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IN THIS ISSUE...

Beginning August 2008, Atlantic Union College will offer a specialized curriculum focused on community engagement and Christian leadership. In this issue, we share information on the college's new direction. Also included are our regular features: Adventist Education, Positions of Our Faith, and Youth Talk. The cover photo was taken by Dave Sherwin.

Go and Do **Likewise**

As a young lad in secondary school, I witnessed an act of love and kindness that remains in my memory up to this moment. This gesture provided me with meaningful insights into the true understanding of the parable of the Good Samaritan. It also allows me to comprehend the sublime statement expressed by the prophet Isaiah: “If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday”—Isaiah 58:10 (NKJV).

In the vicinity of my home there was a young man who lived with his aunt and was learning mechanics. Every night, he shared his inadequate portion of food with another young fellow who was, at that time, either a student or a tailor apprentice. One day, after he gave away part of his meal, he was still seeking for some bread to appease his hunger pangs. When confronted by his aunt to explain this strange behavior, the young man replied: “I cannot be contented with a full meal while someone else I know is starving.” I learned then, what it means to share one’s substance with the needy.

So it is in the parable of the Good Samaritan recorded in Luke 10:25-37, where genuine love is wonderfully illustrated. Furthermore, Jesus shows that true religion “consists not in systems, creeds, or rites, but in the performance of loving deeds, in bringing the greatest good to others, in genuine goodness”—THE DESIRE OF AGES, p. 497. This kind of love compels us to match our words with our actions. As religious leaders and teachers of the Law, when the Levite and the priest saw the traveler covered with dust and blood, and half dead, they passed by on the other side. But the Good Samaritan, as a Gentile, was moved with compassion when he saw the sufferer. “So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on

oil and wine; and set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him—Luke 10:33-35 (NKJV).

From the foregoing, some meaningful lessons can be learned:

1. Our love must be manifested to everyone. To love is not to give from our superfluity but to share our subsistence with others. It is not enough to carry the message of love. We must be the message; our love for one another must match our theology.
2. Our knowledge must make the journey to our hearts. The priest and the Levite were churchmen, teachers of the Torah, but the principles of the law were not written in their hearts. Discrimination, selfishness, prejudice, spirit of class, and culture prevented them from helping one of their own. Christ’s religion transcends race, class, and culture.
3. We must come down off our beast. The Good Samaritan was a Gentile but the law of God was in his heart. When he saw the sufferer, he came down off his beast and attended to him. We, too, must come down from our comfort zone. We must let someone ride while we walk. This requires the mind and the spirit of Jesus.

The Good Samaritan is a type of Jesus who “was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities”—Isaiah 53:5. Our Savior summons us to come down from our ivory tower to be sensitive and to show love and kindness to our fellowmen. Unto us He says, “Go and continue to do likewise.”¹

Louis Métellus is the Haitian Ministries vice president and director for Adventist Community Services and Prison Ministries in the Atlantic Union.



“If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday”—Isaiah 58:10 (NKJV).



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- Inclusion*

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BACHELOR'S DEGREES

American Studies

Business Administration

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
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- Marketing

Christian Leadership

Education and Teacher Certification

- Early Childhood
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education

Nursing

Professional Art

- Art
- Business Management of Art
- Pre-Art Therapy
- Pre-Scientific Illustration

Pre-Professional Health Science

- Biology
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Psychology

Theology

- Theology and/or Evangelism

TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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Pre-Professional Health Sciences

- Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy

Para education**

Personal Ministries

ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATES

Bio-Medical Laboratory Science

Evangelism

Medical Missionary Certificate

Vegetarian Culinary Arts

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The Adult Degree Program (ADP) offers a limited residency opportunity to adults who are 25 or older. The upcoming seminar is scheduled for July 6-17, 2008. Financial Aid is available for qualified students.

MASTER'S DEGREES

Master of Education with Concentrations in:

- School Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Inclusion*

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Cindy Kurtzals



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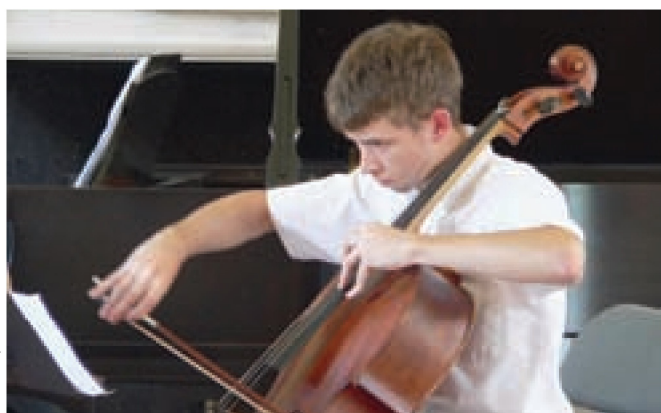
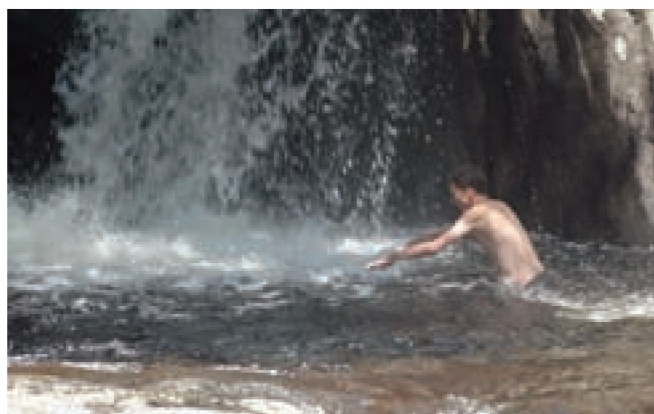
Each year, the student body and faculty vote for Professor of the Year based on compelling criteria. AUC's faculty is outstanding, and the top choices during the past four years are, pictured from the left: Roger Bothwell, psychology, 2005; Dean Davis, center, religion, 2006; and Rick Trott, religion, 2004 and 2007.

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Karin Thompson

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Cindy Kuritzals

Kaitlynn Ban, a freshman accounting major.

Kaitlynn earned \$7,112 in leadership and merit awards based on her high school activities.

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Communications
English
History
Personal Ministries
Psychology
Religion
Theology

INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJORS

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

General Science
Humanities
Liberal Arts
Liberal Arts with Teacher Licensure in
Early Childhood or Elementary Education
Social Science

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Early Childhood English (Grades 8-12)
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By Kim Kaiser

A Spirit of Inclusion in the New York Conference

The New York Conference is privileged to be the first to partner with the North American Division (NAD) to pilot an inclusion program. Inclusion is an approach for serving students with a range of needs, including those with disabilities. For years, many teachers in Adventist schools have been serving, to the best of their ability, some students with disabilities. Other students have been turned away because teachers felt inadequate to meet the needs or because necessary resources were unavailable. The NAD has been awarded funds and has established an inclusion commission to develop materials and resources to better support teachers and their students with special needs. Inclusion is the approach that has been chosen

because it enables students to learn from and with each other while keeping expectations appropriately high. It is also a model that is practical and viable in small schools.

