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A Renewed Focus On Our Mission

The new year comes with fresh determination, new dreams, new resolutions, a renewed spirit, and a renewed focus on our mission. In contrast, God does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Yet, every day, God is in the process of doing new things in the lives of His children. Jeremiah understood this when he wrote Lamentations 3:22-23, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (NIV). The year 2022 finds us still dealing with COVID-19, but God's faithfulness and love continually sustain us. Every day that we wake up and realize we are still alive and breathing, we too, can join Jeremiah in saying, "Great is thy faithfulness."

The Israelites were still in the midst of the Babylonian captivity when God spoke to them through Isaiah, the prophet, saying, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland"—Isaiah 43:19, NIV. Even though they were still in the throes of brutal captivity, God revealed that He was doing something fresh and new in their lives.

We are beginning this year with this same bright optimism and a renewed determination to reach the people in our territory with the Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness.

The Atlantic Union Conference has had an extraordinary history of sending missionaries all over the world in the past 120 years. This is a rich and powerful legacy that will continue. But we realize that the mission field is also at home—in our own communities and neighborhoods. While the Atlantic Union territory is the cradle of Adventism—the place where it all began—it also includes eight of the 10 most secular and post-Christian cities

in the United States. It has become a "melting pot" of ethnic groups from countries around the world and evolved into a microcosm of the global landscape. Right here in our territory, millions need to hear the good news of the gospel.

Even though the work is enormous, the mission is clear. Our task is to reach the whole world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, including our communities here in the Atlantic Union. We will utilize all the evangelistic tools at our disposal. For example, through digital media evangelism, we can reach people who might not come to our churches through traditional evangelism. Our activities will also include prayer evangelism, establishing more centers of influence, and medical missions. Our God and our gospel are the same, but our methods to reach the people must adjust with the times. We will also continue to use the beloved tried-and-true methods where they still work.

We invite and encourage every church member in the Atlantic Union Conference to be involved in some form of evangelism this year. The methods may be different, but the mission is still the same. Ask God to reveal to you how you can be involved in reaching someone this year with the gospel. As you share your faith and accomplish your mission, you will experience the great joy that comes with winning souls for Jesus. Yes, the new year comes with fresh determination. We will face new challenges, but with the continual presence of God in our lives, we will accomplish our mission and experience joy never experienced before. As your new president, I pray that the year 2022 will bring joy, peace, and happiness to you and your family. ☺

Pierre Omeler is the president and executive secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference.



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120 YEARS OF MINISTRY

There is still much work to be done!

On January 1, 2022, the Atlantic Union GLEANER, the official publication of the Atlantic Union Conference, commemorates 120 years of ministry. The GLEANER magazine began 10 months after the organization of the Eastern Union Conference on April 16, 1901, at the 34th General Conference Session held in Battle Creek, Michigan. Later that year, at the first biennial session of the Eastern Union Conference, the organization's name was changed to Atlantic Union Conference. Also at that meeting, "it was voted to adopt the plan of printing a Union Conference paper to begin with January 1, 1902, and to be known as the Atlantic Union GLEANER"—Atlantic Union GLEANER, January 1, 1902, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 12.

GLEANER Becomes a Reality

The periodical became a reality as other union conferences were also creating papers for their respective territories. "It is thought that combining the talent of all the workers in the Union Conference in one paper, so that the readers will hear, not only in regard to the progress of the work in their home conference, but also in all of the conferences in the union, will be more satisfactory than the former plan of conducting so many small papers"—Atlantic Union GLEANER, January 1, 1902, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 12.

Conceived by Jennie Thayer, who also served as the first GLEANER editor (1902-1910, 1920-1923), the magazine was created to inform the Atlantic Union Conference constituents about people and events—past, present, and future—as well as encourage members to participate in church activities.

Since its first issue, the mission of the Atlantic Union GLEANER has been to inform, instruct, and inspire its readers. The GLEANER also serves as the official publication to communicate notices of constituency sessions, special sessions, and other announcements to the Atlantic Union Conference constituents.

Today, the 24-page GLEANER magazine, is mailed to constituents nine times each year (January/February, March, April, May, June, July/August, September, October, and November/December) and continues to be an important communication tool for the Atlantic Union. The Atlantic Union communication staff collaborates with the communication staff in each of the conferences in the territory to produce some of the magazine's content. We thank all the communication leaders for their commitment and service over the years. Members are encouraged to share news, testimonies, information about outreach efforts, ministries, and events to help grow the church and proclaim the message of Christ's soon return.

"We need many volunteers to our ranks; such as have surrendered their lives, their property, their all, unto the Lord; and in return, have received Christ who is more than all, and have consecrated the new life back to Him for living service."



“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ” —Isaiah 52:7, NIV.

A Means of Advancing the Work

In the very first issue of the GLEANER, H.W. Cottrell, then Atlantic Union Conference president, addressed the constituents, and we share a portion of his message that remains relevant, even today:

“Dear brethren, our field for gospel work is world-wide, but we have especially assigned to us a great work in this densely populated Union Conference. There is one city in the Conference with more than three and a quarter million of inhabitants, four cities and boroughs with a population in each of over one million, and fourteen others, ranging from one hundred thousand to over five hundred thousand. It is really a country of cities in portions of this territory. Over one-third [of] the entire population of the United States is within the confines of this union of conferences. A very small proportion of these people know anything of the special message of soul-testing truth. There are approximately, including the children who belong to the church, only eight thousand constituency to herald the glad tidings; but, as you know, there are only few of these who are in active service. We need many volunteers to our ranks; such as have surrendered their lives, their property, their all, unto the Lord; and in return, have received Christ who is more than all, and have consecrated the new life back to Him for living service.

“We need means to advance the various interests of the work. The health department of the work should be established in a public way in every State in the Union Conference, and in numerous cities in several of the States. We must arouse as never before, buckle on the armor of the Lord, and enter the work for active service.”

The Work Continues

Today, the church membership in the Atlantic Union Conference stands

at more than 128,500. In contrast to what it was 120 years ago, the state of New York is now the fourth most populous state in the U.S., with more than 20 million inhabitants, and more than a third of the country’s total population lives within our territory. Truly, there is still much work to be done! The Atlantic Union Conference’s mission is “to support and facilitate our six conferences and institutions in reaching all people with the Adventist Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness.”

