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Atlantic Union College

— The Way Forward

Atantic Union College (AUC), founded in 1882, is one of the oldest Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning. For more than 100 years, AUC has produced graduates who have made a significant impact on the work of the church at every level. We can only pray that it is within God's plan that this institution will continue to prepare young people for service here on earth and higher service in the world to come.

As a professional institution, AUC produces diverse graduates in service-centered professions and with the skills needed to lead others to embody God's ideal for healthy communities. The college currently offers two bachelor's degree programs—B.A. in Theology/Religion and B.S. in Health Science/Biology. Both of these typically require at least four years to complete.

AUC also offers six professional certificate programs consistent with the college's mission to provide professional education and its commitment to the concept that work is the active expression of knowledge. These programs, which are designed to take two or three semesters to complete, are based upon recognized professional standards and offer certification recognized by authoritative third parties. The current professional certificate programs include: Evangelism Training, Medical Billing and Coding, Medical Office Assistant, Certified Bookkeeping, Cisco Networking and Security, and Pharmacy Technician.

AUC lost its accreditation in 2011, which led to the closure of its academic program. The college reopened in 2015 and has been seeking accreditation from national and regional accreditation bodies ever since. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the college had to withdraw its application.

Atlantic Union College currently has an application before the General Conference accreditation body, Adventist Accrediting Association. The approval of this request will be determined by the North American Division (NAD) administration. They have asked the Atlantic

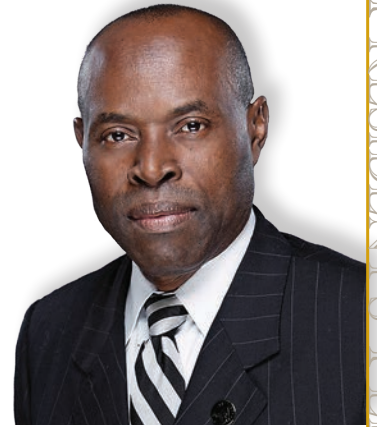
Union Conference to conduct an independent feasibility study of the college to assist in determining the way forward. The Atlantic Union Conference and the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees are committed to cooperate and collaborate with the NAD in finding the best path for AUC to move forward.

With more than 120,000 members in the Atlantic Union, of which tens of thousands are young adults, youth, or children, AUC should be able to tap into these resources to populate its campus. Among the universities and colleges within NAD there is strong competition for students. We believe that with an accredited institution, AUC will be able to attract and provide an excellent education for our youth. We need to make AUC current with the expectations of an institution of higher learning, diversify our curriculum offerings to meet the needs of the prospective student population, and satisfy the requirements of the workplace.

For these things to be achieved, we will need the support of our six conferences and their constituents. We have come this far by faith leaning on the Lord. We know the Lord will never fail us. Ellen White wrote in the book *EDUCATION*, p. 30, "The work of education and the work of redemption are one." The task before us is awesome, the challenge is great, but if we would stand shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, we can overcome these obstacles. Reopening a college is by no means an easy task, but with God's grace, as long as we are within His will, I deeply believe that God will guide us through.

Let's keep courage, let's march forward together, never giving up hope, because "if God is for us, who can be against us?" AUC needs our support if it is going to succeed. Let's allow the results of the independent feasibility study to guide us in these decisions going forward. ①

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



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Back to Basics

“Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming his character than all that it learns in future years”

—CHILD GUIDANCE, p. 193.

When my son, Alijah, was a toddler I was trying to teach him to stay in our tiny yard while playing and not go near the busy street. He would try everything to get to the sidewalk! One moment he was either side-stepping inch-by-inch toward it, or slowly creeping right to the edge of the grass so he could reach out his little fingers to touch the hard pavement. All the while, of course, he was watching me to see what I would do. I didn't disappoint him. I promptly administered a light smack on his chubby hand and repeated, “No! Stay on the grass.” Seven times this happened (so much for a lovely afternoon outside) until he finally got the message—this lady means business. Safety was the most obvious reason for my persistence, but there was much more at stake here—respect for authority.

Wise King Solomon said in Proverbs 22:15; 29:15 (NKJV), “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child” and “a child left to himself brings shame to his mother” (or father—I might add). Eli had a heavy responsibility in Israel, being the high priest at the tabernacle. Ministering to the needs of the people took up a considerable amount of time. While he was strong in being a spiritual leader for his country, there

was a sad lack in his own home. I like the way the *THE CLEAR WORD* depicts this whole saga: “The sons of Eli had no respect for the things of God” and furthermore, Eli “had not disciplined them for their wicked ways”—1 Samuel 2:12.

Hophni and Phinehas had been given way too much freedom to choose their own paths. Eli was weak and often gave in to their wishes. A strong system of values, morality, and respect for God and their fellow man had not been laid. The result: greed, thievery, sexual immorality, and worse. All of this was happening right under Eli's nose seemingly without any recourse. Finally, at 90 years old, he decided to deal with the issue, saying “Why do you keep doing such wicked things? Over the years I've heard all about what you've been doing, but I kept praying that you would come to your senses. What I hear is not good.” But it was too late; they were grown men by now. “His sons didn't pay any attention to him,” and they “laughed about it, showing contempt for the Lord” (1 Samuel 2:23, 24; 2:17).

The goings-on at the temple were not a secret. Attendance diminished to avoid being harassed by these ill-bred guys. Everyone knew what was going on. Yet, it never ceases

By Debra McKinney Banks

to amaze me why Hannah sent her little boy there to live in the midst of all this chaos.

Ellen White wrote: “Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life

Surprisingly, Samuel was not influenced by Eli’s wicked sons. What did Hannah instill in him during that short time that made such an impression on his character? What did this little boy learn during his time with her as he was being weaned that helped to “restore confi-



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have more to do with forming his character than all that it learns in future years”—CHILD GUIDANCE, p. 193. The Bible does not give much information about how Samuel was raised. Hannah had Samuel in her care possibly only five years before taking him to the temple to live.

dence in the priesthood,” as he “also grew in favor with God and with man?”—1 Samuel 2:26

There is no biblical account of Hannah weeping hysterically, or crumpling over in an emotional meltdown (as I would have done) when she said her goodbyes to

Samuel. Instead, the end of chapter one gives a picture of a good, old-fashioned prayer-meeting-hallelujah-service that took place in the temple courtyard. Looking at her prayer of thanksgiving (1 Samuel 2:1-10), we can get a glimpse of a strong faith and a sense of awe that Hannah had in the God of her fathers, and perhaps, we can also get an idea of what she instilled in little Samuel during their precious time together that laid the foundation for his spiritual fortitude.

