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Preparing Leaders for the Challenges Ahead

In an attempt to forge a united path going forward, the administration of the Atlantic Union Conference organized a retreat and strategic planning session for its boards, committees, and directors, under the leadership of Paul Brantley, North American Division vice president for strategic planning, and Calvin Rock, former General Conference vice president. They were assisted by Dan Day, North American Division director of special projects; and Minner Labrador, Southwestern Union Conference vice president for ministries, who is also responsible for strategic planning. These dedicated men helped our team navigate its way through the process of developing a progressive strategic plan for the Atlantic Union.

Rock's emphasis for the weekend was on proper board governance. We were also blessed with daily devotionals from our six conference presidents, along with presentations from three other participants. Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president, gave our first devotional noting that we have the opportunity to become "Game Changers." Rosemary Tyrrell, former Atlantic Union education director, emphasized that our mission needs to be viewed in the context of the "Fruit of the Spirit." Petrice Wideman, president of Wideman Cultural Consulting, made a presentation which helped us to appreciate our diversity by looking at cross-cultural competence. Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference president, encouraged us to recognize the distractions that come with every great work that we undertake, since there is always a "Sanballat" lurking along every path toward greatness.

Elias Zabala, Sr., Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, led a panel discussion about funding the mission. It was emphasized that our mission defines our success. God's work will never lack provision, and although something may be challenging, it is not an indication that it's not worthwhile.

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, pointed out that throughout the ages there have been many leaders, but in these last days, considering the enormity of the mission, "the real leader"

needs to stand up. Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president, stated that, similar to completing the Ironman Triathlon, we may face struggles in accomplishing our mission, but we must persist and be fueled by the Spirit of God to successfully reach home. David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, reminded us that in the gospel of Jesus Christ all people are welcomed—one person at a time. Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president, challenged our thinking that if we believe that Jesus is coming soon, we are to execute our responsibility as if we are the last person in that specific leadership role. Avis Hendrickson, Atlantic Union College president, reminded us that the Atlantic Union Conference is God's mission in action, and Atlantic Union College is an integral part of that mission.

On Sabbath morning, Rock emphasized the need for unity within diversity. He pointed out that through the dynamics of human interactions we must pay attention to "one-another-ness," which will enhance our sensitivity toward social injustice, even within our churches.

The retreat ended with a tentative mission statement for the union: "The Atlantic Union will support and facilitate the six conferences in reaching the people within their territory with the Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness."

The Atlantic Union is poised to accomplish great things for God. The task before us may seem daunting, especially when we consider the diversity of our union. However, this is an opportunity for us to reach the many and varied people groups within our territory and beyond. We are longing for a new Pentecostal experience in which the power of the Holy Spirit will be manifested throughout our union. Please join us in prayer as we ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit to empower us to fulfill His mission for this union. ☺

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



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Putting Words Into Action

Youth and young adults show compassion to those in need

By Nashonie Chang

More than 450 people participated in the 2017 Atlantic Union Compassion Rally held in Rochester, New York, March 24-25.

Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director, Andrés Peralta, and a team of youth directors were on location early Thursday morning, touring sites, purchasing supplies, and making sure everything was in order for the weekend rally. Many project leaders were also doing pre-work, making preparations for a great impact on the city of Rochester.

Participants came from as far as Northern New England Conference. The weekend activities began at the Bay Knoll church, where volunteers received both physical and spiritual food. Dan

Whitlow, New York Conference Youth Ministries director; and Jeremy Garlock, New York Conference Youth Ministries associate director, hosted the weekend event. Javier Alcon, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries associate director; Mark Tamaleaa, Northern New England Conference Youth Ministries director; and Josue Feliciano, Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries director, were also in Rochester, providing full support. New York Conference administrators Miguel Crespo, president; and Bill McNeil, executive secretary, participated in the weekend event, along with several departmental leaders, who also led some of the projects.

“This was my first compassion event, and I had no idea what it would

be like. Watching the youth work together and their positive attitudes was heartwarming. I was so proud of them being other-centered. Our group, Westvale, is planning to go to New York City next year,” said Kevin Peck of Syracuse, New York.

Volunteers participated in 24 projects spread throughout the city. The projects included distributing smoke detector batteries, snacks, and water; visiting nursing homes; conducting door-to-door health screening; and much more.

Krystal Dimanche from Hanson Place church in New York said, “Compassion Rally 2017 Rochester helped me to realize that anyone can use a helping hand. No matter how little you may think your effort is, that still could go a long way for someone



Compassion Rally volunteers pray together for the work in the Rochester community.



Volunteers help clean the streets of Rochester.



Some of the Compassion Rochester volunteers pause for a photo during one of the meetings at the Bay Knoll school.



Volunteers prepare packets for distribution.

else. Showing compassion to those who are in need strengthened me as an individual, but also as a Christian. When visiting the homeless shelter, I got to see that not everyone has the basic necessities to survive. And just seeing their faces light up when we handed out toiletries and food brought joy to my heart. At the nursing home we visited, it was great to see the senior citizens become overwhelmed with emotion [when] the youth came to show support and love through song and prayer.”

Volunteers also donated non-perishable food and cleaning supplies to organizations in need. Maria Wehrle, director for Mothers

In Need of Others (MINO), a ministry that collects donations of baby items and clothing for moms and babies (preemie-5T), received cleaning supplies provided by Adventist Community Services and volunteers. Wehrle said that the clients and agencies they serve “will have plenty of supplies to do their spring cleaning!”

While most of the time was spent preparing for the projects and executing the projects, participants also had an opportunity to bond together. David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president; Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president; and Javier Alcon, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries associate director, delivered heartfelt devotional messages. Many lives were impacted, including those of the youth and young adults participating in the projects.

The annual compassion rally encourages youth and adults alike to get outside of the church walls and become the “hands and feet” of Jesus. This year ends the first five-year-cycle. The event moves from city to city,



Volunteers get ready to serve the community.

covering all of the territories in the Atlantic Union Conference.

