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God Needs You on His Team

Our lives can change so quickly. In an instant, our world can be altered either for good or bad. The older we get, the more we have experienced these defining moments. Can you relate? Perhaps like me, you've sat by the bedside of a loved one and held their hand as they breathed their last breath. Perhaps you've gotten a diagnosis from the doctor and realized that your life will not be the same again. Perhaps you have suffered from persecution, wrongful termination, imprisonment, or mental illness, and you know that life will never be the same again.

This fragility reminds us of our collective need for a Savior, our need for hope beyond this world. And guess what? Every human being has that need. Some simply don't realize their need. They are your neighbor, hair-stylist, dentist, doctor, or maybe even someone who lives under your roof.

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we have been given a gift. It is the knowledge of God's love and the hope and wholeness that He offers every human being. It is the knowledge of His soon return that is the ultimate hope for the citizens of planet earth.

Our union is establishing a renewed emphasis on mission and evangelism. Surveys reveal several of the most post-Christian cities in the United States lie in the Atlantic Union territory. This year our theme is "United We Will GO!" Last month we had a union-wide workers meeting. Each of our six conferences sent their workers to receive inspiration and training related to being more effective soul winners. I sensed excitement in many of our attendees as they left

inspired to "GO" and make disciples, to "GO" and share the truth, and to "GO" and change a life.

We have awesome leaders, pastors, and teachers in this union. Every day they are making a difference in a life. Every day they are inspiring, discipling, teaching, praying, and baptizing. They have accepted the call of Jesus in Matthew 28:19 (NKJV), "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." But they can't do it alone, nor should they be allowed to have all the joy that comes from seeing a life transformed. God isn't calling only the paid "professionals;" He is calling all of us. Our theme is not "The Pastors and Teachers Will GO," our theme is "United We Will GO." It won't be the same unless you join in and share your time, talent, and treasure. We won't have the same success or joy, and many may miss heaven if you don't GO with us on this journey of faith and mission. Unity is the key to success in any venture.

Some of you know that I am originally from North Carolina. Former University of North Carolina basketball coach Roy Williams and I share the same hometown. He always told his student athletes, "We don't play for the name on the back of the jersey; we play for the name on the front of the jersey." Unity is so important, dear friends. We must GO together on this journey of mission and faith. Won't you join us? God needs you on His team! United we will GO! 🙏

Ted Huskins is the Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary.



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The story is told of two brothers who often got into disputes. Each time there was a fight between the brothers, they would go down to the river to record the details of the fight: who started it, who said or did what, and why the other was wrong. Most likely, each demanded an apology from the other. Though the brothers always diligently recorded the details of their fights, the manner in which they recorded those details was remarkably different.

The first brother was a stone crafter. Utilizing his best tools, he used his great stone-crafting skills to carve the details on the rocks and stones to ensure that his brother would not get away with his misdeeds. After all, he wanted to expose his brother's callous behavior and publicly demonstrate how disappointed he was with his brother. The details would be forever visibly etched in stone for all to see so

that, in the future, no one would ever doubt who was right.

But when the second brother went to the river, he knelt in the soft, muddy brown sand and began to write everything his brother had done to him. His only hope was that the water would wash away his brother's faults, make them disappear, bury them in the river, and that he would remember them no more.

These two brothers were faced with a choice of how to respond to his brother's misdeeds. One chose to make a public display of their disagreement, expose the wrongdoer, and hang on to his hurt, while the other chose to forgive and move on, not allowing himself to seethe in anger for the rest of his life. This parable dramatically illustrates a principle that has lately received a great deal of attention in the scientific world: forgiveness is a choice.

THE HEALING POWER OF Forgiveness

By Pat Humphrey

What Is Forgiveness?

“Forgiveness is an active process in which you make a conscious decision to let go of negative feelings, whether the person deserves it or not,” says Karen Swartz, M.D., director of the Mood Disorders Adult Consultation Clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. “You are choosing to offer compassion and empathy to the person who wronged you.”

Why Forgive?

So why is it important to forgive when someone wrongs us? According to the Fetzer Institute’s *CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FORGIVENESS* (p. 5), “Forgiveness is an opportunity for transformation, both individually and collectively. It not only helps relieve mental and emotional anguish, but it offers the possibility for change, for redemption, for restoration—for hope and even

love to blossom from pain and suffering. It can stop a cycle of hurt and create opportunity where there seemed to be none.”

The Science of Forgiveness

A number of scientific studies indicate that forgiveness can have powerful mental and physical benefits, including lowered risk of heart attack, improved cholesterol levels and blood pressure, better sleep, reduced pain, and enhanced mental health (less anxiety, depression, anger, stress, and hostility).

In a study by Loren Toussaint, Ph.D., published in 2016 in the

ANNALS OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE, researchers observed participants for five weeks, monitoring the ebb and flow of their forgiveness. Their findings revealed that as levels of forgiveness rose, participants’ stress levels declined, as did negative mental health symptoms.

Research from a Hope College study found that holding on to a grudge resulted in higher physiological activity—evidenced by facial muscle tension, heart rate, blood pressure, and sweating. And a study on married couples published in the *JOURNAL OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS* found that in instances of marital discord, when a person

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forgave their spouse, both of them experienced a drop in blood pressure.

Dick Tibbits, forgiveness researcher and author of *FORGIVE TO LIVE: HOW FORGIVENESS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE*, says that holding on to grudges can lead to dangerous emotions. "When you refuse to forgive (or don't know the proper way to forgive), your grievance story produces a complex range of emotions consisting of resentment, bitterness, hatred, hostility, residual anger, and fear."

And according to Tibbits, that resulting built-up anger can be life-threatening. Anger is "a strong emotion of displeasure brought on by feelings of helplessness and hopelessness," says Tibbits. When anger becomes chronic, it puts us in a fight-or-flight mode, which adversely affects blood pressure and heart rate.

