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## A Legacy of Eternal Value

*“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”—Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)*

I grew up in a home where I was not allowed to say that I hate anyone. In fact, the verb hate was one that my parents discouraged me from using in association with God’s creation. As a result, I was taken aback when I first read Proverbs 6:16-19 and saw that God Himself has six things that He hates, seven that are detestable to Him. I recently read the same text in 20 different translations and versions and saw that they all used the verb hate.

These things that God hates have caused much pain and suffering to others. “Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community,” all these are out of character for God’s chosen and faithful people. They are the results of man’s relentless search for material and fleeting pleasure, power, possessions, prestige, and earthly goods—an inheritance that we cannot take with us into eternity.

The most lasting and valuable treasures of life are not the material things that we can physically see and touch; yet they motivate our every action. The things that God hates bring destruction, trouble, sickness, and pain to both the perpetrators and the victims.

In these days of fleeting value and the ever-changing worth of material possessions, parents often think about

what legacy to leave their children. Our economic system determines what is valuable based on our value system. There is no eternal value in material goods. Be it monetary or personal, the value will rise and fall based on the consumer market and our perceived needs.

Many of the “latest tools” that were hot and flying off the shelves years ago are of no value today. But a legacy of faith, love, and peace-making, which God loves, will never lose its worth. It is not based on popularity charts, or affected by the supply-and-demand of the consumer market. An ever-growing, deep-in-the-soul relationship with our unchangeable God, and a love for humanity is of inestimable value. Likewise, the unwavering confidence that we can always do what is pleasing to God by seeing the good in others, seeking peace, and telling the truth, is priceless.

An understanding of the most lasting and important things of life will inform how we relate to those around us and improve relationships here in the Atlantic Union. I have no doubt that our walk with God on this earth will indeed be more joyful, beneficial, and blessed if we learn to do the things that God loves instead of what He hates—humility, honesty, a spirit of benevolence, and peace-making, instead of a spirit of discord. When practiced, these things will develop a legacy of eternal value! ☺

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# VOLUNTEER MISSIONS:

By Ednor A.P. Davison

## Make a difference

**H**ave you ever thought about making a difference by using your time and talent as a volunteer, but you don't know where to start? I'm pretty sure you are not alone.

According to the North American Division (NAD) Office of Volunteer Ministries, six volunteers from the Atlantic Union Conference are currently on long-term assignments in other regions: Mark in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands; Martania – South Korea; Glaucia – Majuro, Marshall Islands; Adeola – South Korea; Hillary – United States; and Dawn – Chuuk, Micronesia. In addi-

tion, several students have gone on numerous short-term mission trips through Adventist academies and colleges/universities. If it were possible to have accurate reporting of all volunteers in long- and short-term mission service, the number would be more than six.

“The Office of Volunteer Ministries works with Adventist Volunteer Service to connect Adventist members with volunteer mission opportunities around the world. From teachers and medical professionals to IT support, graphic designers, and Bible workers, the world-wide church has been blessed with the selfless service of

hundreds of volunteers from the North American Division each year,” says Andrea Keele, NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries processing and communication coordinator. “While some choose to take a year out of school as ‘student missionaries,’ others set aside their normal lives for a year or two and serve after college—even in their retirement years!”

Sometimes all that one needs is a nudge, or a bit more information, to get started on the path of exploring volunteer ministries.

### Tips for Getting Started as a Volunteer

- Ask yourself what it is that you want to do.
- Think about where you want to go.
- Decide if your volunteer activity will be long-term (two months to two years) or short-term (up to two months).
- Make a list to help you identify what you may need to get there (passports, visas, health exams, immunizations, etc.).
- Take into account any medical, financial, physical, emotional, or other situations that could impact the trip.
- Do your research. Visit the website of the organization through which you will go on this journey to gather as much information as possible. Browse through their



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FAQ (frequently asked questions) section for answers to questions you may have.

### Six Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering can be a life-changing experience. It allows you to become knowledgeable about and sensitive to people of other cultures, while making a difference in their lives. Here are just a few benefits of volunteering:

- 1. Strengthens your compassion for others**—Volunteering is just one of many ways to be the “hands and feet of Jesus.” It gives you the opportunity to put your “foot in the shoes” of the community in which you are working and provide for them in ways that would not otherwise be possible.
- 2. Learn about other cultures and new languages**—Living and working in other countries is a good way to learn about other cultures, as well as learn new languages.
- 3. Learn new skills**—Volunteering can provide opportunities to strengthen skills you already have, as well as develop new ones that will positively impact the community you are serving. Included among those are teamwork, organization, time management, effective communication, and problem-solving skills, to name a few.
- 4. Develop new friendship networks**—Serving others is a great way to meet new people and develop new relationships. It can serve to broaden your network and provide opportunities for you to work alongside people with common interests.
- 5. Brightens your outlook**—Volunteering can increase self-confidence, self-esteem, and your overall outlook on life. It can provide a sense of accomplishment, help build a support system, and it can reduce the risk of social isolation.

- 6. Draw closer to God**—Volunteering allows you to be reflectors of Christ's character. When you spend time volunteering, you may actually draw closer to Him. It is likely to cause you to feel more connected to Jesus, His teachings, and the way of life that He practiced.

Volunteer work is important and rewarding. It is also about having new experiences, meeting people, and just having fun. Thank you for praying for the volunteers as they serve away from home.

*If you would like more information on how to become a volunteer missionary through Adventist Volunteer Service, visit [hesaidgo.org](http://hesaidgo.org).*

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## Short-term Volunteer Missions

A short-term mission trip is a volunteer assignment that is less than two months. These mission assignments include a host of ministries by Adventist workers, laypersons, and retirees from Adventist organizations originating in North America. Short-term assignments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Humanitarian Relief
- Evangelistic Efforts
- Construction Projects, etc.

Short-term volunteers include individuals and groups between the ages of 18 and 79 years old who serve on a volunteer project approved by a church institution. Volunteers under the age of 18 may be processed as part of a group, but require permission from their legal guardians.

*Source: [hesaidgo.org](http://hesaidgo.org)*

## Long-term Volunteer Missions

If you sense God calling you to invest more of your time, skills, and heart in mission work, serving as a long-term volunteer missionary through Adventist Volunteer Service (AVS) could be your next step.