Dominika Hlivkova of New Hampshire said, “Was Compassion Rally 2017 worth the long drive (over 600 miles round trip) just for one day? Yes, it was worth it! It is worth it, if compassion is your passion, because you find people of the same ‘blood type,’ people willing to step out of their comfort zone, not to live just for themselves. [People] willing to be the ‘hands and feet’ of Jesus, because as it was said, ‘actions speak louder than words.’ So I think that the Friday team-building night was as important and beautiful as [the activities on] Sabbath. It was very inspiring and I really hope that it will spread everywhere. The church needs to leave the building to approach people, and this part is up to each of us. If you want to make a difference, start at the place where you are and, next time, join these people and see a bigger picture.”^①

Nashonie Chang is an area coordinator for the Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department.

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Individual Effort



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The ordained minister alone is not equal to the task of warning the world. God is calling not only upon ministers, but also upon physicians, nurses, canvassers, Bible-workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talents who have a knowledge of present truth to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. There should be one hundred workers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is but one. Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before satanic opposition shall close up the way. Every agency must be set in operation, that present opportunities may be wisely improved. The Lord is calling upon the men and women who have the light of truth for this time to engage in genuine, personal missionary work. Especially are the church members living in the cities to exercise, in all humility, their God-given talents in laboring with those who are willing to hear the message that should come to the world at this time. There are great blessings in store for those who fully surrender to the call of God. As such workers undertake to win souls for Jesus, they will find that many who never could be reached in any other way will respond to intelligent, personal effort.

 By Ellen G. White

A working church is a living church. Church members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against the intemperance, the folly, and the amusements of this world and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time—all these are gifts from God and are to be used in winning souls to Christ. Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.

Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessings come to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn precious lessons from His Word. Tell of the gladness and joy that there are in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. Let your cheerful, encouraging words show that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done many will awake as from a dream. ①

Excerpt by Ellen White, author and co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, REVIEW AND HERALD, November 17, 1910, reprinted with permission.





Embracing Diversity

Bermuda Institute (BI) embraced its senior community through an innovative initiative of its librarian, Patricia Fulton. She started an outreach program—a senior book club in the school library. The club operates outside of the regular school day.

The seniors meet every fourth Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to hear classic literature stories. The readers, Lois Tucker, BI principal; Richard Smith, Bermuda Conference superintendent of schools; and Sheila Holder, former BI princi-

pal and conference superintendent of schools, have used their own creative styles to present the stories.

has the club members engaging in simple exercises to keep them moving! In addition, Pauline DeShields is teaching them sign language. The program does not end here. The tables are covered with white linen tablecloths, and china cups, saucers, and plates are placed in the finest table setting. Student volunteers from grade 12 have been faithfully coming every fourth Sunday to serve the club members in grand style. Dressed in black and white attire, they serve finger sandwiches, scones, muffins, and

They have library cards and can check out books from the school's collection. Many of the seniors have expressed their appreciation with comments such as "This is wonderful!" "I really enjoy coming and wish it was every Sunday." Another club member wanted to know if this will continue once school closes for the summer.

In addition, the seniors were given an opportunity to sign up to have little chores done around their homes. BI students have two community service days and many of the



Student volunteers from grade 12 serve the club members on the fourth Sunday of each month.



Sheila Holder, former Bermuda Institute principal and superintendent, uses her own creative style to present stories to the members of the senior book club.

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Following the story, the seniors engage in discussions and debates about the literature piece, fostering opportunities for them to sharpen skills, defend positions, and consider different points of view. Many times spiritual applications and lessons are applied to different points in the stories.

Melba Wilson, one of the club members, gives health tips about the importance of keeping fit, drinking water, and using herbs. At times she

cup of herbal tea. The service is fit for a king! Blessings on those students and their culinary arts teacher, Janet King, who has shown them the art of fine dining!

Recently, Eula Smith and Marion Morton, two of the senior club members, were awarded certificates of honor for their years of service to the community. This honor was given to them during the month of March when, nationally, women are recognized for their work in business and labor.

The senior book club members are now official patrons of the BI library.

club members who signed up were happy to have the students clean their windows, weed their gardens, water plants, wash cars, and assist with general household cleaning.

Fulton has expressed that the idea to have this senior club came from the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Not only have the students and seniors been connected with each other, but the fun and intergenerational involvement has long-lasting and eternal dividends. ☺

Library staff, Bermuda Institute

Children's Ministries Leaders Attend Track 3 Training

The Atlantic Union Conference Children's Ministries Department hosted a Track 3 children's evangelism workshop at the North Stamford church in Stamford, Connecticut, March 17-18. Thirty-eight people, representing children's ministries leaders from all six conferences in the union territory, attended the event.

Workshops were conducted by Jackie Martin, a children's ministries presenter from the Southwestern Union Conference; as well as staff members of the Atlantic Union Conference Children's Ministries Department: Jerrell Gilkeson, director; Marlene Alvarez, associate



Children's Ministries Track 3 Workshop attendees and presenters have some fun with the 2017 Vacation Bible Xperience, "Cactusville."

Lileth Coke

director; and Lileth Coke, assistant director.

Martin provided the challenge, "Go Fish," to the attendees on Friday night, followed by a question-and-

answer session with the department leaders. Sabbath was filled with a variety of workshops, including child evangelism, children's church, stewardship, health,

and involving children in mission. The grand finale occurred on Saturday night when attendees experienced the 2017 Vacation Bible Xperience, "Cactusville: Where Kids are Called to Follow Jesus."

The Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education team appreciates the members of the North Stamford church for opening their doors and hosting the group for this event.

With the training received, the attendees are equipped to go back to their churches to share and implement the information.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication assistant, Atlantic Union Conference

Students Make Decisions for Christ at Music Clinic

More than 130 academy students and chaperones from around the Atlantic Union Conference territory visited the campus of Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts, March 1-4, to attend the annual music clinic. This year, music clinic was coupled with an evangelism clinic. Skip Johnson was the evangelism clinician, and Owen Simons and Antonie Brady were the clinicians who worked with the choir.