How to Forgive

Forgiveness is undeniably good for your health, but the act of forgiving is often easier said than done. It may not feel natural at first; that's why it's important to know the process—how to really let go and be set free from your grudges. These steps will help:

- 1. Choose to forgive—even if it's only half-hearted.** "Before you can begin to enjoy any of the profound benefits of forgiveness, you must choose to forgive," says Tibbits. "This decision, however halfhearted it may initially be, is key to taking your first step toward freedom."
- 2. Reflect and remember.** It may come as a surprise that forgetting the offense is not a requirement for forgiving. Swartz says that remembering the events, how you reacted, how you felt, and how the anger and hurt have affected you can be a healthy aspect of the

forgiving process. *CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FORGIVENESS* explains it this way: "Denying or ignoring our experience inhibits our ability to move beyond the pain itself."

- 3. Empathize with the other person.** University of Wisconsin psychologist Robert D. Enright refers to this as "making a gesture of goodness" toward the offender. While the person's actions may not be excusable, understanding the background and life circumstances can help you to be more forgiving and empathetic toward them.
- 4. Let go of expectations.** Forgiveness doesn't always mean you reconcile or receive an apology yourself. "Often forgiveness can lead to reconciliation, but not always," explains Tibbits in *FORGIVE TO LIVE*. "It takes two people to reconcile, but only one to forgive. . . . You can forgive whether or not the other person is involved."
- 5. Pray.** When you have been wronged or have wronged someone, prayer can be a powerful tool to help you find strength, guidance, peace, healing, and forgiveness. It can be a valuable reminder that you are not alone.

Is there someone in your life (or even in your past) who needs your forgiveness? Whether or not they've asked for it, why not choose to offer them the gift of forgiveness, and in return, you will receive the gift of better health. ☺



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By Theresa Robidoux

Creating Meaningful Learning

If you were planning a trip, you would first need to know your destination. You would probably not just jump into your car for a random ride to see where you end up. That would lead you to drive endlessly with no purpose. Likewise, in education, teachers need to carefully plan what to teach, how to teach, and the expected outcomes from their students.

In her book, *EDUCATION*, p. 233, Ellen White advises, “Every teacher should see to it that his work tends to definite results. Before attempting to teach a subject, he should have a distinct plan in mind, and should know just what he desires to accomplish. He should not rest satisfied with the presentation of any subject until the student understands the principle involved, perceives its truth, and is able to state clearly what he has learned.”

Seventh-day Adventist educators are about to begin a very exciting new initiative, Standards-Based Learning (SBL). This is being launched by the North American Division (NAD) Office of Education in conjunction with each union and conference.

Standards identify for teachers, students, and parents, what the students must know and be able to do. The teachers use standards as the focus of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and feedback. SBL represents the practices and processes teachers use to create meaningful learning for the students (*A TEACHER’S GUIDE TO STANDARDS-BASED LEARNING*, pp. 3-5).

In SBL, teachers and students use proficiency scales to guide the

teaching and learning process. In essence, it is their road map. A proficiency scale can be explained as “. . . a learning progression or set of learning goals for a specific topic, relative to a given standard. It shows teachers and students what proficiency looks like, what knowledge and skills students need to achieve proficiency, and how students might go beyond proficiency”—*A TEACHER’S GUIDE TO STANDARDS-BASED LEARNING*, p. 8.

Helping students become proficient in the knowledge and skills for their grade level is at the heart of SBL.

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In addition to this, there are other advantages to SBL:

- **Improved Student Learning**— Since students are actively involved in their own learning, they achieve more. The proficiency scales help the students proceed at a pace that is just right for them, whether low or high level.
- **21st Century Skills**—SBL encourages higher-order thinking skills and problem-solving, which are essential to prepare students for today’s world.

- **Focused Learning**—Teachers are no longer tied to the textbook. The standards guide instruction, and will help the teacher to focus on the most important knowledge and skills the students need at their level.

If SBL is the journey along the learning road, then the integration of faith and learning are the road signs guiding students along the right path. The NAD standards for learning in Adventist schools integrate spiritual truths into all learning.

Educators are being trained and are excited to begin SBL. Ginie

Hakes, South Lancaster Academy vice principal, reflecting on SBL, said, “I’m optimistic and excited about the possibilities. Though I recognize there will be several bumps in the road as we transition, I’m excited to see how this develops and how our students respond.”



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“Why Halt Ye Between Two Opinions?”



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“If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” Those who have set before them in clear lines the self-sacrifice and self-denial of Jesus, His life of shame and suffering, His reproach, rejection, and crucifixion, and yet refuse to open their hearts to Him, although He says, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and He with me,” commit great sin. How great is the magnitude of sin of those who have had Jesus set before them, who have been warned and entreated, and yet pass on their way, following the imagination of their own hearts, and saying, “I will wait for a more convenient season to exercise repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ!”

I am deeply moved in behalf of those who are putting off the time of surrender to Jesus, and yet I know that my interest is very feeble in comparison with His who knows the value of your souls, for He paid the

price of the soul’s redemption with His own blood. In earnest love for your soul, He is waiting for you to decide to throw off the yoke of Satan, and take His yoke, which is easy, and His burden, which is light. There is nothing too precious for us to give to Jesus. Jesus has purchased wife, husband, and children at infinite cost, and though it is right for us to love those whom God has given us, yet God is ever to hold our supreme affection. Your attitude toward God and the truth has a decided influence upon your family, and the atmosphere that surrounds your soul will affect them in every way. If you are bestowing your affections upon the things of this world, the atmosphere which surrounds your soul will be of a malarious character, that will be death to spirituality, and will weaken hope and faith in God. Satan will cast his hellish shadow over your soul, and lead you captive at his will, unless you give yourself without reserve to Christ.

