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He Holds **You!**

Often, fire in the Bible is seen as a consuming force but, in reality, fire is used in many forms and for different reasons. Research has shown that fire was used in the normal sense for such purposes as cooking (Exodus 12:8; John 21:9), providing warmth (Isaiah 44:16; Luke 22:55) and refining metals (Exodus 32:24; Jeremiah 6:29), but also for destroying such things as idols (Exodus 32:20; Deuteronomy 7:5, 25), chariots (Joshua 11:6, 9), cities (Joshua 6:24; Judges 18:27), and the culprits in two cases of sexual breach (Leviticus 20:14; 21:9). It also played an important part of the worship services in the tabernacle and temple where the altar of incense and altar of burnt offering constantly required it. The fire on the latter having been started by God (Leviticus 9:24; 2 Chronicles 7:1-3), was kept burning continuously (Leviticus 6:13) and was special; hence, offerings by means of “strange fire” were not acceptable (Leviticus 10:1; Numbers 3:4; 26:61).

However, fire used to refine metals always gets my attention. Malachi 3:3 (NKJV) says: “He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver.” This verse reminds me of a popular illustration from an unknown author that I read some time ago about some women in a Bible study who wondered how this scripture reflected the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to further investigate the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

The woman contacted a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. While there, she curiously observed as he held a piece of silver over the fire for the silver to become heated. The silversmith explained that in refining silver, it was

most effective to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where it is hottest and allow the flames to consume all the impurities.

The woman thought about how God “sits as a refiner and a purifier of silver” and sometimes holds us in “hot spots.” She asked the silversmith if he, in fact, had to sit there in front of the fire for the entire time the silver was being refined. The man answered, “Yes.” He explained that while sitting there holding the silver in the flame, he had to keep careful watch during the entire process—never taking his eyes off it—because if the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment, then asked, “How do you know when the silver is fully refined?” He smiled at her and answered, “Oh, that’s easy! It is fully refined when I see my image in it.” You might be feeling the “heat” from financial difficulty, social pressure, stress, mortgage deadline, declining health, or divorce. Remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

One last verse: 1 Peter 1:6, 7 (ESV), says, “ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” Let your tests become your testimonies of the way God holds you each minute of your life. ①

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We Should Praise God Now



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It is the absence of the graces of God's Spirit that leaves the home in a dark, unhappy condition. Your home should be a blessed sanctuary where God can come in, and where His holy angels can minister unto you. If impatience and unkindness are manifested one to another, angels cannot be attracted to your home; but where love and peace abide, these heavenly ones love to come and bring still more of the holy influence of the home above.

Scarcely any of us realize that angels are about us; and these precious angels, who minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, are saving

from us many, many temptations and difficulties. The whole family of heaven is interested in the families here below; and how thankful we should be for this interest manifested for us day and night. Words spoken in our homes which are impatient and unkind, angels hear; and do you want to find in the books of heaven a record of the impatient and passionate words you have uttered in your family? Impatience brings the enemy of God and man into your family, and drives out the angels of God. If you are abiding in Christ, and Christ in you, you cannot speak angry words. Fathers and mothers, I beseech you,

for Christ's sake, to be kind, tender, and patient in your homes. Then light and sunshine will enter your homes, and you will feel that bright beams from the Sun of Righteousness are indeed shining into your hearts.

You should never separate Christ from your life and family, and close the doors against him by un-Christlike words and actions. There are those who profess the truth who neglect family prayer. But how can you venture to go to your labor without committing the care of your souls to your Heavenly Father? You should show that you trust in him. You should consecrate your families to God before you leave your homes. Every prayer that you offer up to God in faith, will surely be respected and answered by your Heavenly Father. When Abraham was told to go out into a place which he knew not, wherever he pitched his tent he built an altar, and offered up his prayer morning and evening; and the Lord said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." This is the very work that should be done in every family, but it is strangely neglected. We want to live as in the sight of God in this world. It is of the greatest importance that we constantly make preparation here for the future, immortal life. We may have that life that measures with the life of God; if we are faithful, we shall have an immortal inheritance, an eternal substance; we shall see the King in His beauty; we shall behold the matchless charms of our blessed Saviour.

We should feel the importance of educating and training our children, that they shall seek and appreciate eternal life. Their will must be brought into subjection to the will of God, and they must seek constantly to repress everything that is evil in their natures. If fathers and mothers want

their children to be Christlike in disposition, they must set them the example. Your every act should be one to fit yourself and your children for heaven, and you will have special help in the matter. The Saviour desires your joy to be full, therefore He tells you to abide in Him and He will abide in you. Open the door of your heart, and let in Jesus and the bright rays of His righteousness. He loves us with a love that is inexpressible, and if at any time you begin to fear that you will be lost, that Jesus does not love you, look to Calvary. Do you want a clearer expression of his love than that which the Father has bestowed upon us, in that He has given us in

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His Son? The light shining from the cross of Calvary should make us the happiest people on the earth. Now I ask you, dear brethren and sisters, why should we not love Him? He exclaims, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?" If we had to work out our salvation in our own strength, we might be discouraged, and give up the warfare; but now He says, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." When He has given us such an assurance of His care, should we not respond to it by giving him our confidence? If you have been in the habit of murmuring, complaining, and finding fault, you must cease, for you

are showing the Satanic side of your character. If you neglect your own soul, and begin to find fault and pick flaws in others, you are doing Satan's work. But if you are talking of the love of Jesus, and are trying to bless those around you with your influence, you are a blessing and not a curse, you are bringing yourself into close relationship to Jesus. Every day we are to be gaining the victory. Only one day at a time is given us in which to work. We must exercise living faith in God today; we must believe that God accepts us this day if we come to him in sincerity.

“If you sit in heavenly places with Christ, you cannot refrain from praising God. Begin to educate your tongues to praise Him, and train your hearts to make melody to God.”