As the work of the GLEANER moves forward, into the digital age, constituents may also access the magazine online (atlanticuniongleaner.org), and stay connected on social media (Facebook @atlanticunionconference and Twitter @GleanerFYI). Members can also sign up to receive the weekly electronic newsletter: Atlantic Union GleanerFYI.

A new president has taken up the mantle to lead the work in the Atlantic Union and he shared a renewed focus on the mission of the Atlantic Union. He is encouraging every member in the Atlantic Union territory to become involved in some form of evangelism. (Read his editorial titled “A Renewed Focus On Our Mission,” on page 3 of this issue.)

As you join us in commemorating the work of the GLEANER for the past 120 years, we invite you to, as Cottrell encouraged members 120 years ago, “buckle on the armor of the Lord.” Let us continue to proclaim the message of hope and wholeness and the soon return of Jesus Christ as we help to get people ready to meet Him. ☺

Ednor A.P. Davison is the communication director for the Atlantic Union Conference and editor for the Atlantic Union GLEANER.





Learn More About **Your Church**

To assist our members with becoming more familiar with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, each month, we will focus on a different ministry/department and share available resources specific to that area. If you have a ministry/department you wish to learn more about, email us at gleaner@atlanticunion.org.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL)

Established in 1901, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) is a department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. PARL represents the church “before governments, international organizations, and other religions, always endeavoring to maintain good relationships.”

PARL promotes religious freedom around the world by maintaining a presence at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and with other international organizations. They also have an office in Washington, D.C., and build and maintain relationships with various branches of U.S. government, state leaders, and public officials. PARL monitors and interprets current events in light of prophecy and informs the church of “significant trends in the religious and political world that impact liberty.”

PARL assists members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who experience discrimination or persecution for practicing their beliefs.

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The International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) is an independent, non-sectarian organization working to promote “freedom of religions or belief for all people, everywhere, no matter what their faith tradition.” IRLA has “strong ties” to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and PARL. PARL staff either serve as IRLA officers or support staff and can make up the majority of the IRLA board of directors. The PARL director often serves as the IRLA secretary general or executive director, and other church leaders (e.g. division/union/conference presidents) utilize an IRLA title when representing the association.

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The North American Division PARL also works to “proclaim and defend the God-given gift of religious freedom.” The NAD PARL creates and distributes LIBERTY magazine—a publication that reaches some 200,000 “non-Adventist thought leaders who include federal and state legislators, judiciary, lawyers, mayors, and many others identified as having an interest in religious liberty.”

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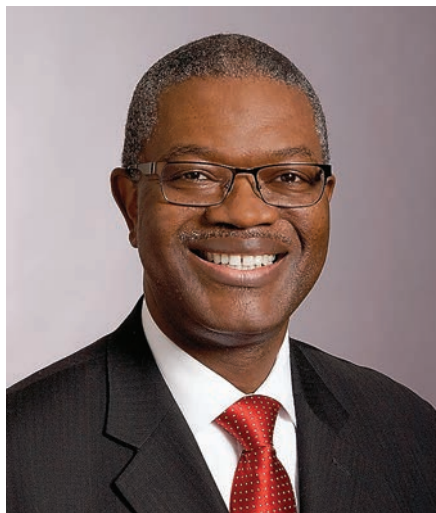
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New Atlantic Union Conference President Elected

At its regularly-scheduled quarterly meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee elected Pierre Omeler to serve as the 21st president of the Atlantic Union Conference, effective immediately. The vote comes as a result of outgoing president G. Earl Knight's decision to retire after 44 years of ministry.

Before the November 17 vote by the executive committee, Omeler served as executive secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, a position to which he was elected during the 2016 union constituency session. His previous experience in the church includes serving as Haitian Ministries vice president for the Atlantic Union Conference (2011-2016); president of the North American Division (NAD) Haitian Caucus and director of NAD Haitian Ministries (2012-2016), and departmental director (2008-2011), senior pastor (1991-2011) and associate pastor (1986-1989) for the Northeastern Conference.

Omeler graduated from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and a minor in biblical languages. He



During its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee elected Pierre Omeler to serve as the Atlantic Union's next president.

received his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and his Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary. He has published three books and many articles. He is also a Certified Seniors Advisor (CSA).

Omeler and his wife, Myra, have three adult children and four grandchildren. "I want to thank the con-

stituents of the Atlantic Union for the opportunity to serve as president of this great Atlantic Union. As we take up this responsibility, we seek your prayers, God's Spirit, and wisdom," Omeler said. The position of executive secretary will be filled at a later date.

The Atlantic Union Conference, headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the northeast United States, covers the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, and the islands of Bermuda. Omeler, along with his administrative team, directors, and staff, will continue to oversee the work of six conferences in the Atlantic Union territory: Bermuda, Greater New York, New York, Northeastern, Northern New England, and Southern New England. The membership of the Atlantic Union currently stands at 128,595, and the territory includes 602 churches, 95 groups, 51 schools, and numerous community-based ministries (*Atlantic Union Conference Third Quarter 2021 Secretary's Statistical Report*).

—Ednor A.P. Davison, communication director and GLEANER editor, Atlantic Union Conference

G. Earl Knight Retires After 44 Years of Ministry

G. Earl Knight recently retired after 44 years of ministry in the Adventist Church. He has served as a pastor, evangelist, conference executive secretary, conference president, union president, and mentor. Most recently, he served as the 20th president of the Atlantic Union Conference, a position to which he was elected in June 2016 during the union constituency session.

Knight's pastoral ministry began in the Central Jamaica Conference after graduating from Northern Caribbean University. He then served the Ontario Conference in Canada as senior pastor before being called by the Greater New York Conference, where he served as pastor, departmental director, executive secretary, and, subsequently, as president.

He led numerous evangelistic series worldwide and baptized more than 10,000 people. He planted more than 10 churches that are positively impacting their communities. He has authored two books that bring inspiration and provide instructions for church growth. He also served as an adjunct professor for Andrews University and Atlantic Union College.

During his retirement, Knight plans to remain involved in ministry through preaching, counseling, and mentorship.

"Thank you to Dr. G. Earl Knight for 44 years of ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We wish him God's best in retirement," Pierre Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference president, said.

—Ednor A.P. Davison, communication director and GLEANER editor, Atlantic Union Conference



G. Earl Knight retired after 44 years of ministry in the Adventist Church, having most recently served as the Atlantic Union Conference president.