Christ has purchased all your capabilities and talents. Why not give Him

that which is His own? Your intellect is God’s property, made to be used for His service and glory. Your affections belong to God, and He demands them as His right. Give Him your talents, your best and sharpest thoughts; for they are the purchase of His own blood. He has intrusted them to you as His children. Give all back to Him. Seek in earnest prayer for His blessing upon them, and surrender to Him husband, wife, children, and your all. Dedicate yourself to His service in a precious offering; and as you give all to Jesus, your heaven will begin upon earth; for as long as you keep all on the altar, Christ is yours, heaven is yours, eternal life is yours. All things are yours, and ye are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s. Surely the God of heaven could give no greater proof that He longs for your salvation than the proof He has given in the gift of His only-begotten Son.

The free gift of grace is yours; will you by faith accept it? Your surrender to God must be as free and complete as has the offering of Christ been free

and complete for you. Then you will be accepted of God in every work you do, in every prayer you offer. Hesitate no longer. “How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him.” In the face of present and acknowledged duty, make no delay to meet the demand of God; for if you do, the light you have will become darkness. The mind and judgment will become perverted; for when precious opportunities are neglected, blessings unappreciated and unimproved, all good purposes become weakened, and there is less strength to resist temptation to commit presumptuous sins. The ties of worldly influence are subtle and strong, and can be severed only through the power of the grace of Christ. Make it your purpose to break away from every influence and habit, to give up every practice that weakens spirituality, and sunder every tie that binds you to Satanic agencies.

Christ says: “Follow me;” “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” “He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

The word of God should be your study, and if your heart is susceptible to the influence of the truth, you will find in the Bible, instruction that will be a sure guide to your soul from darkness to light, from unbelief to faith. “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and will be a Father

unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

The more our faith fastens and holds to Christ, the more peace we shall have. Faith grows by exercise, and God’s rule is one day at a time. Day by day we are to go on, doing the work for each day, conscious that we are working in the sight of angels, cherubim, and seraphim, in the sight of God and of Jesus Christ. Ye are a spectacle unto the world, to angels, and to men. We should pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” As our day is, so our strength will be. We are to be constantly looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and if we live thus in dependence upon him, the Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance all things whatsoever He has spoken unto us, and will sanctify every faculty, and keep us reminded of our daily and hourly dependence upon our Heavenly Father’s care, wisdom, love and guardianship. When we are thus minded, we have the spirit of a little child, the spirit that Jesus said His followers must possess in order to enter His kingdom. As a little child we are to trust in our Heavenly Father. When this is our spirit, we can more easily discern the temptations of Satan; for we are constantly drawing nigh to God. The feeling of self-sufficiency, that works the ruin of so many souls, has no atmosphere in which to flourish.

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” This precious promise is from One who means every word He speaks. Then why are we fearful, distrustful, unbelieving? Let us go on, doing our duty with an eye single to His glory, filling up our time, working out God’s plan as in the sight of an invisible world. ①

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Media and Technology Center: A First Step Into a New Era

Linden Hislop, principal of Greater New York Conference's Brooklyn school, was driven by a great desire to offer his students the best and nothing less. While others saw possible storage space, he saw a space for students to engage and challenge their learning ability with cutting-edge technology. What was once a forgotten, shabby room with crumbling walls, deteriorating floors, and exposed insulation is now a newly renovated Media and Technology Center. The space now boasts print media, an interactive smart board, computers, a whiteboard, multiple iPads, a television, and much more.

The school recently dedicated the Media and Technology Center with a grand celebration to

witness this giant leap into the future. Among those present at the dedication were Greater New York Conference representatives Henry Beras, president; Ysaias Javier, treasurer; Lloyd Scharffenberg, corporation secretary; and Marlene Romeo, superintendent of schools; also Brooklyn school representatives Principal Hislop, Sonia Barrett, vice principal; and Locksley Dyce, school board chairman. Other attendees included Eddy Benoit, Brooklyn church pastor; teachers, students, New York Police Department representatives, Parent Teacher Association members, and the school board.

As they walked the school halls together, a



Standing in the newly-renovated Media and Technology Center are, from left, Linden Hislop, Brooklyn school principal; and teachers: Nardlie Denard, Dacia Dixon, Christine Honore, Esther King, Gercine Straker, Teisha Richards, Sonia Barrett, Jacques Docteur, and Mark Gordon.

contagious feeling of pride and purpose was in the atmosphere. Eighth-grader Kenson Fenolon is the class vice president, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and a proud member of the principal's list at the time of the dedication.

He felt that the newly renovated space was "a first step into a new era."

The room, at best, should have been a storage room or an office space, but the leadership of the school saw something else—something greater. In response to the inquiry about why the school should create such a space, Hislop said, "The demographic of the church has changed. We now have a church that is filled with professionals who expect more for their children and are not afraid to pursue what they perceive to be the best. Gone are the days when many members supported our school system simply because it was an Adventist school." He added, "Public schools have stepped up their game, charter schools are pushing the educational envelope, so why are we standing still, or appearing to stand still? We excel at church planting and property acquisition, but where does our education system fit into this? Our children are a heritage and deserve the best."



On hand for the dedication of the newly-renovated Media and Technology Center are, from left, Officer Michael Joseph, New York Police Department; Lloyd Scharffenberg, Greater New York Conference Corporation secretary; Albert Hutchinson, Brooklyn church first elder; Eddy Benoit, Brooklyn church pastor; Marlene Romeo, Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools; Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference president; Linden Hislop, Brooklyn school principal; Locksley Dyce, Brooklyn school board chairman; Ysaias Javier, Greater New York Conference treasurer; and Rawle Hensford, parent.

