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Chariots of Fire

“And Elisha prayed, ‘O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha”—2 Kings 6:17 (NIV).

The natural eye of mankind is blind to the things of heaven. Indeed God is everywhere, yet the evil-blinded eyes see Him not. Humans are sinful, blameworthy, fallen; yet they do not see their own condition of sinfulness. They see not their own putrefying sores of gossip, petrifying habits of hypocrisy, and bleeding passions for abject worldliness. Samson, blinded, became a pitiful spectacle—from a judge in Israel, he sank to a wretched slave.

Elisha’s servant had the same problem of blindness until the Lord opened his eyes through His prophet. It’s always important to understand that in the business of sharing Christ with others, it is the Lord alone and not man who can open the eye of the blind. We can lead the blind, but we cannot make them see. We can place truth before them (made powerful by our own testimony and experience, Revelation 12:11), but we cannot open their eyes. That prerogative belongs only to God.

During this year of special emphasis on evangelism, we must pray Elisha’s prayer: “O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.” When we hear loved ones, friends, and neighbors inquiring and searching for truth, we should inquire of the Lord on their behalf. Their cry should call up our cry. Their needs should beckon our support. Remember, even those who see, need more sight. “Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law”—Psalm 119:18. In the great truths of the gospel there is much latent light. In Christ Himself there are hidden glories (John 12:21).

What an awesome opportunity we have to be an instrument in helping to open the spiritual eyes of those searching for light and salvation. We can do it with a song, a prayer, a testimony, a kind deed, a card, a visit to the sick, an invitation to an evangelistic meeting, or by sharing a tract or book. God has myriad ways to reach hearts that are ready to hear His appeal—the appeal of faith and hope.

Finally, we can be certain that God does actually open people’s eyes, both naturally and spiritually. He has done it in a moment as portrayed in the New Testament and also with Elisha’s servant in the Old Testament. And when He does, those who are thus blessed are permitted to see hills full of horses and chariots of fire (a symbol of guardian angels and the presence of God).

A most powerful application of the prophet and servant’s experience may be presented in the understanding that when our spiritual eyes are open, we will not only see God’s protecting angels in the affairs of His children, but will also see the Father rising from the throne in a chariot of fire—a glorious symbol of His presence—ministering during the second phase of Jesus’ ministry in the heavenly sanctuary! “I saw the Father rise from the throne, and in a flaming chariot go into the holy of holies within the veil, and sit down. . . . Then a cloudy chariot, with wheels like flaming fire, surrounded by angels, came to where Jesus was. He stepped into the chariot and was borne to the holiest, where the Father sat. There I beheld Jesus, a great High Priest, standing before the Father”—God’s Amazing Grace, p. 69 and Early Writings, p. 55).

May God attend your evangelistic, soul-winning efforts in 2009. May He give you blazing and amazing success in these closing moments of earth’s history as you witness before God’s throne “filled with horses and chariots of fire.”

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Atlantic Union Team in the Dominican Republic

**The Opportunity**

Thirty-six individuals from the Atlantic Union, Bermuda, Greater New York, Northeastern, Southern New England, and New Jersey conferences left the United States in late March to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in the Dominican Republic. This opportunity came about as a result of conversations between Juan Borges, the Southern New England Conference executive secretary, and I. In addition, an invitation was received from the North Dominican Conference requesting that a group of pastors come and help them in their evangelistic endeavors. Joining us from the Atlantic Union Conference staff were Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary, and his wife, Marilyn; Leon Thomassian, treasurer, and his wife, Astrid, education and children’s ministries director; Olivo’s wife, Maria; pastors, and lay members from several local conferences.

**Other Activities**

Several other activities were included as a part of this mission trip:

- Astrid Thomassian was the main speaker at a meeting with the students and teachers at the Dominican Adventist University.

- The group visited an Adventist medical center that is expanding its facility.

- They also visited the site of a building project on the border of Haiti. Individuals from Bermuda are funding the project.

**The Witness**

The meetings, presented under the theme “The Christ That Lives” was part of a larger evangelistic endeavor sponsored by the Dominican Union Mission having as its theme “Pentecost and More.” The series, held in several church buildings, also included a meeting for children (see page 8). Everyone participated in some way in presenting messages of hope. A large baptism was held on the last Sabbath at the conclusion of the series of individual meetings. Following the baptism about 3,000 people filled a large auditorium to celebrate the victory God had given as result of this evangelistic initiative.

**The Results**

“It was a wonderful experience to celebrate in the different locations all a part of the big city known as Santiago de los 30 Caballeros (of the 30 Gentlemen). It is the second largest city in the Dominican Republic. The people of that city are very polite and nice. I had the opportunity to conduct the evangelistic meetings in a church called La Esperanza (The Hope). The people
worked very hard conducting Bible studies and visitation. As a result, more than 20 visitors are receiving Bible studies and five of them were baptized,” says Santiago Mejia, Greater New York Conference pastor.

“The meetings I conducted in a church named Alpha was standing room only, which yielded 25 baptisms at the end of the series,” says Juan Borges. “That is a demonstration of the hard work of the people. During our stay, we had the opportunity to visit the Adventist hospital that is under expansion. With the support of Southern New England Conference Hispanic constituents, $3000 was raised to help complete the project. I was given the title of honorary chaplain of the hospital. It was a humbling experience.”

The group returned from the Dominican Republic with the report that 438 individuals were baptized as a result of the messages presented by the team. The baptisms are expected to continue because of the follow-up work being done by the team there.

Dionisio Olivo is the Atlantic Union Conference vice president for Hispanic Ministries.

Juan Borges, right, hands a check to the hospital administrators for $3000, the amount raised by the Southern New England Conference Hispanic constituents for the expansion project.

People filled the auditorium for the afternoon meeting after the baptism. Among them were, on the front row from the left, Astrid Thomassian, Leon Thomassian, and Dionisio Olivo from the Atlantic Union Conference. Seated immediately behind them are Juan Borges, and Whiford Shaw from the Southern New England Conference.

