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The Cornerstone

Who Makes Living Stones

In ancient biblical times the cornerstone was the stone at the corner of two walls that united them. It was the visible corner and most important stone of the foundation of the building. It set the level, angle, and outer dimensions of the building. It had to be level and squared true (vertical) so that all the other future stones could be set from it.

Once in place, the rest of the building would conform to the angles and size of the cornerstone. If removed, the entire structure could collapse. It was the most costly stone because of its beauty and strength. It was also the largest, most solid, and carefully constructed stone.

Jesus describes Himself as the Chief Cornerstone that His church would be built upon, a unified body of believers, both Jews and Gentiles.

The prophet Isaiah made many references to the Messiah to come as “the Cornerstone.” One such reference is found in Isaiah 28:16 (NLT), “Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: ‘Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.’”

Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone and foundation of the New Testament church (Ephesians 2:19-22). But the cornerstone could not be a freshly cut or an untested stone that might fracture under the weight of what it supports. The stone God laid as the foundation, His only Son, was precious to Him, and tested over and over in the crucible of life. Indeed, Jesus serves not only as the foundation of the church but also for each Christian’s individual life.

So what does it mean that Christ is the cornerstone of God’s building? In the Psalms we see that Christ is the refuge

rock, the blessed rock, the protecting rock, the higher rock, the cleft rock, the strengthening rock, the habitation rock, the unfailing rock, the salvation rock, and the trusting rock! But He is also the foundation stone, the living stone, the cornerstone, the precious stone, the top-stone, the crushing stone, and the stone of stumbling!

Psalms 118 tells us that without Christ as the cornerstone, the revelation concerning Christ in the whole book of Psalms is not complete. Christ is the Chief Cornerstone! We need to ever celebrate Christ as the Chief Cornerstone!

In Peter 2:4-8, we see that Christ is the Stone and we also are living stones built together into God’s dwelling place. As the Cornerstone, the Rock, He beseeches us to become living stones to be transformed into a holy priesthood for service!

“Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that the Saviour desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour’s love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity”—ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, p. 600.

May we permit God to make us His living stones and “stonify us” by infusing His “cornerstone-likeness” into us until we become like Him, living witnessing stones for God’s building! ☺

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Called, Chosen, Faithful

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

By Debra McKinney Banks

A total of eight women serve as pastors in the Atlantic Union Conference. Some are commissioned; some are not. Some answered the promptings of the Holy Spirit immediately, others resisted. Regardless of the circumstances surrounding their “calling,” all are intensely dedicated to the burden that God has placed on their hearts to serve others and share the gospel of a soon-coming Savior. Their stories of how they arrived at this point are nothing short of amazing. The details are fascinating and inspiring, yet through it all, one can see the same God bringing them to the place where He wanted them to be.

Meet the Pastors

One of the newest female pastors in the Atlantic Union Conference family is Amanda Hawley. Initially pursuing a career as a psychologist, Hawley questioned her decision when she

encountered some difficulty during her master’s program. “It was during this challenging time that I began to reevaluate my purpose and calling,” said Hawley. Praying earnestly, she sought wise counsel and committed herself to be more active at her local church. Three years later, the call to ministry was clear and Hawley has not looked back. On January 9, she was installed as assistant pastor for Northeastern Conference’s (NEC) Kingsboro Temple in Brooklyn, New York.

Greater New York Conference (GNYC) pastor Julian Jones-Campbell had graduated from nursing school in Canada and was considering multiple prospects when she felt God was not guiding her in that direction. “I asked God, ‘What do you require of me?’ I began fasting and started praying every six hours, asking for guidance,” Jones-Campbell said. Through a series of miracles and providentially-orchestrated opportunities, Jones-Campbell returned

to school to study theology. She is currently pastor of the Macedonia church in Hempstead, New York.

Raised in a Buddhist family, Tiffany Tan gave her heart to the Lord after attending a Seventh-day Adventist school in Vietnam. Five years after arriving with her family in California as refugees in 1979, Tan began a career in the banking industry because of her fluency in Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English. “I constantly heard the call from God to be a servant for Him. I joined local evangelistic programs where I experienced the joy of sharing God’s Word.” After the death of both her parents in the late 1990s, Tan responded to God’s call to minister to the Chinese. Tan is currently the assistant pastor of The Waymark church in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Even after her call to ministry was confirmed to her by two pastors who had witnessed her in the pulpit,



Amanda Hawley, Northeastern Conference



Julian Jones-Campbell, Greater New York Conference



Tiffany Tan, Northeastern Conference

Michelle Hill still shied away from pastoring. After praying and laying out her fleece before the Lord, she told Him, “If you want me to be a pastor, you will have to open the door wide like a French door.” The answer came shortly thereafter when Atlantic Union College (AUC) started a Personal Ministries



Michelle Hill, Bermuda Conference

degree pilot program in Bermuda. Hill enrolled and later transferred to AUC to receive a bachelor’s degree in Theology, and later a Master of Divinity in Ministry from Andrews. She currently serves as the pastor of the Pembroke church, in Pembroke, Bermuda.

Brenda Johnson, pastor of the Saco



Brenda Johnson, Northern New England Conference

church in Saco, Maine, gave her life to Jesus Christ in 1970 after leaving a worldly lifestyle. “Since becoming a Christian, I have never wanted anything for my life than to work for the Lord in full-time service,” said Johnson. At 32, she returned to school and obtained a degree in Personal Ministries through the Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College. Her first job was working as a Bible worker. Later, she was commissioned by GNYC in 1990 as a health care chaplain. She was recently commissioned by NNEC. “I loved all my jobs for the Lord, but none more than being a pastor,” Johnson said.

