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Compassion and the Gospel

Recently, my wife and I had the delightful opportunity to attend an evangelistic rally at The Waymark Seventh-day Adventist Church in Boston. Hundreds of members, along with many leaders and pastors from the more than 44 churches in metro Boston, came together to prepare the way for Compassion Boston—a major evangelistic initiative to be held in that city in the Fall of 2016.

Compassion Boston is well named. It reminds me of the fact that compassion is one of the characteristics that stands out in the Gospels when reading about the life of Christ while He lived on planet Earth. As a man, there were times when Jesus experienced great weariness and physical exhaustion from His travels with His disciples and large crowds following Him. And yet, He never shrank from showing an amazing compassion for the lost (Mark 6:34), the sick (Matthew 14:14), and the hungry (Romans 12:20). Indeed, Christ's example inspires us to reach out to others in compassionate ways.

After all, God has not called us to see through each other, but to see each other through. Because when you dig someone else out of his or her troubles, you find a place to bury your own!

The following are the words of the late Nelson Mandela, the great South African president and humanitarian: "Our human compassion binds us the one to the other—not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

Compassion is a vital part of our spirituality. Dictionary.com defines compassion as "a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering." Compassion, then, is not only feeling sorry for someone. It embraces action. You want to do something to assuage the pain and suffering. That's what Jesus did when He came to this earth. He pursued us, as a shepherd seeks for his lost sheep (Matthew 9:36), to bring us into a right relationship with God through His shed blood on Calvary.

In her classic volume, *THE MINISTRY OF HEALING*, p. 143, Ellen White writes: "The true meaning of service includes seeing all people as Christ saw them, created in the image of God with inherent value and worth. It involves making friends with them, ministering to their needs, winning their confidence, and then pointing them heavenwards to Christ, the Redeemer."

That's why I believe the Boston evangelistic initiative is well named. It incorporates the ministry of Christ, of bringing hope and healing to a city in need of hope and healing. I invite you to pray for Boston and for the gospel ministry of compassion that will be done there in the new year 2016. ☺

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A Passion for Souls

The Christian's Greatest Need

By Ellen G. White

Among professing Christians of today there is a fearful lack of the sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. Unless our hearts beat in unison with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for . . . souls, as they that must give account"? We talk of Christian missions. The sound of our voices is

heard; but do we feel Christ's tender heart-longing for souls?

We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against heaven. Human beings have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of the world in Noah's

day, who were swept away by the flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from heaven.

The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day,—these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, reveling, and drunkenness, is converting the church. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no effect.

A New Life From Above

At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour. They are to put forth earnest, untiring efforts to save souls. Their example is to



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be such that it will have a telling influence for good on those around them. They are to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus.

Intense Earnestness Needed

Intense earnestness should now take possession of us. Our slumbering energies should be aroused to untiring effort. Consecrated workers should go forth into the field, clearing the King's highway, and gaining victories in new places. My brother, my sister, is it nothing to you to know that every day souls are going down into the grave, unwarned and unsaved, ignorant of their need of eternal life and of the atonement made for them by the Saviour? Is it nothing to you that soon the world is to meet Jehovah over his broken law? Heavenly angels marvel that those who for so many years have had the light, have not carried the torch of truth into earth's dark places.

Why are we not more in earnest? Why are so large a number idle? Why are not all who profess to love God seeking to enlighten their neighbors and their associates, that they may no longer neglect so great salvation? The Saviour was an untiring worker. He did not measure his work by hours. His time, his heart, his strength, were given to labor for the benefit of humanity. Entire days were devoted to labor, and entire

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nights were spent in prayer, that he might be ready to meet the wily foe.

Heart Missionaries Wanted

It is heart missionaries that are needed. Spasmodic efforts will do little good. We must arrest the attention. We must be deeply in earnest. The man who loves God does not measure his work by the eight-hour system. He works at all hours, and is never off duty. As he has opportunity, he does good. Everywhere, at all times and in all places, he finds opportunities to work for God. He carries fragrance with him wherever he goes. A wholesome atmosphere surrounds his soul. The beauty of his well-ordered life and godly conversation inspires in others faith and hope and courage.

When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and, as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The

earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord.

Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power.

Let church members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them. They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not to be ashamed. Work, O work, keeping eternity in view! Bear in mind that every power must be sanctified. A great work is to be done. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, “God be merciful unto us; . . . that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.” Psalm 67:1, 2. ①

This article by Ellen G. White was reprinted from THE REVIEW AND HERALD, January 12, 1911.





By Marlene Romeo

Building Effective Student-Teacher Relationships

Teaching is undoubtedly one of the most essential tasks with which Christians were entrusted by God. It is upon this commission that our church founded the ministry of Christian education. Oftentimes, as Christian educators in Seventh-day Adventist schools, while we are diligent in teaching our students about God, our primary focus becomes academic performance and behavior regulation; the objective of spiritual growth fades into little more than the daily routine and schedule.

It is at this point that the words of Ellen G. White serve as a most vital and powerful reminder: “To restore in man the image of his Maker . . . to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose of his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education.”¹

Following Christ’s example, we notice that His mission was to build relationships with people by addressing their individual needs, genuinely caring for them, and gaining their trust. What are some methods that teachers can implement in order to maintain and strengthen relationships with their students and fulfill the purpose of Christian education? As an educator, I have adopted some effective approaches for relationship-building.

Smile often and greet students at the door as they enter the classroom every morning. Make education a joyful experience in which students want to partake every day. Giving a smile and personally greeting them by name as they enter the classroom shows students your happiness and enthusiasm, which almost inevitably spreads to every student. Maintaining a joyful and


active environment will surely raise the students’ interest in what you say while simultaneously promoting enthusiasm and receptiveness for learning.