You must not be controlled by feeling. You must look away from the things that are seen, to the things that are unseen, trusting and rejoicing in the promises of God. I have thought with what joy the angels would look down from heaven upon us, if we were all praising God, and abiding in Christ. If, indeed, there is joy to the full for the Christian, why should we not possess it, and manifest it to the world? The whole treasure of heaven is opened before you in Christ: why should not every one bring Christ into his life, and represent him to the world?

Our Saviour is coming again, and he wants to find you all ready for his appearing. If you are ready, your eyes will be beholding Jesus and heaven your home. When trials come to depress and discourage you, you must talk faith, not doubt and despondency; you must place your eyes upon heaven and heavenly things. Says Paul, “Our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.” Then let us keep talking of Jesus and His love; let us dwell upon the precious truths which He has intrusted to our keeping; let us show to the world around us that these truths are accomplishing something for us. How can the world tell of the value of the truth which you have received unless they witness the transforming effect on your character? When you have Christ abiding in your hearts by faith, you will bring His righteousness into your life and experience. Satan will say to you, “You cannot be saved; you are a sinner.” Well, tell him that you know you are a sinner, but that Christ came to save sinners. He says, “I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Tell the enemy, “I have laid hold of the righteousness of Christ, and He is my Saviour I have no righteousness of my own, but Christ is my righteousness.” Then you will be justified by faith.

In just a little time, Christ will come in power and great glory, and what a terrible thing it would be if we should not be ready! Let us get ready at once. Separate evil from you, begin to sing the song of praise and rejoicing here below. Do you want to learn the song of praise here, do not let a single word of bitterness or envy or fault-finding escape your lips;

but let your lips be tuned to praise God. There is enough to discourage us everywhere, but we must look to the Author and Finisher of our faith, and by beholding His loveliness and purity become changed into the same image. You can feast your soul on His love; you can know that you are obtaining the victory every day; you can rejoice in the Lord.

I am so sorry for my Master, because He hears so little praise, so little thankfulness, for the love that He has bestowed upon us. Angels in heaven are praising God all the time, and here are mortals for whom Christ left the heavenly home, and suffered mockery, insult, and death, that He might lift us up to sit in heavenly places, and they offer no song of praise.

If you sit in heavenly places with Christ, you cannot refrain from praising God. Begin to educate your tongues to praise Him, and train your hearts to make melody to God; and when the evil one begins to settle his gloom about you, sing praise to God. When things go crossways at your homes, strike up a song about the matchless charms of the Son of God, and I tell you, when you touch this strain, Satan will leave you. You can drive out the enemy with his gloom; his dark shadow will be swept from your pathway by praising God, and you can see, O, so much clearer, the love and compassion of your Heavenly Father. It is Satan's studied effort to eclipse the light of the Sun of Righteousness so that you cannot see it. Your mind should be uplifted to God; you should have praise meetings in your family and in the church. Do not tell a dismal story at any time or in any place. Let the whole world look upon you, and say, "These are people who love God; for we can see his image reflected in them."

Now, brethren and sisters, may the grace of God and His blessing come into



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your hearts. God does not want you to gather to your souls every little trial and difficulty, and talk of them until you become discouraged, and changed into a cloud of gloom and discouragement. Uplift your soul into the pure, heavenly atmosphere; get out of the moral miasma of this low earthliness; let the soul open to the love of God.

Be of good courage, brethren and sisters; Jesus lives! He is your Saviour; He wants to save every one of you; He wants to place a crown of glory upon every brow. Let us act before the world as God's peculiar people, showing forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

O what a time of rejoicing there will be in heaven when we get out of the perplexities of this life! With gladness we shall cast our crowns at the Saviour's feet. We shall touch the golden harps, and fill all heaven with the richest harmony. Let us touch the harps here, and let our lips glorify God. ①

Excerpt by Ellen G. White, author and co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. THE REVIEW AND HERALD, August 5, 1890. Reprinted with permission.

Signs of the Times Are Everywhere

As you pass the Warwick gas station on Middle Road in Southampton heading west, you see white and blue flags flying and tents on the T.N. Tatem's school field. Some people think a circus is coming to Bermuda, but this is not the case.

The week of July 4, was preparation week for the start of the "Signs of the Times" evangelistic series. Excitement was in the air! Bermuda Conference pastors had not conducted an open-air tent meeting since 2006.

The series was the brainchild of W. DeJaun Tull, Southampton church pastor and Bermuda Conference executive secretary. In conjunction with Hamilton church, Tull and other departmental leaders and board members planned well in advance for this event. The church advertised via television, radio, social media, and flyers. Plans soon came to fruition with the surprise monetary blessing from the Atlantic Union Conference.

The series began on Friday night, July 8, with a Communion service for the Southampton church



W. DeJaun Tull, Southampton church pastor and Bermuda Conference executive secretary, preaches at the "Signs of the Times" evangelistic meetings.

members before the official Saturday-night opening. On the following day, the congregation prayed over the space, and Tull anointed the area. The evening services began with a mini-concert by the Inspirational Choir. For two weeks, Tull preached about how Daniel connects with Revelation, how the end-time church will keep the commandments of God and the testimonies of Jesus Christ, and how the end-time church will attempt to change times and laws about the Sabbath.

Simona Mills-Pitcher, chaplain, provided soul-stirring music. Health messages presented by Leonard Gibbons, Bermuda Conference Health Ministries director, covered topics such as prostate cancer, diabetes, dementia, and lung cancer. People who sought Gibbons for help changing their lifestyle gave testimonies about losing weight and feeling better.

During the second week, the Southampton church health ministries team prepared meals, specifically for those participating in the health segment, to taste and then try at home.

The Southampton church set out clothing for the two weeks of meetings each night to meet the community's needs.

While the adults listened to Tull's dynamic preaching, the children were in their tent learning about God through the Amazing Adventure: A Journey for Life With Jesus Bible Guides. The Pathfinders also sold baked goods every night to raise

funds for the International Pathfinder Camporee in 2024. God blessed by giving pleasant weather with lots of cool breezes. Some liked the atmosphere so much that a 15-year-old suggested that the series continue throughout the summer.