Donnett Blake, pastor of the Shelter Rock church in Jamaica, New York, has been a pastor in the Northeastern Conference for nine years. While a student working toward a degree in Social Work, Blake would accept speaking engagements at various churches. “With every presentation, folks would always say, ‘You have missed your calling!’ ”

Women in Leadership Ministry

The following recommendation to the Atlantic Union Executive Committee regarding Women in Leadership Ministry was voted on September 16, 2015:

Due to significant discussions regarding women in leadership and ministry both prior to and subsequent to the recent 60th Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in San Antonio, Texas, the Atlantic Union Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and the Administrative Council (ADCIL) recommend the following statement:

Whereas the Atlantic Union and its six constituent conferences, college, and other institutions enjoy the rich tradition of intentionally endorsing and enabling women in ministry, and

Whereas the Atlantic Union Conference is part of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a world church organization, it is therefore resolved:

In harmony with the Bible teaching of the priesthood of all believers, the Atlantic Union Conference is committed to its sustained support of the current world practice of authorizing women in pastoral service (including senior pastor, evangelistic, educational, administrative), and in all ministry categories where policy allows. We commit to encouraging, empowering, and celebrating their gifted spiritual leadership. Furthermore, we will continue to do so in coordination with the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and as expressed by the actions taken by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its world business session.





Donnett Blake, Northeastern Conference

Blake recalled. But it was while she was pursuing her master's degree in the same field that she had a phone conversation with a friend that forever changed her life. "With one question she exposed me. At that moment I knew that I was running away from what God wanted me to do and it was time to stop."

Heather Cook responded to the call to ministry early on in her life. She is currently commissioned by the Southern New England Conference (SNEC) and is the associate pastor for the College Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts. As a teen, she witnessed a negative situation at her



Heather Cook, Southern New England Conference

church involving a youth pastor and was deeply moved. "After that experience, I felt that I wanted to be a voice for positive interaction between those in the ministry and people, especially with young people. Youth and young people are my passion," Cook said.

Donna Holland, senior pastor of the Northern New England Conference's White Memorial church in Portland, Maine, was impressed at an early age that this is what the Lord wanted her to do. "I used to preach to empty chairs as a child, telling them that Jesus was coming soon," Holland said.

Staying Focused Amid Opposition

Serving God in this male-dominated field has not been easy. In spite of difficulties, each of these women thoroughly enjoys what they do, even amid opposition. "I never tried to bang the door down; I always left it up to God. It's a call. When God calls you, He will always open a path," Hill said.

"I just remember this is the Lord's calling, not man's," said Holland, who has been active in pastoral ministry for 16 years. Jones-Campbell echoes the same sentiment, "Opposition doesn't faze me. Nothing can keep me from doing God's will. All of us have a cross to bear, and ministry is going to cost you something. If we get caught up in the hurt and pain, we will lose our way and lose our mission."

Cook, who has pastored for 11 years in both SNEC and in Hong Kong, is not easily deterred. "Pastoral ministry is a great combination of my gifts. I don't need men to give me a title, because it is not a human decision on what gifts God has given me. I do what God has called me to do. Doing my job well is my loudest argument for this work," said Cook.

It is a work that is both opposed and supported by people in their conferences and congregations. "The negativity is discouraging at times and we will continue to experience adversity,"



Donna Holland, Northern New England Conference

admits Hill. "This is not about a feminist agenda. It is a call, and God is using simple handmaidens to help finish His work" Hill adds. It is a calling that once they finally answered, God moved in mighty and marked ways to bring His purposes to light. "I feel that I am now in an excellent position to both support The Waymark members in their spiritual walk and address my mission to establish Asian churches in the Boston area," says Tan who has been on this journey for 14 years.

"There has been much opposition along the way because of my gender . . . but I have had no choice but to pursue what has been my delight since the beginning," says Johnson. "Serving the Lord and His people brings joy, and tremendous satisfaction that my life has been worthwhile and not squandered as it was before I met Jesus."

Without counting the cost, these dedicated women have put their hands to the plow and are committed to doing the work which the Lord has called them to do. "I have dedicated my life to the Lord for His service, and wherever I am stationed I will do His work," said Hawley. ①

Debra McKinney Banks is the communication assistant for the Atlantic Union Conference.



By Jerrell Gilkeson

How Can I Help You? (Jesus on Customer Service)

Some time ago, I heard a family tell about how they wanted to send their child to an Adventist Christian school. The family started planning in the spring, making a spreadsheet listing the schools and visiting each school. After reviewing the positives and negatives, one school was chosen. They sent an application and deposit to the school, but they got no response.

In the meantime, they looked at another Adventist school some distance away. The visit was quite positive, having received information, personal prayer, follow-up calls, and messages. After considering what would be best, the family decided that it would be worth the expense to move, because this school showed they cared. A week after school started, a letter with a receipt for the deposit from the first school was received with no message inside.

Sometimes care is shown in very small ways. In the last week of July 2015, a phone call came to the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education. The caller asked if it was possible to get some information about Atlantic Union College. He had heard that the religion department was going to open again for classes beginning in two or three weeks. He wanted to join that class and he needed to have acceptance into the college before he turned in his two-week resignation notice. He was directed to the right individual. Follow-up calls

were made and he received confirmation that he was accepted.

Samuel Jerome had the faith to leave his comfortable position, move his family, and answer God's call to prepare to serve. He loves his classes and knows that God has called him.

How should Jesus' schools and churches care for people? Jesus was a Master of Caring for people. Look at how He took care of people when



Samuel Jerome loves his classes at Atlantic Union College and knows that God has called him to follow Jesus at any cost.

he fed 5,000. The disciples thought that they were being helpful in sending them away to get some food. But Jesus took looking out for people to a whole new level. His instruction was, "You give them something to eat"—Mark 6:37.