God—the source of true strength and happiness

In the midst of what could have been a heart-wrenching experience, Hannah was able to proclaim: “My heart is full of joy in the Lord! My strength and happiness come from Him.” At a point when any mother’s heart would be breaking, hers was full of joy! Samuel was going to need that memory of his mother later in life. Imagine the teasing he endured from Eli’s sons for being a “goody-goody.” Perhaps there were no other children around the temple to play with—he may have been rather lonely at times. It was essential for him to know that he could count on his mother’s God to sustain him and comfort him when he had no one else to whom to go for love and reassurance.

God—provider of everything

In *THE EDUCATED CHILD: A PARENT’S GUIDE FROM PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE*, pp. 539, 540, it says, “For most Americans, religion is a vital part of character development. Belief in God anchors their sense of right and wrong. It supports virtue and furnishes a context in which morality make sense. Faith promotes hard work, honesty, individual responsibility, and discipline. . . .

Making God’s wisdom a part of [a child’s] education will help [them] find virtue in ways that cannot be duplicated by any other means.”

In the midst of her prayer, Hannah exclaims as she reflects on God’s provisions, “The Lord is the source of life. He gives it and takes it away. . . . The Lord controls poverty and wealth. He humbles people, and He makes people great”—1 Samuel 2:6, 7. She had a close connection with God and thoroughly instructed Samuel in the importance of this, as well. She showed him God’s awesomeness on every bud, flower, and tree; in His dealings with their ancestors in bringing them from Egypt, and in their sojourn to the Promised Land.

Don’t get bigheaded—stay humble.

“No one should boast about himself, for the Lord God knows all about us”—1 Samuel 2:3. Look at the example of some of our county’s great minds and leaders: Abraham Lincoln, George Washington Carver, and others. Humble beginnings. No room for pretense or pretending. You may not have started with much—and there’s no need to act like you did—because God knows everything. But He’s also a God who can take little or nothing and turn it into something great. “He raises the poor and lifts the needy from the ash heap. He seats them with princes and gives them a throne of honor”—1 Samuel 2:8. No need to put on a front. “What counts with the Lord are deeds, not talk”—1 Samuel 2:3.

God’s got your back—stay faithful.

You are a child of God and He will bless you and take care of

you as long as you are faithful to Him. A major test for Samuel came years later when God spoke to him about what He was going to do to punish Eli for allowing his sons to continue in their wicked course (see 1 Samuel 3:11-14). Samuel must have been terrified in giving Eli such a somber message from the Lord. In fact Eli had to tell him, “Don’t hold anything back. God will be very displeased with you if you don’t tell me everything He told you”—1 Samuel 3:17. He had to dig deep and remember His mother’s words: “[God] guides the feet of His saints and watches over His people. . . . Man does not succeed by his own strength”—1 Samuel 2:9.

Hannah realized she had an important job to do. She had only one chance. Her time with Samuel while he was young could either make or break him. The same applies to us modern “Hannah’s” today. Sure, when they’re older, they will certainly make their own decisions—many of which will most assuredly make us cringe. But “let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart”—Galatians 6:9, NKJV.

Being a parent is not an easy job. It’s not a task for the weak-kneed or faint of heart. But it is our blessed and solemn opportunity to introduce our little ones to a Higher Authority. The only One who can help them, instruct them, and ultimately save them. ☺

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By Ellen G. White

Our Responsibility

“Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?”—Jeremiah 13:20

Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.

God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children, and as a sentinel to see the approach of the enemy and give warning of danger. But the church does not realize the situation.

“The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express.”

She is sleeping on guard. In this time of peril, fathers and mothers must arouse and work as for life, or many of the youth will be forever lost.

While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God. Both parents and teachers, by precept and example, are so to instill

the principles of truth and honesty into the minds and hearts of the young that they will become men and women who are true as steel to God and His cause.

Parents and teachers do not estimate the magnitude of the work given them in training the young. The experience of the children of Israel was written for us “upon whom the ends of the world are come.” 1 Corinthians 10:11. As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our own schools, where the

word of God is made the foundation of education.

If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express.

To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the

most noble work ever given to man. Only devout and consecrated men and women, who love children and can see in them souls to be saved for the Master, should be chosen as church-school teachers. Teachers who study the word of God as it should be studied will know something of the value of the souls under their care, and from them the children will receive a true Christian education.

In the closing scenes of this earth's history many of these children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future many children will be endued with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church.

The Lord would use the church school as an aid to the parents in educating and preparing their children for this time before us. Then let the church take hold of the school work in earnest and make it what the Lord desires it to be. ①

Excerpt by Ellen G. White, author and cofounder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, COUNSELS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS, p. 165-167. Reprinted with permission.

Southern New England Conference Constituency Session Report

The Southern New England Conference held its 37th Constituency Session on May 21 in the pavilion on the campground in Lancaster, Massachusetts. The delegates reelected David Dennis, president; and José Alarcón, executive secretary. The position of treasurer was referred to the newly-voted executive committee.

The delegates also voted to reelect the following departmental directors: Thomas Murray, association board secretary and planned giving/stewardship director; Sean Bellman, Adventist Book Center Manager, and John K. Amoah, ministerial/

1996) as a teacher in the Worcester, Marlborough, South Windsor, and South Shore schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She went on to serve in the Northeastern Conference for 10 years (1996-2006) as principal at the Bethel and Hanson Place schools and at Northeastern Academy in New York. Most recently, Bucknor has been serving as an associate superintendent of schools in the Southeastern California Conference.

Two churches were voted into the sisterhood of churches: Cranston Jerusalem Haitian church in Cranston, Rhode Island; and Brockton Sinai Haitian church in

The conference's executive committee, association board, and constitution and bylaws committee were also voted. The delegates received reports and other items as outlined by the voted agenda for the session.

Joel Tompkins, Jr., Southern New England Conference treasurer since 2011, has accepted a call to serve as treasurer of the New Jersey Conference. He was recognized by the leaders and delegates for his service to the Southern New England Conference constituency. The new conference executive committee will take up the assignment of searching



Photos: Editor A.P. Davison

Pictured on the front row, from left, are G. Earl Knight, Atlantic Union Conference president; José Alarcón, SNEC executive secretary; David Dennis, SNEC president; Elias Zabala, Sr., Atlantic Union Conference treasurer; and on the back row, from left, are Milton Marquez, SNEC youth ministries/family ministries/NSO director; John K. Amoah, SNEC ministerial/evangelism director; Thomas Murray, SNEC association board secretary and planned giving/stewardship director; and Sean Bellman, Adventist Book Center manager.

evangelism director. Newly-elected departmental directors are Beverley Bucknor, superintendent of schools; and Milton Marquez, youth ministries/family ministries/National Service Organization (NSO) director. Marquez previously served as the conference's youth ministries/family ministries associate director.

Bucknor is not new to the Atlantic Union territory. She previously worked in the Southern New England Conference for 16 years (1980-

Brockton, Massachusetts. This brings the number of churches in the conference to 118.