The Arthur S. Maxwell Christian School in

Geneva, New York, is the site of the first pilot program. Funds from the NAD have provided specialized materials and adaptive equipment

to many students in the school. Visits to the school are most gratifying as one observes students who have learned to understand and support each other's unique needs in caring ways. Vanessa Smith, the classroom



Haley, Julianna, Becky, and Thomas are involved in group work.

teacher, is delighted with the support she has received from the members of the Geneva church as they, too, come to appreciate the strengths and needs of individual students. The program is being further assisted by the Atlantic Union Conference Office of Education, which has assisted with funding for continuing education for a cohort of teachers from around the union who are interested in becoming master teachers in inclusive education.



Kim Kaiser is the New York Conference associate director of education and communication director.



Winter helps Ryan with ALEKS Math.

Youth Talk

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

Thirty-one academy-age students participated in the Atlantic Union Music Clinic in February 2008. We asked several of them to share their thoughts on how music ministers to others? Here is what six of them had to say:



“Since we are in this world and not of it, it’s [as though] when we talk to the people of this world they hear us, but they don’t listen. Music breaks that boundary because everyone likes music.”—**Demetria B. P. Packwood**, 15, Bermuda



“Music brings out the emotion in people. When people see the youth using their talents to praise God, they are touched.”—**Victor Fernandez**, 15, Lancaster, Massachusetts

“People have their own style of music. It’s [similar to] people and their dogs—they look strangely alike. Each person has their own music that fits them. Music has a strange way of reaching inside of people and pulling out something that has never been expressed before. And when we put a good message into the different styles that people like, they can relate to it and really think about it, and that’s when the music ministry goes to heart.”—**Anthony Whitlow**, 16, Syracuse, New York



“Some people don’t understand sermons, but are good with music. They can interpret differently.”—**Tyler Jones**, 16, Sterling, Massachusetts



“Music can help minister to others because of the meanings and what the songs are about. It can help others grow more in Christ and have a good relationship with God. To me, the best way to keep a good relationship with God is to play music and sing. When I play for others, I feel that I have become closer to God, and I hope I will encourage others to follow in God’s footsteps.”—**Kaléa Steede**, 13, Bermuda



“Music touches each individual differently. It isn’t just the notes, it’s the way the musician interprets the notes. The way you play a piece affects the listener. If you can make the listener get the same emotion as you’re feeling, then you’ve truly touched that person.”—**Ilana Joyce Cady**, 16, Lancaster, Massachusetts

Share With Us

If you are 30 years old or younger, here is a question we would like you to respond to. “What do you like about the worship service at your church?” Send your response to the GLEANER editor at gleaner@atlanticunion.org. Be sure to include your full name, age, church, the town and city where you reside.

Southampton Church's Women Promote Heart Health

With February designated as "Heart Month," the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church Women's Ministries Department used the opportunity to launch the start of their program with a potluck luncheon on Sabbath, February 23. Gaynell Hayward, Women's Ministries leader for the church, and her team put together a hearty meal and a Sabbath afternoon program in the fellowship hall at the church. The décor couldn't have been more inviting. Hundreds of tiny heart-shaped confetti covered the red and white tablecloths while red, pink, and white balloons filled the room.

The presentation, entitled, "Heart-to-Heart," promoted women's heart health to the more than 80 women who attended the "lunch-and-learn." Each woman

received a memorable bookmark or a scented T candle. There were many surprises in the form of spot prizes for those whose seats were specially labeled with hearts. Three individuals, Vernetta Evans-Roberts, Linda Samuels, and Shirley Webbe, who was visiting from Boston, received gift-filled baskets.

After an enjoyable meal, Evelyn Brown, who is a registered nurse employed at the KEMH Cardiac Care, presented a PowerPoint presentation. She urged women to get tested and to know their numbers (high blood pressure and cholesterol readings). Bermuda statistics show that each month at least four women suffer heart attacks. She mentioned that heart attacks prove more fatal for women than men because women appear to tolerate pain and

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often don't take the severity of their pain seriously. She emphasized how exercise and a high-fiber diet are vital ingredients for a healthy heart. She also advised all women to get moving as a step toward reducing their risk of heart disease.

It was a heart-warming experience. Hayward spoke of the opportunity to provide outreach in the community and a Mother's Day initiative that will benefit moth-

ers in Ethiopia. Feedback received indicates that many were blessed and are looking forward to future opportunities for education, empowerment, enjoyment, and encouragement. The Women's Ministries team would like to thank those who made the event a success through their donations, cooking, or service.

*Geralene Smith and Gaynell Hayward
Southampton Church*

Mount Pisgah Academy Choirs Perform in Bermuda

Sixty choir members from the Mount Pisgah Academy Choir and Bell Choir, along with their director, Edward Pelto, accompanist, Kevin Worth, and principal, Richard Anderson, spent one week

on the island of Bermuda in early March performing at several venues. They were housed at the Messina House, one of the island's camping facilities, located on the water's edge of the Great Sound.

Many individuals had the privilege of hearing the choirs perform. Performances were held on Friday evening and Sabbath morning at the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church and at the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church during the Adventist Youth Society meeting. They also performed at the Wesley Methodist Church in the city of Hamilton during their Sunday morning worship, and concluded their week of performances at Bermuda Institute on Tuesday morning during assembly.

Several of the students participated in community service work, which was greatly appreciated by the Warwick church and

Bermuda Institute.

Mount Pisgah Academy was started in the year 1914 and is located in Ashville, North Carolina. It is a co-ed boarding academy, with grades nine to twelve, and has an enrollment of 140 students from various countries, such as Russia, Korea, Japan, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Their main focus is on service.

On the day of their departure, the students expressed how much they really enjoyed their visit to the island and the Bermudian hospitality and would like to make a return visit in the near future.

*Wendell Simons
communication department
Bermuda Institute*



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Camp Berkshire Appoints New Manager and Announces Development Plans

The Greater New York Conference is pleased to announce the appointment of a new management team for Camp Berkshire. On January 24 the executive committee voted to ask Hector Perez to become the camp manager.

Hector Perez is no stranger to Camp Berkshire, since he lived at the camp for several years and also worked at Berkshire from the spring of 2001 until 2004 when he received a call from the Southeastern California Conference to be the assistant manager of Pine Springs Ranch. We are happy he has returned to Camp Berkshire to lead

in the redevelopment of the camp.