The Scripture is full of examples of Jesus caring and going out of His way. Jesus, the King and Creator of

the universe, repeatedly asked, "What would you have me do for you?"—Mark 10:26.

As Jesus' disciples we can follow His example in our schools and churches by:

- Answering the phone/e-mail promptly
- Listening/reading attentively
- Responding to students, parents, and all people in a timely manner. (The current acceptable response time is 24-48 hours.)
- Looking for felt needs first. These would be emotional comfort, water, and food.

Remembering that Christ said being taken advantage of and insults are the norms for service. That is what carrying a cross means.

Jesus said, "Come follow me"—Mark 1:17. Caring for people is a messy business, but it has a glorious result, because that is where He said He would be. We get to see Jesus! ☺



Jerrell Gilkeson is the Atlantic Union Conference associate director of education and children's ministries.

AUC Students Share their Experiences

Under the leadership of president Avis Hendrickson, Ed.D., AUC moves forward with providing quality education, and grooming men and women to serve God and the world. Currently, AUC offers two degree programs: a B.A. in Religion/Theology, and a B.S. in Health Sciences/Biology.

On a chilly day in January, several students eating lunch in the Chan Shun Dining Commons were asked why they chose AUC to continue

because [AUC] was closer and I didn't have to move my whole family." He also appreciates the rich learning environment in his classes. "The school has sacrificed to provide a high level of education, all at a reasonable price to the student."

His classmate, Eric Jean-Baptiste, from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, appreciates the teachers' personal investment in the students. "They are giving us every opportunity to be ready for when we

deciding on AUC, but was deterred by their seeming lack of acceptance for her Adventist beliefs. "My day of worship made it difficult for [the colleges], and many of them just wouldn't accept Adventists."

In addition to the degree programs, AUC unveiled accelerated certificate programs in office management, information technology, enrolled agent (tax preparation), bookkeeping, Certified

mately two weeks later, his home flooded. He lost all his belongings and was forced to live with his parents on Cape Cod—nearly 100 miles away. "I didn't know if I could go on with the program." AUC staff assisted Clarke with getting on-campus employment and housing. "I've been amazed at how much of a help they have all been."

Attending a Christian college with a strong spiritual, family-like atmosphere in a quiet, serene setting has been another bonus to theology majors Fredy Canales of Bronx, New York; Jeremias Garcia of New Bedford, Massachusetts; and Neil McKinney of Nassau, Bahamas. "This is a really nice area. It has a very homey, relaxing feel," says McKinney. Canales agrees, "It's a peaceful place, and it's like the people that came here chose that peace. This is a place where the atmosphere is in harmony with developing a character like God."

Garcia also appreciates the strong ties he has made with fellow AUC students and faculty and staff. "I've been to many different schools, but have never made friends like the friends I have here. It's nothing short of amazing." Jean-Baptiste adds, "The teachers, administration, even the janitorial staff—everyone is so kind and friendly. And you can tell they are Christian because they live it."

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.auc.edu, or call the office of enrollment at (978) 368-2251, or e-mail enroll@auc.edu.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication assistant, Atlantic Union Conference



These students sat down to talk about their experiences at Atlantic Union College; on the back row, from left, are Neil McKinney, Samuel Jerome, Fredy Canales, Jeff Clarke, Eric Jean-Baptiste, and Jeremias Garcia; on the front row, from left, are Magalay Fabian, Nyma Joseph, and Cindy Bojoh.

Debra McKinney Banks

their education. Although the reasons for attending this historic college in Lancaster, Massachusetts, were as varied as the smiles on their faces, they all could agree on one thing—coming to AUC was the best choice they made.

"The instructors are very qualified," says Samuel Jerome, a theology major from Malden, Massachusetts. He had his sights set on Southwestern Adventist University when he heard that AUC was open for classes. "It was convenient

graduate to be ministers and pastors, by not only teaching us in the classroom, but also getting us out [in the pulpits and community]."

Health Science/Biology majors, Nyma Joseph from Utica, New York, and Cindy Bojoh, from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are equally impressed with their program. "Dr. Brown knows so much! He is very lively and makes the classes fun and entertaining, but also easier to understand," Bojoh said. Joseph had looked at other Christian colleges before

Nursing Aide, and medical billing and coding. Magalay Fabian from Lynn, Massachusetts, felt as if AUC chose her. "I came in one day to ask questions and by the end of the day I was registered as a student! It has really been a great experience."

Jeff Clarke, from nearby Clinton, Massachusetts, was driving by AUC when he saw the banner advertising the certificate classes. Two months after starting the program, Clarke was laid off from his job, and approxi-



St. David's Resident Gift Giver Blesses Others

The St. David's church family was treated to gifts from their very own "gift distributor," Maverneen Fox. Her gifts are not seasonal, but throughout the year she shares gifts with members. She is the church's organist and a lover of people. She shares freely of what the Lord gives to her.

For Christmas 2015, Fox had a special treat for the students and the children. She told the children's story—for the first time. Fox has two young adult sons, Theodore (Theo), who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, and a younger son, Dion.

She knows that Theo will never go to college and will never graduate, and instead of feeling down about it, she came up with a wonderful surprise of her own. Watching how the children and youth of the church come to assist her and Theo on a weekly basis—to get



Maverneen Fox, St. David's church member, stands behind her son, Theo, who is seated in the wheelchair, along with the students whom Fox rewarded for earning "A"s, and their parents, as her way of saying "thank you" for their kindness.

him into the car, start the electric ignition, take him for walks around his neighborhood, or just sit with him, and more—she told them she wanted to see how many "A"s they can get in school. She will buy back every A they earn as her way of saying "thank you" from Theo.