There was standing room only at these meetings which resulted in 25 baptisms at the end of the series.
Evangelists Conduct Meetings in Liberia

INDIVIDUALS WHO TRAVELED TO MONROVIA, LIBERIA, TO CONDUCT EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS SHARE SOME OF THEIR EXPERIENCES

The Opportunity
At the 2007 Evangelism Council meeting at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, James Golay, Liberia Mission president, extended an invitation for a team of evangelists to visit Monrovia, Liberia. In November 2008, in response to that invitation, Seth Bardu, Columbia Union Conference treasurer (former Northeastern Conference treasurer) and a native of Liberia, mobilized and led six evangelists and two singing evangelists from various parts of the United States to travel to Monrovia, Liberia.

The evangelistic team included Bardu, David Cuke and Clifford Manie, Northeastern Conference pastors; Jimmy Ferguson, Allegheny East Conference pastor; Cedric Belcher, Southwest Region Conference pastor, Christian Kolleh, Lake Region Conference pastor and a native of Liberia; Edward Pasford, Northeastern Conference elder; and singing evangelists Beatrice Morgan, Michigan, and Shelly Sylvester, New York.

The Witness
In preparation for the meetings, “Our Singing Evangelists promoted the meetings and glorified God on radio station, Radio Advent 93.7,” said Bardu. “We also trained Bible workers and local pastors who indicated they appreciated the sessions and welcomed future presentations.”

“It was an honor to be chosen as a member of this spirit-filled team,” said Cuke. “The warmth of the church people in Monrovia where I was assigned was a great blessing. The pastor who acted as my photographer and his prayer warriors were phenomenal through the duration of the December 2-13 meetings. The impact was beyond my expectations.

“During one sermon, I offered $5000 to anyone who could show a scriptural text that proved the Sabbath had been changed to Sunday. Later I buckled with laughter when several young men suggested that since no one would ever find such a text, I should share the $5000 among them and not have the money sit idly by.”

“Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the open air in the front yard of the church without any makeshift canopy to protect from the rain or other elements. One night it rained and I suggested that we conduct service inside the church. The prayer group maintained that we remain outside. My faith wavered and we moved inside, but the generator that provided power failed to start. So we returned outside and the rain stopped. ‘Father forgive my unbelief,’ I thought.

“Another time, as I prayed with the prayer group in the pastor’s study, an angry mob chased a policeman into the church. The policeman had ordered the people to disembark from an overcrowded bus. These people had sticks and there was at least one knife. I am thankful for the bravery of the pastor and his members who courageously held the church door shut against the angry mob until the policeman could be safely shuttled to the police station. Satan intended to disrupt and ultimately terminate our evangelistic meeting, but God used his humble servants to save the life of an innocent policeman on duty.”

Surrounded with prayer
Jimmy Ferguson cautions not to become complacent in our comfortable homes. He says, “We, too, can enjoy the wealth of blessings that comes from missionary work. The field is ready and ripe. God needs each of us to go forth and be bearers of hope and reapers of souls. It is crucial that each of us become active missionaries and dedicate our service, finances, and encour-
agement. Let us endeavor to educate ourselves about missionary projects and become active missionaries.”

“One of the memories that stands out for me about the trip,” Ferguson says, “is the group of about 15 female prayer warriors who would center me in a circle of prayer every evening just before the preaching started. Before the intercession began in earnest, they would start to sing: ‘Prayer is the key! Prayer is the key! Prayer is the master key. King Jesus started with prayer, He ended with prayer, Prayer is the master key.’

“I believe that these nightly prayer vigils were the key to the successful results of our two-week series.”

The Needs
While there, the group visited Konola Academy. “The new principal is a man of vision who inspired us,” said Bardu. “Under his administration student enrollment increased from 12 to 208. Dorms are now filled to capacity. When I visited the campus in 2006, I was very depressed, but two years later, what a change! You see new tables and chairs, as you walk through the cafeteria although seating is inadequate and students take turns for meals.

“The bakery is functioning and we had the opportunity to eat Konola bread that they also sell off campus. They do face a pre-packing challenge and are unsure of whether anyone in Monrovia has the capability of producing plastic bags for the bakery. They also have a store on campus that supplies students with items they need and a generator that is capable of lighting up the entire campus. These may not seem like major steps, but you should have seen the campus a few years ago!”

Bardu convinced that money, time, and talent will help transform lives in the mission field adds that “There is a great need for transportation in the country. The leadership team does not have the ability to travel around extremely bad roads and visit with the members. Vehicles built for the American roads will not last long in Liberia—the specs are totally different including the fact that they still use leaded gasoline. A land cruiser built for tropical weather is their best option and the price tag for a brand-new land cruiser is approximately $49,000. But I have asked our omnipotent God to help us raise the required funds for this vehicle. I have also challenged the Liberia Mission to try raising $10,000 toward this purchase.

“Another project in need is the Cooper Hospital that is now a part of Adventist Health International (AHI). Two immediate needs are an X-ray machine and an EKG machine. Monthly medical volunteers will also be invaluable.”

The Results
“The most exciting blessing was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Liberia. On a beautiful beach, on a sunny day, some 340 people praised God and were baptized,” said Cuke.

Singing evangelist Sylvester says that there are rich rewards to be had for dedicated missionaries and, “Although running water was scarce or not at all, although transportation meant extremely long walks or cramped car rides, and although poverty makes for a dismal outlook, the people of Monrovia have fixed their eyes on Jesus. Their demonstration of faith in God is remarkable. Humbled by the experience, I’ve learned the meaning of love, trust, and faith in God. We stand to learn much when we allow God to take us out of our comfort zones. Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. Go into all the world and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Information for this article was provided by David Cuke, Solid Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church pastor.
Reflections on Our Mission

I have a confession. Whenever I hear of pastors conducting evangelistic meetings outside of their homeland, the first thought that comes to mind is “Why can’t they do it at home?” Last fall Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Conference Hispanic Ministries vice president, invited my husband, Leon, and me to join pastors, and lay members in the Atlantic Union Conference in conducting an evangelistic series in the Dominican Republic.