Compassion Rally Flows Kindness, Love, and Hope into Waterbury

The 2021 Atlantic Union Conference Compassion Rally commenced on Friday evening, October 8, with a virtual consecration service that aired live on YouTube and Facebook. Teddy Williamson, then Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries associate director, and Simona Mills-Pitcher, Bermuda Institute chaplain, hosted the virtual service that featured beautiful music, dedicatory prayers, and the spoken word. Pako Edson Mokgwane, General Conference Youth Ministries associate director, gave the consecration charge to kick off the compassion weekend.

Youth directors and administrators from across the Atlantic Union territory and the North American Division also greeted the viewers. They encouraged the youth and young adults to be the hands and feet of Jesus and live out a lifestyle filled with compassion.

Some 320 registered volunteers, guests, and members of local Adventist churches gathered in Waterbury, Connecticut, on Sabbath morning, eager to spread God's love. Northeastern Conference's Shalom church served as the main host site, and church leaders collaborated with the Atlantic Union Adventist Youth Ministries team to implement plans to impact the community. Members from Shalom joined with members from



Volunteers prepare to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in Waterbury, Connecticut, as they share gospel literature and pray with local residents.

David McKenzie

Southern New England Conference churches around Waterbury, including Waterbury Spanish, Lion of Judah, and other congregations around Connecticut, to help guide the volunteers in bringing love and joy to the community.

Before going out, everyone joined together in an open-air, community worship service of prayer and praise, led by praise team members from Shalom and other Connecticut-area churches. Daniel Velez, Southern New England Conference (SNEC) Youth Ministries director, provided the spoken word.

Inspired by the words from Mills-Pitcher the previous evening, volunteers were determined to come with a passion for showing compassion. Covered with face masks and armed with a conviction that love is active rather than passive,

volunteers embarked full of zeal to pour out God's love like streams on several streets around the city. They distributed roses, care packages, and personal protective equipment, such as face masks and face shields. They also handed out warm winter hats, socks, and gloves, and distributed copies of *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY* and *STEPS TO CHRIST* in Spanish and English.

As with other rallies, David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, inspired and supported the compassion ambassadors. Members of the Northeastern, Greater New York, and Southern New England conference's Medical Cadet Corps assisted in promoting safety protocols and guided volunteers in pedestrian-community welfare while providing comprehensive

support in directing the crowd, and setting up for projects and distribution processes.

Due to the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, compassion volunteers integrated prayer walks across the city with the compassion projects. "This is a much-needed activity!" noted one resident as she clutched her face mask. "Y'all are really on a love mission!"

As the rally climaxed early Sabbath afternoon, volunteers conducted a final prayer walk and parade from Shalom church to the Waterbury Spanish church. The Pathfinder drum corps produced booming percussions and rhythms to arouse the community. As residents emerged from their homes, volunteers used the opportunity for additional compassionate interactions and distributions.

Our love is a choice and a commitment, as well as a habit and a lifestyle. Youth and young adults of the Atlantic Union Conference are determined to love Jesus and share His love with others. May God's favor continue to abide with all the compassion ambassadors of the Atlantic Union.

—David McKenzie, Youth, Young Adult, Pathfinder, and Adventurer ministries director, Atlantic Union Conference



Five Baptized During Evangelistic Meetings in Bermuda

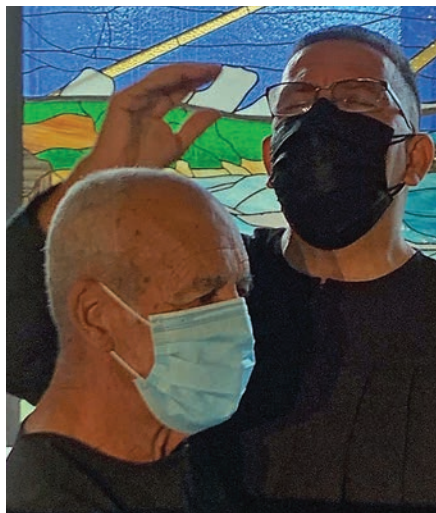
The “No Fear: I Survived” virtual evangelistic series held for three weeks in the last quarter of 2021 was the collaborative effort of six churches—Pembroke, Midland Heights, St David’s, Rockaway, Restoration Ministries, and Somerset. Based on Revelation 12:17 (CSB), “So the dragon was furious with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep the commands of God and hold firmly to the testimony about Jesus,” the theme employed end-time prophecies and embraced a profound spiritual truth that the church has faced many challenges and has survived.

Pastors Damon Hendrickson, Ulric Hetsberger, Michelle Hill, and Kenneth Manders hosted the hour-long evangelistic meetings that included prayer, music, personal testimonials of survival, and sermons. Carlton Byrd, president of the Southwest Region Conference, and Orville Brissett, senior pastor of the Germantown church in Philadelphia, preached on salvation in Jesus, the Sabbath, baptism, Christ’s return, and other topics.

Eighty-five-year-old Allan Bernard was one of five people baptized during the meetings. After listening to 3ABN and other Christian stations, engaging in several months of Bible studies, and being encouraged by his daughter and sister to give his life to Christ, he was convinced of the importance of relying on God and keeping all 10 commandments.

Geri Stewart shared the series information with a friend in Atlanta, Georgia, who is now receiving Bible studies from the West End church and is interested in and excited about joining the church.

Volunteers are conducting online studies on Thursday evenings to help those who are newly baptized better understand the Bible and church doctrines and to encourage others who have expressed an interest in knowing more about the Bible.



Bermuda Conference president Kenneth Manders baptizes 85-year-old Allan Bernard following the “No Fear: I Survived” series.

“Knowing God’s Word will help to protect us from false preachers and false doctrines,” said Laura Tucker, who appreciated the series because it renewed her determination to remain constant in prayer, faith, and trust in God.

According to Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president and Somerset church pastor, “People are still talking about the series. . . . The beauty of this season is that you can take people from wherever they are, follow up with studies, and appreciate that they are making decisions for Christ.”

More than 60 non-members received **FIND STRENGTH IN YOUR STRUGGLE: DISCOVER THE MIRACLE IN YOU** by psychologist H. Jean Wright II. The book’s premise is that regardless of what God allows to come into your life, He has given you strength. Wright encouraged readers to try not to avoid struggle, “because if you do, you are avoiding the blessing that God has for you in it.”