At the end of the term in mid-December, Fox col-

lected enough A's to share \$2,000.00 among students ranging from elementary school to college. One of the youngest students sports a 4.0 grade point average.

St. David's resident gift giver provided gifts for the members also, some in the form of neckties, watches, and warm socks to name a few. Fox's generous heart of

love goes out to all members. She truly exemplifies the spirit of Christ in her life. God is blessing!

The St. David's church members wish to express their thanks to Fox and pray that the grace of God will continue to be in her as she shares His love with others.

—D. Randolph Wilson, associate communication director, Bermuda Conference

Attendance Up at Bermuda Conference Annual Officers Training

The Bermuda Conference held its annual officers training on January 17, with more officers attending than in recent years. A portion of the training session for deacons and deaconesses, as well as the elders, began on Friday evening at the Hamilton and Devonshire churches respectively.

Vincent White, retired pastor and now teaching at Oakwood University, was the presenter at the meeting for the deacons and deaconesses. They returned to the Hamilton church on Sabbath afternoon and once again on Sunday to participate in the last portion of the session.

The elder's schedule was similar to that of the deacons and deaconesses, but they had two presenters,



Sydney Gibbons, Bermuda Conference ministerial director, stands with Vincent White, seminar presenter at the Bermuda Conference annual officers training.

Russell Seay and Jessie Wilson, both professors from Oakwood University. The elders say that they appreciated the information shared throughout the training.

The Sunday-morning activities began with a song service led by Simona Mills-Pitcher, Bermuda Conference music coordinator, followed by an inspiring devotional thought on Isaiah 6:1-5 by Seay.

A short synopsis was given by three people about some of the information they would cover in their respective departments. Dwayne Lemon, guest speaker for the Southampton church, focused on the spirituality of the members, while White shared information on the importance of the deacons and deaconesses.

In all, the members say they appreciated the information shared and look forward to fulfilling their service in the cause of the Lord in 2016.

—D. Randolph Wilson, associate communication director, Bermuda Conference



ASI Forms Local GNYC Chapter

The Greater New York Conference (GNYC) and Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convened a special meeting on November 21, 2015, at the North Bronx church to establish a local network of lay members who are passionate about sharing Christ in the Greater New York marketplace. The meeting room was filled with professionals and business owners representing an array of services, from dentistry, medical, and legal to printing, plumbing, and transportation. There was someone in the room for just about any service one might need.

The atmosphere of this historic occasion was inspiring as attendees shared stories of lives transformed through the creative integration of business, service, and ministry. Presentations included ministry reports from PROJECT: Steps to Christ, Tekoa Missions, and Heidi's Health Kitchen.

Albert Hutchinson of Endtime Message Ministry was officially appointed as the representative for the



G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Albert Hutchinson, Greater New York Conference ASI representative and director of Endtime Message Ministry; Greg Perry, Atlantic Union ASI Chapter president; Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning; and Janice Da Silva, Greater New York Conference Office of Planned Giving and Development associate director

GNYC ASI Chapter. Greg Perry, president of the ASI Atlantic Union Chapter said, "President Knight and Rohann Wellington are visionaries, and I appreciate that they see the importance of a strong ASI presence in the Greater New York Conference. They have taken that first crucial step by introducing and supporting the development of a GNYC ASI Group. ASI looks forward to working with the GNYC so we may do the work that God lays before us."



Participants take a moment to pray at the ASI meeting held by the Greater New York Conference.

The group plans to meet together during the ASI-

Atlantic Union Spring Conference in Mystic, Connecticut, on April 22-24. For more information about the GNYC ASI Chapter, please contact Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning at communication@gnyc.org.

—Janice Da Silva, associate director, GNYC Office of Planned Giving and Development



Lance Wilbur of Tekoa Mission shares information about ASI at the Greater New York Conference's first ASI Chapter meeting.

Photos: Lisa Gonzalez

Crossroads Church Baptizes Five Youth

There was a special buzz in the air on December 12, 2015, when Crossroads church in New York had its largest youth baptism ever, as five young people took the watery plunge. “I have watched them for the past nine years and have often talked to them about taking this step,” Oriel Thomas, the church’s pastor, proudly told the packed church during a “Baptism of Our Children” celebration.

With about 20 Pathfinders offering support, the youthful quintet consisted of all teens except for the not-quite-yet teenager Evan Coddett, who still has a half year to go before reaching 13. One by one the youngsters stepped into the pool with the theme “Dead to Sin, Alive in



The newly-baptized youth of Crossroads church are, from left, Horace McFarlane, Justin Allen, Lyndon Buddoo, Evan Coddett, and Tiana Roberts.

Seth Kuriloff

Christ” playing overhead on dual screens.

Lyndon Buddoo, 14, who wants to become a playwright, had an unforgettable day by being baptized by his father Horace Buddoo, an elder.

Horace McFarlane, 15, followed his mom, Raquel, into

the pool three years after she was baptized. Horace hopes to play pro soccer someday.

Evan Coddett, who wants to be a chef, has been attending Crossroads since he was six months old and has been a reliable scripture reader during services under the tutelage of his mother, Andrea.

Tiana Roberts, 16, has been attending Crossroads since “she was in my womb,” joked her mother, Janice Roberts, the church clerk. Tiana plans to become a forensic scientist.

Justin Allen, 17, was “a miracle and answered prayer” for his parents Keith and Delrose Allen. Justin, whose favorite verse is John 3:16, plans to become a teacher.

Emotions were overflowing with proud moms tearing up as about two dozen amateur photographers vied for space near the pool. “I wish we could have this kind of experience every Sabbath,” the beaming Thomas told his appreciative congregation.