Romeo sees the newly renovated space as “an excellent opportunity to expand the boundaries of Christ-centered education, challenge the creative potential

Junior Honor Society, an honor roll student, and the Student Council president, Hensford saw the renovation as “a big change” for her school and one “that will

can “use their programming proficiencies to advance the scope of knowledge and learning,” and are “able to compete in the work environment at the highest level.”

beings]. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers”—EDUCATION, p. 13.

It is a pursuit that has caught the attention of many and has engendered support, both locally and internationally. In his remarks at the dedication, Beras, shared his affirmation for the school administration and staff and assured them and the students of the conference’s continued support.

As the Brooklyn school steps into this new era, it is fair to say that they are confidently blazing a new trail of success and opportunities.

—Clavour Tucker, communication director, Greater New York Conference

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of each student, and put on display the great possibilities of Adventist education.” Seventh-grader Haniah Hensford has been a proud Brooklyn student since pre-K and had the opportunity to appreciate this milestone. A member of the National

expand the learning opportunities and welcome many more students.”

Principal Hislop further envisions a more excellent technology-invested program specially geared toward robotics, where “students are skilled in programming.”

The Brooklyn school is an institution in pursuit of true education, which, according to Ellen White, “means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. . . . It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to [human

Morris Park Church Hosts Bible Mentorship Summer Camp Program

A group of young Adventists at Morris Park church came together in 2020 to create the “Youth Discipleship Mission: Bible Mentorship Program.” As vast changes in society and the world were taking place, they saw a need to be intentionally impactful with the young people in their church through remote mentoring.

Their mission is for their communities to “Grow spiritually, to motivate the youth to evangelize, to share the everlasting gospel, to have a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through discipling, and becoming the . . . church of tomorrow.”

They had the opportunity to expand the program into a free, in-person summer day



Morris Park church hosts “Youth Discipleship Mission: Bible Mentorship Program” as a free summer day camp.

camp serving 36 children. In 2020, the camp remained under COVID-19 restrictions.

This year the free summer day camp program runs from July 5 to August 18. The theme, “The Faithful

Walker,” is based on the story of Enoch. Campers will have daily activities, starting with morning worship, then recreation, art, singing, field trips, academic enrichment, and much more.

The camp is run solely on donations, because they firmly believe that Adventist learning and fun should be affordable for all types of communities, including the low-income community. They aim to continue and expand the program by welcoming more campers, parents, and community members.

To learn more about the Youth Discipleship Mission: Bible Mentorship Program at Morris Park church, contact Josalynn Clark, founder/director and Hadassah Clark, co-founder/secretary at biblementorshipprogram@gmail.com.

—Tainine A. Smith, Youth Discipleship Mission: Bible Mentorship Program staff member, Morris Park church

A “Salvation Station” Brings Hope to Albion, New York

The closest local Adventist church to the town of Albion, New York, is Sandy Creek church in Holley, which is located about 12 miles east of Albion. With no Adventist presence in the little town of some 6,000 inhabitants, the Lord provided a way to communicate information about the kingdom of God.

A wise individual (who chooses to remain anonymous) offered to help the Sandy Creek church spread the gospel in Albion by purchasing an old building strategically located in the heart of town. Now renamed the Salvation Station, the church members serve food and water and distribute evangelistic materials to the community.

The church first used the building on February 19. Volunteers welcome shoppers, pedestrians, and neighbors passing by the Salvation Station to come and enjoy the tented



This is how Salvation Station looked before it was used to serve food, water, and distribute evangelistic literature to people in the community.

area with a grill ready with food to serve. Sandy Creek church members and volunteers from other churches in the area have been using the Salvation Station to bless dozens of people with cooked food and the message of salvation, and some even ask for prayer.

The most important part of this project is that it fulfills people’s needs and

connects them with the Lord. Volunteers also offer a special bag containing a Bible, a book, a health magazine, and a Bible-study guide. The Salvation Station is open every other week to share information about the gospel and show love through the gospel in action to the Albion community.

Sandy Creek church is also involved in developing

strategies for outreach in the communities of Holley, Brockport, and Kendall. In addition, they continue to conduct outreach in the city of Rochester once a quarter.

The church also engages in door-to-door evangelism combined with the work at the Salvation Station. Sandy Creek pastor Reynolds Rodriguez, and volunteer Adventist Community Services coordinator Lee Requa, have been involved in the planning and development of these activities and are also working with the pastor of the Hamlin Lutheran church, Chris Bode, and some of his members. Soon, many others from non-Adventist churches in the area will be joining the Sandy Creek church to work in the community.

—Communication team, Sandy Creek church

New Solar Farm on Union Springs Academy Campus

After two and a half years of meetings, prayers, and legal wrangling, approximately 50 acres of land at Union Springs Academy (USA) are now set aside as a solar farm. USA, owned and operated by the New York Conference, traditionally leased the land for agricultural purposes, with steady but modest revenue. “This land lease

represents a step into the 21st century in terms of being part of alternative energy creation in New York State and also bringing in more revenue to support the work of the academy and the conference,” the school posted on its Facebook page.

—Development Office, Union Springs Academy



Fifty acres of land at Union Springs Academy is now used as a solar farm.

Randolph Church Members Reconnect

The Randolph church family in Randolph, New York, recognized that people may be feeling socially starved after more than two years in a worldwide pandemic. As a result, on the evening of February 12, more than 60 people from the Jamestown-Randolph district enjoyed a Valentines-themed banquet joined by members, relatives, and friends from the area.

Several weeks of preparation went into planning the event. Ellsworth Textor and Guenther Ghent, both accomplished musicians, provided background music as diners feasted in a beautifully decorated dining hall. Penny Adams, church social director, played a key role in coordinating the event. Members from the Randolph and Jamestown churches, as well as Johann Perades, the church's pastor, and his wife, Brenda, all provided support and were instrumental in making the evening a success.