Calvin McNorton described surviving his fear of blindness as a modern-day miracle. As a result of a diagnosis of Stage 3 glaucoma, an abnormally high eye pressure and an even more dismal prognosis of blindness,



Carlton Byrd, Southwest Region Conference president, is one of two speakers for the “No Fear: I Survived” virtual evangelistic series.



Orville Brissett, Germantown church senior pastor, is the second of two speakers for the “No Fear: I Survived” virtual evangelistic series.

he slumped into a deep depression and did not want to live. But he placed his life in God’s hands and reached out to different prayer groups.

Before McNorton returned to the ophthalmologist, Manders called and prayed with him. “I took the prayer into the doctor’s office,” McNorton said. “I did not hope to be healed; I claimed, and I expected to be healed.” McNorton’s final report was of God’s intervention in his life and God’s healing him from glaucoma.

—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference

Pastor Baptizes Mom in Downpour

A seminal moment in the life of Michelle Hill, Pembroke church pastor, was baptizing her mother, Margaret Donawa, in the rain at Jobson Cove, Bermuda, at the end of the “No Fear: I Survived” evangelistic series in the fall of 2021.

“I am overwhelmed by what God has done,” Hill said. It’s one of those moments you highly anticipate, pray for, and when it’s realized, it’s like, *Wow, God! This is truly an answer to prayer!*”

It rained heavily on the baptism day, and Hill was uncertain if her mom would postpone or cancel. But to her delight, her mom wanted to proceed. As Hill entered the water, she hugged her mom, and with tears, hallelujahs, and gratitude for how God had moved, she praised Him for what was about to happen and for answering her prayers. “I was elated that [my mom] had embraced Christ and was now taking a step toward baptism. It’s a living miracle when you see a life changed. As pastors, we are concerned when we baptize so many people and not our own family. I covenanted with the Lord this year that I was going to look for my family. You pour out to others; you then can’t turn around and not have the fruits of those that you love.”

Hill credited Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president and Somerset church pastor, as integral to her mom’s decision. “He is the closer;



Michelle Hill, Bermuda Conference Prayer Ministries director and Pembroke church Pastor, left; and Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president and Somerset church pastor, right, baptize Hill's mom, Margaret Donawa, in the waters of Jobson Cove, Bermuda.

he did what he does best. I’ve been talking to my mom; she has been open to the doctrines, but he encouraged her along. She has known for years, who and what we believe, and I’ve done my best to live it before her, but it was a team effort to bring her across the finish line,” Hill said.

“This is the quintessential example of working with people without expectations or without pressuring them,” Hill added. “In the fullness of time, when the Holy Spirit does His perfect work, all that has been deposited into people will come to fruition. We must tarry, befriend people, and understand the way the Spirit moves. We have to be patient and know that God is going to do what He is going to do in His time.”

In 2017, Hill baptized her father at the Hamilton Youth Centre during the “Good News Gospel Explosion” with evangelist Claudius C. Morgan. During each meeting, as Prayer Ministries director for the conference, she and her team, fervently petitioned God for the names they had placed on the prayer board. Hill’s father’s name was there. Bible workers had studied with him. When Morgan invited people to the front if they desired baptism, her father responded. “I wept uncontrollably when he said he wanted to be baptized that day,” Hill said.

Hill intensely prayed for three weeks for the “No Fear: I Survived” series. “It wasn’t specifically for my mom, but God rewarded. I can testify about the

goodness of God; how He moves in His season. It’s a lesson for all of us about sowing and reaping that the Lord of the harvest will reap in due season. At times, we may become discouraged because we don’t see the evidence right away, but nothing we do for God is in vain. Seeds are sown, mature, and ripen in due season.”

Hill added, “It’s important to support evangelistic initiatives and realize that this gospel is powerful. We may not appreciate it because we have heard it before and take it for granted, but for those who have never heard, it is powerful and transformative.”

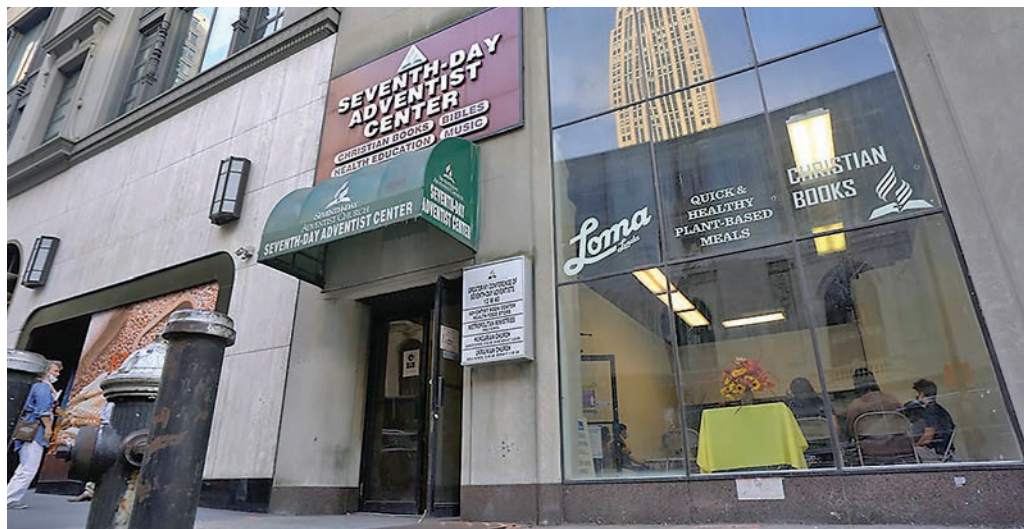
—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference

Renewed Vision for Bryant Park Life Hope Center Secures Urban Center of Influence Start-up Grant

Bryant Park Life Hope Center, a three-story building in midtown Manhattan, New York, is situated at one of the world's densely populated and influential crossroads. Flanked by a tower with more than 40 stories of luxury condos, hotel rooms, shopping, and surrounded by glass and steel skyscrapers (whose air space above even commands a hefty price), this property is in a powerful location. Bryant Park Life Hope Center is poised to share hope, wholeness, and the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 with the more than 12 million people who visit the area every year (www.bryantpark.org).

To help respond to this opportunity and maximize their ministry potential, Bryant Park Life Hope Center, operated by the Greater New York Conference (GNYC), received an operating grant from the General Conference Global Mission office, designated to support start-up Urban Centers of Influence (UCI) in unreached cities or regions with more than 100,000 people. This grant will support a renewed vision for the Bryant Park location, which housed the Adventist Book Center until 2019.

