Urban Evangelism in Metro New York
NY13 Presents Revelation of Hope
Church leaders share information about various aspects of the upcoming evangelistic meetings in Metro New York.

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Atlantic Union youth and young adults are encouraged to live a life of compassion 24/7, 365 days a year.
The prophet Isaiah says, in chapter 60:1-3, “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His Glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (NIV)

Against the background of millions of people going about business as usual, multi-apartment buildings stretching into the heavens, and city lights that never go out, (except under extreme events such as the recent Hurricane Sandy), the call for evangelizing New York City in 2013 has captured our attention. According to Ellen White, “Every day the probation of some is closing. Every hour some are passing beyond the reach of mercy”—Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 140. In Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 466, the servant of the Lord continues, “Every day we have been associating with men and women who are judgment bound. Each day may have been the dividing line to some soul; someone may have made the decision which will determine his future destiny. What has been our influence over these fellow travelers? What efforts have we put forth to bring them to Christ?”

In just a few months, the NY13 Revelation of Hope series, comprising more than 420 evangelistic sites, will take place across Metropolitan New York. What a wonderful opportunity to let the light of God’s glory shine through us into this place of great opportunity and yet great spiritual darkness. Now you may say, “But I do not live in that area, neither can I go to that area.” As of today, you can be a part of this big evangelistic thrust right where you are. We recognize public evangelism is public warfare against the forces of Satan and his kingdom (Ephesians 6:12). As such, we expect some pushback, some serious efforts to minimize or even attempts to prevent the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20). Thank God we have a plan and a strategy to ensure success.

Our big plan of faith and action is to saturate these meetings with our continuous prayers, because prayer is the foundation stone for evangelistic success. “There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit. . . . If Satan had his way, there would never be another awakening, great or small, to the end of time. But we are not ignorant of his devices. . . . When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God the blessing will come”—Selected Messages, bk. 1, p. 124.

NY13 Prayer Ministries invites you to be a part of the 3000-plus individuals across the Atlantic and Columbia unions, who will pray in groups of 125 or more individuals on the hour, every hour, around the clock beginning April 1 through October 31 for the NY13 Revelation of Hope evangelistic meetings.

As a matter of fact, we can begin right now as a part of the preparation for NY13, praying for the evangelists and the congregations involved in these meetings. The wonderful thing about prayer is that it can happen where you are, yet impact individuals and programs many miles away.

We need you to be a committed praying partner and intercessor. May the passion of Jesus for the large cities of the world become ours, and may the glory of the Lord be seen and experienced by all until He comes.

Carlyle C. Simmons is the Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary and director of the Health Ministries, Human Relations, and Prayer Ministries departments.
NY13 is an evangelistic outreach project sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to reach people in the metropolitan area of New York City with the gospel of Jesus Christ in 2013 and beyond.

The Atlantic Union Conference helps to coordinate this massive initiative by providing strategic leadership through the NY13 Steering Committee—a committee chaired by me that encompasses an array of ministry events, such as prayer, Bible worker training, small groups training, health, youth events, language ministries, women’s ministries, and several others. In addition to New York City, this initiative includes the areas of Northeast New Jersey and Southern Connecticut. More than 400 evangelistic campaigns are planned throughout these areas with visiting and local evangelists doing the preaching in many of these locations throughout metro New York.—Donald G. King, Atlantic Union president

Since NY13 was introduced, the Greater New York Conference has recruited 3,000 prayer intercessors to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit’s power to equip us for the task ahead. We plan to conduct 200 evangelistic campaigns. The evangelists will come from various parts of the world, but many of our local pastors will be conducting their own campaigns. Meanwhile, hundreds of lay persons have been trained as Bible workers and health missionaries who will be engaged in NY13. Our youth and young adults are also being trained and are looking forward to participating in this unprecedented venture.—G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president

We have embraced New York 13 because it challenges us to fulfill our evangelistic commitment to the metropolitan New York area. So far, our churches have pledged to conduct nearly 200 evangelistic campaigns as part of this endeavor. We do not have a one-size-fits-all approach, as a variety of programs are planned. The formats include weekend series and month-long campaigns. Some campaigns will focus on biblical prophecy while others may focus on healthy living, family life, among others. We will welcome some international evangelists, and some of our pastors and lay people will lead their own meetings. At the end of this outreach we are praying for a bountiful harvest of thousands to be added to our numbers. We also look forward to 10 new church plants.—Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president