Use positive language in the classroom. Scientific studies have shown that when we make use of negative words like “no,” “illness,” or “death,” accompanied by negative gestures and facial expressions, the listener’s brain responds by releasing more stress chemicals. This reaction causes increased anxiety and irritability, discouraging the listener’s ability to be trusting and cooperative.² To foster a positive attitude and encourage the trust of our students, our constant use of positive words is vital in and out of the classroom. “Positive words and thoughts propel the motivational centers of the brain into action.”³

Encourage and remind students of their higher purpose and potential. “Teachers’ actions must show their high expectations for their students and their confidence that their students will be successful.”⁴ Make sure that you give all students equal participation in class. Always give the student additional time to answer your question before moving on to another student, providing hints, if necessary, to help them answer successfully.⁵

Show students that you care and that their opinions and concerns matter. Ask students about their personal interests and future goals. Remember that every child is different, so it is good to stay alert and identify students who show strong emotion. Empathize and ask if they would like to share something that concerns or bothers them.⁶ Maintaining eye contact and nodding as they speak assures them that what

they are saying is important and you respect their opinions. Communicate with students’ parents positively, letting them know when their child has made an achievement or improvement.⁷ When teachers communicate sincere care for students, they are more likely to want to perform well, enjoy coming to school, and are more likely to want to behave well by complying with classroom rules and policies.⁸

Building effective student-teacher relationships requires that teachers follow the Christ model and reach out to students as well as their families, instilling in every one of them the belief that they are genuinely cared for and appreciated in their individual capacities. None of the above would prove effective without faith in God’s transforming power. 

Marlene Romeo is the Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools.

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⁸Boynton (2005)

More than 50 Attend Prison Ministries Training

More than 50 people attended the annual Prison Ministries training program held at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, October 23-25, 2015. Hosted by the Northeast Prison Ministries Atlantic Union Conference, the event, which occurs every year, helped to prepare laypersons to minister to prisoners through the use of Bible studies.

Guest speaker Kendall Guy, Northeastern Conference Prison Ministries director, spoke on the topic: "Escape to Freedom," using Psalm 79:9-11 as the Scripture reference. At the



Participants of the 2015 Prison Ministries training pose for a group photo while holding the certificates they received for completing the program.

conclusion of the training program, the participants were presented with cer-

tificates and a consecration prayer was offered.

—Pierre E. Omeler, Prison Ministries department director, Atlantic Union Conference

Eight Graduate from NETS Fall 2015 Program

Eight students graduated from the NETS Evangelism Center's fall 2015 program. This occasion marked the fourth NETS graduation (the third on the AUC campus) for the NETS certificate program of the Atlantic Union College (AUC) sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference. Kevin Sears, NETS director, greeted the friends and family members who came to celebrate this achievement with the graduates on December 13, 2015, at the Chan Shun Dining Commons,

The class chose 2 Timothy 1:7 for the aim: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Their motto was Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."



A lighthearted moment with the eight NETS graduates and Lois King, NETS assistant director and registrar, left front, and the commencement address speaker, Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president, left rear.

Faculty from the Thayer Performing Arts Center (TPAC) presented music for the prelude and processional. TPAC, a community music school of AUC, offers music instruction of many genres to musicians of all ages. After greetings and an introduction by AUC president, Avis Hendrickson, the graduates listened to the commencement address given by Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president.

Samuel Young gave the class response and thanked the NETS faculty and staff.

He also provided glimpses into the personalities and characteristics of his fellow graduates—comprised of six males and two females—whom he had the pleasure of getting to know these last four months.

The students came from California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New York, and received cross-training in Bible work, public evangelism, and health evangelism to prepare to better serve their local church or to begin an entry-level career in ministry. Lois King, NETS assis-

tant director and registrar, presented the graduating class, Sears presented them with special medallions to commemorate completion of the intensive training, and Hendrickson awarded them with their certificates.

Sears also made a special presentation to Edson Krefta, acknowledging his generosity and support of the NETS Evangelism Center. He was given a plaque in recognition of his efforts. The graduating class received a final challenge from Caesar Perozo, pastor of the Stoneham church in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

The fall 2016 program for NETS begins August 2016 with graduation in December. For more information, visit netsatlanticunion.org, e-mail: registrar@netsatlanticunion.org, or call (978) 368-2638.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication assistant, Atlantic Union Conference

Atlantic Union College's Response to the Student Loan Debt Crisis

Student loan debt has reached \$1 trillion this year. College graduates are troubled, wondering how they will pay their loans. Unlike other consumer debt, this is the most dangerous debt, because they cannot run away from it and it is threatening educational institutions, especially private institutions. Most graduates are underemployed, which forces them to have more than one job to meet their monthly payment. Let us not forget that most of these loans have also been cosigned by parents who are also struggling with their consumer debt.

In recent years, parents and students have increased their demand for better college and university facilities. University and college administrators, who don't have other resources, meet this demand by increasing tuition and fees, hence shifting the burdens again to poor students.

When baby boomers went to college, family members (parents, uncles, aunts, cousins) would provide financial support to them. Since loans are available, this kind of support has significantly declined or even disappeared.

Because loans are available and because of the financial illiteracy of consumers, students don't feel a need to work to pay for their college education and those who work, don't work as many hours as expected.

The Atlantic Union College Alternative

Atlantic Union College restarted its academic programs in August 2015 and sees this as a challenge and an opportunity. How do you

attract cash-paying students in a borrowing culture? It also sees an opportunity to restart by addressing this serious problem in higher education. It is responding to the student loan debt crisis by doing the following:

Low Tuition—The Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees voted to reduce tuition and fees for a non-resident student to \$11,500 a year. This is more or less equal to what Adventist day academy students pay per year. It is also less than

mer internship or job, and ethics at the workplace to guide students to find summer jobs.