The students led out and participated in morning and evening worship services. The music clinic concluded with a program held at the Village Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts, which was attended by many people from the community. When all was said and done, eight students requested baptism, others requested rebaptism, and some requested special prayer.

The Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education team appreciates the members of the Village

Church for hosting the event and opening their doors each evening and on Sabbath for the worship service, vespers, and the concert.

As at all music clinics, Christ's love is emphasized to the students and they are given an opportunity to give their lives to Him. Cards were distributed to the congrega-

tion allowing them to indicate their desire for a closer walk with Jesus. The administration, faculty, and staff of the academies will follow up with the students who made decisions for baptism, rebaptism, and special prayer.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication assistant, Atlantic Union Conference



Academy students perform at the Village Church during the 2017 Atlantic Union Conference Music Clinic.

Marlene Alvarez

How Dorsett Discovered His Passion

Desmond Dorsett was the middle child of seven children. His father was both a farmer and an Adventist preacher. He had an enjoyable childhood in the Bahamas, filled with great memories of growing up and working on his family's farm. After high school, he decided it was time for a change of pace and went to a college in Florida to major in dentistry.

However, seeing that there was a radio station at the college, he became fascinated with radio broadcasting and it changed his life. He volunteered his time to learn the equipment and how to talk on radio. Normally, it takes about two months to learn everything in the studio, but Dorsett mastered everything in a week.

His radio show in the Tampa Bay area became one of the most popular shows in that region. Dorsett decided to head to Hollywood and major in television and radio communications.

By the 1980s, Dorsett had stopped going to church, but the training he received as a youth was still close to his heart. He went to many wild parties and events hosted by celebrities and popular musicians, yet he was never interested in taking drugs or drinking.

As much as he loved the technical aspects of his work in television, he started to grow weary of the Hollywood lifestyle. He saw how struggling actors had to compromise their morality just for a chance to be part of a television show or movie.

It turned his stomach to see prominent movie and television producers and directors use their power to dominate people around them, both financially and



Desmond Dorsett, a theology student at Atlantic Union College, assists with coordinating Tuesday chapels.

sexually. He began to sense that his time in Hollywood was coming to a close.

Three days after he quit his job in Hollywood, he went back to the Bahamas so he could be with his family and think about his future. His fascination about the old churches led him to join a team of missionaries traveling to Turkey. He stayed there for four years ministering to Muslims and others of different faiths in that region.

By the 1990s, he returned from his trip and eventually found a job as a video editor in New York. This time, he made sure he attended church regularly and immersed himself in church activities, especially anything that would lead young people to Christ. By the time his job as a video editor ended in 2015, he knew that winning souls for Christ was his calling.

Currently Dorsett is pursuing a theology degree

at Atlantic Union College (AUC) and is using his leadership gifts to coordinate the weekly student Tuesday chapels. Dorsett is assisting Oreste Natera, a pastor as

Dorsett talked with the students and listened to their ideas and concerns about the weekly worship services. He noticed that most preferred a more “back to basics” style of worship—less reliance on technology and videos, and more focus on student preaching and group prayers. Changes to Tuesday chapels were implemented this semester, and the student response has been very positive.

Dorsett is looking for new ways to get the students excited about Jesus Christ. “Ministering to young people about Jesus Christ is my main passion in life,” said Dorsett. “I have never been so happy and content as I am now.”

—Emmanuel Ortiz, communication manager, Atlantic Union College

well as men's dean at AUC, to facilitate programs that enhance the spiritual life of the campus.

College May Be in Your Future

College Prep Courses For:

- High school graduates going to college this coming school year
- High school juniors in 2016-17 school year with a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Those who want to improve math, reading, or writing skills

Atlantic Union College is offering non-credit college prep courses June 22 to August 11, 2017, as follows:

- **Math skills:** June 22 to July 14, 2017, Monday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- **Reading and Writing skills:** July 17 to August 11, 2017, Monday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Because space is limited, register at www.auc.edu/Collegeprep or call (978) 368 2252.

The program is FREE except for course materials and meals.



Lites Ministry Trains 36 Evangelists in Haiti

In December 2016, Feed My Lambs Ministry (FMLM), founded by Philip Rego, partnered with Lites Ministry, founded by Sydney Gibbons, Bermuda Conference ministerial director, to establish an evangelism training center on the compound of FMLM in Haiti. More than 20 local church elders, deacons, and members from Montrouis, the local church district under the pastoral leadership of Yvon Aristil, committed to pursue the Lites evangelism-training curriculum.

However, 36 students arrived at the compound of FMLM to take the first course offered in the “Preaching Made Simple,” program, held March 20-31. The students received certificates of completion during a ceremony held at the Sychar Seventh-day Adventist

Church in Montrouis on April 1.

The students will preach during revivals planned for June and July 2017. Gibbons, author of *PREACHING MADE SIMPLE*, led the training.

As the course was in progress in Haiti, the Adventist Learning Community, a Seventh-day Adventist ministerial and educational platform designed to strengthen professionals (www.adventistlearningcommunity.com/courses/144), uploaded the DVDs containing Gibbons’ 7-module course. The course is now available to all Seventh-day Adventist pastors and offers them 1.5 continuing education credits for their professional development. The Adventist Learning Community is an initiative of the North American Division.



Sydney Gibbons, Bermuda Conference ministerial director, teaches students attending the Lites evangelism training program in Haiti.

Lites is a global ministry that equips evangelists with knowledge and skills to fulfill the great commission of Jesus. Its curriculum is an adaptation of the curriculum of W.A.V.E.S., the Bermuda Conference School of Evangelism, also established by Gibbons.