Seven pastors, along with the members of their 11 churches in Southern Connecticut, are privileged and honored to join with hundreds of international evangelists for the innovative evangelistic initiative of NY13. This may not be just another evangelistic initiative, but rather, in the words of Ellen White’s prediction that God’s work done in New York should “be a symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world”—EVANGELISM, p. 384. Evangelists from overseas, along with our local pastors, will showcase teamwork with the Holy Spirit, for the advancement of God’s kingdom during the NY13 evangelistic adventure.—Frank Tochterman, Southern New England Conference president
“NY13 will be the forum for inviting youth in the surrounding areas of four New York schools to participate in each of the following Seventh-day Adventist faith integrated activities:

**Music/Fitness/Health Clinic**—Hanson Place School, February 27-March 2

**Art/Spoken Word Clinic**—Northeastern Academy, June 24-27

**Math Clinic**—Brooklyn School, June 24-28

**Language Arts Clinic**—Whispering Pines School, October 1-3

“Our goals are for our students to be individual evangelists as they mingle with students from the community, in addition to culminating each event with a gathering of relatives where participants will share how they benefited from their new-found understanding of each subject-area’s connection with Christ.”—Astrid Thomassian, Atlantic Union education director

“NY13 is an exceptional opportunity that God has provided for every Seventh-day Adventist believer to have a long-lasting impact in New York City. Every single Haitian church in New York City will be involved in evangelism this year. Several more training events are planned between February and March. We will also have one joint evangelistic meeting, when churches and pastors from the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences will work together. It will be the first time in the history of the Haitian community in New York City that we will have such a meeting; 2013 is just the starting point. We are planning for a multi-year, long-term, cross-cultural work and influence in the community. Victory is guaranteed in the name of Jesus!”—Pierre Omeler, Atlantic Union Haitian and African ministries vice president and NY13 Haitian Committee chair

“All Hispanic and Portuguese churches in the metropolitan area of New York will be involved in the Impact New York 2013 Revelation of Hope evangelistic meetings. Upcoming events include small group evangelism training and participation and a Hispanic elders training retreat on March 15-17. In addition, evangelistic meetings will be conducted by 10 pastors from the Southern Union on March 22-30 in the Hispanic churches in the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences; by the North American Division Hispanic Advisory members on May 3-11 in Hispanic churches in the Greater New York, Northeastern, and New Jersey conferences; and by pastors from the Dominican Republic on June 15-22 in the Hispanic churches in the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences.”—Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Hispanic and Portuguese ministries vice president and Impact New York 2013 Committee chair. (Spanish translation on page 18.)

“You don’t have to live in New York City to participate in the more than 400 NY13 Revelation of Hope evangelistic meetings. You can be a part of the more than 3,000 prayer intercessors who will pray in groups of 125 persons or more, every hour around the clock, beginning April 1 through October 31. ‘We must receive light and blessing, that we may have something to impart. It is the privilege of every [worker/member] first to talk with God in the secret place of prayer and then to talk with the people as God’s mouthpiece. Men and women who commune with God, who have an abiding Christ, make the very atmosphere holy, because they are co-operating with holy angels’”—Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 52.”—Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union prayer ministries director and NY13 Prayer Ministries Committee chair (ny13.org/pray24)
“We are leading the Compassion Movement that will change our youth ministries philosophy and, we hope, the entire church in our territory. We are planning Youth Weeks of Evangelism that will be presented by youth at our local churches. We are partnering with the General Conference to equip a young adult from each of the 13 divisions of the world church on urban youth ministries and evangelism. We are also sponsoring and supporting local initiatives, such as the New York Mission Trip in the summer, the Compassion Evangelistic Series with the One Project, the Passion Play, a week of United Youth Evangelism, and the New York City ING Marathon, among others.”

—José Cortés, Jr., Atlantic Union Youth Ministries director (auyouth.com)

“Health Ministries will be involved in NY13 in several ways, including: 1) Conducting many Health Expos, 8 Weeks to Wellness, and Steps to Wellness programs throughout out the metro New York territory. Some have already started. These are designed to build relationships and prepare prospects to attend the campaigns. 2) Numerous health talks, demonstrations, and screenings will be conducted during the campaigns. 3) Hundreds of health ministry personnel will be attending the North American Division Health Summit in Queens, March 13-17 to participate in 20 different courses that they can use to reach out in the NY13 campaigns.”

—Leroy A. Daley, Northeastern Conference Health Ministries and Personal Ministries director and NY13 Health coordinator

“In conjunction with the NY13 evangelistic meetings, the Family Ministries department has designated the week of February 16-19 as Christian Family Week, ending on the Sabbath with Christian Parenting Sabbath, and the week of September 1-7 as Family Togetherness Week, ending on Sabbath with Family Togetherness Sabbath. A Marriage Symposium is scheduled for May 25 in New York City where presenters will share marriage building skills. A Family Ministries directors training is scheduled for April 19-21 and will include information on how to help families in trouble.”

