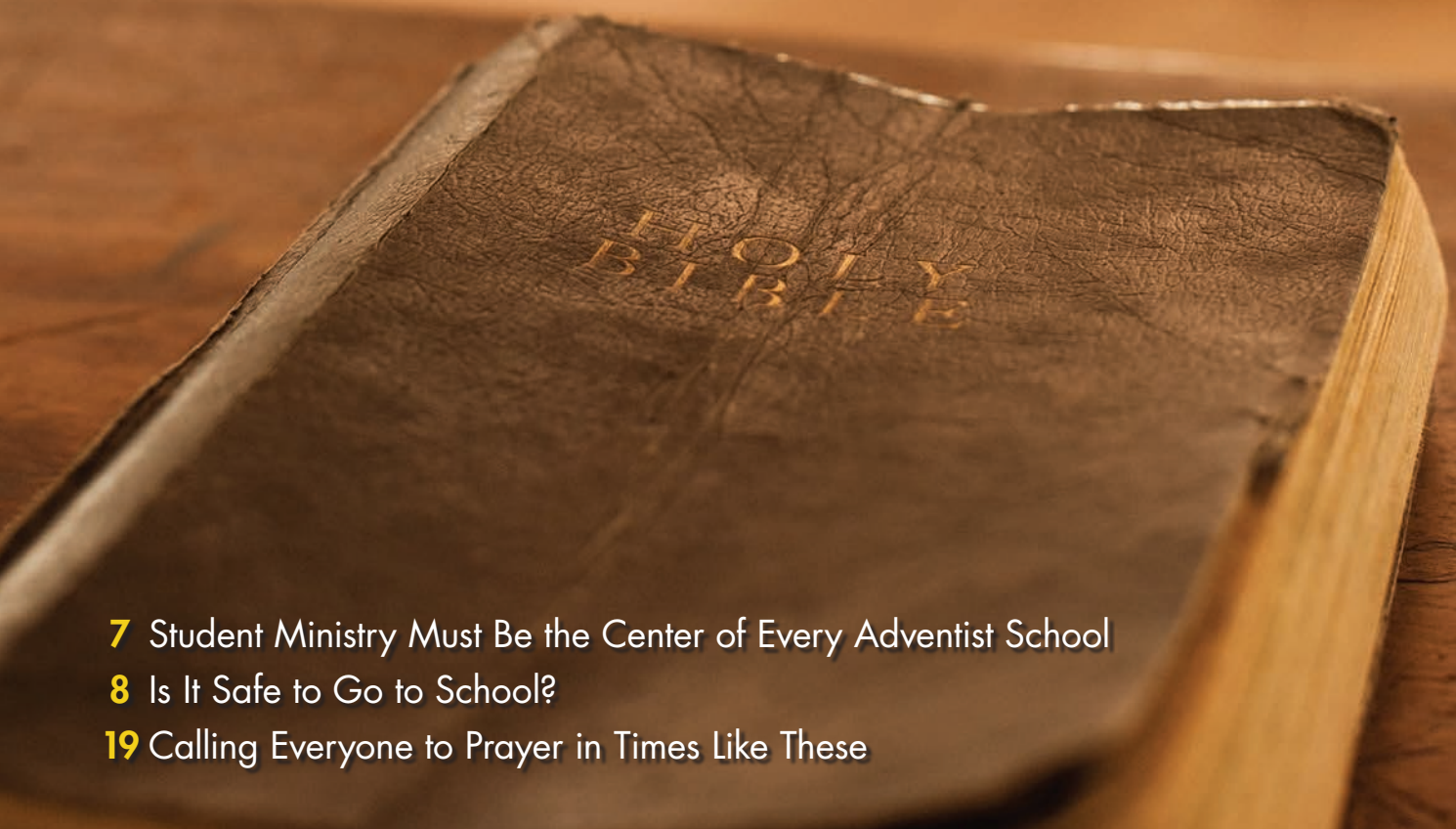


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Courage for the Crisis

We are living in a time of severe crisis. In MERRIAM WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY, a crisis is defined as "an unstable or critical time or state of affairs in which a decisive change is impending." We are faced with several crises in our world today. One can point to COVID-19, the political unrest, global financial recession, and moral decay in our society. These factors, and more, have plunged the world into crises that we have not witnessed during the past 100 years.

Even though the coronavirus has been having a devastating effect on most countries, the United States stands out as the most affected, primarily due to not adhering to the guidelines established by the scientists and health professionals. Not being able to control the spread of the virus has placed the nation in crisis mode.

This situation brings to mind what Jesus said about the condition of the world prior to His second coming. The scripture declared that "there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows"—Matthew 24:7, 8 (NKJV).

Satan has unleashed his demonic forces in the world, and many have fallen prey to the tempter's power. Evil angels are working through human instrumentalities to carry out the plans of the devil. The crisis in the world is not a coincidence. These are signs that we are living in the last days before Jesus comes to redeem His chosen ones.

Ellen White wrote, "While appearing to the children of men as a great physician who can heal all their maladies, [Satan] will bring disease and disaster, until populous cities are reduced to ruin and desolation. Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves,

and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power"—THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 589.

How should God's people respond to the prevailing crises? Those who are the people of God and have made a covenant with Him should not be surprised by what is happening now, because the Word of God predicted these things.

Courage must be the watchword as we face these crises coming upon the earth. Let us never be afraid nor anxious because God is our shield and protector. The Lord has promised never to leave nor forsake us. Therefore, even though our faith is being challenged; even though we may not return to a "normal" way of worship, because of the pandemic, God has provided avenues and creative means through which we can still proclaim the three angels' messages to the world.

As we transition into the new year, 2021, let us be cognizant of the fact that the time is coming when we will not be able to publicly proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, let us increase our efforts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to advance the work of God in this world. We will face great opposition; however, let's not be daunted, because God is with us. Ellen White reminded us that "Hope and courage are essential to perfect service for God. These are the fruit of faith. Despondency is sinful and unreasonable"—PROPHETS AND KINGS, p. 164.

"We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history"—TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, vol. 9, p. 10. Let's rest assured that God reigns supremely, and He will protect His people through the storms of life. ①

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



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What the Word of GOD Is to *Us*

By Ellen G. White

“No knowledge is so firm, so consistent, so far-reaching, as that obtained from a study of the Word of God.”

God has given us his Word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Its teachings have a vital bearing on our prosperity in all the relations of life. Even in our temporal affairs it will be a wiser guide than any other counselor. Its divine instruction is the only way to success. There is no social position,

no phase of human experience, for which the study of the Bible is not an essential preparation.

The Bible is the great standard of right and wrong, clearly defining sin and holiness. Its living principles, running through our lives like threads of gold, are our only safeguard in trial and temptation.

The Bible is a chart, showing us the waymarks of truth. Those who are acquainted with this chart will be enabled to tread with certainty in the path of duty, wherever they may be called to go.