For more information about Feed My Lambs Ministry, visit feedmylambsministry.org or e-mail philrego58@gmail.com. For more information about Lites Ministry, e-mail sgibbons651@gmail.com.

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For more information, visit: www.adventistbermuda.org or call (441) 292-4110.

More Than 150 Attend Young Preachers Institute Training

When 150-plus children, teens, seniors, young adults, and young-at-heart youth gathered on the weekend of March 3-5 at Camp Victory Lake, they had no clue what God had in store for them.

The Young Preachers Institute Planning Committee (Javier Alcon, Abdele George, Jason Dryden, Nicardo Delahaye, Edsel Cadet, and Donald Webb) orchestrated a mountain-top training weekend for young ministers of

Christ. The schedule was complete with seminars on preaching and Bible study, live preaching, preaching clinics, a preachers' banquet, and Spirit-filled fellowship.

The worship services were vibrant and energizing, and the attendees were engaged. The participants led out in the services, gathered in teams, penned their very own sermons, and began preaching right there on that very weekend.

The participants were also involved in power-up prayer sessions. Here, they surely

embraced the reality that God's preachers are "pray-ers."

The young preachers were blessed by the presence of model preachers, such as Denis Cabrera, Ainsworth Joseph, Andre Pierre-Antoine, Rohan Simpson, Paula Olivier, Hector Ramos, Nigel Lewis, Reginald Guerrier, Vernon Jordan, Javier Alcon, and David McKenzie. These preachers were available to provide guidance as sermons were birthed.

This 2017 Northeastern Conference (NEC) Young Preachers Institute cohort—God's Young Preachers—left

Camp Victory Lake equipped with certificates of completion. They also left physically filled, thanks to chef Robin Venters and her team. They left spiritually filled, knowing that Jesus' coming is very soon. And they left knowing that Jesus has called them to be His witnesses, to preach Christ in every sphere of their lives—to be evangelists.

Go NEC children, teens, seniors, young adults, and young-at-heart youth! Preach for Christ.

—Bernice McKenzie, wife of Northeastern Conference's Youth Ministries director

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Northeastern Conference Camp Meetings • Camp Victory Lake, 227 Crum Elbow Road, Hyde Park, New York • All camp meetings are at Camp Victory Lake, except where noted.

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Theme: "Jehová Peleará Tu Batalla"
May 26-29, 2017

Adult
Ramon Rodriguez
Latino Coordinator for Enrollment
 Oakwood University

Youth
Andrés Peralta
Youth Ministries Director
 Atlantic Union Conference

English Camp Meeting
June 23-24 and June 30-July 1

June 23-24
Adult
Leslie Pollard
President
 Oakwood University

June 24
Young Adult
Daniel Kelly
Pastor
 South Atlantic Conference

Youth
Andrés Peralta
Youth Ministries Director
 Atlantic Union Conference

June 30-July 1
Adult
Ron Smith
President
 Southern Union

July 1
Young Adult
Alex Royes
Pastor
 Allegheny East Conference

Youth
C. Wesley Knight
Associate Professor
 Oakwood University

Ordination
July 1, 2017

Haitian Camp Meeting
August 16-20, 2017
Emmanuel Benoit
Radio Director, La Voix de l'Esperance
 Haitian Union



Leslie Pollard



Ron Smith



Andrés Peralta



C. Wesley Knight

For more information, visit www.northeastern.org or call (718) 291-8006.

Greater New York Conference Celebrates 35 New Church Plants

Nearly 500 people gathered for the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Church Planting Festival at the First Thessalonians Baptist Church in South Bronx, New York, on Sabbath, March 11, to celebrate 35 new church plants, and to thank God for His guidance.

The Church Planting Festival, dubbed “The Battle Cry Continues,” was the third event of the Greater New York Conference Personal Ministries and Sabbath School departments in moving toward its goal of planting 100 new churches by 2020.

“The wider goal of the Greater New York Conference in church planting is to instill a culture of discipleship, by adopting the axiom ‘every disciple making a disciple, and every church planting a church,’ ” said Manuel Rosario, GNYC Personal Ministries director. Rosario said that the motto perfectly reflected Christ’s method of discipleship.

The chronicle of the church-planting mission was highlighted on the cover of the event’s program by way of a timeline featuring the first meeting of disciples and church planters, held in November 2014 to launch the vision; the GNYC church planters assessment program, conducted in 2015; and The Battle Cry in 2016. The conference is ahead of its goal of 20 new church plants in 2016, as more than 25 churches were planted, for a total of 35 new church plants.

The attendees arrived early for registration and breakfast provided by the Prospect Spanish church. With a prompt 9:00 a.m. start, the

proclamation projected onto the big screen was the message, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14, NIV). The event organizers provided translation in several languages through broadcasts by radio frequency, and with simultaneous translation in English and Spanish from the floor.

Michael Guerrero, GNYC Hispanic Ministries director, called for a season of prayer to “place the program in

ethnic, Korean, Spanish, and Franco-Haitian—Henry Beras, GNYC president, acknowledged the efforts of each in working to further the gospel in New York. The exhortation given by Beras, an exposition on Acts 3:1-6, asked “Do they see Jesus in you?” He charged the congregation to recognize that people are looking for something different, not just money and love. They are looking for Jesus. In a call to the lay leaders who are exemplifying Peter, Beras said, “The time to walk with

Incio al Establishment.” His text from Matthew 9:37, 38 tells of a plentiful harvest with few reapers. Jaeger encouraged pastors to ask their churches “How soon can we plant a new church?”

Among his list of five reasons for the urgent need to plant churches are 1) there is an abundant harvest in New York, and 2) lay people who plant are preparing the church for the end times. He placed church planters in three categories: cold—don’t care, warm, and hot. “Get to work,” he encouraged, “with all your being!”

Steve Leddy, GNYC Multi-ethnic ministries church planting coordinator, led two training sessions. In the first he used a questioning challenge to engage the congregation, asking, “Do we believe we can plant churches?” Leddy’s vision is that for every one church, we need to plant 12 to reach the ideal of 1,900 more churches to accommodate the needs of the GNYC territory.