—Dionisio Olivo, Atlantic Union Hispanic Family Ministries director

“NETS (Northeast Evangelism Training School) is an evangelistic training school that prepares soul-winners who are cross-trained in Bible work, health evangelism, and public evangelism. NETS is an initiative of the Atlantic Union Conference, with the support of the General Conference and the North American Division. Whether you just want to be more effective at sharing your own faith with others or you’re looking for a stepping stone to a career in lay ministry, NETS has what you’re looking for. The spring semester will be held in New York City in conjunction with NY13 from March 8 to July 6 and is designed for commuters. The fall semester will be on the campus of Atlantic Union College and will run from August 16 to December 7. For more information, e-mail registrar@netsatlanticunion.org.”

—Eric Flickinger, NETS director
Bermuda Churches Keep Giving and Giving

The churches in the Bermuda Conference embraced the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25:40, “In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” The churches ended 2012 doing what they are accustomed to doing throughout the year — reaching out to others in the community.

St. David’s Church
The St. David’s church has been operating a weekly feeding program for about a year and three months and, as a result, many friendships have been formed. As Christmas 2012 approached, they seized the opportunity to end the year by celebrating with their friends from the St. David’s community — most of whom are single, unemployed mothers.

Initially, the plan for their December 23 Christmas celebration was to share an enjoyable meal and play some nativity-oriented games. A few days prior to the event, Calvin White, an elder, and his wife, Debra, were impressed to reach out to a toy store manager and request a donation of toys for the children. The request was granted and The Phoenix Stores donated toys to the tune of about $1,000.

Thanks to the St. David’s church family, The Phoenix Stores, and Fidelity International Limited, words could not accurately express the joy on the faces of the children and adults who attended the celebration.

St. George’s Church
For the first time, the St. George’s church Adventist the church’s pastor, said, “More than 180 guests were served and there were more than 60 takeaway plates.” He described the event as a resounding success.

CableVision sales and marketing manager Rollin Nathan said the company purchased and cooked all the food for the meal. Overwhelmed by the number of volunteers, Nathan thanked all those who assisted. “We had at least 30 people from all walks of life, including children who came to lend a helping hand. We could not have taken on such a monumental task without their dedication and support. . . . So many people showed up to help cook and even clean for the day, and we just want to say thank you,” Nathan said. “Bermuda CableVision has always tried to serve the community and will continue to help wherever we can in a troubled economy.”

It is also needful to note that prior to the Christmas day feast, Hamilton church donated 80 food hampers to members of the community who were in need. This was done under the leadership of Marva Trott, who heads the church’s ACS department.

Southampton Church
Various groups, including the ushers, deacons, deaconesses, and ACS workers at the Southampton church combined their efforts to provide free clothing, food hampers, Christian reading material, and 90 meals to the needy in their community. A total of 70 people in the Southampton community responded and were blessed by this ministry. It is amazing what God can do with a family of believers who understand that service to the community is a mandate of the church as a whole, with everyone working together to relieve the burden of those who are less fortunate.

Somerset Church
The Somerset church ACS, under the leadership of Geraldine Waldon, put together 31 food hampers that were distributed to members of their community as needed.

These church members just aren’t waiting for the holidays to reach out to the community. They are touching lives year round. What about your church?

—Dora Baker, Adventist Community Services Federation president, Bermuda Conference
The New York Conference held its third annual elders retreat at the Auburn Holiday Inn in Auburn, New York, on the last weekend of November 2012. In all, 72 elders representing 35 congregations attended. The purpose of the retreat is to support elders in their role as local church leaders and to train them for more effective ministry.

The featured guest speaker was Thomas Dombrowski, a pastor in the Southern New England Conference. He is passionate about empowering lay leaders, helping them to raise the bar through training with his practical and focused approach. Dombrowski’s series of presentations taught elders how to prepare a meaningful, Bible-based sermon. The elders retreat also provided an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of elders who have been working toward one of three levels of certification. Two elders, Hugh Langley of the Joy of Troy church, and Milton Armstrong of the Goveurner church, were commissioned as lay pastors, having completed all three levels.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference

Students Reach Out With Messages of Cheer and Hope

In a whirlwind of Christmas performances, Union Springs Academy students reached out to the public with messages of cheer and hope for the holiday season. Three distinct evangelism opportunities marked the week before Christmas break, beginning with a live nativity event on the academy campus on Friday evening, December 14, 2012.

Walk through Bethlehem, an academy tradition, featured costumed students in an interactive depiction of the journey to the stable that sheltered the newborn Savior. Nearly 200 guests completed the campus-wide tour that began at the Union Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, where students performed a sacred concert and church members provided refreshments.