The Bible contains a simple and complete system of theology and philosophy. It is the book that makes us wise unto salvation. It tells us how to reach the abode of eternal happiness. It tells us of the love of God as shown in the plan of redemption, imparting the knowledge essential for all,—the knowledge of Christ. He is the Sent of God; he is the Author of our salvation. But apart from the Word of God, we could have no knowledge that such a person as the Lord Jesus ever visited our world, nor any knowledge of his divinity, as



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indicated by his previous existence with the Father.

The Bible is not written for the scholar alone; on the contrary, it was designed for the common people. The great truths necessary for our salvation are made as clear as noonday, and none will mistake and lose their way except those who follow their own judgment instead of the plainly revealed will of God.

The Word of God strikes at every wrong trait of character, molding the whole man, internally and externally, abasing his pride and self-exaltation, leading him to bring the spirit of Christ into the smaller as well as the larger duties of life. It teaches him to be unswerving in his allegiance to justice and purity, and at the same time always to be kind and compassionate.

The appreciation of the Bible grows with its study. Whichever way the student may turn, he will find displayed the infinite wisdom and love of God. To him who is truly converted, the Word of God is the joy and consolation of the life. The Spirit of God speaks to him, and his heart becomes like a watered garden.

A Strengtheners of the Intellect

There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than a study of the Bible. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, that is rarely seen in these times.

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obtained from a study of the Word of God. If there were not another book in the wide world, the Word of God, lived out through the grace of Christ, would make man perfect in this world, with a character fitted for the future, immortal life. Those who study the Word, taking it in faith as the truth, and receiving it into the character, will be complete in him who is all in all. Thank God for the possibilities set before humanity.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." "Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth forever." The time devoted to a study of God's Word and to prayer will bring a hundredfold return.

The Word of God is the living seed, and as this seed is sown in the mind, the human agent must give diligent care to the successive stages of its growth. How is this to be done?—After the Word has been prayerfully received, it is to be cherished, and practised in the daily life. It is to spring up and bear fruit, putting forth first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

The Spirit Necessary

It is not enough to study the Bible as other books are studied. In order for it to be understood savingly, the Holy Spirit must move on the heart of the searcher. The same Spirit that inspired the Word must inspire the reader of

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the Word. Then will be heard the voice of heaven. “Thy Word, O God, is truth,” will be the language of the soul.

The mere reading of the Word will not accomplish the result designed of heaven; it must be studied and cherished in the heart. The knowledge of God is not gained without mental effort. We should diligently study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand his Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell on the thought till it becomes our own, and we know “what saith the Lord.”

There is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty, or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind,

and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained. Keep your Bible with you. As you have opportunity, read it; fix the texts in your memory. Even while you are walking the streets, you may read a passage, and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in mind.

The life of Christ, that gives life to the world, is in his Word. It was by his word that Jesus healed disease and cast out demons; by his word he stilled the sea, and raised the dead; and the people bore witness that his word was with power. He spoke the word of God, as he had spoken to all the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament. The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. It is our source of power.

As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God’s Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another mind.

Yes, the Word of God is the bread of life. Those who eat and digest this Word, making it a part of every action and of every attribute of character, grow strong in the strength of God. It gives immortal vigor to the soul, perfecting the experience, and bringing joys that will abide forever. ①

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By Nkarlo Alexander

Student Ministry Must Be the Center of Every Adventist School

A case study of Greater New York Academy’s ministry approach

Greater New York Academy (GNYA) was one of the few Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Atlantic Union that saw an increase in enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. GNYA sees this as the bestowment of God’s merciful blessing and a direct result of intentional efforts to create a ministry-focused campus.

One of the fastest-growing student ministry groups at the academy is the “Young Preachers Club” (YPC). This club has seen a steady increase in student interest. Since September, the club has sent out student speakers to multiple churches in the New York City area, has conducted a live, virtual youth-night prayer meeting for the third-largest church in the Greater New York Conference, and

has anchored the school’s weekly chapel program. At GNYA, a student preaches almost every week for chapel (which are also broadcasted).

The students are talking. According to Dale Henry, senior at GNYA, “Two experiences in the YPC stand out to me—going to Massachusetts with the YPC to preach, and meeting the General Conference president, Elder Ted Wilson.”

Rhonasha George, a sophomore at GNYA, is a new member. She expressed, “I hope to improve my preaching skills and gain more knowledge on the things written in the Bible.” Imellew van Putten, a sophomore, agrees with Rhonasha. “As a newer member of the Young Preachers Club, I hope that God will use this avenue to prepare me in His ministry

as a youth into adulthood and, prayerfully, into the kingdom.”

Freshman student Pierce Barrett was able to sum it up like this: “The Young Preachers Club seeks to help us as budding youth to be more like Christ.” For Joshua Smith, a sophomore, he thinks that the club will be instrumental toward his future. “When I grow up, I would like to work in the field of evangelism. I think the YPC is a great way to prepare me for my future.” Sofyia Glanville’s understanding of the mission of the YPC was very instructive. “The best part of the YPC is that students, regardless of grade, come together and minister in different capacities.”

James Mitchell, a freshman student, wants to become a neurosurgeon as well as a pastor. “In terms of neuroscience, the YPC allows me to see that this service to humanity is still God’s work.” Yanize Laville, a sophomore, believes in the transformative power of the YPC. “It helps you grow and brings out a new version of yourself that you never thought was possible.”

Jeremie Valestil, a freshman, has high hopes for the YPC. “I want to work for God. I want to be a man of God, and I really want to have experiences talking to people to bring them closer to God.” Yanick Laville, another sophomore student, sums it up this way: “The YPC allows us to minister to people far and wide.” 0



Greater New York Academy senior Braezy Tello presents her message at the Old Westbury church in Long Island, New York.



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Is it *Safe* to Go to School?

Is it safe to go to school? This is a question that many people are asking.

Nearly 3,000 parents and students have made the decision to go to a Seventh-day Adventist school in the Atlantic Union this year. Let's look at the evidence:

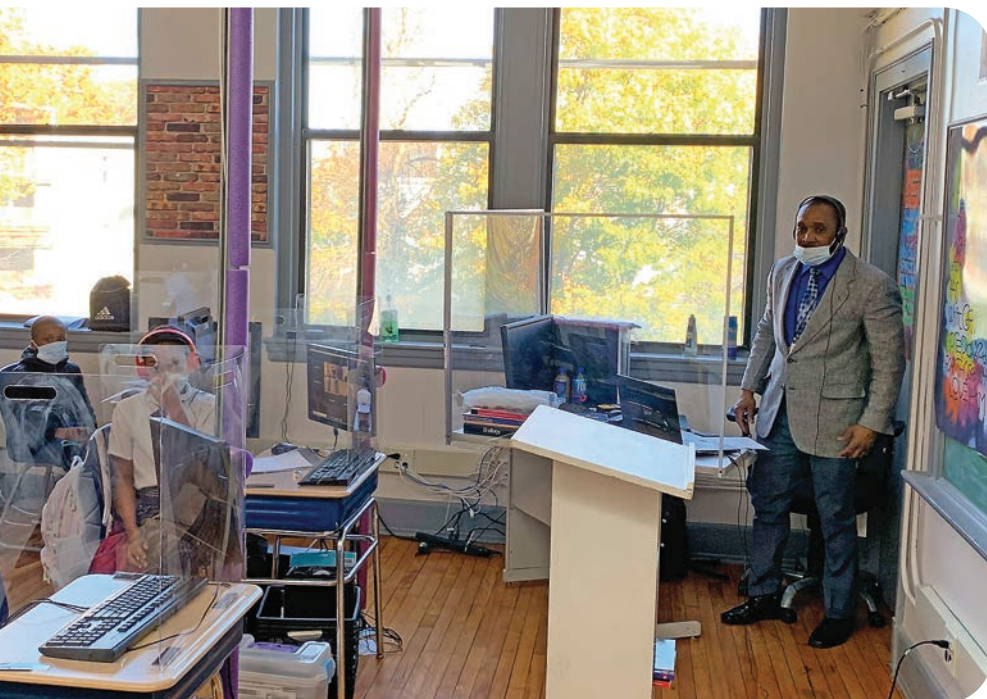
- Parents are finding that it is important for students to have face-to-face interaction and instruction. They are choosing to have their children in the smaller, loving, Christ-centered schools. Most of the Atlantic Union schools are offering face-to-face and virtual instruction. They are following local safety guidelines.

- Many other parents want and are able to have their children at home. They receive virtual Adventist education from their local Adventist school over the Internet.
- Some parents find that their schedules allow for a mix of what is known as the “hybrid education model.” Their children are attending some days a week while doing virtual school on the other days.

Let us use two of our schools as an example:

Union Springs Academy (USA) is a boarding school located in the rural Finger Lakes region of Central New York on a 300-acre secluded campus. The surrounding area has maintained a low rate of positive COVID-19 cases. Similar things could be said for **Pine Tree Academy** in Maine, which has dorm homes and currently has a waiting list. All of our schools, from Bermuda to New York City and throughout New England, have gone through similar protocols, working with government, federal, state, and local health departments to ensure that our students are learning in a safe environment.

- Since school began in August, these schools have intended to isolate student and staff interaction with the public as much as possible.
- At USA, all students and staff are required to get a COVID-19 test and be retested as needed.



Berea Academy in Mattapan, Massachusetts, has installed separation screens in the classrooms to protect students and teachers.



- The small-school settings, with spacious buildings and grounds, makes for easier management of precautionary separation protocols.
- Hand-sanitizing stations throughout the campus, daily temperature checks, required face coverings, along with physical distancing, are all utilized to keep the campuses safe.
- USA is following the lead of colleges, with no home leaves until dedicated leave times, thus reducing the risk of transmission outside of campus.
- Reopening plans were submitted to the local state education and health department and are posted on the school's website.

It is time to have our students in the safest place that will also prepare them to finish delivering the three angels' messages, while receiving an education to prepare them for college. Some of our schools have waiting lists, as community members are finding Adventist schools to be safe and nurturing schools. And they are a bargain!

As you and your family ponder this question, here are some more things to consider:

1. We have been told that it is our duty to educate our children with the love of God (Deuteronomy 6:7).
2. In our schools, students are experiencing the love of God through the highly-acclaimed "Encounter Bible"



Union Springs Academy utilizes physical distancing to help keep students and teachers on the campus safe.

series delivered by a trained and certified teacher.

3. Students are being taught language arts, math, history, and STEM education in the context of Bible-influenced instruction and thoughtful discussions led by certified Adventist teachers.

Please check for your closest Adventist school at find.adventisteducation.org or atlantic-union.org/education/atlantic-union-schools.

If I can help you find a school, you can text me personally at (617) 504-0725. ☎

Jerrell Gilkeson is the Atlantic Union Conference Education, Children's Ministries, and Early Childhood Education director.



How Effective is Online Evangelism?

In this season of digital services, the Somerset church, in collaboration with Restoration Ministries and the Pembroke and Rockaway churches, presented a timely, thought-provoking, robust evangelism series on the theme “No Fear: The Lord Is My Rock.” For two weeks in November 2020, Rupert Bushner, Jr., co-pastor and evangelist at the Patmos Chapel church in Orlando, Florida, delivered power-packed sermons that encouraged viewers to be faithful to God, “our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, and our strength” (Psalm 18:2).

In the lead-up to the series, as “Super Tuesday” (prayer meeting) viewership increased, excitement built, and listeners were encouraged to invite friends and family to the meetings. But how successful would two weeks and 14 sermons of online evangelism be? Baptisms are high on the list of desired results. So, how do you effectively appeal to people to decide for Christ when there are no physical contacts, and people can hide behind a screen?

Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president, pastor of the Somerset church, and host of “No Fear: The Lord Is My Rock,” said, “I knew the dynamics would be different. Our goal was never reaping, but, rather, interest-gathering. Twenty non-Adventists



Rupert Bushner, Jr., co-pastor and evangelist at the Patmos Chapel church in Orlando, Florida, shares a message during a two-week evangelism series.

expressed interest in receiving the free offer of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BELIEVE, the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. From that 20, six or seven individuals, some from overseas, expressed interest in receiving Bible studies.”

Gina James requested the book. A coworker invited her to the online meeting. “I enjoyed it. Although I would have attended an in-person meeting, I preferred viewing from the privacy of my home, as there were no distractions, and I could focus on what the preacher was saying. I was better able to listen. All of the sermons did something for me, and my faith is getting stronger.”

“The series was a teaching and learning experience for us,” said Sandra Ashe of Port St. Lucie, Florida. Pastor Bushner was informative and inspirational. A sincere man of God, he exuded spirituality through the written word, the precious book, the Holy Bible. We enjoyed all of the pas-

tors. Pastor Michelle is a beautiful prayer warrior, and her prayers left us feeling uplifted every night. We were truly blessed.”

“The results are exciting,” said Manders. “People I don’t know have called me to say they thoroughly enjoyed the meetings. One benefit was that the online platform provided a non-threatening environment for the unchurched. They don’t have to come into a building; they don’t have to show their faces. They’re unidentified, but they’re benefiting from the nightly services. Another is the cost savings. When you factor in airfare, accommodations, food, and honorarium, the savings are in the thousands of dollars.”

However, virtual religion can have its challenges in that “it does not provide opportunities for direct contact,” said Manders. “There is no way of tracking YouTube or Facebook viewers. It isn’t easy to clinch a decision because people are in their homes. It’s easier if

the individuals are in the building. Behind a screen, it’s easy to say, ‘not yet!’ I fear this will become the new normal; that people will feel comfortable staying at home, and some may not come to church, preferring the online platform. It’s a learning curve for those of us anxious to see people join the church.”