Certificate programs—Atlantic Union College is offering short-term certificate programs for students who cannot afford a four-year degree program for now and for working adults who are underemployed or are looking for a promotion or a career change. These programs take a year or maximum two years to complete and many good paying jobs

get out of debt. One of them is the Financial Peace University seminar by Dave Ramsey, which Atlantic Union College ran through December 2015 and will be followed by more. Atlantic Union College encourages community members to attend and learn how to create a family budget, start saving, get out debt quickly, including student loans, so they can give to support church projects like never before.

Atlantic Union College is a debt-free college for students who are willing to look for a job during the school year and summer, seek financial support from family members, and qualify for some institutional scholarships. The life of Atlantic Union College graduates will be different from those other graduates who start their working lives with a huge amount of debt. You can save, buy a car, buy a house, get married, and support church and community projects.

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy constantly teach us to hate debt. Proverbs 19:6 says, "The borrower is the slave to the lender." Ellen G. White wrote about the tyranny of debt as follows: "Many, very many, have not so educated themselves that they can keep their expenditures within the limit of their income. . . and they borrow and borrow again and again, and become overwhelmed in debt, and consequently they become discouraged and disheartened"—COUNSELS ON STEWARDSHIP, p. 249.

—Issumael Nzamutuma, vice president for academic affairs, Atlantic Union College

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half of what students pay in other private colleges in North America.

Promote Work—During the school year, if college students work between 15 and 20 hours a week and 40 hours a week during the summer, they can raise about \$5,000 toward their school bill. This is half of the annual tuition and fees at Atlantic Union College. In the next few weeks, Atlantic Union College will start a series of free webinars on how to write an effective résumé, how to find a sum-

mer internship or job, and ethics at the workplace to guide students to find summer jobs.

"Hate debt" education—Successful people in our communities hate debt. The cycle of poverty begins when one gets in debt and does not work hard to have it paid immediately. The number one thing that parents and students need to understand is that debt is bad. If you have debt, any debt, find ways to pay it as quickly as you can.

There are many good programs that help people



Members Pray and Share Testimonies at Special Worship Service

St. David's church on the island of Bermuda celebrated a "high day in Zion" on November 21, 2015, when the Prayer Ministries and Personal Ministries departments combined efforts for the worship service. Sonya Smith-Richardson, Prayer Ministries department leader, began the service by reading a quote from THE DESIRE OF AGES: " 'Come unto Me,' is His invitation. Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord" (p. 329). The remainder of the service included praying in groups of twos or threes, where they thanked God for providing them with the opportunity to worship Him.

Continuing with the theme of prayer, sprinkled with testimonies and singing, people from all corners of the sanctuary gave thanks

to God. Among the testimonies was one from a senior member, who shared how God supplied her transportation needs. Needing to take the bus to two separate grocery shops, both in opposite directions, the 83-year-old member arrived at the first grocery store and was met by a member of the church, who was willing to take her on as a passenger.

The same member, who also needed to shop at the other store as well, provided a ride to the second store also. The member with the car then proceeded to take the elderly member home so she did not have to take the bus. In every instance, God had provided.

A second powerful testimony came from a first-time guest at the church, who shared that for five years she had been fighting the Holy Spirit's pleading for her to



Kenneth Cox, Sr., head elder, and Sonya Smith-Richardson, Prayer Ministries department director, lead out in a special worship service of prayer and testimonies at St. David's church.

step away from her Sunday church. She had been attending a Sunday church and an Adventist church. After wrestling with God, who revealed to her about keeping the Sabbath, she talked with her pastor and together, they came to an amicable agreement to part ways. Her grandmother, who is a member of the Adventist church

on the other end of the island, brought her granddaughter a new Bible with HMS Richards Bible studies included. Following the service, Smith-Richardson and St. David's pastor, D. Randolph Wilson, had a special prayer for this new believer.

A prayer for children was also offered during this special service. St. David's members are excited about what God has done and continues to do when they allow the Holy Spirit to move in their lives. Although it was a full service and they did not complete it, the Personal Ministries department leaders picked up the baton on December 5 to continue their portion. The members thank God for the testimonies, prayers, and the music they experienced.

—Communication staff,
St. David's church

"Come Out of Babylon" Evangelistic Series Discusses End-time Events

Southampton church held a three-week series discussing the book of Revelation and the end times. The meetings were conducted by DeJaun Tull, the church's pastor and Bermuda Conference executive secretary. Since becoming the pastor of Southampton church, Tull has made huge waves in the church and the community. He has made it his mission to be God's vessel for preparing the church for God's soon return. Holding the "Come Out of Babylon" series was a no-brainer.

Each night the congregation, consisting of both members and visitors, filled the pews and were eager to hear the timely mes-

sages that connected Bible prophecies with historical and current world events. The messages were clear, letting everyone know that the signs of Jesus' second coming are being fulfilled.

Although messages that discuss end-time events may be scary for some, the church was reminded that God continues to remain in control and that He will continue to keep His promise to take care of His people. As a result of these messages many were reaffirmed in their faith.

Newcomers and members alike were all touched by God's love and faithfulness that rang clear through the message of Revelation. Many answered His call to join

Him in heaven and chose to commit their lives to God through baptism.

The meetings revealed that these are truly the last days. As Jesus' return draws closer, He calls His people to be ready. This Revelation series

has also highlighted the urgency to spread the message of Jesus' soon return to others so that they, too, can be ready to meet Him on that great day.

—Davika Hill, communication team member, Southampton church



DeJaun Tull, Southampton church's pastor, conducts a series of meeting on the book of Revelation and the end times.



