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Cover: The cover image of the AUAM ministry team was created by Dawin Rodriguez.
Have you recently or in the past ever carefully considered the blessings and joy of God’s presence, or for that matter, what it really means to be in His presence?

Journey with me through Psalms 84 written by the sons of Korah. The first two verses express a deep yearning for God’s presence and a celebration of being in the temple. “How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the Living God.” (NIV)

According to the Andrews Study Bible, the pilgrimage to the sanctuary in Jerusalem to appear before the Lord is in the background, similar to Psalms 27, 42, and 43. God has a rich variety of titles in this psalm. He is the Lord of hosts, the Lord, the Living God, King, God, God of Jacob, Sun and Shield (p. 738).

This experience of “the joy of being in the temple, in the presence of the Living God (the expression ‘the Living God’ is used only twice in the Psalter: here and in 42:2; see also Deuteronomy 5:26; Joshua 3:10; 1 Samuel 17:26)” is further expressed in verses 10-12. “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked” (verse 10, NIV).

In my thinking, verse 10 sets out a most profound truth about the privilege and experience of God’s presence. This verse challenges us to examine our feelings and experiences when entering into God’s presence. Do we realize the magnitude of such privilege and such honor to be permitted to come into God’s presence? Psalm 84:10 further reflects the attitude and gratitude of the psalmist to serve as a doorkeeper in the house of God. Do we have similar feelings and attitudes as the psalmist when entering the presence of God?

Hopefully, that should be the mindset we always bring to worship. Then it should also be evident in our outward behavior, our practices, our dress, and our conversations that we are constantly cultivating a deep abiding respect, love, and joy for the privilege of being able to come into the presence of the Living God through the grace of Jesus, our Lord and Savior! ✝

Carlyle C. Simmons is the Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary and director of the Health Ministries, Human Relations, and Prayer Ministries departments.

“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked”—Psalm 84:10, NIV.

The Blessings of God’s Presence

Atlantic Union GLEANER, August 2014
Let’s face it, many people often take for granted what goes on behind the scenes of any program they attend or watch. It is a world behind the scenes that often goes unrecognized. One such program is Atlantic Union Adventist Media (AUAM) ministry. What do you really know about the ministry and the people behind the scenes?

AUAM is a media ministry of the Atlantic Union Conference that has been in existence for about nine years. AUAM is committed to spreading the gospel through television, the Internet, and new technology.

A Brief History

AUAM was established when, with the assistance of 3ABN, a generous donor, who has a deep interest in inner-city work, gave a major gift to the Atlantic Union to help in developing ways of reaching the masses in New York City and other cities for Christ. Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, and the Atlantic Union Adventist Media Governing Board made the decision to purchase a production truck rather than utilizing a fixed facility, and have it customized with all the equipment necessary to video record, edit, and produce local programs.

Subsequently, the North American Division, which also shares a passion for inner-city evangelism, gave the additional funds needed to complete the customization of the production truck. In addition, individuals in the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences have given generous donations toward this project. The truck was dedicated on June 11, 2005, during services held at the Linden church in Laurelton, New York.

Places AUAM Has Been

The AUAM production truck has traveled from the Atlantic Union headquarters in Massachusetts, to Rhode Island, New York City, to other locations in the United States and Canada. AUAM has been involved in various outreach efforts, including disaster relief work and evangelism campaigns. AUAM has made significant contributions to the church’s mission to spread the gospel.
to New York City, to upstate New York, and to Bermuda (without the truck). They have recorded hundreds of hours of programs around the Atlantic Union, including camp meetings, women's ministries conventions, a pastors and teachers convention, the joint camp meeting at the Nassau Coliseum, live church services, a Breath of Life revival with Carlton Byrd, speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries, and a Revelation of Hope Series with Ted Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist world church president, to name a few. Individuals are able to watch archived programs online at auam.tv.

**Some of the Shows Produced**
The AUAM team has produced and recorded several programs that were aired either on television or online. They include:

- **3ABN Today**—a two hour special interview entitled “The Heritage Series,” featuring C. D. Brooks, speaker/director emeritus of Breath of Life Ministries;

- **Families 4 Heaven**—a half-hour 13-part series on various topics aired on Hope Channel and 3ABN with hosts Alanzo Smith, Greater New York Conference ministerial director, and his wife, June;

- **Pathway of Hope**—a half-hour preaching program with Abraham J. Jules, speaker/director, that aired on Hope Channel, 3ABN, and 3ABN’s Dare to Dream Network;

- **Let’s Connect Live with Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president**—90-minute unscripted conversations with Atlantic Union youth and young adults, recorded in New York City; Syracuse, New York; and Massachusetts. In Bermuda, *Let’s Connect Live* was broadcast live on the Internet and on Bermuda’s Adventist-owned cable television channel ATV.