Damon Hendrickson, co-host of the series and pastor of the Rockaway church and Restoration Ministries, believes that given the season of COVID-19, the online evangelism series presented a tremendous opportunity for innovation. “Normally in evangelistic meetings, what we would count as ‘success’ is the number of baptisms, but I think this was a success in terms of collaboration between three or four churches. I saw us come together and nightly support the meetings, and there were Bible studies that came as a result.

“This virtual ministry has also provided us with another avenue to reach people outside of our borders. If this gospel is to be preached to all the world, and it is, then it’s for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to embrace this technology so that we can share our unique understanding of the Bible and reach out to individuals all across the world.”

—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference

Greater New York Conference Sponsors “Hope Still Lives” Evangelistic Series

The “Hope Still Lives” Evangelistic Series, a virtual event, was broadcasted nightly from November 29 to December 5, 2020, with eight speakers from the North American Division, the General Conference, and the Atlantic Union. On each consecutive night, the speakers brought fresh insights on a basic Adventist theme of hope in times of crisis, as they applied biblical urgency to the demand for a redeeming response to the upheavals of an unprecedented year.

Reginald Barthelemy, Greater New York Conference ministerial secretary and Men’s Ministries director, expressed his joy to have served as the chairman of the Hope Still Lives Planning Committee. He confirmed that the initial idea of a series to culminate a tough year was advanced by the Men’s Ministries Advisory as they prayed for a meaningful

response to the year in order to galvanize and energize the church.

Consequently, a discussion between Barthelemy and Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference president, moved the idea from a Men’s Ministries event to a conference-driven event. Beras expressed excitement as he felt the scope of the idea was worthy of a more inclusive platform.

Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference English Ministries director and AUAM (Atlantic Union Adventist Media) managing director, did some “heavy lifting” with his production team to make the virtual experience one to be remembered. Each night saw thousands engaged on YouTube, Facebook, and the AUAM website.

The Greater New York Conference was blessed with the addition of individuals who accepted Jesus Christ



Abraham Jules, pastor of the Community Worship Center in the Northeastern Conference, presents a message during the “Hope Still Lives” evangelistic series.



Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference president, left, and Reginald Barthelemy, Greater New York Conference ministerial secretary and Men’s Ministries director, greet the online viewers during the “Hope Still Lives” evangelistic series.

Photos: Marari Medina



The production team prepares to broadcast the “Hope Still Lives” evangelistic series.

through baptism, and many more candidates are still studying to be baptized in the near future. Beras wishes to thank all the speakers who were willing to make themselves available, as well as the many conference and lay members who volunteered in service to the Lord.

—Donnieval Walker, communication director, Greater New York Conference



Mark Finley, assistant to the president of the General Conference and international evangelist, was one of the speakers for the “Hope Still Lives” virtual evangelistic series.



Ithaca Church Pathfinders and Master Guides Invested

October 24 is a day that will be forever seared in the minds of the young people at the Ithaca church. On

this day, five Pathfinders and three Master Guides were invested, and one Pathfinder was inducted. Indeed, this was a long-awaited, spirit-filled event, originally planned for April 11. At that time, plans were derailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, God has been wonderful, keeping this Pathfinder club safe and helping them to continue with club activities remotely.

The Pathfinder worship service replaced the church's regular worship. Lenox Brown, Ithaca church senior pastor, welcomed the guests. The program consisted of a music worship service featuring talented, local church musicians led by pianist Jediah Tau, Steven Adie on

bass guitar, Isaiah Tau on the marimba, Ceian Thomas on the trumpet, Victor Torres on the drums, and Isabel Adie on the violin. Gofhaone Tau, Ithaca church elder and the Pathfinder club deputy director, and Ivy N'Goma led with the singing.

The Pathfinders performed a skit about Jonah, showing how following God's instructions not only benefits them but brings restoration and Christ's salvation to others. David McKenzie, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director, charged both the Master Guides and Pathfinders to be servant leaders, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference



Ithaca church Pathfinders and Master Guides stand with David McKenzie, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director, back row right, on Investiture Sabbath. From left on the back row are Angel Gavidia, Anny Gavidia, Gofhaone Tau, Ivy N'Goma, and Isaiah Tau; from left on the front row are Isabel Adie, Micha Adie, Grace Adie, Esther Castillo, Rosalie Adie, and Rebecca Adie.

The Right Arm is Still Working!

The pandemic, churches closing, and lockdowns took everyone by surprise. But while the churches were not completely prepared to do things differently, God had plans, as usual! New York Conference is thriving and blessed in spite of the way things are going around the world.

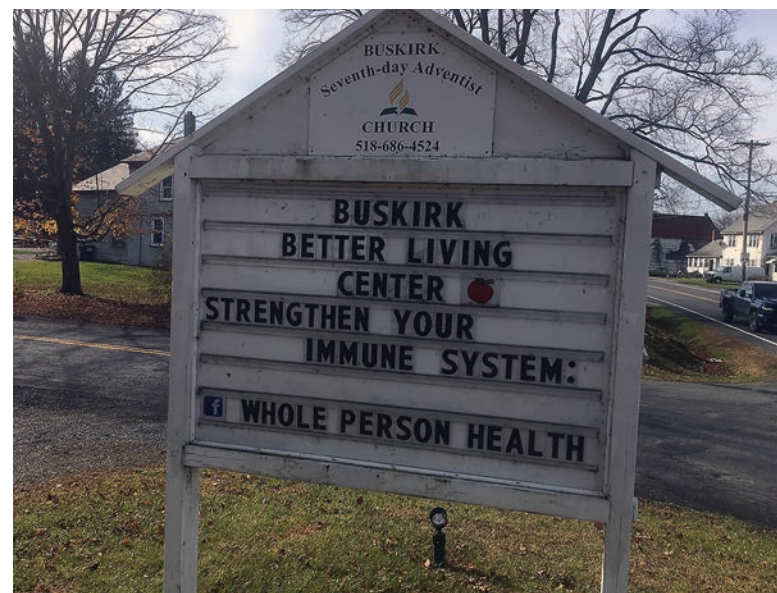
Almost overnight, the world changed. Especially in more developed, industrialized countries, people started thinking twice before doing something, going out, or even about their comorbidities, a new word to many! Our immune systems suddenly became more of a concern. And due to so much uncertainty and the rapidity of all the

changes in the way we were accustomed to living, and of very real isolation for many, people have also been more open to spiritual matters than prior to COVID-19. Indeed, humans, in general, are thinking more serious thoughts than before. The coronavirus has been a great challenge for many people who have been infected with the virus and for many others who have seen loved ones dying, businesses closing, and a change in their income.

So, what have the New York Conference churches and individual members been doing with health ministries during this crisis? They are using all available individuals, staff,

and resources to continue and even expand services for our fellow men and women to supply their great

needs. One member, for example, decided to grow organic corn, set up a table with fresh-picked ears along



The Buskirk church sign invites people to join their Facebook page to learn about healthy living.

