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# Jesus Calls Us **to Do More**

**T**he church must intentionally develop strategies to seek and serve the blind, the widows, publicans, the feeble, and those who are institutionalized in various facilities. Church members in these categories are often in the background, out of the power circles, and out of sight, but must not be forgotten. In fact, we should make sure that their needs are met and that they experience the fellowship of the saints like other members of the body of Christ. It is our duty and our mission to reach this segment of the population with the Advent message, as well.

In Luke chapter 18, Jesus spoke of a widow who persevered until she found justice from an unjust judge who feared neither God nor man. For a long time, the judge ignored the widow's plea for justice. Finally, he said to himself, "Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. . . . Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"—Luke 18:4-7. The unjust judge was strong and powerful, but, in the end, the poor widow won by the power of prayer and perseverance.

The chapter concludes with the story of the blind man who, that particular day, heard a commotion that was different from before. He was blind, begging on the side of the road but insightful and determined. He was not an "important" person in society, but, like the widow, what he had going for him was his faith, determination, perseverance, and the compassion of Jesus. The more the leaders tried to shut him down, the louder he cried. "Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he

shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' "—Luke 18:39, NIV.

In his eyes of faith, he saw Jesus and knew that this was his moment. This was his day and time of deliverance. Jesus could have instantly healed the man at a distance. Rather, Jesus stopped and asked those who brought the blind man to him to bring him closer. This act made the disciples an integral part of meeting the needs of the blind. This shows that those who are around people with disabilities are to help bring them into the fellowship of the church in order for them to meet Jesus and experience the fellowship of the members.

People with disabilities must not be relegated to only a few visits every now and then to appease our consciences and leave us somehow feeling that we have ministered to them adequately. Jesus calls us to do more. Jesus bids us to bring them to Him and to help them in getting the support and healing that they need. The church will also greatly benefit from their presence, talents, and ministry.

Our mission is "to reach everyone in our territory with the Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness." That includes the widows still asking for justice; the "publicans" who have sinned against the church and against God, begging for forgiveness and compassion; the children in need of materials for Sabbath School; the many spiritually blind who need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ; the members who have served faithfully and are currently in nursing homes or other facilities. We have a responsibility to reach people with disabilities and all others who are waiting for us to obey Jesus' invitation to bring them to Him. ①

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# SERVING People Who Are Legally Blind

A ministry of compassion leading people who are blind to Jesus

**C**hristian Record Services, Inc., based in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a ministry of compassion of the North American Division. Since 1899, Christian Record has led people who are blind to Jesus through the distribution of a variety of services, including reading materials in braille, audio, and large print, and programs such as National Camps for Blind Children and Insight4Vets. It also operates a Bible school.

## Reorganization

In the past 18 months, the organization has been reorganizing, at the directive of the Christian Record board of directors, including a reduction-in-force, outsourcing of print operations, and headquarters relocation. An additional element of the reorganization was the April 2016 transfer of Christian Record's governance from the General Conference to the North American Division (NAD), primarily since the majority of clients served are in the NAD. Since that time, Christian Record has moved to the Trade Center business park in Lincoln, Nebraska, and continues to serve people who are legally blind.

Before Christian Record's reorganization and change of governance, the organization's board of directors hired Diane Thurber as the organization's first female president. Thurber has served in education, family ministries, and communication ministry capaci-

ties in the NAD, including as communication director of the Northern New England Conference. Immediately prior to coming to Christian Record, Thurber served in the Lake Union Conference as associate communication director, managing editor of the Lake Union HERALD, and women's ministries director.

Under Thurber's leadership, Christian Record has been updating the technological infrastructure and analyzing all areas of ministry and operations to discover ways to

enhance and strengthen the ministry, and to increase the current client base of approximately 20,000 legally blind people. In addition, new ministry partnerships with other departments of the NAD are being established, including Adult Ministries and Health Ministries. The organization also is moving from a centralized to a decentralized model of operation, and looks forward to providing greater support for local churches and other entities as they engage with people in their communities who are blind.



Tony leads out in worship during blind camp at Camp Lawroweld.

Taumi Baker

## Library Services Program

In July, Christian Record launched a new client library services program that works in conjunction with OverDrive, an online library content delivery system. The new library system will enable clients greater access to a larger collection of books in audio, braille, and large print. Additionally, clients will have more control over the types of content they receive, as well as the frequency with which they receive it, by way of a specialized Web interface.

Clients in the NAD territory outside the United States will be better served, since previously they were unable to utilize the audiobooks because they did not have the necessary equipment to accept the delivery format. Audiobook delivery has been via digital cassettes that work with specialized players through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). This delivery method will continue for a while until the NLS discontinues use of the specialized players.

Library services clients have come to trust Christian Record's 1,400-title collection, which consists of books from Pacific Press, the Ellen G. White Estate, and many other trusted sources. Library staff screen books to ensure relevance to people who are blind and alignment with the mission of the organization. With the change of delivery of library content, Christian Record will be able to expand the library by approximately 90 titles annually.

## Christian Record in the Atlantic Union Conference

In the Atlantic Union Conference, Christian Record provides services to more than 750 legally blind people and hosts a week of camp through National Camps for Blind Children



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Jerri Lynn Rogge

## Each One Can Reach One

What can I do to lead a blind person to Jesus?

1. Look around your congregation and community. When you notice a person who is legally blind, befriend him or her. Christian Record Services, Inc., has a brochure titled "At Ease With the Blind," which you may find helpful if this will be a new experience for you.
2. Tell this person about Christian Record and how he or she can sign up to receive free magazines and books in audio, braille, or large print formats, and about summer or winter camps. Help them connect with the organization by calling (402) 488-0981, option 3, or by e-mailing [services@christianrecord.org](mailto:services@christianrecord.org).
3. Ask if he or she knows anyone else who would be interested in free services, and help sign them up, too!
4. Ask if there are personal needs he or she has that you or your church may be able to assist in providing. Win their confidence with acts of love and compassion, and pray for them.
5. Invite your new friends to events at your church and suggest Bible studies as the Holy Spirit guides you. The Christian Record Bible School provides lessons in braille and large print formats.

