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I Will Go: Lighting the Way

The determination to take on a mission project from start to finish is still one of the most rewarding ventures for anyone in the church. Often when we hear the word “mission,” two things come to mind: going overseas or going alone. The fact is, neither case reflects the exact truth about mission. Going or getting involved in mission has no geographical boundaries in God’s mind. If you are searching for a place to do mission, go where people are. The keyword is “people.” Where are they? They are in your neighborhood, your community, a town nearby, over the state lines, and, yes, overseas.

We can never overemphasize the work the church must carry into each community. God gave a vision to His church, and in the vision, He showed that “from town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message is to be proclaimed, not with outward display, but in the power of the Spirit, by men of faith”—*EVANGELISM*, p. 19.

That vision represents the ideal. Congregations are formed and established with the plan that members will identify needs among the people or community where the church is located. Often, church buildings are in commercial zones; hence, no direct residential neighborhoods are in the vicinity. But this should not be a deterrent to witnessing. Members can intentionally work to reach and address the needs of family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

How will this vision ultimately be fulfilled? “The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife”—*TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH*, vol. 8, p. 251. It is evident that God is moving His church in different directions and places.

This year the Atlantic Union Conference joins the North American Division in a renewed emphasis on evangelism. All churches will be part of a total member involvement where members, teachers, pastors, and leaders will collaborate to positively transform the hearts and minds of many people in diverse communities.

“It is not only by preaching the truth, not only by distributing literature, that we are to witness for God. Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling”—*TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH*, vol. 9, p. 21.

Like Philip in Acts 8, look out for that unique moment, the opportune time, and the designated person to whom to witness. May you be challenged to find one person this week as you read these lines. Tell them about Jesus and introduce them to a loving Savior. Maybe you don’t have to preach a sermon, give a Bible study, or even say a word. With a simple act of kindness, you can be a strong argument in favor of the gospel.

Much consideration should be given to reach unentered areas for mission as we make plans for the year and future growth. The counsel is that “Close around us are cities and towns in which no efforts are made to save souls. Why should not families who know the present truth settle in these cities and villages, to set up there the standard of Christ, working . . . in God’s way, to bring the light before those who have no knowledge of it?”—*CHRISTIAN SERVICE*, p. 180. ①

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LADIES, God Wants YOU!

The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim good news are a great army. — Psalm 68:11, NASB

There is a prophecy in Ps. 68:11. . . . I fully believe that that prophecy referred especially to woman's work in the church; that all these efforts by women have been in the line of its fulfillment, but that its real accomplishment is still future. All former efforts have led up and prepared the way; they have been in the nature of a John the Baptist to the last proclamation by the great host of woman-messengers which shall prepare the world for the return of our Lord. This last work must be done by women who have been trained both in the knowledge of, and in obedience to, the truth; who can be trusted to stand against the wiles of Satan, the lusts of the flesh, and any flattering suggestions from ambitious men; but supported by the practical sympathy of men who are so true to principle as to be able to recognize that woman alone can do the work of woman.

I believe that in this message to my sisters God has made a call for a company who can be trusted with the very heart of the third angel's message; who will stand against the temptations and perils of the last days; who will with patient endurance and cheerful self-renunciation take this gospel to those who [cannot] be otherwise reached.—A WOMAN-MINISTRY OR THE GOSPEL IN THE HOME by Mrs. S.M.I. Henry, p. 11. (<https://bit.ly/3oykQsf>)

In the late 1800s, Sarepta Myrenda Irish Henry was one of America's most potent voices fighting against liquor consumption. After learning that someone enticed her youngest son into a saloon, she sprung into action and galvanized women in her city to start a vigorous campaign to protect Christian homes against this vice. Such public actions were quite contrary to her nature.

She said of herself, "No woman could suffer more from timidity in public work than I have suffered, or than I would suffer continually if it were not for the courage, the strength, which is breathed into me from the Spirit of God,"—SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD, December 6, 1898, p. 2.

After 20 years of traveling around the country as the national evangelist of the then newly-organized

Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and writing tracts, pamphlets, and books on the subject, she became extremely ill. Broken and bedridden, Henry checked into the Battle Creek Sanitarium for treatment. While there, S.M.I. Henry learned of the Sabbath and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1897.

As Henry resumed her WCTU work, she added Adventist camp meetings and churches to her itinerary and even preached to 2,500 people in the Dime Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan. During 1898, Henry met scores of Adventists at various camp meetings, but she was particularly moved after encountering Adventist women. "There has been growing in my heart something that I did not dare express to [anyone]. I felt that our women are dying spiritually,—dying to the truth while wrapped about with its traditions, simply because they are *not using it*. Truth to them is like salt that has lost its savor. . . . I could see how God could use our women in His work for those who need to know what His word really teaches, what Christ really means to a lost world. . . . A great longing sprang up in my heart for re-enforcement from the ranks of our women, who know many things so much better than I do, and who could bring so much power to the work of God in the world"—*SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, December 6, 1898, p. 1.

While she was serving in Australia, Ellen G. White wrote to Henry: "I have thought, with your experience, under the supervision of God, you could exert your influence to set in operation lines of work for the Lord. There certainly should be a larger number of women engaged in the work of ministering to suffering humanity, uplifting, educating them how to believe—simply believe—in Jesus Christ our Saviour."

The General Conference (GC) organized the Women's Gospel Work department in 1898 under the leadership of S.M.I. Henry. From 1897 through

March 1900, Henry wrote a column for *THE REVIEW AND HERALD*—"Women's Gospel Work"—and traveled extensively to encourage women to answer God's call to ministry—especially in their homes and circles of influence. On March 4, 1899, Henry gave a Sabbath-morning address during the 33rd General Conference Session in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, about the urgent work needed to be done in Adventist homes. She boldly declared, "For some reason the gospel has never gone as it ought to have gone. . . . There has seemed to be something not discernible upon the surface, which has hindered the progress of the gospel; and I want to tell you brethren, no matter how much you may look abroad for these things, how much these

hindrances may seem to come from the world, I want to tell you that if everything was all right in the homes which are represented by these people, the gates of hell could not prevail against you"—*THE DAILY BULLETIN OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE*, March 7, 1899, p. 172.

Hundreds of letters from Adventist women across the country poured in asking Henry how to begin a work for the Lord. In her booklet *A WOMAN-MINISTRY* (p. 40), she wrote: "First of all it is necessary to be filled with the Holy Spirit. . . . A great work is in our hands; a work which no woman can perform alone. It will take the whole body of this people—the prayers and faith of men and women, as well as the power of God, to do that work which God has laid upon us as women. . . . This woman-ministry is the very core, the vital point of the gospel message. That message [cannot] go without the women of the church."