The Camp Berkshire Operating Committee had previously voted to invite Walter Harris to be the associate manager and Jesus Garcia to be the assistant manager.

Walter Harris has many years of experience in the construction industry, including working as an inspector for various governmental agencies. Most recently he has operated his own home improvement and construction management company. Walter has been very active in his local church and conference youth ministries. He has

served as Pathfinder director and assisted in conference camporees. He has also participated and led out in construction projects on several overseas mission trips as well as Katrina relief trips.

Jesus Garcia has 17 years of experience in construction and maintenance. He also earned a degree in civil engineering in the Dominican Republic. He has worked at Camp Berkshire, assisting in maintenance and construction since 2005. Prior to working at Berkshire he worked as a contractor and/or supervisor on various construction projects of homes, urban development and infrastruc-

ture, and public facilities.

We believe this new team will lead in the redevelopment of Camp Berkshire as it becomes one of the great camps in the North American Division.

We are also pleased to announce that the Greater New York Conference has allocated \$5.8 million for Camp Berkshire development. Planning steps that have already been taken are conducting a professional evaluation of all current buildings, upgrading the electrical system, and taking steps to develop a master plan.

*Jose Cortes Jr., youth director
Greater New York Conference*

Communication Leaders Meet at Victory Church

The Greater New York Conference Communication Department held its first workshop for 2008 at the Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bronx, New York. Presenters for the workshop included Ednor Davison, Atlantic Union Conference assistant to the president for communication and Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference associate director for communication.

Davison presented those who attended with information that is relevant and vital to their role as church communicators. Wellington made a presentation on the effective use of digital cameras for Web sites and print media. He also discussed changes to the conference's Web site and the feasibility of each church in the conference developing its own site.

Interest in the material presented at the workshop was so high that participants requested a follow-up workshop.

*Alanzo Smith, communication director
Greater New York Conference*

Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference associate director for communication, made a presentation on the effective use of digital cameras and the conference's new Web site.



Ednor Davison, Atlantic Union Conference assistant to the president for communication, was one of the presenters at the Greater New York Conference communication workshop.

The Invitation that Changed His Life



Pedro Espinoza was baptized by Pastor Jose Montano on November 17, 2007, after hearing the Lord's call through words shared by his daughter, Farah.

“Come and see” were the words that Philip spoke that brought Nathanael to have an encounter



with Christ (John 1:43-46). These were the same words Yonkers, New York, church member Farah Sosa spoke to a young man at the bus stop on her way to work. The young man later came to have an encounter with Christ.

Then she shared those words with her father, Pedro Espinoza, whose life was changed by the invitation and who felt the Lord's calling. He was not rebellious to the voice that beckoned, “follow me.” On November 17, 2007, Pedro accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Pastor Jose Montano. Now the church counts on a new member who has joined their family.

*Hugo Rene Ipiña, communication director
Yonkers Spanish church*

Family Ministries Leaders Meet for Training



Family Ministries leaders from Hispanic churches in the Greater New York Conference gathered for an evening of training and planning on February 14 with presenter Carlos Aragonés, far left. He held seminars on “Anger and Conflict Resolution” and “Principles in Counseling.”

*Alanzo Smith, communication director
Greater New York Conference*

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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!

Young Adults Share Food, Faith, and Fellowship

“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them”—Matthew 18:20 (NIV).

God is truly blessing the young adults in the New York Conference! We met together to fellowship at the conference office on March 1 and had our largest turnout for this event—approximately 40 people. Our morning started off quiet with a small group of local young adults enjoying breakfast and getting to know each other better.

Young adults from Ghana, Venezuela, and across New York attended on Sabbath to praise God through song, video, word, and prayer. By mid morning, we were scrambling to find more seats as our group grew.

Jeremy Garlock, Parkview Junior Academy teacher and member of the Westvale church, shared his testimony and inspired us to have more meaningful prayer lives, modeled

after the disciples of Jesus. We then put prayer into action by engaging in intercessory prayer in small groups. Each member was encouraged to share a testimony, praise, and burden within their group and then lift another member’s praise or burden up in prayer.

In the afternoon, young adults took part in a geocache, giving us the opportunity to interact with the Syracuse community. Groups used a GPS to guide their journey around the city to take part in various activities that included: performing the human knot and saying a prayer for the neighborhood, signing cards to be sent to homebound members of the church, and handing out paper cranes with the message, “Jesus is Our Peace” to a person on the street.

We ended our day with a vesper thought that reminded us of God’s incredible grace and how He waits,

on the edge of His seat, for us to ask for more of it in our daily lives.

Our next young adult retreat will be held at Camp Cherokee, September 26-28.

*Kelsey Hayes, young adult
New York Conference*



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Buffalo Suburban Cooking School Impacts Community



Approximately 15 individuals from the community attended the Buffalo Suburban church’s free vegetarian cooking class each night.

During the months of November, December, and January, the Buffalo Suburban church in Lancaster, New York, held a free eight-week vegetarian cooking class that was open to the community. The classes were hosted by the Buffalo Suburban Women’s

Ministries committee and were taught by five of the women who attend the church: Kathy Marciniak, Elizabeth Gayle, Marie Fetes, Terri Young, and the pastor’s wife, Gina Harlin.

Approximately 15 individuals from the community attended each

night. Members and guests sampled a vast assortment of vegan dishes and, according to the reports, everyone went away excited about upcoming classes. We were delighted that a married couple from the community felt comfortable enough to volunteer to give us a juicing demonstration on juicing wheat grass.

Comments from guests included: “What a wonderful program for the community,” “We enjoyed and learned so much about vegetarian cooking,” “I wish that I could have attended all of the classes,” and “Thank you for your gift to the community.” Everyone who attended left their contact information for future classes and church newsletters.

On our final evening together, Pastor Cecil Harlin talked to our community friends about our Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and the scriptural basis for our health message. Literature was distributed and all the community members were given invitations to attend our church services and upcoming vegetarian potluck.

What a blessing it was when one of the ladies showed up at church the following week and asked for Bible studies. We have made so many wonderful friends in the community and praise God for His leading in this important part of our message and ministry.

*Marie Fetes, member
Buffalo Suburban church*

A Perfect Blend of Salt and Light

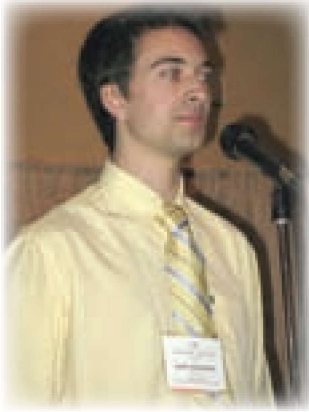
In Matthew chapter five Jesus teaches the most effective form of evangelism—salt mixed with light. A salty person seasons the people around them, they have influence, and they create thirst for the cooling water of Christ. In February at the Lay Training Institute (LTI) held in Auburn, New York, church members from the New York Conference were presented with practical principles for being the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Pastor David Klinedinst presented a practical form of an “evangelistic life,” sharing seminars on how to start spiritual conversations, how to witness to your family and friends, how to make friends for Christ, and how to make an appeal to the heart.

