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To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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# Sparrows and Swallows

Over the past several years we have given a great deal of emphasis to the primacy of evangelism. This we must never cease to do, since it's the life-blood of the church's mission. Therefore, we thank God for the many precious persons brought into the fold—the church—through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Nevertheless, in keeping with the concept of the “outward and upward look” (see November 2011 editorial), I would like to suggest the following: That during this first year of a new decade—2011—we give ourselves also to the nurture of the faithful (young and old), and especially those who have recently joined the church.

nurture, . . . not to be verbally bashed and driven away. At the altar of the house of God, Christians come to find peace, fulfilled needs, love, and closeness to God.

But unlike the sparrow, it is not every bird that does this. The eagle is too ambitious. The vulture is too foul. The cormorant too greedy. The hawk too war-like. The ostrich too wild. And the owl too fond of darkness. But the sparrow and the swallow—they are little and loving.

As the house of God is a nest for sparrows, so it must also be for our children. The sanctuary of God is a nursery for our young. There, they will be safe and free like the swallow, the “bird of liberty.”

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The psalmist David, in Psalm 84:3, envied the birds that lived around the house of the Lord: “Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.”

Sparrows were considered in Bible times as worthless (five for two farthings), needy creatures, requiring food and a place to live. Because they were so numerous, they were driven away. But in the house of God (the altar), they found safety, rest, delight, society, nearness, and were not forgotten by God (Luke 12:6).

This must also be true for every believer who comes to the house of God for refuge and fellowship. Christians come to church as they would a hospital for healing and

Let me take this opportunity to appeal for greater and more detailed attention given to children's ministries in our churches. Let every opportunity be taken to nurture our children and keep them safe for time and eternity. If they are joyful and happy in their holy worship to God, they are more likely to return to the nest on a regular basis as the swallows do.

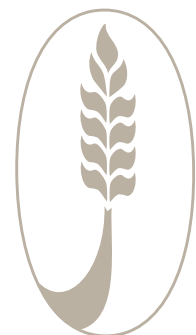
My wife, Lois, and I wish each of you a very blessed and spiritually fulfilling New Year as you labor for the Master in 2011, to help provide a nurturing environment for all people in the house of the Lord. ①

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Pastors who were presented with the Pastoral Evangelism Appreciation Awards stand with some of the the union and conference administrators. From left are Carlyle Simmons (Union), Trevor Baker (NEC), Louis Métellus (Union), G. Earl Knight (GNYC), Donnieval Walker (GNYC), Jean Jude Lora (NEC), Abel Rosario (GNYC), Ramon Cabrera (NEC), Donald King (Union), Leon Thomassian (Union), Dionisio Olivo (Union). Not pictured are Jean M. Charles (GNYC) and Abraham J. Jules (NEC).



Photos: Robham Wellington

Atlantic Union Conference administrators Donald King and Leon Thomassian with Lay Evangelism Star Award recipient Josh Schmieder, right.



Ron Halvorsen, Sr., was the speaker at the Homecoming Evangelism Rally in Syracuse, New York.

Last year, 2010, was a year of celebration for the Atlantic Union Conference and its six conferences. Of particular note were the three one-day evangelism homecoming rally celebrations that took place. Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president, shared the following thoughts at the conclusion of the first rally held on May 1 in South Lancaster, Massachusetts:

"I want to express profound thanks to God and to our pastors, teachers, lay evangelists, church members, literature evangelists, ministerial leaders, and union and conference administrators for their part in helping to achieve this milestone in the history of our union territory." The major milestone to which he was referring was the 5,250 accessions by baptism or profession of faith achieved during 2009. King would

repeat similar words of thanks at the conclusion of the two additional rallies held on October 2 in Syracuse, New York, and November 13 in Brooklyn, New York.

A renewed emphasis on evangelism in the Atlantic Union began back in 2006 when the *Tell the World . . . Tell Atlantic Union* initiative was launched. The initiative



Some of the representatives from the Atlantic Union and New York Conferences who participated in the Evangelism Homecoming Rally in Syracuse, New York, include, standing from left, Jerrell Gilkeson, Angel Rodriguez, Florencio Zabala, Stan Rouse, Donald King, Leon Thomassian, Oswald Euell, Louis Métellus, and, kneeling front, Dan Whitlow and Philip Wesley.



Photos: Roham Wellington



Youth representatives who participated in the Evangelism Homecoming Rally in Brooklyn, New York, are, from left, José Cortés (GNYC), Bill Wood (Union), and Philip Wesley (NEC).

focused on several areas, including baptisms, identifying and equipping members according to spiritual gifts, engaging the youth and educational system in supportive roles and leadership, blending prayer ministries with evangelism, and nurturing church members. The leaders of all six conferences have been doing their part involving members in many evangelistic events in their respective fields.

To acknowledge their hard work in evangelism, emphasis was placed on a time of reporting, celebrating, and sharing stories of the way the lord has blessed.

A report of the May rally was included in the June 2010 issue of the *GLENER*. The Rally held in Syracuse, New York, was combined with the culmination of the New York Conference's *Revelation of Hope*

Photos: Roham Wellington



Lay Evangelism Star Award recipient, Valerie White-Wittick with administrators, from left, Carlyle Simmons, Donald King, Louis Métellus, Leon Thomassian, and Oswald Euell.

Philip Wesley



Glen Samuels, was the worship service speaker for the Evangelism Homecoming Rally in Brooklyn, New York.

Members who were presented with the Lay Evangelism Appreciation Awards stand with some of the union and conference administrators. From left are Louis Métellus (Union), Trevor Baker (NEC), Dionisio Olivo (Union), Omar Gonzalez (NEC), Oniz Martinez (GNYC), Salnave Gillies (NEC), Marie Joseph (GNYC), Marc Coombs (NEC), Kojo Twumasi (GNYC), Donald King (Union), Leon Thomassian (Union), and G. Earl Knight (GNYC).





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The Christian Education Vignette was presented by, back row from left, Astrid Thomassian (Union), Beth Cady Burghardt (NYC), Kathe Burghardt (NYC), and Jerrell Gilkeson (Union). At the podium is Jeremy Garlock (NYC).



Frank Gonzalez was the Sabbath School speaker for the Evangelism Homecoming Rally in Brooklyn, New York.

The Christian Education Vignette at the Brooklyn Evangelism Homecoming Rally included a presentation from Nathanael Gutierrez, a student at the Bronx Manhattan School, and education representatives David Cadavero (GNYC), Jerrell Gilkeson (Atlantic Union), Marlene Alvarez (Atlantic Union), Gwen Wesley (Northeastern), and Astrid Thomassian (Atlantic Union).



The African Heritage Choir was one of several choirs that performed for the rally in Brooklyn, New York.

evangelistic series and included a Let's Connect Live Sabbath School program in which the youth directors from the Atlantic Union, New York, and Northeastern conferences answered questions from young people. A one-hour mini-concert involving local talent was held at the beginning of the afternoon program.

The Rally in Brooklyn included Sabbath School, the morning worship service, and a musical concert interspersed throughout the afternoon rally. Choirs and groups from the local area participated. The events in Syracuse and Brooklyn were streamed live on the Internet by AUAM on [www.auam.tv](http://www.auam.tv).

In all cases, pastors and lay persons from each of the conferences were recognized for their work in evangelism. Those who attended the events were encouraged to look up, in order to stay connected to God, and to look out, in order to reach the world, while, at the same time, nurturing the members in the church.

"The Atlantic Union Conference, comprised of more than 103,000 believers and 561 churches, has a big challenge on its hands to finish the work," says King. "However, since God has not called us to be merely successful, but has certainly called us to be faithful, we know that He will enable us to do our part in this great work before us."

The thread of evangelism continues in the Atlantic Union in 2011. It is important to reach out with the message of hope into the 16 unentered counties with no Adventist presence and into the 17 cities with a population of 100,000 people or more. Each member in the Atlantic Union can be involved as a living testimony of God's goodness by taking this message that is needed today more than ever before beyond the walls of the church. ①

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By Kim Kaiser

## Stop Trying!

In August 2010, pastors and teachers from the New York Conference attended a retreat at Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York. The devotional speaker for the event was Dennis Smith, director/speaker of Holy Spirit Ministries, and his messages are having a positive trickle-down effect in schools where students are being taught a practical understanding of what it means to let Jesus live in them.

he said, “If you are trying to be like Jesus, stop trying.” He continued and explained that by trying, we will only get in the way. Instead, he advised us to follow the counsel of Galatians 2:20, which we can repeat, but which may not have sunk in. In this text Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live.” (Dead people don’t do much trying, now do they?) Instead, “Jesus Christ now lives in me.” Smith taught us to do two things:

as you do, but I give you permission to think your thoughts in my mind.” Since He is standing at the door knocking for entrance, this enables Jesus to “move in” and take possession of me. It frees me from acting in my own strength and thinking, saying, or doing things that I will regret. Furthermore, having the mind of Jesus changes my desires so that it is easy to obey. As the young people would say, “Sweet!”

Some of our schools may lack the latest in technology or sports equipment, but I’d trade both of those and so much more, any day, for the power of the Holy Spirit guiding teachers and students.