Nine congregations were recognized as companies: Lawrence Beth Union, Framingham Temple Haitian, Leominster Gethsemane Haitian, Revere Spanish, Greater Boston Ghanaian, Brockton Sinai Haitian, Wethersfield Salem, and Springfield Nouvelle Jerusalem Haitian, all in Massachusetts; and Waterbury Lion of Judah Spanish in Connecticut.



Beverley Bucknor is the newly-elected superintendent of schools.

for a treasurer to serve the conference for the next quadrennium.

The officers and directors elected for the next four years will provide leadership to about 18,493 members in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, along with 118 churches and 24 companies, nine elementary schools, two academies, one summer camp, the Adventist Book Center, and many community services centers. ☺

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Bermuda Conference Membership Surpasses 4,000

For the first time in its history, the Bermuda Conference membership has surpassed the 4,000 mark. The conference has for some time come near the 4,000 mark, but never exceeded it. At the end of April 2017, however, the membership now stands at about 4,025.

During the month of April, the conference conducted a three-week evangelistic series in Hamilton, Bermuda, with Claudius C. Morgan, assistant to the president for communication of the Caribbean Union Conference, serving as the evangelist (see the June 2017 issue of the Atlantic Union GLEANER). The series has so far resulted in a total of 90 baptisms, after additional persons were baptized in various churches during the month of May.



Pictured are the individuals baptized during the Good News evangelistic series in Bermuda. Seated on the front row near the center is the evangelist, Claudius Morgan, and the Bermuda Conference administrators surrounded by the pastors and the Bible workers.

At the end of the series, baptized members were provided with a kit that creates the opportunity for them to become acquainted with the Adventist Church. Each church and pastor in the Bermuda Conference

is expected to continue acclimating the new members through Bible study classes, prayer meeting, and Sabbath services, and by conducting pastoral classes and training.

The Seventh-day Adventist work in Bermuda began in

the 1890s. The work was directed by the General Conference as one of the “miscellaneous missions” from 1901 until Bermuda was made a part of the Atlantic Union Conference in 1915. The Bermuda Mission was fully organized in 1959, and in 1986, the mission became a conference.

There are 11 churches and one company serving the more than 4,000 members in the Bermuda Conference. Under the theme “First Things First—God First!” the conference is endeavoring to reach out to the residents of the island, sharing the Good News and lifting up the name of Jesus.

—D. Randolph Wilson, communication director, Bermuda Conference

New Pastor Installed at Warwick Church and Compañía Ministerio Hermandad

Hector M. Quinones was installed as pastor of the Warwick church and Compañía Ministerio Hermandad on Sabbath, June 3. Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president, officiated at the installation service and was assisted by David Pearman, first elder of Compañía Ministerio Hermandad, and Darrell Vickers, first elder of the Warwick church. Manders was serving as interim pastor for both congregations for more than a year while they searched for a pastor. After the installation, the elders of both churches and Aaron Spencer, Bermuda Conference treasurer, joined Manders on the platform to pray for Quinones.

Quinones expressed gratitude for being invited to Bermuda to serve. He was born in New York of

immigrant parents from the Dominican Republic and was raised in the Washington Heights section of New York City. His educational pursuits led him to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from John Jay College in New York, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Quinones left a career in banking to pursue a deeper relationship with the Lord. In June 2001, he was ordained to pastoral ministry. Wholeheartedly believing in the imminent return of the Lord, Quinones united his efforts in furthering the work of the Lord.

He has been successful in soul winning in the eight

churches where he served. He is bilingual, which is an asset to Compañía Ministerio Hermandad, as well as the larger membership of the Warwick church. He has been pastoring since 1995 and has served as a district pastor, Texico Conference evangelist, as well as Men’s Ministries, Personal Ministries, and

New Believers director. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns in the United States and internationally.

The Bermuda Conference is delighted to have Hector M. Quinones and his family as a part of the pastoral team, and look forward to his ministry in Bermuda.

—D. Randolph Wilson, communication director, Bermuda Conference



During the installation service, pictured, from left, are David Pearman, Compañía Ministerio Hermandad first elder; Darrell Vickers, Warwick church first elder; Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president; and Hector M. Quinones, newly-installed pastor of the Warwick church and Compañía Ministerio Hermandad, right, with his wife, Elaine, second from right, and daughter, Alysia Rivera, third from right.

Maranatha Church Embraces Autism Awareness

The Maranatha church in Brooklyn, New York, opened its doors to raise awareness about autism and other disabilities on Sabbath, April 8. The day's services incorporated community members in features to educate, encourage families, and foster support.

After Sabbath School, Lucina Clarke, founder of My Time Inc., emphasized the importance of having empathy and understanding when interacting with children with autism. "God calls us to serve, accept, and welcome" those with disabilities in our congregations, she said, adding that it's always important to view the person first, before their disability. Following Clarke's remarks, one of her My Time Inc. clients, Christopher Nankoo, presented special music, singing and playing the piano. My Time Inc. is an organization that provides "a haven for the parents to feel accepted and not be judged as a parent of a child with special needs."

Through spoken word and song, the main service, under the theme "Different Perspective," found ways to highlight inclusion of those with disabilities, including a children's story emphasis on Moses, who thought his speech impediment disqualified him from God's service. The message was twofold: God can use us despite our flaws, and we should strive to help others who need assistance, just as God sent Aaron to be Moses' spokesman.

Featured speaker Cheryl Silvera delivered a message titled "Whosoever." Silvera, Greater New York Conference Disabilities Ministries coordinator and a certified New York state educator in special educa-



From left, standing and holding a sign about autism awareness are Cheryl Silvera, Greater New York Conference Disabilities Ministries coordinator; Everette B. Samuel, Maranatha church associate pastor; Jennifer Craig-Clarke, Maranatha church member; Udene Slater, Berean church member; Manuel Rosario, Greater New York Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director; and Ayinde Nelson, Maranatha church member.

tion, took a passage from Leviticus 21, which lists a series of defects that kept the afflicted from entering worship, and shared the significance of Jesus' ministry to that same afflicted population. Her message: God doesn't ignore the disabled and we shouldn't leave this group out of our evangelism efforts or ignore them in services.

In the afternoon, a panel of mothers and disability advocates shared their experience raising children with autism. Church members asked questions and learned more about how weekly church services can be more welcoming to families dealing with autism. One mother shared that during her visit to a church, she and her son were seated in a separate room to watch the service because he couldn't sit still. She never returned.

Maranatha church's associate pastor, Everette



Lucina Clarke, founder of My Time Inc., a support center for families dealing with autism and developmental disabilities, addresses Sabbath School.

B. Samuel, says the day's emphasis was important. "I think church members need to be aware. It's almost like another world. We as churches need to learn how to incorporate and accept everyone." Samuel says she hopes members took away the message of empathy and welcoming all.