- These volunteers are requested from the U.S. and around the world.
- Volunteers need to be baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, between the ages of 18 and 79.
- Length of assignments are from two months to two years.
- Accommodations, living allowance, and travel insurance provided for most calls.
- Step-by-step guidance and support is provided from [the Office of Volunteer Ministries] or your campus missions office (for students at Adventist universities).

*Source: [hesaidgo.org](http://hesaidgo.org)*



# 2019 Atlantic Union Conference Camp Meeting Schedule

## Bermuda Conference

Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex  
234 Middle Rd., Southampton, Bermuda  
(441) 292-4110

**Theme:** *In Christ Alone*

**June 28-July 6**

## Greater New York Conference

Camp Berkshire  
680-1 Berkshire Rd., Wingdale, NY  
All meetings are at Camp Berkshire except where noted.  
(516) 627-9350

**Theme:** *Reaping the Harvest*

**Korean: May 10-12**

**Luso-Brazilian: May 24-27**

**English Urban: June 29** (Manhattan Church,  
232 W 11th St., New York, NY)

**English: July 5-6**

**Hispanic: July 13-20**

**Haitian: July 28-August 3**

**United** (All Ministries): **September 14**

## New York Conference

Union Springs Academy  
40 Spring St., Union Springs, NY  
(315) 469-6921

**Website:** [nyconf.org/camp-meeting](http://nyconf.org/camp-meeting)

**Theme:** *Why Jesus? Certainty in an Uncertain World*

**June 21-29**

**William Miller Camp Meeting: July 27**

(1614 County Route 11, Whitehall, NY)

**Native American Camp Meeting: August 2-4**

**Theme:** *Family*

(8661 Maple Flats, Cleveland, NY)

## Northeastern Conference

Camp Victory Lake  
277 Crum Elbow Rd., Hyde Park, NY  
(718) 291-8006

**Theme:** *Time Shall Be No More*

**Hispanic: May 24-27**

**English: June 28-29 and July 5-6**

**Haitian: August 7-11**

## Northern New England Conference

Pine Tree Academy  
67 Pownal Rd., Freeport, ME  
(207) 797-3760

**Website:** [nnec.org/camp-meeting](http://nnec.org/camp-meeting)

**Theme:** *Reaching up and Reaching Out*

**July 5-13**

## Southern New England Conference

Southern New England Conference Campground  
34 Sawyer St., South Lancaster, MA  
All meetings are at the campground except where noted.  
(978) 365-4551

**Website:** [sneconline.org/ministries/camp-meeting](http://sneconline.org/ministries/camp-meeting)

**Theme:** *A New Creation in Christ*

**English: June 21-29**

**Haitian: June 22-29** (See the website for camp meeting locations.)

**Hispanic: July 6-13** (See the website for camp meeting locations.)

**Portuguese/Cape Verdean: July 20**

**D.E.A.F. Camp Meeting: August 21-25**

(Timothy Hill Christian Camp, 128 Norwich Lake, Huntington, MA)



By Marlene Alvarez

## #Childrenmatter

**T**he world has changed. Family structure has changed. Children are maturing physically, mentally, and (sometimes) spiritually faster than previous generations. Parents and other adults in their sphere of influence have open conversations and the children hear and see it all. Children today have more independence and freedom than children of previous generations, with less supervision and few close relationships with adults.

Everyone is busy with all of the concerns of life, which leaves children to be raised by the church, the school, and the Internet. Children are more involved with screen time than relationship time. With all of these complications of this generation, children still need and want an encounter with God.

Have you ever sat in a church and noticed that as the musicians begin to play the song “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” something wonderful happens? All of a sudden, from all corners of the church, a sea of little people filled with excitement and joy are observed running out of the pews. They are on a very important mission. The mission that they have chosen to accept, is to go and listen to the children’s story.

They are an army ready and willing to serve. When the question is asked, “Who wants to pray?” Many hands go up. Those children are eager to pray,

participate, and listen to the story. What else can they do? They can share the stories with their friends, soften hearts, share a smile, and show love.

They are ready for the mission. Jesus, who looks at the heart, rather than the outside appearance, told His disciples in Matthew 19:14, KJV, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

The children are the future of the church and they need training. When should this training begin? Now! Ellen White in *CHILD GUIDANCE*, p. 36, states, “Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming his character than all that it learns in future years.”

The church has two responsibilities. First, to love one another, and second, to go and preach the gospel to all the world—nurture and evangelism. “We must in our work not only strike the iron when it is hot but make the iron hot by striking. Slow, easy, indolent movements will do nothing for us in this work. We must be instant in season, out of season. These are critical times for work”—*EVANGELISM*, p. 647.

The mission field is sitting in the local churches eager to hear God’s Word, have an encounter with Jesus, and is ready to share the gospel. The Savior is waiting to enter their hearts and they are ready to let Him in.

“It is during the first years of a child’s life that his mind is most susceptible to impressions either good or evil. During these years decided progress is made in either a right direction or a wrong one. On one hand, much worthless information may be gained; on the other, much solid, valuable knowledge. The strength of intellect, the substantial knowledge, are possessions which the gold of Ophir could not buy. Their price is above gold or silver”—*COUNSELS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS*, p. 132.

Children are valued by God and they must be led to discipleship. Because children think, grow, and learn differently, there must be some intentionality as age-appropriate programs are planned for them. It is important to model God’s unconditional love while teaching them biblical Christian values. We need to nurture their growth in harmony with the blueprint that was designed to teach the children. Let us continue to work with the children for God, understanding that their lives are marked with a purpose. #Childrenmatter. ☺



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## Atlantic Union Academy Students Connect and Learn

Academy students from across the Atlantic Union attended the Atlantic Union Conference Academy Connect, March 13-16, for a weekend of connecting—teen to teen, family to student, and student to Christ. More than 200 students attended the event, participating in SLAM Clinics (Spiritual, Leadership, Athletics, and Music) at the International Golf Club and Resort in Bolton, Massachusetts.