This evangelistic series can be likened to a popular children's story, "Hattie and the Fox" by Mem Fox, in which Hattie, the hen, tries to tell all the other farm animals that a wolf is nearby. Unfortunately, the animals don't pay attention until it is too late. Thankfully, the cow comes to the rescue. We must be aware of the signs and what they mean to us. We need to ensure that others know and understand what is happening. Tull was "Hattie," telling us about "the wolf," Satan. God used him to help people see that the time to accept Jesus is now. We can't get distracted by what we see or hear. We need to be ready for the Lord's return.

—Dana Bean, member, Southampton church



The "Signs of the Times" evangelistic series is the first open-air tent meeting held in Bermuda since 2006.

Cup Match is Cricket, Cricket, Cricket

Prophecies ran wild as the 11 churches of the Bermuda Conference gathered at the end of July to witness the first-ever Adventist Cup Match cricket game. Held at the Shelly Bay Field in Hamilton Parish, Team Somerset (in the west) sporting red and blue colors, and Team St. George's (in the east) wearing light blue and navy, met in the spirit of friendship to battle for the Cup. Gerald Simons captained Team St. George's, while Kenneth Manders captained Team Somerset. Would St. George's be the victors, or would Somerset triumph? Time would tell!

Adventist Cup Match was organized by David Steede, II, Bermuda Conference Youth Ministries director and pastor of the Hamilton church. He had planned basketball and football league games for the youth, but when Manders, Bermuda Conference president, suggested he also consider cricket, the idea

of the Adventist Cup Match was birthed.

Cup Match is deeply embedded in the Bermudian spirit and is always played between Somerset Cricket Club and St. George's Cricket Club. It is undoubtedly the biggest and most popular public holiday of the year and is celebrated on the Thursday and Friday closest to August 1. The first day of Cup Match honors Emancipation Day and the abolition of slavery in Bermuda on August 1, 1834. The second day, Mary Prince Day, remembers Mary Prince, a once enslaved Bermudian who became a hero of the abolitionist movement in Britain.

Cricket is played with a bat and ball between two teams of 11 players: batters, bowlers, and wicket-keepers. Two umpires officiate the game. The object is for the bowler to take wickets. He does this if the batsman is bowled, caught, stumped, or run out. (Wickets are three wooden stumps stuck in the ground and spaced so that a



The Adventist Cup Match cricket game in progress, and Somerset is at bat.

cricket ball would not pass through them). While the batting team tries to score runs by running between two sets of wickets at each end of the pitch, the fielding team tries to stop them and record outs. The side that scores more runs wins.

The Adventist Cup Match comprised 30 overs (a set of six legitimate balls delivered by a selected bowler to the on-strike batsman of the opposing team). There were unlimited outs and only one inning per team. St. George's won the toss and sent the Somerset team in to bat first. Somerset got off

to an impressive start with opening batsmen Rohan Simons and Malachi Jones. Their partnership racked up 118 runs before the first wicket fell. Jones retired (gave up his opportunity to bat on), having scored 100. Following this, wickets tumbled quickly. After 30 overs, Somerset had scored 203 runs for the loss of 14 wickets.

St. George's went to bat next, with Gerald Simons, Jr., and Dejon Carey opening their batting. Their partnership, after six overs, produced 74 runs before the first wicket fell. After 24.5 overs, St. George's scored 204 for three wickets lost. A crushing defeat for team Somerset; a glorious win for team St. George's.

Steede congratulated the winning team and described the match as thrilling, refreshing, clean-fun, and wonderful fellowship with friends and family. He thanked the umpires, the players, the commentators, the volunteers, the supporters, and the vendors, which included the Pathfinders fundraising for the International Pathfinder Camporee in August 2024.

—Joi Tyrrell, communication director, Bermuda Conference



The St. George's team are the winners of the Adventist Cup Match cricket game.

Photos: Ricardo Clarke

One Hundred Years and Still Growing

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a movement with a storied history. It is a history that tells the story of the faithfulness of God in leading this church from glory to glory throughout the ages.

One of the congregations that exemplifies this is the Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Patchogue, New York.

The Patchogue church has its roots in the Millerite movement of 1844. It was in 1843 that the first seeds of the gospel were planted by Pastor Gammage. After the great disappointment, though the movement lost its effect, the Millerites established a church in Southampton on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation. However, it would be many years before any information on Adventism would resurface on the island.

But in the summer of 1902, Charles Reimer, a student of South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts, went to Patchogue as a colporteur and blanketed the area with *THE DESIRE OF AGES*. From that ministry, two persons were baptized by the end of the summer and recorded as members of the Adventist church of Brooklyn. And so it began, with the nucleus from the Millerite movement and these first fruits, this mission effort for the Patchogue church was on the move.

The work in Patchogue was followed up by M.J. Fritz, who moved to the area with his wife and 12-year-old son in December 1902. They, along with a 65-year-old member, embraced the colporteur ministry and blanketed the community with *THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES*

magazine (*THE ADVENT REVIEW AND SABBATH HERALD*, July 14, 1903, p. 22). Their ministry was followed up by Brother Rice who gave Bible studies in Patchogue in the summer of 1903, resulting in the baptism of Sarah Catharine Hawkins one year later (*THE ADVENT REVIEW AND SABBATH HERALD*, July 14, 1903, p. 31).

On June 23, 1904, an evangelistic series was held in Sayville, New York, just about four miles west of Patchogue, by Pastor L.H. Proctor and supported by J.A. Wood (*ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER*, July 6, 1904, p. 5). From that evangelistic series on Sunday, August 28, nine persons were baptized and on September 10, a church of 15 members was organized with a total of 30 Sabbath School members. Among those baptized was Mary Reed, who in 1913,

attended camp meeting in New Hampshire and met Ellen G. White, who invited Mrs. Reed to join her in ministry in St. Helena, California, but she did not go (*ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER*, November 5, 1968, p. 11).