**Affiliations**
AUAM is an official production affiliate of Hope Channel and 3ABN. AUAM remains committed to producing quality Christian programming that can be viewed on any of the Adventist networks, local networks, or online at www.auam.tv as they do their part in spreading the gospel.

**About the AUAM Team**
The AUAM team members are all volunteers who hail from such places as the United States, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Montserrat. They are all professionals in their own right. (Support staff not pictured in the photos on pages 6 and 7 are Dale Reynolds, Andrea Hicks, and Courtney Morgan, Jr.). When they are on the job for AUAM, they give their all to the honor and glory of God. They aim to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to their viewers in live audiences, on television, and on the Internet in as professional a manner as possible.
Meet the AUAM Team

► Wilson Trigo
Video Engineer (DIT) and Lighting Director
Occupation: Video Broadcast Engineer
“Time/Life is short and we are in a state of emergency. Let’s keep the cameras and lighting on.”

► JeNean Johnson
Assistant Director and Floor Manager
Occupation: Communication Director
"Media ministry is an absolute joy! As a member of the AUAM production team, I enjoy seeing everyone join together to use their gifts and talents to reach the thousands that view the programs."

► Walter Harris
Videographer
Occupation: Construction Company Owner
“Working with the team at AUAM is a wonderful joy and privilege. Working behind the camera brings great joy in helping to evangelize the world through media.”

► Rohann D. Wellington
Managing Director
Occupation: Pastor
“Media and Ministry is a marriage that shall never be broken in the years to come in fulfilling Matthew 24:14, ‘And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world.’ What an awesome privilege!”

► Lisa Wellington
Floor Manager
Occupation: Physician Assistant
“Media and ministry are very exciting for me. Being a part of the AUAM team is spiritually uplifting and simply wonderful.”

► Dahlia Reid
Social Media and Production Assistant
Occupation: Legal Assistant
“It’s wonderful to know that through this medium we are able to reach individuals who [normally] would not be reached. I will continue to allow the Lord to use me for His will.”

► Gary Saunders
Audio Engineer and IT Specialist
Occupation: Network Engineer
“I assist in providing end-to-end technical solutions for AUAM broadcasts—adding that personal touch to making the MIX sound crystal clear.”

► JeNean Johnson
Assistant Director and Floor Manager
Occupation: Communication Director
"Media ministry is an absolute joy! As a member of the AUAM production team, I enjoy seeing everyone join together to use their gifts and talents to reach the thousands that view the programs."
Assistant: # AUAM Annual Offering – August 30

Today, AUAM is challenged by aged equipment with no availability for parts or service. AUAM must now embark on a transition from equipment that is standard definition (SD) to high definition (HD).

This year’s annual union-wide offering for the AUAM ministry will be taken in Atlantic Union churches on Sabbath, August 30 (see ad on the back). This is a first for AUAM and they do not want to miss out on the financial blessings God can give through His people.

A major focus of your offering, sponsorships, and donations is to help to upgrade the truck and equipment to get it back to full operation. This will allow the AUAM ministry to continue to expand and better serve its constituent churches.

God knows the impact the AUAM media ministry has had and is having on the lives of people in the Atlantic Union territory and beyond. We thank the director, team members, and all others who also volunteer for service in this ministry. This is another avenue of fulfilling the mission of the Atlantic Union Conference to “lead all people, through the power of the everlasting gospel, into a growing, balanced, mature Christian experience to develop the church family, to serve the local community, and to prepare every person for the soon coming of Jesus Christ.”

Ednor A. P. Davison is the editor of the Atlantic Union Gleaner and assistant to the president for communication in the Atlantic Union Conference.

Photos on pages 6 and 7 by Dawin Rodriguez, and hair and makeup by Paolo Di Valdi.

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**Chris Dublin**  
Audio Engineer  
Occupation: TSA Officer  
“The Bible says that ‘Faith comes by hearing.’ To be able to help someone increase their faith by providing an excellent sound is an awesome privilege. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to work with AUAM.”

**Dawin Rodriguez**  
Photography and Social Media  
Occupation: Photography  
Studio Owner  
“Working as a photographer for AUAM is an honor! Being available to use the talent that God has given me, and to use it for His work is an amazing experience!”

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**Lisa González**  
Character Generator and Production Assistant  
Occupation: Administrative Assistant  
“Working with media has at times been challenging, yet quite rewarding. I enjoy the excitement of live broadcasting and meeting new people. Cameras, lights, action!”

**Travis Williams**  
Videographer and Editor  
Occupation: Video Editor  
“Being able to use your talents in serving God and spreading His word is an honor and a privilege. I am able to assist, not only in what you view live, but also the finished product you view later.”

**Orville Vassel**  
Videographer and Electrician  
Occupation: Electrical Contractor  
“I am excited to be a part of AUAM, spreading the light of Jesus and His soon return. It’s ministry for me behind the camera.”
College and University Campuses: An Overdue Challenge and Responsibility

If you heard that more than two million people, mostly young adults, with all types of needs, live in your proximity, what would you do? If it was further brought to your attention that they are going through some of the most crucial moments of their lives, and getting ready to make lifelong decisions, how would you and your church seek to make a difference in their circumstances?