“Small groups” said Leddy, “foster discipleship training and are often the starting point for new churches.” He suggested using the “nudge” method of evangelism by hanging out with those we seek to reach, mingling with them in building a friendship, which in turn may move them closer and closer to Jesus. He cautioned, “If you are planting to gain power, then don’t do it. Instead, follow Christ’s example as a servant leader.” Leddy promised more in-depth training in upcoming scheduled sessions. He closed with the charge to “Let’s do this together, never stop!”



Members celebrate the addition of 35 new church plants to the Greater New York Conference church family.

Rohann Wellington

God’s hands.” He reminded the congregation that “prayer does not change God, it changes us by bringing us into His presence,” and asked that the prayers be of praise for the goodness of God, without asking for anything. He solicited responses from the congregation on their perception of prayer in just one phrase. Responses varied from, “Prayer is a place of refuge” to “God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”

Inspiration

In a nod to the various GNYC ministries—Multi-

Jesus is now. The time to rise has come!”

Inspirational music was provided by international singers Kay Fray and Lisbeth Melgar.

Preparation

Prayer was the theme of the day. Several prayer sessions were called, with people praying in pairs. A number of training sessions were held throughout the day. In a seminar titled, “Steps to Church Planting,” Victor A. Jaeger, pastor of Fort Wayne First church in Indiana, said that “If you plant it [church] they will come” or “Pasos para Planto de Iglesia Del

Celebration

In his greeting, Beras reminded the attendees that church planting “is not a program, or an event, it is the best way to grow the kingdom of God.” Alanzo Smith, GNYC executive secretary, gave praise to God, saying “God has been good to us in allowing us to live in the last days with a vision to evangelize.” He commended the efforts of the president and the personal ministries director. He noted that, “with the gift of the Holy Spirit, nothing can stop us.” He closed his greeting with the message “soon, and very soon, we are going to see the King.”

Further greetings were brought by G. Earl Knight, Atlantic Union Conference president, and his wife, Yvonne, Atlantic Union Conference Women’s Ministries and Prayer Ministries director. Knight shared that GNYC leads the union in per capita baptisms and church planting.

Also bringing greetings from GNYC were: Bledi Leno, Multi-Ethnic Ministries director; Ebenezer Agboka, treasurer; Steve Cassimy, English Ministries director; Rohann Wellington, communication director; and Luis Biazotto, Adventist Community Services director.

The Celebrants

A few selected new church planters were randomly chosen to receive a Samsung Tablet to assist in their ministries. The new church plants were introduced in a parade of churches, raising their banners overhead accompanied by the praise team singing “Rouse, then, soldiers! Rally round the banner.” They each shared testimonies of their journey to the festival. Church plants participating in the parade were: Oasis of Hope, Poughkeepsie, Staten Island, Croton Falls, Bronx Franco-Haitian, City of Refuge, Shirley, New York Southern Asian, Chinatown, Morningside, Mt Sinai,

Bethel, Yonkers, Prospect Park, First Seventh-day Adventist, Long Island, Castle Hill, Spanish Manhattan, Long Island Filipino, Gun Hill Spanish, Pelham Parkway Spanish, and a not yet named church plant.

The day’s activities and celebrations could be summarized in the words of Rohann Wellington: “We are planting not just 35 churches, but hundreds of saints for the kingdom.” Steve Cassimy, in a charge following his closing prayer, said, “Go and plant!”

—Sheryl Silvera, *Disabilities Ministries coordinator in the Personal Ministries department and Sabbath School Advisory, Greater New York Conference*

campmeeting 2017

“Empowered By the Spirit”

Greater New York Conference Camp Meetings • Camp Berkshire, 680-1 Berkshire Road, Wingdale, New York • All camp meetings are at Camp Berkshire, except where noted.

Luso-Brazilian Camp Meeting May 26-28, 2017

Daniel Armando González

President

West Los Llanos Venezuela Conference

Rosenith González

Women's Ministries Director

West Los Llanso Venezuela Conference

Oscar Santana

Presenter of Life in Action

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July 1, 2017

Camp Berkshire

Charles Brevitt

Stewardship Director

West Jamaica Conference

English Camp Meeting

July 8, 2017

Manhattan Church

232 W. 11th St.,

New York, New York

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Church Planting Director

Gulf States Conference

Hispanic Camp Meeting

July 15-22, 2017

Franco-Haitian Camp Meeting

July 23-29, 2017

Korean Camp Meeting

July 30-August 6, 2017

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Charles Brevitt



Rosenith & Daniel González



Ritchie Halversen



Oscar Santana

United Camp Meeting September 16, 2017

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Faith Community Nursing at Westvale Church

To some of you, faith community nursing may be something new. Previously known as parish nursing, it is a specialized type of nursing combining professional nursing and health ministry with an emphasis on the spiritual dimension of health. This type of nursing emphasizes health and healing within a faith community. Endorsed by the American Nurse's Association, there are Scopes and Standards of Practice the faith community nurse has to follow.

Parish nursing was started in the 1970s by Granger Westberg, a Lutheran pastor, who discovered that having a nurse on the pastoral staff was a great benefit. He discovered that a parish nurse helped to unite health and wholeness with religion.

Faith community nursing is endorsed by the North American Division. In 2012, the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing was organized.

To be a faith community nurse one has to be a registered nurse (R.N.) with an active license in the state in which he or she is practicing. One also has to complete a 40-hour Faith Community Nursing Basic Preparation course.

The roles of the faith community nurse include being (1) an *integrator of faith and health*—helping people to become more whole and healthier (physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually), and visiting people in their homes, hospitals, etc.; (2) a *personal health counselor*—discussing health needs and problems with individuals;

“Faith community nursing is a specialized type of nursing combining professional nursing and health ministry with an emphasis on the spiritual dimension of health.”