More than half the academy student population from the Atlantic Union attended Academy Connect. Students represented eight academies: Bermuda Institute, Greater Boston Academy, Greater New York Academy, Northeastern Academy, Pine Tree Academy, South Brooklyn Academy, South Lancaster Academy, and Union Springs Academy.

“Since our school is small and our schedules are busy, we don’t often get the chance to interact with other Adventist high schools. SLAM was a great opportunity to talk to other kids about how our athletic and academic programs [are both] different and similar,” said Union Springs Academy sophomore Liz Livergood. “It also showed how our students can work together to inspire change. It was a lot of fun



Photos: Ednor A.P. Davison

A choir, featuring students from all the participating academies, performs during the Sabbath worship service at the Village Church in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

to meet new people and enjoy all the activities.”

Clinicians included Nwamiko Madden (Spiritual); David Branum and Alicia Quinones (Leadership); Rohan Davis and Walter Szoboszalai (Athletics); and David and Michelle Hunte (Music). In addition, the teams from each school competed in men’s and women’s basketball tournaments held at the South Lancaster Academy gym and the W.G. Nelson Recreation Center, both in Lancaster,



Nwamiko Madden, founder and creative director of Certain Sound Media, presents the message during the Sabbath worship service.

Massachusetts. Union Springs Academy’s women and South Lancaster Academy’s men won the basketball tournaments in their respective categories.

“I liked meeting new people and getting to know them. I also enjoyed the pastor who preached, [as well as] the basketball games,” said Adacia Thomas, Northeastern Academy senior.

Each day began and ended with a worship talk conducted by Madden, James Reid, or Lisa Crittenden. Sabbath services were held at the Village Church in South Lancaster. Madden, who also spoke for the Sabbath worship service,



Students listen to SLAM team leaders as they share what they learned while participating in their groups at Academy Connect.



is founder of Certain Sound Media, and previously served the Alberta Conference as director of Sabbath School and Children's Ministries and assistant director for media.

"I got to meet new people and with different thought ideas. It made me open minded, which also made me a better person. I hope you continue

with this program because it's really fun," said Nathan Jerome, South Lancaster Academy freshman.

Academy Connect ended with a Sabbath-afternoon concert at the Village Church presented by musicians and vocalists from each of the participating academies. "The thing I liked most about the Academy

Connect trip was the opportunity to be able to worship God in a new way. I really enjoyed worshiping in a new environment with the new people, as we were able to bring all of our talents to glorify God," said Eliana Tardiff, Pine Tree Academy freshman.

—Debra Banks Cuadro, assistant communication director, Atlantic Union Conference

## Twelve Teams Advance to the North American Division PBE Finals

Twelve Pathfinder teams finished in first place at the Atlantic Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) on March 30. The 12 teams are headed to the North American Division (NAD) PBE finals at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Illinois, April 26-27.

The teams answered a total of 90 questions focusing on the book of Luke. Twenty-six teams participated in the 2019 Atlantic Union Conference PBE. That number is up by seven, surpassing the 2018 PBE event at which 19 Pathfinder teams participated.

Strong support for the teams was evidenced by the many Pathfinder leaders, parents, church members, and others who watched from the sidelines at the W.G. Nelson Recreation Center in Lancaster, Massachusetts. "It is truly a historic year for the Atlantic Union

with 26 participating teams, and almost half are going to the North American Division finals. I am very excited," said David McKenzie, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director.

Below is a list of all the teams that participated and the conferences they represent.

### 12 teams advancing to the NAD PBE Finals

#### Greater New York

- Centinelas de Dios 1
- Maranatha Light Bearers
- Sequoias

#### Northeastern

- Armaduras de Jesus

#### Northern New England

- Mt. Blue Moccasins

#### Southern New England

- Amazon
- Brockton Eagles
- Brooklawn Eagles
- Connecticut Cougars
- Framingham United Youth
- Meriden Missionaries
- Orion-Bridgeport

### Other participating teams at the Atlantic Union PBE include:

#### Greater New York

- Beulah Brigades
- Centinelas de Dios 2
- Gye Nyame
- Rams for Christ
- Spanish Queens Israel

#### New York

- Macedonia Pioneers

#### Northeastern

- Berea Orion
- Cambridge Rising Sun 1
- Cambridge Rising Sun 2
- Capital City Satellites
- Mahanaim Monarchs
- Waymark Jaguars

#### Southern New England

- North Stamford Tigers
- Worcester Doves of Peace

Congratulations to all of our Atlantic Union Conference Pathfinder teams for their hard work and determination.

—Ednor A.P. Davison, GLEANER editor

View more photos on Facebook at <https://bit.ly/2KuqVoh>.



Pathfinders meet for Atlantic Union Conference Pathfinder Bible Experience event in W.G. Nelson Recreation Center in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

## Devonshire Church Honors Community Residents

It was a memorable day in the life of members of DCL (Devonshire Church of Love) and the wider community of Friswells Hill. The groundwork was done when the Personal Ministries department, led by Craig Smith, resurrected the “bread ministry,” and distributed more than 100 loaves of bread to homes in the immediate community around the church.

Additionally, church members, Pathfinders, and Adventurers were visible in the community doing various types of outreach programs. As such, when the invitations went out to attend the church’s Community Guest Day, it was not surprising that the response was overwhelming.

There was standing room only that Sabbath. Led by member of Parliament, the Honorable Michael Weeks JP MP, and other leaders, the community turned out to witness DCL pay tribute and honor the senior citizens of the community. Some of the honorees were octogenarians and nonagenarians and have been living in the community for over 60 years. One member, a soon-to-be centenarian, retired from her job in 2009.

Weeks impressed the attendees with his intricate and intimate knowledge of each member of the community. He thanked the church for the invitation, and the “need to honor the backbones of this nation, our seniors; in particular, those who live on Friswells Hill.” Speaking to the seniors, he said, “We must give thanks and praise for all that you have done to fortify this community. You

have marched, fought, and sacrificed for better conditions on this island.”

Gina John, whose parents were honored, said, “I thought it was wonderful what you guys did for the long-standing residents on Friswells Hill. It made them feel important that someone is taking notice of them. I don’t think anyone has ever recognized the long-standing residents before. It made them feel special. I know my parents are very happy about it. It made them feel honored.”