Often we talk about letting Jesus into our hearts. It is a nice thought, but does anyone know how we can actually make that happen? Smith taught it in remarkably simple, yet profoundly meaningful terms, and young people who heard it readily grasped it. In a nutshell, he said that, if we are trying to be like Jesus, we are setting ourselves up for failure because none of us has anything in us that will make that possible. He shocked us all when

1. Immediately upon waking up, we should ask the Holy Spirit to fill us for the day.
2. All day long, whenever there is a problem to solve or a temptation to be resisted, we should give Jesus permission to take possession of our mind, words, and actions. For example, when I need to relate to someone I dislike I say, “Jesus, I have no ability to love this person

The lives of several teachers have been transformed by this practical understanding of how to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, and now numerous students are putting the same concepts into practice, creating some very caring and effective learning communities. Some of our schools may lack the latest in technology or sports equipment, but I’d trade both of those and so much more, any day, for the power of the Holy Spirit guiding teachers and students.

Jesus is coming soon and our young people will not survive the months ahead without the sustaining power of His constant presence. What would you trade for this? ☺



Kim Kaiser is the associate superintendent of schools for the New York Conference.





# YouthTalk

Atlantic Union youth share their opinions and ideas on various topics.

## Crystal Ferguson shares her experience as a summer intern in Washington, D.C.



Crystal Ferguson

I am the product of Adventist education; a graduate of the Greater New York Academy and Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist School. I am currently a student-athlete at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and I can honestly say that education in an Adventist atmosphere during the most critical time in a child's life, the adolescent years, helped mold my behavior and actions toward life. I am now a senior at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, pursuing a major in Deviant Behavior and Social Control and a minor in Public Administration. My mother's sacrifice for my Adventist education was well worth it, and I would like to publicly thank her for that!

During the fall of 2007, I participated in the All Stars Project, a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting human development through the use of an innovative performance-based model. I was a part of Development School for Youth, a leadership training program that focuses on development for young people between the ages of 16 and 21. Students who graduate from the 14-week long program are placed in paid summer internships provided by sponsoring companies. My participation in the project landed me a paid internship with Health Plus Insurance Company during the summer of 2008.

In the fall of 2009, I stumbled on an ad on Facebook promoting a White House Internship. After much procrastination and battling with myself, I decided to apply to the program. After going through the vigorous application process, I was chosen out of thousands, along with 120 elite young people to be a part of the spring 2010 class. When I got the e-mail, stating that I had been chosen, I cried and thought to myself, *Who else but God?*

To have worked at the White House during such a historical era meant a lot to me. I worked in the Correspondence Office, where I had a chance to view the enormous amount of letters, faxes, e-mails, and gifts sent to the president of the United States. I was able to hear and see the voice of the American people—their struggles, their views, and their thanks. We had meetings on a weekly basis with some of the senior staffers, who gave us incredible advice. One piece of advice I remember the most is that “we should approach situations with humility and authenticity.” Needless to say, I met some incredible people. I also

had the opportunity to tutor and mentor young people at a Washington, D.C., high school.

This experience humbled me, and motivated me even more to rise above what naysayers may project. I am in the process of applying to law school as well as graduate school while I am still playing basketball and tackling seven classes, but Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Many young people may think that this verse is a cliché, but honestly, I am a firm believer that we just have to have a little more faith in Christ as well as ourselves. My plans include establishing a non-profit organization to assist with juvenile justice reform, as well as helping young people to be empowered, whether it is through ministry, cultural activities, service projects, and/or mentoring sessions.

I would like to encourage my fellow Adventist young people to understand that being young is a struggle and being young and Adventist is even harder, but we can still be prosperous and not have to conform to the ways of the world. Seek out mentors, for they are needed in everyone's life. Confucius said, “When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.” So, keep striving toward the goals that you have set for yourself, but remember to include God before you even think to start the process.

With the support of my East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church family, I am who I am today. So I just want to say, “Thank you!”

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*Crystal Ferguson is a member of the East New York Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York.*

## A Leap of Faith

**I**t took a leap of faith for Peter to walk on water. It also takes a big step of faith for us to live up to God's calling, especially as it relates to stewardship. During 2010, the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church family experienced growing evidences of faithful stewardship. This is reason to rejoice, because faithful stewardship is evidence of spiritual maturity, proof of a true disciple of Christ.

Since stewardship covers a wide range of areas, I want

sured against God's speedometer.

Warwick church is not immune to this dangerous reality, so we began 2010 with a visit from Jim and Sally Hohnberger from Empowered Living Ministries. Jim was a successful businessman who was going through life as if running on two treadmills going in different directions. The Hohnbergers encouraged the members to "slow down" and pursue an authentic walk with God. I believe the week of meet-

their passion, and utilizing their own style for service.

This is certainly an important evidence of faithful stewardship.

The other aspect of stewardship is that of finances.



**Jim and Sally Hohnberger, from Empowered Living Ministries, encouraged the members to "slow down" and pursue an authentic walk with God.**



### Faithfulness in financial stewardship certainly requires a leap of faith . . .

to focus on two measurable aspects as examples of faithful stewardship development in the church family. The first area is the stewardship of time. Although Bermuda's speed limit is legally 35 km/hr, people are usually "speeding" on the highway of life. Many of us would get a speeding ticket if the way we are running our lives were to be mea-

ings set the tone for faithful stewardship renewal, even though the word stewardship was never used.

I have noticed an increasing number of our church family making more time to be used in the service of God. Members spanning all ages are seeking ways to be involved in ministry according to their gifts. They are following

Many people have been affected by the economic downturn in the past couple of years. Certainly, these are times in which all Christians have been tested to see whether they would remain faithful stewards in times of drought. However, irrespective of the economic climate, I rejoiced in knowing that our members have not only remained financially faithful but have also increased their giving.

Faithfulness in financial stewardship certainly requires a leap of faith, especially when finances are limited. This year the Lord has blessed us with a number of new members; and it is a joy to see these spiritual babies taking a leap of faith in their finances. Still, it is even more joyful to see

mature members becoming faithful in their finances even in times of upheaval in the financial market. A growth in spirituality among members and a growth in membership have caused an increase of faithfulness in financial stewardship in our church. As a result, about 75 percent of our active members are returning what belongs to the Lord and more than 50 percent are going beyond that to give a freewill offering.

In spite of the financial crisis, God has been faithful. He has not failed us, and I know He will not fail you, either. If God has anything but the first place in your life, if you are struggling with financial stewardship, I challenge you, like Peter, to take a leap of faith and "walk on water."

Slow down, Christian, and be blessed.

—Ariel Manzueta, pastor, Warwick church



**Members and guests of the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church participated in seminars encouraging them to be more faithful stewards.**





## Wakefield Church Hosts Communication Emphasis Day



Rohann Wellington, newly-elected communication director for the Greater New York Conference, was the worship service speaker for the Communication Emphasis Day at Wakefield church.

Following weeks of planning, the Communication Ministries department of the Wakefield Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York, premiered a Communication Emphasis Day on Sabbath, September 25, 2010, using the theme "Communicating Our World Mission."

During Sabbath School, led by Karen Earle, emphasis was placed on how technology plays a vital role in spreading the gospel. While media and technology might reach a vast majority in record time, Earle emphasized that we cannot do without interpersonal communication, a central part of our worship and ministry in reaching others.

During the worship service, Rohann Wellington, newly-elected communication director for the Greater New York Conference, presented a message of faith and trust in God entitled "I am Not Ashamed of the Gospel." Scripture references from Romans 1:16, 17 and John 3:16 were used to help buoy the spirits of the members and guests.

The day culminated with an Adventist Youth program that emphasized personal and media ministries in witnessing.

—Kay-Ann E. Mitto, communication director, Wakefield church

## Greater New York Academy Hosts Pastor Appreciation Day

The faculty, staff, and students of Greater New York Academy hosted the first annual Pastor Appreciation Day on October 28, 2010, for the pastors of the Greater New York Conference who have consistently supported the academy. The program began after the pastors in attendance were seated in their places of honor in the newly-refurbished chapel.

Damali Boston, the academy's chaplain, along with teachers Sandra Ball and Claudia Valcin, led a lively song service, and Student Association pastor Fred Edouard gave the opening prayer.

Lillian Mitchell, the academy's principal, welcomed the pastors, teachers, and students, and shared with them the joy that she and the academy family experienced because the dream of hosting such an event had become a reality.

Keynote speaker Edy Gomez, who is the student pastor of the freshman class, reminded the audience that a pastor's work is more than a job, it is a calling. One to which the pastors have committed themselves despite comparably low wages, great demand on their time, and scant regard or appreciation from many parishioners. Gomez encouraged the pastors to continue working for the Lord, and urged his teachers and peers to continue to support their pastors. Gomez's father was among the pastors who were honored.



Lillian Mitchell, center front, Greater New York Academy principal, stands with the pastors who were honored by the school's faculty, staff, and students at the first Annual Pastor Appreciation Day.

Vice principal Loris LaBorde appealed to the pastors and teachers to work together in ministry because the work of education and redemption are one. He underscored this appeal by ending with the rallying cry, "All for one, and one for all!"

