on the last Sabbath of May, keeping it close to the nationally celebrated Nurses' Week in honor of Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing. This year many visitors were present, including several nurses, two medical doctors, and a nun who teaches Ethics at the College of Nursing at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York.

Daniel Deinhart, a registered nurse (R.N.) from St. Joseph's Hospital, was the guest speaker. During his many years of service, Deinhart worked in both the post anesthesia care unit and the medical intensive care unit. He is certified as a critical care R.N.

Deinhart spoke about personal experiences he had caring for patients in which he felt drawn close to God. He ended his talk

by reminding the nurses of Matthew 25:40 (NIV): "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Following his talk, each nurse and nurse's aide was invited to the front for a special dedication. Each received a flower that was donated by the River Edge Greenhouses in Baldwinsville, New York. Each nurse and nurse's aide also received a pen and bookmark from the church's Health Ministries department.

Joan Payne, Westvale church's Health Ministries leader, presented a sermon entitled "The Personal



Seong Cho, Westvale church's pastor, kneeling left, offers the dedication prayer for the nurses.

Touch." She told the listeners not to let technology take over their lives, but to maintain a personal touch with others and to have a personal faith/touch relationship with God.

Following the worship service, visitors were invited to stay for lunch. There were many positive comments from the visitors, indicating that they enjoyed the service.

—Health Ministries department, Westvale church

On My Bike Across America, God Answered My Prayers Three Times (At Least), Part 2 of 3

From May 1 to June 1 of this year, my son Beniah and I rode our bicycles across the U.S. We started our ride by dipping our rear tires in the Pacific Ocean at Bay Center, Washington, then took the “northern tier” route through 13 states to Camden, Maine, where we dipped our front tires in the Atlantic Ocean. The trip was some 3,500 miles in length. It was a fascinating, beautiful, challenging, unforgettable trip and God was our riding partner. I know He was along, because He directly answered prayers three times (that I know of), and I want to tell you about those times.

The second time God directly answered prayers was, like the first time, in Montana (see July 2016 GLEANER). Montana was without a doubt the toughest state in our ride. The roads are narrow with little or no shoulder, the speed limits are very high, and the whole of the state has either mountainous or hilly terrain. And then there was the wind. The entire reason we rode from west-to-east was to ride with the statistically-prevailing winds. The gambit failed, and we had headwinds through all of Montana.

Headwinds are a very big deal for cyclists. A headwind of, say, 15 mph makes a cyclist work much harder while going much slower. On our fourth day in sparsely populated Montana (it took us five days to cross the state), we made 70 of the 120 miles for the day by our 1:00 p.m. lunch. After lunch, riding got much more difficult as the wind came

up and steadily became stronger and stronger until it was blowing at some 30 mph and hitting us at an angle about 20 degrees off center. We were working mightily, and consuming our precious water very quickly, but we were only making some five miles per hour against the wind.

By five o'clock we were exhausted. We were also eight hours away from the hotel at the current pace,

one. Another option was to keep going and hope to get to our hotel, now about 40 miles away, by 3:00 a.m. But temps were already in the low 40s and our respect for hypothermia was too fresh and too strong to make that a tempting option.

Still thinking about our situation, we crested a hill and the wind blew even more strongly. I stopped my bike and called for Beniah to do the same. I told him that

And while I stood, I prayed. I asked God to send us someone who would take us to Jordan, Montana. I also asked that the person he sent be a Christian that I could encourage. We waited about 20 minutes in that wind for a truck to stop. Three passed us, but none even slowed. Finally an SUV stopped just to make sure we were OK, but they were so full of kids and gear, there was no hope of getting



Beniah Christiansen, lying in the grass on the right, rests on the side of the road in Montana.

which was a big problem, as temperatures were supposed to drop into the low 30s that night and snow flurries were forecast. We simply weren't equipped for that kind of weather. We could turn around and head back to a rest stop some 30 miles behind us and sleep on the concrete floor, but we'd have to fight the wind every inch of the way all over again the next day and we wouldn't be able to eat. The option was a completely demoralizing

the only way to get to our hotel was to try and hitch a ride in one of the few pickups that traversed the road. It was something neither of us wanted to do, since we were supposed to be riding across the U.S., not hitching across it. Beniah hesitated, then agreed.

Beniah wanted to keep riding while we waited for trucks to come. I resisted his sensible suggestion, inexplicably preferring to stay right where we were.

a ride. We waited another 15 minutes without seeing any traffic. Beniah was urging me to start riding again and I was resisting—though I didn't know why—when we saw a pickup headed toward us. The problem was, it was headed the wrong direction. About 1,000 feet before it reached us, it turned off the road, turned around, and parked.