"This funding will definitely impact our members, but also our friends [in the community]," said Henry Beras, GNYC president, explaining that evangelism isn't just preaching. "Now, to get people to go to church, the first thing you have to do is to show them that you love them, then show that you have something different than other churches.



The former Adventist Book Center in midtown Manhattan, New York, is the location for the new Bryant Park Life Hope Center.

This money will definitely impact our evangelism program . . . in the Center of Influence in Bryant Park."

With these plans, the world church's Mission to the Cities Initiative and I Will Go strategic plans are on the move! Both endeavors calls all Adventists "to engage the collective resources of the global church in establishing [or increasing] a Seventh-day Adventist presence and needs-based ministry in cities of one million," and to operate at least one center of influence in each urban area with one million people or more.

"GNYC will use this resource pragmatically to jumpstart the UCI financially," says Bledi Leno, GNYC multi-ethnic ministries director and supervisor of the Center. But on a deeper, more far-reaching level, Leno adds, "we want it to inspire people locally to do more and apply themselves to urban ministries."

The application process to receive funding is

designed to help create a UCI that is supported across the bandwidth of the church, from all tiers of the church administration to business professionals and lay members. "In distributing the funding, the GC partners with the division, union, and local conference, who each has a voted allocation of financial support," explained E. Douglas Venn, director of the GC Global Mission Urban Center and Urban Centers of Influence.

"Working with this Life Hope Center Committee, business professionals reviewed the proposal, including consultation with Kevin Jackson, CEO of Australia-based Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing, who shares valuable experiences of running urban centers of influence. The Life Hope Center also has an operating board comprised of Adventist business leaders who oversee the business operations of this

UCI. The ultimate goal of the UCI is to be financially self-sustaining, ensuring its long-term ability to serve the city using Christ's method alone."

Support from lay members is also beginning to arrive. An anonymous Adventist donor has given funds for remodeling the building, which has not seen updates since the 1980s. GNYC continues to raise additional funds for the needed building renovations, capital improvements, and equipment not covered by the GC funding.

Plans for the Life Hope Center include partnering with area professionals to create a health and preventive lifestyle center and a mental health institute. A pop-up vegan café that will organize plant-based cooking classes is also in the future, and a physical training and exercise center offering massage and simple hydrotherapy. The area will also include space to share

literature and sell some best-selling Adventist titles.

Working in harmony with the Bryant Park Life Hope Center launch is GNYC pastor Wayne Jamel, and a team of young professionals. They are planting a church using the building as

their meeting place and a springboard into the community. “This [funding] gives us the confidence to move forward with our plans,” Jamel says. He is grateful for the support and looks forward to what God will do as church members

combine their efforts with pastoral, conference, and General Conference leadership.

Are you interested in learning more about Urban Centers of Influence like the Bryant Park Life Hope Center? Do you want to

know how you can be part of the Mission to the Cities Initiative? Visit www.UrbanCenters.org and www.MissiontotheCities.org for more information.

—Sandra Dombrowski, contract writer, General Conference Mission to the Cities Initiative

Prayer Convention Encourages Attendees to “Be Still”

Greater New York Conference (GNYC) members and visitors gathered at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York, October 1-3, 2021, for the fourth GNYC Prayer Convention. The weekend theme, “Be Still and Know,” was based on Psalm 46:10 (NKJV): “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” More people attend the event every year, and God continues to bless each person who attends.

More than 300 members and visitors were present to pray, listen, and learn more about God. Jehomar Peña, a pastor serving the Central Dominican Association in the Dominican Republic and founder/speaker of “Despertando con Jesus” (“Waking Up with Jesus”), was the main guest speaker. Patricia Langley, former Prayer Ministries coordinator for the Northeastern Conference, led the prayer sessions that motivated each member to let go of whatever they were holding on to and encouraged everyone to let God take charge of their life. Attendees watched virtually on GNYC’s Facebook page and YouTube channel, allowing many people to benefit from the program and share the power of prayer with their loved ones.



Attendees at the fourth Greater New York Conference Prayer Convention pose for a photo wearing their commemorative T-shirts at Camp Berkshire. GNYC president Henry Beras, front row, sixth from right, is seated between his wife, Angela Beras, GNYC Prayer Ministries coordinator, and Jehomar Peña, guest speaker for the weekend. Patricia Langley, front row, fourth from left, then Northeastern Conference Prayer Ministries coordinator, led weekend prayer sessions.

Another well-appreciated and new activity for the weekend was the “Campfire” segment. On Saturday night, after the Sabbath, attendees gathered at a campfire to sing praises to the Lord. The evening ended as each participant wrote their prayer requests on a slip of paper and placed them into the fire.

Over the weekend, attendees learned what it means to “be still.” Humanity needs time to refuel, replenish their souls, and listen to God because they need a closer relationship with Him. The original Hebrew word used for being still is *Raphah*, which means to stop striving, allowing yourself to let go and willingly submit to God and His control. It also means surrendering to God, leaving alone, becoming weak, relaxing, and being silent.

From the various prayer times and inspirational messages, those in attendance discovered that in their stillness, God wants them to let go of everything that causes stress and anxiety in their lives and give it all to Him. One must actively initiate the “letting go” process and become small for Jesus to become significant in their mind and heart, surrender their will, and accept His. The presenters shared many scripture passages, reminding everyone that they are not alone and compelling everyone to put their trust in God. When they hear His whispers, consequently, peace will abound because Jesus is in control.

During the weekend, one person decided to follow Jesus and surrender her life to Him. She chose to demon-

strate her love for the Savior and be baptized during the GNYC Prayer Convention—marking the first time a baptism has taken place during the event.

The entire weekend was a blessing to many. The prayer sessions, prayer room, prayer wall, and prayer requests were well organized and available for everyone to have the opportunity to engage with the Lord. Everyone was reminded of how much God cares for them and the many blessings in store when God reigns and takes control of their heart, mind, and soul. They were also reminded that they will be amazed at the power of God when they are still and wait on the Lord.

—Tania Mangum, administrative assistant to the president, Greater New York Conference

Northeastern Conference Begins New Quadrennium with Prayer, Praise, and Consecration

On November 6, 2021, family members and friends joined Northeastern Conference administrators, departmental and ministry leaders, pastors, employees, volunteers, and members for a consecration service to begin a new quadrennial term. Representing their various departments, ministries, churches, schools, and institutions, they assembled at the Community Worship Center in Jamaica, New York, for a time of praise and worship and to consecrate, dedicate, and install the new conference leaders.