Henry wrote of women being "God's chief builder in the earth; she is His peculiar chosen instrument. Because of this, Satan has tried . . . to keep her where God could not use her in the work of rescuing the world, which she helped to ruin. God has made an imperative call for us to come to His help"—*SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, December 6, 1898, p. 2. She worked tirelessly for



Sarepta M.I. Henry | Courtesy of the General Conference Archives



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the “woman ministry” and sought to organize an army of Adventist women knowledgeable in God’s Word, encouraging each other, and intentionally making their lives count for Jesus.

On January 16, 1900, S.M.I. Henry died suddenly. The nine-person team working alongside her on the GC Committee on Woman’s Work attempted to keep the work going. Sadly, the weekly column disappeared in 1901, and the vision perished. More than 70 years would pass before the church would broach the subject of a specialized ministry for women, and it took another 22 years for the concept to gain momentum. In 1989, the North American Division began Women’s Ministries, and a year later, General Conference delegates voted to form the Office of Women’s Ministries during the Annual Council. Five years later, delegates at the 1995 General Conference Session voted for a full Women’s Ministries department.

While progress has been made, albeit slow, Kit Watts, former ADVENTIST REVIEW assistant editor, asked a probing question in an editorial entitled “Forgotten Heritage” (ADVENTIST REVIEW, March 16, 1989, p. 5). That question still needs answering: “Are we today ready to advance to the ground on which Ellen White and the brethren . . . stood when they recognized women’s potential?” Asked from a different angle, Are we ready to rise up as a “mighty army” of women to proclaim the good news of the gospel and herald the end-time message of the three angels? Henry raised the alarm even louder in a startling statement: “This work [cannot] be done without women; and if His coming is delayed, we shall be largely to blame”—SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD, December 6, 1898, p. 3.

In her letter to S.M.I. Henry, Ellen White wrote: “When believing women shall feel the burden for souls—the burden of sins not their own—they will work as Christ worked. They will consider no sacrifice too great to win souls for Christ”—SUPPLEMENT TO THE REVIEW AND HERALD, December 6, 1898, p. 2. There is a great and solemn work to do, ladies. Let us reclaim our forgotten heritage! God wants YOU! Our time is now. Let us move forward as one in the power of the Holy Spirit, trim our lamps, arise, and shine! ①

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

LINDA DAYEN

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church, Woodstock, Maine



Linda actively seeks opportunities to connect with people. “Whatever job we are at, whatever profession we are in, including being a mom or stay-at-home-mom, we each have our sphere of influence,” says Linda. A professional realtor, she is also a pastor’s wife and serves as a Bible worker for her church. “Just being out in the community and doing things is a great way to meet people.” She also suggests starting your own community activity if there is nothing out there that interests you. For instance, Linda enjoys cooking and playing the clarinet.

At the invitation of a friend, she recently joined a community band and sees it as a wonderful way to meet new people and make lasting connections. “People don’t just jump up and [decide they] want to study the Bible with you. Here in New England, people tend to be more reserved. We have to think of ways to connect them. Be friendly—and keep being friendly—because it might take a bit longer, but [ultimately] you are making lasting relationships with people,” Linda advises.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, Linda hosted a plant-based cooking class. She recently ironed out the logistics so she can host the class on Zoom from her kitchen at home. “The devil is very intentional, and we have to be intentional, too. God will give us creative ideas if we ask Him. A lot of ways will present themselves if we just ask God to open our eyes to look for opportunities where we can witness for Him and connect with people.”



KEISHA CHARLES

Huntington Seventh-day Adventist Church, Huntington, New York

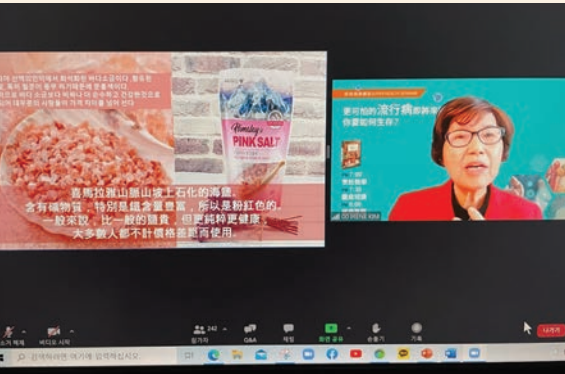
Raised in the Adventist church as a child, Keisha later abandoned her faith. “I found myself living a completely destructive life, governed by depression anxiety, substance abuse, partying, and toxic friendships and relationships. I was a prisoner in my own body, and I was convinced that there was no hope for a wretch like me.” Keisha cried out to the Lord; He heard her cry and delivered her. She accepted Jesus into her life and was baptized in 2019.

The Lord impressed Keisha to tell others about what He did in her life by using a unique method—one that, at first, filled her with trepidation. In November 2021, after receiving confirmation in a dream, Keisha followed the Lord’s instructions and created a two-sided sign that reads: “Jesus Saves” (front) and “Drugs, Pleasure, Alcohol, Material Things, and Unhealthy Relationships Will Not Fill Your Void. Try Jesus!” (back). With a pounding heart, Keisha fearfully took her sign and drove into downtown Manhattan. Tears streamed down her face while she again asked God if this was what He wanted her to do. “The still, small voice made it clear that I didn’t need to fear because He would never leave me nor forsake me,” says Keisha.

Today, she cheerfully engages with passersby as they curiously stare at the message of truth on her handmade sign. “It has been such a blessing to share God’s love with strangers!” God has immensely blessed Keisha’s ministry, and now two more sisters from Huntington church join with her in this Holy Spirit inspired street ministry. “We are filled with so much joy doing this work!” Keisha adds. “The abundance of joy in our hearts causes us to lose track of the distance we walk around the big city. I pray that seeds will be planted, and hearts will be changed.”

IRENE KIM

Northern New York Korean Seventh-day
Adventist Church, Blauvelt, New York



Irene began sharing information about the eight laws of health and natural remedies after attending a presentation in 2020 by Adventist Korean medical missionary Joanna Kim. After the presentations, Irene and eight others from the New York area brainstormed ways to bring the health message to the Korean community in their area. Months later, during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, they learned how to operate Zoom and taught others how to use Zoom so they could present health seminars.

