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So Proud of **Our Youth**

Our young people, when committed to God, are a force to contend with. All across the Atlantic Union, there are youth who are committed and who have surrendered their hearts to the power of Christ's gospel. From stints of mission service to "Student Tell the World" evangelistic meetings to student Week of Prayer meetings, our youth are aflame for the Lord. We thank God for Christian parents, teachers, pastors, and youth leaders who are helping to shape our youth and direct them to Jehovah God.

Every opportunity we get to catch our youth doing something noble and uplifting for Christ, we ought not pass up the chance to lavish our thanks and appreciation on them. A good word of commendation spoken in season can stay with a young person for the rest of their lives. I know this, because I've experienced it when I, too, climbed "fool's hill" as a young fellow.

I'm reminded of a brave, outspoken confession of faith made by a poor, young lady in Scripture: "But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God"—Ruth 1:16 (NIV).

There's one thing I've learned about young people: they want to be with each other. It's just simply cool to hang out together. The influence of companionship, therefore, is powerful. Imitation is the most sincere praise. What we favor, we follow.

That's why youth ministering to youth is so potent. Ruth, who was not considered one of God's chosen people, was spiritually and positively influenced by Naomi, her mother-in-law. In turn, Ruth could declare with the strongest conviction: *I'm not going anywhere. I'm hanging with you people. In fact, Naomi, I want you to know that from now on, your people will be my people and your God my God.* Wow! What conviction!

What the world needs today are boys and girls, young men and young women "who will not be bought or sold . . . whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole . . . who will stand for the right though the heavens fall"—EDUCATION, pp. 56, 57.

When King Nebuchadnezzar built a self-flattering, gigantic image of himself and commanded everyone in the Plain of Dura to bow down to it, who would have thought it would take three, God-fearing Hebrew youth to remain standing erect and refuse to bow to any other god than Jehovah God?

All across the Atlantic Union this summer, our kids will be pouring into summer camps for fun and pleasure, but also for learning Christian principles and values. Like Ruth and the Hebrew boys, they too, have convictions. Let's keep our precious youth before the Lord in prayer as they grow to become spiritual champions for God.®

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By Ednor A. P. Davison

Summer Time is Camp Time

Summer camp options for the entire family

Ready or not, the countdown is on. . . .



Summer 2008 is not far away! Soon schools will be out and it will be time to move on to the next phase—finding things for children to do during the summer months. Whether there are one, two, or more children in a family, it is always wise to plan ahead so parents don't get caught scrambling to find things for their children to do when school ends.

So many possibilities exist to create an environment that allows for a safe and enjoyable summer. It will require taking time to research activities that fit your children's needs. It would be too easy to let them spend the summer at home in front of the TV, but it is better to make sure their days are filled with beneficial

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activities for both the mind and body.

One activity that fits this category is summer camp. For our readers who don't know much about summer camp activities for children and families, this will be some new material for you. For those readers who have experienced going to summer camp or sending your children to summer camp, consider this a refresher.

Nestled in strategic locations in the Atlantic Union are five summer camps owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They provide an opportunity for children and families to spend time away from home and to experience the fun and learning that being really close to nature can bring. All the camps are accredited by the American Camping Association.

Camp Berkshire
Wingdale, New York

Did you know that Camp Berkshire, located in the beautiful hills of upstate New York, just 80 miles from New York City, is a former country club? Purchased in April 1963 by the Greater New York Conference under the administration of Eric Jones, the camp has seen many changes since the early years. It

is a year-round facility with summer capacity for 400 persons and winter capacity for 80 persons. Recreation includes swimming, boating, softball, basketball, volleyball, and 200 acres of wooded hiking trails.

Camp Berkshire hosts many meetings, including camp meetings, training sessions, and spiritual retreats. However, the camp really comes alive in the summer when many children and youth participate in summer camp activities.

Camp Cherokee

Saranac Lake, New York

Camp Cherokee was originally founded as a private family camp in the late 1800s and named after a famous Native American tribe. It was purchased in 1964 by the New York Conference to be used as a youth camp. Located on beautiful Upper Saranac Lake, it is eight miles long and has 33 miles of shoreline. The camp is open from June 1 to October 1. Camp Cherokee is located just 45 minutes from Lake Placid's popular Olympic Village and two hours from Montreal, Canada.

Camp Cherokee is the only Seventh-day Adventist camp located in the heart of the famous Adirondack National Park, the largest park in the U.S., covering six million acres. Activities include horseback riding, archery, a wide variety of water sports (waterskiing, tubing, windsurfing, kneeboarding, wakeboarding), ceramics, crafts, Indian





camp, blind camp, family camps, and accommodations for home, school, and church retreats.

Camp Lawroweld Weld, Maine

Joseph Stagg Lawrence, teacher of economics at Princeton University, and Clarence Well, Ph.D., purchased land to build a camp for boys from New York and New Jersey in 1925. Blue Mountain Camp opened in 1927 with 50 boys in attendance. The name was later changed to Lawroweld, a combination of Lawrence's name and Weld, the name of the town. In June 1947, Lawrence sold the camp to Northern New England Conference and in July 1947, the first junior camp for Northern New England opened with David Shaw as director.

The camp is nestled at the base of several mountains on a 1,000-foot frontage of Lake Webb and occupies 200 acres of land. On the land is situated a very impressive lodge built of weathered field stone. It is in a setting surrounded by wildlife. Looking directly across the lake, it is possible to view the majestic moose feeding on the soft mosses of the lake bottom.

In addition to holding meetings, camp meetings, and retreats, programs are offered from May to October, including blind, teen, junior, family, and aquatic camps.



Camp Victory Lake Hyde Park, New York

Camp Victory Lake is located on 98 acres in historic Hyde Park, New York. Owned and operated by the Northeastern Conference, it offers well-structured, balanced programs in a beautiful, rural setting. Two famous homes located within a few miles of the camp and the Hudson Valley Region are the Vanderbilt Mansion and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Estate. It is ideal for children who love the outdoors, the arts, swimming, cooking, sewing, archery, canoeing, mountaineering, hiking, and sports.

From January to December, Camp Victory Lake buzzes with activities that range from Pathfinders to AYS retreats and workshops, other depart-



mental summits, and the yearly camp meetings. Children and youth ages 8-15 are invited to enroll in a minimum of one session and a maximum of five weeks during the junior camp season, July to August.