In December, L.H. Proctor wrote, “Brother Henry Tonjes, of New York City, came out to Sayville, L. I., to canvass for our books; viz., *BIBLE READINGS, DANIEL AND THE REVELATION, and HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING*. In the first ninety-seven hours he took one hundred and nine orders, amounting to \$113, and had delivered nearly all the books.

“The prejudice here among the people is very great on account of the tent meetings held last summer, and, besides, there were several of the same books sold during the meetings. This field was anything but an easy place to canvass, yet the Lord helped our brother to put the truth into these homes, notwithstanding the fact that the ministers here had spoken against the books before he delivered them”—*ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER*, December 14, 1904, p. 7.

In late 1906, a conference worker, Robert H. Martin, moved to Patchogue to help with the church in Sayville along with J.A. Wood, who was living in Stony Brook. Being residents of the community allowed them to have a more constant contact with the community.

This story was written from Sayville in 1910 by Willard Downs. “I wish to write you of a little incident in which a sister, who was very bitter against the third angel’s mes-



Members and friends of the Patchogue church commemorate the church's 100-year history.



Representatives from the Greater New York Conference administration, the Atlantic Union Conference administration, pastors, and elders stand together in remembrance of Patchogue church's 100th anniversary.

sage, has been brought to a knowledge of the truth by the prayer of faith and the tender spirit of the Master.

“She was first visited by a lady who keeps the seventh day but is not of our faith. In speaking of keeping the seventh day, this lady told her if it ever came to her mind to keep that day, she should not reject the Holy Spirit. The sister has been afflicted for about four years, and can only walk a few steps out of doors, so the truth had to be taken to her.

“My wife and I, with others, have been visiting her and praying for her. Over a year ago, I commenced to hold Bible studies with her and have been holding prayer meetings in her house. So, by the Word and right living, she has come to know the true Sabbath. When asked what impressed her most to keep the Sabbath, she said, ‘It was your prayer that convinced me of my error.’ From the time that prayer was answered, she has been trying to keep God’s Sabbath. The glory belongs to the dear Master, who said, ‘Whatsoever you ask in my name that will I do.’

“There are only a few out here on the island who are

trying to hold up this blessed truth. We ask at interest in your prayers that by our words and example, we may be able to present the whole truth to others to the glory of God”—ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, March 9, 1910, p. 4.

The “few out here on the island who are trying to hold up this blessed truth” eventually dwindled and Sayville disappeared as a church, while at the same time those who live in Patchogue began meeting there.

The following historical account was written by the current church clerk, Mary Tegone (2019). “The Patchogue Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized on January 7, 1922. It was a small company of people meeting first in the chapel of the Patchogue Congregational Church. Services were very simple. When they met for Communion after the service of humility the ‘roll was called in which every member responded by giving a testimony. The Lord’s Supper was served then they sang a hymn and went out’ (Quoted from old church records). Elder John Hanson from the Brooklyn German church was their leader for many years (1922-1932).”

They were so delighted when they received their first official pastor, Elder W.A. Ralls, his wife and children. They moved from the Congregational Church to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Patchogue, where they stayed through the 1940s. Elder Holtz became their pastor during this time. They moved their meeting place once more to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Edwards Ave. in Patchogue in 1950, where the rent was \$15.00 per month with Elder Rief as pastor. During all these years all board meetings, prayer meetings, etc., were held in private homes of the members.

Elder Arthur Hirsh became pastor in 1952 and remained until 1956, when Elder Combo took over. Thoughts for a permanent home for Patchogue church had been slowly emerging. Around November 1956 plans to purchase the Baptist church in Patchogue were discussed and members went to see the building on North Ocean Avenue.

Still located at 194 N. Ocean Avenue, Patchogue,

New York, the Patchogue church is now more than ever a vibrant community of faith energized and committed to the spreading of the gospel in hope of the soon coming king.

“I was truly blessed to be a part of the 100-year anniversary of Patchogue church. It means a lot to be a part of the history of a church that has served the community and is [also] a place of worship for the Patchogue community and [where] everyone [can get to] know, serve, and worship God,” said Mark Armstrong, elder.

In his message, Ted Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and former pastor of the Patchogue church, charged the members and those in attendance to “hold on to what God has given to them but to share it with someone else. . . . To say, yes Lord, I will go and be a part of the great proclamation.”

—Daniel Duffis, pastor; Mary Tegone, clerk; and Clavour R. Tucker, communication director, Greater New York Conference



Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference president, presents a plaque of recognition to the leaders of the Patchogue on its 100th anniversary celebration.

New York Conference Camp Meeting: “Come, Holy Spirit”

The 2022 New York Conference Camp Meeting, celebrated at the Union Springs Academy campus in Union Springs, New York, focused on the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of individuals, the church, and the community. “As we near the soon return of Jesus Christ, I feel a greater and greater sense of the need of the Holy Ghost in my life and in the life and ministry of the church,” said Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president.

Camp meeting was held from June 24 to July 2. There was a great spiritual atmosphere at this year’s camp meeting. Several workshops, seminars, and classes were offered throughout the day for all age groups.

Guest speakers included Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101 Biblical Institute; Ron Clouzet, pastor of the East Ridge church in East Ridge, Tennessee; and



The junior class meets in the Union Springs Academy administration building for the morning session.

Carlos Muñoz, associate speaker/director of the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism. The Lord blessed the attendees through exceptional sermons that pointed them to Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Speakers challenged the churches to have a ministry centered on the development of

a relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Two of New York Conference’s pastors were ordained to pastoral ministry on Sabbath afternoon, June 25: Bu Bu, senior pastor of the Karen churches in the conference, and Luis Soto, senior pastor of the Amsterdam, Gloversville, and Capital

District Hispanic churches. They were very grateful for the recognition and expressed their gratitude to the leaders of the conference. Elias F. Zabala, Sr., Atlantic Union Conference treasurer, presented the sermon for the Ordination Service.