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disabil-



Cheryl Silvera, Greater New York Conference disabilities ministries coordinator, delivers a sermon titled "Whosoever."

ity that can cause a range of significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges. An estimated one in 68 children are on the spectrum, and boys are four times as likely to be affected than girls. There is no cure, and early intervention is the best method to improve a child's development.

—Kaara Baptiste, communication secretary, Maranatha church

Men's Ministries Convention Prepares Men for Today and Eternity

The Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Men's Ministries celebrated its twenty-third annual Men's Prayer Convention on the weekend of May 5-7 at the Honor's Haven Resort & Spa, in Ellenville, New York. The theme for the weekend was "Brotherhood in Christ—Men of Character." The meeting gains prominence with every passing year, with its particular objective to prepare men for today and for eternity.

More than 250 men attended. The convention was well-organized and the activities were well-executed. Based on the testimonies of those who attended, the weekend was successful and spirit-filled.

The speakers and presenters for the convention were Roger Hernandez, Southern Union Conference Ministerial and Evangelism department director; Agniel Samson, professor in the Oakwood University Department of Religion and Theology; Henry Beras, GNYC president; Alanzo Smith, GNYC executive secretary; Steve Cassimy, GNYC English Ministries director; Duddley François, North Bronx church associate pastor; Ariel Manzueta,

GNYC Youth Ministries director; and church members Marvin Williams, Cameron Bowen, and John Mordhorst. The vocalists and musicians included Errol Smith, Lincoln Smith, Maurice Ojwang, the Shiloh Praise Team, and The Vaval Brothers.

Many others contributed to the success of the weekend, including those who participated, the advisory members, pastors, event coordinator Benjamin Powell, the local church men's ministries leaders, and GNYC administrative assistant, Lisa Gonzalez.

G. Earl Knight, Atlantic Union Conference president; and Alanzo Smith, GNYC executive secretary; former men's ministries directors, were recognized for rigorously paving the way by making the men's ministries program available every year.

The next Greater New York Conference Men's Prayer Convention is scheduled for May 2018 at the Honor's Haven Resort & Spa in Ellenville, New York.

—Reginald R. Barthelemy, men's ministries director, Greater New York Conference



Participating in the Sabbath School lesson study panel, from left, are Desmond Haye, pastor of the Wakefield and Mamaroneck churches; Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director; Ariel Manzueta, Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries director; Steve Cassimy, Greater New York Conference English Ministries director; and Andy Lagredelle, pastor of the Epèse and Sychar French churches.



Attendees at the Greater New York Conference Men's Ministries Convention take time out to pray.



Pictured are the members of the Greater New York Conference Men's Ministries team.



Keynote speaker Roger Hernandez, Southern Union Conference Ministerial and Evangelism department director, addresses the men on Sabbath morning.

Westvale Church Honors Nurses

Many visitors attended the annual Nurse's Sabbath at Westvale church on April 28. This always coincides with National Nurse's week, which is May 6-12.

This year, the church was privileged to have two guest speakers participate in the Nursing Dedication—Betsy Johnson and Angeline David. Johnson is an R.N. and Faith Community Nurse at the Emmanuel Brinklow church in Ashton, Maryland. She is also president of the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing. She was the speaker for the special dedication service and spoke about faith community nursing, which was the theme for this year's Nurse's Sabbath. During the dedica-

tion, Johnson led the nurses in a nursing liturgy.

Angeline David, DrPH, North American Division Health Ministries director, had a special dedication prayer for all nurses, nursing students, and nurses aides. David was also the speaker for the first church service that day. Carrie Goettsch, D.C., a chiropractor with a local practice in Syracuse, New York, closed with a special dedication song "I Will Be Here."

Following the dedication service, potluck was held at Parkview Junior Academy. David and Johnson led an informational meeting on faith community nursing in the afternoon for those interested in finding out more about this type



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Nurses, nursing students, and nurses aides are recognized on Nurses Sabbath at Westvale church.

of nursing. This was the eleventh year that services honoring nurses was held. Over the years, God has

blessed Nurses Sabbath at the Westvale church.

—Joan Payne, faith community nurse, Westvale church

Church Holds Service Highlighting Addiction

Heroin is insidiously creeping into the South Tier area of New York State, causing heartbreak and chaos. According to law enforcement, the reason for this epidemic is that the price of heroin is very low.

Unfortunately, the addiction doesn't stop with the addict, but affects the family, caring friends, neighbors, and the law enforcement personnel, paramedics, EMTs, doctors, and nurses who tirelessly try to help these people on a daily basis. The Vestal Hills church in Vestal Hills, New York, felt a need to reach out through a prayer service to those affected by addiction.

The service included inspiring music, a powerful sermon titled "Freedom in Christ" by Waren Muir, pastor of the Vestal Hills church, relevant scriptures to provide strength and hope, personal



Heather Temple shares her story of how she got victory over heroin.

testimonies, and special prayers for the addicts, their families, law enforcement, medical personnel, and government officials.

Heather Temple shared her victory over heroin through a caring counselor and the power of God in her life. Jim Schrader shared about his deliverance from alcohol addiction.

How does this addiction affect the family? Weezie Lyons powerfully relayed the story of losing her 25-year-old nephew, Josh, to heroin addiction. Somehow heroin got a hold of him and its deadly talons wouldn't let go. Josh had gone through rehab and his family thought he was clean. Josh's last hit was laced with Fentanyl. With anguish Lyons brought home how much the church needs to pray for the community.

This epidemic is deadly! With intervention, the fight will be won. With God, all things are possible.

—Marnie Schrader, assistant communication director, Vestal Hills church

Adventurers Show Appreciation to Local Fire Department

The Joy of Troy church Adventurer Club made cookies and cards for the firefighters of the local fire department, located just two blocks away. Several of the church members' lives were saved by the fire department in the past.

When the Adventurer club went to the fire department to bring them gifts of love, one of the church members who accompanied them personally thanked



Joy of Troy church Adventurers visit the local fire department to honor the firefighters.

the firefighters again for their service.

The children were given an impromptu tour of the trucks and asked firemen Justin and Nick many questions, which they graciously answered. The club now has a list of the fire-fighters' favorite treats and hopes to shower them with "goodies" throughout the year!

—Rachel Moody, communication secretary, Joy of Troy church

Teachers and Staff Pray for Elementary School Students

For years students in grades K-8 have participated in the New York Conference Education Fair as one of the closing activities for the school year. Students work hard to create projects in all fields that display the learning they have gained, and enjoy a final time of conference-wide fellowship and fun. Often students make presentations, and guest speakers are

Education Fair is the last time that some members of the education family, eighth- and ninth-graders, will attend this official event. These students have been to outdoor schools, music festivals, academy days, education fairs, and other events for their entire school career, and have become the student leaders in the New York Conference.