Camp Winnekeag Ashburnham, Massachusetts

Camp Winnekeag, founded in 1951, received American Camping Association accreditation in 1993. It is open year-round and is on nearly 300 acres of land. It is situated beside beautiful Lake Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. There are trails for hiking and horseback riding, as well as opportunity for nature study and photography. Other seasonal activities include water-skiing, swimming, boating, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, snow tubing, sledding, building snow caves, and ice skating. The staff is dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the camp and its surrounding area.

Camp Winnekeag offers the summer camp activities that include photography, mountain biking, rock climbing, gymnastics, crafts, nature, skiing, swimming, small boats, wilderness survival, backpacking, and horsemanship. There are options from which people of all ages can choose.

The Atlantic Union endeavors to use a diversity of approaches to help improve the "quality of life" for its members. The variety includes lifestyle changes, education and personal growth, health and wholeness, and social issues, just to mention a few. So, if you are wondering what to do with your school-age child for the summer, add summer camp to your list of possible options to explore. ①

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Information Source: Adventist Association of Camping Professionals: www.adventistcamps.org

For links to the Atlantic Union summer camp Web sites visit: www.atlantic-union.org/summercamps.html.

Adventist Christian Fellowship – What Is It?

More than 120 young adults attended a collegiate retreat at Camp Winnekeag on the weekend of February 1–3. This has become an annual event sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department. The Youth Ministries department is committed to facilitate serving the needs of our young adult professionals who attend our schools and also public universities or colleges in our union territory.

The group was introduced to the idea of starting an Adventist Christian Fellowship Group (ACF) on their campuses. ACF is the organization officially recognized by the North American Division that ministers to scores of Adventist youth who attend public educational institutions. We encourage those churches that are located near a public university or college to consider starting an ACF chapter to reach out to Adventist students who might be attending that university or college.

Ron Pickell, speaker for the GODencounters weekend and public campus chaplain at University of Southern California, Berkeley, heads ACF for the North American Division. In an article entitled “What College Students Look for in a Church . . .” in the September 20, 2007, issue of the ADVENTIST REVIEW, he shares some basic things churches should consider when it comes to their young people who are attending college.



Those attending the collegiate retreat last February were introduced to the idea of starting an Adventist Christian Fellowship group on their college campuses.

Provide a Christian community. Students are looking for a church that can provide friendship and welcome them in a warm Christian atmosphere by extending personal invitations and encouraging words. A delicious home-cooked meal is always appreciated by students who are far away from home.

Give them a chance to get involved with the church mission and program. Statistics from surveys of today’s millennial generation show that students are looking for ways to serve and opportunities to give of themselves.

Offer them spiritual friendships with fellow young adults who will provide deeper relationships than they are

often able to develop in their dorms, in class, and on campus. The local church is often the place where students can make contact with other Adventist students.

Become spiritual mentors. Students need this in fellow church members, and they need a pastor who will journey along with them in their secular college experience by providing answers for how to negotiate the spiritual and emotional challenges they are facing in the paradigm shift of college life.

Give students a place where it is safe to be a college student—a place where they can make mistakes and still be understood, accepted, and welcomed by their church family the next Sabbath without ridicule or shame. A church of such understanding is not only one they will come back to—it is also a place where they will feel safe to bring their friends.

Want to start an ACF group in your area? Sign up for an account on the ACF Web site www.acflink.org. There is helpful information on starting an organization connected with your local college or university.

I suggest that you, as a youth leader or pastor, subscribe to DIALOGUE. The journal is addressed to Seventh-day Adventist college and university stu-

dents, teachers, chaplains, and professionals around the world. The church might consider sponsoring this journal for your secular campus students and young professionals. The journal is published three times a year in four parallel editions—English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Subscriptions are available at dialogue.adventist.org/subscribe.htm.

For assistance in reaching out to our youth and young adults who attend secular educational institutions, contact your local conference or union youth ministries department. Let’s not neglect the spiritual and emotional needs of these young people.®



Bill Wood is the Atlantic Union Conference youth, Pathfinder, and Adventurer director.



By Sheila Holder

Bermuda Institute Takes to the Water

The island of Bermuda, nestled in the beautiful azure waters of the Atlantic Ocean, offers an ideal location for modeling the principles of true education as practiced in the Eden School. With nature as their lesson book, our ancestors experienced unlimited instruction and pleasure. Their mental and spiritual powers were so stimulated and developed that they were able to derive the greatest enjoyment of their holy existence. The Creator's glory was reflected in every aspect of their faculties.

Recognizing that the goal of true education is to restore man to God's image, Bermuda Institute decided to take advantage of its ideal location by implementing water programs that allow its students to gain firsthand experiences with nature as their lesson book.

In November 2007 and February 2008 Bermuda Institute partnered with the Bermuda Sloop Foundation to introduce the students in grades eight and nine to their five-day Bermuda Spirit Learning Expedition. On arrival at the ship's berth in Dockyard the students and teachers were introduced to the ship's staff and given a short orientation on the ship's safety procedures and daily routines. The students were separated into three groups, the Foremast Watch, the Mainmast Watch, and the Mizzen Mast Watch. They remained in these groups for the entire voyage and carried out all the activities, such as setting sails, bridge watch keeping, cleaning, night watches, eating, and sleeping.

With everything needed for the five-day expedition stuffed into a small

duffle bag, then unpacked into a very small locker area beneath the bunks, they were ready for the voyage to begin. The days began at 6:00 a.m. with everyone rising and heading for the deck, rain or shine, sometimes in wet-weather gear for exercise and worship. Then it was breakfast and cleaning. They listened to lecturers from the weather station, the biological station, and the aquarium. Everyone in their watch was needed when it came time to set the sails. It was an awesome sight seeing the boat in full sail with many of the students keeping it on course at the helm under the navigation of Captain Chris.

In the afternoons they sailed, learned to tie knots, spotted local landmarks seen from the ocean, and lowered and rolled up sails. Some even lost their composure to seasickness as they sailed off of St. David's riding the waves or had a swim in the frigid waters of St. George's and Castle Harbors.

At dinner they were pleasantly surprised with tasty meals. After dinner it was journal time when the students reflected on the day's activities, answering questions of what happened during the day.

Then it was time for some to prepare for bed. With showering minimized to a minute in length, some found it



Several eighth-grade girls from Bermuda Institute were among those who participated in the five-day Bermuda Spirit Learning Expedition.

very challenging to keep to the time restraints. With the night watches beginning on a rotational basis at 8:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m., it was "hot bunking time!" If you started out sleeping in one bunk you would be found searching for a place to sleep when your watch was over and whichever bunk you found vacant was yours.

