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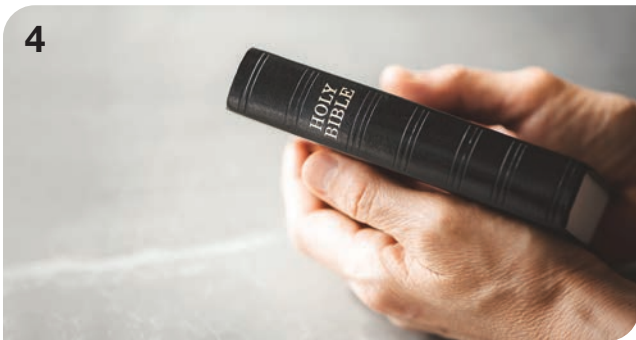


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Pressing Forward **Together**

CCOVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the lives of the members of the Atlantic Union Conference and the members of our surrounding communities. Hundreds of lives have been lost within the membership of our churches, and thousands of lives have also been lost within the communities we serve. This situation has resulted in the closing of most of our churches and, even though many have reopened, we have had to find new ways to minister to our members.

Using technology and various media platforms has allowed us to stay in touch with most of our members virtually. However, there is a large percentage of our members who are not engaged in church-related activities. The reduction of in-person worship has caused many members to become disconnected from these church activities. We need to make an all-out effort to encourage them to get reconnected and re-engaged.

We particularly need to pay attention to the younger population of our churches, since it appears that most of the older members have remained committed throughout the pandemic. Nevertheless, we all need to be vigilant in seeking after those who are less involved to ensure that none are lost.

As administrators, departmental directors, pastors, and lay leaders, we have the sacred responsibility to nurture the members and serve the community. In the Gospel of John, the narrative is recorded showing Jesus restoring Peter after he had denied Christ three times (John 21:15-19). Jesus admonished Peter three times, saying that if he loved Him, he should feed His lambs and sheep. This is an opportune time in which, as leaders in God's church, we are to focus on feeding the "lambs" (our youth) and "sheep" who have been entrusted to our care.

Jesus also set the perfect example of how we are to relate to the communities we serve. Ellen G. White,

in her counsel to the church, said: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"—THE MINISTRY OF HEALING, p. 143.

At this time, we are unable to freely mingle in person with our brothers and sisters within the churches and with those we serve in the communities. However, we must find alternate, safe ways to minister to their needs so that we can earn their confidence. Thank God that there are many within the Atlantic Union who are reaching out to fellow members and to those in their communities who have been affected by this pandemic.

During this time of great adversity and challenge, we need to be intentional about encouraging and caring for the members of our churches and for our communities. Through acts of kindness, we need to demonstrate that we are the "hands and feet" of Jesus. The gospel of Jesus Christ is best preached, not just by words but by showing love to each other, including our neighbors. Jesus rightly said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"—John 13:35 (NKJV).

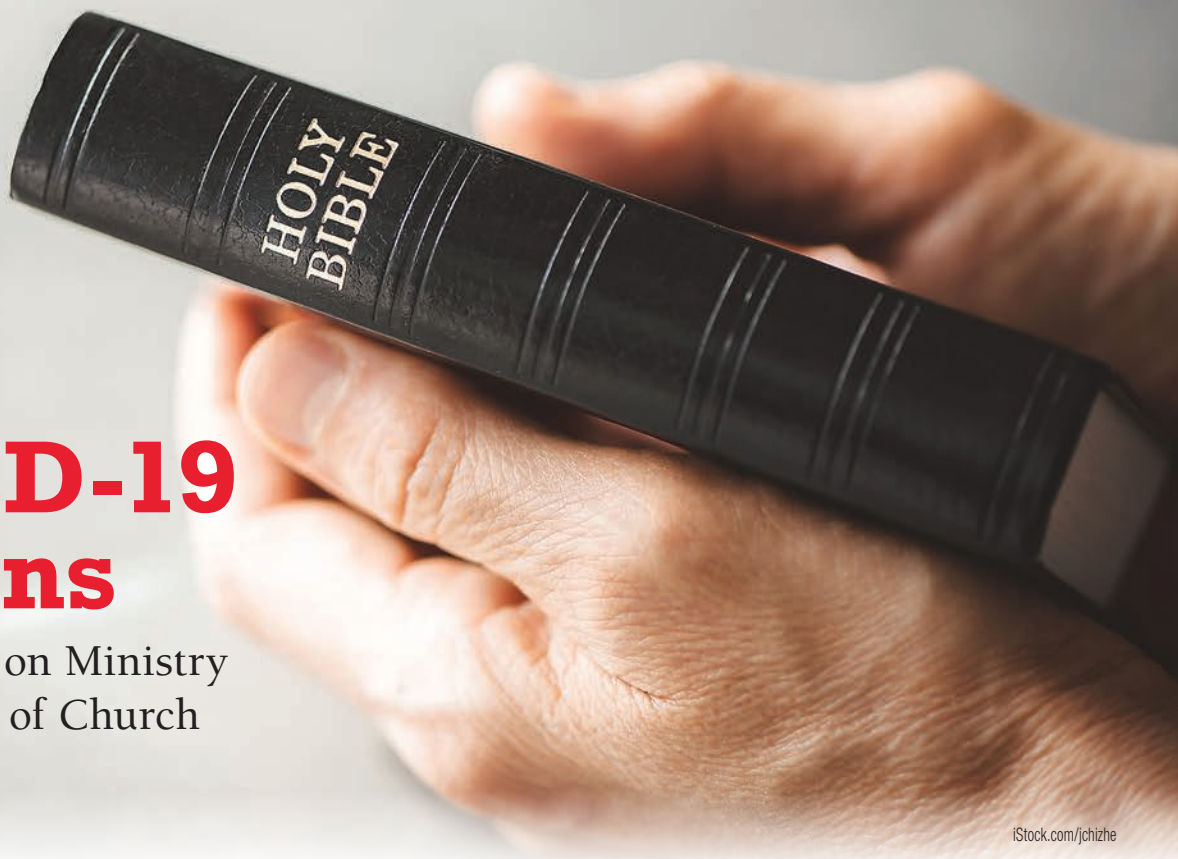
This pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our Atlantic Union family. Many lives have been lost, and families have been greatly affected. Let us continue seeking wisdom from God to determine the best way we can serve our membership and the community. "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history"—LIFE SKETCHES OF ELLEN WHITE, p. 196. ①

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



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COVID-19 Lessons

Pastors Reflect on Ministry and the Future of Church

In 2020, soon after identifying COVID-19, the northeast portion of the U.S. was inundated with positive cases and deaths. Pastors in the Atlantic Union Conference and its six conferences faced the challenges surrounding the coronavirus pandemic head-on while continuing to minister to their congregations, communities, and even their families.