One of the best moments of the camp meeting experience this year took



The Retiree’s Banquet celebrates the ministry of those who served in New York Conference as pastors, educators, and in other areas of service.



Miguel Crespo, New York Conference president, prays for the Holy Spirit to use Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus 101 director, as she prepares to deliver God’s Word during the evening session on Saturday, June 25.



Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary, greets Bu Bu, senior pastor of Karen churches, right, during the Ordination Service.



Luis Soto, senior pastor of the Amsterdam, Gloversville, and Capital District Hispanic churches, right, is greeted by Claudio Gomez, New York Conference executive secretary during the Ordination Service.

place on Tuesday, June 28, in connection with the celebration of the Retirees Banquet. On Thursday,

June 30, a blood drive took place at the Union Springs Academy gymnasium. There was an amazing

response to the invitation to donate blood.

A special baptism took place on Sabbath, July 2, in

which several people gave their lives to the Lord.

—Reynolds Rodriguez, communication director, New York Conference

Capital District Holds Its First Youth Rally

The Capital District held its first Youth Rally on July 16 at Prospect Park in Troy, New York. Participating churches in the rally included Joy of Troy, Amsterdam, and the Capital District Hispanic church. The theme for the rally was “Faith Forward.”

In the morning, attendees separated into groups led by Luis Soto, senior pastor of the Amsterdam, Gloversville, and Capital District Hispanic churches. They discussed stories of faith in scripture (Moses, Samson, Daniel, Joseph), to observe their strengths and challenges regarding faith, and to share why they chose to have faith. In the second half of the program, the sermon presented by Anthony Whitlow, Joy of Troy church associate pastor, was a challenge for personal faith that comes through a relationship with God and through fixing our eyes on



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Jesus (Hebrews 12:3). Faith is what gives us hope in this world and confidence that God is with us, even in difficult situations.

Finally, the afternoon activity gave the opportunity to live out faith in service to others. The youth

prayed with those on the street, delivered donations to Joseph House and Shelter in Troy, New York, and made signs of encouragement for others. About 100 people attended the rally.

The youth rally is part of a larger effort to bring

teens and young adults together from across the capital region to support and encourage their walk of faith and relationship with God.

—Annette Barnes, elder, Joy of Troy church

City of Lawrence Mayor Baptized

The love of God reaches everyone who, with a sincere heart, wishes to follow Him. After 20 years of friendship and perseverance in evangelistic work, Eduardo Castillo, a Methuen church member, was one of God's channels used to inspire and motivate businessman Brian De Peña to follow the Lord Jesus. De Peña, a man whose leadership and tenacity in serving others are well known, is the mayor of the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts, a position to which he was elected on November 2, 2021.

At home, he learned about God on his mother's knees and was impressed with how Jesus provided love and service to others during His years of ministry as described in the Bible. Based on all that experience



On the front row, from left, are Félix López, a close friend of the De Peña family, who was also baptized; Brian De Peña, mayor of City of Lawrence, with his son, Jeral, and wife, Dilenny; and José Gomez, the De Peña's favorite Adventist singer. On the back row from left, are Dionisio Olivo, then Atlantic Union Conference Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president; Ygnacio Acosta, senior pastor of the district; Oreste Natera, the pastor who baptized Mayor De Peña; and Warner Richard, Northeastern Conference assistant to the president.

and teaching, De Peña decided to give his life to the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized.

This solemn service occurred on May 28, 2022, at the Jerusalem Hispanic Adventist church in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Five people, including De Peña, his wife, Dilenny; and

son, Jeral, were baptized as a symbol of a new life in Christ Jesus.

The officiating pastors included Oreste Natera, the pastor who baptized them, and took part in De Peña's academic training during his years as a student at the Dominican Adventist College, an institution

belonging to the Dominican Adventist University.

Also present at the service was Dionisio Olivo, then Atlantic Union Conference vice president for Hispanic and Portuguese ministries, to whom Mayor De Peña refers as his pastor and who presented the baptismal vows. Warner Richard, Northeastern Conference assistant to the president, delivered the Word of God during the worship service. José Gómez, one of the favorite Christian artists of the De Peña family, sang.

More than 400 people gathered for the solemn occasion, joyful and grateful to Jesus for His endless mercies.

—Ygnacio Acosta, pastor, Lawrence and Methuen Spanish churches and Dionisio Olivo, then vice president, Atlantic Union Conference

Mount Carmel Hosts Seminar on Caring for Seniors

The Mount Carmel church served as a downlink site through Zoom, YouTube, and the Western New York Ministries streaming plat-

form for Rochester, New York, as Marquis Johns, evangelist for the "Hope 4 Syracuse" evangelistic series, brought the Word of God from July 9 to August 13.

Mount Carmel church members, Aaron Chancy, the church's pastor; and the Bible workers worked effortlessly to ensure that people attended the services nightly and that members and visitors were fed spiritually and socially. To assist with this, the church partnered with many organizations.

On July 13, Mount Carmel church invited Kathy Royal, community research liaison at State University of New York Upstate Medical University Hospital, to share information with the seniors of the church and community about how to care more for seniors as they age. She also shared information

on dealing with the many health challenges and how to raise their voices to be heard and respected for their unique health needs.

The information provided was insightful. Royal challenged attendees to pay closer attention to what is happening in research as it relates to the medical field and people of color, as well as to get involved. Church leaders appreciated having Royal speak to those present. Mount Carmel church continues to partner with community initiatives and to engage the residents of Syracuse, New York.

—Carolyn Faye-Green, clerk, and Aaron Chancy, pastor, Mount Carmel church



Aaron Chancy, Mount Carmel church pastor, thanks Kathy Royal for taking the time to present a seminar on caring for seniors.