These are not hypothetical questions, it is our reality in the Atlantic Union territory, where an estimated 2,228,683 higher education students go to school at the hundreds of public and private campuses. According to statistics provided by the Department of Education of each state and the Bermuda government, there are about: 1,259,017 in New York, 501,164 in Massachusetts, 195,084 in Connecticut, 85,277 in Rhode Island, 71,060 in Maine, 70,754 in New Hampshire, 44,957 in Vermont, and 1,370 at Bermuda College in Bermuda.

If we group these numbers together and compare it to the cities across our territory, the student population would be the second largest city in the Atlantic Union, second only to New York City, and larger than Boston, Hartford, Providence, Manchester, Portland, or Hamilton. There are more college and university students in the Atlantic Union territory than there are people in Maine (1,328,361), New Hampshire (1,316,470), Rhode Island (1,052,567), Vermont (625,741), and Bermuda (64,806).

Six out of the eight prestigious Ivy League schools, that are well known for their excellence, selectivity in admission, and social elitism are also in the Atlantic Union territory: Brown University (Providence, R.I.), Columbia University (New York, N.Y.), Cornell University (Ithaca, N.Y.), Dartmouth College (Hanover, N.H.), Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.), and Yale University (New Haven, Conn.). These and other schools in our territory are the places where future leaders for our country and the world are equipped and shaped.

Several United States presidents and other world leaders were educated right in the Atlantic Union territory; John F. Kennedy, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, to name a few.

The point of all this is that we need to get serious about ministry on non-Adventist university and college campuses across the Atlantic Union territory. After all, which one of the cities or states mentioned above would you give up and totally pull the Adventist ministry and presence from? The truth is that we seem to have given up on those campuses and currently have very little Adventist ministry or organized presence in any of the schools in our territory. We have unintentionally, with very few exceptions, forsaken more than 2.2 million people who could benefit from our ministry and presence.

Together with our team of youth directors, union, and conference leadership we are working on the following recommendations:

1. Place chaplains in the main centers of higher education across the Atlantic Union with the purpose of identifying Adventist students on the area campuses and planting Adventist Christian Fellowships, small groups, and churches on those campuses.

2. Become intentional about the placing and equipping of pastors in churches and districts close to colleges and universities.

If we take this call seriously, the benefits will be:

1. Retention of our Adventist college and university students who go to non-Adventist schools (about 80 percent of our Adventist sons and daughters go to non-Adventist schools).

2. Creation of a healthy evangelistic lifestyle among Adventist students in non-Adventist schools.

3. Reaching of the highly educated and potentially influential and wealthy upcoming generations. It is easier to reach them on their way up rather than trying to get them once they are on top of the world.

José Cortés, Jr., is the director of Adventist Youth Ministries in the Atlantic Union.
Nine students from the eight academies in the Atlantic Union are the recipients of 2014 Caring Heart Award. The Caring Heart Award for Christian Service was established to give recognition to students attending Adventist academies who have “demonstrated a personal commitment to active participatory service and witnessing activities and programs.” Students in their junior or senior year are nominated by staff members, pastor/campus chaplains, student leaders, or the school’s witnessing/outreach coordinators. The final screening and selection is made by a committee at the individual’s school. The award is given at the same time all other scholarships and awards are presented during graduation weekend at the school. Each recipient receives a scholarship award of $500 and a plaque. Congratulations to the 2014 Caring Heart Award winners.

This year’s Caring Heart Award winners are:

Letitia Williams
Bermuda Institute, Junior
Southampton, Bermuda

Ashley Paige
Central Vermont Academy, Senior
Barre, Vermont

Ciara Jordan-Sanders
Greater Boston Academy, Junior
Stoneham, Massachusetts

Edy Gomez
Greater New York Academy, Senior
Woodside, New York

Jesse Laurent
Northeastern Academy, Senior
New York, New York

Chloe Headley
Pine Tree Academy, Junior
Freeport, Maine

Sharisse Rivas
South Lancaster Academy, Senior
South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Isaac Valera
South Lancaster Academy, Senior
South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Sara Thompson
Union Springs Academy, Senior
Union Springs, New York

Scan to visit the Caring Heart Web site or go to www.nadeducation.org/caringheart.
Sonia Dawes Named Teacher of the Year

On June 19, middle school teachers across the island of Bermuda gathered at the Gilbert Institute to celebrate the middle school teachers who were nominated by their students for the 2014 Teacher of the Year award. It was a relaxed atmosphere while the students and nominees, along with family, friends, and colleagues waited patiently for the big announcement.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda invited students from all middle schools to enter a creative piece outlining reasons why their teachers should be selected teacher of the year. There were many entries in the form of essays, poems, posters, and videos. As some of the students shared their creative pieces with the audience, it was clear that the judges did not have an easy time making the final selection.