The primary purpose of the event was not confined to the social blessing it provided but, instead, to reconnect with missing members, build bridges, and forge friendships with persons



Members and friends reconnect with each other after months of being apart due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Background music is supplied as members dine and connect with one another.

outside the church circle. The Randolph church saw the Lord's blessing upon the event and were very grateful.

—Paul Gebhard, first elder,
Randolph church



Members from the Jamestown-Randolph district are treated to a banquet-style meal as they fellowship together.

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Oratorical Contest Winner Holds Audience in Awe

Breana Sinkfield, an eighth-grader from the Westchester Area school in New Rochelle, New York, accepted the challenge to present from memory a speech given by a prominent public figure during the Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc., annual Oratorical Contest on March 12. The contest was held at the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York. The applicant invitation was extended to prospective Northeastern Academy ninth-grade students from the R.T. Hudson school, Westchester Area school, and Oakview Preparatory school.

Sinkfield selected a speech given in 2013 at the United Nations by Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist. Sinkfield was the single orator. She held the audience in awe as she eloquently and passionately delivered Yousafzai's words regarding the right to live in peace, be treated with dignity, the right to equality of opportunity, and the right to be educated. Sinkfield concluded by emphasizing the importance of education as the most important tool to combat injustice and ignorance across the globe.



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Sinkfield received prolonged applause for her outstanding presentation. Her principal, Nadine Elysee, was in attendance and has provided Sinkfield support and encouragement to continue pursuing her God-given gift of oratory.

For her hard work and participation, Erika Herndon-Parris, the Oratorical Contest coordinator, presented Sinkfield with a Certificate of

Leadership, a book titled *SPEECHES*, and a check for \$150. The Foundation was established in 2011 to preserve the legacy of Pastor Herndon, who faithfully served for 40 years as the beloved Bible teacher at Northeastern Academy. Student leadership development is supported through the annual contest.

—Communication team, Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc.

Brooklyn South Staten Island AYM Federation Fosters Relationships

The youth and the young at heart of the Brooklyn South Staten Island Adventist Youth Ministries Federation expressed excitement as they prepared to participate in Global Youth Day com-

passion initiatives on March 19, under the theme “Loving the Forgotten.” The youth worked tirelessly planning and promoting their projects within their local churches to further meet the needs of their local communities.

The Flatbush church youth took on “Project Forgotten Remembered.” They made handwritten cards with heartfelt messages and included a bottle of Martinelli’s sparkling cider as a gift. The youth reminded members of their church who have been away that they are missed and are still part of the Flatbush family. The youth spent some quality time praying with them and reading the cards together to help lift the spirits of those they visited.



Global Youth Day activities at Goshen church includes a compassion fair with several stations set up outside of the church.



Flatbush church youth prepare bags to distribute as part of “Project Forgotten Remembered.”



At a prayer station set up outside of Goshen church, a Master Guide prays with someone from the community.

Goshen Temple church youth initiated “Project Compassion Fair.” They set up several stations outside the church. At one station, they served fruits and water, at another, they conducted medical missionary demonstrations and distributed literature, and, at another, they provided a prayer station and commu-

nity members took Bible quizzes and were awarded metro cards.

Mamre church youth hosted “Project Global Youth Day.” The youth collected donations and used the proceeds to contribute clothing, baby food, diapers, and toiletries to three homeless shelters within the area. The youth also prayed with community members upon request, both in the surrounding areas of the shelters, as well as on the outskirts of the church.

The youth of Emmaus church, whose project was “Community Alliance Circular,” included getting to know the people of Flatbush in a unique way. This effort, however, was rescheduled for a later date. They will be working closely with businesses within the area and allowing them to advertise in the community.

The Brooklyn Faith youth chose “Project Brownsville Shelter.” Youth of all ages created 66 care packages that contained hygiene products, such as hand sanitizer, personal, dental, and hair care products; first aid kits; and children’s literature to donate to a local shelter.

Youth of New Life church chose “Project Metro Card Distribution.” They



Flatbush church youth make handwritten cards to give to members who have been away from the church.

filled 200-300 gift bags with two ride metro cards, hand sanitizer, and motivational Bible verse cards and resource cards and distributed them at several train stations and bus stops.

The Brooklyn South Staten Island Adventist Youth Federation will continue to foster these relationships, and they have pledged to promote ongoing endeavors throughout the year as they continue to build their communities with the love of Christ as their focus.

—Tamon S. Charles, member, Brooklyn South Staten Island Adventist Youth Federation

Kingsboro Temple Youth Brighten the Seniors’ Day

The Kingsboro Temple church Falcons Adventurer and Sharks Pathfinder clubs went on a mission to brighten the day of seniors in the community. Global Youth Day, recognized on March 19 this year under the theme, “Loving the Forgotten,” provided an opportunity for the clubs to spread the love of God through an act of kindness.

After brainstorming, Sarah-Marie Brown, the church’s Pathfinder club director, and her staff, decided to create care baskets for seniors. They shared the idea with the Adventurer club team and other clubs in the Brooklyn North area. The care baskets not only served as a kind



Kingsboro Temple church Falcons Adventurer and Sharks Pathfinder clubs prepare to go on a mission to brighten the day of seniors in the community.

gesture but showed the recipients that they were loved, thought about, and valued.

The pandemic caused persons of all ages to feel isolated and detached from their communities of faith. After suspending in-person

services and activities, communities of faith are opening their doors again. Some members are slowly making their way back to their church buildings, while others are not, for various reasons.

Acts of kindness are a great way to remind others that regardless of the condition of this world and how challenging life can be, the church’s youth continue to do God’s work. They gave the youth instructions, and they understood the assignment. Matthew 5:16 (NIV) says, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” This project was not only a good deed but an opportunity to glorify God while reminding seniors that they are loved and not forgotten.