On the tour, guests encountered prophets, magi, shepherders, Herod, Roman soldiers, tax collectors, marketplace vendors, and one surly over-worked innkeeper. Guests eventually found themselves at the scene of Christ’s birth, where an angel choir sang carols, while Baby Jesus, represented by little Parker Mason of Scipio, New York, acted like an angel himself. Livestock loaned by local farmers and chickens from the school flock added authenticity to the various scenes.

On Sunday afternoon, December 16, 2012, the Union Springs Academy choir, Les Chanteurs, performed at Destiny USA, the sixth-largest shopping mall in the nation. During the two-hour concert, the 38-member choir, led by director Esther Baker, performed both sacred and
secular Christmas songs. Holiday shoppers took a break from their busi-
ness to listen as the choir reminded them of the real reason for Christmas.

The third event was planned with a very special audience in mind—the
patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. On
Monday, December 17, 15 members of the academy choir performed at the
71-bed facility. Though only four patients and two siblings were able to attend
the concert in person, the children who were confined to their rooms were
able to enjoy the concert via in-room televisions, thanks to an on-site camera
system. The academy students brought laughter from their audience as they sang
light-hearted and humorous adaptations of Christmas favorites. One highlight of
the concert was a Christmas duet by Karen students, Hoo-Moo and K’Shaw-Paw,
in their native language.

Through these experi-
ences, academy students
spread laughter, joy, and
peace to the wider com-

munity. And in their
thoughtful preparation, the
students gained spiritual
blessings themselves. Anna
Mathews, a senior, who
was both a guide for the
Walk Through Bethlehem
tours and a member of Les
Chanteurs, says that “His
Spirit was with us in our
hearts, touching the lives of
young and old.”

—Andrea Starr-Tagalog, development
coordinator, Union Springs Academy

Corning Church Hosts
Creation Health Meetings

The Corning church hosted a series of eight
meetings called “Creation Health” last fall.
The acronym CREATION stands for Choice,
Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal,
Outlook, and Nutrition. One of these principles
was presented at each meeting with Jim and Chris
Webber, David and Colleen Kabel, Loella Wickey,
and Tom Sullivan presenting. This program, devel-
oped by Florida Hospital, is used in churches and
for police and fire departments.

In conjunction with the “Creation Health” meet-
ings, a “Biggest Loser Team Competition” was also
held. Those competing were weighed at the begin-
ing of the meeting and the winning team members
received a cash prize at the final meeting. This was
a great incentive for weight loss and, basically, most
everyone could get their deposit money back as long
as they continued to lose weight each week.

The seminar was an outreach to the community.
Several of the 20 people who attended were not
members of the church.

—Marjorie Plumley, communication secretary, Corning church
Volunteers Assist With Disaster Relief in Haiti

The Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services and Sabbath School director, along with 20 volunteers from around the Northeastern Conference, traveled to Port-au Prince, Haiti, to provide disaster relief.

The December 5-14, 2012, trip was one of at least 10 that Fitzgerald Kerr has taken to Haiti. Since he heard news of the devastating earthquake that took place three years ago, he has assisted in leading various groups to distribute food, tents, and clothing to those who suffered.

In this most recent journey to Port-au Prince, the goal was to finish painting three houses that were previously built and to build seven new homes in Canaan, a town on the outskirts of Port-au Prince. The recipients of the newly-built three-room homes were chosen through an application process set up nearly a year ago with the assistance of Kerr’s office and community leaders from the area. The desire was to serve not just the Adventist members, but also the community as a whole.

“Haiti is forgotten by a number of people because the cameras have left and you’re dealing with a desperate and needy situation. The tent cities cover acres and acres with thousands of people living there since January 2010. Haiti is also devoid of a forest landscape, so when it rains there are torrential showers and flooding is a regular guest. When it floods, they are unable to sleep in their tents,” Kerr said.

There are many families, too numerous to count, who are still dwelling in tents (some damaged) and partially-constructed concrete rooms. In any given space there could be up to seven or eight people living in a one-room hut.

The need is great. “Even if we were to spend $1 million building houses, it’s a drop in the bucket in comparison to the need that is there.” Kerr said.

The good news is that the people are hopeful for relief and are grateful for the prayers and donations, both monetary and material, given through the local church and conference ACS department. Financial contributions are still being accepted directly by NEC ACS to build more houses. Volunteers skilled in constructing homes, painting, etc., are all needed.

Kerr and his team, who worked 12- to 14-hour days building, painting, and serving those in need, touched many lives, including their own. Barbara Hall, Northeastern Conference Adventist Risk Management director, who also went on the trip, said, “In serving, you realize that you receive more than you could ever give. When you do something for someone, you feel you are even more blessed than the person you are serving. You’re getting more than you’re giving. I feel more enriched by serving.”

