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Youth and Young Adults: The Driving Force of the Church

Throughout Adventist history, the church has greatly benefited from the involvement and ministry of youth and young adults at all levels of the organization. The younger they are when they get involved, the more years of service they tend to give and the more the church stands to gain. One example was the ministry of A.G. Daniells, who started working for the church as a young man, rose through the ranks to become General Conference (GC) president, and was the architect of our current church structure.

In 1886, Arthur G. Daniells received a call to serve in New Zealand and later, Australia. Though only 28 years of age, Daniells and his young wife accepted this life-changing appointment that transformed their lives forever. Daniells was an articulate preacher and a humble, yet brave and effective administrator.

Charles Watson, GC president at the time of Daniells' death, wrote that "under his leadership the present organization of the field began to take shape. It was there that the union conference feature of our work was originated, and with it the departmental features were developed. There, too, in laying the foundations of the educational, medical, publishing, Missionary Volunteer [now Adventist Youth Ministries] and other distinctive lines of institutional and departmental service"—REVIEW AND HERALD, April 18, 1935, vol. 112, no. 16, p. 3.

While overseas and faced with discouragement, the involvement of the youth gave him new determination and vigor. The contribution of younger members re-energized his spirit, and encouraged his soul and the field. Encouraged and upbeat, Daniells wrote to Ellen White in March 1893, that "Some things are quite encouraging. Every hand in the office has taken hold anew, and I believe the younger employees have had a better experience than they have ever had before. They all take hold and speak and pray every

time there is an opportunity for them to do so. Not one holds back. I regret that some of the older ones did not see the importance of attending the meetings and coming in personal contact with the hands in their spiritual experiences. I fear they will not fully appreciate the tenderness of the plants and water them as they might had they entered into the personal efforts to seek new experiences,"—A. G. Daniells Collection, *Correspondence 1893*, Collection 227.

Daniells was not afraid to venture into new programs, explore new ideas, and try different strategies. This, of course, helped him to prepare for and adjust to every leadership transition and period in his life. The involvement of the youth in a new missionary meeting he started for them brought great joy to his heart. He reported his joy to Ellen White when he penned these words, "As I look at those forty young people, I can see that our work with them is very important. If all of them were to become truly converted and become Bible students and true missionary workers and all this is just what ought to be, they would be a great blessing to this church,"—A. G. Daniells Collection, *Correspondence 1893*, Collection 227.

He did not see these young people as a threat to his own leadership. He saw their potential to be "true missionary workers" who could render years of great service to the church. Daniells, therefore, had spiritual foresight.

This issue of the GLEANER focuses on the youth and young adult ministry in the Atlantic Union. Today, there are more "Daniells" in our pews who are eager to make their contributions to the church. Youth and young adults more than ever need the support of church members and leaders. Our support and reassurance will facilitate and encourage their ministries and bring joy and encouragement to our hearts. ①

Pierre Omeler is the executive secretary for the Atlantic Union Conference.



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The 4CS

of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the Atlantic Union

The year 2017 was a year of action for the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department. In collaboration with the local-conference youth ministries directors and their associates, we are touching lives as never before. Our ministry in the Atlantic Union territory is based on and aligned with four values: Consecration, Compassion, Collaboration, and Community. These core values are our driving force, compass, focus, and purpose. They are the essence of who we are and they serve as the foundation for all we do.

CONSECRATION

Young adults are very important within our union and they are looking for an authentic and genuine relationship with God. The GODencounters minis-

try creates this environment for them. In 2017, more than 300 young adults (18-35) attended GODencounters. There, they connected with God and were consecrated through prayer and

witnessing. They experienced heart-searching biblical preaching and seminars dealing with daily life struggles. Attendees left energized and equipped for their small groups with “The

Loving Father” Bible studies designed for young adults.

We partnered with the Northern New England and Southern New England conferences for a summer retreat specifically for young adults, where hundreds across the union experienced God in nature at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine.

Consecration was the main catalyst as Pathfinders spent several months studying the Bible in preparation for the annual Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE). In an outstanding demonstration of understanding the Bible, the Braintree Flames of Braintree church in Braintree, Massachusetts, were among the winners of the North American Division PBE in Illinois.

COMPASSION

“Actions speak louder than words” is not just a catchy phrase, but a lifestyle. The Atlantic Union youth and young adults participated in



Doris, front left, and Glen Dollison, third from the left on the second row, are the owners of one of the houses the group assisted in rebuilding while in Texas.

many compassion activities last year, touching lives in a tangible way. In March 2017, the annual Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Compassion Rally focused on Rochester, New York, in the New York Conference territory. More than 400 youth and young adults headed to the streets to share the good news of sal-

vation. Many were blessed, lives were changed, and hundreds heard that Jesus is coming again.

The second Sabbath of each month has been designated as Compassion Sabbath. Youth and young adults are encouraged to get outside the walls of their churches and be the hands and feet of Jesus on a consistent basis.



Atlantic Union Conference youth and young adults in action.



Youth and young adults from around the Atlantic Union participate in the annual Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Compassion Rally in Rochester, New York.

The General Conference Global Youth Day initiative was widely supported across the union with more than 300 community projects. Resources were supplied, where possible, to help reach those in need for God's glory.

COLLABORATION

The Atlantic Union is intentional about working together hand-in-hand to help the young people. We have a team of youth directors and associates who prayerfully seek different ways of assisting our youth in forming and maintaining a lifesaving relationship with God. We share ideas, successes and failures, and seek God's counsel on youth ministries matters.