The pickup just sat there. After a minute, I told Beniah to go ask the driver if he

would take us to Jordan, though I had little optimism. Beniah rode to the truck, then a few moments later waved at me and started taking the packs off his bike—a sure sign that he was going to put his bike in the back of the pickup. When we were on the road, I talked to the driver and what I found out was amazing. His name

was Monte and he was my age, which is to say mid-50s. Monte was an honest-to-goodness horse-riding cowboy, who worked on the range driving cattle. He had driven to that spot near us because it was the only place in 30 miles where he could get a cell signal. He was happy to take us to Jordan and, most important of all,

he had become a Christian about two years before and had very little fellowship out on the range.

Monte and I had a fantastic conversation all the way into Jordan, and he told me of a couple things that he needed prayer for. We prayed, and I told him I would continue to pray for him every day of the ride. I

prayed for him daily and the day after the ride ended, I called him and told him so. Monte and I stay in touch, and who knows how the Lord will use that relationship. What I do know is that He answers prayers and turns troubles into blessings.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Bordoville: Steep Yourself in Adventist History

The Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church is—as far as is known—the oldest purpose-built Seventh-day Adventist Church in existence, and on September 24 members and guests will hold the church's 152nd annual meeting.

The meeting consists of Sabbath School, church, potluck, and afternoon activities for those who are interested, including, of course, the actual official meeting that is part of the Bordoville church tradition. Bordoville church is in northern Vermont, and all who wish to attend are welcome.

When the term “purpose-built” is used, it means that the building was constructed specifically for the purpose of using it as a Seventh-day Adventist church, as opposed to, say, buying an existing church building and holding services in it.

Bordoville's annual meeting is always a popular event and cars line the dirt country road in front of the church for some distance on this high Sabbath. Featured speakers are always excellent and this year is no different, with Michael Campbell coming from the Philippines, where he is a theological professor at the Asia Adventist Seminary at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS).

The potluck lunch is served outside underneath canopies, and those who attend are asked to bring a vegetarian dish “ready to serve” so that all can be fed. The address



of the Bordoville Adventist Church is 6941 Chester A Arthur Road, Enosburg, Vermont.

—Communication staff, Northern New England Conference

Seventh-day Adventist Churches Host Seminars on How to Do Bible Work

All over Boston, Seventh-day Adventist churches have been hosting seminars to teach lay members how to do Bible work.

Attendees learn how to follow-up on leads, how to engage people who are interested in studying the Bible, how to go through a lesson with them, how to call people to make decisions for Christ, and much more. With the “reaping meetings” coming up in October, having trained laity is crucial to preparing the soil.

Compassion Boston has partnered with *It Is Written* for this fall’s evangelistic effort. John Bradshaw will be in Boston October 14-29, preaching a prophecy series entitled “Revelation Today.” In advance of these meetings, *It Is Written* has mailed thousands of cards to Boston-area neighborhoods, offering free Bible studies to anyone interested—and the returned cards requesting studies have been pouring in. The handful of full-time Bible workers could never find time to study with all the interests, and that’s where these Bible work lay trainees have been instrumental.

Highlighted are some brief stories from three of the most recent Bible work lay training sessions, as told by the full-time Compassion Boston Bible workers, who helped to facilitate the programs.

On the weekend of April 29-31, Compassion Boston partnered with NETS Express (netsatlanticunion.org) to host a Spanish-language Bible work training at the Salem Hispanic

church in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

“The training with the Hispanic community went really well,” said Crystal Phillips, a Compassion Boston Bible worker and wife of Jack Phillips, the Bible Work program coordinator for Compassion Boston. “They were so open



Members participate in the Spanish-language Bible work training session at the Salem Hispanic church.

and welcoming toward our team. They offered us warm drinks and cake after the training was over. They really made us feel at home, which is what they’ll do for any new church member. They were so eager to learn, and enjoyed practicing the Bible-study skills we shared with them.”

“Carmen* and I clicked,” said Karen Matambo of another young adult who attended the training. Matambo is also a full-time Compassion Boston Bible worker. “Apart from her grandmother, Carmen is the only Adventist in her family. During the training, she sensed that God was calling her to be a missionary. She wanted to do something in service to the Lord, so she signed up to go on Bible studies with us.

“The following Tuesday morning she was sitting in a Bible study with me. Carmen clicked so well with Jane,* and the Holy Spirit touched all our hearts during the study. After the study, Carmen and I went to visit a lady who sent in a request for Bible studies. She wasn’t at home, but her

The next training was held at the Cambridge church in Medford, Massachusetts, May 13-15—another partnership with NETS Express.

While at the training, Matambo met a woman from Boston Temple church who had seen the announcements about the training and decided to attend. “She came the first night, was really inspired to participate, came all three days and even brought her husband with her,” said Matambo.