In recognition of this transition time, as they leave

the prayer, offer scholarships to students, and personally invite them to continue to be a part of the New York Conference education family at Union Springs Academy.

Please pray for all students in the New York Conference. Whether they are in one

of our schools, in public school, or are homeschooled, they are our children, and deserve our prayers and support as they prepare for the years ahead.

—Jeremy Garlock, communication director, New York Conference



At the New York Conference Education Fair, the eighth- and ninth-graders are recognized by the faculty and staff.

brought in to present on topics such as creation science, history, aviation, or zoology.

For the past two years a new element has been introduced to the Education Fair: "The Great Sendoff." The Great Sendoff is an opportunity to recognize that the

elementary education and embark on secondary education, these students are surrounded by their teachers, who lay their hands upon their students and ask a special blessing upon them.

Union Springs Academy staff were there to join in

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More Than 300 Attend Immigration Forum

More than 300 people participated in the Immigration Forum held at Shiloh church in partnership with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, on Sunday, April 23 in Brooklyn, New York.

The apparent federal crackdown on immigrants, documented and undocumented, has led to grave concerns among members of the Brooklyn community. Thus, the purpose of the forum was to share information with individuals about how they could protect themselves and their families from immigration fraud and crime.

The event began with welcoming remarks from Shiloh's pastor, Marling Charlet, who said, "The greatest way to evangelize is to meet and help people where they are, give them

encouragement, and show them that, even in their situation, there is hope."

Present at the event was acting Brooklyn district attorney Eric Gonzalez, who gave the opening remarks and ensured the attendees that his office is committed to protecting all residents, regardless of their national origin or immigration status.

The forum included a panel discussion with representatives from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC), and the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office Immigrant Fraud Unit, Real Estate Unit, and Hate Crime Unit. The panel discussion allowed church and community members to ask questions, and make comments and suggestions to the panelists.

One aspect of the day that proved to be very beneficial to the forum attendees was the one-on-one counseling sessions. This allowed individuals to meet privately with the representative from USCIS and lawyers from NYIC to ask personal questions and review immigration documentation. The Legal Aid Society also made themselves accessible for one-on-one sessions to address concerns of how a person's arrest and/or criminal background could affect their immigration status.

The event also included a community resource fair, with partner agencies offering information on a range of topics for members of the community, such as health-care, senior/elder services, and financial planning. Shiloh church's personal ministries, stewardship, education, and children's minis-

tries departments were available to share God's greatness with attendees through the sharing of upcoming evangelistic efforts at the church, words of encouragement, and prayer. Additionally, the church ministered to the needs of the community through the gift of food. As the attendees waited to be seen by a representative, church members served light snacks and refreshments.

The Bible declares in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Immigration Forum was an evangelistic effort that proved to serve, not only the community's social needs, but also their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs.

—Fayola Charlet, Esq., member, Shiloh Brooklyn church



Marling Charlet, Shiloh church pastor, left, and Eric Gonzalez, acting Brooklyn district attorney, are at Shiloh church participating in the Immigration Forum.



Panelists at the Immigration Forum at Shiloh church discuss and share information about immigration and address concerns from the community.

First Female Pastor Installed at Ebenezer Church in Freeport, New York

The Ebenezer church family in Freeport, New York, experienced a historical moment on January 7 when Paula Olivier was installed as their new pastor and the first female pastor

ever to serve the church. The church had been without a pastor since the retirement of Melwyn Bob Mounter in June 2016.

Representing the Northeastern Conference

was the president, Daniel Honoré, and his wife, Fritze. Honoré applauded Latoya Benjamin, the church's first elder, and her leadership team for their work in keeping Ebenezer

church functioning during their time without a pastor. Both Benjamin and Fritze Honoré were presented with fruit baskets by the head clerk, Valrie Constantine.

Olivier, whose ministry at



Northeastern Conference president Daniel Honoré, left, installs Paula Olivier as the new pastor of the Ebenezer church in Freeport, New York, as her husband, Smith, pastor of the Beraca French church in Hollis, New York, looks on.

Ebenezer church is now in its sixth month, answered God's call to enter the gospel ministry in 1996 after weeks of prayer and fasting. She says since then her life has never been the same.

She is a graduate of Oakwood University with a Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Theology and a minor in Psychology,

the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University with a Master of Divinity degree, and the United Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Olivier's preaching ministry has been featured at local and national conferences, and on radio and television, including the Hope

Channel and 3ABN. She has spoken across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, and at the Adventist Church in Jerusalem, Israel.

Olivier holds several certificates in non-profit leadership and crisis intervention. She is also a member of the World Wide Federal Chaplains association.

She is married to Smith Olivier, an ordained pastor in the Northeastern Conference serving at the Beraca French church in Hollis, New York.

Olivier delivered the message to the congregation during the installation service and gave the congregation an idea of what to expect from her as she starts her ministry with them. All of the elders and pastors present at the service surrounded Olivier as Honoré prayed for her ministry.

The first elder also presented Olivier with the key to the church and a gift. Olivier says her motivation for ministry is a deep sense of indebtedness to the Cross of Calvary.

—Leonie Boucher, communication director, Ebenezer church

Newburgh Tabernacle Members Pray for Mayor

Newburgh Tabernacle church celebrated Community Services Day on Sunday, April 9. Many of the departmental officers and church members were present in a show of support for the Adventist Community Services (ACS) department's effort to reach out to the citizens of the City of Newburgh, New York.

ACS leader Clover Jones spearheaded the special departmental emphasis day. Local civil service departments of the city of Newburgh were invited to the event and the local fire department was present with firefighters and a fire engine.

One of the youngest ACS volunteers, Rebecca Louissaint, became very



Clover Jones, Newburgh church's Adventist Community Services leader, center, stands with firemen from the City of Newburgh; while church member Rebecca Louissaint sits in the fire truck.

excited to get an up-close view inside the fire engine as she talked with the firemen.

Judy Kennedy, mayor of Newburgh, came to the

church to show support for the event, in spite of her failing health. "I love to go to these kinds of events," Kennedy said.

Newburgh Tabernacle's pastor David Cuke, head elder Terrence Osborne, members of the church, and local neighbors prayed with Kennedy that God will restore her back to good health.

Everyone who attended Community Services Day received a free gift bag of toiletries, or clothing items, in addition to lunch. The event was a success, allowing Newburgh church members to build a stronger relationship with the community.

—Charles Benjamin, Adventist Community Services assistant leader, Newburgh church

New Heritage Center Launched at NNEC

Sometimes even modest starts are a long time in the making. But sometimes these slow, modest starts become something very special. Perhaps this is the case with the new Northern New England Conference Heritage Center, located in three rooms on the lower level of the conference building.