The video submitted by Xiaye Bradshaw earned her teacher, Sonia Dawes, the much coveted title of Teacher of the Year.

Dawes has been in the classroom for more than 30 years and has impacted many lives during her career. It was no great surprise to her former students and colleagues when they learned of her award. Her students describe her as loving, Christ-like, even-tempered, patient, encouraging, and consistent. Her colleagues see her as a friendly, consistent, creative, professional, and gifted teacher. Some often refer to her as a “master teacher,” because of her consistency and compassion in teaching her students.

Over the years she has served on several committees at the union level, as chair of Bermuda Institute’s Bible and Social Studies departments, and she continues to lead out in various areas of the school in order to give each student the best possible educational experience. She is loved and respected by her colleagues, students, and parents.

Dawes said that she was surprised, excited, and humbled by the honor of being selected by The Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda as the 2014 Teacher of the Year. “I have a job to do, to prepare young people for this life and the life to come, and I really enjoy what I do. I never expected such recognition. We serve an amazing God. He chose me to make an impact in these children’s lives and for that, I am grateful. To God be the glory! For me to have been chosen is extremely moving. This award inspires me to do even more to continue to make learning exciting for every student.”

Xiaye Bradshaw received an iPad for creating the video, while Dawes will travel to Chicago, Illinois, in February 2015 to attend the Learning Disabilities National Conference, all expenses paid. The video submitted by Bradshaw is posted on the Facebook page of The Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda. This is the first annual award established by The Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda to recognize teachers in middle school who exemplify excellence in their profession, provide quality education as they make a difference in the lives of their students, and encourage creativity.

—Frigga M. Simmons, middle school coordinator, Bermuda Institute

OFFICIAL NOTICE
Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first Quadrennial Session of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda, on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. and the Nominating Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers, executives, trustees and constitution and bylaws committees, and departmental directors for the ensuing term; to receive reports; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session.

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 committee, the constitution and bylaws 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.

Jeffrey O. Brown, President
Sydney C. Gibbons, Secretary
Thousands of Youth Unite to Serve in New York City

Thousands of teens and young adults from the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences united to serve on a weekend of sharing God’s love with acts of compassion throughout the city of New York. “The Future is Now—Divinely Called to Serve and Lead” was the theme for this year’s compassion weekend.

“I feel as if God is overtaking and His Spirit is overflowing here. I really appreciate this” said Ariel Laura Metayer. Ariel Christian Celestin, another youth who participated, said, “This has influenced me to do better and I’ve learned a lot by helping other people and I’ve learned from them too.”

The acts of compassion included participation at soup kitchens, comfort stations at dialysis centers, in a flash mob, and several ministries, including subway ministry, police and fire department ministry, health check ministry, and an animal shelter ministry, to name a few. Roger Wade, Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries director, said “The subway ministry in front of the Barkley Center was an awesome opportunity to see young people singing and sharing the Word of God, STEPS TO CHRIST, free water, hugs, and talking.”

On Friday evening, the volunteers took time out for rejuvenation at the Maranatha French church in Queens, New York, and attended a service of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has provided to thousands in the area.

On Sabbath afternoon, like a sea of warriors, more than 2,000 young people participated in the compassion march down Grand Concourse in the Bronx, ending in front of the New York Civil Court as the Lord held back the threatening rains. As they marched, they distributed information on healthy living and shared cards with ideas on ways to express acts of compassion.

By the close of the weekend, more than 58 projects and 5,000 hours were given in service. “The expectation was great. We really enjoyed it and we fulfilled our purpose,” said Andres Peralta, Greater New York Conference Youth Ministries director. “The young people of the Greater New York and Northeastern conferences like to do things for God and I think that’s great!”

—Lisa Gonzalez, reporter, GNYC Adventist News

Gethsemane French Church Celebrates 30 Years

The thirtieth anniversary celebration of the Gethsemane French church in Brooklyn, New York, occurred over two days with more than 800 people attending. This congregation, which attracts thousands of worshipers yearly, showed their gratitude through music, ministry, and laughter for the blessings the Lord has bestowed on them throughout the years.

The event was blessed with powerful sermons from guest speakers Eddy Benoit, pastor of the Antioch and Huntington churches in Long Island, New York, and Agnuel Samson, professor in the Oakwood University Religion and Theology department in Huntsville, Alabama. The sermons focused on the “Present, Past, and Future” and members were admonished to be ready for the Lord’s soon return.

“I am one of the founders. I was here. So I participated in everything from the foundation of Gethsemane. It is a joy for me to be here and be a part of the celebrations,” says Moab Honoré, former Greater New York Conference Haitian Ministries director.

Recounting the years he spent at Gethsemane, Alourdin Benoit, retired Greater New York Conference pastor, says, “I had the privilege to build the church. To do all kinds of fundraising, to find money with the conference, and to make this dream a reality.”