Students and teachers of the academy recognized the pastors with tributes, music, poetry, and special presentations. Tributes to the pastors were given by Roseanne Thornhill, senior class president; Walix Vacin, French and Spanish teacher; Deborah Nicoleau, history teacher; and Ebony Marks, vice president of the freshman class. The tributes were interspersed with poetry and musical selections by Justin Dempsy, the Delta Mu Chorale, Edison Alvarez, Danielle Samuel, Danielle Cornwall, Stephen Alexander, Shatika Lee, and Donna-Lee Streete. Each pastor was presented with a gift bag as a token of the love and appreciation from the academy family for their constant support and dedication, not only to Greater New York Academy, but to the youth in their congregations.

Following the ceremony in the chapel, the pastors were



escorted to the neighboring community services building, where a gourmet meal was prepared for them by the faculty and staff of the academy.

In attendance were pastors Allan Hay, Anders Peralta, Andy Lagradelle, Angel Rodriquez, Anthony Romeo, Reginald Barthelmy, Daniel Zabaleta, Donnieval Walker, Easton Marks, G. Earl Knight, Gregory

Carrol, Horace Russell, Jean Charles, John Piroski, José Cortés, José Cruz, José Dominguez, Lincoln Smith, Lloyd Scharffenberg, Orette Michell, Pedro Gomez, Rohann Wellington, and Shane Vidal.

We look forward to the continued fostering of relationships between the academy and the pastors as we work together for the social,

academic, and most importantly, the spiritual success of the students as we prepare them for the kingdom of heaven.

—Sydonne Walker, teacher, Greater New York Academy



The Delta Mu Chorale performed at the Pastor Appreciation Day hosted by the Greater New York Academy.

## Jackson Addresses Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department Graduates

The Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York, New York, was packed to capacity on Sabbath, November 20, 2010, for the annual consecration, investiture, and graduation service for Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department. Families, friends, and supporters all gathered to express their support for the 184 graduates representing the largest graduating class in the history of the conference's youth department. The graduates stood ready, as duly qualified beneficiaries, to receive their blazers and insignias. The graduates were comprised of Certified Adventist Youth Leaders (AYLC), Master Guides (MG), Adventist

Youth Emergency Services (AYES Corps), Pathfinder Leadership Awardees (PLA), Pathfinder Instructor Awardees (PIA), Adventurer Leadership Awardees (ALA) and the first-ever, and Adventurer Instructor Awardees (AIA).

Delivering the main address, Daniel Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, charged the graduates to be faithful like Moses. He cautioned that self-directed leadership will fail because spiritual leaders are always called and directed by God. "If God lights the fire," he said, making reference to the burning bush, "He will keep the flames burning. It



Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church in New York, New York, was packed to capacity on Sabbath, November 20, 2010, for the annual consecration, investiture, and graduation service for Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries Department.



Yvonne Knight, wife of G. Earl Knight, and Donna Jackson, wife of Daniel Jackson, were on hand to support the event held at the Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Daniel Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, addressed the graduates.



G. Earl Knight, left, Greater New York Conference president, and José Cortés, Greater New York Conference youth ministries director, participated in the consecration, investiture, and graduation service.

is never about you," he told the graduates, "it is always about God."

During the service, the youth ministries department also recognized the secretaries who served in the department. Those

receiving recognition were Tina DeFranco, Mira Perez, Diosalma Melgar, Merisol Forrester, Joanne Cortés, and Veronica Chang.

—Eion Williamson, volunteer assistant to youth director, Greater New York Conference





# International Students Adapt to American-style Education



Carol Swinyar

Alma Salcedo is from Venezuela. She is a senior vocal major pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education. She plans next to earn a master's degree in performance.

Figuring out the wash cycles, and what exactly a dryer sheet does, is a typical battle for some incoming college students. **Alma Salcedo**, a senior at Atlantic Union College, said she had never even stumbled across a laundry room prior to moving to the campus four years ago from Venezuela.

"I had no idea how to do the laundry at first," said Salcedo, as she reflected on adapting to life in America. "In Venezuela, there were no private places to do laundry, and a dryer was

unheard of. Everyone just hung their clothes out to dry in public, which can be embarrassing, cause your drawers and clothes were seen by everyone."

Salcedo, 23, made the decision to leave Venezuela four years ago with her younger brother to come to Atlantic Union College and pursue her dream of singing. A member of the famous El Sistema, a publicly-financed music program that takes children off the streets in Venezuela, she and 12 others made the journey to America.

"It was a very tough decision," said Salcedo inside the Nelson Fieldhouse at AUC. "It's hard to be apart from everyone, but it's something I had to do. . . . The hardest part of moving was trying to learn the language. I didn't know any English before moving, so that was a struggle at first."

Salcedo is just one of a number of students adapting to the American lifestyle at AUC, as more than 40 percent of students are international.

Cindy Kurtzhals, director of public relations for AUC, said the diverse ethnicity on campus acts "as another learning tool for students.

"The students are able to learn from each other," said Kurtzhals. "They're able to learn about different cultures, languages, cuisines, and customs from all around the world just by talking to each other."

**Sabina Brzozowska**, a senior at AUC, said public bathrooms and drinking fountains caught her off guard when she moved from Poland by herself eight years ago.

"I had to figure out how the drinking fountain worked at first," joked Brzozowska. "And paper towels in bathrooms are free here. In Poland, you have to pay for paper towels."

Toiletries and laundry aside, like most students at AUC, Brzozowska said she decided to study in America because it gave her more options.

"There's a broader set of options in this country, and more opportunities for me," she said. "After graduation I plan on continuing my education. . . . I'm going to try to get a master's degree in clinical psychology."

While getting adapted to the subtle difference



Cindy Kurtzhals

Sabina Brzozowska is from Poland. She is a senior psychology major earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Her career goal is to be a counselor.



in culture, the most difficult transition for students is unanimous—the language—confirmed **Bruno Monteiro**, who moved with his family six years ago to Boston from the Republic of Cape Verde.

“It was a real struggle at times, and I won’t lie, I wanted to give up sometimes,” said the 21-year-old senior. “I’d learn English all day, and then go home and have to speak Creole with my family, so it made things difficult. . . . The most difficult part of learning is trying to learn math and science terms because I have to translate the language and understand what they’re talking about.”

Monteiro said he’s grateful for the opportunity his parents have given him to further his education.

“Now, I’m living the American dream, and trying to go as far as possible and learn as much as I can,” said Monteiro sitting in a classroom at AUC. “My parents have taught me not to feel comfortable with average, and I



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**SENTINEL & ENTERPRISE** staff reporter Kevin Doherty interviews Bruno Monteiro, left, and Emmanuel Lausier, right. Both senior business majors are earning Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration; Monteiro with a concentration in finance and Lausier a concentration in marketing. Both plan to earn master’s degrees next.

feel like I’m a role model to the rest of my community.”

Upon graduation this spring, Monteiro said he plans to pursue a master’s degree in business, with the goal of opening up his own business some day.

Senior **Emmanuel Lausier**, 21, said he plays a crucial role in helping his parents adapt to the American culture.

“My parents (who moved from Haiti to West Orange, New Jersey) don’t speak English, so I have to help them with filling out forms and documents,” said Lausier. “Also, they came from

a completely different generation. All through elementary and middle school they were dressing me up with a tie and a nice shirt because that’s how kids went to school in Haiti. Finally, in high school, I had to tell them that enough was enough because I didn’t want to keep getting made fun of.”

Lausier hopes to further his education after this year, pursuing his master’s degree in English with a concentration in secondary education.

With an incoming student population this year of about 400 students, Atlantic Union College is a Seventh-day Adventist institution. While furthering students’ education, the school’s primary goal is to prepare lives within the church and in the wider society around it by providing them with an education in a Christian setting, said Kurtzhals.

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Cindy Kurtzhals

**Sandy Smith** is the Atlantic Union College coach, director of the Recreation department, which includes the Warren G. Nelson Recreation Center, and is an adjunct professor.

## AUC Professor/Staff Published

Coach and adjunct professor Sandy Smith has written 11 books. His themes are predominantly religious. He also writes on health and family, and is a motivational writer and speaker.

His four most recent titles are: CAN’T RIDE TO THE PROMISED LAND IN PHARAOH’S CHARIOT (at the press), THE COST OF COMPROMISE, LIKE AS A FATHER, and A THOUGHTFUL HOUR. The books are available at the Adventist Book Center in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

—Cindy Kurtzhals, public relations director, Atlantic Union College

## Spring Semester Classes Start January 24

Avoid the lines!

Register online: [www.auc.edu](http://www.auc.edu).

## Alumni Homecoming Weekend

Plan now to attend Atlantic Union College’s 2011 Alumni Homecoming Weekend, April 14-17.

We look forward to welcoming honor classes with the year ending in a 1 and 6 (2001, 2006, etc.). Our 50-year class this year is 1961.

Contact the Alumni Office at (978) 368-2340 for more information.





## ACF New York Sponsors First Retreat

Adventist students from public colleges and universities across upstate New York attended the first annual Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) Retreat on October 8-10, 2010, at Camp Bristol Hills near Canandaigua, New York. The retreat was designed to allow students to grow spiritually and interact with their cohorts from other campuses. About 47 people attended all or part of the retreat. Some who came only for Sabbath left determined to come for the weekend next year. One participant from Rochester

called this “the best retreat I’ve ever attended.” The schedule included time on Sabbath afternoon to hike nature trails around the camp.