NEC Youth and Young Adults Speak Out Against Gun Violence

The Northeastern Conference Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) and Youth Ministries departments made a historic trip to Washington, D.C., on July 13 to speak out against gun violence in the nation. About 53 people, made up of mostly young adults from several churches, visited Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

They submitted a letter regarding this issue to Congressman Jeffries to be officially entered into the congressional record. It was a proud moment in the lives of these young people as they stood on the steps of the Capitol building and took a stand to save lives.

The Northeastern Conference is grateful to Allen Martin, NEC PARL director, and Paula



A contingency representing the Northeastern Conference stands on the steps of the U.S. Capitol with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, center, during a special visit to Washington, D.C., to speak out against gun violence.

Olivier, NEC Youth and Young Adult Ministries director, for their vision and collaborative efforts to make this possible. Thanks also to Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and the Northeastern

Conference administration for sponsoring this trip.

“We look forward to doing more activities that will engage our young people in community affairs. This will help them to make a

difference and a profound contribution, improving the quality of life in communities all around the Atlantic Union Conference,” said Martin.

—Public Affairs and Religious Liberty staff, Northeastern Conference

19 Baptized During Hudson Valley Evangelistic Series

The churches in the Hudson Valley District engaged in the “Christ for the Crisis” evangelistic series at Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center in Poughkeepsie, New York, from July 9 to August 6. Walton Rose, Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries director, was the evangelist.

Nineteen people gave their hearts to God during the evangelistic series. Hundreds from around the globe tuned in nightly (except Thursdays) via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. Attendees heard spirit-filled sermons, health features, and heavenly music during the meetings.

The sponsoring churches and their pastors include: Trinity Temple church, led by Vernon Jordan, pastor and area leader of the Hudson Valley District; Beacon Light Tabernacle church, led by Uba Ogbuehi; the Newburgh church, led by Pierre Laguerre; the Ellenville and Kingston churches, led by Alban Francis; and the Gosen and Mid-Hudson churches, led by Antoine Timothe Nyobe Nyobe.

During the “Christ for the Crisis” series, Robert G. Rolison, the mayor of Poughkeepsie; and Jonathan G. Jacobson, assembly



Standing together following the “Christ for the Crisis” evangelistic series are the newly-baptized members, Bible workers, Walton Rose, evangelist; and host pastors Vernon Jordan, Antoine Timothe Nyobe Nyobe, Pierre Laguerre, and Uba Ogbuehi.

member of the 104th District covering Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, were recognized for their hard work and dedication to surrounding districts.

May God continue to bless

the efforts of the member churches as they strive to be on the battlefield and win souls for God.

—Mirlande Jordan, M.D., member, Trinity Temple church

Dotty Krueger: The Joy of a Musical Life

Music has always been a big part of Doris (Dotty) Krueger's teaching career. In June 2022, at the Northern New England Conference (NNEC) Camp Meeting, Dotty was recognized for more than 50 years of teaching service as she officially retired as the music director at Pine Tree Academy in Maine.

Dotty grew up in Stoneham, Massachusetts. Her parents lived on the campus of New England Memorial Hospital. She attended Atlantic Union College (AUC) and married Myron Krueger. After graduation, Myron joined the military, and the happy couple moved around to several states while Dotty taught in public schools. Myron completed his military service and residency, and they decided to live in Maine. Once there, Pine Tree Academy (PTA)

welcomed Dotty to their musical staff, and Myron became a well-known physician in Brunswick, Maine.

Dotty dreamed of having a venue where small and large schools in the conference could send their budding musical artists to enjoy singing in a choir and playing in a band, even if their school might not offer this opportunity. In 1981, she organized the first Music Clinic, which has grown over the years to what it is today, with students from all over the U.S. and Canada participating. The NNEC sponsors this clinic every year at Pine Tree Academy and invites music professionals specializing in choirs, band, strings, and piano to share their God-given gifts. In its early years, Dotty worked tirelessly to make this yearly event happen by doing all the mailings, registrations,



Dotty Krueger, who is retiring after more than 50 years of teaching, still makes beautiful music.

and securing the musical artists herself.

In 1995, Dotty accepted a position at AUC as their director of choral activities. She taught private piano lessons as well. Five years

later, she returned to Pine Tree Academy as their music director for the PTA bell ringers and chimes, academy and elementary choirs, general elementary music classes, and more. God has blessed her with a passion for young people who love music as she does. "It is so rewarding to see a student's excitement upon grasping a concept when, after intense practice, a recital or concert comes together and when students create a beautiful song through teamwork, using what they have learned to praise God!" chimes Dottie.

For those of you who know Dottie, retiring means that she will only slow down a little. Where there is music, you are bound to find her. Once the love of music is in you, it is hard to get it out!

—Linda Dayen, story editor, Northern New England Conference



Sonia Edwards, Northern New England superintendent of schools, shows appreciation to Dotty Krueger for her many years of service.

The Blessings Continue at Camp Lawroweld

The story of how the Northern New England Conference (NNEC) acquired Camp Lawroweld is almost as legendary as its picturesque setting and historic lodge on the hill.

In 1945, George Belleau, then NNEC president, tasked David Shaw with looking for a property that could be utilized as a youth camp. Through leads from local church members, Shaw met Joseph Lawrence, who developed and owned a camp in Weld, Maine. Lawrence was happy to have the church potentially purchase the camp, which was made evident when he offered the entire property to the conference for \$10,500—a far cry from the \$60,000 he spent on building the lodge, itself a unique architectural masterpiece. The conference brethren felt this price was above what they were able

or willing to pay, so another two years passed with no summer camp for children in the conference.

In 1947, some of the church leaders were in New York City, where Lawrence worked. They inquired about the property and learned that it was still available to them for \$12,500. The conference brethren agreed to the deal, and the rest is history—a rich spiritual history. The camp's name reflects and combines the generosity of Joseph Lawrence to the cause of Christ and the beautiful town in which it resides, Weld. Thus, the name Camp Lawroweld.