—Jénian Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Workers Challenged to Step Out in Faith

The Northeastern Conference administration held its annual fall workers meeting, November 26-28, 2012, at Camp Victory Lake with the pastors, Bible workers, and principals from around the territory. Daniel Honoré, the conference’s president, said, “One purpose of workers meeting is to unify and coordinate the workforce for common objectives for the conference.”

During the three-day training and sharing meeting, those who attended were presented with conference departmental reports, information about upcoming church events, and seminars to enhance their ministry, both personally and professionally.

Among the presenters were Carmela Monk, Message magazine editor; Andrew R. Harewood, Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and pastor of the Fourth Street Friendship church in Washington, D.C.; and Robert Terrelong, psychologist and counselor. Honoré and other conference administrators, Oswald Euell, executive secretary, and Edson Bovell, treasurer, also presented their reports and plans for 2013. “Workers meeting fosters fellowship...”
Pathfinder Club Responds to the Needs of Storm Victims

Before Superstorm Sandy barreled ashore on October 29, 2012, the Linden church Lightbearers Pathfinder Club staff met, and decided that the club should be ready to assist in any way possible. They felt that their best course of action would be to prepare meals for the hurricane victims. Their area of concentration was in Long Beach and Far Rockaway. Members of the church were asked to pitch in, along with the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response team, headed by Fitzgerald Kerr. Members donated funds, their time, and food. Some even left their flooded homes and damaged structures to come out and help.

Their first day volunteering was November 3 in Far Rockaway, New York. The group, composed of outstanding leadership, and spiritual demeanor that he displayed as the epitome of a Christian servant.

Daily devotions were presented by pastors Samuel Blair (Charity church), Andrew Philbert (Elmont Temple church), and Honoré. Through each message the workers were challenged to step out in faith, hold to a higher moral standard, and to submit their lives to Jesus, who is the ultimate leader and guide.

—JeNean Johnson, communication director, Northeastern Conference

Ainsworth Joseph, the church’s pastor, members of the church, and Pathfinders, served more than 900 meals that day. The need was so great in the Far Rockaway area that, before they could unload the bus, a line had already formed. Everything they brought with them was gone in an hour.

After providing for the families there, the group went to the Long Beach City Hall and served as many people as they could. Again, they exhausted all their supplies and meals. With a song and prayer, they closed the Sabbath on the bus knowing that the command of God to love one another was being fulfilled. The group headed out on five more weekends in November. Each time they headed out, they took with them more supplies than the week before.

Far Rockaway is an area of special need because the Solid Rock church and the Solid Rock Boulders Pathfinder Club suffered major damage. The building’s interior with all of its supplies were destroyed by the rushing sea water. The Solid Rock Boulders Pathfinder Club will need new camping equipment and supplies, drums, flags, and more. It will take time, but they will not be forgotten.

The youth and Pathfinders from the Linden church will continue to help. They have pledged to be pure, kind, and true, and to be a servant of God and a friend to man.

—Sheila Flynn, associate Pathfinder director, Linden church

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, shares information regarding the NY13 Revelation of Hope evangelistic meetings that will begin in April and run through October.

Workers from around the Northeastern Conference at the annual fall workers meeting.

Pathfinder Club responds to the Needs of Storm Victims

Linden church members, youth, and Pathfinders reach out to the Far Rockaway and Long Beach community, delivering meals to the residents impacted by the storm.
Santos is Director of New Adventist Urban Study Center in New York

The Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Office of Adventist Mission announced at the end of 2012 several new directors as part of a reshuffling and relaunching of study centers for various cultural groups around the world. Among the new directors named is Gerson Santos, who is already serving as the director of the new Urban Ministry Study Center based in New York City.

Santos, Greater New York Conference’s executive secretary, will work in a dual capacity as director for the study center in New York and as executive secretary for the conference.

“Leila and I felt very humbled as we received the call to promote urban ministry for the worldwide church, Santos said. “God loves the cities, because there are billions of people living in urban areas around the world. The task is huge and the opportunity is unfathomable. Our priority is to continue ministry in New York. We will continue to work here. Continue to pray for us and for our brethren to reach the cities of the world with the Three Angels’ Messages.”

An Adventist News Network report on the changes indicates that “the Urban Ministry center was launched in response to the Adventist world church’s initiative for comprehensive urban evangelism. The center was founded to assist ministry leaders worldwide as they make plans for outreach in major cities in their own territories.” The NY13 Revelation of Hope initiative launching this year in metropolitan New York City is the first of many Adventist Church initiatives that will take place in cities worldwide.