One of the highlights of the weekend was to have Matthew Eugene, New York City council member, present Yves Phaeton, Gethsemane church’s senior pastor, with a special proclamation on behalf of the district and state.

Church member Antoine Vaval, who is overjoyed with the direction and effect the church has had on its young people, says, “[Our young people] are at the university or they’ve accomplished something with their life. They are doctors, engineers, nurses, and everything.”

The thirtieth anniversary of the Gethsemane church marks a milestone that the members will not soon forget.

—Fabiola Jean, reporter, GNYC Adventist News

More than 2,000 young people participate in a compassion march down Grand Concourse in the Bronx.
On June 23, the New York Conference Executive Committee elected Elias Zabala to serve as president of the conference. Zabala came to the New York Conference four years ago as treasurer and most recently was elected as secretary-treasurer at the conference’s constituency meeting in April.

In addition to serving in administration for the last four years in the New York Conference, and as an interim pastor, Zabala previously served as secretary-treasurer of the Turks and Caicos Mission in the Inter-American Division. He also served as a pastor in the Southeast Dominican Conference, East Jamaica Conference, and East Puerto Rico Conference.

Zabala holds a bachelor’s degree in pastoral theology, a master’s degree in accounting, a master’s degree in pastoral theology, and he is currently completing his doctoral studies in leadership and administration at the Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Sharing some thoughts on his new assignment, Zabala says, “The New York Conference will continue to move forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and it is my desire to seek His will as I take on the leadership. Personally, I believe that God has special plans for the New York Conference, as Jeremiah 29:11, says, ‘for I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (NIV)

“I believe the Lord has special plans for the New York Conference.”—Elias Zabala

Zabala and his wife, Shelly Ann, have two sons, Elias and Patric. Shelly Ann is a registered nurse.

Departmental directors elected at the April constituency meeting to serve the conference are Priscilla English, associate treasurer; Bradley Booth, superintendent of schools; and Dan Whitlow, youth ministries. All other departmental director positions will be voted by the conference’s executive committee. As a result of Zabala’s new appointment, English was voted by the executive committee at the June 23 meeting to serve as interim treasurer.

“The Atlantic Union Conference administrators and staff continue to pray for the work of the New York Conference as they seek to carry out God’s mission in their part of the vineyard while awaiting the soon and glorious return of our Savior, Jesus Christ,” says Donald G. King, Atlantic Union Conference president, who chaired the New York Conference Executive Committee meeting when Zabala was elected.

Zabala and his team will provide leadership to the approximately 5,717 members who worship in 61 churches and three companies, seven elementary schools, one academy, a number of community services centers, and other ministries in the conference’s territory.

—Editor A. F. Davison, GLEANER editor
Union Springs Academy Band and Choir Participate in Memorial Day Events

Everybody loves a parade, especially when it showcases our kids and their talents! Hats off to the members of the Union Springs Academy band and choir, led by Esther Baker, for their fine performances at the annual Memorial Day parade and lakeside service on Monday, May 26, in Union Springs, New York.

Entertaining cheering crowds, the band rode on a trailer provided by Terry Schermerhorn, a local USA alumnus and Vietnam veteran. The trailer, beautifully transformed into a parade float by LeeAnn Fairbanks, the school secretary, and students, featured a flag-draped coffin, a cross, a field of cross markers, and a banner proclaiming “Freedom is Never Free.”

At the village park the choir sang “The Star Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America” with Cayuga Lake as a backdrop, gorgeous weather, and attentive celebrants. As Christians, our freedom should never be taken for granted, and since many of our students are refugees from war-torn countries, it was a privilege for our school to celebrate with the community on such an important day for our nation.

—Linda Schermerhorn, correspondent, Union Springs Academy

Union Springs Academy Band and Choir members perform at the annual Memorial Day parade and lakeside service in Union Springs, New York.

50-Year Staff Reunion

August 29-September 1, 2014

Inviting all current and former staff, volunteers, and Cherokee committee members to join us for a weekend celebration of 50 years of ministry at Camp Cherokee.

Guest speakers include past and current directors Bob Farley, Mike Ortel, and Dan Whitlow.

Visit www.nyconf.org/cherokee50 to register to stay for the weekend or to attend for the day.

Additional information, including weekend prices and schedule, can be found on the Web site.

We hope to see you there!
Hispanic Camp Meeting, A Time of Excitement and Warm Fellowship

On Memorial Day weekend, members from Hispanic churches throughout the Northeastern Conference gathered for the annual Hispanic Camp Meeting at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York. It was a weekend of worship and fellowship with fellow believers. The theme, “Si, Ven, Señor Jesús” (“Even so, Come, Lord Jesus”), taken from Revelation 22:20, focused on the blessed hope of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Activities included daily seminars and such family-friendly activities as a sports award ceremony and a banquet on Sunday evening. On Sabbath morning, John Dinzey, director of 3ABN Latino, presented a thought-provoking sermon based on the theme. He encouraged listeners in their Christian walk as they prepare to receive their Savior when He returns.