For more information, visit [www.ChristianRecord.org](http://www.ChristianRecord.org).





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Taumi Baker

Christian Record featured the testimony of Leanora Ruff, Ph.D., in the April 8, 2017 World Budget offering, which highlighted the ministry and encouraged church members to reach out in their communities to people who are blind.

Katrina, Carolyn, and Ryan, NCBC attendees, enjoy the swimming area at Camp Lawroweld.

(NCBC) at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine. Among these individuals are Tony and Ryan.

Tony weighed less than two pounds at birth. He is blind, and has autism and Savant syndrome. Tony sings in 11 different languages and plays 23 musical instruments. Most notably, he’s played piano since age two. While at NCBC summer camp at Camp Lawroweld, Tony leads songs with fellow campers and is quick to say he loves everything about camp—hiking in nature, always being outside, talking with other campers, baking, and praying to God.


Ryan’s blindness originated from a cancerous brain tumor when he was a toddler. By age nine, Ryan had survived 33 months of chemotherapy. Now a teenager, Ryan is an avid braille reader and competitor in the National Braille Challenge. Ryan enjoys reading *THE STUDENT*, which is the braille

## What is “Legally Blind”?

According to the American Foundation for the Blind, “Legal blindness is a level of vision loss that has been legally defined to determine eligibility for benefits. The clinical diagnosis refers to a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the best possible correction, and/or a visual field of 20 degrees or less.”

edition of the ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY GUIDE. Ryan loves attending NCBC at Camp Lawroweld. “I was in the water as much as possible. Swimming, kayaking, boating. . . . I’ve always loved the water.”

Christian Record serves any person who is legally blind or physically incapable of holding reading materials and who also resides in the territory of the North American Division. The organization is currently in discussions with Larry Evans, assistant to the president

for Special Needs Ministries, to determine how they can best collaborate with other divisions of the world church to engage and support people who are blind. To learn more about Christian Record Services, Inc., visit [www.ChristianRecord.org](http://www.ChristianRecord.org). 



*Jeri Lyn Rogge is the Christian Record Services, Inc., communication director.*

## Dare to Be Like the Eagle

The imagery of the eagle is one of my favorite Bible illustrations because of the characteristics that portray such a graceful soar, strength, keen eyesight, and the ability to empower its offspring with great care in the art of flying. In Exodus 19:4 and Deuteronomy 32:11 the eagle is used figuratively to depict God's protection and care. In these passages, God is pictured as a loving parent who redeems and protects His people, even as the parent eagle cares for its young. God also empowers the persecuted church with "eagles' wings" to protect it from the serpent and from adverse circumstances and difficulties.

### Dare to soar like the eagle

The eagle, the epitome of swiftness, is often known to fly at a rate of 40 to 50 miles per hour. It can fly three to four miles in 10 minutes and sometimes flies to heights of more than 10,000 feet.

The eagle needs to work hard to take off. If it is on a rock, it takes small leaps to the air, opens its wings, and begins to fly. If it is on land, it jumps, beats its wings, and rises. Eagles can soar day after day, stopping only to rest at night, by riding on the thermal air currents.

God has also given us the ability to soar. The key to overcoming spiritual weariness is to extend our arms and allow our life to be lifted high above the burdens of this world, by the sweet breeze of the Holy Spirit—soaring above the stress, the past, criticism, and daily difficulties.

When all other birds try to flee from the storm and hide from the fierceness of it, eagles fly into it and use the wind of the storm to rise higher. It uses the pressure of the storm to glide higher without using its own energy. It is able to do this because God has created it with the unique ability to lock its wings in a fixed position in the midst of the fierce winds. We all face storms, but do not be afraid. Simply allow God to lift you above the storms.

### Dare to have the strength of an eagle

The strength and youthful vigor of the eagle is proverbial. Some eagles can carry geese, lambs, or other animals between 80-90 pounds. The power of an eagle's grip comes from its leg muscles, tendons, and bones. Its wings are also very strong, one of the largest wing-spans on record is that of an eagle with a wing span of 7.9 feet.

Our strength comes from God. The Bible suggests that we pray continually. Ellen White said, "In order that we may be kept by the power of God through faith, the desires of the

mind should be continually ascending in silent prayer"—PRAYER, p. 83. If we want to have the strength of a spiritual eagle, we need to be in a constant prayer mode!

### Dare to see like the eagle

From a great distance away, the eagle uses its sharp vision to spot its prey. Rebecca L. Grambo, award-winning author of more than 20 nature books, suggests that the eagle's eye is among the strongest in the animal kingdom, with an eyesight estimated at four to eight times stronger than that of the average human (EAGLES, p. 11). The eagle has telescopic vision and can see a rabbit from two miles away.

As leaders, we need to be visionary. Visionaries do not look at problems, they see the solutions, they see opportunity. Most visionaries fail many times because of opposition and a lot of resistance. Visionaries are sometimes misunderstood and criticized.

Your vision needs to be greater than your obstacles. The eagle-believers are like Joshua and Caleb, who see beyond present circumstances and are willing to conquer.

### Dare to empower like the eagle

In teaching its young to fly, the eagle is said to push them out of the nest high in the rocks, and then hover under them to catch them with its wings as they fall through the air. They empower them into flight and teach them how to survive. Our leadership is growing older and we need to empower our children, youth, and young adults for service. We need to give them the tools to live a life of service with a consecrated mind.