Armed with their new training, they combined their financial resources to purchase space to advertise about the upcoming seminars in a variety of Korean media outlets. In January 2021, they held their first five-week health presentation on Zoom with an average of 300 to 400 people attending. “I have learned so much about healthy living from listening to the lectures and have been honored to give lectures, as well,” says Irene. She also connects

with many people outside of the lectures. “I have so many feedback letters that I cannot mention them all!” People have shared with Irene how they found relief for stomach ailments, skin conditions, and more, by utilizing charcoal, essential oils and herbs, and the hydrotherapy techniques they learned. “Through our lectures on healthy cooking, many have decided to become vegetarians,” Irene adds.

One of Irene’s friends invited a friend, who was an atheist, to watch the health lectures. Eventually, the atheist woman began to study the Bible and accepted Jesus Christ into her life. “[Through the health message], we get to connect with non-Adventists,” Irene says. “If we go to them and say, ‘come to church,’ they are not going to come. This is a fast way to meet other people because the health message breaks barriers.”

HELEN NIXON

Faith Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Hartford, Connecticut



As a child growing up in the Jim Crow south, churches—including Adventist churches—were segregated. Helen’s mother was one of the founding members of the Sharon church—the first, and still only, African American Seventh-day Adventist Church in the area. From an early age, Helen developed a strong zeal for community involvement and ministry.

After moving to Connecticut, she became an entrepreneur and got involved in community activism, civil rights, and political initiatives. Helen uses her influence and the connections she has made to open doors in ministry. “I have a burning desire to save souls. Serving and volunteering in the community allows me to be a witness for Christ, and allows Him to live in me, and to use me on a daily basis,” says Helen. Her influence opened a door at Hartford Public Access Television, where she pitched an idea for a televised weekly Bible study called “Live by Faith.” More than a decade later, she and co-host Stephen Williams, a Northeastern Conference pastor

and the conference’s New England Ministry coordinator, continue to share God’s Word. She also founded and coordinates the Vine Street Ministry, a weekly program where hundreds have received food, clothing, Bible studies, job referral information, and much more.

“You have to put yourself out there. You cannot just sit in the church and think that they are coming to you. You’ve got to get out there in the community, let people know who you are, and let Christ live in you,” says Helen. “I am a Seventh-day Adventist and everyone I interact with knows this, and they respect me. For many, how I live my life is the Bible to them.”



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.

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries began in 1898 with Sarepta Myrenda Irish Henry, who served as the first director. When S.M.I. Henry died in 1900, a new director was not appointed and the work she began died out. The idea of a specialized ministry led by and geared toward women did not resurface again until 1973 and slowly gained momentum over the next 22 years.

The North American Division began Women's Ministries in 1989, and the General Conference voted the Office of Women's Ministries at the 1990 Annual Council. Five years later at the 1995 General Conference Session, Women's Ministries became a full department under the General Conference, and divisions around the world followed suit over the next several years.

Women's Ministries focuses on the spiritual nurture and growth of women in the church and provides resources and training to empower each woman to become the best she can be—spiritually, professionally, and personally—using the gifts God has given her to minister to and serve others. Women's Ministries emphasizes that God created women, values them, and equips them with gifts just as He does men. From that spiritual base, women are encouraged to get involved in a ministry and utilize their gifts in opportunities to fully participate in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Special Women's Ministry Initiatives

enditnow®: The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes that abuse affects children, women, and men within the church and community. enditnow® is a global initiative to raise awareness and advocate for the end of violence and the cycle of abuse. enditnow® is co-sponsored by Women's Ministries, Children's Ministries, Education, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, the Ministerial Association, and Youth Ministries. enditnow® Emphasis Day is annually recognized on the fourth Sabbath in August. Visit www.enditnownorthamerica.org for resources.

Women's Ministries Scholarship Program: Women who are committed to serving the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and who could not otherwise afford a Christian education at a Seventh-day Adventist college or university in their home division, can apply for the

Women's Ministries Scholarship through their division. Awards are based on academic achievement, financial need, and community outreach. Scholarship award amounts vary each year and depend on the amount of funds available. Visit www.nadwm.org/wm-scholarship for North American Division scholarships.

Special Days: Women's International Day of Prayer (first Sabbath in March); Women's Ministries Emphasis Day (second Sabbath in June); enditnow® Emphasis Day (fourth Sabbath in August)

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The Impact of COVID-19 on Students with Special Education Needs

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly has impacted human lives across the world. It has affected individuals economically, physically, socially, emotionally, and educationally. The pandemic impacted K-12 education through common occurrences such as school closure, remote learning, social distancing at school and on the school bus, losing family members, and losing caregivers,

either through sickness or for financial reasons, etc.

Most children have had their routines interrupted. The children that seem to be most impacted by the disruption are students with special education needs. An achievement gap is among the most significant challenges these students face due to the pandemic. Samantha Cole, a special education teacher and

behavior therapist, says “Due to a decrease in special education services resulting from the pandemic, there has been a great regression in the level of performance of most students with special needs. Most students with special needs require one-on-one support. On a regular basis, when students return from the summer holidays, most times, there is a gap in their learning experience. The



pandemic has caused a far greater gap, one that will take quite a while to be corrected.”

Other challenges resulting from the pandemic include social-emotional challenges and stressors. Studies have shown that mental health impacts academic achievement and that stress affects the chemical and physical structure of the brain, which eventually affects cognitive skills such as attention, concentration, memory, and creativity. Apryl Tuzo, a learning support teacher at the Bermuda Institute, reported that “School closures, even when temporary, carry high social, emotional, and economic challenges. The disruptions they cause touch people across communities, but their impact is particularly most severe for disadvantaged boys and girls and their families.”

In helping these children to cope with the challenges resulting from the pandemic, there are a few strategies that one can use:

Develop relationships. Due to the challenges of the pandemic, students sometimes become fearful, anxious, or even uncertain about the future. This experience can be disruptive to the routine and can build such a barrier that it can limit the ability to learn. Teachers can be a source of strength and support against the adverse effects of trauma by helping to establish a safe and supportive environment for learning. They can help students to be resilient, to learn to face their fears confidently, and to face the future positively. This can be done through chapel programs, Bible lessons, extracurricular activities, and other strategies that center around relationship building.

Have frequent assessments.