My first thoughts were that I would have to cancel so many commitments in order to participate in this venture. How could I? As I prayed about it, I was inspired to ask Olivo whether it would be possible to conduct a concurrent meeting for children. He investigated and came back with an affirmative response.

At first, that thought was exciting, but the more involved I became with the planning, the more intimidated I became. How could my limited Spanish vocabulary communicate the themes to the children? Shamefully, I recall sitting in the pew the first night of the meeting and praying, “Lord, help me get out of this!” I’m glad I ended with “not my will but, Thine be done.” There was no turning back. I was ushered upstairs to a large room stacked with tables and chairs.

The first night we had about 30 children and the numbers increased to about 80 as the nights went on. Honestly, I arrived in the Dominican Republic with the desire to lead children to Christ. Instead, I was led closer to Him. From this experience I gained an experiential understanding of our mission in the Office of Education as well as our church. Our mission is to give children the tools to survive a fulfilled sojourn on this earth (connecting with their Heavenly Father) as they are prepared to spend eternal life with Him.

In the Dominican Republic I recognized that most of my time at home is spent attending meetings, working with committees, preparing policies, ensuring the safety of schools, and enriching curriculum. Except for a couple of worships each year, and the occasional Week of Prayer conducted at a school, I have no direct contact with students. How, then, can I give them the tools to know their Heavenly Father and survive in this world?

For me, ministering away from home helped me to tip my focus more on sharing Christ through direct contact and less on policies, codes, committees, and board meetings. My heart rejoiced during the gathering of all the pastors at the end of the series when it was announced that more than 400 individuals were baptized. Knowing that among those was one little girl from my meetings meant the world to me. I understand how Christ must feel. I pray the lessons shared with those young children will continue to germinate, and I consciously commit to sharing with children here, so that together we can spend eternity with our Heavenly Father.

Astrid Thomassian is the Atlantic Union Conference education and children’s ministries director.
Youth leaders from the Northeastern Conference share what they believe is the most important aspect of their ministry as youth leaders.

“As a youth leader, one of the most important aspects of my ministry is public relations. Although many people may feel that it’s the program’s theme or the guest speaker [that is most important], I have learned that the Word of God is sufficient enough to do the work intended. However, if [a lot of] people don’t show up at your event, the Word can [still] be preached. Now, getting a huge number of people is never the ultimate goal when doing ministry. But, as a youth leader, you must be creative in [finding] ways to let your young people know about the different programs and activities coming up. It builds excitement and anticipation and a [desire] to be at that event. Then, the Word of God can be preached. Use social networking Web sites like Facebook or Twitter, along with flyers, video promotions, etc. This is the best way to better your ministry.” —Dudley Francois, Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church Adventist Youth Society (AYS) leader

“The most important aspect of being a youth leader is honestly practicing what you preach. At 28 years of age, I have a clearer sense of the struggles young people face today as well as the challenges older adults encounter while trying to relate to them. Youth leaders must be able to relate to both groups in order to bridge the generational gaps in our churches.” —Sean A. Thomas, Hudson Valley-Capital City Youth Federation president (second term)

“While some say that relating to the youth, leading them to Christ, planning programs, and addressing their needs are important aspects of youth ministry, I contend that the most essential is having a personal relationship with Christ. For without having a relationship with Christ and being led by Him, there is no way that I can lead others to Him. Being a youth leader is a 24/7 responsibility that extends far beyond Sabbath afternoon services. It’s a ministry that requires compassion, understanding, consistent prayer, and a strong spiritual life.” —Shonelle Lynch, Flatbush Seventh-day Adventist Church Adventist Youth Society (AYS) leader

“Enthusiasm. I’ve been told you get out of life whatever you put into it. The Christian life is no different. I have noticed that my [young people] bring the same energy level to church and worship services that I bring. If, for whatever reason, their energy is lacking, as the leader, I have to bring the energy level up. God chose the youth to carry on His work for a reason—we have lots of enthusiasm and energy. I have an enthusiastic set of youth at Mt. Sinai—enthusiastic for Christ.” —Jeremy Mitchell, Mt. Sinai Seventh-day Adventist Church Adventist Youth Society leader

If you are a youth leader who is 35 years old or younger, this is your opportunity to submit information for YouthTalk. E-mail your response to the question “What do you believe is the most important aspect(s) of your ministry as a youth leader?” to the GLEANER editor at gleaner@atlanticunion.org. Be sure to include your full name, age, church, position in the church, and a high-resolution photo.
Third Graders Host Seniors from Southampton Church

The third graders at Bermuda Institute were bursting with excitement as they awaited the arrival of their special guests on Tuesday, February 24. The students set up chairs and rearranged their desks to make room for 25 senior citizens along with Pastor Errol McLean from the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the past, the third-grade class presented worship services and Christmas programs to the seniors at their Tuesday-morning prayer service. Returning a good deed, the seniors brought their program to the students. James Pearman, Southampton church elder, extended a welcome to students and led out in a spirit-filled song service. Kathleen Ford gave special music on the harmonica. Following this, Naomi Swan told a story that reminded the students about obeying laws and rules. She also presented a health nugget regarding the importance of good nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust in divine power (NEW START).

Each student was presented with a bag of fruit. Patricia Fulton and Edith Van Lowe were given fruit baskets in honor of their dedication to Christian education. One of the seniors, Myra Smith, honored the students with a poem that was specially written for their class. Pastor McLean, Lois Tucker, Bermuda Institute principal, and Van Lowe, retired BI teacher, gave closing remarks.

It was a morning well-spent. Generations united, shared talents and skills, but most of all shared their love.