Sabbath afternoon was full of excitement as young and old alike enjoyed an afternoon of music featuring Felipe Garibo, Luis Christian, and Cuarteto Danbury, and friendly Bible competitions. The concert was followed by a Bible Bowl and a Pathfinder drill team competition. The weekend was a time of worship and fellowship for all those who attended.

—Petrice Wideman, staff writer, Northeastern Conference communication

Bethesda Junior Academy Wins Liberty’s History Writing Competition

Congratulations to the fifth- through seventh-grade students and their teacher at Bethesda Junior Academy on successfully winning Liberty’s History Writing Competition sponsored by Kathryn and Rush Limbaugh Holdings Limited.

Recently, the office at Bethesda Junior Academy received an invitation to participate in Liberty’s History Writing Competition. The teacher, Katia P. Dauphin, and her students worked diligently on their writing assignments until they were complete. The students demonstrated perseverance, as they had recently competed in the Earth Day Poster Competition in which they received Honorable Mention.

Unfortunately, school came to an end and nothing more was heard about the outcome of the competition. However, by Monday, June 17, the teacher received an e-mail informing her that her students had won the competition and were being recognized for their creativity.

Special congratulations are in order for the entire school, but particularly for the dedicated teachers who expose their children to every opportunity that is made available to them. Dauphin is one of those teachers who leaves no stone unturned for her children’s success.

Having won the grand prize, the students will receive tickets to the MetLife Stadium to see the New York Giants take on the Arizona Cardinals on September 14, 2014. Their prize will include ground transportation and parking, food and beverages, and an excellent view from Rush and Kathryn’s luxury suite near the 50-yard line.
Northeastern Conference Prayer Warriors Take Prayer to the Streets

May 1 was the annual National Day of Prayer and Northeastern Conference (NEC) joined Christians all over the country in observance of the day by hosting a Community Prayer Day at the conference headquarters. Patrecia Langley, NEC prayer ministries coordinator, invited the community to participate in a prayer open house that took place throughout the day.

In keeping with the principles of Adventist Christian education, each teacher views each child as a soul for the kingdom and consequently works to build the kingdom of God. Perseverance and hard work, as demonstrated by the students in Dauphin’s class, are some of the principles that the students at Bethesda Junior Academy are taught daily.

Congratulations once again, grades 5-7. You have made us proud.

—Celestine Creighton, principal, Bethesda Junior Academy

Four Baptized at Canaan Church’s Evangelistic Series

The Canaan church, in Hyannis, Massachusetts, concluded a three-week summer evangelistic series on May 31. The theme for the meetings was “L’Apocalypse Proclame: Jesus est Vainqueur!” ("Revelation Proclaims: Jesus is Victorious")

The speaker for the meetings was Frantzcel Aguy, the church’s pastor, who preached and taught from the book of Revelation. From May 10, every night except Mondays and Thursdays, church members and visitors listened to vibrant, clear-cut, spirit-filled, and soul-searching presentations. The Personal Ministries department, in particular, and the whole church, was at work sharing the three angels’ messages. A number of visitors attended the meetings night after night to study the Word. Four people were baptized at the end of the series.

On Sabbath afternoon, May 31, the meetings concluded with a graduation ceremony, along with a concert. The special guest for the occasion was the renowned international singer Michael J. Harris.

His testimonies and songs were a blessing for the whole community.

—Marie Renée Butler, communication director, Canaan church

Frantzcel Aguy, Canaan church’s pastor, center, with the baptismal candidates, from left, Jean Maceau Celin, Midtchelle Jean Baptiste Paul, Naphialie Paul, and Darnouchka Pierre.

Last year Dauphin entered her children in the Young American Poetry Writing Competition, a National Schools Project designed to share the talents of youth and to provide a national publishing opportunity for young poets. This year we congratulated three of her students whose materials were published in the 2013 Young American Poetry Digest. The students were Frangine Archange, Sabria Moten, and Semaya Robinson.

Bethesda Junior Academy is a pre-K to tenth-grade school in Amityville, New York. It boasts of a caring and nurturing environment, 93 percent parent satisfaction, and a 3:1 teacher-student ratio. The school has as its motto Engage, Transform, Emerge. At the academy every child is encouraged to engage in meaningful learning activities, encouraged to allow God to transform their lives daily, and supported as they emerge to change their world.

In keeping with the principles of Adventist Christian education, each teacher views each child as a soul for the kingdom and consequently works to build the kingdom of God. Perseverance and hard work, as demonstrated by the students in Dauphin’s class, are some of the principles that the students at Bethesda Junior Academy are taught daily.

Congratulations once again, grades 5-7. You have made us proud.