### Dare to be like Jesus

Jesus is like an eagle. He came to this earth and He dared to fly. He dared to keep His eyes focused on God. His relationship with His father was on high. He received His strength through constant prayer. He saw what no one else saw. He saw beyond and envisioned His purpose of helping the needy and the sinner. He empowered His disciples to reach the world. Last, but not least, like an eagle He died with open arms on the cross to save us and protect us. Dare to be like the eagle! ☺



*Andres J. Peralta is director for the Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the Pathfinder and Adventurer departments in the Atlantic Union Conference.*



# 2017 Caring Heart Award Recipients

Congratulations to the eight students who are the 2017 Caring Heart Award Winners. The Caring Heart Award for Christian Service was established to give recognition to students attending Adventist academies who have “demonstrated a personal commitment to active participatory service and witnessing activities and programs.” Each recipient receives a scholarship award of \$500 and a plaque.

## Halle Teart

*Junior*

Bermuda Institute

In addition to maintaining strong scholastics, Halle Teart is a social activist who is always championing causes that will make a difference to her classmates or community.



## Joseph Knowles

*Junior*

Pine Tree Academy

Joseph Knowles' community service activities include re-roofing a home, interior/exterior house painting, digging ditches to lay plumbing, stacking wood, mowing lawns, raking leaves, and loading/unloading moving trucks.



## Kleber Hernandes

*Senior*

Greater Boston Academy

Kleber Hernandes was active with the school's outreach groups, providing music and sermons, as needed. As the Student Association pastor, he has played a key role in organizing religious programming on campus.



## Nicholas Wright

*Senior*

South Brooklyn Academy

Nicholas Wright, a kind-hearted and caring individual, puts the concerns of others ahead of his own. He gives back to the community by being a role model to the younger generation.



## Shane Pierre

*Senior*

Greater New York Academy

Shane Pierre spent 10 days in Belize during his junior year, working on an Adventist school building project, leading in Vacation Bible School, and teaching students mathematics in the classroom.



## Christina Fuller

*Senior*

South Lancaster Academy

As Children's Church ministry director, Christina Fuller planned, staffed, and oversaw a program that creates a spiritual experience for more than 100 children several times a year.



## Keldon Shields

*Senior*

Northeastern Academy

While serving his community, Keldon Shields discovered his talent and passion for public speaking and utilized it to the best of his ability.

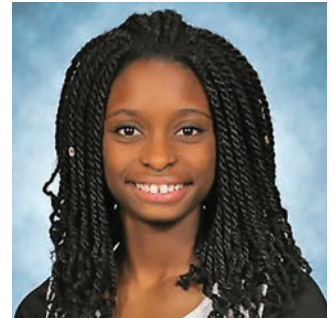


## Breanna Cenecharles

*Senior*

Union Springs Academy

Breanna Cenecharles has been involved in many service activities, including mission trips, volunteering at homeless shelters, collecting materials for the needy, and working with a refugee family.





## Men's Ministries Honors More Than 100 Men

The Bermuda Conference Men's Ministries Department, under the direction of Rollin Nathan, recognized more than 100 men for providing more than 30 years of service each to their respective churches. Some have served as deacons, elders, community service leaders, Sabbath School teachers, pastors, and more. At least 10 were recognized for 50-plus years of service.

Members of the church gathered on Sabbath afternoon, June 24, as the Men's Ministries department expressed its thanks to the men. A special tribute was done to honor men who served 50 years or more. Prior to this, Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president, asked for a representative from each church to highlight a male who is no longer with us but who provided spiritual leadership during his lifetime. Some churches highlighted more than one individual.

Persons who reached the milestone of 50-plus years of service included Cuthbert Bean (St. David's church), Quinton Binns (St. George's church), Frederick Gibbons (St. George's church), Harry Outerbridge (Hamilton church), Llewellyn Wainwright (Warwick church), Leon James, James Pearman, Raymond Simons, Sidney Simmons, Warren Williams, Sherman Swan, and Eugene Virgil, retired pastor, (Southampton church).

Virgil is noted for being the first pastor of color to serve in the Bermuda Mission. He pastored the Hamilton church (1964-1965), then in 1965 he moved to the Northeastern Conference and pastored the New Rochelle church in New York. Mack Wilson returned to Bermuda to pastor the Southampton church (1973-1977) then moved to the Hamilton church, where he pastored

until 1983. Carlyle C. Simmons was hired in 1974 and served as the associate pastor in the Hamilton church before being moved to establish and build the Somerset church. In 1975, Colin Dunbar began his ministry in the St. George's church. He was followed by Sydney Gibbons (1977), D. Randolph Wilson (1979), and Llewellyn Williams (1983).

Edward L. Richardson became the first president of the Bermuda Conference in 1986, and he called Eugene Virgil back to Bermuda to pastor the Devonshire church in 1988, since Colin Dunbar departed Bermuda in 1987. Following his arrival, other young pastors continued to arrive, including Eugene Gibbons, Tracey White, Kenneth Manders (1995), Damon Hendrickson (2005), Howard Ebbin (2008), DeJaun Tull (2008), and Michelle Hill (2013), the first female pastor.\*

Other special mentions include Carlyle Simmons (retired) and Sydney Gibbons (soon to be retired) for their service in ministry.

Each church presented the men from their church with a certificate of recognition and a plaque from the Men's Ministries department.

Guest pastor Seth Yelorda was on the island on behalf of the Restoration Ministries and provided a five minute sermonette encouraging the men to be men for Jesus. In his five minutes he shared five points for godly men: 1) Continue to step up and lead. It's our job and motive to do so. We need to repair the breach. 2) We must speak out as a man. Speak the truth in love. We have influence—use it. 3) Stand strong. Don't give up or give in, in the face of wrong. Be steadfast, unmovable. 4) Stay humble. Be vigilant

against pride. Think of yourself less. Clothe yourself in humility. 5) Serve the King. Follow Matthew 6:33, live for a greater reward.