On this expedition in local waters, the students in watches of seven learned life lessons of personal character and team development along with hands-on academic and trade skills. Being engrossed in the wonders of nature was an experience that every student who participated will never forget.①



Sheila Holder is the Bermuda Conference superintendent of schools. The information in this article was provided with assistance from Coleen

Birkett and Fred Swan.



Southampton Church Deacons Ordained



Participants in the ordination service include: Tracey Bean, Harry Adderley, Vincent Bean, Pastor Llewellyn Williams, Davis Sandy, Forrest Williams, and Shannon James.

One of the last official duties Pastor Llewellyn Williams performed before he left the Southampton church was an ordination service on Sabbath, January 19, for

deacons who were elected to serve this year. Six young men were ordained to the office.

The sermon, "Empowered by the Spirit," challenged not only the deacons but

encouraged the members to work together to share the gospel with others. This was a spiritual high day for the deacons and their families since most family members were present for the service. The deacons and elders presently serving encircled the new deacons to lay hands on them for prayer. The ordination prayer was given by Howard Ebbin, church pastoral assistant.

One of the deacons, Tracey Bean, who has been a member of the Southampton church for about 11 years and the first recipient of a certificate from the Southampton GED program, was humbled by

the experience. A text that has significant meaning for him is Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Along with the other deacons, he wants to visit the neighbors in the area surrounding the church and make the Adventist name and mission known to them. In addition to that, the deacons want to fulfill the physical and spiritual needs of the community.

Wendell Simons
communication department
Southampton church

Sabbath School Leaders Raise ROI Awareness

Local church leaders strategized on how to increase their Return on Investment (ROI) for time, energy, and money dedicated to Sabbath School evangelism and disciple-making. Howard Ebbin, conference Sabbath School director, organized a training event held in February.

Faith Crumbly, LEAD magazine editor, captured the attention of attendees at the Valentine's day opening of the series by asking participants to compare a Valentine heart with a human heart. She then asked which heart symbolized their members' attention to Sabbath School and its ministry for winning and retaining members.

Crumbly guided participants up the "stairs" of Bloom's Taxonomy of Education to compare secular and religious education. The group found themselves anchored in the cognitive (knowledge/facts) step—

the lowest level. They concluded that greater expenditures of time and energy were needed to lead Sabbath School members up the staircase to the faith and action levels of religious education.

One method where participants gained some mastery is the evangelism outline that walks them through listing elements of common ground with people they want to influence for Christ. They were encouraged to link Bible texts from the lesson with news reports as icebreakers for religious conversations. Participant interaction in small



More than 100 leaders from eleven church congregations participated in the training event held at the Southampton and Devonshire churches.

groups, individually, and at the microphone characterized the interactive learning modules.

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Sheila Holder, communication director
Bermuda Conference

40-year-long Wilderness Journey Finally Ends

For years Corazon (known as Cora) Goldstein drifted from church to church, while praying and searching for God's true last-day church. Then, about a year ago, she stopped going to church.

During this time, she felt impressed to study the book of Revelation. A few days after she began, she received a piece of mail that she knew was an answer to prayer. It was an invitation to a Revelation seminar being conducted at the Brooklyn, New York, church. The deeply spiritual 81-year-old said she then felt impressed to write a note to her son, Robert, saying, "We have to attend this, because it concerns our eternal life."

She phoned Albert Hutchinson, whose number was on the handbill, to get more information. This began an interesting journey that Cora knew could only have been orchestrated by the Lord.

Born in the Philippines to a family with Sephardic

Jewish roots, Cora attended Catholic school. From an early age she said the Holy Spirit was her spiritual counselor. While it was accepted practice to confess to the priest, she knew it was wrong.

She came to the United States in the 1960s and her search for God's church took her to Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and other denominations, where she spent time ministering, teaching Sunday school, handing out tracts, and praying for people. But at each church, she eventually discovered it wasn't where God wanted her to be.

Yet, she didn't give up continuing to search for that remnant church of God. Cora frequently listened to religious programs on WMCA radio, a station that broadcasts Pastor Doug Batchelor's *Bible Answers Live* program on Sunday nights. She apparently contacted the program and her name ended up on the Amazing Facts interest list.



After 40 years of searching, Corazon (known as Cora) Goldstein was baptized at the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor Artemas Julien.

It was from that list that she was sent an invitation to attend the Revelation seminar.

Robert, an entrepreneur and jack-of-all-trades, was searching too. His mother prayed daily for his salvation. As mother and son began attending the seminar, the veil was lifted and Jesus Christ was revealed as they had never experienced before. Some things Cora already knew, but it was an eye-opener to hear about the history of the church through the ages, the different empires, and how God has been leading His children step-by-step out of

darkness and into His marvelous light.

Cora's 40-year-long journey through the wilderness was finally over. God had directed her to where He wanted her to be. As the congregation sang the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness," Cora was baptized on December 29, 2007, along with her son, Robert. "The Holy Spirit convinced me this was the right church," she said. "Now I have joy in my heart. The Lord is faithful."

Debbie Michel
communication director
Brooklyn church



Robert Goldstein proudly displays his Revelation seminar certificate. His mother encouraged him to attend, saying, "We have to attend this, because it concerns our eternal life."

? What's Happening in Your Church?

Do you have news or other inspiring stories from your church that you would like to share with our readers?

Submit all articles and photos to your conference communication director.

For information on how and what to submit visit www.atlantic-union.org/gleaner.html and click on "Guidelines for Submitting Articles."

We would love to hear from you!

"I Belong to Christ!"



Week of Prayer organizers include: Youth Ministries director Edith Coxaj, Raivelys Guzman, Kevin Coxaj, Leslie Colon, Stewart Pajares, Natasha Lopez, Adams Bido, Mildred Meria, and church elder Edwin De Paula.

The youth of the Yonkers Spanish church in New York praised God for His abundant spiritual blessings during a Youth Week of Prayer last November. The theme for the week, "I belong to Christ," enabled the youth to impart and motivate all present toward unity and spirituality.

The week was organized by Youth Ministries director Edith Coxaj, Raivelys Guzman, Kevin Coxaj, Leslie Colon, Stewart Pajares, Natasha Lopez, Adams Bido, Mildred Meria, and church elder Edwin De Paula.

*Hugo Rene Ipina, communication director
Yonkers Spanish church*

More than 1,000 attend Haitian Church Officers Training Workshop



G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference executive secretary, standing left, presents his workshop with the assistance of translator Pastor Reginald Barthelemy, standing right.



David Cadavero, Greater New York Conference superintendent of schools, conducted one of the workshops.