Klinedinst’s high energy and passion along with his vital material were a fire-starter.

Gary Gibbs presented a charge for the need and effectiveness of public evangelism. Gibbs also shared a seminar on the most effective way to structure evangelism in the local church: “Cycle of Evangelism.” Tom Evans and his group of passionate evangelists presented a strategic plan to help churches pinpoint areas of need in the local congregation to create an atmosphere conducive to growth. Many pastors in the New York Conference have begun to use this strategic plan, inspiring the necessary steps to create a healthy church.

The LTI weekend ended with success stories of mem-



Josh Schneider shared his story of being called to lay ministry. He was chosen to participate in special training by Shawn Boonstra.



Church members from the New York Conference were presented with practical principles for being the salt of the earth and the light of the world during the Lay Training Institute held in Auburn, New York.



Presenters led a panel discussion to answer lay members’ questions.

bers within the conference who have discovered that God will do things beyond their expectations when they take the opportunities He presents. The consensus was that the things they were most afraid to do for God are the very things He

is calling them to do. They concluded that usefulness to God is not based on natural abilities, but on supernatural gifts that He provides.

*Dustin Hall, pastor
Finger Lakes district*

Young Adult Mission Trip

Wrangell, Alaska
July 11 - 20, 2008



The participation fee is \$300.00.

Each individual is responsible for making and paying for their own travel.

The goal for this mission trip is to make contacts in the community and to present a Vacation Bible School program to the children.

For more information contact:
David Damon at (315) 644-4140
or Youth Ministries Department
New York Conference at (315) 469-6921

Camp Meeting Schedule

Atlantic Union Conference

Saturated in the Spirit

New York Conference • Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York

English Camp Meeting
June 20–28

June 20–21
Brenda Walsh
Kid's Time

Three Angels Broadcasting Network
(3ABN)

June 27–28
Dwight Nelson
Senior Pastor

Pioneer Memorial church

Weekday Mornings
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LORD, KEEP YOUR MANSIONS;
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Weeknights
Ron Clouzet
Ministerial Director
North American Division

William Miller Camp Meeting
July 26

William Miller Home and Chapel
Whitehall, New York

Bill Knott
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Native American Camp Meeting
August 9–10

Northern Adirondack Camp Meeting
August 15–16

West Bangor Church
West Bangor, New York



Bill Knott



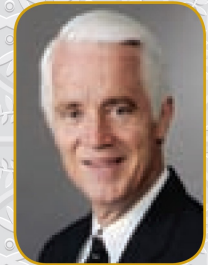
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Dwight Nelson



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Ted Wilson

Luso-Brazilian Camp Meeting
May 23–26

English Camp Meeting
June 28 and July 5

June 28
Bertram Melbourne
Pastor
Potomac Conference

July 5
Ted Wilson
Vice President
General Conference

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Youth and Young Adult
July 12–19

Alfredo Ruiz
Apartment Life Director
Andrews University

Juan Solis
Andrews University

Mario Fabian

Enrique Baez Garcia
Dominican Adventist
University

French Camp Meeting
July 20–26

Diversity Summit
United Camp Meeting
September 20



Alfredo Ruiz



Mario Fabian

Time is Running Out

Bermuda Conference • Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex • June 27–July 5

June 27–July 1

Sabbath/Evening Speaker

George Knight

*Professor Emeritus of Church History
Andrews University*

Jeffrey Brown

*President
Bermuda Conference*

Kenneth Manders

*Secretary
Bermuda Conference*

July 2–5

Sabbath/Evening Speaker

Barry Black

*62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate
Rear Admiral (Ret.), U.S. Navy*

Derek Furbert

*Treasurer
Bermuda Conference*

July 2–5

Early Morning Manna

Patrick Allen

*President
West Indies Union*

Children's Ministries

Mike Faison
Savannah, Georgia

Health Ministries

July 2–5

Ministerio Hermandad

Dionisio Olivo

*Hispanic Ministries Vice President
Atlantic Union Conference*



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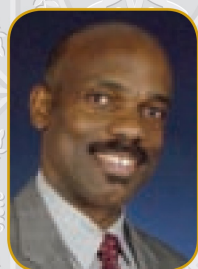
Kenneth Manders



Derek Furbert

Anchored in the Lord

Northeastern Conference • Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York



Randy Skeete



Caleb Rosado

**Hispanic Camp Meeting
May 23–25**

*Theme: Brilla en el sitio
donde estes (Shine in the
place where you are)*

Pavillion

Lucio Calle
*Pastor
Southeastern California
Conference*

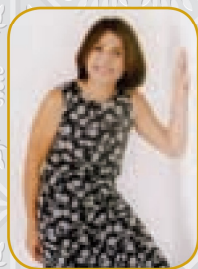
Youth

Tony Avila
*Pastor
New Mexico*

Guest Singers

Maribel Soto
Puerto Rico

Jose Gomez
Dominican Republic



Maribel Soto



Jaime Jorge

**English Camp Meeting
June 28**

Caleb Rosado
*President
Rosado Consulting for
Change in Human Systems*

Music includes: Faith
Seventh-day Adventist
Church Choir

Concert – 4:00 p.m.

Jamie Jorge
The Holmes Sisters

Youth
Antwoyn Mells
*Pastor
Southeastern Conference*

July 5
Randy Skeete
*Public Campus Evangelist
Michigan Conference*

Music includes: Ephesus
Seventh-day Adventist
Church Choir and New
Life Praise Team

**Ordination Service –
4:00 p.m.**

Debleaire Snell
*Pastor
South Central
Conference*

**Youth
Teen Tent**
Donald Rolle
*Pastor
Central States
Conference*

**Haitian Camp Meeting
August 21–24**

Camp Meeting Schedule

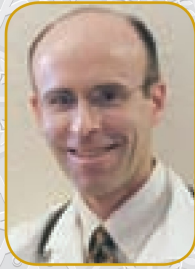
Atlantic Union Conference

Preparing the Way

Northern New England Conference • Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine • June 27–July 5