—Neil Graves, communication assistant, Crossroads church

Maranatha Pathfinders Encouraged to Show Compassion

José Cortés, Jr., North American Division Ministerial Department associate director for evangelism, was the guest speaker for Pathfinder Day last November at the Maranatha church in Brooklyn, New York. The former Greater New York Conference youth ministries director used poignant and sometimes humorous illustrations from his ministry and his family, and reminded the congregation that, just as God loves his erring children and welcomes them home after repenting, churches should show the same compassion. “What if compassion was our mission?” Cortés asked. As he closed his sermon, his charge was clear: “We are here to love sinners the way Jesus loves sinners.”

Maranatha Lightbearers director Judy Lewis pre-

sented Cortés and his family with special gifts—club T-shirts personalized with each family member’s name. Cortés proudly donned his shirt before delivering a stirring sermon built around two points: God’s love for us and our love for others. Those points may seem painfully simple, but they are the very heart of who Adventists are and what they should be doing as a church. Cortés said, “If the church of God cannot love sinners, it is not the church. It is not of God.”

Director Lewis was pleased that Cortés and his family accepted Maranatha’s invitation. “[Pastor Cortés] has such an impact on young people,” Lewis said. “It was a privilege to get him [for the day] to tell us in simple terms how much Jesus loves us.”



Standing together following the worship service are, from left, Shane Vidal, Maranatha church pastor; José Cortés, Jr., North American Division Ministerial Department associate director for evangelism; and Judy Lewis, Maranatha church's Pathfinder director.

The day ended with an investiture program in the evening where 14 Pathfinders were invested. “What a mighty God we serve, great things He has done!” Lewis said. “I enjoy working with the young people and working with them on how to have a bet-

ter relationship with Christ. It helps me as a person to connect with Christ too.”

—Kaara Baptiste, communication secretary, Maranatha church



Baldwinsville Church Plant Becomes a Church

“Wouldn't it be great to have an Adventist presence on the northwest side of Syracuse?” That was the prevailing sentiment as several members of the Westvale church in New York began planting a new church in the Baldwinsville area. With the blessing of the Lord, the New York Conference, and the Westvale church, the work of church planting began in March 2011.

The initial church services were held under a large tent in a church member's driveway until weather dictated a move to a nearby house. For two years the faithful members met in this house. With as many as 60 members and visitors attending church and church activities, the house was often cramped, but a close fellowship resulted.

As the church's search committee reviewed potential sights for a permanent location, a building was found that would meet all their needs. However, code regulations and ownership issues prevented the church from moving forward on this property. For two years the search committee found other locations that did not work out, resulting in a roller coaster ride of emotions as the faithful group looked for a building their church could call home.

At a church board meeting members were feeling overwhelmed from this roller coaster ride. The board members agreed that the very first building that had

new agent, explaining their wishes to use the building for a church. The agent said, “That shouldn't be a problem.” By God's grace the church would sign a three-

and signage for the building, as well as pay for the utilities and provide mowing for the yard. With these services included, the church members were able, for a very reasonable price, to rent the more than 6,000 square foot facility that is located 300 yards from a main highway and with parking for over 100 vehicles. The church did some renovating and was able to move into their new home in September 2014.

With the Lord's help the membership has doubled since the church moved, and even more amazingly many non-Seventh-day Adventists are regularly attending church. Much of the success is from friendship evangelism. Invitations to worship services, Sabbath afternoon activities, social events, professional concerts, and other activities have brought many people in the door for the first time, and the friendly atmosphere and clear Bible teaching brings them back.

On February 13, this church plant was officially organized as the Baldwinsville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless this group of faithful members as they seek to do God's will.

—Jeff Hunt, member, Baldwin church



Jeremy Garlock, first elder of Union Springs church, prepares to baptize Mackenzie Hughes, the newest member of the Baldwinsville church.

not worked out was the perfect location for the church. It was agreed that the leadership would stop praying for “a building” and begin praying for “the building.”

After these prayers began, a new real estate agent was assigned to the building they were praying for. The church reached out to this

year lease within two weeks of this meeting.

It seems that the Lord worked out the lease agreement. Except for altering the structure of the building, no limits were put on the church as far as the changes they may want to make to the facility. The owners would supply new lighting

Vestal Hills Church and the Broome County Urban League Sponsor a Street Store

One Sabbath Christian Bull, pastor of the Vestal Hills church, bounced with enthusiasm onto the platform. He had just returned from assisting his then fiancée, Ana, with The Street Store in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bull's enthusiasm about

this unique outreach idea quickly spread throughout the congregation. Plans for a street store in Binghamton were discussed.

The Street Store program, introduced to the congregation by Pastor Bull, is a relatively new ministry, which officially began in

January 2014. The free clothing giveaway program has quickly spread all over the world. It meets the needs of the homeless, people who have low income, and those caught in between. After searching in Binghamton, New York, Vestal Hills church

partnered with the Broome County Urban League to bring this ministry to the city of Binghamton.

The two groups decided that Columbus Park, located across the street from the Urban League, was the perfect location. As news of the project spread throughout



Pictured are just a few of the volunteers who assisted with the Street Store in Columbus Park.

the community, the local Boy Scout Troop 110 of Johnson City and the Vestal Hills Pathfinders jumped on board to be a part of this endeavor.

Through word of mouth, Vestal Hills members and Urban League personnel and friends collected winter

clothes. The word spread about what was going to take place and NewsChannel 34 wanted an interview. Posters went up and fliers were handed out. Anticipation mounted. Prayers rose for a rain-free, snow-free day, which God answered

with a cool and cloudy, precipitation-free day.

Columbus Park has a fence around it that is perfect for hanging the more than 2,500 pieces of clothing collected for this event. About 179 eager, grateful customers visited the store that day. They could take their time to shop, and one of the 60 volunteers could assist them, if need be. Twenty individuals also received free haircuts. Once shopping was completed, the customers could enjoy hot chocolate and a snack.