The annual Haitian Officers Training Workshop took place at the Haitian Gethsemane church under their director, Pastor Moab Honore. The president and secretary of the conference, along with many departmental directors, were present to assist in the training. Other pastors and lay leaders participated, as well.

Close to 1,000 leaders, officers, and members gathered for a Sabbath afternoon of singing, praying, preaching, and teaching. The training workshop is designed to equip leaders and officers with the necessary tools for evangelism, spiritual growth, family togetherness, and educational development. Pastor Honore contends that when the members are equipped, the church will be the beneficiary.

*Alanzo Smith, communication director
Greater New York Conference*

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Transforming Lives



Cindy Kurtzhals

Lasantha Davamony studied business, aviation, psychology, and criminal justice at other colleges until he worked for his aunt who is a dentist. There, he became interested in dentistry, so he changed his major to biology and came to Atlantic Union College.

Lasantha Davamony is a senior biology major taking prerequisites for dentistry. He was born in Sri Lanka, moved to California when he was three, and lived there until entering college. He came to Atlantic Union College in the spring of 2006.

What or whom do you feel has transformed your life at AUC?

“A few of the faculty have transformed my life—definitely being here last year with Dr. Babcock (AUC’s previous president, George Babcock). He was an inspiration and he really helped me to work harder and to try to do my best, even though

circumstances might not be encouraging—if I had too much homework or something was happening in my life personally that made me not able to concentrate. I’d have to concentrate in order to reach my goals. By his example, he encouraged me to be positive and to try to do what I can and make the best of the situation.

You mentioned some professors?

“One professor was Dr. Rick Trott. I had him for one religion class my first semester here. Just the way he taught and his attitude toward the students and toward fellow colleagues

The teachers I’ve had, and the students I hang around with, have influenced me in a good way because of their attitude toward the school, toward spirituality, and toward life in general. They have been very positive and been very inspiring and encouraging.

and everyone in general, he was very positive. At that time, a family member was having some health issues, but he still was positive when he was in class and outside of class. He always asked us to pray for them and, he was very awesome.”

Another professor?

“Dr. Richard Brown. He is my advisor and I’ve also had him for a lot of classes. He’s another one that’s very positive no matter what the circumstances in class, with the school, with his own life. He’s always upbeat and very positive.

“The teachers were very gracious and had mercy. When I didn’t do well, say on a test or something, they weren’t criticizing. They

were encouraging. They said, ‘Try to study harder, try studying this more or that more, or try studying this way instead of that way.’”

After graduation, Davamony will apply to dental school at Loma Linda or Tufts University. He chose dentistry because he likes working with his hands.

When he was younger, he made model airplanes and model cars. After working with his aunt, a dentist, he observed that dentists use their hands—with all the tools and small instruments. After sitting in on, and observing several procedures she did, dentistry interested him.

Cindy Kurtzhals
public relations director
Atlantic Union College

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Cindy Kurtzals

Esther Steinkraus, from North Carolina, enjoyed Ignition.

Ignition student Esther Steinkraus says . . .

“After graduating from Mount Pisgah Academy, I chose Atlantic Union College for several reasons. The two most important were that AUC was offering the major I was interested in, and the *Ignition* program. My desire to be a massage therapist will become a reality when I begin classes in the fall of '08.

“*Ignition* consists of select classes taught in a short amount of time. I was able to finish the math requirements for my major and gain knowledge on how to ease into the college experience.

“The teachers were fun, and I was employed before all the other students arrived. I really enjoyed *Ignition*. The head start was a great advantage academically!”

Atlantic Union College's Accreditation Renewed—New Focus Approved

AUC's accreditors have accepted the college's substantive change and new direction for the college. Because of this new direction, Atlantic Union College is, significantly, a new college. It is customary for every college making such a change to have provisional accreditation and for the accrediting body to observe the evidence that our restructuring is working. Consequently, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will do a comprehensive review at a site visit in spring semester, 2009. All degrees and transfer credits are fully accredited. [For information on the college's new direction, see the January and March Atlantic Union GLEANER magazines at www.atlantic-union.org].

On behalf of our colleagues, we thank all of you—our pastors,

members, and alumni association leaders—for the prayers and support that you have offered during this important time. The day of prayer and special offering on February 23 was a blessing to the college and the church. We will



Dave Steer with

report further on the offering as information becomes available.

We also thank all college students, faculty, and staff for the huge amount of work and commitment you have put into making the sub-

stantive change one of high quality. Whether helping to develop the models, participating in the many prayer efforts, or encouraging students, it could not have happened without you.

There is still a huge amount of work ahead of us.

Restructuring normally takes years and it is being accomplished in a few months. When the change is completed, Atlantic Union College will be stronger academically, spiritually, and financially. We are grateful for your continuing commitment to promote the college, to systematically give to college projects, and to pray for God's educational work to succeed in the northeast.

*Norman Wendth, president
Donald King, board of trustees chairperson
Atlantic Union College*

Looking to God's Completion

Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy (BSCA) is situated in a brand-new, fine-looking building, but it was lacking some things to further the children's education. The school needed a computer lab and a proper library, not the make-shift facility with a hodge-podge of book-



Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy students enjoy using the "new to them" computers in their newly created computer lab. The computer tables were originally used by Buffalo State College and were donated through their free-cycle program.

shelves it currently had.

Since the church members' funds were wrapped up with the mortgage of the new school building, I turned to God and asked Him to help me afford what we needed. Week after week I looked at the inadequate balance of my checkbook, but God was teaching me patience.

The first lesson began when my daughter, Karolyn, and I went to Union Springs Academy to pick up 20 used computers the conference had dropped off for our school. Shortly afterward, a few church members and I picked up some computer tables from Buffalo State College through their free-cycle program.

The computer lab began

to be outfitted by the hand of God and my faith was being molded. I began witnessing to others and claiming that God could bring the whole school to completion and God did not disappoint. Soon after, the computer lab had been

transformed and was professional looking!

I excitedly waited upon the Lord's next miracle. A family from our church, the Reinschmidts, felt impressed to inquire about the possibility of getting free furniture from Barnes & Noble bookstore. The store had just finished

building a new facility and was going to furnish it with only new supplies. By God's grace and provision we got two truckloads of bookshelves and chairs!

Shortly before they were delivered, another member, Roslyn Calhoun, had her dining room table delivered to our school. What a library, beautifully outfitted with a conference table and chairs in the middle



Thanks to the Reinschmidts, members of the church, students are able to select books from the library bookshelves that were donated by the Barnes & Nobles bookstore.