—Patricia Fulton, third-grade teacher, Bermuda Institute

CAMP MEETING 2009

“For Such a Time as This”

Bermuda Conference Camp Meeting
Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex
June 26–July 4

Adult
June 26–29
Jan Paulsen
President
General Conference

June 30–July 5
Clifford Jones
Associate Dean
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

Young Adult
June 27–30
John Boston
Pastor
South Atlantic Conference

July 1–4
C. Wesley Knight
Pastor
South Atlantic Conference

Youth
Marquis Johns
Theology Student
Oakwood University

Children
Jé Clermont
Tiny Tunes Ministries
Laurel, Maryland

Jeffrey Brown
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Three Angles Church Pathfinders and Adventurers Invested and Inducted

The Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Bronx, New York, had its first Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture ceremony and its second Induction ceremony on January 17. Violet John, Bronx area coordinator, and Lovelee Small, from the Morris Park Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Pathfinder Club, officiated. The Victory Seventh-day Adventist Church Pathfinder Club drum corps assisted at the event under the leadership of the director, Jo Ann Ephram.

Six Pathfinders were invested into the Three Angels Pathfinder Cherubim Club, all earning their Friends patch, and five Adventurers were invested into the Three Angels Adventurer Seraphim Club, all earning their Busy Bee patch. One new Eager Beaver and one Adventurer staff member were inducted. One Adventurer and two staff members have been inducted since the event, including the new deputy director, Semone Anderson. We have been blessed with the addition of Ryan Sharpe, a church elder, to our Pathfinder Club. He recently transferred his membership from the Victory church.

Last year the clubs attended their respective camporees for the first time as newly formed clubs. The Pathfinder club placed seventh and the Adventurer club placed fifteenth. This is the highest placing for a first-time club.

We are a young and upcoming club, growing fast, and doing our best to bring young people to Christ.

—Colette Davis, Pathfinder deputy director, Three Angels church

“Each One Win One”

Greater New York Conference Camp Meetings
Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York

Luso-Brazilian Camp Meeting
May 22–25

English Camp Meeting
June 27 and July 4
June 27
Glen Samuels
Executive Secretary
West Indies Union

July 4
TBD

Hispanic Camp Meeting
July 11–18
James W. Zackrison
Special Assistant
Voice of Prophecy Bible School

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Inter–American Division

Ivan Omaña
Former Ministerial Secretary
Inter–American Division

Evelyn Omaña
Former Children’s Ministries Director
Inter–American Division

Haitian Camp Meeting
July 19–25

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—Bordes Henry-Saturne, vice president for enrollment and retention, Atlantic Union College

Music Clinic 2009

The Atlantic Union Conference Music Clinic held on the campus of the Atlantic Union College in February 2009 culminated with a concert on Saturday evening.

Basketball Hoops 2009

Greater Boston Academy (GBA) was the winner of the 2009 Atlantic Union College Basketball tournament held at Atlantic Union College last March.

Central Vermont, South Lancaster, and Greater New York academies also received trophies for their performances.
Degree Opportunities for Working Adults
Teacher Licensure Offered—It All Starts July 5

Individuals from around the Atlantic Union Conference, the nation, and the world have earned or are in the process of earning a degree through Atlantic Union College’s Adult Degree Program. This opportunity is available to those ages 25 and older, and it has changed lives. Read below what graduates of the program have to say.

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—Dorothy Page, Adult Degree Program director, and Cindy Kurzhal, public relations director

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“ADP has provided me with the discipline that is needed to pastor two churches as I am presently doing. A Christian education will always be an asset to all, especially in these days we are living in. Something I must share is the fact that I have formed friendships that I know will last until Jesus comes. I am so satisfied with my education at AUC that I am presently sending a member of my church there, and I have no doubt she will be successful.”
—Theo Roberts, Florida

“Since graduation, I use the philosophy of ADP each day in my classroom. I have found that my students are much more eager to research and learn when I give them options on how they will accomplish their goals. Finding a topic they are interested in, finding out specific details about their topic, writing about it, and then sharing what they learned with the rest of the classroom is so much fun for them. Learning has become real and personal, and they see it as an adventure—just as I do.”
—Rachel Gilbert, Maine

“The Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College gave me the opportunity to continue my education while working full-time in ministry. The support I received from the staff and faculty made it possible for me to graduate. Since my graduation I have a sense of hope and accomplishment. The college not only blessed me with quality education in a Christ-centered environment, but prepared me to succeed in my graduate studies. I’m thankful to have received my degree from Atlantic Union College, for they have restored a dream.”
—Farzad Nourian, Florida
Students Attend Local Workshop

Participating in the black gospel workshop at Wells College in Aurora, New York, were Union Springs Academy students. From left, Jaymen Graham, Enoch Mkabera, Najee Rahme, Daniel Raullerson, and Herbie Edwards.

Wells College in Aurora, New York, invited the community to come to its campus for two days to participate in a black gospel workshop. Led by Baptist pastor Kirk Hatcher, and Ed “Chief” Menefee from the southern U.S., participants learned modern black gospel songs and a performance followed on February 21.

Union Springs Academy (USA) has been a part of this experience for four years. Every year the number of students involved grows. The first year 10 students participated; this year, more than 40 attended.

Several of the students offered public prayer and testified about the Sabbath. Some individuals were so impressed that they requested information about the academy so they could recommend it to people looking for a school that produced such wonderful young people. Tim Hucks, Sylvia Bernard, and Jaymen Graham were chosen to perform solos. One Frontenac elementary school student was overheard singing in the restroom by the director. Kenneth Fraker, grade 5, was then asked to sing a solo. Jonnie Baker, grade 5, also from Frontenac elementary school, sang with the choir, as well.

Wells College president Lisa Marsh Ryerson extended an invitation for them to return next year and bring even more students. We were very proud to chaperone and sing with this great group of young people. They touched the hearts of other choir members as well as members of the audience.