We recognize diversity as one of the strengths of our union and we encourage one another to be relevant to all ethnic groups. We believe that the language of love and compassion transcends all barriers. Collaboration has helped us to learn from each other. Youth directors have invited other youth directors to their events and meetings, fostering a sense of unity. We have created a solid bond and facilitated collaboration as we traveled together outside of the Atlantic Union to Texas, and such countries as Israel, and the Dominican Republic for the Inter-American Division camporee.



Posing for a group photo at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, are participants of the Association of Adventist Camping Professionals retreat.

The Association of Adventist Camping Professionals (AACP) retreat provides a great opportunity for collaboration in camp ministry. At this annual event we celebrate the success of the camping season and share ideas. In 2017, camp managers, staff, and their families gathered at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, where best practices were shared and teamwork training was conducted. Attendees were encouraged and energized to maintain the good work they have been doing.

As a result of continuous collaboration, our camps provide a life-changing experience to campers. The 2017 summer camp ministry was very fruitful. There were 58 youth

and young adults who gave their lives to Jesus and an additional 1,177 decisions for baptism were made.

COMMUNITY

Our quinquennial Bible text reminds us about our mission, "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them,"—Hebrews 6:10, NIV. Our community is very important to us, not only within the Atlantic Union, but all across the United States and the world. This is reinforced in our quinquennial theme: "Share Your Gift, Change Our World."

We reached outside of our comfort zones and, together, helped



individuals and families in need in Texas and Puerto Rico—two of many areas affected by hurricanes in 2017. In partnership with our youth directors from the Greater New York, Northeastern, and Northern New England conferences, the Atlantic Union Conference Adventist Community Services Department, Lawalt Construction Company, and the constant support of the Atlantic Union Conference administration, we were able to assist nine families in Texas by helping to rebuild their homes. Additionally, volunteers assisted with food distribution, cleanup activities, and also shared hope.

We give glory to God for all He has done in 2017 in the Atlantic Union, and beyond, through each activity. The Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department looks forward to continuing to support each of the six conferences in mission trips, compassion initiatives, social justice initiatives, young adult ministries, Adventurers, Pathfinders, Teen Leadership Training programs (TLT), Master Guides, Medical Cadet Corps, disaster response, campus ministries, rallies, parades, holistic small groups, AY Ministries, educational trips, retreats, youth congresses, community services, and any additional ministries to which God has called us.

Through the core values, Consecration, Compassion, Collaboration, and Community, we pray God will continue to allow His work to progress in the Atlantic Union. ☺



Andrés J. Peralta is the director for the Youth, Young Adult, Pathfinder, and Adventurer ministries in the Atlantic Union Conference.



The Braintree Flames of Braintree church in Braintree, Massachusetts, were among the winners of the 2017 North American Division PBE in Illinois.



Youth and young adults participate in a general session at the 2017 GODencounters retreat.

SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

February 23-25	GODencounters (Leominster, Massachusetts)
March 17	Global Youth Day
March 24	Atlantic Union Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE)
March 19-26	Youth Week of Prayer
May 20-26	Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF)
July 22-31	Atlantic Union Conference Reformation Tour
July 31-August 4	Global Leadership Ministries Conference
September 22	General Conference World Pathfinder Day
October 5-6	Compassion Weekend, New York City
October 19	Public Campus Ministry Day
October 25-27	Bible Bowl
November 3	Youth Congress Leaders Retreat
November 16-18	Association of Adventist Camping Professionals (AACP) Retreat

Note: Every second Sabbath of the month will be Compassion Sabbath.

Find more information at auyouth.com or compassion-now.org



Health Ministries Team Participates in Medical Mission Trip

The Atlantic Union Conference Health Ministries Department had the privilege of participating in a medical mission trip to the South Grand'Anse region of Haiti in July 2017. Teams of physicians, nurses, medical therapists, young medical students and other specialists have been traveling to Haiti to assist with their immediate needs, an effort that has continued over a period of seven years. The experience was both challenging and rewarding and, hopefully, will encourage others to consider volunteering for this medical mission work.

The volunteers provided medical care to victims affected by Hurricane Matthew

and to others who ordinarily don't have the means for or accessibility to health care. The group visited the towns of Aquin, Miragouane, Anse D'Hainault, Les Irois, Baryadel, and Montrouis.

In each town, the team was provided with an area in which to organize a clinic. Often, the local obstacles are related to a lack of resources and access to medical care. The most fascinating and intense stories surround the initial response effort, which involved hundreds and even thousands of injuries, infections, and other acute trauma, all of which were cared for in a makeshift setting.

In the span of two weeks, the team saw more than

2,500 patients with medical conditions at all levels of severity. Patients came in with symptoms ranging from the common cold to those associated with gastrointestinal worms, typhoid, STDs, malaria, and other infections. The medical need is overwhelming. Although much of it as a result of the hurricane earlier the same year, most of the needs were exacerbated by poverty and poor sanitary conditions.

The team was challenged in new ways, stretched beyond what they were used to and working in situations that they seldom encounter in America. They found themselves without the simple things that we often take for granted.

Apart from the health care given to the people of Haiti, their spiritual growth needs were also met. On the first Sabbath the group was there, they were blessed to be welcomed by L'Église Adventiste D'Aquin, where the service was spirit-filled and the faces of many of those who were treated seemed hopeful in the power of prayer.