The program was interspersed with music from the Hamilton Male Chorus, the Inspirational Choir, and Michael Taylor. The men ranged in age from the mid-fifties to the mid-nineties.

The program provided an opportunity to thank the men of the church for their dedication and many years of service. God has been faithful in providing life and health and strength over the years.

—D. Randolph Wilson, communication director, Bermuda Conference

\*Years are approximate



Bermuda Conference administrators Kenneth Manders, president, right, and DeJaun Tull, executive secretary, left, stand with Carlyle Simmons and his wife, Marilyn, who is recognized for his years of service.



Bermuda Conference administrators Kenneth Manders, president, left, and DeJaun Tull, executive secretary, back, stand with Ronald E. Lightbourne and his wife, Lois, as he is recognized for his 50-plus years of service.



Eugene Virgil with his wife, Ann, are recognized for 50-plus years of service; with them are Bermuda Conference administrators Kenneth Manders, president, right, and DeJaun Tull, executive secretary, left.



Standing on the platform are some of the men from the Hamilton church who received the 30-plus years of service award.

## Belize 2017: Academy Students Make a Difference

Greater New York Academy (GNYA) successfully completed its second annual mission trip to Belize, Central America, February 17-26. “GNYA Belize” is a humanitarian and service initiative designed to give students opportunities to put their faith into action, develop a love for service, and be actively involved in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since its inception in 2016, 48 students and eight adults have participated.

GNYA partners with the organization “Mission 2000,” a Seventh-day Adventist group led by Henry Livergood of South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Mission 2000 has conducted mission projects for more than 27 years, in such places as St. Croix, St. Lucia, Barbados, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, and Belize. It comprises volunteers from throughout

the United States and Bermuda.

During the first trip, “Belize 2016,” GNYA helped to build the first phase of the Ladyville Adventist elementary school. The building foreman indicated that, because of the work of the 29 GNYA students, the building progressed ahead of schedule and many difficult tasks were easily accomplished.

The students also helped to conduct a Vacation Bible School with 345 children, taught classes at another Adventist school, and ministered at two local churches. “Belize 2016” not only impacted the GNYA students’ worldview, but one student decided to be baptized three months after returning from Belize. She later admitted that her decision was influenced partly by her experience on the mission trip.

It was during “Belize 2017” that GNYA students

started to become leaders and trendsetters among the mission group. They introduced two new initiatives: visiting needy homes in the community, and conducting a program at the local orphanage/ children’s home. The GNYA team, with a local school teacher, took to the streets and traversed the Ladyville area to visit specific needy families. With each home visit, one student presented a care package and another student prayed for the family. The care packages contained clothes, food, toiletries, school supplies, and treats for children.

One recipient expressed heartfelt gratitude as she shared that she had just lost her husband three weeks prior to their arrival. She was left to raise young children without a husband. She felt that the GNYA visit and prayer came right on time. She simply said, “I needed it.”

The entire mission group, led by GNYA, spent a Sabbath afternoon at the Ladyville Children’s Home interacting with the children and sharing their talents with them. GNYA initiated contact with the home and began making preparation to do a program for the children. While this was happening, the students at the academy donated three large barrels of needed items for the orphanage. They donated food, clothes, shoes, toiletries, school supplies, pots/pans, first-aid items, snacks, disposable diapers, toys, and seeds to plant in their garden.

Moved by what the students at the academy were doing, the College Church, led by the pastor, Luis Gracia, in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, decided to help. The members donated a weed wacker and a lawn mower. The barrels were shipped in advance to Belize and brought to the site by the students. As the opened-back truck reversed in with the items, the children cheered and shouted in anticipation. God was honored that day. “It really hit a soft spot in my heart,” said Henry Livergood, “and it also hit a lot of other people’s hearts the way they went out of their way to bring these things for the orphanage.”

The impact of the trip was immeasurable. Keneisha Litchmore, a GNYA junior, said that the morning and evening worships impacted her spiritual life. She wants to continue that practice in her life in the United States. For Daniel Wilkie, it was the realization that some children do not have



While on a mission trip in Belize, Greater New York Academy students and sponsors take a group photo after the worship service.

## Mission Trip Story: **God Made a Way**

Ever since I accepted Jesus I vividly recall listening to mission stories and having a desire to do work for the Master in some distant land. Daily I would sing “Make Me a Blessing” as I worked at home. Then, last August, I visited Greater New York Academy, looking for a high school for my children to attend. After Pastor Alexander shared news of an upcoming mission trip to Belize, where my children and I could help people, I thanked God for leading. Even when my travel documents were stolen, the Lord blessed and I received new ones two days before the plane was to depart.

I really expected to be “chief cook and bottle washer” in Belize, but I was in for a surprise. There was heavy work to be done—carrying concrete blocks, mixing mortar, and bending steel. The Holy Spirit whispered to me, “Strength for the labor I will provide.” God gave me all the strength I needed, and extra.

Apart from the building, we visited villagers and shared gifts and prayed with them. What I enjoyed most was witnessing the children of Greater New York Academy interacting with the children of Belize, teaching them about God’s love and guiding them in making crafts. I heard a male student offering a pair of socks to a Belizean resident who had none. I saw the gentleness of the girls at the orphanage, as we shared the needed supplies.

I am already planning to be a part of “Belize 2018.” The song “Make Me a Blessing” became alive in my life, and I thank God for the experience.

—Annette-Joy Sanderson, parent, Greater New York Academy

the privilege of enjoying the warmth of a parental relationship. He was especially touched because he admittedly did not show his parents the appreciation they deserve.