Among the honorees were Leonard and Gloria Greaves, Gloria Carey, Janet Ford, Caroline Pond, Ruth Pemberton, Pauline Augustus, and Grace Woodley, who recently turned 99.

At the end of the service, one community member was heard saying, “When they

were destroying the beautiful garden to build a church, we asked ‘How they could do that? Why do we need another church?’ However, now the question should be, ‘What if the church wasn’t here? What would this community be like without this church?’ ”

Lloyd Ogilvie, a Presbyterian minister who served as chaplain of the United States Senate, says,

“It is for the mission—out there—that the local church exists. If it’s not happening out there, it doesn’t matter what we’re doing in here. It’s irrelevant!” DCL is committed to keeping this thought as its central focus as it continues to let its light shine in the community to positively impact lives.

—Ernie Lewin, communication leader, Devonshire church



Local residents are recognized during Devonshire church's Community Guest Day program.

Photos: Ernie Lewin



People from the community overwhelmingly respond to the invitation from Devonshire church to attend Community Guest Day.



## Something to Chew On at Southampton Church

It was a whirlwind weekend of laughter, reflection, motivation, and, of course, food at the Southampton church. Chef Chew's energetic personality was just what was needed to propel participants toward a vegan lifestyle that is crucial to good health. Chef Chew entertained and educated.

On Friday night, Chef Chew shared his testimony, which fully engaged the congregation. At times they laughed heartily, but most of all, they were in awe of how the Lord led him to his true calling to become a chef. They learned that the direction God leads may not always be popular, but it will always be right. They were encouraged to seek God in everything, to listen, and to respond to His bidding.

On Sabbath, Chef Chew delivered spiritual food. He showed members that on their journey to fulfill the purpose to which God calls them, they may face obstacles and setbacks. At times, it may seem as if they are traveling through the desert with no oasis in sight; however, if they hold on and trust God to do His will, they will be victorious.

After feasting on the Word of God during the worship service, the congregation was able to experience a taste of what the VegHub restaurant, which is owned and operated by Chef Chew in Oakland, California, offers. He has created a unique line of vegan meat alternatives, and they were able to feast on the "beef" along with vegan mac and cheese and greens.

Sabbath evening, the group was admonished to



The congregation gets a chance to experience a taste of what the VegHub restaurant, which is owned and operated by Chef Chew, offers.

Photos: Avrin Goulbourne, Jr.

embrace the health message, which is a vital part of the church's beliefs. Adventists are the forerunners of the health message; however, some have neglected to aggressively pursue the spreading of knowledge, causing the "rocks to cry out." Now the world has jumped on the vegan bandwagon, and the church is lagging behind.

Chef Chew encouraged the attendees to lead the way on the island; to develop a vegan restaurant that serves members and others. That admonishment created excitement that will hopefully move the idea to reality. The time is now!

On Sunday the excitement was palpable—a cooking class with Chef Chew! It was a free event, and the hall was packed with Adventists and people from the community. Even the

Adventurers and Pathfinders canceled their weekly meeting and attended.

Chef Chew set up stations where the attendees were able to get hands-on experience. He made it exciting to eat vegan food, and all wanted more, as most never imagined that vegan food could be so tasty. Even the

little ones wanted more mac and cheese! Chef's engaging personality had everyone encouraged and eager to begin a vegan way of eating.

Chef Chew said, "I'm gonna give you something to chew on," and he did.

—Carolyn James, Health Ministries department member, Southampton church



Chef Chew, left, stands with Leonard Gibbons, Bermuda Conference Health Ministries director.



## Outstanding Young People Recognized

On March 10, more than 300 Adventurers, Pathfinders, Master Guides, club staff, and supporters celebrated the accomplishments of young people throughout the New York City region and upstate. The Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Recognition Day took place at the Brooklyn church in Brooklyn, New York. The event was filled with happy reunions and lots of chatter

as youth and staff, decked out in their uniforms and regalia, filed into the church.

The morning's program included special music from Pathfinders and Adventurers and a word of exhortation from Ariel Manzueta, GNYC Youth Ministries director. Awards were presented for the following categories: Pathfinder of the Year, Adventurer of the Year, Pathfinder Director of the

Year, Adventurer Director of the Year, AY Director of the Year, Teen/Young Adult of the Year, Master Guide of the Year, AY Coordinator of the Year, Pathfinder and Adventurer Coordinator of the Year, AY Lead Coordinator of the Year, and Pathfinder/Adventurer Lead Coordinator of the Year. There were winners from each borough in each category.

The tradition of having the annual recognition ceremony

began in 2004 as a way to honor and recognize the work of youth ministries within the conference. Nominations are sent to the conference Youth Ministries department from area coordinators—volunteers who aid clubs with support and advice, as well as conduct Induction and Investiture services.

—Kaara Baptiste, Youth Ministries department, Greater New York Conference



Pathfinder winners



Adventurer winners



Teen and Youth of the Year winners



The Brooklyn church hosts the Greater New York Conference Recognition Day program.

## GNYC Celebrates 50 New Church Plants Since 2015

Hundreds gathered at the Palisade Preparatory School in Yonkers, New York, on March 16, for the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Church Planting Festival. Attendees celebrated the addition of new church

plants since last year, bringing the total church plants up to 50 in GNYC since 2015.

According to Manuel Rosario, GNYC Personal Ministries director and event organizer, “We are planting churches

with church planting in their DNA.”

A selection of churches representing the wider body of church plants told their stories and the inspiration behind how the church plant got started, as well as the goals of the church.

“The vital ingredient that God is using to bless the conference is you, who leave your churches to go and plant new churches. Hard and scary work, but it’s worth it,” said Steve Leddy, Multi-Ethnic Ministries church-planting



coordinator and seminar presenter. “We have to finish this work. Millions need to hear the message of Jesus. Everyone who has planted needs to think of planting another church.”

Rosario shared information about the world church’s Total Member Involvement initiative. He also shared that, to date, the conference has distributed Bible lessons to the churches to the tune of \$45,000. Rosario indicated that the movement must be Holy-

Spirit led, with a kingdom mind-set that is focused on the harvest.