Vestal Hills church members knew there were community needs, but this event has helped these members learn of the specific needs in their community. The Urban League and the Vestal Hills

church are already planning to have another street store in May, as well as an event for the youth in the area before school begins in the fall.

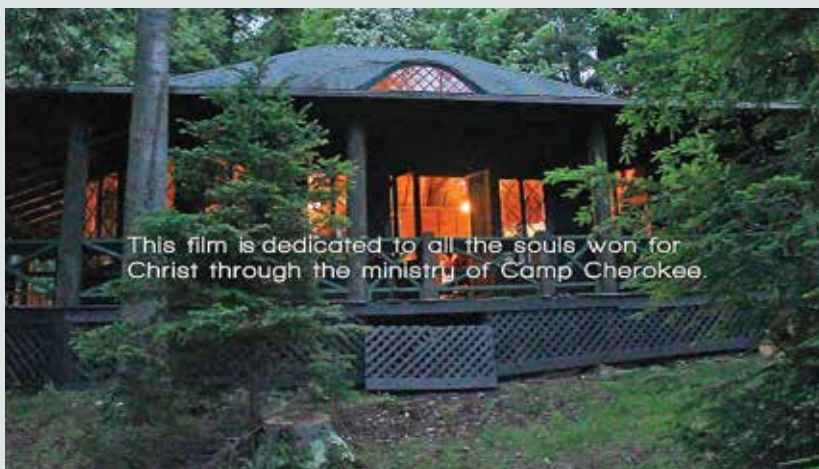
The Street Store has blessed Vestal Hill church members just as much as the customers. The members realize how blessed they truly are and are thankful to God for leading them to partner with the Urban League, and for those who gave hair cuts, insurance assistance, personal care kits, and so much more, as well as the volunteers who readily shared their smiles. Most of all they are thankful that God blessed them with a fulfilling day and a willingness to help others.

—Marnie Schrader, assistant communication director, Vestal Hills church

DVD Created to Highlight the Ministry at Camp Cherokee

Rick Ingalsbe, former staff member at Camp Cherokee, has been involved in the movie industry for a number of years. As a cinematographer, Ingalsbe enjoys telling stories through the medium of video arts. Recently, Ingalsbe felt God was calling him to use his gifts to highlight the ministry of Camp Cherokee, and he had a special burden to tell the story of a miracle that happened during his time as a staff member in the late 1980s and early 1990s. This calling has resulted in two DVDs. The first is called “Cherokee,” and is currently available online. The second is called “Miracle on Panther Mountain,” and is currently in postproduction.

As with any endeavor the Lord asks of His people, this project has not been without its difficulties, but Ingalsbe has no doubt that the Lord performed miracles to make this project a reality. Music was needed, and a camp staff member



The ministry of Camp Cherokee is being highlighted on two DVDs called “Cherokee” and “Miracle on Panther Mountain.”

named Madelyn Rogers was able to write music that was perfect for the project. Steve Dubois put the song into a musical score just two weeks before the DVD’s release date. Another staff member, Nathan Roe, was able to help Ingalsbe with the photography so that the DVD could be ready on time.

For information about the DVD and how to order it, visit www.rickingalsbestudio.com/pages/Cherokee.html. All profits are used to support the ministry at Camp Cherokee.

—Jeremy Garlock, communication director, New York Conference



“Koinonia” Experienced at the Fall Prayer Retreat

I sat back in my chair and took note of the tangible presence of God. Truly, He was there! I could see the evidence! Yes, the speakers did a great job, the messages were inspiring, and the prayer walk was a deep heart journey for sure. But that wasn't it! I knew there was something bigger happening. The study material was thought-provoking and the seasons of prayer were awesome. But still there was more! The faces of the children as they shared their songs, helped in the kitchen, and even made bread, and the wonderful experience of witnessing the baptism of two women as they gave their hearts to Jesus was truly a blessing. But what really stood out to us was the “koinonia”!

Koinonia. I love that word! It sounds intriguing and it certainly describes what happened at the annual Fall Prayer Retreat. Koinonia means having things in common, binding the hearts together in fellowship. It's what the body of Christ is



Arnet Mathers, pastor of the Calais, Maine, district, prepares for a baptism during the Northern New England Conference Fall Prayer Retreat.

supposed to feel, like the feeling of just needing to be with family!

Take Burna Wilson, a member of the Woodstock church in Maine, for example. She is 95 years old and never misses a prayer retreat. Burna loves Jesus; we can see it in her face, and in the faces of all the people there. We have come to love each other deeply, intensely, gently, and we don't need to use words. The singing nearly raises the rafters as the voices swell together in praise and adoration to our Lord and King.

We had a new lady from the city join us. When she arrived she was shy and guarded, then her face began to shine, too, with a light from within. She was relaxed and open. She laughed as her eyes glistened with tears of joy. There was a peaceful, joyful presence at the retreat. A friend who recently lost his wife was surrounded by others who seemed to be exuding strength, comfort, and coping power. As a young lady shared her burden, she was immediately surrounded by older “mothers,” as we began to intercede

for her and offer words of hope. A young single mother settled into her chair to listen to the message and take a few moments to rest while her children were in the safe hands of trusted friends.

Yes, this describes what happens at prayer retreats. It's a community such as Paul prays for in Ephesians 3:17-19: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.”

It's clearly a corporate thing—to experience the love of Christ “with all the saints.” Yes, that's koinonia. Perhaps you can join us for the next Northern New England prayer retreat, May 25-29, and experience peace, grace, love, and koinonia.