Students led out in most of the services and will plan the retreat for next year. Eunice Shim, from SUNY Geneseo, was the Sabbath speaker. She challenged the students to draw closer to God and allow Him to use them on their campuses. Tom Albrecht from Syracuse University closed the Sabbath with a presentation for vespers. Special guests at the retreat included Bill Wood, youth

ministries director for the Atlantic Union Conference, and Ron Pickell, ACF coordinator for the North American Division.

Students at other campuses in New York who want to participate in ACF activities or just want information on ACF should contact Gary Wagner, pastor

and ACF coordinator for the New York Conference.

—Gary Wagner, coordinator, ACF/  
New York Conference



Students from public colleges and universities in upstate New York attend the first ACF New York Retreat at Camp Bristol Hills near Canandaigua, New York.

## EMT Shares Christ With Friends

The Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church in Roosevelt, New York, was one of the sites that held the series of evangelistic meetings sponsored by the New York Conference. A young man who attended the meetings asked for a copy of the PowerPoint presentations and an audio copy of the sermons that were being recorded for use on radio programs in Albany. On one of the nights when the meeting was not held, the young man went to his EMT training and, after the training session ended, told his friends about the Revelation seminar. He told them he just wanted to share with them all that he was learning.

When they asked him specifically about what he had learned, he turned on his laptop and clicked through the PowerPoint presentation while playing the recorded audio sermon. They were there from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Subsequently, the young man made his decision to accept Jesus and is considering baptism. The young man's knowledge was limited, but that didn't keep him from sharing what he knew and from being a source of inspiration to not only his friends but to those holding the meetings.

—Miguel Crespo, pastor, Roosevelt church

## Fall Harvest in Central New York

All the seed sowing of the New York Conference members through mass mailings and Bible workers' efforts in the Central New York area paid off. From Pulaski to Syracuse, Central Square to Fulton, the churches that participated in the Revelation of Hope seminars reaped an abundant harvest of new members in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On the evening of October 30, 2010, the Dexterville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dexterville, New York, warmed up the baptismal tank for six individuals who were ready to participate in a memorial service symbolic of “death to self” and a “new creation” in Christ.

Members of three churches, Camden, Pulaski, and the new church plant in Oswego, wit-

nessed the baptism. We are told there are more on the way. What a harvest indeed.

We want to not only congratulate the new members for their outward expression and commitment to Christ, we also want to encourage all church members to remember what it was like to be a new babe in the faith. We want the members to help foster these new converts as they adjust and learn what it means to serve Christ as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

—John Adolphi, member, Dexterville church



New members, from left to right are Fran Conroy, Oswego church plant; Sandra Bruns, Oswego church plant; Magwood McCrady III, Oswego church plant; Larry Mirra, Camden; Teresa Mirra, Camden; and Michael Lake, Pulaski.

## New York Conference Holds Evangelistic Meetings in the Greater Syracuse Area



Ron Halvorsen, Sr., was the guest speaker for the culmination of the three weeks of evangelistic meetings in the greater Syracuse, New York, area.

Three weeks of evangelistic meetings in the greater Syracuse area and beyond culminated with an evangelism rally at the Driver's Village Convention Center on October 2, 2010. More than 700 attended and others watched live via the Internet on [www.auam.tv](http://www.auam.tv). The rally was a joint effort between the Atlantic Union, New York, and Northeastern conferences. Ron Halvorsen, Sr., was the guest speaker for the weekend, and Bible workers are following up on the deci-

sion cards turned in from the event.

There were 15 sites during the evangelistic series, most of which had substantial involvement by lay people. The locations included the meeting place for a new church plant, a prison site, a university site, and a Karen language site. To date about 20 baptisms are expected to take place, with additional people making decisions.

John Livergood, pastor of the Adirondack District, presented his first evangelistic series at the Ellisburg church-sponsored site at the Adams Restaurant and Brew in Adams, New York. Several guests attended the first three nights of meetings, and on the fourth night, when it was time to begin, there were no guests. Only four people were present, the speaker, John Livergood; the Bible worker, Josh Rietman; the registration clerk, Cecelia Hess; and the visitation coordinator, Cecil Harlin. Harlin said, "Let's have prayer and go forward as if there was a

room full of guests," and that's what happened. After the meeting was well underway, a young lady entered, asking if it was too late to join the meeting. She was invited in. She continued attending the meetings and received visits from the Bible worker and coordinator several times during the three-week series. The district pastor, Bob Hess, along with the Bible worker, continued studying with her and she is now planning to be baptized. She has indicated that she is excited about inviting her friends and sharing the

truths with them. Her young son also attended the meetings with her.

A 90-year-old woman who received a flyer in the mail walked 10 to 12 blocks each night to attend the meetings. As soon as some of those helping with the meetings found out she was walking, they offered to pick her up and take her home, and she accepted their help. She will also be baptized and will join the Oswego church plant.

—Cecelia Hess, pastor's wife and evangelism worker, New York Conference



At the Sabbath morning worship service, from left, Angelo Flores, Bley Say, and Bob Hess offered prayers in Spanish, Korean, and English, respectively.

## Union Springs Academy Students Keep Christ in Focus

There is a fire burning at Union Springs Academy (USA) in Union Springs, New York. The school year

started off with a strong, spiritual high. The students are putting forth an effort to make this year one that is completely devoted to God.

The senior class has initiated Adventist Youth meetings on Sabbath afternoons. They are taking a

leadership role and want to keep the school on track with God. As a class, they lead out in worship, AY, and song service. They believe that their mission is to turn the school's focus toward God and to set an example as leaders. Campus Ministries, headed by campus chaplain Timothy Raymond, is also working toward the same goal.

The Student Association (SA) sponsored the school's annual Y-Owasco campout. It was a great bonding and

spiritual experience for the students. During the vesper, a group performed a skit, a student shared her testimony, and the SA president, Hannah Leonard, was the speaker. Many students indicated that their hearts were touched that night. It helped to put us into a Christ-focused year.

I believe the Holy Spirit is working at USA and that great things can be accomplished this year.

—Sarah Bailey, junior, Union Springs Academy



Student Marcus Johnson puts his candle in place to help form the word "Jesus" at the annual Y-Owasco campout.





## Personnel Change at It Is Written



Shawn Boonstra

**S**hawn Boonstra, who served since 2004 as speaker/director for the international It Is Written ministry, announced in early December 2010 that he would be relinquishing his duties because of health concerns. Boonstra says he does not have a “life-threatening disease,” but that he was dealing with a health challenge that

has gotten to a point where he “must take a sabbatical to give my body time to rest.”

Before moving to the It Is Written international headquarters in 2004, Boonstra served as associate speaker for the It Is Written telecast in Canada from 1998-2001, then as speaker from 2001-2004. He has written more than 15 books. He, and his wife Jean, have two daughters.

The Boonstras have expressed their “profound thanks for the many kind messages, thoughts and prayers” that have been received. He says, “It means the world to us that you continue to pray for our family as I have made the difficult decision to relinquish my role as speaker/director and make time for much-needed rest to recover from illness.”

**J**ohn Bradshaw is the fourth speaker/director named to the international It Is Written ministry. He follows in the footsteps of ministry founder George Vandeman, Mark Finley, and Shawn Boonstra.

Bradshaw, a New Zealand native, who began his ministry at It Is Written on January 1, has held more than 80 evangelistic series. His previous experience includes serving for 12 years as an evangelist for Amazing Facts, a supporting ministry of the Adventist Church, and 15 years in pastoral ministry. His most recent pastoral assignment was at the Village



John Bradshaw

Church near Walla Walla University in Washington. He and his wife, Melissa, have two children.

“It Is Written is already doing the work that God has asked it to do, and I can’t wait to do my part in continuing its mission,” said Bradshaw. “I believe the Lord has plans for this ministry that we can’t yet comprehend!”

It Is Written is a donor-supported ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more than 54 years, it has shared the Good News of Christ’s soon return through avenues such as television, the Internet, live evangelistic events, and spiritual resources. The ministry is headquartered in Simi Valley, California, and the weekly program may be viewed around the world in 12 languages. Learn more at [www.itiswritten.com](http://www.itiswritten.com).

—Adapted from information provided by Michele Stotz, It Is Written public relations director, and the It Is Written Web site.

## Pollard Assumes Presidency of Oakwood University

**L**eslie N. Pollard, who served as Loma Linda University’s vice president for community partnerships and diversity, became the 13th president of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, effective January 3. Pollard succeeds Delbert W. Baker, who served as the college’s president for more than 13 years and who, in June 2010, was elected a general vice president of the General Conference.

Pollard’s educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oakwood University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching and Worship from Claremont School of Theology, a Master of Business Administration degree in Organizational Management from the La Sierra University School of Business, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in New Testament Language and Literature, with specialization in apocalyptic literature from Andrews University.