Formative assessments can be done by gathering evidence about what students know and can do for the purpose of aligning instruction to improve learning and monitoring student progress. The teacher needs to constantly assess students and be cognizant of each student’s level of learning. This should be done to gauge how much extra support the student will need, how much time should be spent reviewing previous lessons,

small group sessions, and individual student sessions via phone, Google Meet, Zoom conferencing, and live-streamed lessons.

For the vast majority of schools, the abrupt transition to online learning left little time to plan a strategy that could adequately meet every student’s needs. However, whether online or face-to-face, a fundamental method to use is “knowing your student.” To know your student is to understand their learning style, culture, home

“To know your student is to understand their learning styles, understand their culture, home environment, and their ethnicity.”

and what new topics can be covered. By this, the teacher would be able to track performance and identify any learning gap that might exist.

Provide differentiated instruction.

Students come into the classroom with different experiences and skill sets. In the differentiated classroom, the teacher can attend to the needs of students, either through individual instruction or a small group setting. This can be done through content (what students should learn), through process (how students go about making sense of ideas and information), or through product (how students demonstrate what they have learned). Additionally, some strategies of differentiating are conferencing with students online, or having whole class sessions,

environment, and their ethnicity. This provides an opportunity for the teacher to comprehend why the student behaves the way he or she does and provides an avenue for a bonding teacher-student relationship.

Through these strategies, teachers can work to maximize learning outcomes. When teachers understand students’ needs and scaffold them through the learning process, learning gaps will be bridged, students will be more satisfied with their achievement, and there will be greater proficiency in the teaching/learning experience.



—Lileth Coke is the Atlantic Union Conference assistant education director and certification registrar.

Atlantic Union Pastors Look Forward to Making Connections at the CALLED Pastors Family Convention

Atlantic Union pastors are looking forward to the CALLED Pastors Family Convention scheduled for June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. I was able to speak with three pastors from Atlantic Union who shared why they are planning to attend the convention.

With thousands of pastoral families attending from all over the North American Division (NAD), pastors will be able to connect with friends old and new.

Donna Holland of the White Memorial and Cliff Island churches in Maine told me: “I’m looking forward to the CALLED convention because it will give me a chance to rub shoulders with other pastors outside of my local conference whom I don’t get to see that often.”

Todd Stout, senior pastor of Advent Hope church in New York City, puts it this way, “I am looking forward to the connections that are going to be made during this time together and the collegiality of all of us coming together in one place.”

Ivan Williams, NAD Ministerial Association director, invites pastors to “Imagine worshipping together with thousands of our colleagues with intentional, authentic worship, yielding an unforgettable experience in the Lord’s presence.”

Warner Richards, Northeastern Conference assistant to the president and assistant ministerial director, anticipates connecting with other pastors. He said, “I’m looking forward to enjoying the energy, experience, and interchange between pastors, their families, and all the seminars we will be enjoying.”

The CALLED Pastors Family Convention offers some of the best continuing education opportunities with six arena sessions and 120 semi-



nars. Specific tracks will be offered for Spanish-speaking pastors, volunteer lay pastors, chaplains, ministry tech lab, and spouses.

Pastor Richards noted that family is deeply valued at the convention, providing for gathering times for kids, youth, and spouses.

“Go Fish” is the theme for kids, ages 3-12, who will be exploring their spiritual gifts. Sherri Uhrig, NAD Children’s Ministries director, has a message for pastoral parents: “Mom and Dad! God has given your children special gifts! He has made them to be unique, one of a kind. There is no one quite like them! They are His masterpiece!”

Preacher’s Kids (PKs) in grades 7-12 are invited to the Pastors Kid’s Congress. Vandeon Griffin, NAD Youth Ministries associate director, anticipates that “this division-wide congress will create momentum that is sure to ignite, engage, and move PKs in their faith journey.”

Desiree Bryant, NAD Ministerial Spouses Association leader, invites

spouses to “Come and experience fresh ideas and skills that can help you personally and impact your ministry. [These include] your choice of many interactive spouses’ seminars and forums, as well as a Ministry Expo spotlighting unique ministries of ministerial spouses.

As we spoke on Zoom, Pastor Holland was scrolling through the CALLED Pastors Family Convention website (nadpastorsconvention.com), noting the multitude of features for pastors that not only bring value to the pastoral family but to the congregations they serve.

For example, evangelism is always featured at the CALLED Pastors Family Conventions. A total of \$120,000 will be awarded at the Evangelism Shark Tank for top ideas and initiatives proposed by local congregations.

Congregations may reap the greatest benefit from the CALLED Pastors Family Convention as their pastors return refreshed and equipped.

—Dave Gemmill, retired associate director, North American Division Ministerial Association

Queen's Honours for Bermuda Institute Vice-principal

Owen Simons, vice-principal and music teacher at the Bermuda Institute, was one of four people recognized in Her Majesty The Queen's New Year's Honours List. Simons was acknowledged for exceptional service to the Bermuda community through music education and awarded the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour.

Simons, who serves as an elder, youth director, and musician at Restoration Ministries, was at church when he received the news. "I guess I was a little shocked and a little overwhelmed," he said. "I did not know I had been nominated and was surprised, honored, and humbled to have been selected."

For 25 years, Simons has educated Bermuda's children in music and enriched the broader community by sharing his talent as a director, organist, and pianist. He started playing the piano by ear when he was three years old. His first job was at the Naval Base



Owen Simons, vice-principal and music teacher at the Bermuda Institute, was one of four people recognized in Her Majesty The Queen's New Year's Honours List.

in Southampton, where he played at the chapel. At the age of eight, he played for the weekly services at Southampton church. By the age of 13, Simons was the organist at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Paget where he remained until he left for college in 1988.

He graduated from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in music education and obtained his Master of Education degree in Music from Alabama A&M University in 1996. When Simons returned to Bermuda in August 1996, he began working at the Bermuda Institute as the music teacher for grades K-3 and choir director for the high school. Today he serves as vice-principal and music teacher.

Simons has shared the stage with acclaimed artists, mentored other musicians, and started a breakfast program that is designed to give young men the opportunity to cook.

Simons is also employed at the St Anne's Anglican Church as their organist and choir director, where he has served since 1996.

—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference

Devonshire Church Donates to The Transitional Living Centre

The Devonshire church in Devonshire, Bermuda, invited the chairperson of The Transformational Living Centre (TLC) for Families to attend its church service in November 2021. During the Sabbath-morning preliminaries, Carlyle Simmons, the church's pastor, called Elaine Butterfield onto the rostrum. Simmons presented a monetary gift of \$4,500.00 to The Transformational Living Centre on behalf of the church family.

