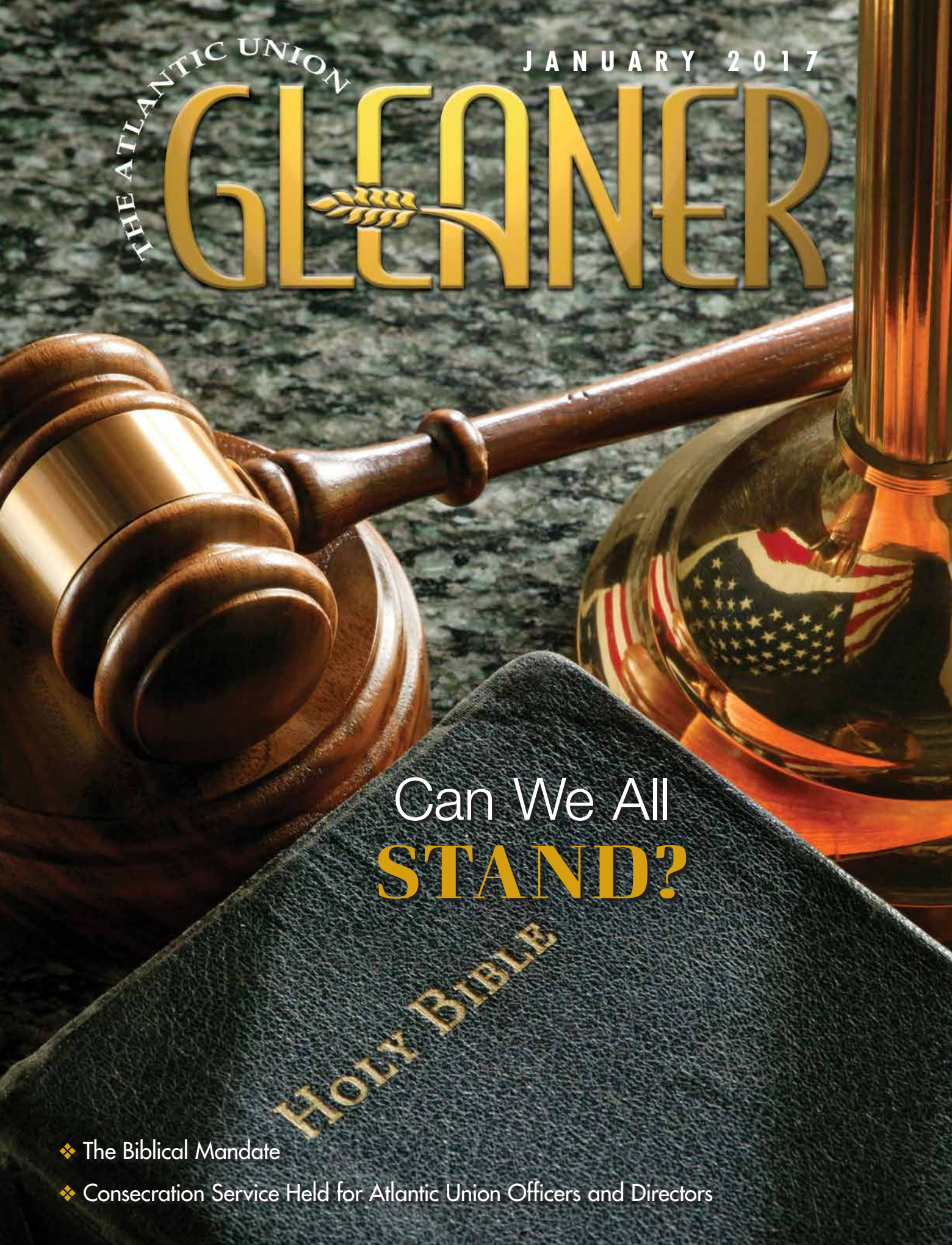


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Reflections and **Forecasting**

The 73rd Psalm begins with the statement, “Truly, God is good to Israel, to such that are pure in heart” (NKJV). As we reflect on the year 2016 and how God has led us through turmoil, distress, and fears, through hills and valleys, hopes and hopelessness, we can truly say that God has been good to us.