Church member Roslyn Calhoun generously donated her dining room table as a place for students to study or read in the library.

and stately looking rows of bookshelves on either side.

Upon seeing this polished-up library, others were motivated to donate their books, videotapes, audiotapes, and DVDs. Again, all furnished by the hand of God.

As for me, I stopped looking in my checkbook and I trust Him to complete His school!

*Kathy Marciniak, volunteer
Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy*

Native American Artist Teaches at Parkview



Dwayne Williams, a Native American artist from the Mohawk Nation, poses with a painted portrait following the weekly art class he teaches at Parkview Jr. Academy in Syracuse, New York.

A World War II veteran and retired U.S. Navy blueprint specialist, Williams now works as a mechanical engineer for the Onondaga Nation. In his spare time, he offers his expertise as a teacher of art to the young students of Parkview.

We believe the Creator has blessed this multi-talented man because of his willingness to give to others what was given to him. He is a true teacher and lover of life.

*Bruce Wilkinson, pastor/coordinator
Native Ministries, New York Conference*

Anything But Routine

It was to be a routine operation for Ronny Santee. The doctors explained the risks involved with anesthesia, but assured him everything

should be just fine.

One year prior, Ronny and his family attended an evangelistic series after receiving an invitation from Bible worker Ben Bernard.

Three of the Santee family members were baptized. Sadly, after some time, their church attendance began to diminish and earlier commitments were forgotten. Now with the news of an upcoming operation, Ronny once again opened his heart to the Holy Spirit.

One Sabbath morning he returned to church and, while weeping, shared a personal testimony, recommitting his life to Jesus.

Ella May and the children waited patiently as Ronny underwent surgery, but this surgery was anything but routine. There were complications and Ron's lungs were not functioning normally. He was now dependent on forced oxygen to live. As he lay unconscious for more than a week, hope began to fade and visions of life without Ron filled the minds of Ella May and her children. The possibility of having to "pull the plug" became a reality.

An anointing service was performed by the pastor and Bible worker. The prayers included submission to God's will while full



Ronny Santee was baptized along with two of his family members following an evangelistic series they were invited to by Bible worker Ben Bernard.

recovery was requested. The day following the anointing, Ron's lungs revived and after nearly two weeks in intensive care, Ronny was now wide awake, talking, and eating.

Life for Ronny Santee and family has revived in more ways than one. Knowing the miracle of God renewed the faith of those baptized and raised interest in those who have yet to commit to the Lord of life.

Bruce Wilkinson, pastor/coordinator
Native Ministries, New York Conference

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City Tabernacle Dedicates February to Cultural Heritage

The City Tabernacle Seventh-day Adventist Church and the surrounding community of Harlem, New York, participated in a month of inspiration and praise. Each week in February they spotlighted specific aspects of the community's heritage. The City Tabernacle church youth were the primary facilitators.

The first week focused on Adventist history, leadership, and service. During the service Baldwin Barnes, City Tabernacle's pastor, preached an introspective sermon. Three members were recognized. Tina Hamilton was acknowledged for more than a decade of leadership with the Harlem Advent Care Center. Kirk McDonald was recognized for his support of

numerous converts, including the W. W. Fordham and C. D. Brooks families. During the Adventist Youth Society (AYS) program a historic film "Love Lost" written, directed, and produced by local Adventists, was presented.

The second week focused on African American heritage. Trevor Baker, Northeastern Conference (NEC) president, delivered an inspiring sermon. He was also recognized by the youth for his leadership and many accomplishments including but not limited to the formation of NEC Bible Bowl. Baker's wife, Eunice, was also acknowledged for her service to the conference.

The evening program featured a riveting discussion with a three-person panel

Massop-Flowers, M.D., head of Pediatrics at the Harlem Heritage Health Center and founder of the Youth Health Initiative. The "Honey-Dews" banquet, City Tabernacle's Couples Ministry designed to empower the family, followed the AYS program.

Caribbean and Latin

the advancement of young women) banquet followed AYS.

African Heritage was the theme for the fourth and final week. Sednak Yankson, pastor of Carnarsie and New Dimension churches, as well as author of AFRICA'S ROOTS IN GOD, delivered



Trevor Baker, third from left, and his wife, Eunice, second from left, were recognized by Pastor Baldwin Barnes, left, and members of City Tabernacle's Bible Bowl teams.



The family of the late Louise Bennett was acknowledged during the morning service at City Tabernacle church on the third Sabbath in February.

the church's youth and his recent historic appointment as chief revenue officer for Time Inc.'s Fortune/Money Group. Betty Day and family rounded out the honorees. Her family shares a legacy of service to the Seventh-day Adventist movement spanning more than 100 years. Her grandfather and his two brothers were directly and/or indirectly responsible for

that included Clarence Jones, draft speech writer and personal lawyer for the late Martin Luther King Jr., Pastor Anthony S. Davis, founder of Harvest Restoration Ministries, Inc., and associate director of admissions, and outreach coordinator for the Center of Urban Male Leadership at Lehman College, and City Tabernacle's own Alicia

American heritage were the focus of the third week. The morning featured the acknowledgement of family members of the late Louise Bennett. The service was even more inspiring with a soul-searching sermon by Pastor Barnes.

AYS leader, Lovener Walcott, led the AYS program. The first part of the program interactively spotlighted various Caribbean and Latin American countries. The second half was entitled "An Evening with Dr. Jefferson Diggs." Dr. Diggs was one of the founders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (Snick). He was also part of one of the most successful "college sit-ins" that led to the integration of public areas in the south. The "Woman's Rites of Passage" (a year-long program for

a powerful sermon. The sermon was complimented by the authentic sounds of North Bronx Ghana's Men's Quartet "ASOMAF0," and City Tabernacle's own "Women's Chorale." In the afternoon Yankson facilitated a passionate and thought-provoking PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Knowledge of God Embedded in the African Culture."

The AY program was just as stimulating. The Honorable Milton Nathaniel Barnes, Liberian Ambassador to the United Nations, and Leslie Cole, prominent local Liberian community leader, were the special guests for a benefit concert for the youth of Liberia. The concert was co-sponsored by City Tabernacle and The Care Fund, whose founder, Bantie Brownell-Forschner, also

A Night in God's Vineyard

A few weeks ago the Mount Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church Community Services Department, with the support of Harris Thompson, the church's pastor, did a "Shadow Count" of all the homeless customers in the Jamaica, Queens, area from midnight to 4:00 a.m. While most people were asleep, this group went to measure appropriate services offered by the New York City Department of Homeless Services.