(3) a *health advocate*—being a voice for a person when they need assistance in whatever is for their best interest in maintaining holistic health, and (4) a *referral agent*—maintaining awareness of resources in the community and making referrals as needed.

Joan Payne, R.N., having completed the basic preparation course, felt God leading her to start this type of min-

istry in the Westvale church. Her proposal was accepted at a recent church business meeting and she has now taken on this new role. Payne said, “I am excited about being part of the pastoral team at the Westvale church and having a part in helping people to be in good health—physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.”

—Faith Community Nursing team

North Country Women's Retreat

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Presented by
Suzanne Washburn

June 9-11, 2017

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely”—Revelation 22:17.

Cost per person: \$95.00

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Church School Business Twice Blessed

Students at Parkview Junior Academy in Syracuse, New York, have begun a business with the goal of using at least half of the funds earned to support ministry (the remaining portion supports the goals of a school-wide leadership and community-building program). Handmade greeting cards are the initial focus of the business, which was started this school year. The first project was to purchase 12 study Bibles requested by inmates attending the Adventist church formed at the Auburn Correctional Facility in Auburn, New York.

When the Bibles were handed out, the prisoners expressed their gratefulness, but God was not done with the project. Several weeks later, members of the prison ministries team left the facility with three large, beautifully handmade, thank-you cards containing 96 signatures. When asked why there



Students at Parkview Junior Academy create hand-made greeting cards as part of a school project.

were so many signatures compared to the number of Bibles that were distributed, a gratifying story of God's Spirit at work emerged.

It seems that word spread throughout the prison, and other inmates were deeply touched that children would demonstrate, in a tangible way, their care for men who have been largely forgotten. Those who wanted to sign the cards included members from many other faiths. A non-Christian guest, who was present the day the Bibles were distributed, was given one as well, and expressed appreciation. It seems highly likely that God is not yet done with this project.

Students are praying and asking God to reveal how He would like them to work with Him next. For more information about the greeting card ministry at Parkview Junior Academy, e-mail students at cards@parkviewjunioracademy.org.

—Kim Kaiser, principal/teacher, Parkview Junior Academy

campmeeting 2017

“A Culture of Discipleship: Love and Witness”

New York Conference Camp Meetings • Union Springs Academy, 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, New York • All camp meetings are at Union Springs Academy, except where noted.

English Camp Meeting June 23-July 1, 2017

June 23-24

José Cortés, Jr.

Associate Director, Ministerial Department
North American Division

June 30-July 1

Mike Ortel

Retired Conference President
Northern New England Conference

June 26-30, Evening Meetings

Dustin Hall

Pastor
Minnesota Conference

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August 4-6, 2017

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Fred Parker

Director of Compliance
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David Klinedinst

Evangelist
Iowa-Missouri Conference

William Miller Chapel Meeting July 29, 2017

William Miller Home and Chapel
1614 Route 11, Whitehall, NY

G. Earl Knight

President
Atlantic Union Conference

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José Cortés, Jr.



Dustin Hall



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David Klinedinst



G. Earl Knight



An “Old-Time” Camp Meeting About Sowing and Reaping



Dick Stenbakken



John Nixon II



Conrad Vine

In the Northern New England Conference (NNEC) there is a strong emerging emphasis on evangelism and church planting, and this emphasis is reflected in the theme for NNEC’s 2017 camp meeting: “Plant A Seed, Reap A Harvest.” This emphasis will be on particular display during the second weekend of camp meeting.

The big tent will again be part of NNEC’s camp meeting, held July 14-22 on the grounds of Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. NNEC is one of the few camp meetings around the U.S. to still use a big tent, and there is something intangible but delightful about participating in these meetings.

The first meeting on Friday night, July 14, features “first-person preacher” Dick Stenbakken, who is renowned for his presentation of Bible characters that speak directly to the audience. Stenbakken has a true-to-life costume and make-up that he uses to portray his characters—Moses, for instance—and he is able to deliver insights about the characters and their relationship with God that would be difficult to impart otherwise. People who attend the Stenbakken series throughout the weekend always receive a blessing. Stenbakken will be speaking on Friday night July 14, Sabbath morning July 15 at 11:00 a.m.,

Sabbath evening at 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday evening, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The featured speaker for the big tent for weeknights July 17-20 is John Nixon II. Nixon, a powerful preacher, is the senior pastor of the Decatur church in Georgia. Nixon has made a close and intent study of young adults, their relationship with Christ, and their relationship with the church. Those who attend his series will come away knowing more about Christ, more about young adults, more about their church, and more about the role we all have in bringing the three together.

Conrad Vine is one of the most unique, one of the most traveled, and one of the most insightful people you will ever meet. Vine is president of Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM), the premier church-planting organization in the Adventist Church. AFM has a global mission, including countries where church planting is quite illegal and quite severely punished, and including the North American mission field, where there is an increasing acceptance and lassitude about a growing post-Christian culture. You absolutely won't want to miss Vine's presentation because his stories of danger, trial, and God's providence are first-person and compelling. But though you may be attracted by the stories, it is Vine's conviction, determination, and enthusiasm that

you are likely to take away with you—and that would be a huge blessing.

NNEC's camp meeting will have the usual compliment of outstanding programs for children and youth, as well as a separate and compelling program for young adults. If you know a young adult, tell them to attend the young adult programs crafted by Mark Tamaleaa, NNEC's Youth Ministries director—they'll thank you for the recommendation. And of course, there will be a full complement of day-time seminars ranging from NETS Evangelism Center to country living skills to family ministries and natural church development.

And finally, there will again be a fairly unique activity—the only camp meeting century (100 mile) bike ride known to exist, which will be held on Tuesday, July 18. This year there will be T-shirts for those who complete the ride.