—Celestine Creighton, principal, Bethesda Junior Academy

at www.atlantic-union.org  Atlantic Union Gleaner, August 2014
Harry Sabnani's Ministry Celebrated

For some 25 years Harry Sabnani has faithfully ministered to the youth and mentored the young adults of the Northern New England Conference (NNEC). By any measure, Sabnani has come into contact with—and profoundly influenced the lives of—a great number of youth. In fact, Pastor Harry (as he is affectionately known) has now ministered to two generations of youth and young adults. Because of Sabnani’s cumulative impact on the people of the conference, he was recently honored not once but twice—one at Camp Lawroweld and once at the NNEC camp meeting.

Sabnani has not retired yet. But he soon will, and friends of Pastor Harry wanted to honor and celebrate his years as director of Camp Lawroweld and Youth Ministries. Thus it was that a throng of current and former staff of Camp Lawroweld, and friends of Pastor Harry gathered at Camp Lawroweld recently for a weekend celebrating his ministry. Those who had been blessed by Sabnani’s ministry traveled from as far away as Oregon to be a part of the weekend.

The weekend consisted of what one might expect—joy-filled worships, meals, and reflections and a Saturday night roast of the honored man (around a campfire, of course). But the real indication of the impact Pastor Harry has made was revealed less in those events than in the private conversations and expressions of gratitude, the hugs, and the prayers together, that punctuated the quieter moments of the weekend.

After the quiet and personal moments at Camp Lawroweld came a much more public honor for Pastor Harry. He was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American Division Youth Ministries Department. The rare honor was presented by Dan Jackson, North American Division president. It is a rare pastor who can work successfully in one area for much of their ministry. It is a rarer pastor still who can successfully work with youth for most or all of their ministry (and let’s—literally—of Northern New England Adventists.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fifth quadrennial session of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc., will be held at Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine, on Sunday, October 26, 2014. The first meeting of the session is called for 10:00 a.m. The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers, an executive committee, and the departmental/service directors for the ensuing quadrennial term; to consider proposed amendments to the Articles and Bylaws; to receive reports; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members (Article V, Section 1a) to represent them at the session. The Organizing Committee shall meet on Sunday, June 29, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Freeport Seventh-day Adventist Church, 67 Pownal Rd., Freeport, Maine. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Nominating Committee to serve the constituency, to nominate an Articles and Bylaws Committee, and any other committees as may be necessary (Article VI, Section 1c). The Nominating Committee shall meet on Sunday, August 17, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Northern New England Conference office headquarters, 479 Main St., Westbrook, Maine. (Article VI, Section 2a).

Robert Cundiff, President
Theodore Huskins, Secretary
Prayer Retreat Participants Learn How to Have a Richer Devotional Experience

Prayer retreat is an incredibly valuable spring and fall tradition in the Northern New England Conference (NNEC), one that brings rich spiritual blessings to all who attend. NNEC’s spring prayer retreat, held at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, on Memorial Day weekend, was reported to be a blessing to those who attended.

This year, the blessing seemed even more pronounced. Things were set up a bit differently than in previous retreats; participants were seated at round tables, which were their assigned seats for the weekend. The assigned seating allowed the participants to really get to know each other and this, in turn, allowed them to engage in deep thought, prayer, and conversation. After a long winter during which many were somewhat isolated, this was a refreshing change.

The whole weekend revolved around forming and deepening an intimate relationship with Christ through new or renewed ways. There were a number of breakout sessions, including a journaling class presented by Crystal Holden, who taught different ways to journal one’s spiritual life.

The prayer retreat featured prayer walks, music worship, and interactive meetings that allowed each participant to see God’s Word in a more personal way. One primary goal of the retreat was to help participants build a devotional time that is richer and deeper—a goal that some participants report was successfully met.

If you have never attended a prayer retreat, you are invited to attend NNEC’s fall retreat and experience the blessings that God has waiting for you. NNEC prayer retreats are held twice a year. The spring retreat is always in May on Memorial Day weekend and the fall retreat is always on Columbus Day weekend in October. Those interested in attending the fall retreat (featuring the internationally known speaker, Colin Hone) can register by visiting www.prayerministries.com or contact Kelly Veilleux kellyv@inverty.org or call (207) 314-7546.

—Christine Penney, member, Dixfield church.

The Bordoville 150th Homecoming Anniversary

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October 18, 2014

Speaker
Ted N.C. Wilson
President
Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath School begins at 9:50 a.m.
An afternoon program is planned.

Bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship dinner.

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Washington New Hampshire Church Annual Meeting

August 16, 2014

Guest Speaker
Gary Councell
Director
Adventist Chaplain Ministries

Sabbath School starts at 10:00 a.m. with worship and afternoon services to follow.

153 King Street
Washington, New Hampshire
The Southern New England Conference Evangelism Department hosted an evangelism conference May 16-18, at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, entitled “Advancing the Kingdom: Developing Relationships” with the hope of creating a reawakening of the evangelism spirit across the conference.