We went out by groups to the subways, streets, and neighbor-

hood parks. In canvassing such magnitude, the groups were escorted by the New York Police

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 and neighborhood parks.**

Department and the department of corrections. We made our way through the many neighborhoods

via New York City official vehicles and then walked from street to street with flashlights. When approaching a homeless customer that was up and about, we made sure that individual had access to a shelter where they were provided a hot meal and a place to stay.

Mount Sinai Community Service department continues to bridge the gap between need and self-sufficiency.

*Torocia Williams, community services director
 Mount Sinai church*

attended. Walcott facilitated the concert, which included powerful songs by Devon Johnson, the inspirational spoken word and music ministry of Shanelle Gabriel (recently featured on HBO), the soul-stirring pantomime of Silent Testimony, City Tabernacle's youth, as

well as Liberian vocalists Michael Gray, and Stanley Summerville.

The month's ministry was a tremendous blessing to the church and well received by the community.

*Earnest Flowers III, elder
 City Tabernacle church*

Miracle On Merrick Boulevard

Recently in a humanitarian effort, the Mount Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Department located in Queens Village, New York, with the support of Harris Thompson, the church's pastor, joined forces with the Feed the Children organization in the largest single-day food distribution ever undertaken by this national organization.

More than 10,000 families received more than 680,000 pounds of urgently needed food and personal care items delivered on semi-tractor trailer trucks full of food, personal care packages, shoes, clothes, household items, gifts, and toys. People came by car and public transportation, some were wheelchair bound, and others were assisted by their home health aide.

Our team consisted of 40 participants who believe

what the Lord said: "When I was hungry you fed me and when I was naked you clothed me."

Other participating organizations included the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral and the National Basketball Players Association. Many major sponsors from nationally-recognized organizations made donations to make

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this event a success. Also attending were Bill Clinton, former president of the United States, New York Senator Chuck Schumer, Congressman Charles Rangel, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and NBA players from the New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets, and the Sacramento Kings. This was a great undertaking by all involved.

*Torocia Williams
 community services director
 Mount Sinai church*

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second regular quadrennial and twenty fifth regular constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is for the receiving of reports for the past quadrennium, the election of officers, departmental directors, and pertinent committees for the ensuing quadrennium, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates chosen on the basis of one for the organization and one additional delegate for each 70 members or major fraction thereof.

Trevor H.C. Baker, President
 Larry J. Bailey, Secretary

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The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing quadrennium, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to the second regular quadrennial meeting of the Conference are the delegates to the second regular quadrennial meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Trevor H.C. Baker, President
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Community Outreach at Barre Homecoming Weekend

Personnel from radio station WJPL-LP attend the Barre Homecoming Weekend, celebration in downtown Barre, Vermont, each year. This year, in addition to hosting a booth, they participated in the parade. Erwin Eckson drove his vintage antique truck, decked with radio station signs. Church members handed out WJPL-LP balloons to hundreds of people and packets containing information about the station, Central Vermont Academy (CVA), and Christian literature.

Many people visited the booth where they received information

and were invited to fill out cards for a free drawing. Ninety-eight people responded, with 46 requesting prayer and/or Bible study. There was a drawing for three sets of

CVA students can take an elective class called Radio Programming and Broadcasting which allows them to go to the station to gain experience in this profession.

UNCLE ARTHUR'S BEDTIME STORIES.

It was heartwarming to hear that a number of people had these books as children.

Shortly after this event, a prominent Vermont Christian radio station, "The Light," called CVA requesting 3ABNs programs. WJPL-LP has been airing for two years and just received its tax-exempt status. CVA students can take an elective class called Radio Programming and Broadcasting which allows them to go to the station to gain experience in this profession. We thank God for the privilege of spreading the news of the everlasting gospel in Barre, Vermont.

Cynthia Craig, communication correspondent
Barre church

Auburn Church Starts Year with Prayer

Twenty-five members of the Auburn church celebrated a "National Day of Prayer" on the first Sabbath of this year. New prayer coordinator Katherine Delan has a vision for Auburn to become a "praying church."

In addition to the prayer service, six church members were ordained as deacons, deaconesses, and an elder. Conference president Mike Ortel officiated at the ordination service.

Following breakfast, Delan and I, as the previous prayer coordinator, presented tools to enable and encourage members to have a more intense prayer life and to uplift one another in prayer throughout the year.

Delan gave envelopes with oval circles and encour-

aged them to write a prayer request with a Bible promise on the "prayer egg" and then place it in their Bible and remember to pray for the request daily. A Thanksgiving breakfast is being planned for November to give thanks for all the

Auburn church members want to take God at His Word and watch Him work with power.

answers to those prayers placed on the paper eggs.

God said, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do

not know"—Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV). Auburn church members want to take God at His Word and watch Him work with power. We are praying for God's blessings on the Auburn church so that our light will shine among our members and radiate into the community.

We can only accomplish these efforts with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

and it all begins with prayer.

Joyce A. Leonard
communication secretary
Auburn church

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Forrest Ward Memorial School children, staff, and families deliver bundt cakes to the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center.

Forrest Ward School Children Bring Joy to Cancer Patients

Forrest Ward Memorial School children had the privilege of delivering 55 scrumptious bundt cakes to Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center last December. The children delighted in sharing this gift of joy.

This was the second year the Bennington, Vermont, church reached out to the patients under this center's care. The staff shared stories of how the cakes were appreciated the previous year.

The school has since received thank-you notes from people in three different states. One came from a 17-year cancer survivor.

Linda Everhart, teacher
Forrest Ward Memorial school

The Power of One



The power of one person was evidenced through a woman named Julie Hogan at the Oakfield Seventh-day Adventist Church. She organized, decorated, and arranged the agape suppers, which were held at the town's community center. The public, as well as church members, were spiritually enriched by event and the music presented. We pray that God will bless our church as we share in our community.

Jim Hogan, member
Oakfield church

July 12-13, 2008

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Mission Trip to Ecuador — Priceless

Perhaps you've seen the TV commercials for a credit card company with the slogan, "There are some things money can't buy . . ." Well, I'd definitely have to say that my recent trip to Ecuador would make a great commercial for them!

The adventure began on December 18, 2007, when my daughter, Kyrsti, and I flew to Guayaquil, Ecuador. There we met more than 80 Maranatha volunteers from the U.S., British Columbia, and England. We ranged in age from 3 to 80-something. However

diverse we may have been, we were all there for one purpose—to share the love of God with the people of Ecuador.