Neil Turner Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

His reluctance to attend a Lenten evangelistic series in his home land of Jamaica became the defining moment of his life, one that Neil Anthony Turner believes made him what he is today, a pastor. He credits this transformational moment to Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference ministerial director, for being the instrument God used to lead him to Jesus Christ, thus beginning his journey as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

On Sabbath, December 5, 2015, Turner was presented for ordination by Smith. Greater New York Conference president, G. Earl Knight, and his wife, Yvonne, Greater New York Conference ministerial spouses director, welcomed Turner and his wife, Valore, to the responsibilities and fellowship of ordained ministry. Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference executive secretary, gave the official credentials of ordination to Turner.



Pictured following the ordination service are, from left, Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Neil Turner, newly-ordained pastor, with his wife, Valore; Yvonne Knight, Greater New York Conference Ministerial Spouses Association director; Henry Beras, Greater New York Conference executive secretary; Ebenezer Agboka, Greater New York Conference treasurer; and Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference ministerial director.

Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, delivered the ordination message under the theme "Finish the Marathon" based on Hebrews 12:1-3. "Finish the marathon race of life," King said. "It calls upon Christians

to lay down the baggage of life, cast aside daily the sin that easily ensnares us, and run with perseverance to win the prize. And since we have all sinned and fallen short of God's will, let us not judge others simply because

their sins are different from our own. The answer, then, to our human dilemma is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the founder and finisher of our faith."

The overwhelming support of colleagues, family, friends, and the members of his two churches, Emmanuel and Three Angels, demonstrated the love and appreciation for his ministry. Fellow ordained pastors laid hands on Turner in prayer as Steve Cassimy, Greater New York Conference English Ministries director, offered the ordination prayer invoking God's blessings on his ministry and granting Turner the resolve to always strive to be faithful instead of striving to be successful, because it is faithfulness that counts in the end.

The Turners are the proud parents of two children, Elinesse and Logan.

—Rohann D. Wellington,
communication director, Greater New York Conference



Fellow ordained pastors lay hands on Neil Turner as Steve Cassimy, Greater New York Conference English Ministries director, offers the ordination prayer.

Ebenezer Church Baptizes 15

Ebenezer church in Brooklyn, New York, launched a series of outreach activities over the summer of 2015 that culminated with a two-week evangelistic series: "Power in the Word."

One week prior to the event, the church initiated an all-day prayer emphasis under the theme "When You Pray." Guest evangelist Daniel Duffis, pastor of Patchogue Spanish church in Medford, New York, brought to mind the miraculous release of Peter from prison wrought by the power of prayer in Acts 12. Different areas of prayer were also covered during that day: victory over bad habits, assurance of salvation, family, health, and forgiveness, among others.

During the evangelism series, Ebenezer church pastor Lincoln Smith, proclaimed the Word with power. Hearts were blessed and the attendance grew while the prayer team kept the prayers coming. At the culmination of the



Daniel Duffis, pastor of the Patchogue Spanish church, delivers the message during the two-week "Power in the Word" evangelistic series at Ebenezer church.

series, the Women's and Singles ministries departments hosted a prayer breakfast.

In Luke 15:7 Jesus said: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." There is much joy in heaven because 15 people not only

repented, but also followed the Lord into the watery grave of baptism.

Ebenezer church members give praise and thanks to God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for hearing and answering prayers.

—Zinee Frederick, communication secretary, Ebenezer church

North Bronx Church's Oldest Member Participates in Fun Day Event



Lydia Brooks, North Bronx church's oldest member, participates in "fun day" activities.

The North Bronx church Disabilities Ministries department continues to build on the program it started earlier in 2015, to

create a dynamic environment where worshipers can flourish and be nurtured and edified. They were encouraged to join residents

of the neighboring community to create a fun-filled and interactive day for individuals with disabilities, who were given the rare opportunity to enjoy a fun day planned just for them.

This fun day for individuals with disabilities was the church's first outreach event in anticipation of its evangelistic series, "Footprints in the Sand." Among the many group activities planned were music therapy, art therapy, games, exercise activities, leisure activities, a kid's corner, and a folktale sing-along.

Among the guests for the day was the church's oldest senior, Lydia Brooks, who is

105. She is still coherent and alert, and has a beautiful smile. She has six children, four girls, and two boys.

It is very encouraging to know that everyone has a special place in the worship experience at the North Bronx church. The church's goal is to continue to promote awareness of and sensitivity to people with disabilities via ongoing education and to strive to have a well-rounded focus on the lives of people within their sphere of influence.

—Dahlia Reid, communication department, North Bronx church

Macedonia Church Holds Pathfinder and Adventurer Induction Ceremony

After several months of planning, hard work, and preparation, the Macedonia Pioneer Pathfinder and Adventurer Club was inaugurated on October 24, 2015. This event was marked by a formal Induction Ceremony at Macedonia church in Schenectady, New York.

A major goal of the club is to teach its young members between ages 5 and 16 how to be “a servant of God and a friend to man” through a Christ-centered approach. The club welcomed its new members through a candle-lighting ceremony in the presence of church members, family members, and supportive members from the community.

Dan Whitlow, New York Conference youth ministries director, was present for the ceremony. He presented words of wisdom and encouragement to the



Macedonia Pioneer Pathfinder and Adventurer Club mark another milestone with the Induction Ceremony at Macedonia church.

candidates, club leaders, and church members alike. Claudio Gomez, pastor for the Macedonia church, was the hosting pastor for the event.

During the ceremony, before lighting their individual candles, the proud candidates publicly pledged to follow the laws of the club, as well as to give their dedicated

service to God, to their families, and to their community. This ceremony was symbolic of the light-bearers they will aspire to be going forward. A total of seven Pathfinders and three Adventurers took their pledges, with faces all aglow in the candlelight.

Preparations for this event were made under the leader-

ship of Chantel Providence Douglas, the current club director, with assistance from Master Guide Stefon Mentor, and Marclee Deroncera, Adventurer leader and founder of the club. The new club also received total support from the Adventist Youth Ministries department through its leader, Marc LaCroix.