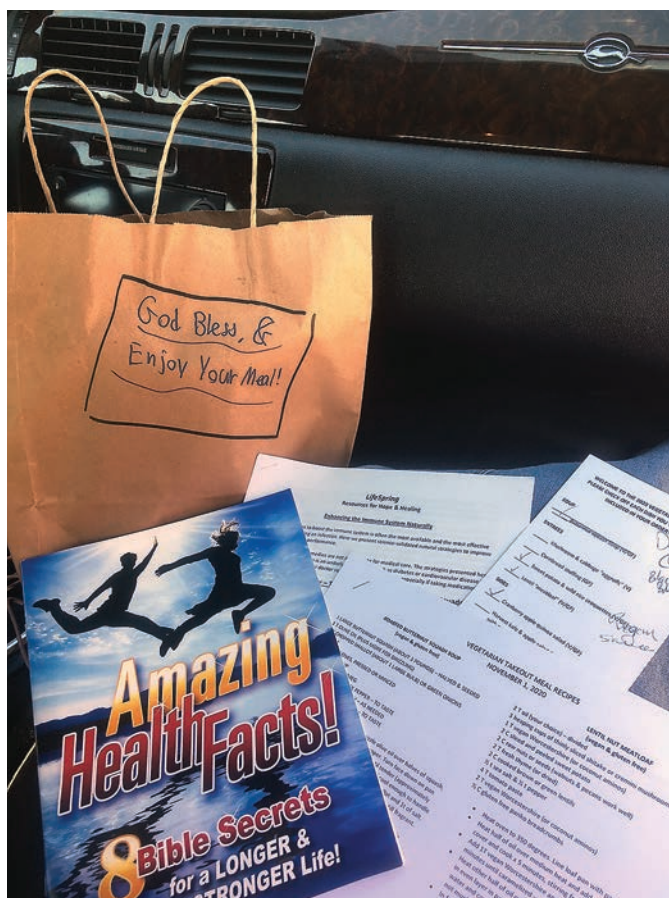
with a sign saying “free,” and provided a selection of health and spiritual literature.

Another person sold unneeded items through Facebook Marketplace right from her back porch and included literature with the purchases. Still another was asked by friends in the local Methodist church, where she ministered in music, to have a cooking class. They knew that she was a vegetarian, and they wanted to improve their health.

Early on, materials for making face masks were not as readily available. One member saw a social media post requesting supplies on a local “helps” group and donated materials to someone who was making face masks. Though their church building was closed, the Buskirk church in Buskirk, New York, posted a Facebook address on their sign where people could find articles on COVID-19 and strengthening the immune system.

The Vestal Hills church’s fitness club, located in Vestal, New York, was working out together at the church for one hour every Sunday afternoon just prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. It was a wonderful activity for many. When the lockdown happened, after canceling for a number of weeks, they moved outdoors utilizing the local hiking trails while following CDC guidelines.

During the cold months, they plan to workout using various preselected YouTube videos. They have also increased their health talks to be given every Sabbath,



One of the meal/health bags given out at Kingsbury church in Hudson Falls, New York, during their annual “Take Out” festivity.

as Health Ministries leader Khieanne Dawson saw that, “this time in our lives called for more encouragement, motivation, and education on how to stay well as we experience more stress and anxiety.” This part of the Sabbath program, called “Healthy News You Can Use,” is also livestreamed so that others can benefit.

As their church reopened, others on the Health Ministries committee contributed to presenting the health talks. Topics have included: “how to stay mentally healthy,” “relieve stress,” “boost our immune systems,” “reminders to stay active,” and other topics related to coping through

COVID-19. A representative from the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier of New York has agreed to do a virtual presentation on mental health awareness for Vestal Hills church, especially needed for the times in which we are living.

Camden church, in Camden, New York, which is always active in health ministry, is planning a seminar on building the immune system. Currently, they are presenting “Media on the Brain,” which documents the dangers inherent in all forms of media, both old and new.

The Kingsbury church in Hudson Falls, New York, decided to continue with their annual vegetarian buffet

and transformed it to take out. As people pulled into the parking lot, a friendly masked person with smiling eyes would present the menu from which they would make their selection. The person would return shortly with a bag containing the food the people had ordered, as well as a health magazine, recipes for all of the delicious dishes, and information on enhancing one’s immune system with the eight laws of health.

New York Conference Health Ministries director Debbie Cox virtually presented via Zoom for a telephone prayer group’s annual retreat on the topic, “How the Health Message Can Help Us to Be Ministers of the Gospel.” This included much counsel pertaining to the work in the last days and practical resources.

Ellen White wrote, “The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the Word. It is the Lord’s design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim the gospel message”—*MEDICAL MINISTRY*, p. 259. As Seventh-day Adventists, every one of us is called to be, not only a health reformer, but a medical missionary. Ask God to show you what you may do today!

For resources, visit www.nyconf.org/health-ministries.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, *communication director, New York Conference*

How Do We Prepare for What's Next?

On March 16, 2020, without warning, without prior planning for the safety of our employees and those we serve, the office doors of Northeastern Conference (NEC) closed. By the end of March, most of the churches throughout the NEC territory had closed their doors. During this same time, I was lying between the couch and the bed, trying to find whatever comfort I could, having been stricken with the coronavirus. Your world and mine became chaotic, anxious, and uncertain.

How do you answer the one question on most of our minds: "What's next?" Today that question has been answered, and, looking back, we wonder if that was a valid question. It was! And it wants to raise its head again as we approach the warnings and evidence of a second wave of the coronavirus. However, I am reminded of the words of Ellen White. "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history"—

TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, vol. 9, p. 10.

During the first quarantine ever experienced by most of us, we made it by faith and trust in our God, by the faithfulness of the members of Northeastern Conference, and by the collaborative efforts of conference administration, pastors, officers, and members under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through much prayer. We look back and know that the unseen hand of God and His promises led us in miraculous ways.

God did not give me a financial plan or warning, as he did Joseph, to handle the widespread famine in Egypt. There was nothing in my financial training to deal with this. So, what does one do? I've learned that God's work is different than any other. His income is dependent on



Robert Chandler is the treasurer of the Northeastern Conference.

His blessings, and any shortfall is also dependent on Him. I have seen God do abundantly beyond my ability and expectation, since being here at Northeastern. As I brought it all to Him in prayer and Bible study, He rested Jeremiah 32:27 in my spirit: "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there any thing too hard for me?" (NKJV)

The pandemic has fast-paced us into using technology, that has been available for years, to do business digitally, thus we were able to put it into place immediately. We are not all tech-savvy, but we cannot stop the direction in which we are going. Change is never easy, but it is inevitable. As churches reopen, we will encourage the continued use of digital platforms for online giving. However, we will not discard giving through physical means. If you are like me, it does feel good to bring the tithe into the storehouse.

The financial future of the churches and the conference will continue to depend on our faithfulness and God's provision. We must, however, accept the following: NEC has experienced significant financial losses; we now do church, ministry, and education differently; and we have seen that the future requires adjustments.