After everyone arrived, we loaded buses and drove three hours over rough road in the middle of the night to San Jose del Tambo, a small village at the base of the Andes Mountains. This



Kyrsti Cotton became quite an expert at climbing up on the scaffolding and keeping the block layers supplied with grout when helping the construction crew. She also helped with some of the singing and crafts with the Vacation Bible School group.

would be our home base for the next two weeks.

Each day we were given the option of what team we would like to join for the day. The construction team worked to complete a primary school/evangelism center in the town of El Achote. That job involved a lot of block moving, cement mixing, grout hauling, and block laying. After one day of swinging blocks, I decided I could probably better use my talents elsewhere! Kyrsti, however, became quite an expert at climbing up on the scaffolding and keeping the



Although a little out of her comfort zone, Pam Cotton gave fluoride treatments to dozens of children and had a great time.

block layers supplied with grout. Knowing that your labor will provide a place for children to be educated for years to come is priceless!

The second option was to join the medical/dental team. They served the medical and spiritual needs of hundreds of people, working in a very primitive setting. Although a little out

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of my comfort zone, I gave fluoride treatments to dozens of children and had a great time. Seeing a child get much-needed dental care for the first time in their life was priceless!

The final option was to join the Vacation Bible School (VBS)/ painting crew. That is where I found my niche. Since we only held VBS two hours each afternoon we spent our mornings on various painting projects. Our painting projects included an Adventist church, speed bumps, and park benches.

Vacation Bible School was held in two different locations for four days each. At the first site, we had more than 300 children the first day and used up many of our supplies. We had to get creative after that! At the second site, we had



On the last day of Vacation Bible School, Pam Cotton gave the children paper crowns, but looks forward to the day Jesus will give them a crown of life.

between 50-60 children each day. We sang songs, presented a health message, told a Bible story, and did a craft each day. Kyrsti helped with some of the singing and crafts, while I led the story.

The highlight of the trip for me was the last day of VBS when I gave an appeal and more than 50 children stood to give their hearts to Christ. I told them that I would probably never see them again on this earth, but that I expected to see them one day in heaven. How I long for that day! I gave them paper crowns,

but one day Jesus will give them a crown of life. That's priceless!

Kyrsti and I spearheaded a fundraising project to put new chairs in the church that we painted. We were able to present them with the 30 new chairs they wanted before we left. The

church members, as poor as they were, insisted on giving us a gift in return. They presented a 20-year-old painting of the town square to our group. They truly gave all they had. What a priceless moment!

*Pam Cotton, teacher
Browning elementary*

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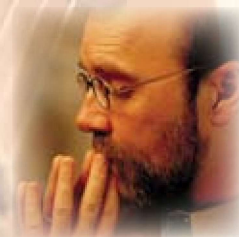
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C'est devant le Congrès que le représentant de l'église adventiste fait la promotion de la liberté sur le lieu de travail

Le 12 Février, le représentant de l'église adventiste du septième jour aux affaires législatives, James D. Standish, s'est joint à d'autres personnes pour témoigner devant une audience du Congrès américain. Le but était de pousser les législateurs à financer la loi sur la liberté religieuse sur le lieu de travail, loi mise en place récemment.

“Les américains n'admettent pas la bigoterie dans nos médias, nos écoles ou au gouvernement, et bien-sûr, nous ne devrions pas accepter la bigoterie contre les croyants sur leur lieu de travail.”

Voilà ce que J. Standish a écrit dans une lettre que les citoyens peuvent envoyer à leurs représentants au Congrès.

J. Standish dit que la loi a été présentée au Congrès pour la première fois il y a 10 ans. Elle recueille maintenant un large soutien de la part des deux chambres du Congrès américain. Si elle est votée, elle protégera et étendra les droits qui ont été introduits pour la première fois il y a 40 ans, lorsque le Congrès a voté une loi pour la liberté sur le lieu de travail sous l'égide de la loi des droits civils américains.

D'après la Commission américaine des Chances Egales d'Emploi, les plaintes pour discrimination religieuse ont augmenté de 83 % entre 1992 et 2006, alors que les autres plaintes pour discrimination (discrimination raciale, au sexe et à l'âge)

sont toutes restées stables ou ont baissé.

Pour expliquer cette augmentation, J. Standish et d'autres dirigeants religieux mettent en cause une interprétation étroite de la législation existante en matière de liberté sur le lieu de travail. “Lorsque le Congrès a oeuvré pour donner des droits à de nombreux groupes sur le lieu de travail, il a laissé les observateurs du sabbat et les autres croyants loin derrière.”

J. Standish ajoute qu'on ne devrait pas demander aux employés de choisir entre l'exercice de leur foi respective et des conditions de travail épanouissan-



Le représentant de l'église, James D. Standish, a témoigné pour les droits des observateurs du sabbat lors d'une audience au Congrès le 12 février. Son témoignage représente un soutien pour les croyants qui sont confrontés à la discrimination sur leur lieu de travail. [ANN file photo]

tes. “Les employeurs requièrent du bon sens pour montrer ‘qu'ils ont une bonne raison de refuser de laisser le sabbat de congé avant de licencier un croyant.’”

*Elizabeth Lechleitner, assistante éditorial
Adventist News Network
7 Février 2008
Traduction: Stephanie Elofer*

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La observancia del sábado tiene sus raíces en África, dice historiador adventista

Un estudio de la historia de las personas de color revela que el cristianismo del África puede haber reflejado más estrechamente una perspectiva adventista del sábado que lo que antes se pensaba, afirma un historiador adventista.

Bertram Melbourne, pastor adventista y decano interino de la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Howard de Washington D.C., dijo que la tribu basoto del siglo XV en el sur del África adoraba un dios llamado Molimo O Diabla Di Maroba Rommolobi, o “Dios

con cicatrices en sus manos, el Padre de la salvación.”

Algunos grupos observaban inclusive el sábado bíblico como día de descanso, dijo Melbourne el pasado 9 de febrero durante una conferencia en la Universidad Andrews, de la Iglesia Adventista, en Berrien Springs, Michigan, Estados Unidos. No fue hasta que los misioneros europeos llegaron a evangelizar el África que la práctica fue abandonada, añadió.

Melbourne se unió a otros diez investigadores en una conferencia en celebración del Mes de Historia de las Personas de Color, que se celebra cada febrero en los Estados Unidos. El grupo presentó resultados de más de 15 años de estudios sobre la observancia del sábado en África.

Los directivos de la universidad dijeron que esperaban que el evento afirme las raíces de la observancia del sábado y ayuden a disipar prejuicios respecto del continente, que los presentadores dijeron que a menudo es presentado como poco más que “un campo misionero” dentro de las tradiciones cristianas.