—Falcons Adventurer Club and Sharks Pathfinder Club staff, Kingsboro Temple church

Woodstock Church Shares Boxes Filled with Love

On the third Tuesday of every month, a stream of cars line up along the road to the Woodstock church in Bryant Pond, Maine. After morning prayer, volunteers, ready with the will to serve, go to their stations. At 10:00 a.m., the church doors and car doors are opened, and the service begins. Through an organized system of distribution, every community family and need are acknowledged. “It’s a great and touching experience getting to talk with each family and knowing that we can contribute to their needs. Despite standing in Maine’s cold weather, I enjoyed serving others,” said Jordann Brown, one of the student volunteers.

Every month, volunteers welcome new and familiar faces. Each vehicle is then loaded according to the size of their family, with packaged and canned foods, fresh vegetables, tasty pastries, and more. Along with providing for

the physical needs of others, the Woodstock church strives to provide a positive interaction with each recipient. The volunteers at this food pantry take time to supply the needs of others and to make a connection with the families that stop by. Gratitude and kindness are evident in these interactions. As a box full of food and essentials is given, a story is received, and a burden is lifted.

The church’s volunteers from the food pantry receive shipments of food bimonthly, and they spend hours unpacking, sorting, and distributing these food items. The tasks may take a long time, but the helpers would say that the thankful smiles they are met with are worth all the hard work.

Rick Wing, a retired electrician, is one of the food pantry’s community volunteers who helps about three times each week. He does a little of everything, such as dropping off food and managing the cardboard



Many helpers make the food pantry ministry successful.

boxes of packaged and canned goods. “It takes a lot of good people,” Wing said, “and we make about 100 food boxes each month. The process can be chaotic since we don’t always know what food items will be arriving, but it always comes together on distribution day. With everyone helping, this food pantry can continue functioning. I’m proud to be a part of what goes on here.”

Not only are the families getting boxes of food and necessities for themselves,

but for their neighbors and friends as well. It is great that others are thinking about friends who cannot come for themselves.

With God directing the Woodstock church food pantry team, led by Phil Merrill, they have continued to strategically manage their way through the obstacles of the Coronavirus. “It’s a lot of hard work, but it pays off when you see someone come with a frown on their face, get food, and when they leave, they’re smiling



Phil Merrill, food pantry team leader, helps the team strategically manage the food pantry ministry.



Linda Dayen and Jordann Brown greet the occupants of the cars that line up to receive food and other supplies.

and happy,” explains Riley, a student volunteer.

As Proverbs 19:17 (ESV) says, “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the

Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.” The church is grateful for the generous donations by many local members, the Good

Shepherd Food Bank, and the volunteers who continue to make the food pantry ministry a success.

—Julia and Jordann Brown, Kathryn Callender, and Joy Huston, ninth and tenth graders, Forestdale Christian School

Pine Tree Academy: Going for the Real Gold

Athletics and Adventism work together at Pine Tree Academy (PTA) to minister to students, community basketball teams, fans, and officials. The PTA Breakers’ Varsity girls’ and boys’ basketball teams played Seacoast Christian School and Islesboro School on Monday, February 21. The PTA boys’ team advanced to the next round and played the Valley High School team on Wednesday.

PTA has a long-standing relationship with the Maine Principals Association (MPA), which hosts the state sports tournaments. This relationship began when Dennis Campbell, previous pastor, worked with the MPA in the early 1990s. Framed in the PTA hallway is a news article from 2005 outlining the Sabbath beliefs of PTA and describing how the MPA accommodated the No. 1 seeded PTA boys’ team, allowing them to play on an alternate day other than on Sabbath. Even to this day, when the Breakers were scheduled to play in the first round of the state tournament on a Saturday, the game was moved to allow the school to participate.

The ministry of PTA athletics extends far deeper



The Pine Tree Academy Varsity girls’ basketball team is in action on the court.

than Sabbath observance for tournament competition. PTA currently offers coordinated athletics for grades 1-12. One or more dedicated volunteers coach each level. These leaders commit to ensuring that healthy competition is taught with a focus on personal and team growth and an emphasis on Christlike sportsmanship.

For academy students, this comes into practice through competition within the state league. At this level, the students and coaches demonstrate to the opposing teams (many being public schools) and fans how competition can be infused with Christ’s love. Josh Dayen,

the varsity girls’ head coach and PTA athletic director, testifies that numerous athletic directors, coaches, and other players have commented on how much they enjoy playing with Pine Tree. Coach Dayen explained, “Interscholastic sports affords us an incredible opportunity to be character witnesses through our actions on and off the court with a number of public and private schools throughout the state.”

The athletic program at PTA is a valuable avenue for teaching young Adventists how to demonstrate and practice Christlike love through difficulty and opposition. In addition,

it highlights the school and the school’s beliefs in the news and community as a demonstration that Sabbath-keepers will stay true to their beliefs and show Christ in all they do, even with a trophy on the line. Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV) tells us, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

—Juliette Dayen, teacher, Pine Tree Academy

Child Protection Training A Priority for SNEC Leadership

Over three days, various groups convened at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, for child protection training March 13-15. The training, sponsored by the Southern New England Conference, was the first major event held at the camp in nearly two years.

Cory Jewell Jensen directs the Center for Behavioral Intervention in Beaverton, Oregon, where she has spent decades interviewing sex offenders. During each day of the training, she took a group through the harsh and ruthless realities of those who would seek to injure our children.

All of the groups received tools to protect the children in their care and learned how to respond should they suspect the unthinkable.



Photos: David Dennis

In the photo above, lay people attend child protection training offered by the Southern New England Conference at Camp Winnekeag on day one, and, in the photo below, teachers attend the training on day two.