In the afternoon, a roundtable discussion was held and Jose L. Joseph, Atlantic Union Conference Haitian Ministries vice president and Health Ministries director, gave a seminar titled "Un Nouveau Style de Vie" ("A New Lifestyle"). Doctors from the group were able to answer the questions of many individuals who inquired about a healthier way of living.

In Baryadel, a church was built, with the help of the Atlantic Union, and is still thriving to give a finished look to their place of worship. Four baptisms and

one wedding (the couple was a part of those mentioned in baptism) took place on the second Sabbath and were officiated by Jose Joseph and Pierre E. Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary.

As with most medical mission trips, there is a feeling that the need is overwhelming and anything accomplished is just a "drop in the bucket." Yet, the question about making a difference depends on each individual's perspective. Short-term medical mission trips are by definition a temporary solution to a chronic problem. At the same time, it is good to remember that each patient who comes to one of these free medical clinics gets their present need addressed, whether acute or chronic.

Seeing the devastation and general desperation of the entire country was difficult to witness, and the ongoing support provided by the rest of the world will be a necessity for the foreseeable future if Haiti has any chance of recovery.

"Having the opportunity to become involved in the relief effort was a blessing and was rewarding in more ways than words can express," Joseph said. "You will often hear people who have been on medical mission trips say that they went in order to 'give back' or to serve those who are less fortunate. They will also tell you that they have received something even more valuable, this intangible something that leaves you feeling more satisfied, blessed, and thankful."

—Health Ministries department, Atlantic Union Conference



This group of medical professionals traveled to Haiti to volunteer their time to assist with providing medical care for the victims affected by Hurricane Matthew.



People wait to receive medical attention from the volunteers.



The team witnessed a baptism on the second Sabbath they spent in Haiti.

Atlantic Union College Update

Classes for spring semester 2018 began at Atlantic Union College on January 8 for the degree program and on January 7 for the certificate programs. The current degree programs offered include a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religion and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences/Biology, as well as several certificate programs.

Planning for the second half of the 2017-2018 school year did not come without its challenges. On November 29, 2017, the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees met at a specially-called meeting to discuss the budget and the ramifications of the decision made by the Southern New England Conference Executive Committee in 2017 to withhold its subsidy to the college.

Maintaining the college's operation has required great financial sacrifice by the Atlantic Union and its six conferences, for which we are very thankful. It is known that, as a collaborative effort, the subsidies from each of the conferences represent the largest income for the college. Any reduction places a huge burden on the operation, and the college has to make adjustments accordingly.

Unfortunately, we arrived at such a place in the last quarter of 2017, and the board of trustees voted to accept a balanced budget from the college that reflects the omission of the subsidy from the Southern

New England Conference. The balanced budget voted included the rightsizing of staff, which began effective late December 2017. Any restructuring will be addressed as necessary to maintain a balanced budget, and any certificate program with under enrollment will be postponed.

Understanding that the reduction in subsidy could



have far reaching-implications, the college is moving forward with its academic program. AUC continues to work with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) toward full accreditation. The college continues to follow the guidelines established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) for operation during this period of transition toward accreditation.

AUC has articulation agreements with Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University. In the interest

of the academic standing of students, the college is working to obtain articulation agreements with other Adventist institutions of higher education. An articulation agreement is an approved agreement between two or more institutions that allows a student to apply credits earned in specific programs at one institution

toward a specific program at the other institution.

An independent task force was voted by the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee in 2017 to conduct a feasibility study of AUC, as recommended by the North American Division Education Department, to determine the sustainability of the college in this current environment. Information on the committee's findings will be shared as soon as it is available.

AUC continues with its plans to increase enrollment, which includes obtaining support from

conference presidents for recruiters to attend meetings to promote the college; sharing information with superintendents of schools, principals, and teachers in the Adventist education system, so that they will become familiar with the tuition savings and course offerings at AUC; holding events for academy students on the AUC campus; sending information about AUC to Adventist churches for inclusion in the church bulletins; e-mailing the electronic newsletter, *AMBASSADOR*, to the constituency; sharing information by word-of-mouth; and more.

The Atlantic Union College leadership and the Atlantic Union Conference administration remain fully engaged in achieving a productive outcome, continued stability, increased enrollment, and full accreditation of AUC. The college will continue to provide updates as information becomes available about enrollment, accreditation, the work of the task force, and other developments.

We continue to solicit your prayers and support as we move forward in this process of securing full accreditation for Atlantic Union College. Anyone wishing to donate to AUC should visit the college's Web site at auc.edu/donate.

—Avis Hendrickson, president, Atlantic Union College, and G. Earl Knight, chairman, Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.



Sydney Gibbons Retires After 40 Years of Service

A committed Christian leaves a legacy of 40 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sydney Gibbons has retired, effective January 1, 2018. At retirement, he was the senior pastor of the Hamilton church, ministerial director, and director of the W.A.V.E.S. School of Evangelism that he established for the Bermuda Conference. His pastoral, evangelistic, departmental, administrative, and educational roles have permitted him to reside and serve on three continents.

Gibbons and his six siblings attended the Southampton church from birth. He later returned as pastor of his home church, first as associate pastor and years later as senior pastor. While the majority of his service was given to the Bermuda Conference, he also served as an inter-division employee of the General Conference in Cameroon and Jamaica.