“A menudo, Dios es presentado como el Dios de los blancos,” dijo Wol Vol Wol, estudiante de teología que asistió a la conferencia, y añadió que muchas personas de su nativa Sudán “no saben que es el Dios de todos.”

“Dios no nos pertenece. Necesitamos colocar a Dios en manos de la gente y permitir que vean que es Dios de todos,” dijo Wol.

Varios presentadores dijeron que una apertura de mente tal ayudaría a que la iglesia esparciera su mensaje con mayor rapidez y eficacia. “La iglesia encara el evangelismo desde una perspectiva negativa, enfatizando las diferencias

en lugar de las cosas que tenemos en común,” dijo Melbourne. Al hacer obra misionera, la iglesia debería en primer lugar “construir sobre las similitudes,” añadió.

“Nuestra idea de misión a veces puede tornarse un tanto etnocéntrica,” dijo Brian Ibáñez, estudiante de economía. “Sentimos que necesitamos ser la luz del mundo, pero nos olvidamos que puede que ya tengamos una luz.”

La iglesia debe librarse de la diferencia entre “nosotros” y “ellos,” dijo Harold Lee, presidente del Grupo de Estudio Sábado en África. En su lugar, los adventistas deberían ver a todas las personas, culturas y religiones como “un cuerpo que prepara almas para el Cielo.”

Charles Bradford, uno de los oradores y ex presidente de la Iglesia Adventista en Norteamérica, enfatizó la importancia de aprender del pasado y de utilizar un conocimiento tal para entender mejor el futuro. Bradford, autor del libro “Sabbath Roots: The African Connection” (Raíces del sábado: La conexión africana) y fundador del Grupo de Estudio Sábado en África, dijo también a los estudiantes que no pueden simplemente ser un espejo de la Iglesia Adventista, sino que es preciso que cumplan una función central en la misión de la iglesia.

Los representantes de la Universidad Andrews respondieron a las preocupaciones presentadas durante el evento respecto de la necesidad de llevar a cabo diálogos continuos con otras culturas y cosmovisiones, y decidieron considerar añadir asignaturas de Estudios sobre Personas de Color en los planes de estudio de la institución.

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Grupos antiguos en el África pueden haber guardado el sábado mucho antes de que los misioneros europeos introdujeran el cristianismo en el continente, dijo Bertram Melbourne, pastor adventista y decano interino de la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad Howard de Washington D.C. Melbourne fue uno de los once presentadores de la conferencia “Conversaciones sobre 2000 años de cristianismo en el África y en la Diáspora,” un evento de tres días llevado a cabo del 7 al 9 de febrero en la Universidad Andrews, de la Iglesia Adventista, en celebración del Mes de Historia de las Personas de Color. [fotografía: Elizabeth Tidwell/ANN]

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A Statement on Women's Issues

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

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

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

A Statement on Women's Issues

Seventh-day Adventists believe that all people, male and female, are created equal, in the image of a loving God. We believe that both men and women are called to fill a significant role in accomplishing the primary mission of the Adventist Church: working together for the benefit of humanity. Yet we are painfully aware that throughout the world, in developing and developed nations, adverse societal conditions often inhibit women from fulfilling their God-given potential.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has identified several major problems, well-documented by research, that often keep women from making valuable contributions to society. Stress, the environment, and increased demands have placed women at greater risk for health problems. Poverty and heavy workloads not only deprive women of their ability to enjoy life, but also impair their physical and spiritual well-being. Family violence takes a heavy toll on its victims.

Women are entitled to the God-given privileges and opportunities intended for every

human being—the right to literacy, to education, to adequate health care, to decision making, and to freedom from mental, physical, or sexual abuse. We also maintain that women should play an increased role in the leadership and decision-making bodies of both church and society.

Ultimately, we believe that the church will fulfill its mission only when women are empowered to achieve their full potential.®

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) and was released by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the General Conference session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 29-July 8, 1995.

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Listed are some resources that will help you learn more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church's beliefs, positions on specific topics, and established guidelines.

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OBITUARIES

CASTER, Marion.—96, b. Dec. 1, 1910, in Syracuse, N.Y.; d. Oct. 24, 2007, in Oswego, N.Y. She graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1930. She taught for more than 20 years in Seventh-day Adventist church schools in Watertown, Rome, Syracuse, and Dexterville, N.Y. She was predeceased by her husband, Merton L. Caster,

in 1971 and her son, Ralph, in 2007. Surviving are four daughters, Charlotte Prest (Earl, who is a pastor) of Orlando, Fla., Barbara Hyde (Fred, who is a pastor) of Williamsport, Penn., Phyllis Peck (Lawrence) of Oswego, N.Y., and Janice Foote (William) of Castle Valley, Utah; a daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Caster, of Hannibal, N.Y.; two sons, Robert Caster (Sandra) from Saranac, N.Y., and Brian Caster (Janet) from Oswego, N.Y., with whom she lived; a brother, Wilton Johnson, from Jensen Beach, Fla.; 20 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

CUVA, John David, Sr.—71; b. Jun. 21, 1936, in Manhattan, N.Y.; d. Nov. 14, 2007, in Apopka, Fla. He graduated from Atlantic Union College with a degree in elementary education. He began his teaching career in 1962 for the Northern New England Conference where he spent most of his years teaching in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. He also taught briefly for the Ohio, New York, and Texas conferences. Surviving are his three children: Patricia-Ann of Portland, Maine, John David, Jr. of Buxton, Maine, and Michael Anthony of Pownal, Maine.

RECORD, Kathleen Joan Mowery—b. Aug. 7, 1929, in Brightsand Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada; d. December 25, 2007, in Portland, Maine. She attended Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta. She graduated from New England Sanitarium & Hospital in 1955. She worked as an R.N. for more than 40 years at the Leominster, Clinton, and New England Memorial hospitals, all in Massachusetts, and 17 years at H. D. Goodall Hospital in Sanford, Maine. She married Robert G. Record, Jr., on

Sept. 1, 1957, in Stoneham church. Survivors include her husband, Robert; two daughters Roberta D. and Tracey J. of Limerick, Maine; son John M. (Pam) of Perham, Maine; two grandchildren, John W. and Maranda Record of Tenn.; one sister, Elaine M. Covrig of Ga., and many relatives.

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- Adventist Public Affairs & Religious Liberty North American Division . . . <http://www.nadfreedom.org>
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- Office of Legislative Affairs <http://ola.adventist.org>
- Other Religious Liberty Links . . . <http://ola.adventist.org/Links.htm>
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