The year 2016 started out as any other year, and we all anticipated the very best for the future, but we seem to have gone about our activities with a business as usual attitude. Within our church, we can still see an atmosphere of unpreparedness for the return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are strongly divided on the issue of the role of women in advancing the mission of the church. There is reluctance to fully engage our youth and young adults in church growth and development.

On the national scene we have just witnessed one of the worst election campaigns, where mud-slinging and degrading expressions were the order of the day. There are many who are still nursing their wounds, while others are wondering if this is a precursor to the end of time. There are some who are fearful that our religious liberties will be compromised in light of the new administration, which will commence responsibilities on January 20, 2017.

The Atlantic Union Conference made significant changes at its 30th constituency meeting on June 19, 2016, selecting three new administrative officers, and new departmental directors. All this and

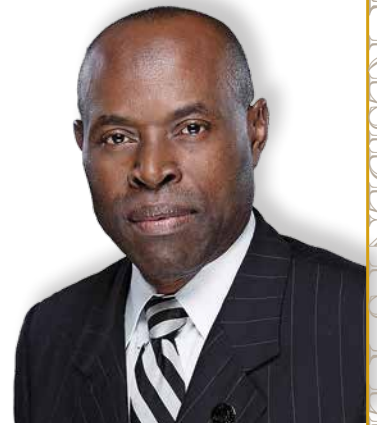
more lends itself to an uncertain future, but, if we face challenges, “with Christ in the vessel, we can smile at the storm.” Let us pause to thank Donald G. King, Carlyle Simmons, Leon Thomassian, and the former departmental directors and staff for their faithful service to the Atlantic Union Conference.

The Christmas holiday season was a time to reflect on God’s goodness and also to express gratitude to Him for sending His beloved Son to this earth to serve as an example for each of us. It was also a time to celebrate family and to let our loved ones know, even more, how much we appreciate them while we also extended a helping hand to the less fortunate around us.

As we forge ahead into 2017, let us do so with full awareness that God will guide us, if we submit ourselves to Him. He knows the future and He is ready and willing to direct us in fulfilling His mission. There is much for us to accomplish in the Atlantic Union as we strive to impact the world in preparation for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore not lose hope, let us not be fearful, because the same God who has brought us thus far will lead us boldly into the future. “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teachings in our past history”—TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, vol. 9, p. 10. ①

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Can We **ALL STAND?**

NFL TV ratings are down. Fans are no longer spending Sunday afternoons fixated on their favorite teams. Is this caused by the recent spate of domestic violence incidents involving players and the lack of appropriate discipline by the league? No. Is the reason dissatisfaction with the premier quarterback, Tom Brady, getting away with deflating footballs to win games? No. The fan base is upset that a quarterback, whose career appears to be on the decline, has decided that he will no longer stand for the singing of the national anthem.

Risking career, San Francisco 49ers' quarterback Colin Kaepernick made two decisions that could have a lasting impact upon his NFL career. First, he decided to buck tradition by becoming a vegetarian. He spent his offseason recovering from a season-ending shoulder surgery. His coaches and trainers all believed that he needed a meat-based diet to assist in building the muscle required to sustain him during the grind of an NFL season. As a result they said that he was not physically capable of competing for the starting quarterback position at the beginning of the NFL season. However, he was ready to challenge the tradition of all NFL players of standing for the singing or playing of the national anthem at the start of NFL games. This decision rocked the sports world and caused a visceral reaction across the political spectrum. Even the venerated and socially-conscious Hall of Famer Jim Brown questioned whether this was a good decision.

Kaepernick's decision occurred in the context of a divisive presidential election cycle, amidst growing hostility between police departments around the country and the African-American community, fears about secret cells of Muslim terrorists waiting to strike on a moment's notice, the hacking and release of e-mails from the Democratic National Party, and a growing sense among working class Americans that jobs are fleeing the country.

Kaepernick altered his stance regarding not standing for the anthem to the more reverent kneeling position, after meeting with a veteran of the military, and since then has kneeled during the playing or singing of the national anthem.



By John Ashmeade, Esq.