In 2019 and 2020, the church raised the money through their Christmas gift drive. The Devonshire church was happy to support the center, housed within the church's outreach territory.

Butterfield explained that The Transformational Living Center is a purpose-built, safe, holistic, supportive, and therapeutic environment for homeless families that empowers them to become independent and self-sufficient. The intentionally nurturing environment will provide a comprehensive range of services and opportunities, including, but not limited to, counseling, substance abuse rehab, job readiness, education, training, and life skills. These services will be high-quality, client-centered, strength-based, and delivered with respect, dignity, empathy, and compassion.

There will be a transitional component consisting

of education and life skills training. The program will be coordinated by TLC and delivered by a collaboration of services to ensure any family transitioning through TLC will have every opportunity to change their trajectory from surviving to thriving.

The center will accommodate up to 10 families at a time, starting with five that will consist of a mom with up to three children. The families will be able to live at TLC for 12 months and then move to a facilitated house-sharing opportunity for another 12 months, where they will try out the skills they have learned and still have the chance to be

near TLC to help them stand up should they stumble. "At the end of 24 months, we expect them to fly stronger," Butterfield said. "We are so grateful to the Devonshire church for your most generous donation, and please know that lives will be changed because of it!"

Please keep the Devonshire church in prayer as they endeavor to transform lives that line up with what God intended for all. Learn more about The Transformational Living Centre by visiting their website at www.tlc.bm.

—Theresa Millett, Communication department, Devonshire church

New York Conference Pastors Encouraged to Work Closely with Local Church Leaders

Pierre Omeler, newly-elected president of the Atlantic Union Conference, visited the New York Conference in Syracuse, New York, and joined the pastors meeting held at the conference office on December 2, 2021. As part of his devotional thought during the meeting, Omeler said, “We must understand that we are called to love the Lord, the churches, the people, and the members God has given us the responsibility to serve.”

Omeler, alongside Anthony Ponterio, Jr., former pastor of the North Country district, and Stuart Bauer, senior pastor of the Onondaga, Oneida, and Vienna churches, were honored to have the group pray for them. It was Ponterio’s last meeting as a pastor in the New York Conference, as he has accepted a call to work in



New York Conference pastors offer a special prayer for Anthony Ponterio, Jr., center, who has accepted a call to pastor in the New Jersey Conference.

the New Jersey Conference, and Bauer was invited for special prayer.

Two other seasons of prayer were held during the meeting. Miguel Crespo, New York Conference



At a New York Conference pastors meeting are, from left, Pierre Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference president; Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president; and Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary.

president, and Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary, encouraged the pastors to work closely with

their local church leaders in the conference.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference



New York Conference pastors pray for Pierre Omeler, Atlantic Union Conference president, who presented the devotional thought at their pastors meeting.

One Family for the Lord

Every year the Natural Bridge church in Natural Bridge, New York, sponsors children from the local area to attend Camp Cherokee, New York Conference's camp, for a week-long summer program. In 2019, Anthony Ponterio, Jr., former senior pastor of the Natural Bridge church, received decision cards from most of these children and began to follow up with them. Among these cards was the request for Bible studies from eight-year-old Kori Ball.

After discussing a follow-up with some of the members, Aaron Elliman, a local church elder, indicated that he and Kori's dad, Steve, were co-workers. Therefore, he offered to join Ponterio whenever he visited their house. Elliman and Ponterio ventured to the Ball's house and were greeted by Steve, unaware that this visit would change him and his family for the rest of their lives.

Upon meeting, Pastor Ponterio introduced himself by stating that Kori had expressed interest in Bible studies while at Camp Cherokee. Steve told them he would check his schedule

and get back to them. They set up the Bible studies and started right away.

Elliman and Ponterio would conduct weekly Bible studies with Kori, sometimes joined by Elliman's wife, Heidi, and even Steve and his wife, Gen. What began to transpire was a miracle. While conducting Bible studies with Kori, her parents would sit and listen and ask questions.

Elliman witnessed to Steve at work as they also continued to lift up the entire family in prayer. Steve and Gen continued to ask questions and, ultimately, Bible studies were offered and shared with them. Several weeks went by when Gen invited her parents to come and start Bible studies. At this point, Pastor Ponterio was conducting Bible studies with Gen, Steve, and Gen's parents, Robin and Guy Godlewski. Eventually, Gen and Steve finished their studies, made a decision for Jesus, and were baptized. Robin and Guy would soon follow, making a decision for Jesus, and were also baptized.

But what about Kori? Though she still listened and read bedtime stories, her



Steven and Gen Ball listened and asked questions while their daughter, Kori, received Bible studies; as a result, the Balls also received Bible studies and decided to be baptized.

studies were put on hold after her family took over. COVID-19 shut everything down and caused further delay. Kori went back to Camp Cherokee in 2021 and made a decision to get baptized.

Heidi Elliman started Bible studies with Kori once again, and on December 11, 2021,

Kori Ball was baptized. Kori, her parents, Steve and Gen, and her grandparents, Robin and Guy, all made decisions for Jesus. Five people for the kingdom, all as a result of one girl requesting Bible studies.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference



The Lord used Kori Ball, seen here on the day of her baptism, standing with Anthony Ponterio, Jr., former senior pastor of the Natural Bridge church, to lead her entire family to Jesus.

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Jefferson Avenue Celebrates Oldest Member

Just days before Rosa Wims' 99th birthday on December 23, 2021, Jefferson Avenue church members formed a motorcade and headed to the rehabilitation center, where she lives, for a drive-by birthday parade. Coordinated by the church's Women's Ministries team, the members showed tangible expressions of love and appreciation to this woman of God and servant leader. They shared cards, flowers, and warm greetings.

Earlier in that month, Deborah Stamps, executive vice president and chief nursing education and diversity officer for the Rochester Regional Health System, announced the Rosa W. Wims, LPN, Nursing Scholarship Fund in honor

of Wims. The fund will "support the education, training, and certification of nursing students in efforts to promote a diversified and inclusive workforce throughout the Rochester Regional Health System." Wims became one of the first black licensed professional nurses at Rochester General Hospital and retired from the hospital in 1984 after 30 years of service.

Despite the frigid temperature, the members were happy to celebrate the birthday of their oldest member, who has a long history of serving her church and community in many tangible ways.