Daisy Taruc, a representative from Adventist Risk Management, also took each

group through the policies and philosophy of child protection.

—Facebook page, Southern New England Conference president



OFFICIAL NOTICE

Southern New England Conference Association
Regular Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Constituency Session of the Southern New England Conference Association, a Massachusetts corporation, is called to meet in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561 on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., concurrently with the regular session of the conference.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and a board of trustees, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates of Southern New England Conference Constituency Session will be the delegates for the Southern New England Conference Association.

Lunch will be provided.

David M. Dennis, President
Tom Murray, Secretary

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Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Constituency Session

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the 38th Constituency Session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 11, 2022, in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561. The purpose of this meeting is:

1. To receive reports.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, an Executive Committee, a Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and an Association Board.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the conference.
4. To consider amendments to Set Fund Guidelines.
5. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.
7. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 5, A1 "each Church shall be entitled to select one Delegate for the Church and one additional Delegate for each forty-five (45) members or major fraction thereof, provided that each Church shall be entitled to select not less than two (2) Delegates."

Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in the Village Church of Seventh-day Adventists, 75 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561, for the purpose of appointing members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 8A "each Church shall select, from its Delegates, one (1) representative for the Church, and one (1) additional representative for each five hundred (500) members of that Church or major fraction thereof."

Lunch will be provided.

David M. Dennis, President
Cesar Perozo, Secretary

2022 ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE Summer Camp Schedule



Check with your local conference Youth Ministries department for the most up-to-date information about the status of summer camp in each territory.

CAMP CHEROKEE

For more information, call the New York Conference Youth Ministries Department at (315) 469-6921, or visit www.campcherokeeadk.com.

- Teen Camp July 3-10
- Junior Tween Camp July 10-17
- Adventure Camp July 17-24
- Family Camp 1 July 31-August 7
- Family Camp 2 August 7-14
- Home School Camp/Family Camp 3 August 21-26

CAMP VICTORY LAKE

For more information, call Camp Victory Lake at (845) 229-8851, or visit www.campvictorylakenc.com.

- Week 1 July 10-16
- Week 2 July 17-23
- Week 3 July 24-30
- Week 4 July 31-August 7
- Full Session July 10-August 7

CAMP LAWROWELD

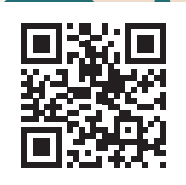
For more information call, the Northern New England Conference Youth Ministries Department at (207) 797-3760, or visit www.camplawroweld.org.

- Blind Camp July 3-10
- Junior Camp July 10-17
- Teen Camp July 17-24
- Family Camp I July 24-31
- Family Camp II July 31-August 7

CAMP WINNEKEAG

For more information, call the Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries Department at (978) 365-4551, or visit www.campwinnekeag.com.

- Adventurer Camp June 26-July 2
- Junior Camp July 3-9
- Tween Camp July 10-16
- Teen Camp July 17-23
- Family Camp 1 July 24-30
- Family Camp 2 July 31-August 6



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Atlantic Union Conference Camp Meeting Information

Bermuda Conference

Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex
234 Middle Rd., Southampton, Bermuda

Website: bermudaadventist.org

Phone: (441) 292-4110

Theme: *Living By Faith*

June 24-July 2

Greater New York Conference

Camp Berkshire
680-1 Berkshire Rd., Wingdale, NY
All meetings are at Camp Berkshire except where noted

Website: gnyc.org

Phone: (516) 627-9350

Theme: *I Will Go, Send Me*

Korean: May 13-15

Luso Brazilian: May 27-30

English: June 25

Urban: July 2 (Manhattan Church, 232 W. 11th St., New York, NY)

Hispanic: July 9-July 16

Haitian: July 17-23

United (All Ministries): September 10

New York Conference

Union Springs Academy
40 Spring St., Union Springs, NY
Website: nyconf.org/camp-meeting

Phone: (315) 469-6921

Theme: *The Holy Spirit*

June 24-July 2

Northeastern Conference

Camp Victory Lake
277 Crum Elbow Rd., Hyde Park, NY

Website: northeastern.org

Phone: (718) 291-8006

Theme: *We Will Go!*

English: June 25 and July 2

Ordination: July 2 (afternoon)

Northern New England Conference

Pine Tree Academy
67 Pownal Rd., Freeport, ME

Website: nnec.org/camp-meeting

Phone: (207) 797-3760

Theme: *Discipleship — Transform the World*

July 1-9

English, Hispanic, young adult, and children of all ages

Southern New England Conference

Southern New England Conference Campground
34 Sawyer St., South Lancaster, MA

Website: sneconline.org/ministries/camp-meeting

Phone: (978) 365-4551

Portuguese: June 25

Hispanic: July 1-3

English: July 8-16

Haitian: July 15-23

Cabo Verde: July 29, 30

For the most up-to-date information on camp meeting around the Atlantic Union, visit the conference's website or contact the conference office directly.



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Camp Meeting History and Continued Relevance

The phrase “camp meeting” brings up many varied memories in the minds of Adventists, both young and old. Still, the event we now come to look forward to each summer was a hot-button issue in the denomination’s early days, with some who were even apprehensive of the idea. Leaders convening at the Sixth General Conference Session held May 12-18, 1868, deliberated about the notion of camp meetings. They eventually resolved to make them annual events—but the membership still needed convincing.

James White strongly supported the concept of camp meetings. He wrote an article about its benefits for *THE REVIEW AND HERALD* later that summer and compared camp meetings

to the Feast of Tabernacles observed by the ancient Israelites. He wrote, “If such a convocation be good for Jews, why not as profitable for Christians?”—“Convocations,” *THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, July 14, 1868, p. 8.