The day of celebration included a message presented by Henry Beras, GNYC president, acknowledgment of the 60 people who represented GNYC at the church-planting conference in Orlando, Florida, receiving church plant reports, as well as music from several individuals and groups.

—Information provided by Cheryl Silvera, Personal Ministries team member, Greater New York Conference



Hundreds participate in the Greater New York Conference Church Planting Festival.

## Church Hosts Community-wide Baby Shower

For the past four years, in partnership with the North Bronx church in Bronx, New York, the Gló Mom Initiative, a subsidiary of The Vegan Nest, a family owned-café and plant-based market, has hosted a community-wide baby shower in the Bronx. They focused on providing low-income families, young/single mothers, homeless women, or simply families or caregivers, who need a little extra help with resources and tools that many people take for granted.

They provide life-saving, practical resources that many women find themselves desperately searching for when they realize they are pregnant and without community and, in many cases, feeling without hope. What they seek to offer is community-driven, love-filled, faith-based action that lifts a mother up and carries her through, strengthens her, equips her, and prepares her for the important task of motherhood.

It’s the little things, while preparing for the arrival of a little one, that provide opportunity for building a



North Bronx church, in partnership with The Vegan Nest Café, host a community-wide baby shower.

connection between mother and baby and between spouses/partners. For many, shopping for the nursery, readying the home, and attending birth classes are a joyous occasion, but then there are many who find this time to be incredibly stressful, due to lack of financial, relational, or emotional resources to engage in these intimate moments of preparation.

The community-wide baby shower is an opportunity to create that space for mothers or caregivers who would not otherwise have that opportunity. It provides women

with newborn essentials that can be quite costly, such as diapers, clothes (for mommy and baby), blankets, parenting books, nursing equipment, and more.

Vendors and subject-matter experts are invited to share their expertise in important areas such as nutrition, lactation support/breastfeeding, car seat safety, safe sleep, doula support/midwifery, baby care 101, home preparation, and more. Oftentimes, these classes can cost hundreds of dollars, but through carefully curated partnerships with community stakeholders such as

Buy Buy Baby, Once Upon a Child, McCarton Foundation, and others, they are able to provide this information at no cost to the mother.

Following the baby shower, mothers are encouraged to join the community to continue to offer support, encouragement, and prayer for one another. Follow-up gatherings are scheduled to continue the conversations on natural parenting, peaceful home environment, literacy, education, and nutrition.

In the Atlantic Union, community-wide baby showers are scheduled for May 19 in Springfield, Massachusetts (Indian Orchard mission and Shiloh church), July 28 in Bronx, New York (North Bronx church), and in September in Worcester, Massachusetts (date and location to be determined).

Many of the families who attend the baby showers end up befriending members of the church and finding partner churches as a place for peace, for clarity, and for healing.

—Nicole Broushet, member, College Church and, owner, The Vegan Nest Café



Warren Muir, Elmira church pastor, baptizes Debbie Fieno.

## One Baptized at Elmira Church

Elmira church members were blessed as Debbie Fieno was baptized recently by Warren Muir, the church's pastor. Fieno attended evangelistic meetings conducted by David Baron, lay evangelist, at the church in Elmira, New York. She also faithfully attended Tuesday-evening Bible study class. "The church enjoyed the meetings and experienced growth in their spiritual lives," said James Reynolds, Elmira church's communication coordinator. Elmira's church members welcomed Debbie Fieno with gladness.

—Communication department, Elmira church

## Church Members Attend Emergency First Response Class

Suppose that some Sabbath morning at church a person next to you collapses. What would you do? Call 911? Look to see if there was a doctor or nurse present? Fade into the corner so no one would expect you to do something? These questions might come to your mind when facing an emergency situation. However, the main question to consider should be: "How can I help?"

Everyone should know what to do in a medical emergency situation. There may not be a medically trained person present. It may be up to the members of the church to help the person in need.

Emergency situations may also happen in the midst of a church service. When these moments arise, you might ask yourself, "Do I know how to perform CPR?" "Can I use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?"

On March 3, Brittany Miller presented a class on Emergency First Response in the fellowship hall at the Elmira church. Miller has a lot of experience in this field



Brittany Miller presents a class on emergency first response in the fellowship hall at the Elmira church.

and shared her knowledge with the attendees. Those who attended learned the various techniques used to help in emergency situations. This was a part of Miller's course

work as she completes her master's degree in nursing.

The class covered how to use the AED and when and how to perform CPR. Some of the equipment used in the

class belonged to the church since they had purchased an AED about three years ago. Mannequins were available for demonstration and practice.

Another area included in the training was recognizing and treating for hypoglycemia. Attendees were able to identify how and when to assist a victim of hypoglycemia. It was an interactive class that allowed everyone to learn in a practical way.

Miller also demonstrated how to help an uninjured fall victim to get up. She presented information using visual aids, and discussed symptoms and actions to take when someone is in need of medical intervention.

The church plans to have an Emergency First Response Team at the church. This will help to maintain readiness and to be available when help is needed. Annual classes are also being planned that will work as a refresher for those who attended in the previous years.

—James Reynolds, communication coordinator, Elmira church



## Buffalo Suburban Church Fellowship Holds Joint Agape Feast and Communion Service

Buffalo Suburban church has three active fellowship groups (African, Karen, and Hispanic) that take turns worshiping with the core church family on the main campus once each month. All three fellowship groups gathered with the core church family on Sabbath, April 6, for the worship service, agape feast, and Communion service. An estimated 250 people participated.

Luis Mancebo, the church's pastor, found inspiration for the program in the Last Supper account recorded in the Gospels. The worship service began with the traditional foot-washing service before



Three fellowship groups (African, Karen, and Hispanic) gather in the gymnasium of the Buffalo Suburban school for a joint worship service, agape feast, and Communion service.

an abbreviated church service followed by an agape feast. The meal concluded with the dispensing and sharing of the ordinances, again following the model set forth by Jesus and recommended by Him. The goal was to maintain an

atmosphere of reverence, joy, and worship throughout the whole experience. The entire event took place around tables decorated for the event.