Like the rest of the country, New England is dealing with a resurgence of coronavirus cases. However, according to the Mayo Clinic’s COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker, this region is still the most heavily vaccinated in the United States, and hospitalizations continue to decline. As our churches acclimate to a “new normal,” we wanted to ask a different set of front-line workers—our church pastors serving the six conferences in the Atlantic Union—what lessons they learned from this pandemic and how it impacted their ministries.



Einar Rom pastors the College Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Einar Rom, pastor of the College Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts, replied, “Crisis can be a blessing in disguise. Frankly, we needed to intentionally rethink church. This is a pivotal moment in church history where we can look at what is meaningful and essential in church life: relationally, spiritually, financially, emotionally, and even administratively.”

The pandemic reminded John Livergood, pastor of four churches in the North Central New York District (Fulton, Ellisburg, Roosevelt, and Pulaski churches), that “God is in control, and all things are possible through Him.”

Donna Holland, pastor of the White Memorial church in Portland, Maine, echoed Livergood’s sentiment with an added testimony. “God is still at work



Donna Holland pastors the White Memorial church in Portland, Maine.

during COVID! We had 17 baptisms/professions of faith in 2020 with lots more interests, and have 30 Bible studies going. I've learned to keep expecting big things!" she exclaimed. "A lot of our new interests are families, so we are trying to do more things for children and youth. We are also spending a lot more on our Good Listener Program for kids."



Thomas Dombrowski, with his wife, Sandra, minister to the members of the Middletown-Portland and Three Angels churches in Connecticut.

Thomas Dombrowski, who pastors two churches in Connecticut: the Middletown-Portland church in Portland and the Three Angels church in Newington, expressed, "It's not so much a lesson learned as much as a lesson reinforced—the idea that the church is the people, not a building."

The coronavirus pandemic brought many unforeseen hurdles that the pastors had to navigate. "At our church, we had challenges with illness and death, which led to a lot of stagnancy and overall emotional heaviness. It also created distance,



Nicardo Delahaye pastors the Faith church in Hartford, Connecticut.

and because I was new in my church, [COVID-19] made it very difficult for me to continue forming relationships with many of my members," said Nicardo Delahaye, pastor of Faith church in Hartford, Connecticut.



Ulric Hetsberger pastors the Midland Heights and St. David's churches in Bermuda.

Ulric Hetsberger, pastor of the Midland Heights and St. David's churches in Bermuda, shared a challenge COVID-19 has had on pastoral ministry. "While we as ministers are looking out for the 'wolves' who would come into the flock and lead members astray, COVID-19 is different in ways that I could not have imagined," Hetsberger said. "With the plethora of misinformation disseminated freely and easily accessible, compounded by the politicizing of public health policies and the divisive nature of lockdowns, mask mandates, and social distancing, the pastor's role had to take on the added responsibility of protecting the entire congregation's health, many of whom have conflicting views of the pandemic. Additionally, confidentiality dictates that when a member reports their positive status to their pastor, they must keep the information private and mentally run through the families that could possibly be affected and make a [potentially] unpopular decision. This is what makes protection hard. Protection rises to the level of obsession with every positive case and each funeral. The last thing I want

to hear is that someone came to our church, was infected [with COVID-19], and died."

Churches embraced the use of technology more than ever as members worshiped from the safety and comfort of their own homes until it was safe to resume in-person worship. "The upside is that [COVID-19] placed me in a place of desperation, and in that desperation, I relied on creativity," Delahaye added. His creativity sparked meaningful interactions online and via telephone, as well as several outdoor events that brought church members together while their physical campus was closed.

Creativity and commitment motivated Samuel Masih, who pastors two southern Asian congregations in the Greater New York Conference: Richmond Hill and New York. Although both Masih and his wife contracted COVID-19, they stayed committed to a weekly ministry of prayer and worship that they began on Zoom at the start of the pandemic. "We never gave up on our commitment and continued meetings over Zoom, vigorously praying with fellow believers. Praise be to God;



Samuel Masih, pastor of the Richmond Hill Southern Asian group and New York Southern Asian church in New York City, baptizes a new member.



“Maintaining personal connection, focusing on discipleship, increased prayer, and the necessity of the Holy Spirit also came to the forefront as these seven pastors reflected on the past months.”

both my wife and I recovered within a few days and testified about this miracle! We continued to worship via Zoom, and, as a result, six individuals decided to accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Four out of the six individuals converted from Hinduism and were baptized. COVID-19 might have impacted our physical access to a church building, but, truthfully, it opened up a church in every believer’s house.”

Holland also reports an uptick in Bible study interests during the pandemic with additional unexpected blessings. “Many are interested in our school, so I’ve been taking lots of families up to see the school and helping them with the enrollment process. . . . The school has had to buy a full-size bus to carry all the students from the church to the school. [Compare that to] two years ago—we only had about four students being taken to the school from our church.”



John Livergood in the pastor for the North Central New York District in upstate New York.

Maintaining personal connection, focusing on discipleship, increased prayer, and the necessity of the Holy Spirit also came to the forefront as these seven pastors reflected on the past months. Livergood adds, “We need to continue to do ministry in person and virtually, meet together for worship, and to encourage each

other because our time on this earth is very short.”

“As a pastor, I believe we need to help our churches follow a disciple-making pattern of doing church, rather than a program-oriented model of doing church. COVID can shut your programming down, but it can’t shut down a church making disciples,” said Dombrowski.

“The tithes and offerings during this time have increased exponentially, allowing the opportunity to be a blessing to others,” said Livergood. “Having funding for ministry is great, but funds without the Holy Spirit are useless. One of the greatest changes my churches made is to be intentional in praying for our members, their children, grandchildren, and missing members. In 2020, [during] a Labor Day weekend campout, Diane Harrington said, ‘We need to pray for our children.’ A list was started, and, each Sabbath, members meet and pray for family members by name. God has been faithful. [We] have seen the Holy Spirit work on the hearts of our children and spouses. This ministry has spread to other churches, as well.”