Northeastern Conference delegates voted administrators, departmental directors, and associate directors to serve the 2021-2025 quadrennium during its 28th regular constituency session (fifth quadrennial session) on September 26, 2021. Delegates elected Abraham Jules as president, Eldeen King as executive secretary, and Robert Chandler as treasurer (see the November/December 2021 *GLEANER*, Vol. 120, No. 9, p. 8).



Pictured during a segment of the Northeastern Conference Consecration Service on November 6 are Abraham Jules, president, and his wife, Dominique, center; Eldeen King, executive secretary, and his wife, Lorraine, left; and Robert Chandler, treasurer, and his wife, Rosemary, right.

Photos: Dudley François

Guests from around the North American Division (NAD) traveled far and near, and some attended virtually to participate in the momentous occasion and extend their support. “We stand with you in ministry,” said G. Alexander

Bryant, NAD president, as he brought greetings and words of commendation from the division. “It is such a blessing to start your leadership in this manner.”

The Atlantic Union Conference administrators serving at the time, G. Earl Knight, president; Pierre Omeler, executive secretary; and Elias Zabala, Sr., each gave a spiritual charge and dedicatory prayer over each newly-elected NEC administrator serving in the corresponding position. Rohann Wellington, NAD professional services director; Emil Peeler, senior pastor of Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C.; Oswald Euell, former NEC executive secretary; and Daniel Honoré, former NEC president, gave a spiritual charge, respectively, to NEC depart-

mental directors, pastors, and their spouses, office staff, educators, and members of the NEC executive committee.

R. Clifford Jones, dean of the School of Theology at Oakwood University, was the guest speaker for the consecration service. “Outside of Jesus Christ, no one has impacted me more, both professionally and personally,” said Jules speaking of Jones.

Jones encouraged those taking up their duties and responsibilities, saying, “More than anything as you come apart to consecrate yourselves to this noble work, I pray that your plea [will be], ‘We would see Jesus.’ And I hope that you can see Him in the good times and the not-so-good times.”

Jules ended the evening by thanking everyone for



The Community Worship Center Praise Team leads the audience in songs of praise during the Northeastern Conference Consecration Service.



R. Clifford Jones, dean of the School of Theology at Oakwood University, presents the message during the Northeastern Conference Consecration Service at the Community Worship Center in Jamaica, New York.

their support and extending special appreciation for those who made the event possible. “We appreciate all of our pastors, our executive committee members, our office staff, our departmental directors, administrators, and educators,” he said. “If it were not for you, we would not have had this service today. This service was geared toward your benefit, for your blessing, and for you to feel consecrated and dedicated to the cause of Christ and the upbuilding of His kingdom in this world.”

—Debra Cuadro, assistant communication director, Atlantic Union Conference

NEC Is Committed to Kingdom-building Values and BOLD Initiatives

The Northeastern Conference (NEC) administration is committed to kingdom-building values and BOLD initiatives during the 2021-2025 quadrennium. BOLD stands for Benevolent, Obedient, Loving, and Deliberate. Their plans include revolutionary changes to the conference, which they presented to their constituents in an introductory video by Abraham Jules, NEC president, in October 2021 (www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGqE4-G8MnE&t=12s).

The pandemic has revealed a need to utilize more technology to facilitate the promulgation of the gospel. To that end, the Northeastern Conference seeks to establish a new state-of-the-art media center outfitted with a studio, lighting booth, production suite, newsroom, and podcast/webinar room.



Plans are in the works to erect a 4,000-seat pavilion at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, that will include meeting space, temperature control, comfortable seating, and advanced technology.

They will create quality content for all demographics of the conference that will greatly support the pastors and congregations. The intended content includes devotional messages, children’s programming, segments for seniors, health and wellness features, news, and interviews. Utilizing social media and the conference online platforms, they will broadcast across their

territory and beyond. The Adventist Youth and Young Adult Ministries department also plans to use this studio to plant a digital church for youth and young adults.

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This facility will be made available year-round. In addition, development of the campground will continue.

With more than 10 percent of the nation’s population living within the Northeastern territory, major urban centers in New England such as Boston, Worcester, Providence, Springfield, Bridgeport, Stamford, New Haven, and Hartford require individualized attention and study for the advancement of the kingdom. The Northeastern Conference administration intends to give serious consideration to the establishment of the North Atlantic Conference in the New England states. This process will call for prayer, analysis, strategic planning, approval from various levels of the church, and the consent of the Northeastern Conference constituents.

—Duddley Francois, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Dixfield Church Is Expanding Their Radio Ministry

For several years now the church in Dixfield, Maine, has beamed the Good News to their community via a low-power FM radio station. Their station was the result of literally decades of prayer by a group that had a vision of bringing Adventist programming into the homes of their community. Fulfilling that vision was a faith journey and a labor of love; a number of sites for the antennae were found and then fell through before a less-than-ideal site was used, and the complex Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensing process had to be navigated. But the Lord blessed and the dedication of the church paid off, and now residents of parts of Dixfield and neighboring Mexico, Maine, are able to pull in 3ABN programming throughout the week.

But the fact that the station was “low power”—just 73 watts—always bothered the members that put the ministry together. They knew they could reach more people with the Good News if they had a strong signal, but to do that they’d need an entirely different class of license, and the FCC only accepted applications for such an upgrade very sporadically. Then, in September 2021, the FCC announced that they would, for a brief period, accept applications for an upgrade.