—Kelly Veilleux and Elizabeth Boyd, prayer team members, Northern New England Conference

An Evangelism Vision Leads to a Church Plant in New Hampshire

The story of the Adventist group in Hanover, New Hampshire, is

interesting because, in the end, it is a story of how our awesome God uses

us whenever we allow Him to. The story starts at the charming Adventist church in Plainfield, New Hampshire. A group of people there began to have a common vision for an area of ministry that targeted a sector of the population that is hard to reach— young people.

The group gave a great deal of thought to what a group for young people would be like—how the worship service would be conducted, what type of music would be featured, what type of community service projects would be undertaken, etc. After a great deal of thought and prayer, and after some consultation with conference leaders, the group decided to attempt a church planting in Hanover, New Hampshire, home of Dartmouth



Rebecca Barcelow teaches the children's Sabbath School class at the Upper Valley Fellowship.

College. They called themselves the Upper Valley Christian Fellowship.

The Fellowship met in homes while it looked for a place to worship. Many doors closed to them until, in April 2015, they discovered the Friends Meeting House on Lebanon Street in Hanover—a site within walking distance of the college. The Fellowship has been very intentional about reaching out to college students and other young people, and currently has several such young people meeting with them. The group has a very active Sabbath School and Adventurer club, and has a number of community kids participating in both.

The services at the Fellowship have been designed to be less formal than most New England Adventist churches, and shorter too—one hour and 45 minutes for both Sabbath School and church is their target, with a meal and fellowship following the service, so that people can get to

know one another and deepen their Christian fellowship.

Ellen White said in *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143, that we should use Christ's method. Actually, the full quote is stronger than that: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good." Following this counsel, the Fellowship has tried to be very active in the Hanover community.

According to one of the Fellowship leaders, Jerry Barcelow, church members seek out projects where they can help. "We try to be among people to minister and we try to leave behind new friends whose hearts are lighter because of our presence," Barcelow said.

Members of the Fellowship go out in small groups, from as few as two to as many as eight, and try to assist with projects initiated by established community organizations. The Fellowship

has also served meals to homeless people and packed "hundreds" of toiletry bags for homeless people according to leader Mary Ann Conrad. In addition, they have helped hospice patients with woodcutting and stacking, and generally tried to be a blessing to others. "In these community projects, we feel we have been God's hands," said Conrad.

Conference secretary Ted Huskins has worked with the Fellowship as a coach, giving them counsel and lifting them up in prayer. "I praise the Lord for the teams of dedicated, loving Christians in Plainfield and Hanover, and I pray that the Fellowship is successful in reaching the young people in Hanover and raising up a church that will be a bright light for that community."

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Maine Church Gets Creative in its Outreach

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has an important message that urgently needs to be delivered to a distracted world. How do we get their attention? And, what do we do when the methods that have worked in the past are less and less effective in the present? Well, the Bangor church recently showed both creativity and a willingness to take risks when it rented out a theater at Bangor Mall Cinemas and held a special showing of the award-winning film *Hell and Mr. Fudge*.

About 40 people attended a special showing, and about half of those were non-Adventists, most of whom had been invited by various members of the church. In some plac-

es in the Atlantic Union, getting 20 guests to an Adventist event might seem like a small thing. But it is a major accomplishment in Bangor, where people tend to be set in their ways and highly secular.

The film, produced by Adventist film producer Pat Arrabito of LLT Productions, follows the true story of evangelical scholar Edward Fudge as he grapples with the biblical teaching of hell. Winner of a Platinum Award at the Houston International Film Festival when it was originally released in 2012, the audience was enraptured throughout the story's twists and turns, responding at times with laughter



The Bangor church rented out a theater at Bangor Mall Cinemas and held a special showing of the award-winning film *Hell and Mr. Fudge*.

and at other times with deep reflection.

The initiative came as a result of the Bangor church's increased emphasis on evangelism and outreach as they seek greater opportunities to reach the community with the gospel—even if at times that emphasis takes the church to unexpected places, such as a

movie theater. Ironically, during the process, it was discovered that the film's coproducer, Jim Wood, lived in Bangor when he was a child because his father, Wyland, was the pastor of the Bangor church at that time.

—Shawn Brace, pastor, Bangor church

Adventist Youth Spread Cheer

Volunteers from the Beverly, Boston Korean, and Cambridge churches brought holiday cheer to the men of the River House homeless shelter in Beverly, Massachusetts. This is the second time that volunteers from the three churches ministered to the men at the shelter. The outreach program included serving Thanksgiving dinner, distributing literature, and donating dry goods, winter coats, hats, and scarves. The Adventist Community Center Food Pantry in Stoneham, Massachusetts, donated a generous amount of food to support the event.

The group presented a praise and worship session and then the volunteers were introduced. The men were encouraged to share their names and tell what they were thankful for. Some of the men gave touching testimonies of how, in spite of

their current circumstance, they are thankful for God's leading in their lives. The volunteers encouraged the men in their spiritual walk,

and their hope (the vision of THE GREAT HOPE).

Volunteers transformed the shelter's common area into a banquet hall and, while dinner was being



Volunteers from the Beverly, Boston Korean, and Cambridge churches, bring holiday cheer to the men of the River House homeless shelter.

prayed for them, and shared literature, including THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TWICE REMOVED, and LA GRAN ESPERANZA (the Spanish ver-

sion of THE GREAT HOPE). Volunteers transformed the shelter's common area into a banquet hall and, while dinner was being

volunteers, to greet the men and show them Christ's love.

A spiritual thought was delivered by Edson Allen, a Cambridge church young adult. He inspired the men to keep trusting God in spite of their situation and reminded them that God has an amazing plan for their lives, if they will surrender their hearts to Him. While the volunteers cleaned up and prepared to leave, the shelter staff gave away the donated winter coats, hats, and scarves.