“As we got to know each other a little, Jane* told me that she wasn’t Adventist before. She was introduced to the faith when she mar-



Members participate in the French-language Bible work training at Camp Winnekeag.

ried her husband, who is Adventist. From there she accepted the truths, was baptized, and now says she has a testimony to share that she can use to encourage others.

“For Jane, the training was the perfect opportunity to learn how to effectively share what God has done for her and point others to Jesus. God is calling so many people to join in His work, and it’s encouraging to meet people like Jane and her husband, who have heard God’s voice and are answering His call.”

“We thought we simply met so we could be friends, but God had bigger plans. Any other day, with my limited Spanish, I would not have been able to connect with this Spanish-speaking woman, but God sent Carmen on His errand. Carmen was willing to let God use her and God had someone He specifically wanted her to reach.”

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Several Haitian churches in the Boston area, led by Yves Francis, pastor of the Bethesda, Ephesus Haitian, and Sinai churches, joined together to host a weekend-long training at Camp Winnekeag—room and board included. “The Haitian community was a joy to be around,” said Crystal Phillips. “Watching them sing, their voices were filled with vibrance and joy. They really persevered through the training. It was in the 80s on the day we trained with them and there was no air conditioner. We relied on fans that only reached certain parts of the room. Nevertheless, everyone stayed for all three portions of the training. They were so appreciative that we came and were eager to know more.”

Jack Phillips reports that upcoming training includes a program at the Stoneham Korean church on August 13, and training with STRIDE in the summer. They’re also working on another training with the Haitian group in August and another English training weekend, as well. You can learn more about Compassion Boston and how to volunteer to help with the Boston-area Bible work at www.compassionboston.org/biblework, or sign up for our newsletter to find out about upcoming opportunities to learn and volunteer, and to read more Bible worker stories.

—Olivia Ruiz-Knott, communication manager, Compassion Boston

*Not their real names.



COMPASSION BOSTON

Below are several upcoming Compassion Boston community-oriented events hosted by Boston-area churches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Walks

Dorchester	Aug. 13	4:00–6:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Boston Spanish church, 50 Stoughton St., Boston, MA, 02125		
Roxbury	Sept. 10	4:00–6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Berea church, 108 Seaver St., Boston, MA, 02121		
Fenway	Oct. 8	4:00–6:00 p.m.
Hosted by Boston Temple church, 105 Jersey St., Boston, MA, 02215		

Seminars

Daniel Seminar	Tuesday & Thursday	Sept. 13–Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Norwood church, 59 Davis Ave., Norwood, MA, 02062			

If you are interested in volunteering, participating in these events, or learning more about the Compassion Boston city-wide evangelistic series, visit compassionboston.org.

SLA ALUMNI WEEKEND

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7:30 p.m. - Vespers, College Church
- Sabbath:** 9:30 a.m. - Sabbath School
11:00 a.m. - Church
1:00 p.m. - Lunch
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Boston, MA	7:14	7:01	6:49	6:37	6:25
South Lancaster, MA	7:16	7:04	6:51	6:39	6:27
Pittsfield, MA	7:22	7:10	6:58	6:45	6:33
Hartford, CT	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:43	6:31
Providence, RI	7:14	7:02	6:50	6:38	6:26
New York, NY	7:24	7:12	7:00	6:48	6:37
Albany, NY	7:23	7:11	6:58	6:46	6:33
Utica, NY	7:31	7:18	7:06	6:53	6:41
Syracuse, NY	7:35	7:22	7:10	6:57	6:44
Rochester, NY	7:40	7:28	7:15	7:03	6:50
Buffalo, NY	7:45	7:33	7:20	7:08	6:55
Hamilton, Bda	7:38	7:29	7:20	7:11	7:02

OBITUARIES

BENTZ, Audrey B. Fitzpatrick—89; b. Apr. 26, 1926, in Schenectady, N.Y.; d. July 26, 2015, in Sheboygan, Wis. She was a longtime member of the Greater Albany church in Cohoes, N.Y., and held several offices. She assisted in forming one of the first Pathfinder clubs in the New York Conference. Survived by her daughters, Judith Eells (Wayne) of Albany, N.Y.; and Patricia Harrison (John) of Sheboygan, Wis.; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

BOYD, James M.—84; b. Dec. 7, 1931, in Woburn, Mass.; d. February 15, 2016, in Calif.; He was a member of the Stoneham church in Stoneham, Mass. He is survived by his wife, Esther Boyd (nee Wolf); daughter, Susan Boyd of Loma Linda, Calif.; son, Daniel Boyd of Weston, Mass.; grandchildren, Richie Boyd, Brisa Boyd San Miguel; and Charlotte Ripley-Boyd; siblings, Alex Boyd, Elizabeth Coe, and John Boyd.