Jerry Page



David DeRose

June 27–28

Jerry Page
President
Central California
Conference

July 4–5

Lee Venden
Pastor/Educator
College Place Village
Church

Seminar Presenters

July 29–July 3
Michael Campbell
Pastor
Montrose, Colorado

Ken Corkum

President
Maritime Conference

David DeRose

Physician/Associate Pastor
Portland, Maine

David Klinedinst

*Personal Ministries
Director*
Christian Services

Tony More

The Biblical Word Ministry

Janet Page

Prayer Ministries Director
Central California
Conference

Alonzo Smith

Family Ministries Director
Greater New York
Conference

Dennis Smith

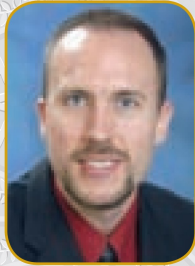
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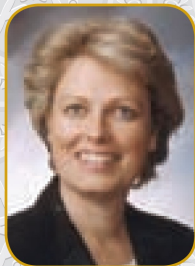
Evening Meetings

June 29–July 3

Ron Smith
Executive Secretary
Southern Union
Conference



Ron Smith



Janet Page



Ken Corkum



Alonzo Smith



Penny Wheeler

“Sharing Him . . . Sharing His Word”

Southern New England Conference • South Lancaster, Massachusetts

**English Camp Meeting —
June 20–28**

June 20–26

Alanzo Smith
*Family Life/
Communication Director*
Greater New York
Conference

July 27–28

Bill Knott
Editor
ADVENTIST REVIEW

Young Adult Speaker

Don Pate
Director
“Between the Lines”
Ministry

June 22

Michael Card
Musical Concert
Co-sponsor:
Worthington/Kellogg’s

**Weekday Seminars and
Presenters**

Mihail Baciu
Pastor
Southern New England
Conference

Carla Baker
*Women’s Ministries
Director*
North American Division

Chuck and Millie Case
Retired President
Southern New England
Conference

Clinton Baldwin
Pastor
Southern New England
Conference

Rudy Dolinsky
Chief Engineer
Safe TV

Jack Harris
Field Representative
Voice of Prophecy

Marion Kidder
*Forest Lake Church
Associate Pastor*
Florida Conference

Tom Murray
*Planned Giving & Trust
Services Director*
Southern New England
Conference

Luther Raposo
Pastor
Southern New England
Conference

Lilly Tryon
Health Ministries Director
Pennsylvania Conference

**Haitian Camp Meeting
July 4–5**

**Portuguese Camp Meeting
July 11–12**

**Hispanic Camp Meeting
July 16–19**

Jose Cortes
President
New Jersey Conference

Youth

Alvin Payne
Pastor
Oregon Conference

**Earliten
Manuel Ojeda**
Pastor
Indiana Conference

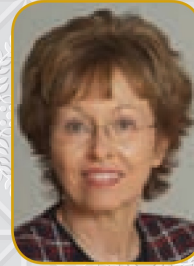
**July 19
Forgiven**
Musical Concert



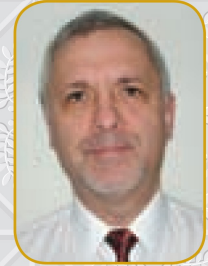
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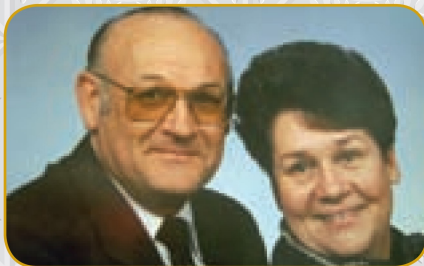
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Rudy Dolinsky



Marion Kidder



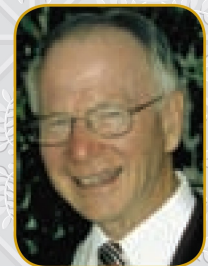
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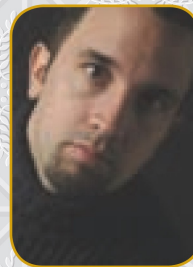
Jack Harris



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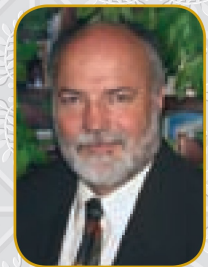
Michael Card



Manuel Ojeda



Jose Cortes



Don Pate

Art Clinic Enhances Students' Talents

The Northern New England Conference Art Clinic was held January 31 to February 2 at Central Vermont Academy in Barre, Vermont. The theme was "Our Bible Heroes" and our speaker this year was Pastor Brian Bilbrey. A total of 150 students in grades 5-12 participated using 13 forms of art media.

*Barbara Chase
education department secretary
Northern New England Conference*



Snow sculpture: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego with Christ in the fiery furnace.

Jenna Neil as old Joseph in the visual presentation of "Joseph, Hero for God."



The gym came alive with Damita Zavaski's floral students' center displays.



Ulla Hansen instructed students in pencil crayon painting, a new art medium to the clinic.



Samples of water color paintings instructed by Pastor Gleason.

Mission Trip Changes Lives

It was a moment to savor. The gentle breeze brought the melodies of some far-off marimba band. The bright sun enhanced the brilliant colors of the traditional clothing worn by a group of Guatemalan women. My feet ached,

but my heart was full. In March 2008 a group of 28 strangers descended upon the poor, dirty town of Chimaltenengo, in north-west Guatemala. Our destination was a barren clinic named "Behrhorst."

The group I joined was



During the week, the focus was on doing general surgery and gynecological surgery. Jessie is seen here with Maria, a recovering patient.



Jessie Brodis holding one of the young patients who had a hernia operation.

International Humanitarian Surgical Associates, a group of doctors, nurses, and ancillary staff with a heart for the less fortunate. For two weeks each year, a group assembles and heads to Guatemala for a week of lumpy beds, cold showers, and hard work. During the week, our focus was doing general surgery (primarily hernia repair) and gynecological surgery.

This was the first surgical mission trip I joined. Surgical mission is unlike anything I experienced. The lasting difference a surgery can make is amazing. Some of the patients had experienced painful and debilitating symptoms for years. One gentleman had his hernia for more than 40 years and in an hour and a half it was gone. The villagers had no money and though their condition left their lives seemingly unbearable, they had no other choice. Hospital care is available in larger cities in Guatemala, but these patients could not afford the transportation to the hospital, let alone the doctors and hospital bills.

I have never experienced such appreciative patients. One woman raised her folded hands toward heaven as she stated over and over again that it was a gift from God. "You just don't know the good you do," stated another in broken English.

By the time the work week ended, more than 60 surgeries were completed. The surgical area was transformed from a few empty, dirty rooms to a full-fledged running hospital. From sterile supply, to pharmacy, to operating rooms, to ward, the "Behrhorst" became a fully active workplace. In the meantime our group of strangers became a smooth-working team of health care providers and friends. Lives were changed and a mark was left. Sixty Guatemalans can tell you about it. So can a whole group of Americans.