As we move forward into an unknown future shaped by COVID-19, Rom reminds us, “Every person counts. We need a correct understanding of the biblical teaching of the body of Christ and to implement that in each local church.” He adds, “Livestream ministry is here to stay; the impact is strong and lasting. . . . Passing the offering plate may never return. Meet and greet moments are on hold. With more food safety concerns, fellowship dinners (or planned meals) are done. Online prayer meetings may be ongoing. [Yet], seeing a smiling face, or smiling eyes, is [still] more beautiful than ever.” ☺

Debra Banks Cuadro is the Atlantic Union Conference assistant communication director.



Members Complete Six-month Lay Training Program

Under the theme, Hope Still Lives (La Esperanza Continúa), more than 800 lay people participated in the annual Greater New York Conference Spanish Leadership Convention. The Spanish convention was held on the grounds of Camp Berkshire in upstate New York on July 31, and the English convention at the North Bronx church in Bronx, New York, on August 1.

The convention was the final event of the six-month training of the Greater New York Conference (GNYC) Lay Training School with emphasis on preaching and technology training for elders. A separate tract was held for women. GNYC representatives Henry Beras, president; Reginald Barthelemy, ministerial director; Manuel Rosario, Personal Ministries director; Yeury Ferreira, Hispanic Ministries director; and Lisa Gonzalez, Women's

Ministries director, coordinated the event. The classes were held on Zoom, and the convention was held in person.

The convention presenters included Teofilo Silvestre, Dominican Union Mission executive secretary, who led workshops on the essence of leadership and basic concepts in preaching. Other speakers included Dante Godeau, pastor of the Freeport Spanish and Rockville Centre Spanish churches, who spoke about the use of technology for finishing the mission; and Hermes Tavera, pastor of the Bay Shore Spanish church, who expounded on the sanctity of preaching a word from God. In addition, Rosario encouraged the participants about the importance of church growth, and Ferreira discussed the use of Ellen G. White writings in preaching. For the women, Stella Tavera, a GNYC mem-



Some of the attendees at the Greater New York Conference English-speaking Leadership Convention pose for a photo with the presenters.

ber, spoke about anchoring ministry in Jesus, and Marta Gordon-Duffis, a chaplain, spoke about the importance of women “knowing their lane” to be used by God.

At the English meeting, John Lomacang, pastor of the Thompsonville church in Thompsonville, Illinois, spoke about the significance of the present truth and the Sunday Laws; Dedrick Blue, North Bronx church senior pastor, talked about the relevance of Adventist hermeneutics; and Duddley Francois,

pastor of the MyGen and Shalom churches, and Merari Medina, member of the Far Rockaway Spanish church, taught the technology classes.

During the afternoon hours, Beras led a session of testimonies about the impact of the convention. From the Woodside Spanish church, Juana Fernandez, who is visually impaired, said, “I am not a preacher, but I committed to God to study and preach His word.” Pedro Salvador of the Soundview Spanish church shared, “I want to look into the mirror and know that the person I see there is preaching God’s Word, what God says, not my thoughts.”

Music was a crucial part of the event, with Franck Valdez as a special guest. Each participant received a T-shirt with the convention theme emblazoned on it, and the president handed out many gifts, including laptops and iPads.

Beras encouraged the brethren to commit to preaching the gospel in the Greater New York Conference under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

—Personal Ministries staff, Greater New York Conference



Participants at the Greater New York Conference Spanish Leadership Convention pose for a group photo at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York.



Ministry Leaders Experience a Transformative Weekend

The world has changed dramatically in almost two years since researchers identified the novel coronavirus. As we experienced lockdowns and acclimated to wearing masks, new terms such as “social distancing” became part of our everyday vocabulary and were used as frequently as we pumped hand sanitizer. People’s lives changed as we experienced fear, loss, death, and hope. These things also shaped the church and how we minister—both internally and externally. What does the church now look like as we ease into a new normal? Are men and women involved in ministry prepared for the inevitable changes? The Atlantic Union Conference Ministerial Department sought to address these questions and more during the 2021 Virtual Ministerial Convention, August 27 and 28.

In planning the convention, “The Atlantic Union

Conference ministerial directors hoped that the participants would get a new glimpse of Jesus Christ and a true sense of His transforming power,” said G. Earl Knight, Atlantic Union Conference president. Under the theme “Transformation,” ministry leaders from the North American Division (NAD), the Atlantic Union, and beyond, provided valuable insights, information, and encouragement to prepare pastors, their spouses, evangelists, administrators, and ministry leaders to face the new normal of ministry.

Pastors Nicardo Delahaye of Connecticut’s Faith church and Kristy Hodson of Stoneham Memorial church in Massachusetts hosted the two-day event, which was broadcast live from the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York. Atlantic Union Conference administrators Pierre Omeler, executive sec-

retary; Elias Zabala, Sr., treasurer; and Jose Joseph, vice president for Haitian and African Ministries, joined Knight in warmly welcoming the in-person and online guests and brought official greetings and remarks. Representatives from each of the six conferences in the Atlantic Union also brought blessings and greetings to the online participants.

Friday evening kicked off with a virtual welcome from G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, followed by a powerful keynote presentation by Ivan Williams, NAD Ministerial Association director. The evening continued with general sessions led by José Cortés, Jr., NAD Ministerial Association associate director for evangelism, and Dedrick Blue, senior



Dawin Rodriguez

Following the Sabbath-evening program, Atlantic Union Conference representatives join with the cohosts, production staff, and some of their children for a group photo on the platform of the Mount Vernon church.



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Speakers from the Atlantic Union, North American Division, and beyond shared valuable insights, information, and encouragement to help prepare ministry leaders to face the new normal of ministry.

pastor of the North Bronx church in the Greater New York Conference. A designated virtual prayer room was also available throughout the convention for people to collectively petition God's throne.