Work on the Heritage Center has been a labor of love, sustained by a very modest budget and carried forward by the labor and vision of volunteers. Two years in the making, the Heritage Center now occupies three rooms that were once ill-lit storage areas. Those rooms needed to be cleaned out, remodeled, repaired, and repainted, and the linoleum floors needed to be refinished.

While all that was in progress, an ad-hoc group of conference staff and volunteers designed the Heritage Center, starting first with the themes, then the layout, and finally designing specific displays. Key volunteer leadership was provided by John DiPalma, former



Heritage Center volunteer coordinator John DiPalma sits in an antique sleigh similar to the one used by the Whites for winter travel. Behind him is a mural of the Washington, New Hampshire, Adventist church.

This includes a dais, with a pulpit used by Ellen White and a Bible that is very similar to the one she held aloft in vision. In another corner is a

pictures of the pioneers and other displays line the walls.

Beside the big room is the “theater,” which is essentially a large wide-

Next to the theater is the meditation room. This room has a number of historic photos and sketches, as well as a very old “Daniel and Revelation” prophecy chart, complete with the 1260 day prophecy of Daniel and the beasts of Revelation. Such charts were used by the pioneers to illustrate and help interpret prophetic passages in the Bible during public seminars. There is also a couch for those who want to relax and reflect.

The Heritage Center is just beginning. It does not yet have elaborate displays or a wealth of historic local materials that can be put on rotating display, and yet those things may come. Now that the Heritage Center is actually launched and running, people who have interesting historic materials squirreled away may decide to loan them to the Heritage Center for display.

The Heritage Center is already slated to acquire interesting new displays through the summer and fall. The team that created the Heritage Center hopes that it will eventually become an important regional center of Adventist history. If you ever plan to pass through the Portland, Maine, area, please make a stop at the Heritage Center and take in some Adventist history.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

“It is the hope of the team that created the Heritage Center that it will eventually become an important regional center of Adventist history.”

conference officer, while the late Stanley Hickerson of Andrews University provided invaluable insight and counsel.

In its final configuration, the Heritage Center has three distinct rooms. The “big room” is where the displays are mounted.

hand-painted mural of the Washington, New Hampshire, church painted by Joshua O’Donnell. A life-size cardboard cutout of the White family stands near a sleigh from the era. Cases and shelves display early Adventist books (including several first editions), while

screen flat panel television that plays short features about camp meetings of the past. Seating in the room is on wooden benches built by volunteer carpenters Herb Noyes and Michael Russel. The benches are designed to be exactly like camp meeting benches of the past.



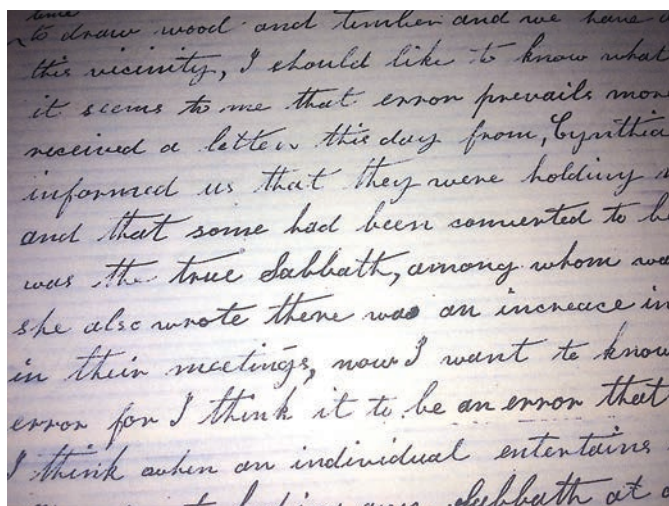
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At the Start of Adventist History, a Pointed Prediction

There is an interesting letter, dated January 22, 1851, that sheds light on the earliest beginnings of Seventh-day Adventist history. This letter, which has recently come to light, is in the possession of the Washington New Hampshire Historical Society, and was penned in a neat and unadorned handwriting by John B. Cheney of Dunstable, New Hampshire. The recipient of the letter was Deacon Amos Russel of Washington. The letter was written to express the growing concern Cheney had over the meetings being held, and his alarm that some were proclaiming Saturday as the true Sabbath.

After a greeting and a few remarks about the weather, Cheney outlines his concerns (punctuation supplied):

I should like to know what is going on in Washington. It seems to me that error prevails more than ever over there. We received a letter this day from Cynthia Jane Stowell that informed us that they were holding meetings at their house and that some had been converted to believe that Saturday was the true Sabbath, among whom was herself and Mrs. Stowell. She also wrote there was an increase in numbers and interest in their meetings. Now I want to know who is so ready to embrace error for I think it to be an error that ought to be opposed for I think when an individual entertains that belief, they are in danger of not keeping any Sabbath at all. And I fear those that profess to have so many revelations, if they are permitted to live, will by and by reject all revelation and all



The letter sent by John Cheney of Dunstable, New Hampshire, in 1851 expresses his concern about people proclaiming Saturday as the true Sabbath.

Bible and have no Sabbath at all. We were greatly surprised to learn that Mrs. Stowell and Cynthia had so changed their views and we should like to know who influenced them thus to do, and I wish you would write respecting their meetings and inform us who their leaders are. And I hope that they may soon see their folly and turn and obey the truth.

The letter goes on to include a few remarks about pasturing cattle and closes with a cordial greeting.

The note prepared by the Washington Historical Society and displayed next to this letter indicates that the writer of the letter, John B. Cheney, lived another 40 years. That being the case, he was able to see that those first converts—who laid the foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—did not in fact give up on the Sabbath or the Bible, but rather formed a worldwide denomination. Today that denomination has more than 20 million members spread all over the world.

Cheney's prediction did not come true, but there is a second lesson we can draw.

In a way he never intended, Cheney's letter indicates that the things of earth pass away, but truth does not.


—Marsha Brummel, volunteer, Washington church

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**Washington New Hampshire Church
Annual Meeting**

August 19, 2017

Guest Speaker
Daniel R. Jackson
President
North American Division



Sabbath School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Potluck lunch and afternoon activities

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Laurel Oaks Spring Concert Benefits Students

If music soothes the soul, then the audience at the ninth annual Spring Concert, held in the New Haven church in Connecticut, felt their spirits refreshed. The concert, which took place on Saturday, April 29, was a fundraiser for Laurel Oaks Adventist school and is the brainchild of Millicent Corbett, who has planned and orchestrated the event over the years. Corbett and her assistant concert director, Abuoma Ekpendu, realize the benefits of praising God

through a variety of musical talents. The thousands of dollars donated by concert supporters are used to provide tuition subsidies for students attending Laurel Oaks.