Jessie Brodis, member
Mountain View church

July 12-13, 2008

Estabrook School Alumni Weekend

101 Maple Street, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Sabbath, July 12

Sabbath School	10:00 a.m.
Church	11:00 a.m.
Lunch	1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Program	

Sunday, July 13

Auction	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Picnic and Ball Game	

Contact information: Sandy Anderson

Phone: (802)355-1076; E-mail: sjakid54ever@aol.com

*Please bring an unusual item(s) to be auctioned off.
E-mail favorite recipe to be compiled in a cookbook.*

“ShareHim” at Home Changes Lives

Many lay people use their training for the ShareHim evangelistic series to change lives in third-world countries, but fourteen-year-old Samuel Hutchful preached a six-night ShareHim evangelistic series that changed lives—including his own—at his home church in Gardner, Massachusetts.

It all started in February 2007 when the Gardner church pastor, Tom Dombrowski, asked which of the upper graders at Wachusett Hills Christian school wanted to go to the Dallas Youth Convention to be trained to preach an evangelistic series. Hutchful was one of them.

After school was out for the summer Dombrowski worked with Hutchful nightly at the library. The week before the meetings began, local elder and youth Sabbath School teacher, John Livergood, began

practicing with Hutchful. Having preached the ShareHim series in Mexico, Livergood was familiar with the material and the technology used to present it. He edited the sermons making them shorter and easier for Hutchful to preach.

“The first night was hard,” Hutchful confessed. “As people arrived I was on the verge of not being able to do it, but we prayed and I was OK.” Then the slides in the laptop computer refused to advance. Livergood sat on the floor and pressed the button manually while Hutchful preached. It was a stressful first night, but God blessed.

Even though the church did no formal advertising, about 10 visitors attended most of the meetings, in addition to church members. In response to Hutchful’s appeal, one person made a decision for baptism. “The Holy Spirit was working through him. I was touched

and moved by the message,” said Bob White, a visitor.

“That alone should be proof of success.” Livergood added. “God was able to use Hutchful, whether or not he was experienced.” This story also shows that God was able to use Hutchful because the church leadership rallied around him, trained, supported, and encouraged him.

Hutchful’s teacher, Debbie Knutson-Bezerra, says he has become a spiritual leader in her classroom. When they chose officers this year for their AY Worship Club, Hutchful was elected president. His fellow classmates weren’t surprised. They said, “Of course, he’s the preacher of the class.” “I believe that some positive spiritual growth came out of his experience,” Knutson-Bezerra said. “I think it’s changed him for life.”

Hutchful agrees. “I feel like God is calling me to be



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a preacher,” he says. “I had other plans. I wanted to be a policeman or law enforcement officer. If God wants me to be a policeman, that’s what I’ll do. But preaching is the number-one thing I want to do right now.” Hutchful is looking forward to more preaching opportunities in the future.

*Sandra Covell Dombrowski
pastor’s wife and member
Gardner church*

\$2,000 and 25 Dell Laptops Expand Browning’s Interactive Technology



Best Buy employees from the Leominster, Massachusetts, store recently gave a workshop to the fifth-grade students on how to take good digital pictures.

Browning Elementary school’s grades 5-8 social studies/technology department received a \$2,000 Teach Award from Best Buy Co., Inc., for integrating interactive technology into its curriculum. The money will be used to pur-

chase digital cameras, video cameras, software, and flash drives. Students will be able to edit their

own digital pictures and videos to create quality multimedia projects. With the increased amount of equipment, all the students can be

involved in creating, rather than one small group at a time.

This grant falls on the heels of the department receiving a donation of 25 Dell Latitude laptops from the Mitre Corporation. This government organization works to help get technology into schools. When they upgrade their equipment, it is reformatted and given to schools.

*Martha Ban, teacher
Browning elementary school*



Fifth grader Nicholas Ha enjoys working on a new-to-the-school Dell Latitude laptop donated by the Mitre Corporation.

Deaf Evangelize at Deaf Nation Expo

The Northborough Seventh-day Adventist Church Deaf Everywhere Are Family (D.E.A.F) group attended its first Deaf Nation Expo last fall to support Bruce Buzzell, Adventist Deaf Ministries (ADM) board chairperson, with evangelistic outreach to the deaf. This expo was held at the DCU center in Worcester, Massachusetts, and thousands of deaf attended the event. Adventist Deaf Ministries and D.E.A.F. handed out Bible studies and free sign language DVDs to inspire interest in God's love. Close to 100 packets were given away.

Interest for this event began when Esther Doss, an ADM representative, and Jeff Jordan, a deaf pastor, attended the 2007 Southern New England Conference camp meeting. A deaf camp

meeting was held simultaneous to the hearing one with presentations given in American Sign Language (ASL) each night by Jordan.

The Expo showed a hunger and need for the deaf and hard of hearing to know more about Jesus and His love. The deaf came, timid at first and non-committal, but definitely interested. Some had questions, but most were attracted to the sign language DVD. When they learned that they could have their own copy for free, that was all they needed to take one for themselves.

The Expo also exposed a great need for interpreters and interpreted services, as well as for more deaf pastors who can reach the deaf in their own language. Fortunately, we were able to share information with



The Northborough Seventh-day Adventist Church Deaf Everywhere Are Family group assists Bruce Buzzell, Adventist Deaf Ministries board chairperson, back row, left, with evangelistic outreach to the deaf during a Deaf Nation Expo.

them about Jordan's online church service from Atlanta, Georgia. Located at www.deafchurchonline.org, people can watch weekly sermons in ASL.

For more information or to volunteer for the 2008 events, please contact Jessica McGowan, D.E.A.F.

coordinator, by e-mail at jessmcgowan@yahoo.com or call (508) 838-5391 (hearing) or (866) 410-5787, ext. 508-756-2623 for video relay (deaf and hard of hearing).

Jessica McGowan
D.E.A.F. coordinator
Northborough church

Public High School Retreat Gets Students Talking

The Southern New England Conference Youth Department hosted a Public High School Retreat last December at Camp Winnekeag for our Seventh-day Adventist high school-aged, public/home school youth. When asked, "What are some of the challenges you face

being a Christian in a public school setting?" senior Jennifer Muller said, "One of the challenges is being around people with different value systems and beliefs than you and that sometimes tends to cause views to clash."

Junior Kyle Slingo said, "The most challenging part of being a Christian in a public high school is explaining how I can't go to events on Friday night to my friends (e.g., dances, parties, and other events)."

Another Public High School Retreat is scheduled for November 21-23 at Camp Winnekeag. Mark your calendar now and then look for details this fall at www.snecyouth.org.



Jennifer Muller



Kyle Slingo

Pedro Perez, youth director
Southern New England Conference

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!

Gethsemane Church Launches Evangelism Home Strike



Members and friends who completed New Beginnings training were presented with a packet containing the New Beginnings material.

Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brockton, Massachusetts, launched “Evangelism Home Strike” on March 15 when several members received their New Beginnings sermon packets and DVDs from an Adventist-laymen’s

Services and Industries (ASI) team. Debbie Young, immediate past president of ASI, and her husband, Ray Young, held a day-long training seminar to introduce the series.

The series prepared four-person lay teams to hold

evangelistic meetings in a home using the latest DVD technology. Each successful participant received a set of 26 sermons and a DVD. Rupert Young, ministerial secretary for the Northeastern Conference, and Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary for the Atlantic Union Conference, were present. Several lay meetings will start in homes early summer, followed by a Daniel and Revelation seminar. The church has already identified 2000 homes in Brockton for STEPS TO CHRIST mail-outs and Discovery Bible Lessons before lay teams begin the series.

Sylvan Lashley, pastor
Gethsemane church



Sylvan Lashley, Gethsemane church pastor, Rupert Young, Northeastern Conference ministerial director, and Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union executive secretary, participated in the training session.



Debbie Young, presenter, and her husband, Ray, during the New Beginnings training session at the Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church.

25 Reasons to Trust and Believe

Rochester Academy made history this year as 25 of their students became published writers. Despite many challenges facing the school, church, and students, English/Language Arts teacher Glasmine Ellis opted to act on faith with the hope of triggering a spiritual revival and morale booster.

Using the sudden death of one of the school’s teachers, Ellis asked the students to put their feelings on paper and express how the loss impacted them. Moved by the words written by the students, she completed the school submission form, inserted the

writings in the envelope, and whispered a prayer that God’s will be done.

As we know Him to do, God answered her prayers and all of the students’ writings were selected to be published in the 2008 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.

The students were recognized during the church service on Sabbath, March 8. It

is our prayer that God will continue to use the talents of our young writers in a mighty way.

Angela Tucker
communication secretary
Jefferson Avenue church

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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

OFFICIAL NOTICE
Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the second regular quadrennial constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the twenty fifth regular constituency meeting, (second regular quadrennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The meeting of the corporation will convene at 3 00 p.m.

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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Spiritual Renewal Impacts Social Change

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).

Spiritual Renewal Impacts Social Change

The very real presence of evil in the world and the sinfulness of human beings, compounded by rapid shifts in education, industry, technology and the economy, continue to embroil our planet in massive societal change. Individuals and families often feel powerless and victimized by systems and circumstances over which they perceive they have no control.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church sees as part of its mission the extending of the ministry of Christ into the world of suffering. His was a ministry of comfort, of empowerment, of liberation, and of reconciliation. Alongside other Christians, we are a healing and stabilizing force in times of change. When all is turbulent about us, the church provides assurance that there is One who sits above the turmoil of this world who is changeless and whose purposes will ultimately prevail. The church serves as a watchman in society and as an empowering community, urging individuals and families to evaluate conditions around them, upholding that which is good, and transcending and altering that which is detrimental.

It was said of the early Christians, "Here are they that have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). The gospel of Christ is itself an agent of change. In the gospel there is compassion for human frailty; and at the same time there is encouragement to form perfect relationships with God and with one another, as was the divine plan at Creation. We believe that, through

the power of the Holy Spirit, we become new creatures (Ephesians 4:22-24), we come out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9), and we experience now the transforming power of the world to come (Hebrews 6:5). This spiritual renewal permeates society as salt provides seasoning and as light illumines darkness. The presence of spiritually-renewed persons in the community can do a work that political and social initiatives alone cannot accomplish. Christians who have experienced the transforming power of Christ are stabilizing, strengthening pillars in society, and they preserve life-affirming values. They act as agents of change in the face of moral decay. Their active presence in the community provides hope, as individuals and families are ennobled by Christian principles and their lives and relationships impact others around them.①

This statement was approved and voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM) for release by the Office of the President, Robert S. Folkenberg, at the Annual Council session in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 1-10, 1996.

Resources

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.

Web sites

Official Statements voted since 1980: www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html

Guidelines: www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/index.html

Fundamental Beliefs: www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html

Church Manual: www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/index.html

Other Documents: www.adventist.org/beliefs/other_documents/index.html

Books

Available online at AdventSource (www.adventsource.org) or your local Adventist Book Center (ABC) (www.adventistbookcenter.com)

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL

“Allez et Faites de même”

Lorsque j'étais un gars à l'école secondaire, j'assistais à un acte d'amour et de bienveillance qui reste gravé dans ma mémoire jusqu'à ce jour. Ce geste m'a fourni les perspicacités nécessaires pour comprendre la parabole du Samaritain. Aussi, il me permet d'appréhender cette déclaration sublime du prophète Esaïe: “Si tu rassasies l'âme indigente, Ta lumière se lèvera sur l'obscurité, Et tes ténèbres seront comme le midi.”—Esaïe 58:10.

A la proximité de ma maison vivait un jeune homme qui habitait avec sa tante et apprenait la mécanique. Chaque soir, il partageait sa portion inadéquate de nourriture avec un autre camarade qui était, à ce moment-là, un étudiant ou un apprenti tailleur. Un jour, après avoir donné une partie de son repas, il cherchait encore du pain pour apaiser sa faim. Confronté par sa tante d'expliquer ce bizarre comportement, le jeune homme répondit: “Je ne peux pas me contenter de manger à satiété tandis que quelqu'un, à ma connaissance, meurt de faim.” J'appris alors, ce que cela signifie de donner sa propre subsistance aux nécessiteux.

Ainsi, en est-il de la parabole du Samaritain située dans Luc 10:25-37, où l'amour authentique est illustré merveilleusement. En outre, le Christ nous fait comprendre que “la vraie religion ne consiste pas en des systèmes de credos ou de rites mais en l'accomplissement d'œuvres de miséricorde, en la bienfaisance, la vraie bonté”—JÉSUS-CHRIST, p.

494. Ce genre d'amour nous presse d'harmoniser nos paroles à nos actions. En tant que dirigeants et docteurs de la Loi, quand le Lévitte et le Prêtre virent le voyageur couvert de poussière, de sang, et demi mort, passèrent outre. Mais le Samaritain, un gentile, ayant vu la victime, fut ému de compassion. «Il s'approcha, et banda ses plaies, en y versant de l'huile et du vin; puis il le mit sur sa

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*“Si tu rassasies
l'âme indigente,
Ta lumière se lèvera
sur l'obscurité. Et
tes ténèbres seront
comme le midi.” ~
Esaïe 58:10.*

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propre monture, le conduisit à une hôtellerie. Luc 10:34.

De ce récit, émergent les leçons suivantes:

1. Notre amour doit être manifesté envers tous. Aimer, ce n'est pas donner de notre superflu mais de partager notre pain ou entretien avec les autres. Il ne suffit pas de proclamer le message d'amour. Nous devons être le message.

Notre amour du prochain et notre théologie doivent être au diapason.