Kamayikam Campbell-Thompson took off his shoes and donated them to one of the Belizean teenagers. He wanted to give more, but the boy was just happy to receive them. Adriel Rodriguez was moved by the lack of basic necessities among the Belizean residents. “You walk in and they have half a wall, half a roof, and half a door,” said Rodriguez. “They have so little, and I have so much. It makes me realize that I can’t take life for granted.”

Nora White, a freshman, asked her mom to take her back in the summer to see the children. Juriel Boyce spoke about the children being willing to give their hearts to Jesus as the most impactful thing for her. Karis McGregor, a junior, contacted the orphanage after returning from Belize,

and is preparing to ship shoes to the orphanage.

Many of the GNYA students are not Adventists, but as a result of the ministry at the school, dozens take bold stands every year to follow Christ. While the group was still there, one child was kicked out of her home because of her decision to follow Christ.

Annette-Joy Sanderson, a parent with two children at GNYA, participated in “Belize 2017” with her two children. She is making plans to be part of “Belize 2018.”

Greater New York Academy is a place for your child to experience Christ through service. The school seeks to mold each student mentally, physically, and spiritually. If you are interested in “Belize 2018,” contact Henry Livergood at (978) 368-8304. For more information about enrolling a student at Greater New York Academy call (718) 639-1752.

—Nkarlo Alexander, teacher, Greater New York Academy



Karis McGregor and Alise Renaud, Greater New York Academy students, mark rebar at the construction site.



Greater New York Academy students and other workers move rebar (a steel reinforcing rod used in concrete).

## Young Adults Meet for First Worship Symposium

Twenty-two young adults from across the New York Conference gathered on June 10 for the first annual New York Conference Young Adult Worship Symposium. The morning began with an interactive worship centered on the discussion of revitalizing Young Adult Ministries in the New York Conference in a manner that will not put God, people, or ministry “in a box.”

After a fellowship meal the discussion continued, with immediate plans being made to increase communication through a Facebook page—Youth & Young Adult Central—and the creation of a contributor’s Web page where youth, young adults, and churches of the New York Conference can highlight activities and advertise events.

Plans are also being made for this group of young adults to reach out to small



Young adults, with care packages in hand, are ready to head to Syracuse to distribute them to people who are homeless.

Adventist churches in the conference, blessing them by offering to facilitate one worship service a month somewhere in the conference.

The day concluded with an afternoon of providing care packages for homeless individuals in the Syracuse area.

—Jeremy Garlock, Youth Ministries associate director, New York Conference

## Go: A Culture of Discipleship, Education Emphasis

In keeping with the 2017 theme “Year of Education,” the New York Conference Camp Meeting finished its three-year theme of discipleship with an emphasis on education. Throughout the week, schools across the conference were highlighted and the ministry of education was given a spotlight rarely seen in such a large gathering. This was done through videos, presentations, special meetings, a teacher commissioning service, and a special education offering that was collected to help build the education work in the New York Conference.

What follows are the highlights from this special camp



Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president, and Jeremy Garlock, New York Conference superintendent of schools, left rear, host an education town hall session during camp meeting.

meeting that focused on education.

### Education Town Hall

New York Conference president Miguel Crespo and superintendent of schools Jeremy Garlock hosted an education town hall on Sunday, June 25, during the camp meeting. The emphasis of this meeting was to share information on the future of education in the New York Conference, specifically education at Union Springs Academy. Highlights of plans and initiatives that were shared include:

- Dual credit courses
- Increased staff size

- Increased class offerings
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Agriculture and other vocational training
- Intensive weeks, open to all high schoolers, in the areas of learning a trade, drone racing, and musical drama
- Reflections Musical Drama Club
- Plans to create financial sustainability through business partnerships and the creation of a retirement community

### Let's Talk Homeschooling

With a camp meeting emphasis on Adventist education, Garlock felt it was important to address an area of Adventist education that is rarely talked about—homeschooling. To this end, a one-hour seminar was held to determine how the New York Conference can help support children who are being homeschooled, because these children deserve the support of their church just as much as those who are in educational institutions.

As a result of this meeting, the conference is giving study to several meaningful suggestions shared by families who are homeschooling their children, and homeschoolers are officially invited to all New York Conference education events. Any families with questions on these events should contact the New York Conference Office of Education.

### Touching Our Community

For the last four years the youth divisions at camp meeting have worked to bless the community through acts of service, and that tradition continued this year. The juniors, teens, and young adults assembled packages for two target groups: the homeless and single mothers in shelters. In all, 38 packages were assembled and distributed to ministries that work with these target groups.

### Teacher Commissioning

On July 1, a teacher commissioning service was held at the New York Conference Camp Meeting, at which four ministers of education were commissioned to the education ministry. These individuals were:

- Alicia Biek, principal/teacher at the Kingsbury school
- Sue Kingman, principal/teacher at the Rochester Bay Knoll school
- Jeffrey Locke, principal/teacher at Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy
- Jere Clayburn, principal at Union Springs Academy

It is because of the dedicated work of these ministers, and others like them, that young people continue to receive a quality, rigorous, and deeply spiritual education from educators who love them.

—Education department, New York Conference



Alicia Biek, Kingsbury school principal/teacher, and her husband, Chad



Sue Kingman, Bay Knoll school principal/teacher, and her two sons, Jed and James



Jeffrey Locke, Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy principal/teacher, and his wife, Betsey



Jere Clayburn, Union Springs Academy principal, with his wife, Loretta

## Solid Rock Church Baptizes Seven

Seven new members were added to the Solid Rock church family on Sabbath, May 20. The baptisms were a result of Bible studies conducted by the church's personal ministries leader, Levi Wright, and his team. All the new members are from the Rockaways.