That was 75 years ago, and there is no doubt that God is still leading. In celebration of His providence and provision, Camp Lawroweld hosted the first-ever staff reunion on June 24-26, with more than 135 people in



Future staffers at Camp Lawroweld show off their post-race medals.

attendance. It was a weekend of stories, fun, and testimonies of how God continues to lead in the lives of those who step foot on the campground and those who serve others in camp ministry. “Still Leading” was the theme for the staff alumni weekend and summer camp season.

Gary Blanchard, Jr., Northern New England Conference president, and Harry Sabnani, former NNEC youth ministries

director, were the keynote speakers for the weekend. They encouraged the current camp staff to let the Holy Spirit lead in all they were tasked to do for the summer. The blessings continued as Camp Lawroweld exceeded full capacity for Junior, Teen, and Family Camp. The Lord is still leading.

—Trevor Schlisner, youth and young adult director, Northern New England Conference



Camp Lawroweld present and former staff celebrate with their families the many years of camp ministry.

Hudson Church Dedicates Students Returning to School

“It’s hard growing up as a teenager in this chaotic world; we’ve all been there. But because our youth attend Friday-night group meetings, Sabbath School class, and church, they are growing spiritually and learning to be more like Jesus. He will guide them on their journey through life,” said Roselyn Jeun, Hudson church’s youth Sabbath School teacher, at the beginning of the August 27 youth-led church service. This struggle is supported by the key verse for the day, Matthew 6:31-34 (ESV), which says, “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomor-

row will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

On Sabbath, August 27, before school was scheduled to start, six youth, at the invitation of the youth Sabbath School teachers, Roselyn Jeun, Lauren Flores, and Monique Keeffe, stepped up to share their testimonies in response to the question “What Does God Mean to Me?” Their messages were heartfelt, and the church was tearful at times, hearing of their challenges.

The church family supports and prays for all its young people, but even more so now for those starting or returning to school amid the recent school turmoil. In addition, each child at church was presented with a Blessings Jar. The jar, a prettily decorated mason jar, was filled with Bible scriptures, quotes from *THE MESSIAH*, cute sayings/messages of



The Blessings jar distributed to the youth are filled with Bible scriptures, quotes from *THE MESSIAH*, cute sayings/messages of the day, pictures, and more.



The Blessings jars were presented to each child at the Hudson church.

the day, pictures, and more, all on colorful paper. The messages in the Blessings Jar were a combination of suggestions from church family and friends in addition to the Internet.

Our Kindergarten/Primary Sabbath School team and volunteers, led by Valerie Mailet and Joan Fortmiller, made 48 jars. The church family identified children's names, some from the nightly prayer call and others from the Friday evening small group Zoom meeting. Some children are local, and several reside out of state, attending college. Once assembled, the team prayed over the jars that, each day, as the kids pick out a slip of paper, the message would be divinely selected to encourage them.

The youth-led service came together as the church service ended with parents accompanying their children to the front of the church for a prayer of dedication by Mike Keeffe, head elder, and his wife, Colette, reinforcing

the church's support of our children.

Since distributing the Blessings Jar, the following reactions were received:

- One young child peers into the jar, ogling all the messages to select from that day.
- One college student sent a text of thanks for the jar stating, "I definitely think I'll be needing it throughout the school year to lift me up. It almost brought me to tears because I think it was such a thoughtful gift." According to her mom, she tapes the messages of the day to her dorm wall!
- Others have asked how to make the jars stating, "What a good idea!"

—Cheryl McMaster, communication director, Hudson church

Hudson Church Baptized Two Youth



Newly-baptized members Jayden Bautista, left, and D'Lainee Graciano, right, stand with David Bracetti, Hudson church pastor.

Hudson church members, along with their parents, witnessed the baptism of Jayden Bautista and D'Lainee Graciano on July 30. David Bracetti, Hudson church pastor, worked with these young people in preparation for their special day. Pastor Bracetti highlighted that in the world (among their peers), their decision to prepare for eternity in heaven will not be popular, but the Lord will always help them (Isaiah 41:13). As is Hudson church's tradition, after the baptism, the church family encircles the perimeter of the sanctuary, joins hands, and celebrates by singing "The Family of God." Through a unanimous vote, Jayden and D'Lainee, are now members of the Hudson church family.

—Cheryl McMaster, communication director, Hudson church

Wickford Church Donates Backpacks to Local School

Members of the Wickford church in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, engaged in a project of delivering backpacks to a local school. The members purchased 20 backpacks, filled them with supplies, and delivered them to the Davisville Academy. The backpacks contained a message telling the students they are special and that God loves them.

Members of the Wickford church pray that their efforts will greatly impact the lives of the families who received the backpacks. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"—Matthew 25:40 (NIV).

—Denise McFarland, communication director, Wickford church



Wickford church members pause for a photo at Davisville Academy in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, after delivering backpacks filled with school supplies.

The Inevitability of Educational Renewal

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted the educational system. This unsolicited disruption unearthed several challenges which were masked throughout the years. Times have changed, and the design, methods, and delivery of education must adapt to survive. I believe Ellen White had this idea when she penned, “Let every worker in the Master’s vineyard, study, plan, devise methods, to reach the [students]. . . . We must do something out of the common course of things. We must arrest the attention. We must be deadly in earnest”—*EVANGELISM*, p. 122.

Our educational system needs renewal for survival. Without transformation, there is no growth. Change happens best when external drivers are producing an atmosphere for change. The pandemic created a forced wind for change to happen. If there was ever a time for renewal, transformation, and change, the time is now.

Continuing with Adventist education’s mission amid the trends and current ways of living is a challenge that administrators must overcome. These environmental factors indicate that some of the approaches that previously drove success in Adventist education have become more unreliable over time. Adventist institutions are bombarded with numerous issues that have caused enrollment downturn, budgetary constraints, and strain on human resources.