—Becky Fraker, member, Frontenac church

Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church
150th Anniversary
Dedication
June 12-13, 2009

The members of the Roosevelt Seventh-day Adventist Church cordially invite all to attend the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Meetings will begin Friday evening June 12, 2009, and continue through vespers on Sabbath, June 13, 2009.

Merlin D. Burt, director of the E. G. White Estate Branch at Andrews University, Michigan, will be one of the guest speakers along with the officers of the New York Conference.

The Roosevelt church is the oldest church built and still in use by Seventh-day Adventists. Due to the nature of the weekend, please be sure to bring enough food for yourself, a lawn chair, and an umbrella.

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Members Rise to the Call

The New York Conference hosted its third annual Lay Training Institute (LTI) February 20-22 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, New York. This important event has become a mobilizing force among lay members, inspiring and empowering them to do what they might otherwise consider to be “pastors’ work.” Following the advice of Ellen White that churches ought not to be “pastor dependent” and that the work cannot be completed without the laity, the conference has embarked on a program to train anyone willing to be used.

This year’s speakers included Eduard Schmidt, Jean Ross, Donald James, and Dan Kelly. Each shared practical strategies for reaching out to the neighbors, friends, and acquaintances we all have in order to pass on the hope of eternal life with Jesus. Many attendees return each year, often having new stories to tell of how they have put to use the things they previously learned. The thrill of partnership with God is easily revealed in the joyful faces of those who have learned to follow His leading.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference

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Union Springs Academy was humming March 5-7 as elementary students from around the conference descended on the campus for the annual Elementary Music Festival. This year’s choir was directed by Janet Hurd, whose home church is the Easton church plant. Janet is a gifted musician who has taught music in the public schools, been the accompanist for many church and conference functions, and plays with the “Adirondack Fiddlers.” Students enjoyed Hurd’s humor as well as a variety of art breakout sessions taught by volunteers from around the conference. The academy staff and students were gracious hosts. Many who attended the concert on Sabbath afternoon, which was the culmination of the weekend event, indicated that it was a blessing to them.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference
Youth Ministries Intensives on the Road

Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, was the site of the February 28 Atlantic Union Youth Ministries Intensives (YMI). More than 100 church youth leaders in the Northeastern and Southern New England conferences participated in a day of concentrated, intensive youth ministries training.

Each YMI event has been tailor-made for the area in which it was held. In Boston the emphasis was young adult ministries, youth Sabbath School, social networking sites, and principles of successful youth ministries. Presenters for these areas were Philip Baptiste, Pedro Perez, Philip Wesley, Darwin Garcia, and Bledi Leno. Leno, a pastor in the Greater New York Conference, gave a presentation on how to start and plan small group ministries.

Greater Boston Academy (GBA), in keeping with Black History month, presented a special AYS program highlighting speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr., and music by the GBA choir.

Another YMI event was held at the New York Conference office in Syracuse, New York, on Sabbath, March 28. Thirty-four youth leaders from the New York and Northeastern conferences attended. One of the participants indicated that it was one of the best training programs they had ever attended.

Allan Walshe, a professor at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, presented a workshop on transformational youth ministries using small groups. Kirk King presented workshops on young adult and public campus ministries. Dan Whitlow and I presented three topics dealing with the successful principles of a local church’s youth ministries.

Three more YMI events are planned in the Atlantic Union in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 9; Brooklyn, New York, on October 17; and Nashua, New Hampshire, on October 24. Contact your local conference or the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department for more information. Web site: www.atlantic-union.org/youth.html.

—Bill Wood is the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries, Pathfinder, and Adventurers director.

An Expression of Gratitude for the “Young at Heart”

In August 2003 the Atlantic Union Conference Haitian Ministries Department sponsored a banquet to honor Haitian seniors. Since that time, it has become a tradition to hold this event annually. Instead of referring to them by such names as senior, senior citizen, elderly, old people, etc., the decision was made to use “Young at Heart” when referring to this group of individuals.

The annual program is usually comprised of three parts:
1. A religious service that includes songs, meditation, and prayers.
2. A recreational service that features French and Haitian tunes, sketches, poems, contests, and more.
3. A reception with Haitian food and appetizers, gifts for every “Young at Heart” person, and picture-taking.

Several churches have participated by transporting their “Young at Heart” friends to banquets previously held in various locations. An invitation is being extended to the “Young at Heart” crowd at churches that have not yet participated to attend the next event. There is much to be gained for those who attend.

Let us be grateful for our parents and grandparents. Thank God who, in His goodness, allows us to acknowledge and honor them. We congratulate those who understand the necessity to honor their grandparents and their parents. Of the Ten Commandments in the Bible, the sixth commandment is the only one with a blessing attached, stating: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you”—Exodus 20:12 (NKJV).

We invite children and grandchildren to accompany their parents and grandparents to the next annual celebration, that will take place on June 21. Contact the Atlantic Union Haitian Ministries Department at (978) 368-8331 for more information. This gesture will encourage them, cheer them up, and help them to live better and longer.

Gerard Laurent is an elder at the Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Maiden, Massachusetts.
A Seventh-day Adventist Statement on Religious Liberty, Evangelism, and Proselytism

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).

Seventh-day Adventists believe that freedom of religion is a basic human right. As Christians, they are persuaded that the dissemination of religion is not only a right, but a joyful responsibility based on a divine mandate to witness.

God has called Christians to evangelism—the proclamation of the good news of salvation in Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20). This is central to Christian life and witness. Thus Christianity is missionary by its very nature.

In affirming global mission and evangelization, Adventists are motivated by willing obedience to Christ’s commission and by a sincere desire that every human being be saved and inherit eternal life. They are also motivated by a sense of urgency in expectation of the imminence of Christ’s return. In endeavoring to fulfill the gospel commission, Seventh-day Adventists are thus witnessing, preaching, and serving today in more than 200 countries.