In addition to the Urban Ministry Study Center in New York, there are five other Global Mission Study Centers serving the church: the World Jewish-Adventist Friendship Center in Paris, France; the Hindu Study Center in Trinidad; the Center for East Asian Religions and Traditions in Thailand; the Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies in São Paulo, Brazil; and the Global Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations, which has branches in Berrien Springs, Michigan; Nairobi, Kenya; and London. Each of these centers will serve to equip leaders and members to build bridges of understanding to those from non-Christian religions and traditions.

—Rohann Wellington, communication director, Greater New York Conference

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Students Visit Historical Sites in Massachusetts

The junior class of Pine Tree Academy, in Freeport, Maine, that included 16 students and four chaperones, took their annual history tour last fall. Included in the itinerary were visits to Sturbridge Village, the Lowell Mills, Battleship Cove, and JFK Presidential Library in Boston, all in Massachusetts.

Students enjoyed such unique learning opportunities as forging cast iron implements in an early American blacksmith shop, experiencing the noise and stress of working on a nineteenth-century assembly line, and viewing genuine memorabilia from John F. Kennedy’s presidency.

However, the highlight of the trip was the overnight stay on the battleship, U S S Massachusetts. The evening began with a description of life onboard the ship during World War II from Armand Vigeant, who actually served on the battleship throughout the entire war and turned 90 years old on the very day they visited. A knot tying class followed, after which students were allowed to explore the many rooms and compartments of the ship before bunking down in the actual sailors’ quarters.

— Judy Krzywon, history teacher, Pine Tree Academy

Pine Tree Academy juniors Beckie McGuire and Trinity Skiadas (photo top) and Naomi Mawete (photo left) visited several historical sites in Massachusetts on their annual history tour.

Pine Tree Academy, the parents, chaperones, and students made this trip not only valuable educationally, but a special time for the class to experience the fellowship of one another.

— Judy Krzywon, history teacher, Pine Tree Academy

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More than 200 children, their leaders, and a number of parents filed into the Machlan Auditorium on the campus of Atlantic Union College on November 18, 2012, to participate in a children's retreat for the 7- to 14-year-olds of the Southern New England Conference. This was a long-awaited event, and the sounds of excited children were evidence enough that it had finally arrived.

After the initial introductions, welcome, and prayer, the children’s praise team from the Pleasant Street church motivated and mobilized everyone into singing. The children were then inspired to become involved in sharing the good news of Jesus’ love with their family, neighbors, and friends as they watched a video about Ingrid, a 14-year-old youth from Puerto Rico who shared her love for Jesus.

Ingrid began by first leading her father, a drinker and gambler, to Jesus. She studied with her father and helped him learn how to read. After her father accepted Jesus and was baptized, Ingrid, along with her mother and father, began studying with other people and very soon more churches were started in her village.

Following the video, the children watched as Nelson Chandler from the Framingham Centre church, and Mileitys Pinero from the Willimantic church, shared a mini presentation from the children's ShareHim evangelistic series. As a result of their energetic and enthusiastic presentation, a number of children are now interested in preaching for the Lord.

The program continued with prayer sessions, a time of personal thanksgiving to God, musical renditions by the Jasper Signing Group from the Pleasant Street church, Rachel Marrero and Morgan Williams from the Springfield church, the Lancaster Portuguese Children's Choir, and the presentation of gifts to the children and the organizing team.

The final event for the afternoon was a contest in which four children from each church present worked together to draw and color a cover page for a booklet to be produced called Answered Prayers. In this booklet, short stories of answered prayers will be written by the children for all to read. The winning entry will receive a special prize.

At the close of the program, the children, parents, and leaders joined in singing the song, “Go Light Your World” while battery-operated candles were waved as they were passed from one to another. The hope is that...
Southern New England Conference

this will be the beginning of a new spiritual awakening for the children.

Following the closing prayer by Barry Kimbrough, pastor of the Worcester church, one of the seven pastors who spent the afternoon supporting the children, a meal was served at the College Church by a team of women from the Pleasant Street church.

—Gloris Shaw, volunteer Children’s Ministries coordinator, Southern New England Conference

Adventists Volunteer at Donation Center in Newtown

Many volunteers showed up to help on December 26, 2012, when the Adventist Community Services (ACS) warehouse opened in Newtown, Connecticut. The town was overwhelmed with donated goods as a result of the outpouring of sympathy after the horrific shooting of children and teachers on December 14, 2012. Volunteers came from the town and from near and far, including many Adventists from the Southern New England Conference.