The Sabbath-morning general session was packed with practical information provided by Agniel Samson, Oakwood University professor. Conference ministerial directors Ainsworth Joseph (Northeastern) and John Amoah (Southern New England) participated in an enlightening panel discussion about post-pandemic ministry with Anthony Crawford, a Southern New

England Conference pastor. Afterward, Claudio Consuegra, NAD Family Ministries director, focused our attention on "The Best Gift" in a thought-provoking sermon. Both the Friday-evening and Sabbath-morning services were streamed on AUAM's (Atlantic Union Adventist Media) Facebook page and YouTube channel, and are available for viewing.

Sabbath afternoon consisted of four enriching seminars targeting transforming ministry and building relationships. Presenters included Esther Knott, NAD Ministerial Association associate director; Nicholas

Miller, Lake Union Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director; Fredrick Russell, True North Leadership Group, LLC principal; and David Williams, Harvard University professor. Attendees had the opportunity to choose from several breakout seminars covering topics from youth ministries, addressing the needs of ministerial spouses, technology and the digital age, leadership, and self-care. Breakout seminar presenters were David McKenzie, Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries director; Desiree Bryant, NAD Ministerial Association Spouses coordinator;

Rohann Wellington, NAD Professional Services director; Ted Huskins, Northern New England Conference president; Michael Cauley, Lipscomb University associate professor; and Consuegra, who presented a seminar in Spanish.

"I do hope the attendees will remember that in order to be relevant in this pandemic era and beyond, they will need to continue to grow in their relationship with God, use technology more effectively, and utilize prayer as a mobilizing factor," Knight said.

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

43 New Teachers Prepare for a "Fresh Beginning"

As vaccination rates increase and many states reopen, people are hopeful about moving toward a new normal. The Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education chose "Fresh Beginning" as a fitting theme for the New Teacher Symposium, August 2-4. Forty-three new teachers attended the hybrid workshop held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Leominster, Massachusetts. The new teachers came from schools in the Greater New York, New York, Northeastern, Northern New England, and Southern New England conferences.

Education superintendents and/or their associates made presentations for the new teachers in their respective conferences. Most participants attended in person, but many participated virtually. The virtual platform also provided school principals and



The new teachers who attended the Atlantic Union Conference New Teacher Symposium in person at the DoubleTree Hotel in Leominster, Massachusetts, pause for a photo with the Office of Education staff.

other teachers the opportunity to join in at various times. Teachers who attended the workshop in person followed various safety precautions, such as signing in, temperature checks, wearing a mask, and seating two persons per table to maintain a safe physical distance.

"I was very pleased to see the new teachers of 2021 who were so committed to learning how to become excellent Adventist teachers,"

said Jerrell Gilkeson, Atlantic Union Conference education director.

Atlantic Union Conference administrators G. Earl Knight, president; Pierre Omeler, executive secretary; and Elias Zabala, Sr., treasurer, each took a day to bring official greetings. Cyril Millet, Bermuda Conference education superintendent; Eve Gilkeson, wife of Jerrell Gilkeson; and Miguel Crespo, New York

Conference president, each were assigned a day to present the morning worship. From there, the days were filled with relevant and significant seminars providing tools for their teaching journey, such as "The Joy of Teaching," "Lesson Planning," "Growing, Coaching, Mentoring," "Technology That Keeps Us Turning," and "Bloodborne Pathogens," to name a few.

"[The new teachers] were on task and on time. They asked excellent questions. They were eager to have resources and a mentor to help them be successful," Gilkeson added. "Praise God for these teachers that set aside their quest for riches and fame to become ministers of education during a pandemic!"

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



A Heart for Others, a Drive to Succeed: 2021 Presidential Scholars Aim for Impact

They will arrive at La Sierra University to begin college this fall from locales that are 3,200 miles apart. And although they will be far from their homes, Domonique Douglas and Krista Dufala, this year's Presidential Scholarship award recipients, have faith that God is directing their journeys and their plans to continue serving others.

Domonique Douglas, one of this year's Presidential Scholars, volunteers as a candy striper at her local hospital. She worked with her friends to create an awareness campaign and nonprofit aimed at making Bermuda's roads safer in honor of their late classmate.

Douglas and Dufala respectively hail from Pembroke, Bermuda, and San Jose, California. While maintaining strong academic performances highlighted by awards and honors, they have acted on empathetic impulses inspired by circumstances that impacted their young

lives. Through the support of family and friends, they took steps to establish charitable organizations and pursue causes close to their hearts. Their experiences and drive to succeed have led to ambitious career plans aimed at bettering others' lives. At La Sierra, Douglas will major in health care management and pre-medicine, with a goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon with a practice in Bermuda. Dufala will study neuroscience, aiming for a career in pediatrics or neurosurgery.

Presidential Scholar awards are La Sierra's largest scholarship given once annually, providing recipients with \$15,000 a year for four years toward tuition costs. Scholarship criteria include a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6 and a demonstrated dedication on the part of applicants to improve the world around them. Students who have been admitted to La Sierra University and meet the

GPA requirement must also submit a curriculum vitae describing their accomplishments. They must also write an essay outlining how they have strived to understand and serve others, telling how those experiences have helped to shape them and impacted those they have served.

The last two years of Douglas' high school experience ushered in unwanted stressful changes and mounting traumas, experiences that would leave a deep mark but that would produce a new sense of purpose through service to others.

During this time, she suffered the sudden loss of a dear friend who died in a car accident, and along with the rest of the nation, experienced a lockdown in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that took lives and shuttered businesses. Pivotal milestone celebrations in her teen life were reconstructed online—birthdays, college tours, and senior events.

"This period has deepened my sense of empathy for those who are experiencing loss, it has sharpened my ability to find a meaningful way to serve others, and it has galvanized my belief that being in environments that prioritize God as a solution to life's troubles is the safest and most conducive environment for personal and spiritual growth," wrote Douglas in her scholarship essay.

The disorienting loss of her classmate and friend, whom she had known since nursery school, inspired

Douglas and her friends to initiate the "Pain into Purpose" community activism group two days after their friend's death. "We did not want just to sit around and be sad; we wanted to create awareness," she noted in an interview. They aimed to raise public consciousness of the importance of road safety toward helping reduce the all-too-frequent vehicle accidents that occur on the nation's twisting two-lane arteries.

Through circulating a flyer on social media and an article in the local newspaper, they launched the campaign with a call for people to dress in shades of blue on January 17, 2020, "as a symbol of solidarity and a renewed commitment for road safety," she wrote in her scholarship essay.