The members of the Dixfield church who had a passion for the project asked God to lead them and for courage to follow Him, then they went into rapid action. The church’s pastor had taken a call to another state early in the year, and the

replacement pastor was not due to start until December, so the effort was truly lay-led. The Dixfield members had just four weeks in which to answer many questions and fill out a complex FCC application, complete with a detailed plan and budget for the station. The application would need the help of a specialized attorney and a couple consulting engineers, and that would require a

budget. The new level of signal power—2000 watts—would also require some new equipment. But as fast as the hurdles came up, God knocked them down. They found that another low-power FM station just 10 miles away was also applying for an upgrade—on the same frequency they had chosen! The two applications would

be in competition with each other, which meant both might be rejected. The engineer the church hired did a search and found there was one other frequency available, and that frequency would actually be a much better option for the antennae and terrain challenges the radio station faced. The nearby competing station turned out to be a blessing in disguise!

ty, only to later withdraw their offer. But in the end, the church found a site that allowed for an “omnidirectional” broadcast antennae, the least-expensive kind of antennae to order and install. As of this writing, the church’s application is in the “public comment period” and the church anticipates being able to soon broadcast the Good News to a much larger audience. The radio



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Finding a place to locate the necessary new antennae was also a challenge. Knowing they had only a short time to nail down a site and get the necessary engineering done to meet FCC application criteria, the group reached out to their local contacts in the community. Some landowners expressed a willingness to have the antennae on their proper-

ministry group of members at Dixfield asked God for two things when they started their faith journey—that He would lead and that He would give them faith to follow. Judging by the journey and the results, God answered their prayers.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Portland Hispanic Church Finally Gets a Home of Its Own

When the Portland Hispanic church in Maine was founded some years ago, it first functioned as a worship group, then as a branch Sabbath School, then as a company, before finally becoming a full-fledged church. But while the church has grown and matured, it has not had a church building of its own, but has always been a guest or tenant in another church or building. Finally, after all these years, the Portland Hispanic church bought a building in Westbrook, a small city immediately to the west of Portland, Maine. The new church is located not too far from the conference office.

“This is an amazing blessing,” said Harry Sabnani, the church’s pastor. “The congregation is incredibly excited about having a home of their own. For two generations they’ve gone from one temporary meeting place to another, but now their wandering is over and they have a church of their own [from which] to launch outreach efforts!”

The church has about 35 members on the books, but typical Sabbath attendance is in excess of 50 people. This relatively small group saved up the necessary down payment for a church with an acre lot, a large paved parking area, and a double-wide trailer that serves as a church office. Perhaps best of all, a Baptist congregation is already renting the building on Sundays and wants to continue doing so, so the Portland Hispanic church will have help paying the mortgage. The price



Members of the Portland Hispanic church are jubilant on their first Sabbath in their new church.

of \$425,000 was considered a good deal by both the Portland Hispanic congregation and the Northern New England Conference Executive Committee, and the backing of the conference helped the Portland Hispanic congregation close the deal.

“We’ve been growing steadily,” said Sabnani, “and now that we have a church fronting on a main street and can put up our own sign, I think we’ll continue growing and will become an integral part of this community.”

For eight years prior to buying their church building, the Portland Hispanic congregation used the small chapel in the upstairs of the conference building, and has lately pretty much outgrown the space.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

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Bayberry Students Get Their Hands Dirty for Christ

Bayberry Christian School in Osterville, Massachusetts, has experienced many positive changes in the 2021-2022 school year. At the beginning of the term in August 2021, they opened a new Pre-K/Kindergarten program for the first time and joyfully welcomed six little students into the school. For the older students, the focus this year has been on incorporating practical Christianity and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with their Cape Cod community through acts of kindness.

Bayberry teacher Sherrie Wall envisioned the students doing some community service activity each month. Beginning in September, the fifth- through eighth-graders, with the help of Steve Conrad, have been taking on projects to assist someone in need. Conrad, a parent of two Bayberry students, has provided leads for community projects, assisted with transportation to the sites, and any additional help as needed. In

September, the students came to the aid of a Cape Cod church member who recently had surgery. The students cleaned and spruced up the member's yard by spreading mulch, raking leaves and debris, and carrying away tree limbs and branches cut by Conrad to tidy up the property. In October, Conrad informed the school of a neighbor living near the church who needed help clearing away a huge tree that had fallen into their yard. The students and Conrad worked together to cut the tree into smaller pieces and load them into a truck to haul away.

"Now we are looking for the next project because we are so excited, and we want to do something like this at least once a month," says Dorcas Tosi, Bayberry school principal. "One thing that is great about this is that for weeks prior to us going out, we had been reading and talking about how we can make Christianity practical. Not just preaching about Jesus and



Students from Bayberry Christian School in Osterville, Massachusetts, help a church member with some yard work as part of their effort to incorporate practical Christianity through acts of kindness.

how He loves and cares for people, but showing it to people around us. [These projects] just fit so perfectly with what we had been learning and discussing in class." Tosi added, "I tell my students, as Christians, we have to get our hands dirty; otherwise, what are we doing?"

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

Students Give Back at Holiday Food Drive

Students were eager to help again with the Greater Lancaster Holiday Food Drive in 2021 after it was canceled in 2020 due to COVID. This much-anticipated annual event feeds more than 150 families for a week.

For many years, students at South Lancaster Academy (SLA) have volunteered to help with the food drive that is organized at the College Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts. This highly-orchestrated endeavor involved church members from area Adventist

churches, Pathfinder clubs, and SLA students over several weeks.

Volunteers delivered 2,500 empty grocery bags to homes in Lancaster and Clinton and then returned the next week to collect bags full of donated food. The volunteers then sorted and organized the thousands of canned goods and boxed food that was donated. The students also made cards to include in the boxes of food. Then volunteers packed boxes full of food and delivered them to the families in need in the local area.



Students take donated food into the College Church where they are packed into boxes for delivery to families in need. Pictured from left are SLA students Damon Loss, sophomore; Amalia Hough, sophomore; Nathan Neidigh, junior; and Luke Hodson, junior.

—Adapted from an article that first appeared in South Lancaster Academy's *FIAT Lux*, November 2021

New York Conference Youth Are Ready to Go and Serve

Genesee Park Boulevard church in Rochester, New York, hosted a Youth Revival Sabbath sponsored by the New York Conference's Youth Ministries and Communication department on October 30, 2021. Some of the Adventist churches in the city, as well as two Lutheran churches, joined the event for the afternoon's community outreach initiative at North Clinton Avenue's fire station in the Avenue D/Clinton Avenue neighborhood of Rochester.

The Lord blessed the church through a sermon by Mark Tamaleaa, an associate pastor in Kansas City, Missouri, and former Youth Ministries director for the Northern New England Conference. "We have received a lot of people in our church in Kansas City because of our outreach lifestyle, and the community has joined us in this, meaning that most

likely the people in this area are willing to join you in helping the community," Tamaleaa said in his sermon.

"Many people are supporting the youth leadership here," said Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary and Youth Ministries associate director. "This will result in the development of more leaders and members of the church who will have the desire to be fully involved in the future of the community, [and are] ready to go and serve."