The Gibbons family, including wife, Katherina, and children, Mystere, Meliseanna, and Gianluca, live by a divine call. A small group of Christians decided to meet nightly after work to seek God's will for their lives through prayer, and Gibbons was among those members. It was then that he received the call to the gospel ministry and began studies at the Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica, in 1973.

While pastoring the Southampton church he received and accepted the call to be the church ministries director of the Central African Union Mission (1991). The divine call would also take the Gibbons family to Jamaica, where he served as associate professor, and then back to Bermuda (2001) to conclude his full-time service in the place where he began to serve as a church worker.

During these later years, Gibbons also provided service

to the Bermuda Government as a consultant to the National Training Board, managing the provision of skills-based training to marginalized youth and directing the government's Commission for Unity and Racial Equality (C.U.R.E.).

As Gibbons concluded this journey of service, he is observed using his gifts of leadership, administration, teaching, and passion for evangelism that directed his ministry. He designed courses and trained laypersons in the areas of leadership and evangelism. Three primary courses taught were, How to Give Bible Studies, How to Preach, and How to Lead Church Meetings.

It was natural for him to select as his Doctor of Ministry project the design and the implementation of a course to teach laypersons in the art of evangelistic preaching and to author three books. Also, it was natural for him to establish



Sydney Gibbons has retired after 40 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Lites Ministry, a curriculum for the online school of evangelism he founded to equip believers, globally, to complete the Great Commission as end-time Christians.

We thank him and his family for their faithful service and pray for God to continue to bless them in His service.

—D. Randolph Wilson,
communication director,
Bermuda Conference

Youth Ministries Launches “Discipleship Year” Initiative

On the weekend of February 16-17, the Bermuda Conference Youth Ministries Department is launching “Discipleship Year,” an initiative “to ensure the personal spiritual growth of the emerging generation of Seventh-day Adventist youth, and to see them develop into fully committed, passionate Christ-followers (disciples), working to take the Advent message to the world.”

The theme under which this initiative will go forward is “Called to Follow.” The objectives are (1) to train youth, as lifelong disciple-

makers, in service and outreach for the Master; (2) to train adults, specifically identified by each local church, as youth ministry mentors; (3) to develop a discipleship model of youth-friendship outreach in Bermuda; (4) to lead all young people, who start the Discipleship Year not baptized, toward baptism by the end of the year; (5) to encourage those who experience the 2018 Discipleship Year to disciple other youth in 2019; and (6) to develop a manual for youth ministry mentors.

In addition to the monthly training for mentors, four

major island-wide rallies are scheduled:

February 16-17: “Called to Follow Youth Revival” and “Call to Discipleship”

April 13-14: “Growing Disciples” (training in discipleship, to include Bermuda Institute, if possible)

July 7: “Disciples in Action” (participating in service and outreach activities)

September 8: “A Celebration of Discipleship” (celebrating experiences of the year)

Two age groups (including college/university students) will be the focus of the initiative—13-19 years and 20-29 years. The mentors can be selected by the youth leaders in collaboration with their pastor. Mentors are expected to agree to work in the ministry for at least one year.

The initiative will continue into 2019 with a new group of youth, some of whom will be baptized in 2018.

—Youth Ministries department,
Bermuda Conference

Crossroads Marches to the Beat of Young Drummers

With flags whipping in the gusty breeze, young Pathfinders and Adventurers, along with many supporters, marched through the West Side of Manhattan to drive home the message of child abuse awareness and saying no to drugs.

Accompanied by two thundering drum corps, a group of about 150 marchers stepped out from Crossroads church, the host church. Onlookers lining the Hell's Kitchen streets clapped along in time to the pounding rhythms of the two bands: the Plaides Drum Line, from New Haven Temple in Brooklyn, and the Queens Area Drum Corps, representing Jackson Heights, Richmond Hills, South Bronx, and the Spanish Queens churches.

The marchers, who handed out literature along the route, were awash in bright, festive colors: the yellow T-shirts of the New Haven Temple Larks, the red T-shirts of the Spanish Manhattan church members, and the teal T-shirts of Crossroads members.

The 12-person Queens corps, under the direction of 28-year-old Philie Gomez, included two pint-size 5-year-olds not much larger than their instruments. The Queens kids had plenty of drums—but no bugles.

"We're getting there," said Gomez confidently, a member of the Spanish Yonkers church. "It'll come one day."

Sandwiched between the Queens corps at the front and Brooklyn drummers at the rear were marchers toting pastel-colored signs ranging from "It Shouldn't Hurt to Be a Kid" to "Child Abuse: See it, Hear it, Report it," or "I'm Better Off Without Drugs."

Pathfinder Master Guide Jacqui Martin of Crossroads said the event was the church's contribution to the 2017 conference-wide campaign focusing on youth. "The idea was in keeping with the North American Division and General Conference theme—the Year of the Youth," she said. "Spanish Manhattan hosted an anti-drug march, Staten Island hosted a 'stop



About 150 marchers from half-a-dozen churches strut in support of the youth in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen area.



Pathfinders line up in front of Crossroads church to begin the march on abuse awareness and saying no to drugs.



Children in the kiddie corps line up before the march in Manhattan.

the violence' march, and Northeastern Conference hosted opioid awareness."

Later, first elder Arturo Haywood spoke of the effectiveness of the young people's effort: "This is a message that needs to be heard—especially in this community. You know what this [area] is called, don't you?" And he got his call-and-response answer: "Hell's Kitchen."