A "blue wave" ensued around the country, wrote Douglas. The enthusiastic response inspired the friends to create a nonprofit that spreads awareness of road fatalities on their island. "I was so glad to be a part of this organization that also helped heal my heart and the hearts of others," she said.

During the pandemic, Douglas also poured her heart into volunteer work as a candy striper as soon as she was allowed to return to work at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital. She filled in for family members who were still not able to visit and worked with patients to create their meal plans and engage in conversations. She



Domonique Douglas, third row, second from left, with her classmates who formed the road safety awareness campaign, "Pain into Purpose" in honor of their friend who died in a car accident.

and other volunteers sang carols to patients during the holidays.

Douglas grew up in the Seventh-day Adventist faith and with a family who is rooted in her local church, the Devonshire church in Bermuda. She is involved in church musical activities and praise teams.

For Douglas, the decision to apply to the Southern

California school, situated far from the shores of her island home, derived not only from her own long-standing interests in the university but to honor her friend who had also planned to apply to La Sierra but whose young life was tragically cut short. “After he passed, I had this feeling that was telling me not to forget about La Sierra.

I saw his mom one day, and she was telling me about how he sent numerous emails to La Sierra about the Film and Television program. From that moment I knew I had to apply to La Sierra,” Douglas said.

For the incoming freshman, her life and values are grounded in her family and those who have mentored and taught her. She cited her

mother as among the key influencers and supporters. “The reason why I am so goal-oriented is because of the leadership qualities I see in her, which shine through me as well,” said Douglas. “She has overcome many obstacles in her life, which makes me proud to be her daughter.”

—Darla Martin Tucker, Public Relations director, La Sierra University

Two Elders Ordained at the Hamilton Church

In an impressively directed ceremony during the worship service at the Hamilton church in Hamilton, Bermuda, on June 26, elders-in-training, Mark Edward Matthews and Kevin Stewart were ordained.

Matthews, the owner of Computer Zone Ltd., has served the church as a Sabbath School teacher, a deacon, and in street ministry. He has been married to Nicole for 20 years, and they have two children, Nikia and Joshua.

Stewart, a native of Jamaica, has worked within the Bermuda Financial Services industry for more than three years. While a member of the Bog Walk Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamaica, he served as auditor, AY leader, elder, treasurer, and Pathfinder director. He also resided in the Bahamas for four years and served as Sabbath School teacher and deputy Pathfinder director at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church.

To prepare for ordination, Matthews and Stewart experienced a year of training. They were required to visit—accompanied by a deacon and a deaconess—about 80 assigned members,

evenings, attend at least two prayer meetings each month, and all elders’ meetings on the first Monday of the month. Additionally, they had to win a soul for Christ through Bible studies,

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL.

Escorted to the platform by serving elders, the ordinands knelt as David Steede II, Hamilton church pastor, anointed them with oil, and the elders, deacons, and deaconesses laid hands on them. Steede prayed for God’s spirit to give them the power to live exemplary lives of faithfulness to Him.

Following the prayer, Matthews and Stewart, assisted by two elders, replaced their white ties with the attire of the elders—wine colored bow ties and a similarly-colored pocket square.

In presenting the elders to the church, each received a certificate certifying their ordination and a plaque. Flowers offered to Mark Matthews’ wife (who was absent because of illness) were accepted by his daughter, Nikia.

—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference



Following their ordination, elders Kevin Stewart, second from left, and Mark Matthews, third from right, as well as Matthews’ daughter, Nikia, accepting flowers on behalf of her mother, Nicole, are supported by elders Dwayne Burgess, left, and Evan Douglas, right, and David Steede II, Hamilton church pastor, third from left.

at least twice. They were to present a scripture and a song, offer prayer, and encourage faithfulness to God. They also had to attend preaching training on Friday

serve at prayer meetings on the third Wednesday and the third Sabbath of each month, and read the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ELDER’S HANDBOOK and the



Members Connect at the “Now Is the Time” 2021 Hispanic Retreat

The New York Conference Hispanic Ministries, under the direction of Luis Mancebo, organized the 2021 Hispanic Retreat in the Adirondacks at Camp Cherokee. Beginning on August 19 until August 22, a little over 150 individuals participated in spiritual worship sessions, music moments, seminars, sports, and social events.

Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Conference Hispanic and Portuguese Ministries vice president, was the first of two guest speakers during the weekend, preaching on Thursday evening, as well as on Friday evening. Dimior Rodriguez, a pastor in the East Puerto Rico Conference, was the second guest speaker. Rodriguez

presented messages on the grace of Christ, during the two Sabbath sessions and the Sunday-morning session. On Sabbath morning, during the first half of the service, Elias Zabala, Sr., Atlantic Union Conference treasurer; Oreste Natera, Sr., lead pastor of the Buena Vista Hispanic church in Utica, New York; and Mancebo, held

an interactive seminar on finances, spiritual life, and family life, respectively.

This year’s Hispanic Retreat filled Camp Cherokee to capacity all four days of the weekend. The baptism of three people on Sabbath afternoon in Saranac Lake also added to the spiritual feast: Anny Fabian Gomez and Angelina Ruiloba, from the Capital Hispanic church in Albany, New York, and Rashelly De Leon, who visited from another conference. Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary, and Luis Soto, Capital Hispanic church senior pastor, performed the baptisms.

This year’s retreat was a great opportunity for everyone to connect with Jesus and the church family, under the theme “Now Is the Time,” which is the conference’s theme for the year.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference

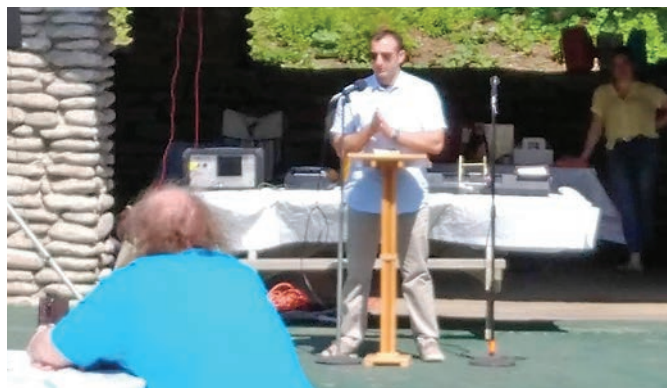


Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Conference Hispanic and Portuguese Ministries vice president, standing left, speaks to the attendees of the 2021 Hispanic Retreat in the Whitlow Pavilion at Camp Cherokee.