In the context of the dissemination of religion, the issue of “proselytism” has arisen because the term “proselytism” is defined in a number of ways and increasingly is being given a pejorative connotation, associated with unethical means of persuasion, including force. Seventh-day Adventists unequivocally condemn the use of such methods. They believe that faith and religion are best disseminated when convictions are manifested and taught with humility and respect, and the witness of one’s life is in harmony with the message announced, evoking a free and joyous acceptance by those being evangelized.

Evangelistic and missionary activities need to respect the dignity of all human beings. Individuals need to be truthful and transparent when dealing with other religious groups. Terminology should be used which avoids offending other religious communities. Statements which are false or ridicule other religions should not be made.

Conversion is an experience of the Spirit, and should therefore in no way be connected to offering and receiving material inducements. While the right to engage in humanitarian activities must be fully recognized, such action must never be linked to evangelism in a way that exploits vulnerable people by offering financial and material incentives to entice them to change their religion.

Seventh-day Adventists are committed to serving their fellow men by preaching the everlasting gospel to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (Revelation 14:6).\[8\]

This statement was voted by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Administrative Committee (ADCOM), for release at the time of the General Conference Session in Toronto, Canada, June 29–July 9, 2000.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL
Thousands of Leaders Answered the Call to Evangelism

The Hebron Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brooklyn, New York, opened its doors for the annual two-day Haitian Lay Leaders Convention, which is usually held on the grounds of Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York. The convention was held locally for the first time in 20 years to encourage more leaders from more than 40 Haitian churches and missions affiliated with the Northeastern Conference to participate. Another convention was held for the New England area the following weekend at the Brockton Temple and Temple Salem churches in Massachusetts. As a result of the two conventions, more than 2,000 leaders attended the workshops that were specifically geared to train as many people as possible. According to Pierre Omeler, Northeastern Conference Haitian Ministries coordinator, many people get positions without job descriptions. This convention is held annually to “train them so that everyone will go out and do the work of evangelism,” he said.

Leaders attended seminars presented for Health, Lay Ministries, Sabbath School, Children’s Ministries, Women’s Ministries, Communication, and Community Service, among many others. Omeler and Stephen Williams, Sr., Northeastern Conference communication director, also presented seminars that would enlighten, empower, and motivate the attendees to move forward into new heights, regardless of their ministry.

Health screenings were done for those interested in learning more about their health profiles, which included their blood pressure and blood sugar levels, while others were educated on how to live a healthier lifestyle through diet and exercise.

—Kristin M. Beauchamp, public relations director, Northeastern Conference Haitian Youth Federation

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May 23, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

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Morning Program
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Organist: Lloyd Chung

Afternoon Program
Health Seminar: Gary Graham
Down State Medical Center

Evening Concert

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Engaging Our Youth in Upstate New York

Young people and their families from the Jefferson Avenue, Breath of Life, Capernaum, Tabernacle of Joyful Praise, Antioch, Rochester Genesee Park, and Mt. Carmel Seventh-day Adventist churches joined together for an evening of games, food, gospel music from a live DJ, and fellowship on a Saturday evening in March. The event, the first annual Indoor Block Party in Rochester, New York, became a reality as a result of the work of a pastor with great vision, a team with a can-do spirit, and the power of Christ working on the hearts of the youth.

Led by Associate Pastor Marcus Vassell, the goal of the event organizers was to provide an evening of summer-type activities to help lessen the pangs of the cold, snowy, winter days in western New York. Some of the activities included hula hoop competitions, Double Dutch jump rope, board games, foosball, pool, and musical performances.

This is the first of several events geared at engaging, empowering, and equipping the youth for ministry. Our approach attends to their need to be connected, provides opportunities to develop bonds and friendships that will aid in pointing their hearts to Christ while presenting positive Christian alternatives for fun and fellowship.

Special thanks to local retailers, Top’s Friendly Markets, Wegmans, Salvatores, and Cam’s New York Style Pizzeria for donating sheet pizzas, beverages, flatware, and other supplies to help make the event a success.

Event organizers included Lisa and Lucas Barber, Denise Bennett, Jordaan Houston, Jackie Mack, Adrian Marston, Jazmine Marston, Christopher McDonald, Nicole Robinson, Natasha Taylor, and Marcus Vassell.

—Angela Tucker, communication leader, Jefferson Avenue church

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“Sharing the Joy and Reaping the Harvest”

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

Hispanic Camp Meeting
“El Dia se Acerca, No Queda Tiempo”
May 21–24
Roger Hernandez
Hispanic Ministries Coordinator
Oregon Conference

Pedro Martinez
Health Ministries Director
Arizona Conference

Juio Ichurrieta
Evangelism Director
Oregon Conference

Mario Thorp
Pastor
New Jersey Conference

Marissa Martinez
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Esperanza TV Network

English Camp Meeting
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Adult
George R. Knight
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Youth
Gamal Alexander
New Hope Church Pastor
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Ordination Service
July 4
Adult
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Baptism Service

Haitian Camp Meeting
August 18–23
Lesley Moise
Pisgah Church Pastor
Bryans Road, Maryland

Young Adult
Alex Royes
Westminster Good Samaritan Church Pastor
Westminster, California

Teen
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Theology Student
Oakwood University

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Adventists in the Atlantic Union Join the MOB

Maine resident Deborah Reid recently joined the MOB. In fact, more than 320 Adventists in 48 states, including 43 Adventists in the Atlantic Union, are working with the MOB.

Christian Record Services, the Adventist ministry to the blind, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, has created a personal ministries program called Missionaries of the Blind (MOB), and people everywhere are joining the MOB.

Missionaries of the Blind offers local church members the opportunity to visit and minister to blind people in their local communities. More than 23,000 blind and visually-impaired individuals in the United States receive Braille, large print, or audio publications from Christian Record Services on a regular basis.

Christian Record is looking for Adventist volunteers who are willing to spend one or two hours a month visiting the blind, building friendships, praying with them, and perhaps inviting them to church. Christian Record provides the names. Volunteers provide the visits.