The entire church family, along with the church's pastor, Lawrence Brown, the elders, and family members were present in support of the newly-baptized candidates. "The Solid Rock family celebrates the new additions to the family of God. It was a memorable day!" Brown said.

The Solid Rock church ministers to the community in the Far Rockaway, Queens, area of New York. The church's Personal Ministries department works closely with all other departments of



Lawrence Brown, pastor of Solid Rock church, prepares to baptize one of the seven people who received Bible studies from the church's personal ministries team.

the church to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. With a heavy emphasis on Bible studies, door-to-door canvassing, and meeting the needs of the people by visitation,

prayer, and study, the department's goal is to help everyone to know Jesus personally.

—Nadya Jones, communication leader, Solid Rock church

## Members Receive Evangelism Training

The Willis Avenue church in Bronx, New York, was the host site for "Impact Your World!" an intensive weekend of evangelism training conducted by the Amazing Facts Center for Evangelism (AFCOE), May 19-21. The visiting team from Amazing Facts, coined AFCOE to Go, sparked and ignited the desire for soul winning in all of the attendees, and shared some useful steps for one-on-one friendship evangelism and giving dynamic, Christ-centered Bible studies.

The host pastor, Sednak Yankson, welcomed the team, who were arranged through local coordinators headed by Oneil Robinson, an evangelist and alumnus of AFCOE. They emphasized the divine commission, our high calling, and our greatest need through AFCOE



Pictured are participants of "Impact Your World!" a weekend of evangelism training held at the Willis Avenue church in Bronx, New York.

presenters Carissa McSherry and Chuck Holtry. The Saturday sermon titled, "No Man Left Behind," presented by Tim Jones, an evangelist from Amazing Facts, was soul-stirring as he gave his own personal testimony.

In addition to members of Willis Avenue church, registrants included churches from as far as Solid Rock church in Far Rockaway, Queens; Hanson

Place church in Brooklyn; Calvary First Nigeria church; Ephesus church, and City Tabernacle church in Manhattan, and even a participant from a Church of God in Christ.

Joylyn Maitland from North Bronx church said that she registered for this event through an Amazing Facts e-mail. "This training was very helpful. I was able to recognize some missed

opportunities, but this was useful information because I am trying to witness in my community," Maitland said. Samantha Abreu from First Hollis church in Hollis Queens, said, "It was awesome! It was Spirit-filled with energetic presentations. They [delineated] methods we can use in giving Bible studies. I've also found the host church to be very friendly."

The weekend of evangelism training came at a good time for Willis Avenue church as they embarked on an evangelistic Revelation Seminar series the very next weekend. The training gave the church the skills and methods to use as they evangelize in the South Bronx community.

—Kibia Meyers, communication leader, Willis Avenue church

## Evangelistic Series Reaps 16 Baptisms

After a weekend of intensive training by the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism, Sednak Yankson, senior pastor of the Willis Avenue church, led the church into a four-week evangelistic series titled “Decoding the Revelation.” It resulted in 16 baptisms, 14 of which were new converts from the Mott Haven community and even recipients of the church’s breakfast-feeding program.

With political, societal, and international crises increasing, Yankson, evangelist and speaker for the “Decoding the Revelation” seminar, unlocked the mysteries of the book of Revelation. The series was conducted nightly, except Thursdays nights, from May 24 to June 17. Guests were motivated to learn about and prepare for events referred

to in the book of Revelation. Dawn Samuels, singing evangelist, and Dian Welch, assistant singing evangelist, ministered in song each night.



Sednak Yankson, Willis Avenue church pastor, makes an appeal during the “Decoding the Revelation” seminar.

Baptisms were conducted morning and evening on the last two Sabbaths as more people continued to decide for baptism. Each person had their own story of how the Lord led them to the meetings. Verna Brissett said

she knew about the Sabbath some twenty-something years ago when she was in Jamaica, but it wasn’t really a part of her life until an Adventist cousin called and told her, “You need to go to church.” After some searching, Brissett found and started attending the Willis Avenue church right before the Revelation seminar started, and had an opportunity to be baptized before it ended.

One day while walking past the church building, Delroy Russell said, “I noticed a colorful flyer on the ground and when I picked it up I found out that it was a study on the book of Revelation.” Delroy attended the meeting that night and continued attending almost every other night of the seminar series and was baptized.

Every Saturday morning on her way to work,

Beverly Ewan noticed that breakfast was being served to anyone at the entrance of Willis Avenue church. “I was so happy for the breakfast because I had no money at the time, but I trusted that God would provide.” Ewan continued to stop in for breakfast on Saturday mornings until one day she saw a poster for the Revelation Seminar. After attending, Ewan decided to be baptized and with her new-found faith and her new church family, Ewan said, “I’m just crying for joy!”

These were just some of the testimonies of how the Lord was working before, during, and even after the “Decoding the Revelation” seminar, to “add to the church daily such as should be saved.”

—Kibia Meyers, communication leader, Willis Avenue church

## Basketball Champions Face Off with NYPD Travel Team

People lined up and filtered into the building for game night at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. This was not just another NBA game night. This was a double header in which the New York City Police Department (NYPD) travel team would play the Northeastern Conference basketball championship team from Ephesus church. This was also more than a game; it was evidence that despite recent tension and unrest in many communities, attempts are being made to reestablish and strengthen ties between police officers and the communities they serve.

“Are you ready NEC Champs? Are you ready NYPD?” boomed the



Playing on the court at the Barclays Center are the New York City Police Department travel team and the Northeastern Conference basketball championship team from Ephesus church.

announcer, Richard Calhoun, Jr., as the game was about to begin. The game was a fun-filled

savvy veteran NYPD team came away with the victory on the court, but everyone walked away winners. This recreational social event was a positive step that helped to promote trust and unity in the community.