Pollard’s 32 years of leadership reflect local, national, and international service. He has served as senior pastor, a youth pastor, a university chaplain, a health-care



Leslie N. Pollard



program administrator, and an educational administrator at LLU. As a clergyman, Pollard has functioned as an evangelist, professor, ministerial educator, and leadership development facilitator for the General Conference family. He regularly conducts denominational and non-denominational leadership and mission conferences all over the world.

Pollard is a prolific writer, speaker, and engaged scholar, on the subjects of leadership, cultural competence, and mission. He and his wife, Prudence, have two daughters, who are both graduates of Oakwood University.

—Information provided by Michele Solomon, Oakwood University public relations director.

### Neal C. Wilson, Retired Adventist Church President, Dies at 90

**N**eal C. Wilson, 90, a past president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, known widely for his administrative skill, jovial spirit, and phenomenal memory of people he'd met, died December 14, 2010, in Dayton, Maryland. He was the son of a Seventh-day Adventist leader and the father of another, Ted N.C. Wilson, who is the current world president of the denomination, active in 203 countries.

During 24 years in leadership of the church's North American Division and later the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wilson led the denomination through a period of dynamic growth. World church membership doubled from three million to six million in the eleven and one-half years (1979-1990) of his presidency.

As world church president, Wilson was responsible for the creation of the Adventist World Radio shortwave service, the adoption of a revised statement of the church's

"Fundamental Beliefs" by delegates to the denomination's world session in 1980, and the relocation of the church's world headquarters from Takoma Park, Maryland, where it had been for 85 years, to its current location on a main highway in Silver Spring.

Perhaps the greatest evangelistic accomplishment of the Neal

Wilson presidency was in creating a stronger presence for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in what is now the former Soviet Union. In 1987, two years before the fall of Communism, Wilson obtained permission to establish an Adventist seminary and church headquarters in Zaoski, approximately 70 miles southeast of Moscow. In March of 1990, permission was granted to start a religious publishing house there, as well.

Neal Clayton Wilson was born on July 5, 1920, in Lodi, California. In 1942, after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at church-owned Pacific Union College, he married Elinor Esther Neumann, who survives. The couple had two children, Ted N.C. Wilson and Shirley Wilson-Anderson, a professor of health at Walla Walla University in College Place, Washington, both of whom also survive, as do four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A man of many interests, Neal Wilson particularly savored mountain climbing. One of his dreams for over 50 years became reality when he and several other church leaders reached the 19,341-foot summit of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro in 1988. At 68 years of age, he was noted as one of the oldest persons to have reached the top.

After retirement as General Conference president in 1990, Wilson remained a valued guest at church leadership events, taking to a microphone on the floor to offer comments and guidance based on his experiences.

—Adapted from article in the *ADVENTIST REVIEW*, December 16, 2010.

### Pacific Press® Launches Adventist-eBooks.com

**P**acific Press® has announced the launch of a new web site [www.Adventist-eBooks.com](http://www.Adventist-eBooks.com). It was developed by the marketing department with the aim of making it easier for customers to find all Pacific Press® e-books in one place. Adventist-eBooks.com currently features 33 titles. Additional releases will be added continually and will ultimately include all best sellers and many backlisted books.

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—Adapted from information provided by Karen Pearson, Pacific Press Publishing Association publicity director



Neal C. Wilson



## Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department Sponsors Adolescent Awareness Weekend

The Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries Department sponsored an Adolescent Awareness Weekend at the Stamford Hilton Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut, September 24-26, 2010. The goal was to bring Northeastern Conference youth together, to train them about subjects pertaining to their sexual and spiritual development. The theme for the weekend was "Protect God's Property."



Dwayne Esmond, vice president for the Review and Herald Publishing Association Editorial Division, was the guest speaker for the Adolescent Awareness Weekend.

Experienced medical professionals conducted group sessions and panel discussions. Using audio and visual presentations, the presenters highlighted the importance of sexual and moral purity.

The youth who attended were from churches around the conference, including Sharon, First White Plains, Bronx, Beulah, New Hope, Bethanie French, Christian Fellowship, Ebenezer, East New York, Emmaus, Jamaica, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Trinity Temple, and Solid Rock. Also in attendance was a youth group from the Huntington church in the Greater New York Conference.

Many of the parents, sponsors, and chaperones indicated that they felt it was a necessary and vital workshop for their young people to attend. Naomi Cooke, a member of the



The Adolescent Awareness Weekend, sponsored by the Northeastern Conference, culminated with a Purity Ball banquet.

Christian Fellowship church and chaperone for the weekend, noted that, although many of the youth may have heard the information previously, these specific seminars helped to reinforce for them the importance of keeping their bodies pure for God and for their future.

The weekend culminated with a banquet, now better known as the Purity Ball. For the past three years, the Purity Ball has served not only as a time

when young people, ranging in ages from 12 to 18, gather together for a good time but also as an opportunity to take a stand and make a pledge for purity. The Purity Ball also gives parents and guardians an opportunity to join with their children to do all they can to inform, encourage, and support them as they continue to mature and grow in Christ.

—Sheena Lyn, member, Queensboro church

## Hebron Church Welcomes New Pastor

Members packed the Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, to celebrate the installation of their new pastor, Yrvain Jean-Philippe. Excitement filled the air on Sabbath, August 7, 2010, as Jean-Philippe and his wife, Marlaine, formerly of the Temple Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts, were introduced to the congregation early Sabbath afternoon.

Northeastern Conference representatives, Trevor Baker, president, and Pierre Omeler, Franco-Haitian Ministries coordinator, presided

over the hour-long ceremony to install Jean-Philippe as the new leader of Hebron.

Guests from the Haitian community, including the members of Temple Salem church, watched as

**The members and elders of the church made a public vow to work together with Jean-Philippe to share the good news and win souls for the kingdom.**

he accepted the charge given to him to lead the church in preparation for the second coming of Jesus Christ. The members and elders of the church made a public vow to work together with Jean-Philippe

to share the good news and win souls for the kingdom. The elders of Hebron later joined the new pastor on the pulpit for a prayer of consecration.

Jean-Philippe's inaugural sermon entitled, "Hebron, au nom de Jesus nous traverserons" ("In the Name of Jesus, Hebron Will Cross"), served as a reminder that we must work together for the kingdom of God. Division does not exist in God's work. If we are united, we will cross the Jordan River as the Israelites did.

—Kristia M. Beaubrun, communication director, Hebron church



## Pilgrim Tabernacle Church Recognizes Community Leaders

The Sabbath School department of the Pilgrim Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hempstead, New York, celebrated Community Guest Day on Sabbath, September 25, 2010. Individuals from the community were recognized for their contributions to the community and for assisting the church in becoming visible in the community. The honorees included Mayor Wayne Hall, Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby, Police Sergeant Mark Matthews, and Special Assistant for

Community Affairs Jean Blenman Ives. These individuals were presented with plaques that expressed the church's appreciation for their contributions.

Stephen Williams, communication director for the Northeastern Conference, was the speaker. His sermon was entitled "When Jesus Comes," and his focal Scripture was John 14:14. He reminded the congregation that although Jesus knew He was going to be crucified and would leave the responsibility of building the church and



Samuel Livingstone, second from right, Pilgrim Tabernacle church's first elder, was honored for his more than 30 years of service. Standing with him, from left to right, are Edward Sarjeant, personal ministries leader; Mary Cameron, chaplain; and Jackie Livingstone, communication leader.

preaching the gospel to His disciples, He encouraged them to "let not your heart be troubled."

The celebration continued in the afternoon with a presentation by Mary Cameron, executive director of Uniondale Early Childhood Centre (UECC). The title of her presentation was "Taking Back Your Community – Vision Casting" and was done in collaboration with Oswald Euell, director of the Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries Department. Cameron gave

the participants foolproof steps on how to grow the church through participation in the community by building long-lasting relationships with the movers and shakers and other members of the community. Certificates were presented to all participants and a special presentation was made to Samuel Livingstone, Pilgrim Tabernacle church's first elder, for his more than 30 years of service to UECC and the communities of Uniondale and Hempstead.

—Jackie Livingstone, communication leader, Pilgrim Tabernacle church



Edward Sarjeant, Pilgrim Tabernacle church personal ministries leader, and Jean Blenman Ives, special assistant for community affairs, who was honored at the church's Community Guest Day.

## Emmanuel Temple Church Member Celebrates 100 Years

Family, friends, and members of the Emmanuel Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buffalo, New York, joined in the centennial celebration of Ruth Ward on Sabbath, September 4, 2010. The celebration included a floral presentation by Kenneth L. Green, Sr., the church's pastor, dinner, and a vesper service presented by Jesse Bevel, family ministries director for the Northeastern Conference.

Ward was born on September, 2, 1910, in Jacksonville, Florida. She became a member of Emmanuel Temple church in 1958. She is a retired literature evangelist who has led many individuals to Christ. Ward has seen and experienced much in her lifetime, but her love for God keeps her strong. When asked what is the reason for her longevity she said, "having faith and trusting in God." Church members extended well wishes to Ward and pray that God will continue to keep her.

—Shontelle Lee, member, Emmanuel Temple church



The Emmanuel Temple church members and their pastor, Kenneth Green, Sr., right, celebrated longtime member Ruth Ward's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.