Guest speaker Enmanuel Contreras, pastor of the Pelham Parkway Spanish church in the Bronx, deliv-

ered an invigorating sermon, "Get the Power," on the importance of being led by the Holy Spirit. Earlier, he played "My Jesus, I Love Thee" in a violin duet with Crossroads church member Matthew Beckford.

The church's Pathfinder director, Delrose Allen, declared the day's events a success. But no one planned to rest on their laurels. "This," she said, "is something we can build on."

—Neil Graves, communication secretary, Crossroads church

Southern Tier District Members Plant and Water Seeds

There is no greater opportunity and privilege than co-laboring with Christ for the salvation of souls. This work of earnest, active soul-winning is not reserved for the clergy alone. Christ has commanded all people to participate in efforts to redeem the lost.

Early on in his Christian experience, Chris Hufnagel, pastor of the Southern Tier District in the New York Conference, says he felt a solemn responsibility to reach out to those who were “dead in trespasses and sins,” because he had just recently escaped the “snares of the devil.”

Within two years of his conversion, he enrolled in the Amazing Facts Bible Worker Training Course, AFCOE. This training further equipped him to be an active witness during the years that followed. Shortly after that, Hufnagel worked as a full-time Bible worker for seven months before attending Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Hufnagel says Southern deepened his training in how to be an effective witness. “I preached two full evangelistic seminars while at Southern, among other things.” Upon graduating from Southern, the New York Conference employed him to pastor four churches in southwestern New York—Olean, Wellsville, Wayland, and Bath.

“We didn’t waste time in getting to work in our district. My goal is to give the opportunity for training in soul-winning to any



Wellsville church member, Roger Green, knocks on the door of a church neighbor to share free literature, talk, and offer prayer.

willing church member,” Hufnagel says.

For the past two years, they have been reaching out to each church one day a week. Hufnagel goes to Bath on Tuesday, Olean on Wednesday, Wellsville on Thursday, and Wayland on Friday. He takes one of the members with him for an afternoon of outreach, followed by prayer meeting in each church.

They currently have Bible studies going in every church. All throughout the district, roughly 15 Bible studies are ongoing each week, each of which is always attended by a church member.

Many individuals have come to Christ as a result of the weekly outreach efforts in the Southern Tier District. While they have only seen a few individuals get baptized so far, many more are presently counting the cost of discipleship at this present time. There is no greater joy than seeing someone come to love God with all their heart, soul, and mind.

The group has tried different ideas for finding interested persons in their district. They found the Bible study interest card mail-outs to be highly successful when accompanied with the proper follow up.

They baptized one individual by following up at her door with a Steps to Christ card. She expressed her desire to take Bible studies. Soon they were meeting in her home along with her son, who, coincidentally, worked with a church member. Studies continued for some months when she decided to follow Christ all the way. Currently, she is an active member involved in many aspects of the life of the church.

While they can’t be certain how others will respond to their efforts, church members feel it is still their job to plant and water the seed. God has blessed their efforts to reach out to their communities. Hufnagel says, “There is no greater joy than soul-winning. My prayer for you is that you would give your time, energy, and resources to the great work of hastening the day of God. Maranatha.”

—Information supplied by Chris Hufnagel, pastor of the Southern Tier District, New York Conference

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Bay Knoll School Students Engage in Outerwear Outreach

The children at Bay Knoll school in Rochester, New York, were told that there would be no gift exchange between students for the Christmas season, but rather gift gathering and giving to neighbors in need. They collected coats, hats, mittens, and scarves for “Outerwear Outreach.”

On December 19, 2017, the students walked the streets of downtown Rochester, leaving bags of warm clothing, each bag containing a simple note: “I’m not lost. If you are cold, please take me to keep warm. Merry Christmas.— Bay Knoll School.”

This act of caring has become an annual event to which the children look forward each holiday

season. “I wonder sometimes who is blessed more—the weathered man by the library, who picked up the coat, wrapped himself in it, and gave us all a wave of gratitude? Or the young child, looking on, wrapped in the warmth of knowing he [or she] had a part in that thankful gesture,” says Sue Kingman, Bay Knoll school principal/teacher.

“We can all be missionaries this season, and throughout the year. As a young Christian, I was told that a mission field is a heart without Christ; a missionary is a heart with Christ. If you truly believe that, and want to live the life of one who gives often and freely, then do not think that you must cross some vast ocean



The children at Bay Knoll school work together to create packages to distribute in downtown Rochester as part of the school’s “Outerwear Outreach.”



A reporter from the local news station interviews one of the students about their “Outerwear Outreach” project.

to make a difference in this world,” Kingman says. “Just do what these kids from Bay

Knoll school did. Simply cross the street.”

—Staff, Bay Knoll school

OFFICIAL NOTICE

New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Constituency Session

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the sixth regular quadrennial Constituency Session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, April 29, 2018, in the Union Springs Academy gymnasium, on the Union Springs Academy grounds, 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, NY 13160. The purpose of this meeting is:

1. To receive reports and establish future plans for the New York Conference.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, an Executive Committee, a Constitution Bylaws Committee, and a Board of Education Committee.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference.
4. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference, Article 3, Section 2a, “Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen (15) members or major fraction thereof, each of whom must be a member of the church from which they are delegates.” Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at the New York Conference office, 4930 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215, for the purpose of appointing members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New York Conference, Article 5, Section 1a, “The Organizing Committee shall be constituted as follows: Each church represented at the Constituency Meeting shall choose from among its delegates, or empower its delegation to choose, one (1) member plus one (1) additional member for each five hundred (500) members or a major fraction thereof.”