If you hunger for an old-time camp meeting, complete with the “big tent” experience, outdoor camping (or RV sites), amazing food and fellowship, and profound spiritual blessings, block out your calendar from July 14 through 22 and then call NNEC to reserve a tent or RV site at (207) 797-3760, ext. 211.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Step into Living Adventist History in Bordoville, Vermont, this September

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Bordoville, Vermont, is a simple, almost

classic New England church building located on an obscure dirt road and sur-

rounded by woods and farms. There is white clapboard on the outside. On the

inside a small foyer and a meeting room make up the bulk of the building. There is

not much to distinguish the church from so many others except for this critical fact: as far as is known, it is the oldest purpose-built Seventh-day Adventist church in existence. That is to say, it is the first (or among the first) Seventh-day Adventist church built for the purpose of being an Adventist church (as opposed to an existing church being re-purposed for Adventist use). From what is known, it is fairly conclusive that the church is at least the oldest surviving purpose-built church.

The church last had active weekly services in the 1990s. But for the last several years, district pastor Cornell Preda has worked to revive the church, first expanding the annual meetings and now planning an evangelism series and improvements to the church that include a heating system



Denis Fortin

and bathroom so the building can be used year around.

The annual meeting of the church is a festive affair that always attracts more than 150 people and features excellent speakers and a tour of the early Adventist graveyard attached to the church. The featured speaker this year is Denis Fortin, professor of historical theology at Andrews University. This year the annual meeting will be held

“The annual meeting always attracts more than 150 people and features excellent speakers and a tour of the early Adventist graveyard.”

on Sabbath, September 16, and is the 153rd annual meeting of the church.

Attending services at the church is a special treat, as the building remains in close to original condition and is steeped in history. Originally built through the leadership of the Bordoville brothers, the church was established in 1864. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination was formally established on May 21, 1863, in Battle Creek, Michigan. Thus, the planning for this church and construction of the church dates from the inception of the Adventist faith, and was

carried out by the faith and dedicated vigor of the earliest members of the church.

The church is located at 6941 Chester A. Arthur Road in West Enosburg, Vermont. Those attending the meeting should plan for a potluck lunch and are advised to bring camp or lawn chairs for the potluck. Church services, potluck, the formal annual meeting, hymn sings, and discussions all make for a full day, and visitors are encouraged to stay for their fill of the historic event.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

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Washington New Hampshire Church Annual Meeting

August 19, 2017

Guest Speaker

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North American Division



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Village Church Members Assist La Vida Mission

Ten people from the Village Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, were joined by 11 students from Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Collegedale, Tennessee, on a mission trip to the La Vida Mission in northwestern New Mexico, March 3-12.

La Vida is a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school providing Christian education for Navajo children in grades K-12. Students have the opportunity to learn and sleep in dorms during the week and go home to their parents on the weekends.

The large campus includes a gymnasium, a playground, cafeteria, eight duplexes for staff housing and dorms, a church, a clinic, greenhouses, a horse barn, and an arena. A post



La Vida Mission serves the Navajo people of northwestern New Mexico.

office that services the community of more than 200 people is also located on the premises.

Led by Sandra Mendes and Idam Mendes from the Village Church, and Fred Turner from SAU, both groups were hard at work

building an addition to the gymnasium. The gymnasium is used for a variety of purposes, varying from an activity space for the kids to a camp meeting site. Since this place is used so often, an addition with new bathrooms and a kitchen was

needed. The Village Church donated \$10,300.00 to help with this project.

The group immediately got to work once they were told what needed to be done. Since they only had one week, they knew it was not possible to complete the entire project, but they were able to give it a good boost.

Trenches were dug to accommodate the concrete that would be poured to connect with the gymnasium wall. Volunteers also cut rebar, built forms, and put in stakes. Some from the group also assisted with work at the greenhouse and some with plumbing.

Construction was not the only activity that took place. The volunteers also distributed toothbrushes and handmade blankets



Pictured are the Village Church group and staff and workers from La Vida Mission.



Standing together are the Village Church members and the Southern Adventist University students.



Volunteers hard at work on the construction project to add to the existing gymnasium

that were donated by the Leominster Spanish church in Leominster, Massachusetts. Some of the volunteers also helped at the school.

“When first approached, [the kids] were very shy, but once they realized why we were all there, they were more than grateful,” Sandra Mendes, said. “The kids are precious and they loved having us there to help out their school. During the week we held a Week of Prayer for them. Every night groups

went out to read the Bible and sing with the kids at their dorms. The kids felt God’s love when we were there; they got to see what God does for them.”

Not only were the La Vida students affected during this trip, but volunteers were impacted, as well. “We learned to value everything we have and the love we get. We start to see how big of a role God plays in our lives and how He uses us to make a difference in their lives,” Mendes said.

“We are the feet and hands of Jesus. These kids are in the middle of the desert waiting to have the water of life. Our group realized that the hard work with the construction was important, but the compassion and love was the blessed message for them.”

The group is very excited to return next year. There is much work to accomplish at La Vida, and the school needs a lot of help. Currently, the installation of a sprinkler

system in the greenhouse, where most of their vegetables are produced, costs more than \$3,000.00. The Village Church feels that its mission isn’t done and has committed to help raise this amount to finish the greenhouse.

To learn more about La Vida Mission, visit www.lavidamission.org.

—La Vida Mission trip team member

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Southern New England Conference Camp Meetings • Southern New England Conference Campground 34 Sawyer St., South Lancaster, Massachusetts • All camp meetings are at the campground, except where noted.