The Macedonia Pioneer Pathfinder and Adventurer Club has taken flight! With a prayer for God’s continued guidance, the club looks forward to soaring to new heights and making a difference, first in the lives of its members as they grow, and also in the lives of those with whom they come in contact. This Induction Ceremony marks another milestone for the Macedonia church.

—Donna Wilson, communication director, Macedonia church

Westvale Church Participates in New York State Fair

The Westvale church sponsored a booth at the 2015 New York State Fair—“Secrets of Longevity”—at which 932 people filled out a questionnaire to find out their true health age. The booth was a success, with more than 5,000 pieces of literature being given away.

Following the state fair, a “Dinner With the Doctors” series was held for four consecutive Thursdays at the church. There was an average attendance of 20 people at each meeting, with most of the attendees from the local community. Each evening a different doctor spoke on a different health issue.

The doctors who did presentations were Carrie Goettsch, D.C., Brando Cobanov, M.D., Robert Epstein, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.P., and Nathan Hamm, F.N.P., D.C. All



Jeff and Emma Hunt, from Baldwinsville church, work at the church booth at the New York State Fair.

but Epstein were members of the Westvale church.

Before the presentation a dinner was served. All the food was prepared by members of the health ministries team. Each evening the attendees were asked to fill out

a survey regarding the program. There were many positive comments made, indicating that the meetings were interesting and informative.

—Joan Payne, communication secretary, Westvale church

America's No. 1 Mission Field is in the Middle of the Atlantic Union

According to research conducted by the Barna Group, eight of the top 10 postmodern cities in the United States are in the Atlantic Union. With the exception of New Hampshire, the largest city in every conference in the Atlantic Union made the list, with two of those cities, Buffalo and Albany, being in the New York Conference. In fact, Albany ranks number one on this list.

New York Conference members in the Capitol District saw this research as a wake-up call straight from God that America's No. 1 Mission Field is right here in the middle of the Atlantic Union, and within the New York Conference. Partnering with conference leadership and other members around the conference, these members have begun efforts to try to win over their community.

Already the conference is mobilizing to meet the call—Union Springs Academy students are being sent twice a year to help reach the city of Albany. Thirteen local churches meet as a capital



Adventist members in upstate New York participated in the Empire State Plaza's 50-year celebration by providing books and other health-related literature.

district/area council, and are making and implementing ministry plans. There is also a realization that since both ends of the state have a city on the list, there is probably a similar problem in the smaller communities between these cities. The members are also recognizing that they may have been absorbed unknowingly to some degree into a similar Laodicean mindset, and are making plans for intentional revival.

In the fall of 2015, members had the oppor-

tunity to participate in the Empire State Plaza's 50-Year Celebration. A double booth space was procured with plenty of walk-by traffic right in front of the capitol building. Upon last-minute approval by New York State to participate (in compliance with security regulations), amazingly, the Lord provided 100 hardcover copies of *LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS: POWERFUL TRUTHS FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO HOPE AND MEANING* by Cliff Goldstein at an excellent price. The

people took most of the books, along with much health-related literature.

Members were there to represent the health outreach of the 70-plus churches in the New York Conference through the Better Living Centers of Upstate New York. Now, as never before, there is a need to realize that the gospel medical missionary work is a work of compassion that opens prejudiced minds and secular hearts as nothing else can.

Except for the direction, power, and love for others that the Lord is willing to provide as members fully depend upon Him, this work would be daunting. As church members fall into line, ready and willing, and with much prayer, God will do the work through His children. He has a plan. His method and example of mingling among men, sympathizing with them, and ministering to their needs never fails in producing fruit for His kingdom.

—Debbie Cox, health ministries director, New York Conference

NYC Retirees Take on a Fundraising Project

The chapel in the Union Springs Academy (USA) administration building had been in need of updating and refurbishing for several years. On June 23, 2015, at the annual Retiree Dinner held during New York Conference (NYC) Camp Meeting, attendees took on a fundraising project to purchase new carpeting for the chapel.

Speaker Nikolaus Satelmajer told stories of his own fundraising successes and challenged the attendees to make a difference with their means. Pledges and gifts

poured in over the next few weeks, and more than enough money was raised to cover the cost of the new carpeting.

Five months later in early November, updates to the chapel were completed along with the installation of the new carpet. USA principal Todd Coulter, the New York Conference Trust Services Department, and the USA students, who are now enjoying their new chapel, sincerely express their gratitude and appreciation to all the people who generously gave to support this project. Working



The chapel at Union Springs Academy has new carpeting thanks to the retirees working together on a fundraising project.

together in support of a common goal, we can make a difference in the Lord's work.

—Public Relations department, Union Springs Academy

55 Baptized at Evangelistic Meeting



Candidates prepare for baptism following evangelistic meetings sponsored by the Shiloh church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Forty days of prayer and fasting; eight weeks of health and wellness, one grand community health fair, one year of planning, and a supportive congregation have forever changed the face of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Under the leadership and direction of Walton H. Rose, pastor of the Shiloh church, and his spiritual insights, the “Christ for the Crisis” evangelistic meeting was

born. MassMutual Center on Main Street in Springfield was the setting for the spirit-filled and energetic meeting. On opening night, City Counselor Melvin Edwards, on behalf of Mayor Dominic Sarno and the City Council, presented a Declaration to Rose.

Kevin Jackson and the Shiloh church music department were responsible for bringing nightly music along with other guest choirs and artists, such as Wintley

Phipps and Lamar Campbell with the Spirit of Praise.