## Prayer Chapel Built at Camp Lawroweld

Prayer has always been an important part of the atmosphere at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine. The serenity of the setting lends itself to prayerful moments with our Creator. Now, more than ever, we will be able to enjoy a spot that has been set aside as “holy ground”—a place to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus through prayer.

Several years ago the Lord laid a dream on our hearts to build a place of prayer on the campground at Camp Lawroweld. When God gives a plan, He also provides the resources! And, that He did! As Harry Sabnani, Northern New England

Conference youth ministries director, and I shared the dream at the 2009 Spring Prayer Retreat, the Lord was already moving on the heart of Alex Cochran, who later that weekend volunteered to build the chapel. Alex is a very talented carpenter who has a passion to share his talents to the glory of God.

It was clear that God was moving this project forward when, in less than two months, all the money

was raised to complete the building. Alex and his brother, Jared, cleared the spot and took the trees to his mill where, over the winter months, he peeled the bark and made the trees into beams to be used in the post-and-beam-style construction. Many of the finishing touches in the interior



▲ The prayer chapel on the campground of Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, is the end result of a dream realized.

are handmade from the trees that once stood on that spot.

Alex's wife, Karena, also helped in many ways with the project. She wrote the words for the dedication plaque. Karena spent many hours in prayer, asking God to give her just the right words that would create a snapshot of the heart of God in this project. The plaque that stands near the entrance

to the chapel reads as follows:

*Our power and influence here on earth begin and end with the amount of prayer we cover our journeys with, thus we have named this chapel . . .*

*The Alpha and Omega Prayer Chapel*

*Dedicated to the Youth of Camp Lawroweld and the Northern New England Conference.*

*In loving memory of Nathan Stoll (1988-2010) and Jayde Cochran*

▼ Alex and Jared Cochran volunteered their time to build the prayer chapel.



*(1993-2001) and all our children who are asleep in Christ.*

*“Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven”—Matthew 8:13.*

*“The very children will be moved upon by the Spirit*

*of God, and will go forth proclaiming the truth for this time”—THE SOUTHERN WORK, p. 66.*

In God's forgiveness and grace and with His power, every day is a new beginning. Every day we have the opportunity to begin anew, grow in our relationship with God, and impact the world around us for Him and His coming Kingdom. As we remember Nathan and Jayde, we realize that any day could be the last earthly day for any one

of us, our family members, friends, or neighbors. Each day is an opportunity to make sure that we do not let anyone reach the end without knowing “The Beginning.”

Looking across the campground to the new prayer chapel you will see three crosses. Although not part of the construction plan, it was clearly part of God's plan to be a constant reminder of His love and gift to us. Be sure to visit the prayer chapel on every trip to Camp Lawroweld. You will be truly blessed.

—Kelly Veillieux, prayer ministries leader, Northern New England Conference

## Kellogg Christian School Reopens

The Kellogg Christian School, located in Bedford, New Hampshire, officially reopened its doors to the local community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 14, 2010. The Seventh-day Adventist school closed five years ago following a series of disappointing financial problems. Thanks to the generosity of

some Manchester Seventh-day Church attendees, the school received large financial donations that were used to completely refurbish the school, inside and out. With a new operating budget in place, we were excited to open for 2010-2011 school year.

The Kellogg Christian School offers a Christian



Kellogg Christian School reopened in August 2010 as a result of the generosity of the members and friends of the church.



education for students from pre-school to eighth grade. The school's principal is Richard Roy. Other teachers include Janelle Thomas and

◀ From left, Carl Behrmann, Manchester church pastor; Richard Roy, Kellogg school principal; Janelle Thomas and Shaina McMahon, teachers.

Shaina McMahon.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Manchester congregation was entertained at a musical concert. Performers include Charles Haugabrooks, Anthony Ashby, and pianist Michael Andrews.

Please join the Seventh-day Adventist churches in southern New Hampshire as we pray for the Lord's blessings and guidance for the Kellogg Christian School.

—Robert McMurray, communication correspondent, Manchester church

## Members Celebrate Bordoville Church's 146 Years

Keeping with an annual tradition, the 146th Homecoming for the Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bordoville, Vermont, was held on Sabbath, September 18, 2010. The anniversary celebration events for this historic church in the Northern New England Conference were coordinated by Ginnie and Erwin Eckson and Esther Knutsen, with the support of Vermont and Canadian church friends. More than 100 people attended. "There's just something special here where our church has history. I look forward to this day all year," says Emilie Bouthillette, who has been going to Bordoville since she was a little girl.

Nikolaus Satelmajer and his wife, Ruth, spoke at both the church service and the afternoon meeting. Because of the witness of Bible worker Brian Schimp, many friends from the community attended. God is richly blessing.

—Emilie Bouthillette, member, St. Albans company



More than 100 people attended the 146th anniversary celebration for the Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church, the first church built as a Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1864.

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## Youth Ministries Corner

The Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries Department has chosen eight areas of emphasis as we work together with our church youth departments to prepare young people to be disciples.

### Youth Are Workers, Not Spectators

We need to involve them so they are ready to deploy to various outreach ministries.

### Pass on the Legacy

Mentor someone who can replace you as a leader; give him or her a taste of what it is like to lead so they are ready when their time comes.

### Young Adult Churches

Let this special age group of people create a federation of believers.

### Public Campus Ministries

Let's establish vibrant public campus ministries to encourage the Seventh-day Adventist students on these campuses.

### Spiritual Growth Measurements

As each activity takes place, we can measure our growth by how many attended, what activities were accomplished, and how many youth were involved in the organization process.

### Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

This yearly mission trip impacts youth and adults as they travel together to complete projects for various organizations.

### Impact Projects

We'd love to see more involvement with these projects and we encourage each federation to lead out in a project in their area.

### Youth Evangelism

We would like to create something that makes youth evangelism easy to duplicate for any church or school youth group.

—Josué Feliciano, youth director, Southern New England Conference

## Athol Welcomes New Member

Warren Ruf, former Athol Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor, had the privilege of baptizing Darla Breault on August 21, 2010, just before he left the Athol district in Athol, Massachusetts. Breault wrote the following testimony. It was read during her baptism.

*"I felt the spirit of God as a young child. Through the years I have weaved in and out of religion. I have been studying the Bible for about three years now, and I have prayed hard for God's guidance.*

*"God really touched my heart recently as I was reading STEPS TO CHRIST. I was at a very desperate place and needed God's Word. I was reading a chapter on consecration. How do I make the surrender of myself to God? I had the desire, but was weak.*

*"I read on to the section on faith and acceptance, where it talked about my longing to be forgiven, and cleansed, and set free. Well, I sure did want that. I cried out*

*in despair. I had been praying for so long for God to set me free. 'Why do you not answer,' I cried?*

*"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' (Isaiah 1:18) 'A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.' (Ezekiel 36:26)*

*"As I read these beautiful words, I physically felt the precious hand of God reach in and touch my heart! It blew my mind! My tears of anguish turned to tears of indescribable joy and thanksgiving.*

*"The Spirit of the Lord came on me and again invited me to be baptized in Christ. My heartfelt desire is to leave my sinful self at the foot of the cross each day in remembrance of this gracious gift, given by my sweet Lord and Savior, Jesus.*

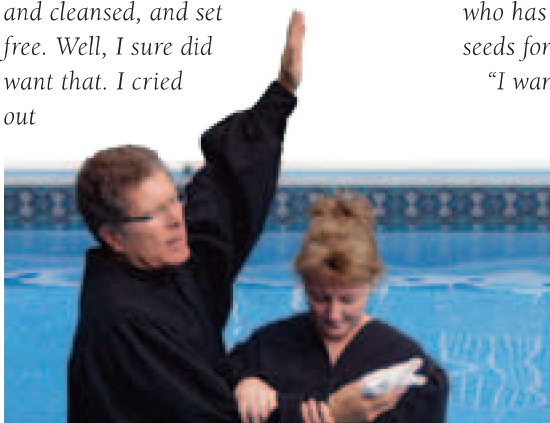
*"I thank the Lord for bringing me to Hazel [at the Community Service Center] who has gently and patiently sowed her seeds for the Lord.*

*"I want to thank the church for the*

*warm and friendly welcome I received, and the continued warm and spiritually-uplifting fellowship.*

*"Most of all, I want to thank God for His continuous nudges and for the precious blessing of His Son, Jesus. Praise be to God. Amen."*

—Violet Bidwell, church clerk, Athol church



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## SNEC Welcomes New Treasurer

Joel Tompkins, Jr., who served as treasurer of the Egypt Field, accepted the call to be the new Southern New England Conference treasurer, effective March 1. He replaces Randall Terry, who became the treasurer for the Upper Columbia Conference in November 2010. Tompkins and his wife, Kellie, have two adult sons, Daniel and Andrew.

The Tompkins have ministered in the Egypt Field for the past four years. Prior to that, they worked in the

Washington Conference, Michigan Conference, and Kansas-Nebraska Conference. He started his accounting career working for Adventist Health Systems in Nebraska and Colorado.

"As treasurer, it is my job to look ahead," says Tompkins. "It is also my job to present financial information in such a way that everyone can understand it. This allows church leaders and lay people to make informed choices as we all

work together to prepare the world for the second coming of Jesus."