Deborah, who attends the Portsmouth church in New Hampshire, visits with Bill, a legally blind man in his 50s who receives large print books and materials from Christian Record. They visit together regularly. “On Christmas day I went to Bill’s home in South Berwick and played some holiday songs on my flute,” says Deborah. “That really cheered him up because he otherwise would have been alone for the holiday. Bill was singing to the music and very glad to have some company.”

When asked why she joined the MOB and wanted to visit the blind, Deborah said she was influenced by Jennifer, a legally blind woman in her church, who introduced the Missionaries of the Blind program to the members one Sabbath. “I decided to get involved in the MOB because I had some time to offer in outreach,” says Deborah. “I was moved to begin the visitation ministry because I could understand how a person with visual problems might have the need to interact with people and would be limited in making new friends. God does not want His people to hide their light under a bushel. I can offer friendship and music. God has blessed me and my blessings can be a blessing for others.”

People like Deborah are joining the MOB, making friends for Jesus, and receiving a blessing.

—David Kluedinst, Personal Ministries director, Christian Record Services

Northern New England Conference

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 [NIV]

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“Families of Grace”

Northern New England Conference Camp Meeting
Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine
June 26–July 4

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**June 26–27**
Barry Black
Chaplain
United States Senate

**July 3–4**
Ed Reid
Stewardship Director
North American Division

**Hispanic**

June 27 and July 4
Gerry Fuentes
Takoma Park Church
Pastor
Potomac Conference

**Indonesian**

June 27
Jonathan Kuntaraf
Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
Department Director
General Conference

**Evening Meetings**

June 28–July 2
Jack Blanko
Retired Dean
Southern Adventist University
Author of the CLEAR WORD

**Seminar Presenters**

July 29–July 3
Trevor Baker
President
Northeastern Conference

Shawn Brace
Pastor
Northern New England Conference

Peter Robinson
ACS Disaster Response
Northern New England Conference Coordinator

Loren Dickinson
CommConsultants
President
Washington

Frank Tochterman
President
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Cliff Gleason
Pastor
Northern New England Conference

Jeff Wilson
Planned Giving and Trust Services Department Director
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Tennessee

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Northern New England Conference

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Northern New England Conference

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7 Reasons for Praising the Lord

“It does not belong to us, Lord. The glory belongs to you because of your love and loyalty”—Psalm 115:1 (NCV).

The Southern New England Conference exists not simply to maintain an organization here on earth, but to support our churches in preparing people to meet Jesus when He comes again. Everything that happens in the conference should be directed to that end. As conference president, I am delighted to share with you some of God’s blessings to our conference. Here are seven reasons for praise and thanksgiving to the Lord:

• **First,** I thank God for providing our conference with such talented and spiritually gifted workers—teachers, pastors, the conference office and ABC staff, and Camp Winnekeag employees.

• **Second,** I thank God for the continual growth of our conference. Our membership now exceeds 15,000. Our baptismal goal for the 2009 Year of Evangelism is 1,200.

• **Third,** I thank God for the new congregations that continually crop up in our conference. We now have more than 130 congregations sharing the good news of Jesus.

• **Fourth,** I thank God for the ethnic diversity we have in our conference. God has given us Brazilian, Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Caucasian, Chinese, Ghanaian, Haitian, Hispanic, Kenyan, Korean, Portuguese, and people of other ethnic groups and nationalities to enable us to take the gospel “to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”

• **Fifth,** I thank God for the youth ministries happening in our conference. Youth are not only the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today. The goal of every youth event (Adventurers, Pathfinders, youth, collegiate, or young adults) in our conference is to lead our young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

• **Sixth,** I thank God for what is happening in Christian education. Southern New England parents are again discovering the importance and value of Seventh-day Adventist education. It is essential! Our goal is to provide quality, affordable, and accessible Adventist education for all of our children.

• **Seventh,** but not least, I thank God for the faithfulness of His people in providing financial support for His work. The conference administration believes that the handling and use of tithes and offerings, and wills and trusts is a sacred matter. Consequently, God has blessed this conference with financial stability in a time of financial uncertainty.

I invite you to join with me as we praise God for His goodness and commit our lives fully to Him for the finishing of His work in the Southern New England area.

Frank Tochterman is the Southern New England Conference president.
Southern New England
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CAMP MEETING 2009

Southern New England Conference Camp Meetings
Southern New England Conference Campground
South Lancaster, Massachusetts

English Camp Meeting
“Share the Hope”
June 19–27

June 19
Frank Tochterman
President
Southern New England Conference

June 20
Barry Black
Chaplain
United States Senate

June 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Musical Concert
Steve Green

June 22–25 (Evenings)
Randy Barber
Calgary Central Church Pastor
Alberta, Canada

June 22–27
SNEC Junior Orchestra Clinic

June 26–27
Karl Haffner
Kettering Church Pastor
Kettering, Ohio

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Hispanic Camp Meeting
“Compartiendo La Esperanza”
July 8–11
Pedro Méndez Plata
Presidente
Asociación Dominicana del Norte
(North Dominican Conference)

July 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Musical Concert
José Medina and Maribel Soto

Portuguese Camp Meeting
“Partager l’Esperance”
July 15–18
Julio Carlos Santos
Evangelism Coordinator
Portuguese Union

Haitian Camp Meeting
“Compartir Habiendo a Esperança”
July 24–25
Bonard Jean-Marie
Senior Pastor
Southeastern Conference

For a complete program or additional information on the workshops and other events scheduled for camp meeting, log on to www.sneconline.org and click “camp meeting.” We hope to see you there!