News of the meetings at the MassMutual Center spread throughout New England and New York and brought representatives from Northeastern Conference—Oswald Euell, executive secretary; Ainsworth Joseph, ministerial director; Kendall Guy, personal ministries director; and Roger Wade, youth ministries director.

Pastors Trevor Stewart, of Calvary church in

Bridgeport, Connecticut; James Yansen, of Faith church in Hartford, Connecticut; Alphod Sinclair, of Hope church in Bloomfield, Connecticut; Ruben Maldonado, of Springfield Hispanic church; Lionel Martell, of Omega church in New Haven, Connecticut; and members of Southern New England churches supported the meetings.

Men, women, and children hurriedly entered the auditorium nightly to hear Rose speak a word from the Lord. During the nightly appeal, people would crowd the altar seeking peace.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Rose preached the Word of God loud and clear and many lives have been changed. Fifty-five people gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized as a result of the evangelistic endeavor. Shiloh members praise God for what He has done and what He will continue to do in this part of the vineyard.

—Claudette Chaddan Smart, communication secretary, Shiloh church

Camp Meetings Yield Many for Christ



Camp meeting at the Better Living church resulted in 39 baptisms and more than 200 people taking their stand for Jesus.

Representatives from the Northeastern Conference crisscrossed Kenya to conduct three camp meetings from August 15 through September 19, 2015. First, they were in the central Nyanza field of the West Kenya Union Conference, where they conducted camp meeting at the Better Living church in Kisumu, with Nathan Mogusu, the church’s pastor, as host. The meetings concluded with more than 2,000 in attendance and

39 baptisms on the final Sabbath, while many others are being prepared for baptism.

They next went to the Orion church with Philip Gai, who drove more than eight hours to the East Central Africa Division resort in Malindi on the east coast, where the second camp meeting was conducted.

Finally, the group traveled back to Nairobi to Kenyatta University with Kigundu Ndwiga, where they spent

one week conducting workshops on community outreach and the second week conducting the final camp meeting for the Kenyatta University church. The meetings concluded with 16 baptisms. During the Sabbath service attended by more than 4,000 young people from the university, over 200 people took their stand for Jesus.

—Fitzgerald Kerr, Adventist Community Services and Sabbath School director, Northeastern Conference



More than 200 took their stand for Jesus during the final camp meeting at Kenyatta University church in Nairobi, Kenya.

South Ozone Park Church Members Give Away New Coats

The South Ozone Park church gave away more than 200 member-donated, new winter coats to needy families in the South Ozone Park community. Six volunteers manned tables that were arrayed with coats of many different styles, colors, and sizes. They did this in shifts on an unusually cold Sabbath afternoon.

At times the ebb and flow of the crowd of people who stopped by the table kept the volunteers quite busy. One recipient, who had received a flyer about the new coat giveaway, walked six blocks

to get a coat and expressed her thanks to the church. “God bless you, thank you for what you are doing to help us,” she exclaimed as she joyfully walked away.

Erlene Cole, one of the volunteers, recalled a touching moment. A little girl came to the table and picked out a coat in her size. She tried it on and loved the coat so much, she refused to let go of the bag that her new coat was placed in. “Seeing reactions like that makes our desire to help meet a specific need in this community even more meaningful,” said

Cole. “Standing outside in the cold, to help make someone else feel warm, really brings home Matthew 25:36 (NIV): ‘I needed clothes and you clothed me.’” This was

the church’s second successful new coat giveaway.

—Lorraine Archie, member, South Ozone Park church




Members from South Ozone church help community residents to their choice of new winter coats donated by church members.

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A Heritage Center is Born

The long-planned Northern New England Conference (NNEC) Heritage Center came into being recently. The NNEC office staff got together for a work bee and cleaned out the three basement storage rooms under the conference office that will be the home of the first NNEC Heritage Center.

The exhibits and display pieces are being moved in, and the small theater that is part of the center has been partially set up. Work on the center is expected to continue for the next few months. Don't expect too much too soon—for years, historical finds in the conference have been sent to other heritage centers, so there are not many original historical pieces waiting to go on display. And yet,

there is enough display material to prepare to open the center, and then additional items will be added over the years as it is possible to do so. The volunteer director of the center, John DePalma, hopes to add to the modest collection and maybe even get on loan some of the pieces previously given by the conference to other heritage centers.

The primary benefit of NNEC's Heritage Center is that it is a stone's throw from so many sites in the area that are of historic interest to Adventists, such as the childhood home of Ellen White, the boyhood home of James White, meeting places of early Adventists, the early home of the Adventist Review, and more.

Stan Hickerson, on staff at the Center for Adventist



Northern New England Conference officers Bob Cundiff, president; Ted Huskins, executive secretary, and Daniel Battin, treasurer, discuss plans for the Heritage Center while standing by one of the displays.

Research at Andrews University, has been advising the conference on how to set up a Heritage Center, while DePalma has been doing most of the actual legwork and preparation of displays and display material.

Plans are for a soft opening in March 2016. Check NNEC's Web site (www.nnec.org) or the GLEANER for announcements.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

The Spirit Is Moving at Faith Chapel Church in Saco Maine

The Lord has been blessing Faith Chapel church in Saco, Maine. The church has recently taken six people into fellowship by profession of faith. At some churches this might not seem like a large number, but consider that this growth spurt

increased church attendance by some 25 percent. And the growing is not complete by any means. There are three Bible studies now in progress, each of which are community members who came to Bible studies through the church's 50-student child-care center or their little eight-student grade school.

The church is very small, but according to Brenda Johnson, the Faith Chapel pastor, they use every Sabbath School room available, as well as the fellowship hall, and have renovated the building to include a modern one-room grade school. "Our church, its pastor, and our teachers are totally committed to Christian education from the cradle up," says Johnson.