—Angela Tucker-Hill, communication director, Jefferson Avenue church, and info from the Rochester Regional Health Foundation



Rosa Wims, seated left, receives warm greetings from, left, Ruby Bowman, Jalandra Seaborn, Prudence Joseph-Belle, Timothy Bliss, and Women's Ministries leader Pauline Bliss during a drive-by celebration of her 99th birthday.

Angela Tucker-Hill

Mount Sinai Members Learn to Pivot in Ministry

Mount Sinai church members in Queens Village, New York, found themselves, like many other churches, required to follow state-mandated regulations and close for in-person worship due to the impact of the coronavirus. Cornel G. Jackson, the church's pastor, Marc Combs, the first elder, and the leadership team made quick decisions on how to minister to the church family and community.

Unfortunately, like many churches, they did not have live streaming services in place. Their newly-created VMPC team (Virtual Ministries Programming Committee) quickly moved into action to pivot to 100 percent online services. They faced challenges initially while trying to choose the right fit for online services. The church is thankful for the donor who allocated funding for their live-streaming equipment. In retrospect, the VMPC; Socrate Joseph, music director; and Jeremy Mitchell, media director, did an outstanding job making the transition.

The church's Sabbath School Study Room consistently had 100-plus online attendees from the start. Dwight Hamilton, elder, and Pat Green, Sabbath School superintendent, spearheaded the initiative. This program would not have been successful without the volunteers



Mount Sinai church members join in praise and thanksgiving outside a member's home as part of the Caravan of Hope.

who worked earnestly in the background and participated in the services.

To meet the need to connect with the members quarantined in their homes, the church established "Caravan of Hope." During this initiative, a group would travel to the homes of several members and

join them in praise and thanksgiving. The meetings, held outdoors, fully abided by the established CDC guidelines.

As baptisms continued, the church went to the Atlantic Ocean to baptize individuals who had watched their services online.

The food pantry ministry team, under the direction of Clifton Cannady, fed an average of 200 households in the community weekly throughout the pandemic season.

An online survey conducted by the church found that members enjoy having the hybrid options of virtual and in-person services. The survey results also showed church leaders that they could do a better job of keeping in touch with the members.

Throughout this experience, Mount Sinai church leaders and members learned that, even with the pivot in ministry, they can still move forward in blessing the lives of those in their community.

—Andrea D. Hicks, communication director, Mount Sinai church

Fire Ravages Jefferson Avenue Church in Rochester

Just hours after a Christmas service on December 25, 2021, a four-alarm fire ravaged the historic Jefferson Avenue church building in Rochester, New York. According to news reports, the fire started around 6:00 p.m., and the massive roof caved in, which made fighting the flames extremely difficult. More than a dozen fire companies worked for hours to control the blaze. No one was inside the building at the time.

Amidst the pain, chaos, and confusion caused by the devastating fire, local church leaders, elected officials, community residents, and representatives from the Northeastern Conference came together the following day and held a prayer vigil with Jefferson Avenue church

members. Standing across the street from the burnt remains of the 185-year-old building, various speakers shared words of encouragement, faith, and hope with the congregation as they committed their support to help them restore or, if necessary, rebuild.

Hanson Drysdale, Jefferson Avenue church pastor, told television news reporters, “We are hurting. But we serve a God who knows all things—nothing takes God by surprise. He knew about this day, knew that this would have happened, and we have to trust Him to get through this most difficult period.”

The church continues to move forward, utilizing Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube to broadcast services until they can meet in



Jefferson Avenue Facebook page

A gutted shell is all that remains of the Jefferson Avenue church in Rochester, New York, after a four-alarm fire tore through the historic building.

a building once again. Many from the faith-based community have rallied around the congregation. Local congregations that hold Sunday worship services offered their facilities to the Jefferson Avenue congregation to use.

As they move forward in faith, Jefferson Avenue mem-

bers take solace in the fact that there were no reports of casualties or injuries during the fire.

Visit the Jefferson Avenue Facebook page for more information and updates (facebook.com/jeffersonsda.church).

—Angela Tucker-Hill, communication director, Jefferson Avenue church

NECACS Center Impacts the Community

Since 1972, the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services (NECACS) Center in Corona has been changing the lives of the people of New York through a range of programs and projects. Its mission is “to serve the less fortunate and hurting, using Christ’s method.”

The NECACS Center continued on that path in late December 2021 when they held their eighth annual toy giveaway. Visiting with them for the first time was Derrick Lea, North American Division Adventist Community Services director. After he met and greeted the volunteers, he greeted and served children from the surrounding communities. Lea expressed



Derrick Lea, North American Division Adventist Community Services director, seated right; Keicha Goslyn, Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services associate director, seated left, and the team pose for a group photo at the Community Services Center.

his surprise to see so many children stay in line for more than two hours waiting to receive a coat or a toy. “We are a part of a vibrant ministry that is serving real people with real needs,” Lea said.

They distributed more than 1,100 toys to children

ages newborn to 13-years-old. The team also distributed 300 new coats to children and teens ranging in age from three to 18. Ten adults expressed the need for coats. In response, volunteers distributed 15 coats ranging in various sizes. Volunteers also

distributed 150 fruit baskets to the parents.

Donors participating in the giveaway included New York Cares (coats), Toys for Tots, NEC Queens/Long Island Women Ministries, and many individual donors distributed toys. NECACS is also grateful for the assistance of the volunteers, who include community members, Adventist members from the Corona, Mount of Olives, and ISiloe French churches, the NEC staff, and the NEC Medical Cadet Corps.

—Keicha Goslyn, Adventist Community Services associate director, Northeastern Conference

Twin Brothers Let Christ Lead

Kimmi Cummings, a native of Hawaii, left Maui, her homeland, with her two young sons, Colby and Caleb, to settle in New Hampshire. After many years, she longed to return to her Seventh-day Adventist roots and desired the same spiritual footing for her boys. Cummings reached out to David Kim, a local pastor, and regularly attended the Plainfield church in New Hampshire with her sons.

In February 2021, her son Colby earnestly prayed for God to intervene in his life, which led to him reading the Bible every day. In a few months, his life began to

change rather drastically. He shares that he now knows there is a Comforter who will never forsake him, even in unknown times of trouble. Jesus will be with him for the rest of his life.

Genesis 2:2, 3 holds very special significance to Colby. “And on the seventh day God ended His work which he had done. . . . And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because in it, he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” He shares that this truth bothered him and that’s when he knew that Saturday was the true Sabbath.