Health Fair Blesses Many in Watertown, New York

The Watertown church, in Watertown, New York, held a health fair at the pavilion in historic Thompson Park on Sabbath, July 31. For a few hours, the church interacted with the people and also among its members.

First, a church service was held in all of God’s beautiful creation. Anthony Ponterio, Watertown



Anthony Ponterio, Jr., Watertown church senior pastor, shares Sabbath School with the attendees at the health fair.

church senior pastor, taught Sabbath School. Local church elder Ron Martin presented the sermon, emphasizing the health message based on “NEWSTART,” which is an acronym for Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest, and Trust in Divine Power.

After the service, church members enjoyed lunch

and then church leaders set up their stations. Ponterio had a table for spiritual needs and had many GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts to give away. Health Ministries leader Sheryl Skinner organized a table called Physical Wellness with life-size replicas of organs in the human body in order to better illustrate the positive and negative effects of our life choices in regard to food, drink, and exercise.

Another church member, Adventist Community Services leader Maria

Middlestate, who is a nurse at Samaritan Medical Center, organized her table with pamphlets about ways to deal with and process mental health issues. Family Ministries leader Derrick Skinner also had a table that dealt with stress and how to find ways to treat and even avoid stress. Everyone received a bottle of water as they entered and were directed to the various areas where they could learn more about their health and find solutions for living a better, healthier lifestyle.

At one point, several residents of the Jefferson Rehabilitation Center (JRC) arrived. They had been invited by church member Shayne LaDuke. They watched the puppet show presented by assistant treasurer Sheila Martin and her green friend, Ollie. Psalm 17:22 says that “a merry heart does good, like medicine.” Laughter and joy help lead individuals to the path of good health. Laughter also helps to lift the spirit and the JRC residents laughed, enjoyed singing about Jesus, and

paid close attention when Ollie was teaching them about the creation-based aspects of NEWSTART.

It was a beautiful day to reach out to the community with a strong, vibrant health message. Watertown church plans on presenting a health fair in 2022 with more stations and presenters. Every effort must be made to share the gospel as a way of preparation for Jesus’ triumphant return.

—*Treasury and Pathfinder staff, Watertown church*

Preparation for the Last Days Highlights the Evangelistic Series at Vestal Hills Church

The Vestal Hills church in Vestal Hills, New York, held the “Prepare to Meet Thy God: Amos 4:12” revival series, July 24-August 7. Those who attended were blessed by the messages presented by Conrade Graham, pastor of the Bagbie District in Central Jamaica, and saxophonist Howard Messam. Both of these men emphasized the nearness of Jesus’ return by pointing the participants to Scripture and current world events.

Members passed out fliers announcing the series, and Graham, Warren Muir, Vestal Hills church senior



Warren Muir, Vestal Hills church senior pastor, center, stands with Conrade Graham, the revival series speaker, left, and saxophonist Howard Messam, right.

pastor, and Messam went into the community playing music and talking to people. Many people indicated

they were blessed by these encounters.

Graham stressed “Don’t give up” when

trials, troubles, and discouragement come your way. He told attendees to “Stay with Jesus,” remember that He has brought millions of people through previous trials, and that He will be with His children in all future trials.

The theme song was the old hymn, “The Coming King Is at the Door.” The song tied the messages together with the nearness of Jesus’ return and the pleas to “prepare to meet thy God—Maranatha.”

—*Marnie Schrader, assistant communication leader, Vestal Hills church*

11 Added to the Church During the “I Choose Life” Virtual Evangelistic Series

Churches in New York’s Hudson Valley—Trinity Temple church in Poughkeepsie; Capital City church in Albany; Beacon Light Tabernacle church in Wappingers Falls; Newburgh Tabernacle church in Newburgh; Ellenville church in Ellenville; Kingston church in Kingston; as well as Friendship church in Western New York—engaged in a virtual evangelistic series titled, “I Choose Life” held May 29 to June 12.

Under the leadership of the church’s pastors: Vernon Jordan, who is also the Hudson Valley District area leader; Willie Wright, David Cuke, Debbedo Brown, and Alban Francis, the meetings were held nightly except on Thursdays. Members could



Vernon Jordan, Trinity Temple church pastor, baptizes candidates from the “I Choose Life” Evangelistic Series.

view the meetings on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. During the evangelistic series, participants heard spirit-filled sermons, health features, and a variety of music.

Pastors Alban Francis, along with co-evangelist Thea Johnson, preached awe-inspiring sermons. Hundreds around the globe tuned in each night. The “I Choose Life” series resulted in 11 baptisms, and five joined the church by profession of faith. The members of the participating churches praise God for His continued blessings as they strive to be on the battlefield and win souls for God.

—Mirlande Jordan, member and pastor’s wife, Trinity Temple church

Cornerstone Church Hosts Community Baby Shower

The 11207 zip code area holds the fourth highest birth rate in New York City.

Due to the decrease in pre-natal care in the community, infant mortality has increased.

In an effort to show the love of the Savior, Jesus Christ, Cornerstone church hosted

a Community Baby Shower. Church members donned green T-shirts that read “THE



Racks of new clothing and other materials are available to expectant parents for free.



Cara Stanley from the Lower Hudson Valley Network conducts classes with expectant parents.

CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING, TAKING JESUS TO THE STREETS” and they did just that.

In the sanctuary, Cara Stanley of Lower Hudson Valley Network, conducted classes with expectant parents. Classes covered the importance of 39 weeks of gestation, safe crib practices, and well-baby care. Additionally, samples of lactation-boosting cookies and brownies by a certified doula and lactation consultant were on hand.

Outside on Liberty Avenue, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Sheffield Avenue, the local New York City Fire Department was on hand to educate about safety, and representatives from Gotham Health spoke to people about the WIC program and free breast-feeding classes. Cornerstone church distributed more than 29 cases of diapers donated by City Harvest, 100 bags of donated fresh produce, racks of new clothing, new stuffed animals, new toys, strollers, highchairs, and children’s books to the community free of charge.

Some featured stations included:

- **Doll Adoption**— Children selected their doll and filled out Certificates of Adoption. Most importantly, in the “Official Adoption” folder that each child received, information was provided regarding child dedication, its necessity, and the church’s availability to pray with and for children/families.