Johnson gets excited when she talks about what is happening in Saco, and is very

clear about how things are happening. "The Lord certainly maneuvered things into place. If I'm holding the reins, then He's holding my hands and guiding me, because I couldn't have planned things the way they have ended up happening.

"A year ago our little church was discouraged. Thinking and praying about how to change our attitude, I decided it would be a good idea to have high days—special celebration Sabbaths—as often as we could. We started by celebrating our 75th anniversary. We spruced up the sanctuary, planned beautiful music, invited our friends and the community, and our conference president.

Thanks to a persistent member, our local newspaper came that Sabbath and we got front page coverage.

We also had a high Sabbath to celebrate Mother's Day, a high Sabbath to celebrate Father's Day, and a Children's Day where students from our little grade school performed. Finally, we had a Grandparent's Day. Grandparent's Day was the turning point for us.

"In preparation for Grandparent's Day, I asked grandparents to send in pictures of their grandkids, then invite them to church. One of our members, a grandparent, who had been praying for his son and grandkids for years, invited the whole family to Grandparent's Day. During church we showed a video that included those kids. They loved it. Looking back, I think they just needed something to break the ice so they could take up the invitation to come to church.



Brenda Johnson, pastor of the Faith Chapel church in Maine, gets excited when she talks about what is happening in Saco.

“The next week after Grandparent’s Day they came back, and during prayer time they announced they were so grateful the church had a childcare facility because they had just enrolled their baby. The next Sabbath they came back and, again during prayer time, announced they were so grateful that the church had a school because they had just enrolled their third-grader in our school. What a morale boost for the church!

“We celebrated October as Adventist Heritage Month and our elders and I preached on the five pillars of Adventism. Of course, only the Lord knew that this is just what this family needed. One Sabbath, during this sermon series, I asked the grandad, who had drifted but had been coming for a year, to join our church by profession of faith. His

son, sitting next to him, said “Can I join too? I’m baptized, but have been drifting, too.” Delighted, I said yes. His wife was sitting next to him and I knew she was not an Adventist, so I asked her if she wanted Bible studies so that she, too, could join. She smiled and said “Sure.” Now there is the possibility of five people joining that study, including the eight-year-old in our school. Praise the Lord! I could never have figured all that out!”

“There were four other former Adventists who had been hanging around on Sabbath morning, and it turned out they just needed an invitation to become members by profession of faith, so I asked and they said “Sure!” Clearly, we needed to have another high Sabbath, so we had Membership Sabbath. On that day six new members

wore a red carnation. I called them forward, read the baptismal vows, and the membership ranks swelled by six. At the time, nominating committee was in process so each new member was asked to do a job.”

When asked what she believes the key elements are for a church to be welcoming, Johnson is quick to respond with this list: Christ-centered, non-judgmental, and friendly. “Some people don’t feel like they’re good enough to join, and some feel like it is just too hard. Others just want to be lazy. But if they are welcomed in love and come to understand that they and their children are wanted and needed, they will come in.”


Saco church is not discouraged anymore, nor has it lost momentum. Indeed, there are two more Bible studies going on. One of the

studies is with the assistant director of the pre-school, who, after working for a Seventh-day Adventist childcare for over a year, decided that she would like to know what the church believed. Through the study of His word, this assistant director was led to Jesus and wants to join the church after her studies. Another study is with a parent of one of the kids enrolled at the preschool. This parent just showed up one Sabbath and our friendly elder asked her if she would like to study the Bible with the pastor.

Asked if she is planning more high Sabbaths, Johnson nods. “Yes. Soon we will have the highest Sabbath of all—Baptism Sabbath—and I am praying for at least six!”

—Communication staff, Northern New England Conference

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Food Drive Feeds More than 280 Needy Families

The organizers of the Greater Lancaster Holiday Gift Baskets and Food Drive couldn't help but reflect on the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes as they packed boxes to feed more than 280 families in Lancaster and Clinton.

"We pray and the food multiplies," said Sheryl Crowley, coordinator for the food drive. "It happens every year. It's amazing."

Members of the College Church, Village Church, and Remix work together to gather and distribute one week's worth of nutritious food to the most needy families in time for Thanksgiving. The amount of food donated and the number of people receiving food has grown each year.

This complicated and coordinated effort to feed more than 1,000 people begins in May. Squash seeds are distributed at the College and Village churches for members to grow during the summer. Then the squash are harvested, washed, and stored at the College Church to be added to the boxes of food.

Local grocery stores donated 3,000 shopping bags to be distributed in Lancaster and parts of Clinton. Eighth-grade students at Browning elementary school stapled instructions to each bag. The last Sabbath of October 2015, church members and area Pathfinders and Adventurers collected maps outlining 27 pre-arranged routes. Volunteers spent the afternoon knocking on doors and asking for donations of food to fill the bags.

The next step was to collect the bags of food left on people's doorsteps the next



Volunteers fill the College Church fellowship hall to check expiration dates and sort the donated food.

Sabbath and take the donations to the College Church. There the church members, Pathfinders, and Adventurers checked expiration dates and sorted the food.

"My favorite day is when the food comes in. You can see God blessing this ministry," said Crowley. "We had a record amount of food this year. It was an amazing amount—about 25 percent more than last year. For example, last year we had 500 boxes of pasta, this year about 800 boxes. The community gave an amazing amount."

The College Church fellowship hall was transformed into a well-organized distribution warehouse for the next two weeks. Each box was supplied with basic ingredients, such as flour, sugar, oil, eggs, onions, stuffing, potatoes, squash, and apples. Wegman's in Northborough and Hanniford in Clinton donated gift cards for organizers to purchase food, such as flour and oil, that may not have been collected in the shopping bags from people's doorsteps. Several local farmers also gave donations of food, primarily apples.