2. Notre connaissance doit trouver le chemin de nos cœurs. Le Prêtre et le Lévitte étaient des hommes d'église, des docteurs de la Loi. Mais les principes de la loi n'étaient pas écrits dans leurs cœurs. La discrimination, l'égoïsme, le préjugé, l'esprit de classe, et la culture les empêchaient d'aider leur concitoyen. La religion de Christ transcende les barrières de race et de culture.

3. Il nous faut descendre de notre bête. Le Samaritain était un gentile, mais la loi de Dieu était dans son cœur. Quand il vit la victime, il descendit de sa monture et prit soin de lui. Aussi, nous devons quitter notre confort, donner la chance à quelqu'un de monter et à nous de suivre. Ce sentiment exige le cœur et l'esprit de Jésus.

Le Samaritain est un type de Jésus qui “a été blessé pour nos transgressions, brisé pour nos iniquités”—Esaïe 53:5. Notre Sauveur nous invite à descendre de notre tour d'ivoire afin d'exhiber la compassion et témoigner l'amour et la bienveillance envers tous. Il nous convie et dit, « Allez et continuez à faire de même».



Louis Métellus est le Vice-Président des Ministères Haïtiens et le Directeur des Services Communautaires et le Ministère de la Prison de l'Union Atlantique.

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En 2007 se alcanzó récord de ofrendas del decimotercer sábado

La Iglesia Adventista tuvo un 10,4 por ciento de incrementos en las ofrendas del decimotercer sábado el año pasado, según las cifras dadas a conocer este mes por la sede central de la iglesia. Esto continúa una tendencia iniciada dos años atrás cuando la ofrenda para las misiones se mantuvo a la altura de la inflación por primera vez en una década.

Gary Krause, director de la Secretaría de Misión Adventista, dice que este crecimiento se debe a muchos factores pero en general él cree que “cuando los adventistas están convencidos de que hay una necesidad, responden con generosidad.”

En 2007, los adventistas de todo el mundo dieron un récord de 8,9 millones de dólares como ofrendas del decimotercer sábado (donaciones recolectadas en las clases bíblicas de las iglesias, cada decimotercera semana desde 1921). El 25 por ciento de estas ofrendas (2,23 millones de dólares) serán utilizados para ayudar a financiar unos setenta proyec-

tos diferentes en África, Asia, Europa y el Medio Oriente. El resto de las ofrendas sirve de apoyo a la obra misionera en el extranjero, y se utiliza para sostener a los misioneros de ultramar, la construcción de nuevas iglesias, la operación de instituciones educativas, la obra médica y el evangelismo en las grandes ciudades.

“A lo largo de la historia, estas ofrendas han enviado a miles de misioneros dedicados a diversos lugares del mundo,” dice Homer Trecartin, director de planificación de Misión Adventista. También ha permitido a la iglesia mundial a apoyar regiones del mundo donde la iglesia tenía poca o ninguna presencia.”

El año pasado, sin ir más lejos, los adventistas apoyaron una variedad de proyectos en tres continentes. Entre ellos se encontró la creación de una escuela vocacional y un centro estudiantil en la Escuela Secundaria de la Unión del Nilo, cerca de El Cairo, Egipto. Este centro educacional es una de las únicas dos instituciones adven-

tistas en el país. Otros proyectos claves incluyeron un proyecto de evangelización en Ginebra, Suiza, la construcción de un hospital adventista en Camerún e iglesias para congregaciones ya existentes en seis países diferentes del África Occidental.

“Los proyectos especiales apoyados por las ofrendas del decimotercer sábado representan mucho más que solo una institución educativa, una iglesia o un hospital,” dice Charlotte Ishkanian, editora de la revista Misión Adventista. Cada proyecto cuenta con el potencial de evangelización específico de atraer a otras personas a Cristo.

Si desea saber más del programa misionero mundial de la Iglesia Adventista, visite el sitio www.AdventistMission.org.

Hans Olson, *Adventist Mission Staff, Adventist News Network*
25 de Marzo del 2008

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¿QUÉ ESTÁ PASANDO?

EN LA IGLESIA MUNDIAL

Líder de la iglesia mundial afirma el principio adventista de la no beligerancia

El pastor Jan Paulsen, presidente de la Iglesia Adventista mundial, ha reiterado la postura histórica de la iglesia en relación con la no beligerancia en un artículo publicado en el número de marzo de *Adventist World*, la publicación internacional de la iglesia.

En el artículo “Una postura clara respecto del servicio militar,” el líder mundial de la iglesia explica que decidir portar armas “pone en serio peligro los fundamentos espirituales y morales de una persona.”

Al referirse a una resolución tomada por el quinto Congreso de la Asociación General en 1867, Paulsen dice: “En términos generales, este ha sido nuestro principio guaiador: Cuando uno porta armas da a entender que está dispuesto a usarlas para quitar la vida de otra persona, y quitar la vida a uno de los hijos de Dios, aun la de nuestro “enemigo,” es inconsecuente con lo que creemos es sagrado y correcto.”

El artículo de tres páginas comienza relatando la propia experiencia de la niñez del pastor Paulsen durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, y entonces pasa a afirmar que como Dios tiene en estima cada vida humana, los cristianos jamás deberían participar en quitar la vida de otra persona. “Todo ser humano, no importa cuáles sean sus elecciones, es de infinito valor ante Dios. El Dios que servimos es nuestro sanador y Salvador. Esas son también las dos tareas primordiales de la iglesia,” escribe Paulsen.

Paulsen también deja en claro o si bien hay cada vez

más miembros que aceptan puestos de combate (solo en los Estados Unidos hay 7.500 adventistas que participan como combatientes), la postura de la iglesia no ha cambiado.

Escribe Paulsen: “He sentido, a veces, una cierta ambivalencia hacia nuestra posición histórica; acaso sea el sentimiento de que ‘así era antes, pero ahora es diferente.’ Aun así, no logro entender la razón de este cambio.”

Sin embargo, ¿qué hacer en los países donde el servicio militar es obligatorio? Paulsen dice: “Puede que para seguir siendo fiel a las convicciones propias y al Señor la única solución posible sea aceptar los resultados de disentir, que pueden significar inclusive la prisión.”

Paulsen concluye pidiéndoles a los miembros de la iglesia mundial que no dejen de lado a los que han tomado la decisión de servir en posiciones de combate. Por el contrario, pide que los acepten. Admite que no es un tema fácil y anima a los miembros de iglesia a que analicen este problema “en nuestros hogares, iglesias y colegios, y hagámoslo con corazones abiertos y espíritu de humildad.”

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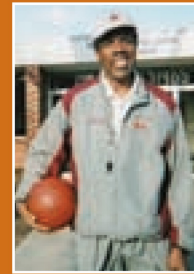
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