- **The Book Nook**— Teachers, parents, and children read stories. Afterward, children were able to choose books to take home with them, thereby encouraging the joy of reading and providing an additional opportunity for family bonding.
- **Herb Garden**—Children listened spellbound as the Northeastern Conference Youth Medical Missionary group spoke about, and demonstrated, planting herbs that, when grown, could be used in cooking.
- **Paint Spot**—Technology was completely forgotten while resident artists from a local art studio took the children through a creative painting experience.



Personnel from the local New York City Fire Department share materials about safety.

For the first time in more than a year, the neighborhood had familiar sounds again. The children ran around with their wind mills, while parents went from station to station repeatedly asking, “Free?” Cornerstone members

smiled under their masks and answered, “Yes, it’s free.” Praise the Lord. God’s love is free.

—Althea Hewitt, interest coordinator, Cornerstone church



At The Book Nook children could choose books to take home with them.

Dixfield, Maine, Church Gets Into Digital Evangelism

The Adventist church in Dixfield, Maine, is small, picturesque, and busy. The church has a soup kitchen, a “Baskets of Love” ministry, a small school where all the students are from the community, and a long-term, very active Bible study effort that has resulted in significant growth through baptisms. The church is currently between long-term pastors, with a replacement not yet in place for a very dynamic pastor who took another call. An interim pastor is temporarily filling the gap. Most churches probably wouldn't choose such a time as this to significantly expand their Bible-study effort, but Dixfield is different. The Dixfield church has chosen such a time as this to launch an innovative digital evangelism effort featuring its own members.

For more than a year, the Northern New England Conference has piloted a project that created short ads featuring local pastors offering to conduct Bible studies with people from their communities. Those ads were placed on YouTube with a modest monthly budget and the results were carefully tracked and analyzed. The ads were a mixed success. All of the ads had good success in terms of people viewing them (as opposed to clicking past them) and some of the ads generated a good response in terms of people contacting the pastor and seeking to study the Bible. So, generally speaking, the ads worked. But there were things the ads didn't do, such as get lay members involved. And the ads didn't



The Dixfield church is located on the main thoroughfare in Dixfield, Maine.

build an evangelism machine in the church. In fact, they incrementally advanced the unhelpful idea that evangelism is “the pastor’s job.”

The Dixfield church is adopting and adapting the conference’s digital advertising initiative, using church members who live and work in the community as the spokespersons in the ads. The typical ads run about 60 seconds and feature a church member greeting their local town by name, introducing themselves as a member of the Dixfield Adventist Church who has lived in town for “X” years, telling a bit of their conversion story and then offering to study the Bible with their neighbors. A special response email is created for each church member.

The ads are meant to accomplish several things simultaneously. First, they are meant to advance the idea that God can be

found through His Word, and to offer to study His Word with those who are willing. Second, the ads are meant to increase member involvement in evangelism. Third, they are meant to create the understanding that there are many members of the community who are Adventists, and those members are accessible for people with spiritual or Bible questions, whether it is immediately or in response to some nagging question in the future. Finally, the ads are meant to put a “face” (actually, “faces”) on a church that most community members drive past but don't visit.

Dixfield plans to run two or three ads each from at least four or five members in their first test. The ads will run for two weeks before being replaced by the next ad in the sequence. Each ad will have a budget of about \$100, which is enough to create a strong presence on

YouTube in the small market in which the Dixfield church operates. Since several members live in adjoining towns, the ads will be targeted to the communities they live in so there won't be much overlap of the ads.

The ads might be blessed by the Spirit and work amazingly well. Or they might flop. Or they might run and only in future months, after the quiet working of the Spirit, will people stop members in the local market and ask them a spiritual question. The members just don't know. What they do know is that time is short, and salvation through Christ must be proclaimed in ways that are new and effective. In the age of COVID, and in these last days, the hometown digital approach might just work.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Norridgewock, Maine, Church Launches Youth Ministry

If you ask Ramsey Asenjo, Norridgewock church pastor, to explain the new outreach program his Central Maine district has mounted, he'll shrug and say, "Well, not *new-new*. It's been done before in a few other places." But that modest lead-in won't reveal the extent to which the outreach has been fine-tuned to involve and reinforce the other ministries the church conducts, nor will it show how the outreach effectively uses social networking to increase participation. And, perhaps most importantly, it won't show that the program is working very well.

This summer, Norridgewock church launched a summer day camp. The idea behind the

camp was that it would bring a "camp" experience to kids who, for whatever reason, didn't go to summer camp. The day camp was held weekdays for two weeks, with most parents signing their kids up for a one-week stretch. The cost was \$100 per child per week which, for that cost, parents got inexpensive childcare while their kids had an adventure and made new friends. Everyone thought it was a bargain.

Most days started at 8:00 a.m. with a camp huddle where worship songs, devotional talks with skits, and a run-down of the day's agenda took place followed by a group game with all the campers. The organizers tried to build a

craft, a skill, and a game into each morning, with a focus on outdoor activities and a snack sometime in between activities. Some days the kids might build a wilderness shelter, or learn about fire safety and how to operate a fire extinguisher. Or they might learn first aid. Then, after lunch, they'd play a board game or watch an inspirational movie before hitting the road, going to a lake or a municipal pool or an even more exotic destination like the conference's Camp Lawroweld before returning to be picked up at 4:30 p.m.

The visit to Camp Lawroweld shows how carefully the ministry was planned. In the course of the summer day camp,

kids got to see what a Christian camp looked like and became familiar with its facilities and the people who staff it. But more than that, the kids also became familiar with the church and the people in it, and familiar with the church's school. They even became acquainted with the new head teacher at the school, Pierre Ortiz, and the teacher's assistant Lisa Chase, who attended every day and led some activities. Finally, they got to become familiar with the Norridgewock church Adventurer director, Mary Merwin, as she led out in some crafts and skill activities. After summer day camp, the kids who attended have good memories and are able to put names and faces on a church that, in their minds, was previously just another building beside the road.

The ministry paid for itself and would not have been possible without the community volunteers from the Norridgewock and Waterville church district. Kids and parents both loved it because it was something new for their children to experience and this novelty generated quite a bit of notice in the community. Pastor Asenjo does not know if the summer day camp will immediately lead to Bible studies, baptisms, and more students in the school, but he does know it was an excellent way to engage the community and make friends, and he is certain they'll do it again next year.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



Some of the summer day camp participants "learn the ropes" during an outdoor adventure training session.