Colby says that Jesus has been the most influential



David Kim, Plainfield church pastor, right, prepares to baptize Caleb Cummings, second from right, while Nicolas and Rebecca O'Connor, who studied with Caleb, look on.

man in his life. He has shown Colby what true love is and what He has done for humankind. Through all the highs and lows of his experience thus far, Jesus was with him through it all. Colby’s aspiration for 2022 is to shine God’s light to others and to show the love and gentleness that Christ has revealed to him in whatever situation he faces, and do all for the glory of God.

Colby’s brother, Caleb, shares that something miraculous happened to him in the spring of 2021. The Holy Spirit intervened and brought about a desire to read his Bible and seek the truth from God’s Word. He learned of God’s character and His endless love. Caleb’s life began to change dramatically. Some of the sports that he played had games on Saturdays. He knew that the Lord had better plans for him if he would obey His commandments.

Romans 12:12 says, “Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.” Caleb

shares that this Bible verse assures him that whatever trial we may find ourselves in, we can trust God that he will deliver us from any situation in life. Jesus Christ is the One who has had a great influence on his life and has been constantly there for him. “He has truly changed my outlook and is constantly watching over us. I am so blessed and thankful for Him!” His goals for 2022 are to spread and share God’s Word with as many people as possible in these last days of earth’s history, to continue to draw close to Jesus daily, and to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kim baptized Colby and Caleb Cummings in the Connecticut River on November 9, 2021, after many months of study and extensive preparation with Nicolas and Rebecca O’Connor. It was indeed a very memorable Sabbath.

—Ellen Busl, communication leader, Plainfield church



Colby Cummings, center, is about to be baptized by David Kim, Plainfield church pastor, with assistance from Nicolas O’Connor who studied extensively with the twins.

An Online Encounter Leads Seeker to the Adventist Church

Michael J. Lott, a native of Massachusetts, sought friendship on Facebook and began to converse with Mherneth, a young lady in the Philippines who was the first and only person willing to comfortably discuss biblical truth with him. As they corresponded via messaging, they soon discovered a compatible friendship and a very definite common interest—a desire to know God and to understand scripture. Neither of them felt the need to reveal their identity with a particular denomination. They simply enjoyed the freedom to challenge each other and discuss ideas as supported by scripture.

Meanwhile, this budding friendship was extremely valuable to Lott as he was privately navigating through several major life challenges at the time. At one point, the topic of the State of the Dead came up and after considerable



Michael Lott, center, who completed weekly studies for baptism with Kevin Busl, Plainfield church elder, is baptized in the Connecticut River by David Kim, Plainfield church pastor.

Chris Rowen

research, it led to a very surprising conclusion—one that differed greatly from what he had been taught to believe. Another topic soon followed: What day is the Sabbath? Again, this led to a refreshing new concept and this time, it brought about a life change. In God’s perfect timing, it ushered in a completely new life chapter for this undaunted seeker. In time, he learned that his good friend, Mherneth, was a Seventh-day Adventist and

that both of her brothers were pastors.

After Lott discovered information online about the 28 fundamental beliefs, he located a nearby Seventh-day Adventist Church and then had the pleasure of meeting Ron Nickerson, the Drewsville church pastor. Since COVID-19 restrictions and a water problem had closed the Drewsville church, he sought out another option where in-person services were available. Lott arrived at the

Plainfield church and found a welcoming church family and friendship. He faithfully completed weekly studies for baptism with Kevin Busl, Plainfield church elder, and on June 13, 2021, he was baptized in the Connecticut River by David Kim, Plainfield church pastor.

Lott states that meeting Jesus through Bible study “brought me to a new understanding that bad things certainly get our attention. Changing my belief system needed to happen. I needed to be broken in order to change. I needed a Damascus Road experience to change my ways. My only regret is that I did not know these things sooner.” Lott is interested in traveling and in seeking missionary work in the future. James 1:5 has very special meaning for him: “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God” (NKJV).

—Ellen Busl, communication leader, Plainfield church

Newly-married Couple Seek God Together

Jeremy Brian Ela says he is grateful to have grown up in a Christian home and is especially appreciative of his mother, Penny Ela, who provided strong support and guidance in his spiritual growth. Jeremy always had a desire to have a relationship with God and when he and Allissa Wright became engaged, they began talking more about seeking a relationship with God together. This quest was a particular factor in seeking baptism. Psalm 32:8 holds special meaning to Ela: “I

will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my loving eye on you” (NIV).

Ela freely shares that he now enjoys a closer walk with God day by day and notices that he has an ever-growing desire to seek Him. His aspirations for the near future include finishing some home projects on the house he and his wife bought as newlyweds and becoming more involved in their local community. Ela was baptized on June 26, 2021, in the Connecticut

River by David Kim, Plainfield church pastor, surrounded by the support of his family, and the Bennington church and Plainfield church families. Pastor Kim provided Bible studies and support for Jeremy in preparation for this part of his faith journey.

—Ellen Busl, communication leader, Plainfield church



Rebecca O'Connor

David Kim, Plainfield church pastor, baptizes Jeremy Ela in the Connecticut River.

SLA Fourth-graders Help Kentucky Tornado Victims

A large tornado devastated parts of Kentucky and damaged numerous towns within 165 miles on December 10, 2021. Heidi Larsen, South Lancaster Academy’s (SLA) fourth-grade teacher and member of the SLA class of 1989, contacted a friend who lived in the affected area to see how they were doing. Thankfully, God spared Jennifer (Wade) Camas, M.D., (’92) and her family from the storm, but she shared with Larsen how those living not far from her sustained terrible losses.

Larsen wanted to help. Camas suggested that if Larsen sent a few necessities, she would distribute them as she helped the victims.

Larsen brought the idea to her fourth-grade class, and the students were excited to help other children who had lost so much right before Christmas. Together, they made a list of things they could bring to school: toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, soap, deodorant, socks, flashlights, clothing, and small toys. Word quickly spread about what the fourth-graders were

doing, and donations poured in from other SLA students and the community.