One of the most enjoyable moments occurred after the game, when the church league players and the NYPD team had to share a room to change clothes. The laughter and jokes that were shared were priceless. The Brooklyn Temple church continues to look for creative ways to demonstrate the love of Jesus in its community.

—Adventist Youth Ministries, Brooklyn Temple church

community bonding event that the Brooklyn Temple church looks forward to sponsoring annually. The

## Prayer Coordinators Devoted to Prayer

I really like the theme “Houses of Prayer Everywhere” that the North American Division launched last year. It’s exciting to think about our churches being centers of “hope” or places where folks will come to experience the power of God in their lives. But then there’s reality!

In the Northern New England Conference (NNEC) most of our churches are very small and located in rural communities, and prayer meeting is something of the past. Perhaps a few dedicated saints meet to pray over the list of missing members or weekly prayer requests, but this isn’t really the picture of a House of Prayer.

This year the NNEC Prayer Ministries department has launched a plan to invest deeply in the local church prayer coordinators. In order to have a “House of Prayer,” there must be a leader with passion, purpose, and a game plan. In May, the local church prayer



These local church prayer ministries leaders are at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, to develop their passion, purpose, and game plan.

coordinators were invited to attend a three-day training retreat at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine. God blessed this retreat in a powerful way when 20 leaders came together seeking His face and fellowship through prayer and ministry training.

One thing they discovered in God’s Word is that

being devoted to prayer is not optional if we want to be effective in ministry. Following the example of the early church, they read in Acts 2:42, Acts 6:4, and Romans 12:12 that devotion to prayer was a priority for them personally and corporately. So will it be for the NNEC prayer coordinators.

May God bless the Northern New England Conference as it develops Houses of Prayer Everywhere in its territory.

Visit [www.hope-heals.org](http://www.hope-heals.org) for more information on the NAD Houses of Prayer initiative.

—Kelly Veilleux, prayer ministries leader, Northern New England Conference

## 50 Years of Service and Still Going!

James Howe, Sr., has been the treasurer for the Bennington church in Vermont for the better part of 50 years. He is also one of Bennington’s most faithful and involved members. He still mows the church property—and this is no small feat! He is a staunch supporter of the Bennington school, and has helped to raise necessary funds to ensure that the school continues its ministry.

Not only is he faithful, he is also meticulous. The Northern New England Conference Treasury Department commended Howe’s work in a recent audit. They noted that he keeps records in such an orderly way that it greatly facilitated their audit and made it a pleasure to perform.

Now, after 50 years, Howe has announced his retirement as the Bennington church treasurer, but he hasn’t stopped serving. He says he will keep mowing the lawn! Christ’s kingdom is built and expanded by His



James Howe, faithful laborer for the Lord, stands by trailer and mower after cutting the grass at the Bennington church in Vermont.

humble, faithful, and enduring servants, and Howe is one of them!

—Terry Clem, pastor, Bennington church



## These Stones Tell Stories

Being a guardian and preservationist of Adventist heritage is not easy, but it is rewarding. This is certainly true for Ken and Marsha Brummel, site coordinators for the Washington church in New Hampshire. Trying to ready the church for swarms of visitors over the summer months, while maintaining the building and the Sabbath Trail and adding such things as a beautiful pavilion to the site is a challenge—especially when fundraising and volunteer coordination are added into the mix!

But one challenge in particular had the Brummels stumped: how to deal with the cracking, decayed, and tilting headstones in the graveyard. The small graveyard is filled with the headstones of Adventist pioneers; and with the march of time, some of the elements of these headstones have eroded, while others have cracked and fallen over. Still others were tilting at sharp angles.

The Brummels researched the problem thoroughly, then looked for someone who could help. They finally made contact with Brian Post of Standing Stone Landscape Architecture in Vermont. Post, impressively, is a certified dry stone master craftsman, a certified dry stone inspector, and a certified dry stone examiner. Post agreed to take on the job of correcting the problems at the graveyard.

It turns out that stone is not a simple thing. Water migrates through



The headstones in the graveyard near the Washington church in New Hampshire are being repaired and reset.

it, especially when it is in ground contact. Elements and acid in rain erode it. Being in contact with carbon-rich soil affects it. Being in contact with other stones affects it.

Fixing stones is also not a simple task. Any compounds, mortars, and plasters that are used cannot significantly affect the migration of water through the stone, and cannot have very different coefficient of expansion rates (in other words, they need to expand and contract with heat at the same rate as the stone).

The Brummels were delighted that Post took the job. Some headstones and monuments were dug up completely and placed on a new base. Some headstones were repaired and reset. Others needed an aluminum frame to remain upright. All needed a good cleaning.

The effort involved was significant. The expense was not minor, but through the work of the Brummels, as well as many volunteers and supporters, the

Church. And when people visit, part of what they see involves the stories of the pioneers in the graveyard, and the blessed hope they have of being called forth on resurrection day. Until that day, their gravestones tell their stories for them.

If you have a chance, visit the church where Sabbath-keeping Adventists first met—the little church in Washington, New Hampshire. While you are there, tour the graveyard and see the work of a master craftsman done in service of the Master.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Washington church and Sabbath Trail continue to draw a significant number of tourists and worshipers, many of whom have not had previous contact with the Seventh-day Adventist

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## Students Participate in STEM Day

The Warren school in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, hosted STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Day presented by MSquared International (MSI), a company owned and operated by Daniel Maitland, parent of sixth-grade student Vanessa Maitland. The company, based in Glastonbury, Connecticut, provides advanced construction systems and materials for private and commercial use. The Worcester school in Worcester, Massachusetts, was also invited to participate in this event on April 13, which drew close to 40 students and staff.

Faith-based scientist and chemist John Becker, along with his wife, Ann, from Creative Materials Technologies (CMT), were part of the team that demonstrated numerous chemical reactions, much to the wonder and awe of the student audience. Their love for chemistry was apparent in their desire to involve many student volunteers in their experiments.