The event took place in the school gymnasium, where the ambiance welcomed the church family into a New-Testament-

Middle-East world style setting with booths, wall coverings, mannequins in cultural costume, and table settings with traditional American agape meal elements. The place settings accommodated 300 diners, with some of the setup work provided by the church-school students.

Response from the members was very positive, and many participants expressed appreciation for the Last Supper-type format as being conducive to worship and fellowship. Given the positive feedback, they anticipate that Agape Sabbath will become an annual event.

—Mark E. Thompson, song service coordinator, Buffalo Suburban

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## Compassion Unleashed in Providence

More than 100 volunteers unleashed compassion on the streets of Providence, Rhode Island, February 22, as part of the Northeastern Conference's Unleashed 2 Convention held in the city, February 21-24.

Led by Philip Wesley II, pastor of the Emmanuel church in Providence, the volunteers ministered to the homeless by assisting at four different sites: a shelter

operated by the Mathewson Street United Methodist Church, the Crossroads shelter, Kennedy Square, and on Broad Street. From serving at a shelter or offering "free hugs, prayers, and conversation" to distributing care packages of toiletries and other everyday essential items, as well as distributing food provided by organizers of the Unleashed 2 Convention, volunteers

shared many tangible evidences of God's love.

With over 1,000 homeless persons on the streets, the group was able to serve and pray with 10 percent of the population. A woman from the community attended the Friday-night service and shared her testimony as a result of the volunteers' compassion. Wesley remains in contact with her for prayer and spiritual guidance.

As a result of the compassion initiative, the Emmanuel church has established a long-term relationship with the shelters, enabling members of the church to continue serving this segment of the community throughout the year.

—Communication department, Emmanuel church



Volunteers from Northeastern Conference's Unleashed 2 Convention are ready to begin their time of service in the community.



Volunteers at Mathewson Street United Methodist Church pause for a group photo.



Joe Wallace, Unleashed 2 community youth leader, center, and other volunteers are ready to share hugs, prayers, and conversation.



## Blood Drive Nets 25 Units

The Brockton Portuguese church in Brockton, Massachusetts, hosted a community blood drive on February 24 at the Westgate Mall in partnership with the American Red Cross. Cooperative and enthusiastic donors, along with the friendly and professional staff, made the entire process pleasant and successful. A total of 33 donors registered, from which 18 were first-time donors. In all, they collected 25 units of blood.

As local leaders, Brockton Portuguese church, is not only concerned with the spiritual health of the Brockton community, but also equally concerned about the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of others.

Members of the Brockton Portuguese church are moved by the outcome of



The Brockton Portuguese church hosts of a blood drive and nets 25 units of blood.

the blood drive and the impact it will have in the lives of many. This is the church's second consecutive year participating in this effort and they plan to continue serving and helping the Brockton community in the years to come.

"I am alive today because someone out there one day decided to lay down on one of these beds and freely

donated their own blood for others," said Carlos Ferreira, a recipient.

"I am moved by gratitude. My kids were worried when I told them I was coming to donate blood. If they only knew that I am alive today because someone else donated their blood and I was a beneficiary from a blood donation," said Claudina Pires, another recipient.

The Brockton Portuguese church members are projecting new goals for 2020. They want to make an effort to impress on the hearts of new donors the sense of giving.

"The efforts of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are greatly appreciated, and your support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives," said Nancy Hurley, American Red Cross donor recruitment representative. "Thank you for all your work on Sunday's blood drive. It was a successful drive and 75 hospital patients may be helped. The turnout was impressive, and the patience of the donors was notable."

—Seila-Elisabeth Vieira, external communication director, Brockton Portuguese church

## Berea Honors Youth With Gala

Sometimes just saying thank you may not be sufficient. This was the thinking of the Berea church's Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) council, who gave several young people an elegant gala in February to express the church's gratitude.

Sixteen of Berea's most active young people were honored for their service at a "black tie" affair at the church in Dorchester, Massachusetts. The young people are active in many ministries and show leadership and personal initiative in their organizations.

The ministries include AYM, Pathfinders, deacon and deaconess boards, God's D'Sign (signing ministry), ushers, media ministry, Next Generation (youth singing group), and the Sanctuary Choir.

The catered affair included poetry presentations, musical selections, and signing by a member of God's D'Sign.

The uniformed waiters and waitresses included the parents, department leaders, and other supporters. Each honoree received a gift, a trophy, and a certificate. Omar Jarvis, Berea church pastor, charged the group to stand for Jesus and continue serving in their selected ministries. The impact of their witness will not only be of service and a blessing to other young people today, but will have an everlasting impact for eternity.

The names of the honorees are: Kourtnee Bartley, David Burgess, Abigayle Cooper, Taylor Cornish, Chantel Hazel, Janice Hazel, Elyana Jarvis, Malaika Jarvis, Jared Mahabali, Jolina Mahabali, Anthony Mathew, Antoine Mathew, Ariel Prince, Lenora Pryce, Rosh Salapan, and Rothenique Smallings.

The highest recognition of the evening went to Onea Jones, who has led the signing ministry for more than



Milton Samuels

Berea church honors its youth for their service.

20 years. She was presented with two citations from the City of Boston in recognition of her service and dedication to the youth of Berea. The evening culminated with a fashion extravaganza by the honorees and singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

—Barbara J. Defoe, member, Berea church, Boston

## Indian Cooking Classes Provide a Springboard for Health Evangelism

On this earth, there will always be obstructions and challenges for those who are trying to do God's work. At the same time, God is faithful and true in providing a way around those obstructions and challenges. The reality is, sometimes the way God has provided is not an obvious one, and it takes some casting about on our part to latch onto it and move forward. Such was the case recently with a program called The Healing Project, a health-evangelism effort in the Northern New England Conference.

Simply put, The Healing Project (THP) teaches community members how to perform five types of hydrotherapy at home, relieving significant pain and discomfort. But that simple explanation misses the sharp focus of THP



Martin Raj teaches community members in Keene, New Hampshire, how to make Indian food.

on building relationships between pastors, church members, and prayer warriors with members of the community during the course of THP. Where the project has been held around the Northern New England Conference, it has demonstrated a true ability to build deep relationships that result in people joining in fellowship and worship

with their new friends, accepting Bible studies, or engaging in further learning opportunities at the church.