The weekend event featured six presenters: Manny Cruz, Eric Flickinger, Scott Christiansen, Mark Gagnon, Warren Ruf, and Edgardo Herrera. They presented seminars covering such topics as youth evangelism, prayer in evangelistic settings, how one person can make a difference, the role of relationships as a means of leading someone to Christ, discipleship, small groups, and the role of prophecy in the degeneracy of our planet.

Participants from across the conference represented the diverse cultural composition of the membership of the Southern New England Conference. There were 139 registered participants, with 173 people attending on Sabbath.

Beginning on Friday evening, the keynote speaker, Manny Cruz, North American Division Youth Ministries director, spoke about reconnecting with young people. He emphasized that some of the reasons youth and young adults are leaving the church is because “We do not allow them to be an integral part of the development and planning of [the church services]. Rather, we tell them what to do and only insert one or two into a few programs, hoping that doing so would keep them in the church.”

Cruz stressed that the older generation loves to have the young people in the church, but have always expected them to do things the same way the older generation did. Examples include music,
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- Friday evening: Light supper followed by music and a panel discussion at Stoneham Memorial church (SMC), Stoneham, Mass.
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- Sabbath (1:00 p.m.): Luncheon at Greater Boston Academy (GBA)
- Sabbath (1:00-5:00 p.m.): Class reunions
- Sabbath (5:00 p.m.): Vespers at SMC
- Sabbath (6:30 p.m.): Light supper at GBA followed by a variety show by students and alumni; special feature—five short movies of school activities never seen before (found in the archives) covering from early 1940s through 1972, including the 1953 Acadettes bus trip to Los Angeles
- Sunday morning: Duck boat tour of Boston
- Sunday afternoon: Bus tour of AUC area with supper at the Old Mill

For more detailed information and directions, visit greaterbostonacademy.org/alumni or contact Arthur Barnaby ’51, alumni president at afbarnaby@juno.com or call (951) 359-4344.

He emphasized that while we do not need to change the message, we need to alter the method if we want to retain the youth and young adults in the church, because the postmodern mind perceives and approaches things differently.

In his Sabbath message, Donald G. King, Atlantic Union president, charged the participants to engage in the spiritual warfare with all the spiritual arsenals at our disposal, utilizing Christ’s method in finishing the work.

Here are some highlights of the conference:

- Participants say they felt a renewed enthusiasm for outreach, utilizing different methods in reaching the diverse social, cultural, educational, and economic population the conference serves.
- Participants expressed the need to have more evangelism training conferences to provide them with resources they can use in reaching others.
- Presenters challenged participants to seek any and every opportunity to make a difference in peoples’ lives.
- Participants expressed that the seminars enabled them to provide support to their pastors as they all seek to develop meaningful relationships with Christ.

In the final charge, “Called a Second Time,” David M. Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, challenged the participants to use every possible opportunity to develop relationships that lead others to Christ and advance His kingdom.

—John K Amoah, ministerial director and evangelism coordinator, Southern New England Conference

South Lancaster Academy
Alumni Weekend
October 10–12, 2014
Registration will begin at South Lancaster Academy (SLA) on Friday, October 10, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Spaghetti Supper, sponsored by the SLA senior class. The Friday night program at 7:30 p.m. will be a musical event by the SLA choir and the New England Youth Orchestra.

The keynote speaker for the worship service on Sabbath is Sheila Wilson Holder ’64. A luncheon will be held at the Chan Shun Dining Commons, with tickets available in advance or at the door. Please contact Jon Nosek, director of development, at (978) 365-5225 or e-mail jnosek@sla-browning.org for tickets or more information.

After lunch at 3:00 p.m. honor classes will have the opportunity to visit and update each other in the afternoon, or, alternatively, a tour of the area will be available with the SLA bus, including local and historical narrative.

Vespers will be at the Village Church, followed by supper at the dining commons and a program provided by SLA.

The evening will allow for further class visiting or the traditional basketball game of students vs. alumni for women, followed by the same for men. Make your travel plans to include an excellent concert by Christian music singer Steven Green on Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

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### ATLANTIC UNION

**Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Convention**, September 19-21, Stamford Marriott Hotel, 243 Tresser Blvd., Stamford, CT. For more information and to register, visit: atlantic-union.org/singles-ministries or contact the Atlantic Union Conference Family Ministries Department at (978) 368-8333, ext. 3016. All single adults are invited. The speaker for the convention is Carlton Byrd, speaker/director for Breath of Life Ministries. The event is sponsored by the Atlantic Union Conference and North American Division Family Ministries departments.

The **Northeast Evangelism Training School (NETS)** four-month certificate course begins on August 15 on the campus of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass. Participants will receive training in Bible work, health evangelism, and public evangelism. NETS is dedicated to training students who are serious about realizing the potential that God has given them. Apply today! To register, and for more information, call: (978) 368-2638; e-mail: registrar@netsatlanticunion.org; or visit: netsatlanticunion.org.

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