Tom McQuarrie, Southern New England Conference ACS Disaster Relief coordinator for Connecticut and Rhode Island, along with a team of eight individuals trained in this area, managed more than 500 volunteers in the warehouse operation. They processed more than 3,500 boxes filled with stuffed animals (about 60,000 in all), 1,700 boxes of school supplies, 400 boxes of toys, 132 boxes of blankets, and many boxes of other items.

Large trucks were unloaded with packages from as far away as Pakistan. People were greeted as they arrived in cars from all over the U.S. with donated goods from school children, churches, community groups, and individuals. Volunteers assisted in receiving, organizing, inventorying, and boxing the donations for storage.

Warehouse operations continued every day except Sabbath and New Year’s Day. Volunteers were scheduled by e-mail through a Newtown call center. An atmosphere of loving-kindness was palpable in the warehouse. Many who came to help expressed that they received a rich blessing.

The operation has moved into the distribution phase, where the victims’ families and town officials will determine what is to be done with the items. The residents of Newtown whose lives were so profoundly changed by this tragedy continue to need prayers.

—Bill Warcholik, pastor, Wickford church

For information about Adventist Community Services disaster training in Connecticut and Rhode Island, contact Tom McQuarrie at acstrкри@yahoo.com.

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at www.atlantic-union.org  Atlantic Union Gleaner, February 2013
There is Hope: Compassion

We were sitting on the Lido Deck of the cruise ship ms Nieuw Amsterdam with a group of young adults participating in "Cruise with a Mission" when a man in his 80s, by the name of Monroe, approached our table and started talking with me. He said he was an atheist and added that people like us made him want to be a Christian. “I have been an atheist for too long; it is hard to change now,” he said.

I took time to speak with him and mentioned how in the Northeast United States and Bermuda, Adventist youth and young adults are initiating a movement of compassion. I told him that our resolve was to live a lifestyle of compassion, 24/7, 365 days a year, with the same priorities of Jesus. As soon as I said that, Monroe stopped me. “I don’t have a problem with Jesus. I love what Jesus was all about. He was all about compassion,” Monroe said. “I have a problem with people who go to church every weekend and treat others the way they do. Jesus is not the problem.”

Though it is sad to admit it, I must say that, in many cases, Monroe is right. Jesus has never been the problem. Christians (including Adventists) and people who claim to follow Jesus but live “compassion-less” lives are the worst advertising there is for Christianity and for Adventism. Having the truth, knowing how to defend our beliefs, and being right is good. However, doing all that without having compassion is unchristian and irresponsible. It seems that many of us are good for arguing but, at times, really bad for living a compassionate life.

There is hope. Right here in the Atlantic Union, youth, young adults, college and university students, Pathfinders, Adventurers, and many others are initiating a Compassion Movement. We enjoy the truth, we know how to defend it, if needed, and we want to live a life of compassion with the priorities of Jesus. We want compassion to be our lifestyle. We want to be the heart, the hands, and the feet of Jesus in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and in Bermuda. Will you join us? Will you encourage the youth and young adults of your church to become a vital part of this movement? Will you support them as they seek to have the priorities of Jesus at home, at church, and in the community?

Together with your conference youth director and the Compassion team, we are here to encourage, inspire, and help you to begin living a compassionate lifestyle. For information, resources, daily inspiration, tips, weekly blogs, and small group study lessons, in several languages, go to our Web site: www.compassion-now.org.

The second Sabbath of every month is Compassion Day when we go out into our communities across the Atlantic Union territory to show compassion. Can you imagine 40,000 to 50,000 young people and their friends showing compassion on the same day at the same time throughout our cities? Please join us. And on March 22-24, youth and young adults from every conference in the Atlantic Union, as well as Northern New Jersey, and from the other 12 divisions of the Adventist Church will come to New York City to participate in a show of compassion at our annual Compassion Rally.

We do this because Jesus did it, because we love humanity and God’s creation, but we also do it because Monroe and many people like him won’t believe unless they see our compassion. It’s not that hard. Let’s stop being the problem and become agents of compassion! 8

José Cortés, Jr., is the director of Adventist Youth Ministries in the Atlantic Union.
**Un Temps de Faire Briller la Gloire du Seigneur**


Dans le contexte de millions de gens s’occupant de leurs affaires comme d’habitude, plusieurs bâtiments d’appartements s’étendent dans les cieux et les lumières de la ville qui ne s’éteignent jamais, (sauf en cas d’événements extrêmes, comme le récent ouragan Sandy), l’appel à évangéliser New York City en 2013 a attiré notre attention. Selon Ellen White, “Chaque jour se ferme, sur un être humain, la porte du salut. A chaque heure, des âmes passent la limite de la miséricorde”—Patriarches et Prophètes, p. 119.