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

New York Conference Association
Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Constituency Session of the New York Conference Association, a New York corporation, is called to meet in the Union Springs Academy gymnasium, on the Union Springs Academy grounds, 40 Spring Street, Union Springs, NY 13160 on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., concurrently with the regular session of the New York Conference.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and a board of trustees, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates of New York Conference Constituency Session will be the delegates for the New York Conference Association.

Lunch will be provided.

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Bethesda Church Volunteers Deliver 1,600 Meals

The Bethesda church in Amityville, New York, hosted its second annual partnership with the Circle of Love Ministry Food Pantry, on November 23, 2017. Many volunteers from the Long Island area joined in preparing and distributing meals on Thanksgiving Day. In all, 1,600 meals were delivered from Coram, New York, to Brooklyn, New York.

Circle of Love Ministry has been providing Thanksgiving meals to the needy for 20 years. Bethesda's mission is "To worship the Lord, serve our community, and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and His second coming by the power of the Holy Spirit." Thanksgiving was one opportunity for Bethesda to live out its mission and serve its community.



Volunteers from Bethesda church and the Long Island area join in preparing and distributing meals.



For Bethesda church members, thanksgiving means "the expression of gratitude." For them it is a day to be grateful, to spend time with family and friends, and share memories. It is a time to reflect on the bountiful blessings bestowed on them by their heavenly Father. It is also a time to think about giving back and being a helping hand to others.

The members take Hebrews 13:16, ESV, to heart, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God," because they believe doing for others is doing for Christ.

—Nita Ditele-Bourgeois, communication leader, Bethesda church

The Night Jesus Came to Manhattan

More than 1,500 guests braved the snow and ice to attend the Altino Brothers "Hallelujah, Joy, and Praise Concert" on December 9, 2017, at the Riverside Church in Morningside Heights, Upper Manhattan, New York. "Our reason for having this Christmas concert," says Nerva Altino, pianist, composer, and arranger, was to start the season reminding everyone of the joyous celebration at the announcement of Jesus' birth.

Brothers Nerva and Roberson Altino, members of the Linden church in Laurelton, New York, debuted their newly-arranged



Roberson Altino directs the Altino Brothers Chorale during the "Hallelujah, Joy, and Praise Concert" at the Riverside Church in Manhattan, New York.

holiday classics, including "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child," "Joy to the World," and "Silent Night." The concert lineup included the

Altino Brothers Chorale and guest artists Sequina DuBose, Devasha Lloyd-Knight, Kim Harley, Taiwan Norris, Russel Paul, David Adams, Edison Alvarez,

Nathaniel Thompson, Phoebe Haines, Errin Brooks, Chenee Campbell, Charissa Williams-Paulson, Cherisse Williams, and a host of musicians.

For the first time in the Altino Brothers Chorale's history, they were joined by the Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church Children's Choir, with their director, Elete Monereau. Their young voices added to the joy of the moment and to the message of the song, "We have come together to praise the King of kings!"

The majestic sound of "Hallelujah, Joy, and Praise," composed by Nerva Altino for the concert, echoed through the sanctuary with its high, vaulted Sistine Chapel-like ceilings that helped add to the acoustics needed to enhance the various changes of tone in the song. The choir went on to sing a variety of newly-arranged pieces by Nerva, including an *a cappella* piece titled "Have You Heard

About the Baby?," under the direction of Robenson Altino.

Of all the music rendered that evening, perhaps the most riveting was Nerva's score of "Total Praise!" As with any music score the Altino brothers compose, there is always an unexpected surprise, a different interpretation—it was not arranged to be the traditionally beloved "Total Praise" with which many are so familiar. This particular arrangement concluded the concert with a prolonged applause, a standing ovation, and a demand for an encore.

The Altino brothers' love for music was passed on to them by their father, Jean L. Altino, an amateur pianist, who also sings in the chorale. The brothers are virtuoso pianists and perform to



Max Sejour

The Linden Seventh-day Adventist Church Children's Choir perform at the Altino Brothers "Hallelujah, Joy, and Praise Concert."

national, as well as international audiences. In addition to their career as concert artists, the Altino brothers also serve as church musicians. Nerva is Linden church's director of music and choral activities and also serves as director of music administration at the Bridge Street AME Church in Brooklyn. Robenson serves as the music director of the Lenox Road Baptist Church and the choral activities director of

the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church.

What's next for the Altino brothers and the Altino Brothers Chorale is a Celebration of Black Composers and Arrangers Concert on February 17 at the Bridge Street AME Church, and then the brothers are off to Dubai, Japan, and Europe for other concert performances.

—Lorraine Archie, contributor, Altino Brothers Chorale

More than 350 Served at NECACS Center

About 280 smiling children waited in line with their parents at the doorsteps of the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services (NECACs) Center on December 20, 2017. They waited for a chance to pick out their gifts.

Each child was assisted by Northeastern Conference staff and dedicated volunteers to choose their toys, coloring books, and sweat shirts. Everyone who came was also treated to a hot meal, drinks, fruits, and cookies. In addition, every parent received a bag of groceries.

For the past four years, the NECACS Center has welcomed their clients to a free Christmas party. This event is designed to unite the community

and introduce the clients' families to opportunities provided by the center.