The Southern New England Conference, located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, has nearly 16,000 members worshipping in 129 churches or small groups in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. We worship in nine languages—Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Chinese, English, French, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Twi.



Joe and Kellie Tompkins, Jr., will start their ministry in the Southern New England Conference on March 1.

—Frank Tochtermann, president, Southern New England Conference

## Pastor Helps Reignite Couples at Quinebaug Church



John K. Amoah

John K. Amoah, pastor of the Quinebaug Seventh-day Adventist Church in Quinebaug, Connecticut, presented a marriage seminar to Connecticut and Massachusetts community members on October 14-16, 2010. His topics included "How to Reignite the Passion," "How to Reignite the Intimacy," "How to Reignite the Love," and finally, "How to Reignite and Fireproof One's Relationship."

Amoah covered problems many marriages encounter,

such as lack of communication, stress, overwork, unresolved conflicts, anger, power conflicts, unmet emotional needs, and many others. He shared numerous secrets on how to overcome these problems, such as praising each other daily, working together, saying "I am sorry" and "I forgive you," and supporting each other during difficult times.

Bible texts were given to support each principle presented, showing what God has to say on the subject. The last presentation on Saturday night was an emotional film called *Fireproof* showing how real Christian love was used to save a troubled marriage.

Amoah is a gifted, but humble, minister with a passion for preserving, restoring, and enriching relationships with a biblical approach.

—Kenneth A. Maynard, communication director, Quinebaug church

## Vacation Bible School



▲ The Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dracut, Massachusetts, had an amazing Vacation Bible School program in 2010, with their largest attendance so far—72. It was amazing to see how much fun the kids and volunteers (including 15 teen crew leaders) had. The teens are so excited to help and look forward to VBS all year. We utilized the High Seas Vacation Bible School theme and held our program on July 26 to 30, 2010.

—Veronica Iria, VBS director, Merrimack Valley church

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### Le programme de Michelle Obama contre l'obésité infantile reçoit le soutien de la communauté et des croyants

**L**e 29 novembre, l'église adventiste du septième jour a rejoint une cinquantaine d'associations religieuses et communautaires pour soutenir un plan national de lutte contre l'épidémie d'obésité infantile lancé par la première dame des Etats-Unis Michelle Obama.

Le programme 'Let's Move: foi et communautés' recherche l'engagement d'associations pour promouvoir l'exercice, la plantation de jardins communautaires pour la culture d'aliments frais et d'autres activités qui favorisent une vie saine.

M. Obama a déclaré devant les leaders religieux et communautaires rassemblés à la Maison Blanche qu'environ un tiers des enfants américains environ sont en surpoids ou obèses.

"Il est clair que lorsqu'il s'agit de garantir la santé et le bien-être de nos enfants ou de s'attaquer à l'obésité infantile, nos associations communautaires et religieuses ont un rôle vraiment décisif à jouer" a dit M. Obama.

Elle a ajouté que cette nouvelle phase de l'initiative Let's Move précédemment lancée irait dans le sens de soutenir les programmes existants. "Vous êtes nombreux à avoir commencé depuis bien longtemps le travail" a fait remarquer M. Obama, faisant allusion aux ministères de la santé dans les églises, aux clubs de sport et à l'éducation dispensée dans "les écoles du samedi et du dimanche."

Ce nouveau programme comprend quatre objectifs pour l'année prochaine:

- que les membres de la communauté et les croyants marchent au total presque cinq millions de kilomètres
- décrocher 500,000 Presidential Active Lifestyle Awards ou créer des programmes sportifs
- organiser 10,000 jardins communautaires ou marchés paysans au niveau national

- mettre en place 1,000 nouveaux sites d'alimentation d'été au niveau national

Plusieurs dirigeants de groupes religieux notables ont exprimé leur soutien envers ces objectifs, notamment Ted N. C. Wilson, président de l'église adventiste mondiale, qui a dit que cette question "fait personnellement écho chez lui." En effet, Ted N.C. Wilson est titulaire d'une maîtrise en santé publique de l'université adventiste de Loma Linda.

"Le programme 'Let's Move' est cohérent avec l'approche de notre église qui est d'exercer un ministère auprès d'autrui sur le plan physique, mental, social et spirituel" a dit Wilson. "Il a été démontré que les adventistes du septième jour vivent plus longtemps et que la raison invoquée à cela, c'est un mode de vie sain."

"Les adventistes du septième jour détiennent de vastes systèmes de santé et d'éducation dans le monde entier dans lesquels nous promouvons une meilleure santé au travers de modes de vie concrets et sains comme: avoir une alimentation équilibrée, faire de l'exercice, boire suffisamment d'eau, profiter des bienfaits du soleil de manière adéquate, s'abstenir de l'alcool, du tabac et des drogues illicites, respirer de l'air pur, se reposer suffisamment et avoir confiance en la puissance divine."

"Dans nos écoles et écoles bibliques de vacances d'été, nous allons faire la promotion de repas végétariens sains et équilibrés pour les enfants et les jeunes, des programmes de marche pour les jeunes et l'usage possible de produits périodiques des marchés locaux sur les propriétés d'église.

"L'église adventiste du septième jour apportera sa contribution pour suivre la volonté de Dieu expliquée

dans la troisième épître de Jean au chapitre 2 qui indique que Dieu souhaite que nous soyons en bonne santé physique et spirituelle" a dit Wilson.

Katia Reinert, directrice des ministères de la santé pour l'église en Amérique du Nord, a expliqué que les membres seront encouragés à :

- marcher environ 1 million et demi de kilomètres en participant à des programmes sportifs. Les ministères de la santé auront pour objectif de motiver 100 églises à marcher 16,000 kilomètres par an avec au moins 10 personnes par église qui marchent 4 kilomètres par jour
- impliquer les jeunes dans les églises et écoles à créer des jardins potagers dans la communauté, avec l'objectif d'un jardin par fédération locale
- encourager les jeunes à recevoir les Presidential Active Lifestyle Awards ; au moins une récompense par école adventiste en Amérique du Nord
- mettre en place des programmes d'alimentation d'été par l'intermédiaire des écoles bibliques de vacances, des camps d'été et initiatives d'évangélisation au service de la communauté

"Plus que jamais je crois que le moment est venu de proclamer le message de guérison et de rétablissement de Dieu" a dit Reinert. "C'est une merveilleuse opportunité qui nous est donnée d'engager nos églises et écoles à avoir un impact positif pour le Christ dans notre communauté à un niveau national."

Pour obtenir de plus amples informations, des ressources et la mallette du programme, consultez [www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov).

Source: Adventist News Network

English translation available at: [news.adventist.org/2010/11/obamas-anti-child-ob.html](http://news.adventist.org/2010/11/obamas-anti-child-ob.html)

# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

## En la Iglesia Mundial

### Primera Institución Divina Permanece

**E**l 9 de Octubre del 2010 Diecinueve parejas de casados nos dimos cita en el Holiday Inn en Lawrence MA para renovar nuestros votos matrimoniales. Una interesante variedad de edades y tiempo de casados entre las parejas fue un aspecto muy notable de la actividad. La ceremonia tuvo lugar al final de una semana de enriquecimiento familiar organizada por la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día Hispana de Lawrence, Massachusetts diseñada para fortalecer la relación y el compromiso matrimonial de las parejas.

Me tocó ser el orador de la semana y presidir la renovación de votos con mi esposa María a mi lado. Las parejas se comprometieron a amarse más y a mantener sus relaciones matrimoniales vibrantes.

Dios creó el matrimonio formado por un hombre y una mujer. Ambos fueron creados a Su propia imagen, y fue Su plan que ambos lo glorificaran y honran a Él como su creador a través de su unión matrimonial. Fue una relación monógama entre un hombre y una mujer y Dios pretendía mantener la base de la sociedad (matrimonio) basada en este arreglo.

Pero Satanás tenía otras intenciones y desde el principio ha conspirado contra el matrimonio. A través de Lamec, introdujo la poligamia (Génesis 4: 19). Esta práctica fue directamente contra la estructura del matrimonio que Dios estableció. Poligamia sigue siendo un reto para la institución del matrimonio que Dios creó, porque es una costumbre social en algunas partes del mundo y entre algunas culturas y grupos religiosos.

1. Recordemos que al hacer nuestro matrimonio mejor y trabajar por la felicidad de nuestro cónyuge, estamos trabajando para nuestra propia felicidad.

En el libro el HOGAR ADVENTISTA, Ellen G. White escribe, “Dios celebró el primer matrimonio. Por lo tanto la institución tiene como su fundador al creador del universo. ‘El matrimonio es honorable’; . . . fue una de las dos instituciones que, después de la caída, Adán llevó consigo más allá de las puertas del paraíso. Cuando los principios divinos son reconocidos y respetados en ésta relación, el matrimonio es una bendición; es un salvaguarda de la pureza y la felicidad de la raza humana, prevé las necesidades sociales del hombre, eleva la naturaleza física, intelectual y moral” (pp.25, 26).

### Al hacer nuestro matrimonio mejor y trabajar por la felicidad de nuestro cónyuge, estamos trabajando para nuestra propia felicidad.