Les ministères de prière de NY13 vous invitent à faire partie des 3000 individus et plus, à travers l’Union Atlantique et l’Union de Columbia, qui prieront dans des groupes de 125 personnes ou plus. Ces intercesseurs prieront toutes les heures, jour et nuit, à partir du 1er avril au 31 octobre pour les réunions d’évangélisation de la série NY13 Révélation de l’Esprit.

En fait, nous pouvons commencer dès maintenant dans le cadre de la préparation pour NY13, en priant pour les évangelistes et les congrégations qui vont participer à ces réunions. La chose merveilleuse au sujet de la prière, c’est que ça peut arriver là où vous êtes tandis que des individus et des programmes au-delà des kilomètres peuvent sentir son effet. Nous avons besoin de vous pour être un intercesseur et un partenaire de prière engagé. Que la passion de Jésus pour les grandes villes du monde entier devienne la nôtre, et que la gloire du Seigneur soit vue et vécue par tous jusqu’à ce qu’il vienne.

Carlyle C. Simmons est le secrétaire exécutif de la Conférence de l’Union Atlantique et directeur des ministères de la santé, les relations humaines et le département des ministères de prière.

Traduction: Margareth Morisset

English translation on page 3 of this issue.
¿Qué Está Pasando?
En la Iglesia Mundial

Un Tiempo Para Hacer Resplandecer la Gloria de Dios

El profeta Isaias dice en el capítulo 60, los versículos 1 al 3, “Levántate, resplandece; porque ha venido tu luz, y la gloria de Jehová ha nacido sobre ti. Porque he aquí que tinieblas cubrirán la tierra, y oscuridad las naciones; mas sobre ti amanecerá Jehová, y sobre ti será vista su gloria. Y andarán las naciones a tu luz, y los reyes al resplandor de tu nacimiento.” (RVR1960)

Tras un trasfondo de millones de personas que transitan las calles siguiendo sus asuntos de manera usual, edificios de apartamentos múltiples que se elevan hacia los cielos y las luces que nunca se apagan (excepto bajo eventos extremos como el reciente huracán Sandy), el llamado a evangelizar a la ciudad de Nueva York en el 2013 ha capturado nuestra atención. De acuerdo con Elena de White, “Cada día termina el tiempo de gracia para algunos. Cada hora, algunos pasan más allá del alcance de la misericordia”—Patriarcas y Profetas, pág. 119. En Joyas de los Testimonios, vol. 2, pág. 167, la sierva del Señor continua diciendo, “Cada día hemos estado asociados con hombres y mujeres que van encaminados hacia el juicio. Cada día puede haber sido el día por el que muchos se apagan para siempre.”

Aunque a menudo las verdades bíblicas se esconden entre declaraciones de amor y devoción, allí están los versículos “El ministerio de oración NY13 les invita a ser parte de las más de 3,000 personas que a través de la Unión del Atlántico y la Unión de Columbia, estarán orando en grupos de 125 o más personas al comienzo de cada hora, constantemente comenzando el primero de abril hasta el 31 de octubre en favor de las campañas evangélicas NY13 Revelación de Esperanza.

De hecho, podemos comenzar hoy mismo como parte de la preparación para NY13, orando por los evangelistas y las congregaciones que estarán participando en este evento. Lo maravilloso de la oración es que puede ser hecha en cualquier lugar y a la vez impactar a personas y programas a miles de millas de distancia.

Necesitamos que usted se comprometa a ser un intercesor y compañero de oración. Que la pasión de Cristo Jesús por las grandes ciudades del mundo llegue a ser nuestra pasión y que la gloria de Dios pueda ser vista y experimentada por todos hasta que El regrese.

Carlyle C. Simmons es el secretario ejecutivo y el director de los departamentos de salud, relaciones públicas y oración de la Unión del Atlántico.

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Impacto Nueva York 2013

“Todas las iglesias hispanas y portuguesas en el área metropolitana de Nueva York estarán participando en las campañas evangélicas Impacto Nueva York 2013 Revelación de Esperanza en Jesucristo. Los eventos ha llevarse acabo incluyen entrenamientos y participación en evangelismo de grupos pequeños y un retiro de ancianos hispanos del 15 al 17 de marzo. Además, campañas evangélicas serán llevadas acabo por 10 pastores de la Unión del Sur durante el 22 al 30 de marzo en las iglesias hispanas de las Asociaciones del Gran Nueva York y el Noreste; por los miembros del consejo hispano de la División Norteamericana durante el 3 al 11 de mayo en las iglesias hispanas de las Asociaciones del Gran Nueva York, el Noreste y Nueva Jersey; y por los pastores de la República Dominicana durante el 15 al 22 de junio en las iglesias hispanas de las Asociaciones del Gran Nueva York y el Noreste.”

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