"It was an amazing, exciting event and it was great to see the smiles on the children's faces," said Velma Lovelace, an NECACS Center volunteer.

Last year, the center was able to distribute 1,686 toys, 104 bags of groceries, and 335 sweatshirts because of donations from Ellen McKenzie, Food Bank for New York City, and other organizations.

NECACs is also grateful to the Calderon family for dedicating their time to prepare hot meals for more than 350 individuals.

—Keicha Gosling, executive director, Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services Center



Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services Center volunteers assist parents and children with choosing gifts and other items.



The Trip of a Lifetime—Sharing the Spiritual Energy at Home

In December, 65 members of the Northern New England Conference boarded planes and traveled to Israel for a 10-day tour of the Holy Land. The goal of the trip was to see the land of Jesus' birth and ministry and to view archaeological evidence of the Bible. It was, according to many who went, variously described as "the trip of a lifetime" or, "the peak of my spiritual experience," or some combination of those themes.

The trip was the brainchild of conference president Bob Cundiff and conference executive secretary Ted Huskins. Planning and promotion for the trip were in place for over a year, and many people spent a year making payments toward the cost of the trip.

"Preparations went smoothly and then, literally, as we were in the airport and preparing to board the planes, President Trump announced he was moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. According to the news, protests in the Arab world were expected, but, in actual experience, we felt completely safe in Israel and noticed no unrest or disruptions," Huskins said.

"Our experience as a group was incredible," said Huskins, "and here is the thing that almost everyone who went said about the trip: each day was amazing, and each day was better than the one before it. Everything just kept getting better."

"That's right," adds Cundiff. "The first day was just . . . beyond words, I guess, because here we are, 65 Adventists traveling as a

group and, for most of us, it is the very first time that we are walking where Jesus walked, looking at hills that Jesus looked at, standing on shores that Jesus stood on. Doing that just has a way of bringing the Bible to life, especially when you are doing it for the first time. At the end of that first day, the group was exhausted and on a spiritual high. It's a hard combination to describe, but a very good one. And at that time, we just didn't see how the second day could be any better, but then it was. And the next day after that was better still, as was the day after that."

"I think there are two top contenders for the most moving spiritual experience," said Huskins. "The first of these is the song and worship service that we held aboard a boat while crossing the Sea of Galilee. That was an incredibly meaningful experience, to cross the same waters Jesus crossed, to look at the hills He looked at, to ponder His ministry while singing His praises. It was amazing!"

"The second contender," interjected Cundiff, "and maybe we should have listed it first, was our visit to the Garden of Gethsemane. Now, I'd heard that for many people, time spent in the garden was a profound spiritual experience, that when you contemplate what happened there, on the ground where you are actually standing, it literally takes your breath away. Well, that is what happened to me and many others. As the group stood in the garden and quietly prayed,



When the group stopped at the Jordan River, there were three moving first-time baptisms and many emotional rebaptisms.



The group sits on the "teaching steps" at Temple Mount and listens to a message from Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president. Jesus taught at these same steps.



The group sail on the Sea of Galilee on a period-styled replica fishing boat.

many were so profoundly impressed with the ministry and sacrifice of Christ that we had a hard time breathing regularly. Our

breathing was more like sobbing. The experience was so intense, so moving, so emotional, that the effects were also physical."

Everyone who went came back with a favorite moment and a list of unforgettable experiences. They also came back with the usual tales of travel—jet lag, wondering how many meals in a row they could stand eating falafel and hummus, trying to communicate with people who didn't speak English, bonding with the guides and bus drivers who helped them every day, and getting sick.

When asked when the next planned trip to the

Middle East is, Cundiff demurs, "Well, we'll see. The important thing now is to take the spiritual energy that was generated in those who went and turn that into real effort here at home, proclaiming the soon return of Jesus and building His kingdom. I'd like to go again, to be truthful, but right now the burden on my heart is sharing the Lord that I have come to know better."

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



The group participate in song service and Sabbath worship while sailing on the Sea of Galilee.

Searsmont Church Shows Appreciation to its Pastor

In a conference where Adventists are "thin" on the ground, the Searsmont church in Maine particularly stands out as a church that is some distance removed from other Adventist churches—a spiritual oasis, if you will.

For many members this relative isolation serves to make Sabbaths—and fellowship with church family—even more special. This heightened appreciation that the Searsmont congregation has for church extends to their pastor as well—Dorrian Patillo. They appreciate him and his service to them, and so it was that they planned a pastor appreciation day that turned into a celebration Sabbath for the entire church family.

Late last year, the Searsmont church dedicated the Sabbath services to acknowledging the service and dedication of their pastoral team, Dorrian Patillo and his wife, Jasmil. During Sabbath School, the team

was greeted and presented with a boutonniere and corsage by the women of the church. Between services, a short video was presented featuring a day in the life of a pastor, which effectively reminded the congregation that the work of a pastor is complex and demanding.

Just before the worship service, head elder Carl Joy and Sabbath School superintendent Tisha Taylor presented Patillo with a plaque and Jasmil with a bouquet of flowers. During the church service, instead of a children's story told by the pastor, there was a pastor's story told by the children!

Following the worship service, the celebrations continued with lunch. As it happened, the Sabbath chosen for celebration was also the pastor's birthday, and the fellowship hall was decorated accordingly. Finally, the celebration Sabbath was the pastor's first Sabbath back after completing his Master



Searsmont church head elder Carl Joy, left, presents Dorrian Patillo, the church's pastor, with a plaque and Sabbath School superintendent Tisha Taylor, right, presents Jasmil Patillo, the pastor's wife, with a bouquet of flowers.

of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, so his educational achievement was yet another cause for joy and celebration.