The project works extremely well—if people will attend. The Keene church in Keene, New Hampshire, discovered this when they made a significant effort to promote the project, but experienced a small turnout. However, they were so encouraged

by the response of the few who attended, they decided to mount the project for a second time, but they faced a challenge: how could they get community members to sign up for the training sessions?

While the church members thought and prayed, THP manager Martin Raj made a suggestion—What if they held an Indian-food cooking class? Raj grew up in India and learned to cook in his mother's kitchen. He'd held a few "plant-based" Indian-food cooking classes at The Ark in Lewiston, a center of influence in central Maine, and those were very successful, so perhaps the same vegan Indian-food cooking classes would work in Keene.

The church members agreed to try it, and they were floored by the response at the first Indian cooking class held early in 2019 at Country Life, an Adventist-run vegan café in Keene. The church wanted to have another Indian cooking class, this time in the church fellowship hall, mainly to accommodate more attendees, but the church was hidden away on a dead-end drive. Would people come?

"The parking lot was full," said Lewis LaClair, the church elder responsible for organizing the program. "And the fellowship hall was packed. I don't think I've ever seen so many community members turn out for an event at the church. We advertised this plant-based Indian-food cooking class the same way we advertise all our other



People from the community attend the Indian-food cooking class in the fellowship hall at Keene church.



events, but the response was jaw-dropping! Now people are asking for another class.”

As the church hoped, the cooking class was effective in getting people to sign up for The Healing Project. “When I was demonstrating how to prepare Tomato Rice, Potato Masala, Mint Chutney and Payasam,” said Raj, “I

was able to fill some time by telling people about The Healing Project and all the things they would learn. I told them I’d be teaching the THP classes, and they should come. I was very encouraged by the number of people who signed up, but I was even more encouraged by the people who signed up

for Bible studies—that was an amazing bonus!”

After Raj demonstrated the drawing power of the kitchen skills his mom taught him, some joked that Indian-food cooking classes are his God-given superpower. Maybe so. What we do know for certain is that while Raj and his mom were

at work in their kitchen in India, God was also at work, providing the solution to a challenge and obstacle that would present itself years later and thousands of miles away.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## Manchester District Ramps up for Fall Evangelism Campaign

There is a resurgence of evangelism activity in the Northern New England Conference (NNEC), and it stems from conference leadership, not only urging every church to be active, but also supporting that urging through tools, training, and increased budgets.

This return to a focus on evangelism includes small relationship-fostering outreaches, including health training projects and cooking classes, as well as Bible studies and current-interest Bible seminars and short series. But the scope of evangelism efforts also includes a regional emphasis and carrying out full-scale evangelism campaigns. For 2019, it is the greater Manchester district in southern New Hampshire that will be the site of a fall evangelism campaign.

Janely Pierre, district pastor, is working with his members to prepare for the September and October campaign. “We’ve been engaged in significant outreach, but now we are ramping that up to try and form relationships with people in the community well in advance of the actual campaign. We’re putting on health lectures and hydrotherapy seminars.

We’re holding ethnic-food cooking classes. We’re increasing the visibility of our church school. But the largest part of our effort is preparing our members to be active soul-winners.”

Pierre explains that he is working with the conference to plan and fund the campaign, and that the conference has contracted with Tekoa Missions, a lay-evangelism institute in New Hampshire, to canvas the greater Manchester area and prepare the way for the campaign.

“We expect the young foot soldiers from Tekoa to generate a great number of interests, and the contact information for each of those interested people is written down on a card, so we figure to have a steady stream of cards coming in that we’ll need to respond to before they get stale,” said Pierre. “That means members of this church will be traveling to the homes of these people to hand-deliver literature, as well as an invitation to our outreach seminars. And, of course, while they are there, they’ll be asking if the person wants to study the Bible and they’ll invite them to the campaign. For each and every step in that process, our members will have to be



Janely Pierre, pastor of the Manchester district, is leading an evangelism charge in southern New Hampshire.

trained to the point that they are comfortable and effective, so we’re putting a lot of energy into that.”

Manchester is the most populous city in the Northern New England Conference, with some 112,000 residents, but that is just the city itself. The greater Manchester area has a population of over 400,000, which amounts to almost 15 percent of the entire population of the conference, making it a primary point of investment for the conference.

Ted Huskins, NNEC Evangelism coordinator, explains that he wants to

increase major evangelism campaigns to two per year, and that Manchester is a logical place to jumpstart that effort. “The reality of the situation is that events are moving rapidly here on earth. There is a very real urgency to be about our Master’s business and proclaim the gospel to all who will listen, so we’re working with pastors and congregations on multiple fronts to re-energize evangelism across the conference, and we’re doing it because, done right, evangelism still works.”

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

## Grades 9-12 Eliminated at Greater Boston Academy for the Upcoming School Year

On March 31, David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president (SNEC), shared the following message on Facebook regarding the recent vote of the SNEC K-12 Education Board:

Last week, on March 25, the SNEC K-12 Education Board voted to not accept the proposed 2019-20 school budget for the Greater Boston Academy twelve-grade school. Instead the K-12 Board voted that Greater Boston Academy can operate an eight-grade school, which includes the Preschool and Kindergarten. This action eliminates grades 9-12 for the upcoming school year.

This was a difficult decision. This decision to reject the proposed budget was not made in a vacuum. Many meetings with the academy and the Stoneham Memorial church were held over the past months to try and find a workable budget.

This action in no way diminishes the self-sacrificing efforts of the faculty, and staff of GBA. The Stoneham Memorial church has been a champion in their efforts to keep all twelve grades going. Since the move, nearly twenty years ago to consolidate the twelve grades in one building, Stoneham Memorial church has sacrificed millions of dollars



to keep the academy grades going in the face of low enrollments and highly-subsidized tuition.

There have been many efforts to organize the other local churches to join the constituency of the school or be a supportive church of the school. This has resulted in nominal success but consistent support has not been present. Chronic budget shortfalls have diminished the equity to pay for any potential future budget

shortfalls. The proposed budget for the upcoming school year was not viable for many reasons.