A pesar de los ataques de Satanás contra el matrimonio y la familia como institución, ésta, aun es la relación por excelencia para que hombres y mujeres puedan experimentar la felicidad y la familia continúe siendo la base para una sociedad sólida y sana.

El enemigo de la raza humana ha intentado destruir el matrimonio desde todos los ángulos posibles:

1. El enemigo ha atacado el matrimonio enfocando su fundación y estructura. Tenemos el establecimiento del matrimonio y la familia desde el inicio de la existencia del mundo. La palabra de Dios dice que cuando Dios creó el mundo y todo lo que hay en él, también creó el matrimonio (Génesis 1: 26-28).

Otra disposición contraria al plan de Dios son las uniones de mismo sexo, en cualquier capacidad en que se unan— sea a través de la unión civil, vida común o matrimonio. Hemos visto claramente que cuando Dios creó el matrimonio, lo hizo entre un hombre y una mujer nada más; por lo tanto, cualquier otra variación esta en contra del propósito de Dios.

Ahora; vemos que las parejas participan en actividades con la intención de hacer que su relación de matrimonio sea más fuerte. La pregunta es, ¿Cómo lo hacen? ¿Cómo puede sobrevivir el matrimonio? ¿Por qué deberíamos trabajar para que nuestro matrimonio mejore?

Aquí están algunas sugerencias generales:

2. Otras actitudes que tenemos que tomar en cuenta si queremos que nuestro matrimonio sea más fuerte, deben incluir pero no estar limitadas a:
  - a. Compromiso firme: El vivir cumpliendo este compromiso alienta a las parejas a procurar lo mejor el uno para el otro.
  - b. Mostrar mutuo respeto.
  - c. Ser responsable en todos los aspectos del matrimonio.
  - f. Estar dispuestos a sacrificar.
  - e. Protegerlos el uno al otro.

Practicar estas pequeñas cosas en nuestro matrimonio, ayudará a desalentar la separación o el divorcio. Los matrimonios definitivamente serán más fuertes y nos traerán sentimiento de felicidad mutua.

*Dionisio Olivo es el vice presidente de los ministerios hispanos y portugueses en la Unión del Atlántico y asociado director ministerial, y director del ministerio de familia y escuela sabática.*





## A Statement on Peace

*In order to increase awareness of the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on various subjects, the Atlantic Union GLEANER will publish monthly one of the position statements or guidelines voted by church leadership since 1980. These official statements were issued by the General Conference in session, the General Conference Executive Committee, the General Conference Administrative Committee, or the office of the General Conference president.*

*As the church continues to grow and make an influence, its role in the society will require that its views and what it holds true become known. Such will continue to be the demands of the society, and such will be the need to define Adventism's relevance, or present truth, to those who are asking questions and seeking answers to their dilemmas and problems.*

*The documents presented here are not an end in themselves, but a reflection of a movement sensitive to its calling and the people who "know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6, NIV).*

One of the great political and ethical issues of our day is the question of war and peace. It is both complicated and convoluted. Despair hovers around hearts and minds, for millions expect a nuclear holocaust without the basic hope of afterlife or eternal life.

Today there is a new situation, unparalleled in history. Human beings have developed the means of humanity's own destruction, means that are becoming more and more "effective" and "perfected"—although these are hardly the right words. Since World War II, civilians are no longer just occasionally or incidentally harmed; they have become the target.

Christians believe that war is the result of sin. Since the fall of man, strife has been a perennial fact of human existence. "Satan delights in war. . . . It is his object to incite nations to war against one another"—THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 589. It is a diversionary tactic to interfere with the gospel task. While global conflict has been prevented during the past 40 years, there have been perhaps 150 wars between nations and within nations, with millions perishing in these conflicts.

Today virtually every government claims it is working for disarmament and peace. Often

the known facts appear to point in a different direction. Nations spend a huge portion of their financial resources to stockpile nuclear and other war materials, sufficient to destroy civilization as it is known today. News reports focus on the millions of men and women and children who suffer and die in wars and civil unrest and have to live in squalor and poverty. The arms race, with its colossal waste of human funds and resources, is one of the most obvious obscenities of our day.

It is therefore right and proper for Christians to promote peace. The Seventh-day Adventist Church urges every nation to beat its swords into plowshares" and its "spears into pruning-hooks" (Isaiah 2:4). The church's Bible-based Fundamental Belief No. 7 states that men and women were "created for the glory of God" and were "called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment," not to destroy or hurt one another. Christ Himself said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

While peace cannot be found in official church pronouncements, the authentic Christian church is to work for peace between the first and second advents of Christ. However, hope in the Second Coming must not live in a social vacuum. The Adventist hope must manifest and translate itself into deep concern for the well-being of every member of the human family. True, Christian action today and tomorrow will not of itself usher in the coming kingdom of peace; God alone brings this kingdom by the return of His son.

In a world filled with hate and struggle, a world of ideological strife and of military conflicts, Seventh-day Adventists desire to be known as peacemakers and work for worldwide justice and peace under Christ as the head of a new humanity.<sup>①</sup>

*This public statement was released by the General Conference president, Neal C. Wilson, after consultation with the 16 world vice presidents of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, on June 27, 1985, at the General Conference Session in New Orleans, Louisiana.*



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**Roy Ice**

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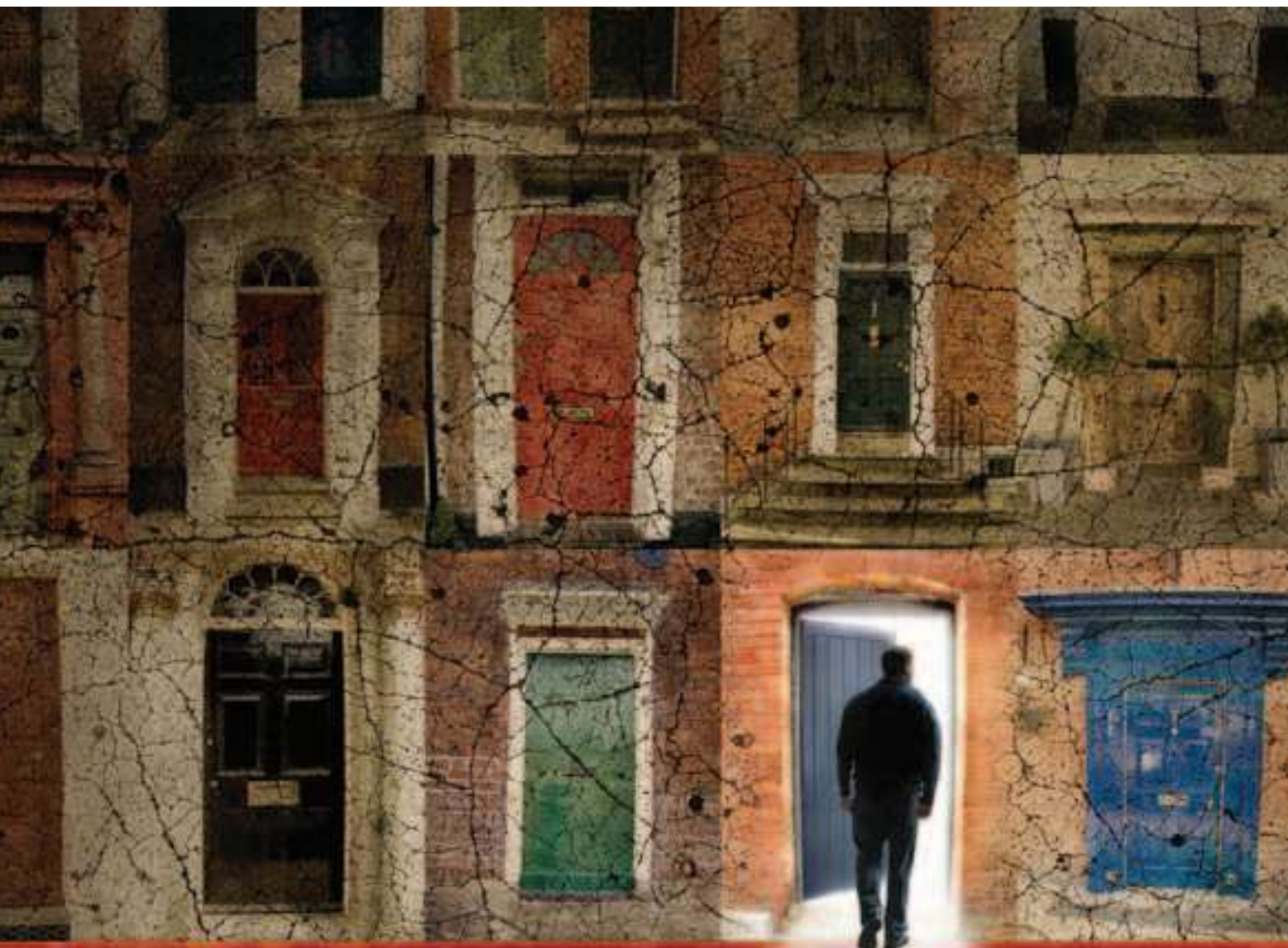
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