"Today, we distributed 50-60 pre-packaged dinners containing potatoes, coleslaw, pasta, chicken and vegetables, as well as 11 sheets of pizza (boxes of pizza containing 32 slices each), 50 hamburgers, 32 hot dogs, and about 75 boxes of pastries, bread, and cookies. Also, [we distributed] 50 STEPS TO



New York Conference youth, young adults, and others participate in an outreach initiative in a Rochester, New York, neighborhood.

CHRIST books by Ellen White and dozens of Bibles. All of this in less than 2 hours," said Lee Requa, volunteer from the Sandy Creek church in Holley, New York, one of the other churches who joined the event.

For several months, Sandy Creek church members and youth from Genesee Park Boulevard church have blessed others in that part of the city every month for the last semester. They worked alongside members of the Clifford Avenue Hispanic church and members of three non-Adventist churches, including the Lutheran Congregation of Hamlin, led by their pastor, Christian Bode. According to NeighborhoodScout, this community "has more single-mother households than 99.6 percent of neighborhoods in the U.S. The Ave D/Clinton Ave N neighborhood also has

a greater percentage of children living in poverty (60.1 percent) than found in 96.9 percent of all U.S. neighborhoods" (www.neighborhoodscout.com/ny/rochester/ave-clinton).

The lakefront at Ontario Beach Park served as the scenic location for the closing session in the evening right after the outreach. The youth sang, participated in some activities, and listened to the Word of God spoken by Tamaleaa.

This is the first Youth Revival Sabbath that the conference is sponsoring and it plans to have at least two more in two different locations in 2022.

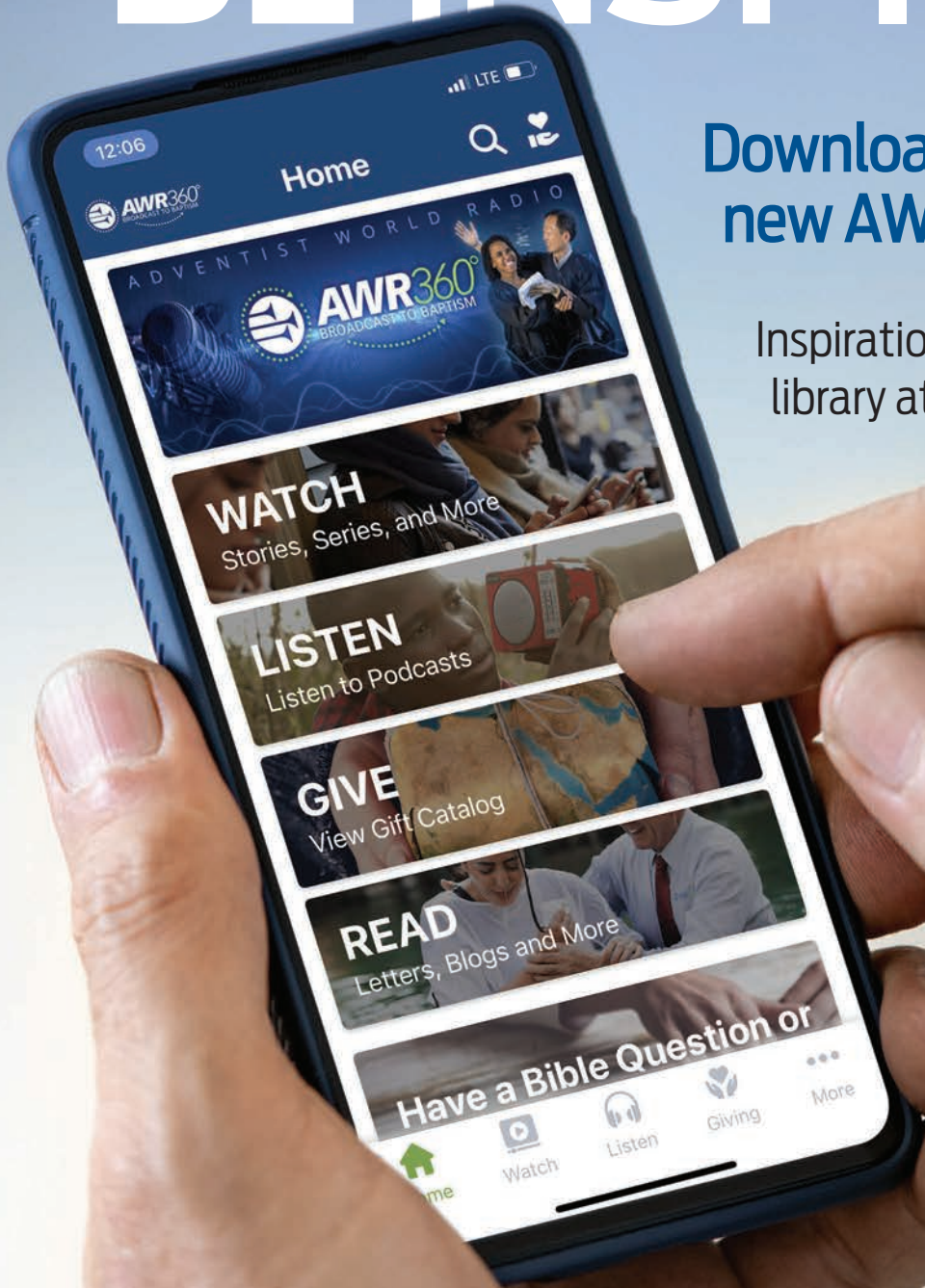
—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference



Mark Tamaleaa, associate pastor in Kansas City, Missouri, standing left, takes a selfie with Yashen Stewart, Youth Ministries director (R.I.S.E. Youth Movement) for Genesee Park Boulevard church. At the end of the outreach, a large group of volunteers remained in the location for several minutes and then helped out with the tent, boxes, and grill even with the rain and cold temperatures.

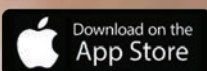


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Portland, ME	4:57	5:07	5:16	5:25	5:34	5:43	6:52	7:00
Boston, MA	5:03	5:12	5:21	5:30	5:39	5:47	6:55	7:03
South Lancaster, MA	5:05	5:14	5:23	5:32	5:41	5:49	6:57	7:05
Pittsfield, MA	5:12	5:21	5:30	5:39	5:47	5:55	7:04	7:12
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