As an administration, we must now plan with the "new normal," which is our "current reality," in mind. Funding will need to be redirected to assist in building the digital and virtual infrastructure needed to minister to the spiritual needs of our members and to evangelize the masses, while there is still that opportunity. I believe challenging times are opportunistic times, which breed innovation as we meet the mission of God's church. The church militant will be the church triumphant.

—Robert Chandler, treasurer, Northeastern Conference

Berea Church in Nyack, N.Y., Recognizes Pastor and Community Leader

The Berea church in Nyack, New York, held its seventh Pastors Appreciation and Charitable Appreciation Community Service Leadership Award Outreach Program, in collaboration with the church's

Communication department. The event took place on October 29, 2020, at the Nyack Seaport Restaurant by the Hudson River.

Notwithstanding a series of events informing the social justice terrain

around the world in 2020, they planned the event by recognizing the efforts within their local context. A unique idea arose for this year's theme, since they could not go to Washington, D.C., in support of George

Floyd and the "Get Your Knee off My Neck Rally."

Someone said, "Let's do what we can locally." It is against this backdrop of information that the church decided to show appreciation for the work of their church

pastor Andrew Philbert and the work of Toney Earl, Rockland County District 8 Legislator, for his tireless service to the West Street Child Care Learning Center, the organization that was identified as the charitable recipient for 2020.

The church thought it would be fitting to focus their community outreach program on the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. The saying goes: "Charity begins at home and then spread abroad." Dana Swann, one of the church's young-adult members, delivered an inspiring message using that subject. The audience responded to the message and was motivated to do more to enhance God's mission.



Toney Earl, Rockland County District 8 Legislator, second from left, is recognized by Leaders at Berea church in Nyack, New York, Andrew Philbert, pastor, left, Francis Pratt and Spencer Chiimbwe, Communication department leaders, right.

Spencer Chiimbwe, chair of the Berea church's Communication department, briefed the congregation on the function of the department. Five-year-old Sean Dixon and 11-year-old Weldon McWilliams V took great pride in introducing

their grandfather, Toney Earl, the evening's honoree. Chiimbwe presented Earl with a plaque in appreciation for his untiring service to the community, both as former chair of the Rockland County Legislature and as a volun-

teer serving the West Street Child Care Learning Center.

Church member Natalie Patasaw, in her statement of purpose, conveyed the Berea church family's deepest appreciation to Pastor Philbert for his unwavering commitment to the church. "We thank you, Pastor Philbert, from a place deep within our hearts straight to your heart, for all you do in ministering to us and serving the Lord God. May you and your family always be blessed," Patasaw said. Philbert warmly greeted everyone and spent quality time in fellowship with groups at each table.

—Communication department, Berea church, Nyack, New York

New Housing Director at Northeastern Towers

Chaely Bovell was named as the new property manager for the Northeastern Towers by its board of directors. She previously served in an acting capacity since the departure of former director Gail Thomas. She brings five years of experience as assistant director and administrative assistant.

Bovell holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and a master's degree in Human Resources Management from Touro College in New York. One of her foremost priorities is protecting the vulnerable and elderly population from



Chaely Bovell is the new property manager of the Northeastern Towers, a Northeastern Conference senior housing development project.

contamination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Northeastern Towers is a senior housing development project consisting of 110

units subsidized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. It was built in 1981 under the sponsorship

of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a means of providing affordable housing opportunities to senior citizens. The conference has outsourced administrative oversight of the day-to-day operations to Shinda Management Corporation.

The growing need for senior housing prompted the construction of the recently-completed Northeastern Towers Annex, adding 160 units for seniors.

—Administration, Northeastern Conference



Giving and Receiving in Oxford, Maine



The Oxford church operates a food bank for the community; they are a critical resource during this time as they face the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The congregation in the Adventist church in Oxford, Maine, is not a large one. On a good Sabbath, as many as 30 people might be in attendance, though the number is usually closer to 20. The congregation also skews toward the grey-haired side—most members are retirees living on a fixed income. But what this small and resource-limited congregation has managed to accomplish in the local and global mission field is truly inspiring.

The church operates a food bank for the community, and while the ministry has been an important service for many years, it is a critical resource during the COVID-19 era. Food bank ministry

leaders saw many new faces and much longer lines as unemployment and hunger became a much larger phenomenon in the community. But the church soldiered on, dedicated more resources to the ministry so that more food could be purchased, and, with a little help from the Northern New England Conference, kept serving all who came. It took faith to keep on serving while their balance kept dropping, but serve they did.

Just serving the local community wasn't enough. Early in the year, their pastor at the time, Leon Twitchell, challenged them to take up a project that would help truly vulnerable people. The church members thumbed through the annual ADRA

gift catalog and decided they would fund part of the cost of a new well for a village in Africa. The thought of the women and children who had to walk one or more miles each way to fill up water pails touched their hearts. Church members started finding ways to set money aside for the project.

Pastor Twitchell, however, set an even higher goal; he challenged the church to raise \$10,000.00 during the year—enough to complete one well for a village! Church members responded by steadily donating money. A table was set up in the sanctuary, and, each time the fund grew, bricks were placed on it in a circle, eventually forming a very convincing facsimile of a

well. Some members gathered returnable bottles and cans, while others cut down on purchases or ate cheaper food. Everyone found a different way of sacrificing to meet the goal. Even after Pastor Twitchell transitioned to focusing on digital evangelism and church planting in Western Maine, church members stayed with the project. By November 2020, the church had raised the whole \$10,000.00 to send to ADRA.

While the church was celebrating what they were able to give, they got some joyful news—a check had come in the mail! The check for \$315.00 came from the Grace Lutheran Church in the nearby city of Auburn. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Grace Lutheran was not able to hold their annual Thanksgiving meal-packing event and had instead raised money to donate to food banks in the region, including the Oxford food bank. While the church members were focused on completing fundraising for the well, the Lord was arranging a blessing for their food bank!

For many, 2020 was a miserable year they can hardly wait to forget. And while the members of the little Oxford church also struggled, they will remember 2020, in part, as the year they both gave and received in support of Christ's ministry of helping the vulnerable.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Liz Gagnon's Journey: From PK to Heroin User to Starting a Christian Women's Sober Home in Maine

It is said that preacher's kids—PKs for short—have the odds against them. They grow up perceiving intense social pressure because they are the “pastor's kids,” and that seems to imply that different standards apply to them, which, in turn, can create a barrier to gaining a blessing from church. The truth is, most PKs either affirm their parents and embrace God's message or rapidly flee from the church. Liz Gagnon has done both.

When she was just six years old, Liz's father, Mark Gagnon and, his wife, Pam, began serving in the Northern New England Conference (NNEC), first pastoring in Vermont, then later moving to the Norridgewock, Maine, district. Pastor Gagnon served there from 1993 to 1998 before moving to the Southern New England Conference. All through her school years, Liz was a PK who was raised in a spiritual and nurturing home and, for a while, seemed to be one of the PKs who would turn out okay—she was class chaplain while attending Greater Boston Academy and was truly happiest when engaging in some form of missions.