The Patillos are a loving, caring team who have given sacrificially to minister to the Searsmont congregation. Their dedication and

faithfulness are recorded in the books of heaven, where God will someday reward them fully for their service. The members also expressed their appreciation by saying, "We love our pastor and his beautiful wife, Jasmil, and are so thankful for their willingness to serve!"

—Lily May Joy, communication secretary, Searsmont church

Lancaster Church Feeds Both Body and Soul

Since 2013, the Village Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, has opened its doors to providing food for individuals in need. As the ministry has grown, the team of volunteers recognized that food security was not the only need in the community. More than a food pantry, Bread of Life Ministry has developed into a mission of compassion, giving attention to other needs with an emphasis on treating the individuals they serve as Jesus did—like friends and family.

During the 2017 Christmas season, Bread of Life provided more than 150 people from the community a special dinner with a Christmas program, including music, videos, and a short sermon. More than 80 food baskets were also distributed, in addition to 200 toys for the children. The entire process for the event took more than a month to prepare, with collection boxes for toys set up in local stores. Food donations were also collected for the baskets.

Over the years, the team incorporated kids programs, nursing assistance, hot meals, and spiritual assistance into their food pantry ministry. Bread of Life Ministry not only serves the Lancaster area, but also the Haitian and Spanish churches in the nearby towns of Leominster and Marlboro respectively. Some have also been baptized into the Haitian church because of the work of this ministry.

Currently, more than 200 families are served each



Volunteers at the Village Church's Bread of Life Ministry holiday event pose together for a photo.

week. As God continues to bless their efforts, the faithful soldiers of the Bread of Life Ministry continue to do God's work. The volunteers and coordinators thank God for the privilege of demonstrating the compassion of Jesus by serving others, and having the opportunity to spread the Good News to those who are suffering from poverty and social injustice.

The Bread of Life Ministry is accepting volunteers who would like to serve every Thursday, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If your church would like to learn how to start a food pantry in your community, contact Sandra Mendes at (508) 302-4324 for more information.

—Sandra Mendes, director, Bread of Life Ministry



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLANTIC UNION

GODencounters, Feb. 23-25, 2018, a young adult life-changing experience, sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Adventist Youth Ministries. auyouth.com.

Pathfinder Bible Experience, Mar. 24, 2018, sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Adventist Youth Ministries. compassionnow.org or auyouth.com.

NEW YORK

Restoration International's 14th Annual Northeast Family Retreat, March 14-17, Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, NY. Theme: Living Faith. Family Retreat is a time for spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and family fun in a beautiful natural setting. The focus of the 11 messages is the practical "how-to's" of living a happy and useful Christian life with an emphasis on the family. Also break-out sessions, youth choir and ensemble. Experience Family Retreat with us. www.restoration-international.org or call (518) 866-9962 or 9943. Sponsored by the Pawling church.

OUT-OF-UNION

Union College Homecoming April 5-8, 2018, honor classes are '48, '58, '63, '68, '78, '88, '93, '98, and '08. For more information, contact the alumni office at (401) 486-2503, 3800 S 48th St, Lincoln, NE 68506, or alumni@ucollege.edu.

OBITUARIES

FRASER, Charlotte I. Fernald—92; b. Dec. 12, 1924, in Warren, Maine.; d. Oct. 30, 2017, in Westminster, Md. She was an active member of the Camden church in Camden, Maine, for many years until moving to Bowdoin, Maine, where she transferred her membership to the Topsham church in Topsham, Maine. She had

a spirit of adventure and enjoyed the outdoors. At the age of 87, she climbed Mt. Katahdin (the highest mountain in Maine) for the first time; and at 90 years old, she experienced her dream of visiting Scotland. She is survived by four children, George A. Fernald, Jr., David Fernald, and Joanna Fernald of Maine; and Mary Fernald of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one nephew, and four nieces.

MORGAN, Phyllis L.—87; b. April 4, 1929, in South Woodstock, Maine; d. Jan. 7, 2018, in Norway, Maine. She was a member of the Woodstock church. She is survived by two children, a son, Craig (Cynthia) Morgan of Redford, Mich., and a daughter, Wendy Morgan of Westbrook, Maine; a sister, Janet; two grandsons, Chad (Joni) Morgan of Sequim, Wash., and Christopher (Mallory) Morgan of Cincinnati, Ohio; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

TURK, Dorothy L.—100; b. Mar. 28, 1917, in Brockton, Mass.; d. Nov. 30, 2017, in Skowhegan, Maine. She was a lifelong member of the Adventist Church with her membership at the Norridgewock church in Maine, retiring there in 1982. She homeschooled her four children and several grandchildren long before it was fashionable to do so. On her 100th birthday the students from Riverview Memorial school in Norridgewock, Maine, sang happy birthday to her at the Cedar Ridge Care Center in Skowhegan. They each made her a birthday card, and received a hug from her. She is survived by two sons, Ronald (Mary Lou) Turk, MD, of Greenville, Tenn., and William (Nancy) Turk, DDS, of Norridgewock, Maine; and a daughter, Kathryn (Carson) Wood, of Westbrook, Maine; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren, their spouses, and many nieces and nephews.

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