The materials used in the demonstrations hold global patents of products that are highly sought after. Students learned how many of these chemicals are used in home and commercial construction. The presenters displayed cost-saving and energy-efficient materials that are now used as alternatives to the traditional resources currently being used today.

In addition, architect John MacFarlane came along to demonstrate a product with elastomeric properties that prevents bridge collapse or damage and other similar catastrophes. Students

demonstrated the strength of this product (monomer/polymer) by linking arms and withstanding the strength of external forces. Former law enforcement officer, marine, and youth pastor, Craig Hurley, MSI associate and senior advisor, coordinated and led out in student team activities. A huge pizza lunch provided by MSI concluded the morning activities.

The afternoon presentation challenged two students to hold concrete bricks. Unbeknownst to the students, one brick was from CMT and the other was a traditional brick. The challenge was to see who could hold the bricks the longest in each hand with arms extended. The bricks were held close to five minutes. First-grader Maya Preuss won the challenge opposite eighth grader Cameron Davis because of the lighter product from CMT that can withstand the same force and strength of a traditional brick.

Becker wrapped up the last 15 minutes connecting the nature of science and creation. "If you have ever painted or created something, part of you remains inside the thing that you created. It is the same with our Creator, He left part of Himself in Creation. Therefore, by studying that creation, we can see part of the Creator in His nature. This is true in God's creation on a big scale (like the planets) and on a very small scale (as in molecules). As a scientist of faith that knows this secret, we can have the opportunity to see God reveal Himself in His Creation."

After prayer, the entire MSI team was thanked with



Luisa Cabana, principal, welcomes everyone to the Warren school and to the STEM day program planned for students.



Students from the Warren and Worcester schools watch a chemical reactive explosion using cost-effective materials from Creative Materials Technologies.



First-grader Maya Preuss holds new product bricks and eighth-grader Cameron Davis holds traditional bricks for over four minutes.

parting gifts and each student was given a "glow in the dark" custom-made shape.

—Luisa Cabana, principal and teacher, Warren school

## 3ABN's Brenda Walsh Visits Atlantic Union College

Brenda Walsh, Christian author and general manager of the 3ABN Kids Network, was the speaker for the Atlantic Union College President's Lecture Series on July 6. In her presentation titled "Becoming Who God Wants You to Be," Walsh shared testimonials with the audience about the importance of the children's television ministry and how it has led viewers to God. One story she recounted was about a former drug user who was led away from his addiction by remembering an episode from a 3ABN Kids Network program in which Walsh looked directly at the camera and declared to the viewers, "Jesus will always love you."

The President's Lecture Series raises funds to help AUC students in emergencies. The lecture series format includes lectures, work-



Brenda Walsh, general manager of 3ABN Kids Network, speaks at the Atlantic Union College President's Lecture Series.

shops, and/or discussion groups. Check Atlantic Union College's Web site at [www.auc.edu](http://www.auc.edu) for upcoming speakers.

—Emmanuel Ortiz, communication manager, Atlantic Union College

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Students taking the three-semester course will learn how to work in all aspects of pharmacy. Topics covered include medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, pharmacy calculations, preparing insurance claim forms, establishing and maintaining patient records, and more.

The program prepares students to take the pharmacy technician certification exam. Student who pass the

certification exam will hold a CPhT certificate.

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For more information, please call Barbara Fuller, Atlantic Union College Certificate Program director, at (978) 368-2111, or e-mail [barbara.fuller@auc.edu](mailto:barbara.fuller@auc.edu).

—Emmanuel Ortiz, communication manager, Atlantic Union College



Jonathan Dixon, student worker in the Certificate Programs office at Atlantic Union College, right, helps student Kevin Maldonado, left.



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## OBITUARIES

**BURRINGTON, Dorothy**—86; b. Feb. 22, 1931, in Elmira, N.Y.; d. June 7, 2017, in Lancaster, Mass. She was a long-time member of the Village Church in South Lancaster, Mass., where she participated in many departments, and she sang with the Roberts-Bruso-Burrington Women's Singing Trio. She also worked as a licensed practical nurse at the New England Memorial Hospital. She is survived by two sons, Daniel (Marcia) Burrington of Apopka, Fla., and Wayne (Donna) Burrington of Derry, N.H.; one daughter, Cheryl Burrington of Leominster, Mass.; one brother, Howard (Susan) Groom of Biloxi, Miss.; three sisters Catherine (Raymond) Gulk of Lovell, Wyo., Evelyn Brown of Lancaster, Mass., and Carol (Theodore) Edmister of Shelley, Idaho; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**MILLER-JOHNSON, Weda Myrtle**—96; b. Mar. 2, 1921, in Boston, Mass.; d. May 3, 2017, in Boston Mass. A

lifetime member of the Berea church in Dorchester, Mass., she was a Pathfinder Master Guide, and served as assistant treasurer. She was celebrated by the Berea church as the most faithful Sabbath School member in the church's history. She is survived by Nadine Miller; her niece, Saleka; cousin, Linda Baayan; goddaughters, Belinda Grady, Shirley Drumgo, and Kahris White-McLaughlin; godsons, Tariq Birmingham and Darius Banks.

**PARISH, Maude D.**—90; b. Jan. 17, 1927, in Lodi, N.Y.; d. May 21, 2017, in Geneva, N.Y. She was a member of the Geneva church in Geneva, N.Y. She is survived by five daughters, Donna French, Diane Conklin, Paula (Elwood) Hilligus, Susan Dragos, and Barbara (Jim) Marcinkowski; one sister, Betty Sincebaugh; one brother, Claude Putnam; brother-in-law, Glenn Parish; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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