But when Liz left home to attend Kettering College, she entered into a romantic relationship that turned toxic. Liz ended the relationship, but it left a deep mark on her, essentially shattering her world and causing her to question everything in her life. Little by little, step by step, her path turned away from the beliefs and values she was raised with and toward the world. She engaged more and more in the kind of rebellious behavior for which PKs are sometimes famous. She began using drugs and alcohol and engaging in other destructive behavior. She relocated to Florida, where she got a well-paying job, but money only fanned the flames of addiction, and her path traced a tragic arc. At the end, she was

injecting heroin in an attempt to fill the void in her soul.

When Liz hit bottom, she did two things: first, she surrendered and entered into a rehab program in Utah; then, she engaged in some very deep soul-searching, and she realized it was her own choices, rooted in pride and self-justification, that had led to her destruction. She believed Satan's biggest lie that she would somehow be happier not following Jesus, so she turned her back on Him. But, Jesus had



Liz Gagnon has returned to her roots and is opening a Christian women's sober house in South Portland, Maine.

not turned His back on her, and even at her heroin-craving lows, the Holy Spirit brought to Liz's mind Bible stories from her childhood that she could identify with; stories of sinners recognizing their great need of a Savior and a Savior in search of sinners. Finally, she humbly concluded that Jesus was her only hope at redemption.

As it happened, her father, Pastor Gagnon, had written a Bible study called “HIStory” that traced the story of Christ's love from Genesis to

Revelation. Liz, now living in a women's sober house in Maine, vowed to undertake her father's Bible study with complete honesty about herself and her sins since she had come to understand that honesty is the birthplace of redemption. In that study, she saw God's love story, as well as the full scope of dysfunctional human history. In that study, she saw her own history.

And so it was that the little girl who once memorized Bible stories, who was once class chaplain, and who lost her faith and her way, found Jesus again through the Bible study her father had written. Relying on Christ, Liz began the very difficult process of recovery and the reestablishment of her religious and Christian life. But keeping this message of hope wasn't enough for Liz—she wanted to again joyfully engage in ministry, and she wanted to help the many women who were still in the situation she had left.

Liz has realized her ministry ambitions and is now on the verge of opening a Christian women's sober house in South Portland, Maine. Liz points out that there are many sober houses for men, fewer sober houses for women, and no Christian sober houses for women in Northern New England, that she is aware of.

Praise God for the staying power of the Bible stories we teach our youth! And praise God for the transformational power of Christ's character! If you know a woman who is in need of a Christian, sober living facility, here is Liz's number: (385) 447-9888. And if you would like to hear Liz's story in her own words, NNEC's pastor Shawn Brace recently interviewed Liz for his “Mission Lab” podcast. You can find it by going to www.missionlab.podbean.com and playing episode 90.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director,
Northern New England Conference



Blessings Abound at Leominster Church

The Leominster church in Leominster, Massachusetts, was richly blessed recently by witnessing several baptisms and yet another HIStory graduation.

September 25, 2020, was a high Sabbath when Priscilla Aguilar-Perez, Debbie Sullivan, and David Snow publicly testified to their decision to follow Christ by being baptized. It was encouraging to hear how God led them to the truth, as the congregation warmly welcomed them.

On that same Sabbath afternoon, 14 individuals graduated from HIStory, the 20-week discipleship class taught by Mark Gagnon, the church's pastor. Having made the commitment to complete this very inspiring course, the graduates received more confidence



Mark Gagnon, Leominster church pastor, front row, third from left, stands with the graduates from HIStory, the 20-week discipleship class he teaches.

for witnessing and studying with others.

On December 5, 2020, two young men, Adam Girma and Joshua Gifford, decided to commit their lives to Jesus, and they made that commitment

public by baptism. Girma is an avid reader and is the church librarian, and Gifford is a talented young musician.

“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who

hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop”—Luke 8:15, NIV.

—Karen L. Christ, communication secretary, Leominster church



Priscilla Aguilar-Perez, rear, and Debbie Sullivan are baptized by Mark Gagnon, Leominster church pastor.



Joshua Gifford, rear, and Adam Girma are baptized by Mark Gagnon, Leominster church pastor.

Calling Everyone to Prayer in Times Like These

The Atlantic Union Conference Prayer Ministries seeks to create opportunities where the value and need of prayer are promoted and more people are encouraged to grasp what God offers through persistent, prevailing prayer.

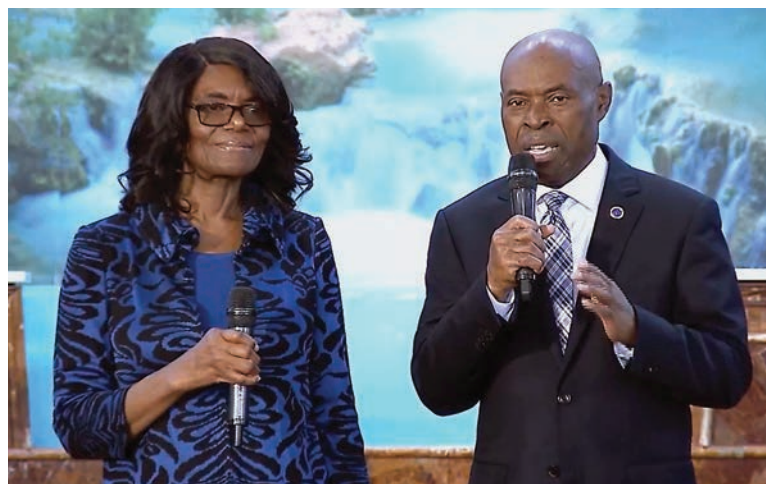
Since the coronavirus pandemic gripped the nation, Atlantic Union Conference Prayer Ministries has hosted a weekly prayer focus each Wednesday, with three separate one-hour sessions. As the situation grew more dire, Yvonne Knight, Atlantic Union Conference Prayer Ministries director, organized a 12-hour Day of Prayer in April 2020 under the theme, “Hope in Troubled Times.”

To date, there have been four Day of Prayer events, with the last two occurring on October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, based on the themes “There is Hope” and “Love Awakens,” respectively. By the leading and directing of the Holy Spirit, the two prayer events unexpectedly helped to prepare for the Atlantic Union Conference Virtual Prayer Summit 2020, November 6-7, which was planned prior to the onset of the pandemic. The Prayer Summit

was conducted in collaboration with James Black, North American Division Prayer Ministries director.

Hundreds of people called in during the Day of Prayer events, and Knight saw no less interest in the two events—one held days before and the other the day after the U.S. presidential election. “When we planned the ‘There is Hope’ Day of Prayer, we didn’t know that there would be so many challenges [as we neared the election]. . . . It worked out just fine because, for some, it was so needed. Folks could relate [to both themes] because even in the chaos, hope is there, and love awakens,” Knight said. She added that as God blessed both prayer sessions, she and her team received the divine assurance they needed as they finalized plans for the Virtual Prayer Summit.