The SNEC Education Department is working to locate options for the approximately thirty academy students for the next school year. Also, the Education Department will continue to work with the Stoneham Memorial church, GBA, and the other churches in the Boston area to chart the next steps for Seventh-day Adventist education in the Greater Boston region.

Please pray for GBA, Stoneham Memorial, and the student families.

## New Haven Church Member Honored

The City of West Haven Connecticut celebrated the extraordinary legacy of African-Americans on February 20 by honoring Millicent Huff Corbett, a leading member of the New Haven church. During the cultural event in observance of Black History Month, Huff Corbett received a citation from Mayor Nancy R. Rossi as African-American Citizen of the Year and one who helped shape the greatness of America.

“Diversity is the heartbeat of our nation, and your indomitable spirit and inspiring contributions are a testament to the promise of America,” Mayor Rossi said. The keynote speaker for the event was Toni Harp the mayor of New Haven. She focused her remarks on

African-American women in public office, asking the crowd of women, “Who better to serve the public interest than women?”

In 1989, Huff Corbett was the first African-American elected to the West Haven City Council, as well as the first woman to serve in the New Haven Police Department’s motorcycle unit, a post she held for 16 years. Another “first” for Huff Corbett is that she became the first black female to hold a Connecticut construction demolition license.

A woman of deep faith, Huff Corbett has been active in several areas, including orchestrating the church’s music ministry. In the past, she served as executive secretary of the Northeastern Conference Personal



City of West Haven Photo/Michael P. Walsh

African-American Citizen of the Year Millicent Huff Corbett, second from right, receives citations from, from left, West Haven Mayor Nancy R. Rossi; City Councilwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, District-5; and West Haven Black Heritage Committee chairman Steven R. Mullins, during the 23rd annual Black Heritage Celebration on February 20 at City Hall in West Haven, Conn. The cultural event, in honor of Black History Month, is presented by the Black Heritage Committee.

Ministries Federation and first elder of the Hill church. “Elder [Millicent] Corbett’s relationship with others is an indication of her relationship with the Almighty God,” said

Godfred Ansah, Personal Ministries Federation executive president.

—Eileen O. Brown, communication secretary, New Haven church



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South Lancaster, MA	8:21	8:25	8:27	8:27	
Pittsfield, MA	8:28	8:31	8:33	8:34	
Hartford, CT	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:29	
Providence, RI	8:18	8:22	8:24	8:24	
New York, NY	8:25	8:28	8:30	8:31	
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Utica, NY	8:38	8:42	8:44	8:44	
Syracuse, NY	8:42	8:45	8:47	8:47	
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Keene, NH	8:26	8:29	8:31	8:32	
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### ATLANTIC UNION

**Compassion Sabbaths:** Every second Sabbath of the month is designated Compassion Sabbath in the Atlantic Union: May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14. Find more information at [ayouth.com](http://ayouth.com).

## OBITUARIES

**LADD, Kenneth E.**—83; b. Jan. 12, 1936, in Siloam Springs, Ark.; d. Mar. 10, 2019, in Burlington, Vt. He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in financial administration for more than 40 years at a local union, the General Conference, three academies, and one hospital. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Esteb Ladd of Williston, Vt.; a son, Michael Ladd of Spokane, Wash.; a daughter, Lisa Comeau of Williston, Vt.; a brother, Robert Ladd of LaCrosse, Kans.; a sister, Dorothy Kromrei of Boise, Idaho; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**PICKETT, Myrtle M.**—81; b. June 3, 1937, St. Mary, Jamaica, West Indies; d. Oct. 12, 2018, Yonkers, N.Y. A long-time member of the Bronx church of Bronx, N.Y., she served as head elder, Sabbath School teacher, and with other church departments including Personal Ministries, Health Ministries, and Youth Ministries. Over the years, she enrolled hundreds in Bible studies, trained and supervised Bible workers, and was actively involved in evangelism efforts. She also served as director of nursing at Victory Lake Nursing Home in Hyde Park, N.Y. She is survived by two daughters, Earlena Brown of Summerville, S.C., and Vernell Dotery of Awendaw, S.C.; a son, Earl Pickett, Jr., of Bronx, N.Y.; adopted son, Carlos Ramos of New York, N.Y.; three

sisters, Fay Reynolds of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Hermalee McLean of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and Phyllis Allen of Toronto, Canada; four grandsons, Frederick Wilkins, Jr., of Hollywood, S.C., Lionel Wilkins of Summerville, S.C., Kevin Hawkins of Charleston, S.C., and Alex Pickett of Knoxville, Tenn.; and four great-grandchildren.

**SCHLIST, Helen M.**—90; b. June 21, 1928, in Fort Ann, N.Y.; d. Mar. 26, 2019, in Batavia, N.Y. She was a member of the Batavia church in Batavia, N.Y. She taught at South Lancaster Academy in Lancaster, Mass. She is survived by her children Brian (Amy) of Batavia; Alan (Helaine) DeLillo of Mass.; Linette (Jess) Stewart of Wisconsin; Denise (Karl) Wailgum of Mass.; sister Anna Sargent of Fort Ann, N.Y.; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

**WHITE, Doreen Icilma Wint**—82; b. Feb. 1, 1937, in Brighton, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, West Indies; d. Mar. 3, 2019, in Dorchester, Mass. She was a former member of the Berea church in Dorchester, Mass.; and a charter member of the Mattapan Mission, now Hyde Park church in Hyde Park, Mass. She served her church as a deaconess, member of the Majestic Choir, and enjoyed visiting the sick. Survivors include: her two daughters, Donna Rainford of Randolph, Mass., and Cheryl (Andre) Whyte of Lower Mills, Mass.; three sons, Michael (Carol) Storach of Marshfield, Mass., Robert (Addie) White of Dorchester, Mass., Edmund (Karlenis) White of Mattapan, Mass.; one step-daughter, Sheffine (George) Osbourne of London, England; two sisters, Jenny (Ezekiel) Anthony of Mattapan, Mass., and Millicent Wint of Jamaica, W.I.; four brothers, Ervin Wint of Jamaica, W.I., Leslie (Lynda) Wint of Seattle, Wash., Keith Wint of Toronto, Canada, and Seon Wint of Jamaica, W.I.; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

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