Marjorie Howes, co-coordinator for the food drive, had a full-time job coordinating with numerous volunteers to pack the food boxes according to the number of people in a household and buy any additional items. Volunteers from the church and several classes of students from South Lancaster Academy spent days carefully packing each box. They individualized the boxes as needed, meeting vegetarian, gluten-free, and diabetic diets, as well as adding baby food or teething biscuits if the family included a baby. A household of one received one box with enough food to last a week, while a family of eight received four large boxes of food.

The names of those that receive the food boxes are well-vetted, coming from organizations and people who know the most needy people in the community. WHEAT, Lancaster Angels, Bread of Life, Lancaster police and fire departments, a school nurse and social worker all contributed names.

"We're learning to trust God more, because He does provide," said Crowley. "God multiplied the boxes." Organizers were worried

there weren't enough cardboard boxes to pack the food into and a large donation of boxes arrived with more than enough to meet the current need and have some to save for next year's drive.

Joyce Malin was working with several students from South Lancaster Academy to pack the boxes. One of the students said they didn't have enough potatoes. They searched the room and found a bag of potatoes tucked in a corner. There was just enough potatoes to finish the boxes, not one less or one extra, said Malin.

Finally, the Sabbath before Thanksgiving, the boxes of food were ready to be delivered. Church members, Pathfinders and Adventurers delivered enough food to feed 1,058 people for one week. "I always feel very close to God when I'm doing this," said Crowley. "We do this for Him."

For more information and to see photos of the volunteers in action, see the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterLancasterFoodDrive/?fref=ts>.

—Shauna Neidigh, volunteer, Greater Lancaster Holiday Gift Baskets and Food Drive



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OBITUARIES

BLUE, Ruth—92; b. Dec. 23, 1922, in Richmond, Va.; d. Nov. 25, 2015, in Goochland, Va. A graduate of Oakwood College and Atlantic Union College, she spent the majority of her career as an elementary teacher at Berea Academy in Boston, Mass. Even after her official retirement from Northeastern Conference, she continued to work at Berea Academy as a resource instructor in the computer lab. Upon her move to Virginia she won notoriety for her volunteerism at the Goochland Family Services Intergenerational Program. She spent her retirement teaching neighborhood children to read, and caring for her elderly neighbors. She is survived by her daughter, Lorena Oliver of Goochland, Va.; two sons, Dedrick Blue (Elfreda), dean of the Oakwood University School of Religion in Huntsville, Ala., and Roderick Blue of Goochland, Va.; a brother, Curtis Wrenn (Yvonne) of Highland, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

CHENEY, Regina Evebeth—87; b. October 20, 1928, in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine; d. December 2, 2015, in Dexter, Maine. She was a long-time member of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church. She attended Atlantic Union College where she studied childhood education. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Thelma Cheney of Vermont; three nieces; a nephew; and was predeceased by three brothers, Theodore, Philip, and her twin, Reginald; and two sisters, Ernestine Folsom and Priscilla Easler.

CHIRNITCH, Miriam Fetzer—82; b. Aug. 8, 1933, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Feb. 15, 2015, in Brunswick, Maine. She was a member of the Stoneham church in Stoneham, Mass. She graduated from Greater New York Academy in 1951. She attended Atlantic Union College and graduated from the New England Sanitarium Hospital in 1955. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Chirnitch, and son, David Chirnitch, both of Brunswick, Maine; two sisters, Mildred Bolton of Stoneham, Mass., and Eleanor Moore of Tewksbury, Mass.; and one grandson.

ORSBURN, Joyce M.—90; b. Jan. 6, 1925, in Walla Walla, Wash.; d. May 30, 2015, in Rochester, N.Y. She worked in Adventist Risk Management, and for both the Idaho Conference and the New York Conference. She ministered with her pastor husband in the Southeastern California, Idaho, and Washington conferences. She is survived by her sons Michael Orsburn of Fairport, N.Y., and William Orsburn; daughter, Phyllis Foote; stepson, Donald Orsburn, Jr.; stepdaughter, Donna Teachworth; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

PINERO SANTANA, Antonio E.—64; b. June 4, 1951, in Humaco, Puerto Rico; d.

June 16, 2015, in Madisonville, Tenn. He was a member of the Middletown church in Middletown, N.Y. He attended Greater New York Academy. He is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and Andrews University. He is survived by his wife, Janet Bush Pinero of Madisonville, Tenn.; two children, René Pinero of Middletown, N.Y., and Lorinda Pinero Robbins (Russ) of Berrien Springs, Mich.; his mother, Maria Santana; his father, Antonio Pinero; brothers, Elliot Pinero (Daisy) and Anthony Pinero (Jacqueline); and two grandchildren.

SHAND, Jessica L. Cort—29; b. April 26, 1986, in New York, N.Y.; d. October 21, 2015, in Boston, Mass. She graduated from South Lancaster Academy (2004), and Atlantic Union College (2010). She was a member of the Worcester church and later transferred to the Pleasant Street church, both in Worcester, Mass. She is survived by her parents Joyce Cort Shand and E. Devon Shand; her sisters Ashley Shand and Elena Shand,

all of Worcester, Mass.; her grandparents, Joanne Blue of Harvard, Mass., and Vincent Shand of Hawthorne, Fla.

STRAYER, Jr., George C.—90; b. May 10, 1925, in Waterloo, N.Y.; d. October 7, 2015, in Waterloo, N.Y. A member of the Auburn church in Auburn, N.Y., he served as a deacon there for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Doris Strayer, of Waterloo, N.Y.; two sons, Dr. Brian Strayer of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Jerry Strayer (Natalie) of Auburn, N.Y.; a daughter, Darlene Shureen (John) of Montana; three sisters, Katherine Kidd of Clifton Springs, N.Y., Lois Baker of Waterloo, N.Y., and Shirley McCutcheon of Seneca Falls, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.



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