Educational leadership must clutch this opportunity and collaboratively develop a strategic change plan to create an atmosphere conducive to post COVID-19 growth. The future of Adventist education has numerous possibilities, and those in leadership positions should act in earnest.

Every educational leader ought to pay attention to the clues—the global

challenges, and the future possibilities—to know when to push for a transformation. Because change can be complex, here are five considerations:

- **Don’t just change for the sake of change.** Without vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18). Change does not happen in a vacuum. There should be a strategy to change which is futuristic and vision-centered. Adventist education hangs on the vision of preparing young minds for now and eternity. Accomplishing such a comprehensive strategic vision of higher purpose ought to adapt to environmental changes—always standing on principles but flowing like a river with methods.
- **Engage all stakeholders.** Successful change is determined by the extent of engagement. Including all members of the educational institution at all levels will reduce change resistance and encourage participation. Be careful to consistently remind everyone associated with the change, whether directly or indirectly, of the strategic mission. Most times, everyone agrees with the mission, the challenge is with the method of implementation. Listen to all opinions and use the wisdom of deductive reasoning to achieve the end goal. Trust the process. Trust God.
- **Develop change agents.** You cannot do it all. Develop key persons among the stakeholders who will be dedicated to ensuring that change happens. These persons should not police; they should collaborate. Collaborators help others to understand the necessity of change. They answer the question adequately, “Why we are changing?” These change agents are strategically positioned and empowered to assist individuals in managing the impacts of the change.
- **Communicate.** A narrative that is not compelling is distracting. Regularly and consistently communicating what is happening will assist people in understanding the vision. Make sense of the change by explaining why the change is vital to student outcomes. Be honest and clear about how the change will impact the community, both positively and negatively. And repeat this process as often as possible. Communicate regularly and frequently, using different styles of communication for stakeholders to comprehend.
- **Celebrate the small wins.** Celebrating your small victories is a powerful way to demonstrate progress. Break large goals into smaller goals, find the journey’s small wins, and make a big deal about them. Discover the positives and not only communicate and celebrate but also document these along the journey. Take it one day at a time. Do not rush the process. Change takes time.

The pandemic provided a perfect opportunity for educational change and innovation—perhaps nothing similar has been presented before. Adventist education is too critical to the mission of the church for us not to strategically make necessary changes to develop and enhance governance, pedagogy, and product value. [®]

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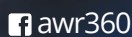
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Henry Beras, President
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DOWNES, Gary—90; b. Aug. 12, 1931, in Corinna, Maine; d. May 20, 2022, in Togus, Maine. He had been a member of three churches: White Memorial church in Portland, Maine; Freeport church in Freeport, Maine; and Barre-Montpelier church in Barre, Vt. He is survived by his children: Carol Vogel of South Portland, Maine; William Downes of Gorham, Maine; Robert Downes of South Portland, Maine; Richard Downes of Portland, Maine; Nathan Downes of Skowhegan, Maine; Jared Downes of Montpelier, Vt.; and Megan Downes of Wiscasset, Maine; four siblings: Emily Kelly of Millinocket, Maine; Hester Caswell of Montville, Maine; Charity Tucker of Portland, Maine; and Jack Downes of Farmington, Maine; and seven grandchildren.

KNOWLTON, Howard “Slim” Larkin—91; b. Feb. 22, 1931, in Scotia, N.Y.; d. July 19, 2022, in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He graduated from South Lancaster Academy in 1949. He was a member of the St. Johnsbury church. He is survived by his wife Betty Knowlton; a son, Roger (Lori) Knowlton; a daughter, Martha (Scott) Newbold; two half-brothers

Marty Knowlton and Keene Knowlton; five grandchildren, Kelly, Alan, Chelsea, Aaron, and Adam; and three great-granddaughters.

LAMB, Sylvia P. (McDonald)—85; b. in 1936, in Kingston, Jamaica; d. July 17, 2022, in Worcester, Mass. She completed her studies at West Indies College and Atlantic Union College. She was a member of the College Church in Lancaster, Mass. She is survived by her two children, Laura Lee (William) Comeau of South Hadley, Mass., and Edmund Lamb of Maui, Hawaii; a sister, Daisy (Roy) Brown of Florida; and granddaughter Olivia M. Comeau.

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| Bangor, ME | 5:18 | 4:09 | 4:02 | 3:57 |
| Portland, ME | 5:26 | 4:18 | 4:12 | 4:07 |
| Boston, MA | 5:32 | 4:25 | 4:19 | 4:14 |
| South Lancaster, MA | 5:34 | 4:27 | 4:21 | 4:16 |
| Pittsfield, MA | 5:41 | 4:33 | 4:27 | 4:23 |
| Hartford, CT | 5:40 | 4:32 | 4:26 | 4:22 |
| Providence, RI | 5:35 | 4:27 | 4:21 | 4:17 |
| New York, NY | 5:47 | 4:40 | 4:34 | 4:30 |
| Albany, NY | 5:42 | 4:35 | 4:28 | 4:24 |
| Utica, NY | 5:47 | 4:39 | 4:33 | 4:29 |
| Syracuse, NY | 5:51 | 4:43 | 4:37 | 4:32 |
| Rochester, NY | 5:57 | 4:49 | 4:42 | 4:38 |
| Buffalo, NY | 6:02 | 4:54 | 4:48 | 4:44 |
| Keene, NH | 5:36 | 4:28 | 4:22 | 4:17 |
| Manchester, NH | 5:32 | 4:25 | 4:18 | 4:14 |
| Portsmouth, NH | 5:29 | 4:22 | 4:15 | 4:11 |
| Brattleboro, VT | 5:37 | 4:29 | 4:23 | 4:19 |
| Burlington, VT | 5:36 | 4:28 | 4:21 | 4:16 |
| Rutland, VT | 5:37 | 4:29 | 4:23 | 4:18 |
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