English Camp Meeting June 16–24, 2017

Haitian Camp Meeting June 21–23, 2017

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June 24, 2017

Machlan Auditorium AUC Campus

Portuguese & Cape Verdean Camp Meeting

June 17, 2017

Machlan Auditorium, AUC Campus

Hispanic Camp Meeting June 28–31, 2017

June 28 – Location to be announced

June 29 – Location to be announced

June 30 – Southern New England
Conference Campground

July 1 – Southern New England
Conference Campground

Ghanaian Camp Meeting July 1, 2017



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PRESIDENTIAL JOB POSTING

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Portland, ME	8:17	8:22	8:25	8:26	8:26
Boston, MA	8:16	8:20	8:23	8:25	8:24
South Lancaster, MA	8:18	8:23	8:26	8:27	8:27
Pittsfield, MA	8:25	8:29	8:32	8:34	8:33
Hartford, CT	8:20	8:25	8:28	8:29	8:29
Providence, RI	8:15	8:20	8:23	8:24	8:24
New York, NY	8:22	8:26	8:29	8:31	8:30
Albany, NY	8:26	8:30	8:33	8:35	8:34
Utica, NY	8:35	8:39	8:42	8:44	8:44
Syracuse, NY	8:38	8:43	8:46	8:47	8:47
Rochester, NY	8:45	8:49	8:52	8:54	8:53
Buffalo, NY	8:48	8:53	8:56	8:57	8:57
Hamilton, Bda	8:20	8:24	8:26	8:28	8:28

ATLANTIC UNION

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OBITUARIES

BROWNE, Aithea A.—52; b. Sep. 19, 1964, in Georgetown, Guyana; d. Feb. 21, 2017, in Boston, Mass. She was an active member of the Hyde Park church in Hyde Park, Mass., and served as Sabbath School superintendent, usher, and co-director in the church's Family Ministries department. She also worked at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy. She is survived by her husband, Charles Browne, Sr., of more than 28 years; her children, Latoya, Charles Jr., and Charlene; her daughter in-law, Darnell; her mother, Jean Giddings; her siblings, Lancelot Giddings, Janice Giddings, Linda Lustal, Horris Giddings, and Rhonda Giddings; many nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

DALY, Karen E. Radeboldt—73; b. Mar. 3, 1944, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Mar. 20, 2017, in Stamford, Conn. She was a registered nurse until retirement and a faithful member of the Middletown church in Middletown, N.Y., where she served as community services direc-

tor. She is survived by her husband, William Daly, of Middletown, N.Y.; six daughters, Karyn Talmadge (George) of Loveland, Ohio, Kellianne Freer (A.J.) of Narrowsburgh, N.Y., Kimberly Daly (Shawn) of Middletown, N.Y., Kristi-Jo Radeboldt of Narrowsburgh, N.Y., Carol-Anne Radeboldt of Newport News, Va., and Jody Iannazzi; four sons, Richard Radeboldt of Loveland, Ohio, Thomas Radeboldt of Williamsburg, Va., William Daly, Jr. (Sue) of New Hampton, N.Y., and Daniel Daly (Christy) of Middletown, N.Y.; 26 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

FAIRCHILD, Grace Constance Meister—93; b. Apr. 16, 1922, in Stoneham, Mass.; d. Dec. 16, 2015, in Paradise, Calif. She attended the one room Adventist school on the grounds of the New England Sanitarium. She later attended Atlantic Union College, Pacific Union College, and graduated from the Loma Linda School of Medicine. She worked in the emergency room of the New England Sanitarium. She was a member of the Beverly church in Beverly, Mass. She is survived by her daughters, Karen Fairchild of Loma Linda, Calif.; Melinda Fairchild, Sylvia Baron, and Lisa Fairchild all of Paradise, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

HARVEY, Lois Lynette—74; b. July 16, 1942, in Southampton, Bermuda; d. Mar. 11, 2016, in Southampton, Bermuda. She faithfully served the Bermuda Conference Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs as director and area coordinator for many years. She attended the Warwick church in Warwick, Bermuda, where she served as Pathfinder director, deaconess, cradle roll Sabbath School teacher, and church clerk. She also attended

the Restoration Ministries church in Southampton, Bermuda, where she served as Pathfinder and Adventurer director. She was a member of the Adventist Children's Ministry Association (ACMA), Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA), and the Black Adventist Coordinator Association (BACA). She is survived by two daughters, Tanya Harvey and Marie (Harvey) Bean; a son, Roger Wainwright; a brother, Quinton Tuzo; and two granddaughters.

KECK, Janice M. Corrigan—77; b. June 10, 1939, in Boston, Mass.; d. Nov. 11, 2016, in Winchendon, Mass. She was an active member of the Gardner church in Gardner, Mass., where she was instrumental in the planning and building of the current church building, and served as church clerk for 31 years, as well as on many boards and committees. She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl (Robert) Sibley of Hudson, N.H., and Sandra (James) Boyd of Dublin, N.H.; three sisters, Irene (Norman) Martin of Cleburne, Tex., Jean (Stanley) McKillop of Danville, N.H., and Mary (Anthony) Lang of Templeton, Mass.; two brothers, William, (Janet) Corrigan II of Karnak, Tex., and George (Denise) Corrigan of Orange, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

LONGARD, Edel P.—87; b. Nov. 21, 1928, in Staten Island, N.Y.; d. Sep. 8, 2016, in Takoma Park, Md. She was formally a member of the Albany church in Albany, N.Y., before transferring to the Spencerville church in Spencerville, Md. She graduated from Greater Boston Academy and attended Atlantic Union College. She worked in the circulation depart-

ment at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and in the Risk Management department at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She is survived by her husband, William Longard of Takoma Park, Md.; three daughters, Carol Jobe of Roseville, Calif., Linda Reich of Takoma Park, Md., and Susan Ranzolin of Loma Linda, Calif.; one son, David Longard of Middletown, Del.; 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

LUMB, Norma Jane—93; b. Aug. 19, 1923, in Biddeford, Maine; d. Feb. 23, 2017, in Biddeford Maine. She graduated from Atlantic Union College and later moved to Saco, Maine, after marriage. She was active in her community and an active member of the Saco church. She is survived by a niece, Jayne Waterhouse (James) of Dayton, Maine; niece Susan Lumb of Barrington, R.I.; nephew Richard Lumb (Paula) of Wilton, Maine; and nephew David Lumb (Ellen) of Winter Springs, Fla.

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