Hundreds watched the Virtual Prayer Summit live online on AUAM, Facebook, and YouTube, and hundreds more continue to watch the recorded programs. Under the theme “Dear Lord, Please,” many have been blessed by the dynamic speakers and inspirational music from people around the Atlantic



Atlantic Union Conference representatives, Yvonne Knight, Prayer Ministries director, and her husband, G. Earl Knight, president, welcome the virtual viewing audience on Sabbath morning during the Atlantic Union Conference Virtual Prayer Summit.



On Sabbath morning, six panelists participate in a lively discussion about prayer.



Co-hosts for the Prayer Summit are prayer ministries representatives, from left, Warren Ruf, Southern New England Conference; Yvonne Knight, Atlantic Union Conference; and Glenn Mendez-Calcano, Greater New York Conference.



The Mount Vernon church praise team is one of several musical groups that participated in the Atlantic Union Conference Virtual Prayer Summit.

Union and North American Division. The event kicked off on Friday night and continued with two additional sessions on Sabbath morning and Sabbath afternoon.

If you missed any of the presentations, you can view them on YouTube as follows, Friday night, November 6, 2020: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiDYNjECyok;

Sabbath morning, November 7, 2020: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYu_daEzEB8; and Sabbath afternoon: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PBwEw8QuaY.

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





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Hearty Chicken-less Vegetable Soup

The seasonal chill in the air brings thoughts of warm fires, cozy blankets, and fuzzy slippers as we snuggle in our homes during these long winter nights. A savory, hot bowl of soup is the perfect addition to a sandwich or salad, and a wonderful, tasty way to warm you up from the inside. Bon appetit!

Ingredients:

- 4 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 6 cups water (divided into ½ c., 5 c. and ½ c. increments to use separately)
- ¼ cup vegetarian chicken-style seasoning
- 4 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup Butler Soy Curls™ or TVP (textured vegetable protein)
- 2 cups soaked garbanzo beans (with liquid), or low-sodium canned, undrained garbanzo beans
- 1 tablespoon nutritional yeast flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (optional)

- Sauté the onion and celery in ½ cup water, add the chicken-style seasoning and mix well; cook until soft.
- Pour in 5 cups of water and add the potatoes, carrots, and soy curls; bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat and simmer.
- Meanwhile, place the garbanzo beans and the liquid, nutritional yeast flakes, ½ cup water, and salt into a blender; blend until smooth.
- Add blended mixture to the vegetables in the pot.
- Stir until blended; cover and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the potatoes, carrots, and soy curls are soft, stirring occasionally.
- Serve, and garnish with fresh parsley.

Carin Lynch has a certificate in plant-based nutrition from Cornell University's T. Colin Campbell Center for Nutritional Studies and is a graduate of Rouxbe Culinary School. A familiar face on 3ABN Today Cooking, Carin and her husband Ron travel worldwide teaching plant-based cooking and health evangelism for both LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health Training) and Wildwood Lifestyle Center. In conjunction with the Wildwood Lifestyle Center, Carin recently published *PLANT-BASED MADE SIMPLE*, a full-color cookbook with 90 recipes.

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Soon his resident "witch" began to notice the change in him and demanded to know who was sending the messages. She said, "That woman you're listening to has a magic more powerful than mine—I want some of that power! It gives me a strange sense of peace I haven't felt before. How can I receive these messages too?"

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The Northeastern Conference Global Prayer Hotline is open 24 hours a day for prayer and study. The phone number for the prayer line is (605) 313-5169, access code: 888974#. For more information, visit the website at www.globalprayerministries.com.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Join the Northern New England Conference Morning Prayer Line from 6:00-7:00 a.m., call (605) 468-8026 (toll charges apply), access code 310654#. For more information, visit the website at www.nnecprayerministries.com.

OBITUARIES

FRENCH, Barbara S.—77, b. Oct. 24, 1943, in St. Charles, Mo.; d. Oct. 31, 2020, in Dansville, N.Y. She was a member of the Wayland church in Wayland, N.Y., for more than 40 years. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Stephen French; her son, Peter (Donna) Schrankel; her granddaughter, Brett Schrankel; her sister, Janet Bloescher; and many nieces and nephews.

THOMAS, Howard Eugene (Gene)—85; b. Oct. 9, 1935, in Derby, Conn.; d. Oct. 22, 2020, Plattsburgh, N.Y. He was a member of the High Banks church

in Saranac N.Y. He served in the U.S. Army. He served as maintenance director at the Georgia Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga. (1971-1974), maintenance director at Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, N.Y. (1974-1977), and pastored several churches in the New York Conference: Letchworth, Penn Yan, Wayland Sardinia, and Bath (1977-1983), Rome, Turin, Vienna, and Oneida (1983-1989), and Chateaugay, High Banks, Plattsburgh, Saranac Lake, West Bangor, and Massena (1989-2009). He was predeceased by his wife Marian L. Mills Thomas in 2009; his parents; a son Howard E. "Tom" Thomas Jr.; and a grandson, Jonathan Damon. He is survived by his second wife, Lillian Menshausen of Malone, N.Y.; two daughters, Margene T. Damon of Brushton, N.Y., and Patricia T. Clarke of Clinton, Mass.; a daughter-in-law, Linda (Steve) Wheeler of Brewerton, N.Y.; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Portland, ME	4:59	5:08	5:18	5:27	5:36	5:45	6:53	7:02
Boston, MA	5:05	5:14	5:23	5:32	5:40	5:48	6:56	7:04
South Lancaster, MA	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:34	5:42	5:51	6:59	7:07
Pittsfield, MA	5:13	5:22	5:31	5:40	5:49	5:57	7:05	7:13
Hartford, CT	5:12	5:21	5:30	5:39	5:47	5:55	7:03	7:10
Providence, RI	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:33	5:42	5:50	6:58	7:05
New York, NY	5:20	5:28	5:37	5:45	5:53	6:00	7:08	7:15
Albany, NY	5:15	5:24	5:33	5:42	5:51	5:59	7:07	7:15
Utica, NY	5:20	5:29	5:39	5:47	5:56	6:05	7:13	7:21
Syracuse, NY	5:24	5:33	5:42	5:51	6:00	6:08	7:17	7:25
Rochester, NY	5:29	5:39	5:48	5:57	6:06	6:14	7:23	7:31
Buffalo, NY	5:35	5:44	5:53	6:02	6:11	6:19	7:27	7:30
Keene, NH	5:08	5:18	5:27	5:36	5:44	5:53	7:01	7:09
Manchester, NH	5:05	5:14	5:23	5:32	5:41	5:50	6:58	7:06
Portsmouth, NH	5:02	5:11	5:21	5:30	5:38	5:47	6:55	7:03
Brattleboro, VT	5:10	5:19	5:28	5:37	5:46	5:54	7:02	7:10
Burlington, VT	5:09	5:19	5:29	5:38	5:47	5:56	7:05	7:14
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