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Une Expression de Gratitude aux “Jeunes de Coeur”

Au mois d'Août 2003, le bureau du Vice-Président des Ministères Haïtiens au niveau de l'Union Atlantique décida qu’une date spéciale ait été mise à part pour honorer nos grands-parents. Depuis lors, chaque année la tradition se poursuit. Un banquet est organisé à l’intention de ces ânés. D'ailleurs, les surnoms: Seniors, Grandettes, Vieux Personnes, Grand-moumes, Personnes Agées, ont été substitués par un nouveau et élégant vocable de “Jeunes de Coeur”. Ainsi, un programme tripartite est exécuté comprenant:

1. Un service religieux composé de chants de méditations et de prières haitiens, des jus délicieux, de distribution de cadeaux et la prise de photo.

2. Une phase récréative formée de musique, de chansonnettes françaises et haïtiennes, de blagues, de devinettes, de concours, etc.

3. Une réception composée des apéritifs, des mets cordiale invitation s’étend maintenant aux églises qui n’ont jamais participé à cette convocation annuelle. En occurrence, une lettre leur sera envoyée, car il y a tout à gagner en y assistant.

Nous félicitons tous ceux qui comprennent la nécessité d’honorer leurs parents et grands-parents.


La chaîne de télévision de l’Eglise adventiste signe avec un nouveau diffuseur

La chaîne de télévision officielle de l'Eglise adventiste rejoindra le bouquet de base de DIRECTV à la fin d'avril. Les responsables d’Hope Channel prévoient que cet événement apportera à la programmation familiale de la chaîne une audience potentiellement plus diverse et plus importante.


“Nous sommes heureux de nous associer à DIRECTV” a déclaré Brad Thorp, président d’Hope Channel, ajoutant que la chaîne était reconnaissante pour “le bon accueil et la coopération” dont fait preuve le fournisseur satellite en ajoutant la chaîne à son bouquet de base.

Les responsables d’Hope Channel ont indiqué que DIRECTV était déjà impressionné par la diversité de la programmation d’Hope Channel, en particulier en ce qui concerne l’accent qui est mis sur l’éducation, la santé et la famille. Il a été prévu de se concentrer sur des “programmes qui apporteront le sens de la communauté” à dit M. Finley.

Hope Channel, chaîne n°368 dans le bouquet de base de DIRECTV, apparaîtra parmi plusieurs chaînes éducatives et chaînes d’informations, indique le communiqué de presse.

Adventist News Network Staff
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Se coloca la piedra fundamental de nuevo estudio de televisión adventista

Desde su lanzamiento en 2003, la red de televisión de la Iglesia Adventista denominada “Hope Channel” ha operado desde sus estudios ubicados en un subsuelo de la sede central de la iglesia en Silver Spring, Maryland. El espacio actual solo permite tener un “set” de producción, y los asistentes necesitan hasta medio día para cambiar la decoración de los diversos programas.

Se espera que el nuevo edificio de uso múltiples cambie esta situación. El proyecto demandará una inversión de cinco millones de dólares e incluirá un estudio de casi trescientos metros cuadrados con espacio para seis “sets” de producción. Las nuevas instalaciones ayudarán a que esta red cristiana internacional pueda competir a nivel mundial con un mayor grado de eficiencia y productividad, dijeron los directivos de la iglesia el pasado 24 de marzo en la ceremonia de colocación de la piedra fundamental.

Jan Paulsen, presidente de la Iglesia Adventista mundial, destacó la ocasión al utilizar una excavadora de más de treinta mil kilogramos para comenzar a cav ar en la sección sur de la propiedad donde se encuentra la sede central, mientras que los vicepresidentes de la iglesia y los representantes de la compañía de construcción utilizaron palas manuales para dar inicio a la excavación.

“Es asombroso mirar hacia atrás y ver lo que hemos logrado en estos últimos seis años,” dijo Paulsen al referirse a la red televisiva.

Hope Channel produce programas en cinco idiomas para diversas partes del mundo. La red también utiliza once satélites diferentes para el envío de programas a todo el mundo y cuenta asimismo con varios canales de idiomas en línea, que incluyen al chino, el noruego y el checo.

El mes pasado, la red firmó un acuerdo con DIRECTV, una de las más grandes empresas proveedoras de servicios televisivos de los Estados Unidos. “Tenemos que mejorar dramáticamente la calidad de nuestros programas porque ahora estamos compitiendo con los grandes gigantes de la televisión,” dijo Mark Finley, presidente de la junta directiva del canal.

El nuevo estudio ayudará a que los productores incrementen la cantidad de los programas con espacio para múltiples “sets” simultáneos, dijo Finley. El estudio también estará vinculado con los ci

de lluvia y contribuirá a reducir la escorrentía.

Se espera que el nuevo edificio cuente con casi 2.400 metros cuadrados. En los planos figuran dos pisos y un subsuelo donde estará la sala de controles del estudio y las salas de almacenamiento.

El techo ha sido diseñado para soportar vegetación viva, lo que ayudará a absorber el agua de lluvia y contribuirá a reducir la escorrentía.

Universidad adventista en el Caribe recibe licencia radial

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Southern New England Conference
Constituency Session
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the 35th Session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2009, in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561. The purpose of this meeting is:
1. To receive reports.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, and executive committee.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the conference.
4. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.
According to the constitutional provision, each organized church is entitled to one delegate and one additional delegate for each thirty-five (35) church members or major fraction thereof.
Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2009, in Bailey Hall, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561, for the purpose of appointing the members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. There shall be one member chosen for the Organizing Committee for each constituent church plus an additional member for each 500 members or major fraction thereof.
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Frank Tochtermann, President
Juan Borges, Executive Secretary

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Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Special Constituency Meeting
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Constituency Meeting of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda, on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.
The purpose of this meeting is to consider a proposal for the Conference Capital Development projects.
Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. Additional delegates are members of the Executive, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Bermuda Conference, members of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Union Conference, all employees holding credentials and licenses issued by the Bermuda Conference; Departmental directors, associate or assistant departmental directors, and members of the General Conference/NAD Executive Committee who may be present. The number of General Conference/NAD delegates shall not exceed 10% of the total number of regular delegates.
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