The volunteers' greatest joy came from being the hands and feet of Jesus. The goal was to emulate Christ's method of evangelism, by showing sympathy, meeting felt needs, and then leading souls to Him. The churches and coordinators seek to continue to serve the Greater Boston area in 2016 and beyond.

—Ben Corriette, youth leader, Beverly church

Fourth-grade Students Give to Lynn Fire Victims

Many people love to get gifts, especially at Christmastime, but as the saying goes, "It is better to give than to receive." That is what the fourth-grade class at South Lancaster Academy (SLA) decided to do last year. Instead of doing the traditional gift swap, the fourth-grade class decided to give to others, rather than each other.

The class brainstormed and created a list of projects they were interested in donating to projects such as ADRA, SLA Building for Eternity campaign, and the American Cancer Society. However, the cause that touched their hearts the most was the Lynn fire victims. Students were so concerned about this family that

not only lost their house but also several relatives. They could not imagine losing several family members all at the same time, so the majority voted to raise money for this need.

Students and their families were asked to bring in a donation of any size. Each student was given a stocking ornament in which to put their donation. Then the students brought in their stocking and hung it on the classroom Christmas tree.

The students were encouraged to bring in what they could. Even if it was just pocket change or a dollar, every little bit helps and dollars add up to more dollars. Students were told how they could do extra chores to earn the money instead

of just asking their parents. The students and their families were so generous. The class raised \$180.00! This will go directly to the fund set up at the Southern New

England Conference to help the fire victims.

—Joanne Baldwin, fourth-grade teacher, South Lancaster Academy



The fourth grade class at South Lancaster Academy decided to give to the victims of the Lynn fire rather than each other.

Adventist Community Services Center Serves the Community

Following its reopening in 2013, the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services (NECACS) served roughly 500 people twice a month in the food program. They have since moved to running the feeding program twice a week and, as of the end of 2015, they have served more than 19,000 meals to those in need in the Corona, Queens, community and surrounding areas.

The NECACS Center held its annual Thanksgiving dinner party on November 22, 2015, serving more than 350 hot meals. Each family also received groceries for their Thanksgiving dinner. In addition, on November 24, 2015, they distributed groceries to 474 individuals.

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, along with volunteers from the Northeastern Conference office, including Juliet Serapio and Dilma Rosales, were on hand to assist with the distribution of food and clothing to those who visited the center.

Keicha Gosling, NECACS Center executive director, has a strong and willing team of volunteers from local churches and the community. Fitzgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services and Sabbath School director, also faithfully serves at the center.

The Center's mission is realized through the implementation of several services designed to meet their clients' and customers' needs. This is done through relief, restoration, and community development.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference



Pictured are Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services volunteers.



NECACS volunteers prepare personal care gift bags to distribute to the guests arriving at the center.



Keicha Gosling, NECACS executive director, embraces a visitor from the community.



Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president stands with visitors from the community who received food and warm coats.



Dilma Rosales, Northeastern Conference Health and Hispanic ministries secretary, right, stands with community guests who are waiting to receive food baskets.



Fitzgerald Kerr, Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services and Sabbath School director, prepares to serve juice to those waiting in line for the feeding program.



An NECACS volunteer, left, helps a family pick out toys for the toy drive.



NECACS volunteers distribute food to visitors.

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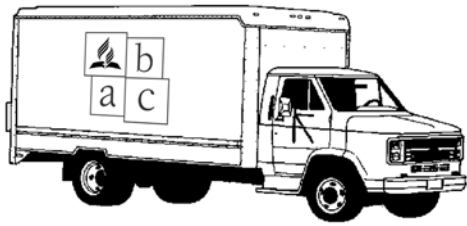
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12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Omega Church, New Haven CT
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Waterbury Spanish Church, Waterbury, CT
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Thursday - Sunday, Mar. 31 - Apr. 3

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9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 31
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday, Apr. 1
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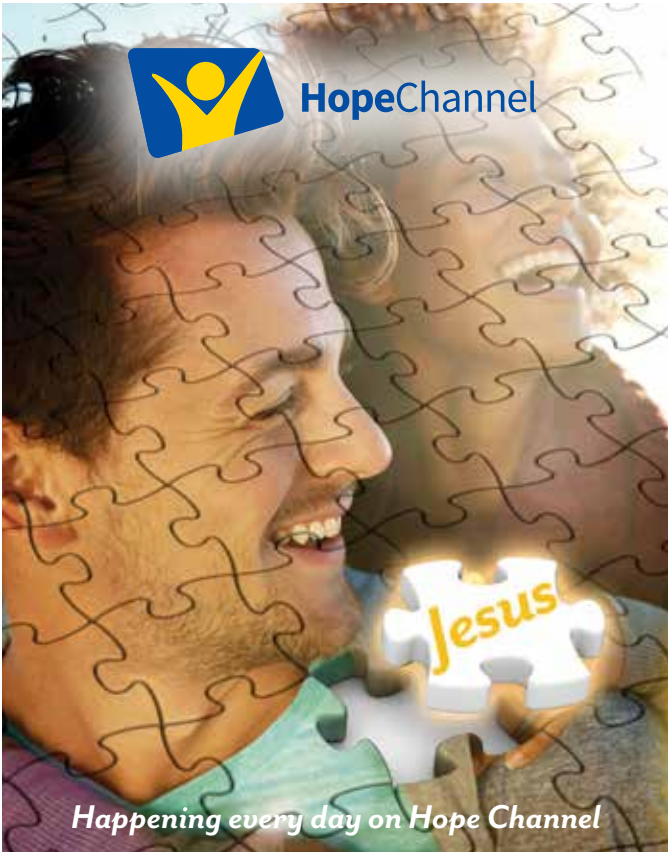
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