Featured at the spring songfest were the New Ensemble and Honors Mass Choir of the Mt. Zion church in Hamden, Connecticut, with head director Lola Nathan and her associate, Danielle Storey Carson. Several times, the audience was brought to their feet upon hearing the awe-



The students from Laurel Oaks school sing during the annual spring concert.



The New Ensemble and Honors Mass Choir from Mt. Zion church sing at the annual fundraiser for the Laurel Oaks school.

inspiring strains of hymns such as “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” and “Jesus is the Cornerstone.” Carson also electrified the audience with her rendition of “You are Worthy.”

The Laurel Oaks student choir, directed by Carson, the school’s music teacher, paid homage to God with several numbers, such as the Jewish hymn “Hine Ma Tov,” and the Israeli folk

song, “Shalom Chaverim.” In addition, guitar teacher Fritz Boettger led Laurel Oaks guitar students in an original piece titled “No Room at the Inn.”

The evening’s performance underscored Martin Luther’s words: “Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

—Eileen O. Brown, chair, Laurel Oaks School Board

Fitchburg Members Minister at Flea Markets

Fitchburg church members Jim Cutting and David Grant Guy have been doing flea market literature evangelism ministry at several sites in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, for the past four and five years, respectively.

To date they have introduced their message to literally thousands of flea market visitors. They have distributed truth-filled materials of all kinds, including tracts, booklets, magazines, books, and sermons on CD/DVD. They have also promoted many ministries such as 3ABN, The Voice of Prophecy, It Is Written, Amazing Facts, Breath of Life, Weimar Institute’s NEWSTART lifestyle program, Wildwood Lifestyle Center, Uchee Pines Institute, Eden Valley Institute of Wellness,



David Grant Guy and Jim Cuttin minister at the flea market, distributing books, magazines, CDs/DVDs, and more.

and many others.

Cutting and Guy list the ministries’ Web sites, print them out, and secure them to the back of the booklets, magazines, books and on the back of each CD/DVD sleeve.

They do not sell their Christian

materials, and are able to minister in the flea market on Sabbaths and on Sundays.

—Information provided by David Grant Guy, deacon and stewardship leader, Fitchburg church

15-Passenger Vans: What is the Danger?

By David Fournier

Have you heard that additional measures are being taken to remove 15-passenger vans from use within the North American Division (NAD)? For several years, Adventist Risk Management, Inc., (ARM) has encouraged church organizations to remove and discontinue operation of this van model. Recently, NAD Church Working Policy (available below) was updated to clarify that this is not a discretionary choice.

With this renewed focus on removing 15-passenger vans from use, there have been many questions about the safety improvements in the latest models. Are the new vans safe for use? Does the updated policy apply to them as well?

There may have been safety improvements in the newest vans, including options such as stability control, tire pressure monitoring systems, full passenger side airbags, traction control, anti-lock brakes, rear view camera, and improved safety glass. However, these safety features still do not address the fundamental problems.

1. The 15-passenger vans are not balanced. The “walkway” to the rear seats goes along one side of the van. There will be less weight on the aisle side, and the weight of passengers will be on the other side of the van, so the vehicle bears its weight to one side. Unequal weight distribution causes uneven wear on the tires. Combine the imbalance with deferred maintenance (tires are rarely rotated or replaced as often as needed) and these vans are at greater risk of tire blowouts and rollovers.
2. The center of gravity for passengers is higher than for cargo (15-passenger models were designed to haul cargo, not people). [Having] the center of weight higher up in the van than would otherwise be the case puts an already imbalanced and possibly unevenly worn vehicle at greater risk of rollover.
3. Add to these issues the unknown [factor] of who is driving these vehicles. Driving a 15-passenger van is *not* the same as driving a car or regular passenger vehicle. Many states require the driver of a 15-passenger van to have the appropriate CDL license and experience with vehicles of this size/weight.

In many states, laws prohibit the use of 15-passenger vans by schools for bus services. These laws vary by state for private schools. If the vans are considered unsafe for use by public schools to transport children, why would we use them to carry our children or our members? We should apply the highest standard for those in our care.

Consider this issue from the perspective of our church structure, as well. In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the local church is not an isolated legal entity. It is the entire conference of churches that is on the line for their decisions. An accident with injuries and/or deaths exposes assets of the entire confer-



ence. The local conference is not the type of entity that can simply file for bankruptcy and rebuild under a different name.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America voted an action into the NAD Working Policy during the 2016 year-end meetings.

S 60 31 (GC S 60 30-3) Vehicle Insurance

Fifteen-Passenger Van Use—*In the interest of safety, denominational organizations shall not purchase, lease, rent, or use fifteen-passenger vans for sponsored activities under any circumstances. Alternatives to fifteen-passenger vans include: minivans and SUVs, mini-school buses, fifteen-passenger buses with dual rear wheels.*

There are other elements to keep in mind, no matter what type of vehicle you choose to use.

- Be sure you only carry as many people as seat belts, and always wear your seat belts.
- Make informed choices regarding drivers. Review their record and experience level before they get behind the wheel.
- Conduct pre-trip inspections to be sure your vehicle is in good condition for the road.
- Conduct regular vehicle maintenance.

Remember, the actions of a local church that chooses to operate outside of the guidelines of the greater organization can have a profound effect on the entire conference of churches. We need to focus on saving lives and treating people with dignity and respect for life.

ARM asks for your support in removing all 15-passenger vans from use in your church. ☺

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Boston, MA	7:58	7:49	7:38	7:27
South Lancaster, MA	8:01	7:51	7:41	7:30
Pittsfield, MA	8:07	7:58	7:47	7:36
Hartford, CT	8:03	7:54	7:44	7:33
Providence, RI	7:58	7:49	7:39	7:28
New York, NY	8:06	7:57	7:47	7:37
Albany, NY	8:08	7:58	7:48	7:37
Utica, NY	8:16	8:07	7:56	7:45
Syracuse, NY	8:20	8:10	8:00	7:49
Rochester, NY	8:26	8:17	8:06	7:55
Buffalo, NY	8:30	8:21	8:10	7:59
Hamilton, Bda	8:11	8:04	7:57	7:49

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RESCHEDULED: The Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy workshop scheduled for Aug. 6-11 at Andrews University has been rescheduled for spring 2018. Details will be provided as they become available. For more information, e-mail chis@andrews.edu.

OBITUARIES

AINSLY, Phyllis May—77; b. Feb. 28, 1940, in St. James, Jamaica, West Indies; d. Mar. 2, 2017, in Hartford, Conn. She was a member of the Hope church in Bloomfield, Conn. She is survived by her children, Haynese (Neville) Thompson and Novelette Belvitt-Cousley of Hartford, Conn., Lanslot (Winsome) Belvit of Bloomfield, Conn., Noreen Samuels of Windsor, Conn., Ludlow Ainsley of Virginia, Donaught Ainsley of Manchester, Novell (Patrick) Garcia of Florida; five sisters, Joyce Clarke of Bloomfield, Conn., Cynthia (Alva) Lawrence of Jamaica, twin sister Hazelyn (Neville) Miller of Hartford, Conn., Deloris Kellier of Hartford, Conn., Blenderlyn Harris of Pennsylvania; four brothers, Rudolph (Alma) Allen of Bloomfield, Conn., Anthony (Selena) Kellier and Calville Kellier of Pennsylvania, Steadman Kellier of Hartford, Conn; 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins.