CURTIS, Helen Booth Conrad—89; b. Nov. 14, 1926, in Malden, Mass.; d. Dec. 27, 2015, in Lancaster, Mass. She was a longtime member of the Village Church in South Lancaster, Mass. She is survived by 12 children: Diane Colom, Lawrence Curtis, Jeffrey Curtis, Amy Day, Melissa Curtis, Theodore Curtis, Jonathan Curtis, Alan Curtis, Stacey Curelop, Matthew Curtis, Emery Curtis, and their spouses; Michelle Binetti Merlino who came to live with the family as a teenager; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LAWSON, Ruby Hutchinson—92; b. July 31, 1923, in Athol, Mass.; d. May 29, 2016, in Hudson, Wis. She was a former member of the Village Church in South Lancaster, Mass. She is survived by seven children: John Lawson, Jr. (Sonia) of Dumfries, Va.; Bette Nelson (Roger) of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Kenneth Lawson of East Ridge, Tenn.; Robert Lawson (Sally) of Chetek, Wis.; Eric Lawson (Judy) of Hudson, Wis.; Dennis Lawson of Hudson, Wis.; and James Lawson (Karen) of New Richmond, Wis.; 23 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

MURRAY, Ralph Elwyn—82; b. Oct. 11, 1933, in Somerville, Mass.; d. Apr. 2, 2016, in Sterling, Mass. He was an active member of the Village Church in South Lancaster, Mass. He is survived by two sons, Phillip Murray of Leominster, Mass., and Thomas Murray (Idalmis) of Lancaster, Mass.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

TYLER, Martha L. Colligan—96; b. Apr. 7, 1920, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Apr. 13, 2016, in Lancaster, Mass. She graduated from South Lancaster Academy and attended Atlantic Union College (AUC). A contralto soloist, she was a member of the AUC choir. She was a member of the Leominster church in Leominster, Mass., and enjoyed praying for and bringing hope to others. She is survived by a son, John Tyler (Eileen) of Matthews, N.C.; two daughters, Judith Currie (Nathaniel) of Leominster, Mass.; and Joan Fortmiller of Hudson, Mass.; a sister, Joanne Emert of Calhoun, Ga.; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-

grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

VRAHNOS, June D. Coffen—94; b. Apr. 20, 1921, in Portland, Maine; d. Nov. 23, 2015, in Albany, N.Y. She was a member of the Greater Albany church in Cohoes, N.Y. She was a strong supporter of Christian education and provided financial support to many students to attend church school and academy. She is survived by one son, Michael Vrahnos (Beverly) of El Paso, Tex.; and one daughter, Nancy Verenini (Barry) of Albany, N.Y.; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

WALLACE, Preston L.—87; b. Apr. 7, 1928, in Salina, Kan.; d. Feb. 23, 2016, in Dowagiac, Mich. He taught music at Highland Academy in Tenn., and Napa Junior Academy in Calif. After receiving his master's degree in public health from Loma Linda University, he worked as a health educator in Tenn., and at Weimar Institute in Weimar, Calif. He also sang as a second tenor with the Quiet Hour television gospel quartet before becoming a singing evangelist and pastor. He concluded his 35 years in ministry as pastor in the Northern New England Conference. He is survived by his wife, Melody and son, David Wallace (Nancy) of Angwin, Calif.; two daughters, Wanda VanRaden (Robert) of Mohrsville, Pa., and Shirley Buck (Ernest) of Dowagiac, Mich., one sister, Ruth Lodahl of Washington; one brother, Gerald Wallace of Montana; one son-in-law, Lonnie Maize (Kimberly) of California; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

WARDELL, MacArthur, Jr.—84; b. Sept. 9, 1930, in Atlanta, Ga.; d. Dec. 27, 2014, in Queens, N.Y. He was a charter member of the Community Worship Center (Springfield Gardens church) in Jamaica, N.Y. He was an ordained deacon for more than 50 years, and also volunteered as the church custodian for 13 years. He is survived by his sisters, Juanita Warren and Emogene McGhee; and his church "daughter," Donna Markes.

WRIGHT, Russell E.—91; b. Oct. 4, 1924, in Newark, N.J.; d. Jan. 14, 2016, in Pine Bush, N.Y. He graduated from Greater New York Academy and attended Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, Tenn. He served as a radio engineer in North Africa and

Italy during World War II. He was a member of the Middletown church in Middletown, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Wright of Pine Bush, N.Y.; three daughters, RONALDA PELLINGTON (Steve) of Collegedale, Tenn., RUSSELLYN SAX (Carl) of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Rhonda Wright of Sarasota, Fla.; a son, Randy Wright (Connie) of Benton, Tenn.; two brothers, Herbert Wright, Jr. of Georgia, and Duncan Lay of New York; several foster brothers; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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