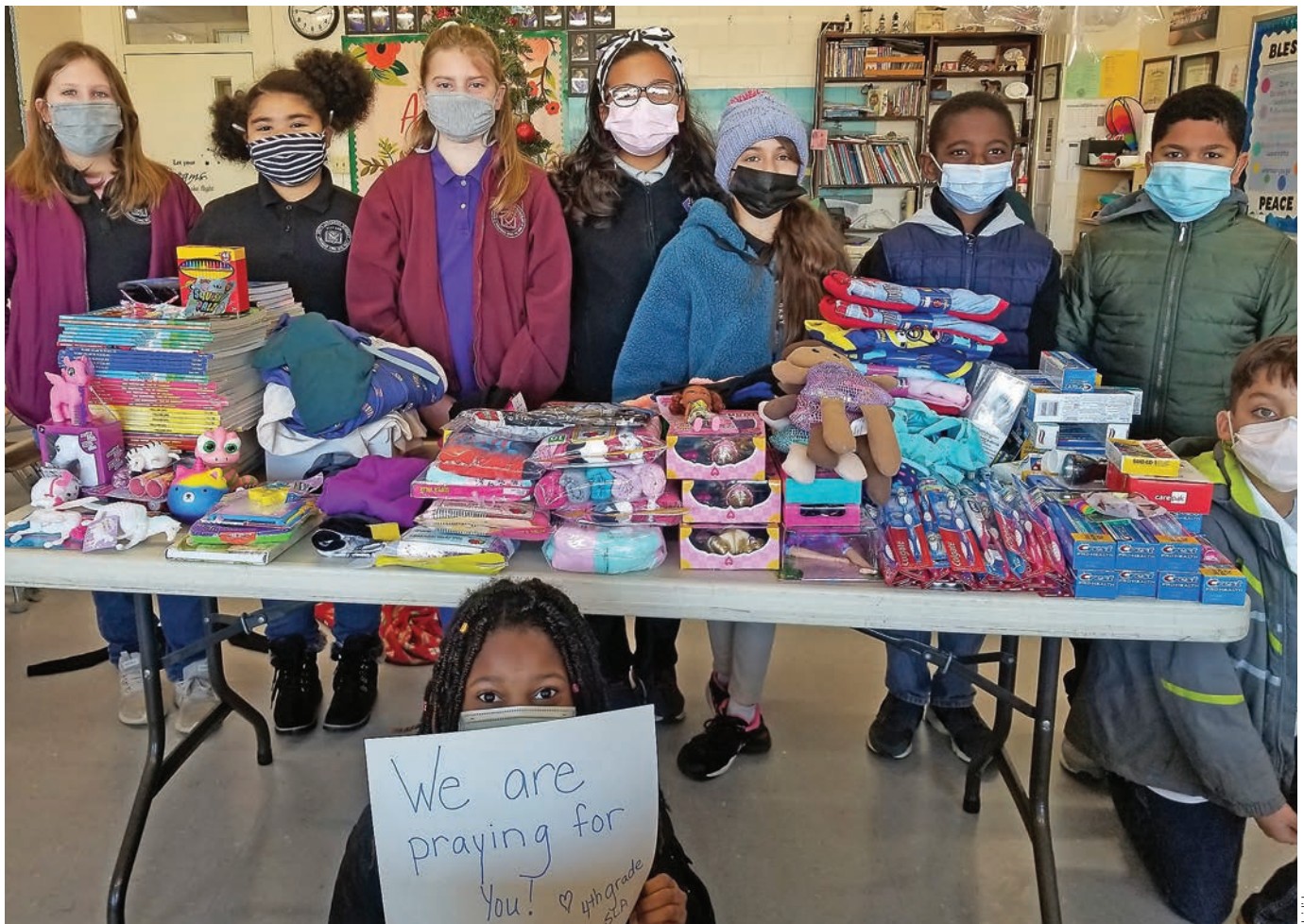
In one week, the class had gathered nine large boxes of supplies to send to those affected by the tornado.

“I was speechless as to how our small project had grown to be so large! At one moment, I remember saying, ‘God, I don’t know how I am going to organize all this—it is a little bit bigger than I had planned!’ I had papers to grade, Christmas festivities to plan, and I had no idea how I was going to pay for all that shipping.

I think God must have chuckled at me. He seemed to answer me, ‘I’ve got this! This was My plan all along!’”

“God did indeed work out all the details,” Larsen said. “I can’t begin to express my gratefulness to everyone who donated their time, their supplies, and their money to help us send our gifts of love.”

—Shauna Neidigh, development/marketing director, South Lancaster Academy



Fourth-grade students from South Lancaster Academy pause for a photo while organizing items to send to Kentucky tornado victims.

Heidi Larsen

Afghan Refugees Receive Warm Clothes for the Winter

When members from the Pleasant Street church learned that Afghan evacuees would be arriving in Worcester, Massachusetts, they committed to do their part to help these individuals and families in tangible ways. Winters in New England can be frigid and even deadly, especially if you are not appropriately dressed. Health Ministries leader Rodlyn Moore recognized that many who left Afghanistan during the crisis could not plan for the possibility of facing cold weather in their new host country. She saw that providing warm clothing was a preventative measure to maintain their physical, emotional, and mental health.

Pleasant Street church members donated new- and gently-used clothing and winter essentials in a joint initiative between Health Ministries and Women's Ministries. On November 27 and December 4, 2021, volunteers rolled out racks after church services and set up tables filled with sweaters, coats, long-sleeved shirts, and pants for the Afghan men, women, and children now living in Worcester. The Worcester-based Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC)



brought representatives of nine families to the church to “shop” for the free items to get them through this winter.

“To God be the glory for opening up this avenue,” said Moore. “He said, ‘Other sheep I have which are not of this fold,’ so we are helping them.”

Also, on December 4, Chauncey Moore-James, Pleasant Street church’s assistant Sabbath School

superintendent, presented another round of baskets filled with toiletries to RIAC for the Afghan refugees. A few months prior, the Sabbath School department had initiated a toiletry drive to fill 30 baskets, and on September 11, they presented RIAC with the first of several baskets. The church met its goal of 30 baskets with this most recent donation.

Some 1,000 Afghan evacuees are expected to resettle in Massachusetts, with Worcester preparing to take in up to 350 people. As things progress, Moore envisions additional opportunities to work with other Adventist churches in the area to help meet the needs of these and other refugees living in Worcester. “God opened the door, and we have to step through by faith,” Moore said.

—Communication department, Pleasant Street church

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Portland, ME	7:09	7:17	7:25	7:34	7:42
Boston, MA	7:11	7:19	7:27	7:35	7:42
South Lancaster, MA	7:13	7:21	7:29	7:37	7:45
Pittsfield, MA	7:20	7:28	7:35	7:43	7:51
Hartford, CT	7:17	7:25	7:32	7:40	7:48
Providence, RI	7:12	7:20	7:27	7:35	7:43
New York, NY	7:21	7:29	7:36	7:43	7:51
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