CARROLL, Gloria Delores (Young)—85; b. Sept. 18, 1931, in Wyandanche, New York; d. Apr. 21, 2017, in Springfield, Mass. She was a member of First Springfield church in Springfield, Mass. She is survived by a daughter, Lois Carroll; a grandson, Hans (Teresa) Frankhauser; and two great-grandchildren, Jaeden and Brennan Frankhauser.

CHAPUT, Joseph Jr.—78; b. May 28, 1938, in Pawtucket, R.I.; d. April 24, 2017, in Buffalo, N.Y. He was a

home health aide in Olean, N.Y. for 20 years. He was a member of the Randolph church in Randolph, N.Y. He is survived by four sons, Joseph Chaput, Daniel Chaput, Gabriel (Jennifer) Chaput, and Andrew (Shawna) Chaput; three daughters, Hannah Chaput, Rachael Chaput, and Rebekah Chaput; a stepdaughter, Amy (Jesus) Rivera; a brother, Robert Chaput; a sister, Barbara Chaput; 16 grandchildren, Luis, Quincy (Niccole), Tad, Maverick (Alissa), Jessica (Antonio), Genesis, Juan, William, AnnMarie, Ian, Janae', Fatoosh, Scott, Peter, Jennifer and Eric; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

GRISWOLD, Peter M.—59; b. May 1, 1957; d. Jan. 18, 2017, in Providence, R.I. He was a member of the Wickford church in North Kingston, R.I., and served as an elder, Sabbath School superintendent and teacher, visitation minister and head of the Prison Ministries department. He devoted his life to Christian discipleship and was committed to evangelism for the local and global church. He participated in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2003. Peter served as a prison ministry volunteer for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in Cranston, and as a tutor for adult learners with Literacy Volunteers of America. He is survived by his mother, Nancy H. Griswold of Cranston, R.I., his brother, David A. Griswold of Bethesda, Md., and cousins.

JONES, Dollis Claudette (Davis)—74; b. Oct. 27, 1942, Mercer, Maine; d. May 30, 2017, in Portland, Maine. She attended the Riverview Adventist school. She was a member of the Norridgewock church in Norridgewock, Maine. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Leroy L. Jones of Waldoboro, Maine; her children, Beth (David) Bellegarde of Rumford, Maine; Mark Jones of Vassalboro, Maine, Kimi (Keith) Smith of Thomaston, Maine, and Chad (Alexis) Jones of Orrington, Maine; sisters, Doreen Parent of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Darlene Cropley of Windsor, Maine; grandchildren, Garrett Cowett, Gabrielle and Garrick Johnson, David Bellegarde II, Dylan (Emily) Bellegarde, Desiree Smith, Dakota (Jenny) Smith, Haven Jones and Emerson Jones; great-granddaughter, Madalyn Bellegarde; and many nieces and nephews.

LAMARRE, Lherisson—92; b. Aug. 11, 1924, in Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti; d. May 16, 2017, in Clinton, Mass. He was a member of the Bethel Haitian church in Clinton, Mass. He worked tirelessly as a carpenter to help renovate and rebuild the church. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Marie Carm Lamarre (Buteau) Aime of Orlando, Fla., Marie F. Lamarre (Wesner Jean-Baptiste) and Jean B. (Judith) Lamarre of Clinton, Mass., Besley Rocher, Beatrice Rocher, Carlo Rocher, and Claudette Paul Rocher, of Rhode Island; his sister, Cerette Aupon of Haiti; Viegela Rocher-Benoit of Rhode Island; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

RICHARDS, Evelyn (Pitcher)—93; b. Nov. 22, 1924, Maine; d. Mar. 23, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo. She was a member of the Camden church in Rockport, Maine. She is survived by two sons, Gary (Lori Palensky) Richards of Lincoln, Neb., and Duane (Darlene) Richards of Camden, Maine; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

RUSSELL, Margaret V.—104; b. , Nov. 24, 1912, in W.Va.; d. Feb. 16, 2017, in Oxford, Maine. She is survived by her daughter and caretaker until her death, Sharon Russell of Oxford, Maine; son Stanley Russell of Maryland; her grandchildren, Steve (Ilene) Russell, Dwight Russell, Dan Russell, Deb (Bill) Thatcher, Tracy (Dave) Hoekzema, Theresa (Al) Edwards, Arlene Russell, Christopher Kerns, Christina (Jason) Beaucage, and Gretchen (Alex) Poland; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was featured in the December 2016 issue of the Atlantic Union GLEANER (p. 17).

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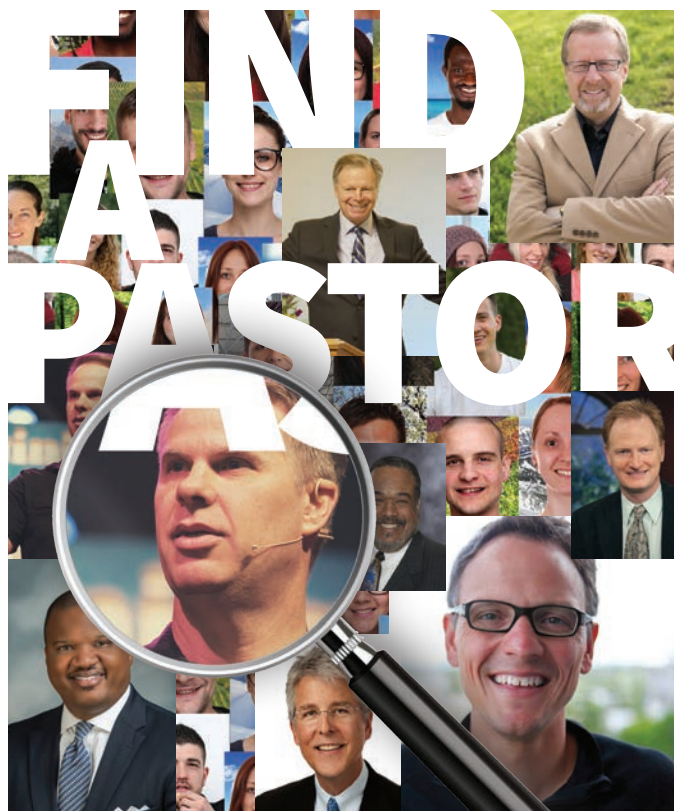
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