Friday Night Lights Ministered to Teens During the Summer

Most students don't want to go to school during the summer, but one staff member organized an event that brought them back.

Ilana Cady, South Lancaster Academy (SLA) administrative assistant, recognized that, since the mask requirement was lifted in Massachusetts, the high school students needed a time to get together. She decided to bring back Friday Night Lights (FNL) this summer.

FNL is a high school vespers ministry that the students hold every other month, or so, during the school year. Like many other activities, it was canceled this past year. Rather than wait for school



South Lancaster Academy students meet outside around a bonfire for Friday Night Lights and enjoy s'mores or other treats following vespers.

to begin in August and for the resumption of many events, Cady began hosting FNL every other week throughout the summer.

Each evening featured a speaker who provided a worship thought, and students could engage in discussion, music, and Bible games. They met outside around a bonfire and enjoyed s'mores or other treats, as long as the weather was in their favor.

All students in grades 9 to 12, whether they attend SLA or not, were invited to come for these spiritually and socially uplifting evenings.

—Shauna Neidigh, development director, South Lancaster Academy

Oldest Living Alumnus Celebrates Third Generation

When William Baldwin graduated from South Lancaster Academy (SLA) in 1943, he couldn't have known that he was beginning a legacy of three generations of namesakes to follow his lead.

Baldwin, SLA's oldest known living alumnus, celebrated his grandson's graduation on June 6, the third William Baldwin to graduate from SLA.

"Adventist education has been important in my family ever since my parents sent me to SLA," said Baldwin, Sr. "When we had our children, there was no other option in our minds, and now we are proud to see our grandson graduate."

He and his wife, Gerry, class of 1960, sent their four children to SLA: Cheryl Baldwin Drew, class of 1981; William Baldwin II, class of 1984; Richard Baldwin, class of 1987; and Shawn Baldwin, class of 1989.

William Baldwin III, treasurer of the class of 2021, is the son of William Baldwin II, and Joanne Figueiredo Baldwin, class of 1989. Joanne taught fourth grade at SLA for many years and is now teaching the seventh grade. The Baldwins also have a daughter, Andrea, who graduated from eighth grade this year.

"We know that Adventist education faces many challenges, but we continue



William Baldwin III, William Baldwin I, and William Baldwin II, at South Lancaster Academy's 138th Commencement.

to believe in its mission and wish more of our young people were in our school," said Baldwin, Sr.

—Shauna Neidigh, development director, South Lancaster Academy

Mushroom Oat Burgers

Yield: 10-12 burgers

These hearty, plant-based burgers are great for a quick, healthy lunch or supper because they can be made ahead of time and stored in the fridge or freezer! Tender and delicious, they are packed with flavor, as well as heart-healthy antioxidants, Omega-3s, whole grains, and protein. Served on a whole-grain bun with your favorite toppings, these burgers will be a family favorite!

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil

½ cup sweet onion, chopped (about half of a medium onion)

3 large garlic cloves, minced

12 oz. button mushrooms, de-stemmed and chopped

¼ cup walnuts, chopped

½ cup firm tofu, drained (about 5 ounces)

½ cup cannellini beans, drained

2 tablespoons Braggs Liquid Aminos (soy sauce alternative)

2 tablespoons water

1 tablespoon Better-Than-Bouillon Seasoned Vegetable Base

¼ teaspoon sage

⅛ teaspoon cayenne

1 ½-¾ cups quick oats

¼ cup fresh parsley, minced

INSTRUCTIONS

➤ Preheat the oven to 350° F.

➤ In a skillet, add the olive oil and onion, and sauté for a couple of minutes. Next, add the garlic, and sauté for one minute.

➤ Add the chopped mushrooms and sauté for a few minutes until the mushrooms have released their liquid. When ready, remove from the heat and stir in the chopped walnuts.

➤ In a food processor, add the tofu, beans, liquid aminos, water, bouillon, sage, and cayenne. Blend until smooth.

➤ Place the onion mixture in a large bowl; add the tofu mixture, oats, and parsley. Stir to combine. Let sit for 15-20 minutes.

➤ Using an ice-cream scoop, place a mound of the burger mixture on a lined or greased baking sheet. Flatten each burger with a greased spatula to your preferred thickness.

➤ Bake for 20 minutes; flip and bake for another 10 minutes. Let cool completely. (Burgers will be somewhat soft but become more manageable after storing in the refrigerator for a few hours.) Refrigerate until ready to use.

➤ When ready to serve, simply reheat the burgers by browning each side in a lightly oiled skillet.



Anika Perry, aka "Chef Ani," is a graduate of the Natural Gourmet Institute of New York City. A member of the Northern New England Conference, Chef Ani loves to cook and has been in the kitchen as far back as she can remember. Chef Ani also hosts a popular YouTube channel where she shares easy-to-follow recipes with a dash of humor. Visit her website for this and other recipes at www.chefani.com.



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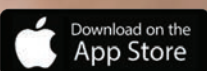
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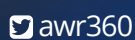
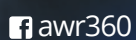
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All heaven is looking upon you with deep interest. One soul for whom Christ has died is worth more than the whole world. I wish every young man and woman could appreciate the value of the human soul. If they would give themselves to Jesus just as they are, though sinful and polluted, He will accept them the very moment that they give themselves to Him, and Jesus will put His Spirit in the humble seeker's heart. Whosoever cometh unto Him, He will in no wise cast out. You may love Jesus with your whole heart, and He will never disappoint that love and confidence. His words are life, comfort, and hope. Satan knows that all you have to do is to look to Jesus, an uplifted Saviour. The wounded, bruised, stricken soul will find in Jesus a balm for his wounds. . . .

There will be peace, constant peace, flowing into the soul, for the rest is found in perfect submission to Jesus Christ. Obedience to God's will finds the rest. The disciple that treads in the meek and lowly steps of the Redeemer finds rest which the world cannot give, and the world cannot take away. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Lowliness and meekness of mind, which ever characterized the life of the divine Son of God, possessed by His true followers, bring contentment, peace, and happiness, that elevate them above the slavery of artificial life. ①

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