Millerites were also known for holding “giant camp meetings,” including 30 of them in four months and more than 124 between 1842 and 1843 (“Workshops for Spiritual Revival,” *THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, May 30, 1868, p. 3). James White mentioned these Millerite gatherings in his article. He called them “one of the grandest means of disseminating light relative to the Advent hope and faith.” He also credited them with imparting “life and strength to the great Advent movement.”

The first Adventist camp meeting took place September 1-7, 1868, on the farm of E. H. Root in Wright, Michigan. It was

a great success, with 300 to 2,000 attending. “Many came to the place as a last resort, feeling that if they got no help there, they must give up in despair. But help came; and they went home strengthened, encouraged, and determined to make a business of serving the Lord. . . . Early on the morning of the 8th, we left, with a feeling of reluctance, the consecrated spot which had for a week been vocal with prayer and songs of praise, where all had been blessed, and many had given their hearts to God”—“The Camp-Meeting at Wright,” *THE REVIEW AND HERALD*, September 15, 1868, p. 4. Camp meetings quickly caught on, and just eight years later, Ellen White wrote of speaking at a gathering in Groveland, Massachusetts, with an

estimated 20,000 in attendance. She described “the sea of human heads” as “the most solemn sight I ever beheld”—“Incidents at Groveland, Mass.,” *THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES*, September 14, 1876.

“The camp meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective

methods of arresting the attention of the people and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation”—*TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH*, vol. 6, p. 31). Almost 154 years later, camp meeting continues to be a place where we may bask in the warmth of fellowship with like-minded believers, receive spiritual strength and encouragement, and renew our faith in God’s Word.

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



Pictured are attendees at the Elmira, New York, camp meeting in 1891. [Photo Courtesy of the Center for Adventist Research Image Database.]

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BRYCE, Harris Z.—71; b. Apr. 4, 1950, in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica; d. Oct. 21, 2021, in Queens, New York. He was a

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member of the Lebanon church in Laurelton, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Joy Bryce of Queens, N.Y.; sons, Christopher Bryce and Jaime Bryce; daughters, Christine Bryce and Cadena Bryce; mother, Urcelyn Peddie; sisters, Sandra Bryce and Lillete Bryce; brother, Richard Peddie; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

ECKSON, Erwin—88; b. May 9, 1933, in Groton, Conn.; d. Mar. 1, 2022, in Togus, Maine. He was a member of the Ellsworth church in Ellsworth, Maine. He served as head deacon for many years in Vermont. He spent hours building the old school building and the new church in Berlin, Vt. He spent 14 years leading out in the restoration of the Bordoville church in Vt., built in 1864. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Virginia Eckson of Ellsworth, Maine; brother, Harry Eckson of Pittsford, Vt.; daughters, Joanne (Michael) Stango and Lynelle (Harvard) Jordan; grandchildren, Daniel Vidal of Portland, Ore., and Erin Mootrey of Ellsworth, Maine.

FOOTE, John B.—71; b. Aug. 25, 1950, in Canton, N.Y.; d. Aug. 27, 2021, in Union Springs, N.Y. He graduated from Union Springs Academy in 1968 and Atlantic Union College in 1975. He served at Newbury Park Academy in Newbury Park, Calif; Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, N.Y.; and Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Teri Foote of College Place, Wash.; son, Joseph Foote of Syracuse,

N.Y., daughter, Amy (Max) Main of Union Springs, N.Y.; mother, Ethel Foote; four brothers, Jim (Rhonda) Foote, Benny Foote, Carl (Kerry-Jo) Foote of Canton, N.Y.; and Daniel Foote of Cleveland, N.Y.; sister, Joan (Steve) Fischer of Canton N.Y.; mother-in-law, Jeanette Andrews, brothers-in-law, Eugene (Eleanor) Andrews, Tim Andrews, Fred (Lorrie) Andrews, George Andrews, and Richard Dana; and his sister-in-law, Kathy (Mac) Nudd.

TAYLOR, Leonard R.—98; b. Aug. 8, 1923, Pottersville, N.Y.; d. Jan. 1, 2022, in Colledgeale, Tenn. He was a member of the Kingsbury church in Kingsbury, N.Y., where he served as a deacon, social director, and ingathering director. He was previously a member of the Glens Falls church in Glens Falls, N.Y. He was also a member of the New York Conference Executive Committee for 12 years. He was a volunteer at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, N.Y., and at historic Adventist sites in upstate New York. He served as general contractor in New York to build Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools in Utica, Syracuse, and Kingsbury; and Seventh-day Adventist churches in Binghamton and Rome. He built the broom shop at Union Springs Academy after the previous one burned down. He is survived by a son, Gary L. (Greta) Taylor of Merrill, Maine; and a daughter, Sylvia Jean Taylor (Gregg) Davis of Ooltewah, Tenn.; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

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	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
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Portland, ME	8:18	8:22	8:25	8:26
Boston, MA	8:16	8:21	8:23	8:25
South Lancaster, MA	8:19	8:23	8:26	8:27
Pittsfield, MA	8:25	8:30	8:32	8:34
Hartford, CT	8:21	8:25	8:28	8:29
Providence, RI	8:16	8:20	8:23	8:24
New York, NY	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:31
Albany, NY	8:28	8:32	8:35	8:37
Utica, NY	8:36	8:40	8:43	8:44
Syracuse, NY	8:39	8:43	8:46	8:48
Rochester, NY	8:45	8:50	8:53	8:54
Buffalo, NY	8:49	8:53	8:56	8:57
Keene, NH	8:23	8:27	8:30	8:32
Manchester, NH	8:20	8:24	8:27	8:29
Portsmouth, NH	8:18	8:22	8:25	8:26
Brattleboro, VT	8:24	8:28	8:31	8:32
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Hamilton, Bda	8:22	8:26	8:28	8:29

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