This more reverent posture did nothing to stem the scrutiny and debate that emerged from Kaepernick's actions. Talk show hosts spent countless hours debating this issue with listeners. Few supported Kaepernick's actions. The police union threatened that if Kaepernick's activities continued, they would not provide security for 49ers' home games. A legion of former players and current players weighed in, most questioning Kaepernick's decision. The discussion on social media





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was unrelentingly negative and even Kaepernick's mother, who gave him up for adoption, was quoted as saying that his actions have embarrassed the family.

With the walls appearing to close in on Kaepernick and his career, reports emerged that his sports jerseys were selling like hotcakes and his coach, who had been accused by other players of purging his former team of players based upon race, voiced support for the issues prompting

Kaepernick's protest. Additionally, a small number of current players voiced and engaged in activities that supported Kaepernick's endeavors. His more ardent supporters were high school students who imitated his kneeling activity before games but who faced reported pressure from school officials to stand for the national anthem or risk individual suspensions from school or threats to shut down the football programs altogether.



The racial divide that all too often characterizes these types of discussions appears to have reared its ugly head, with the candidates for political office seizing on the issue to weigh in with their disapproval. Comments by politicians on this issue seeking any advantage in a close election year were to be expected. However, a statement from one of the more liberal justices on the Supreme Court caught everyone by surprise, and her actual statement was even more troubling. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, known to be one of the more liberal justices on the court, opined, “I think it’s really dumb of them. Would I arrest them for doing it? No. I think it’s dumb and disrespectful.” One would expect that a person steeped in a deep understanding of the first amendment protections of speech would restrain herself from speaking about such a sensitive topic. Clearly, there is no government effort to curtail Kaepernick’s speech, but commentary from a Supreme Court judge has an impact.

The Supreme Court has on a number of occasions rendered judgments on government efforts to compel flag salutes and prevent flag burnings. These symbols—the flag and the national anthem—were meant to unite us as a nation, but they have often become the flashpoints for protest. These protests generate attention due to the high regard held by most for these symbolic representations of our nation’s history, present and future.

The backlash against Kaepernick’s protest highlights the ongoing tensions faced by minority faiths like the Jehovah’s Witnesses denomination when confronted with demonstrating loyalty to national symbols held in awe by most Americans. Long ago, the Supreme Court ruled that school districts could not require Jehovah’s Witnesses students to salute the flag in school. The uproar over Kaepernick’s protest suggests that many are willing to exert social forces on others to conform to honoring national symbols of worship. We will wait to see what the NFL, a multimillion dollar industry, does with respect to players when it comes time to negotiate the collective bargaining agreement between the players and owners. We will see if standing will be a requirement in the new agreement.

Kaepernick will in all likelihood ride out the storm and go on to have a successful football career. The controversy has exposed trouble ahead for freedom of expression and in all likelihood, freedom of religion. The heated discussions on Kaepernick’s decision resulted in rumors and speculations about the real motives for Kaepernick’s protest. His vegetarianism was used to suggest that he had secretly converted to Islam. Kaepernick denied any conversion. We are left to wonder how the debate would have evolved if in fact Kaepernick had become a Muslim. As a society we appear to

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be less open to expressions that differ from our own, even where those differences have no real impact upon our lives.

What will happen to a little boy or girl who decides to take a stand for their faith, whether Muslim or Jehovah’s Witnesses, by not bowing down to a national symbol? Will we react the same way in a moment of national crisis that calls for unity? I fear that the ongoing conflict with radical Islam, our persisting economic uncertainty, escalating racial conflicts, and political uncertainty, all suggest that we may be entering an era where social forces will be less accepting of those unwilling to honor national symbols. If this trend continues, it will be a blow to the First Amendment and freedom of religion in particular. ①



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By Marlene Alvarez

The Biblical Mandate

The Master Teacher shows us by example that training is necessary to effect change, growth, and development, and we are also admonished to train up our children in the way that they should go.

Throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, God has provided various symbols, methods, and lessons to develop our character into one that reflects Christ's character and prepares us for citizenship in His kingdom. He shows us how sin separates and breaks our relationship with Him, but He has also given us hope in the promise of a Redeemer, a glimpse of the day when everything will end on this earth, and what is in store for those who remain faithful.

God asks us to begin training children from the moment they are born, because He knows that impressions for life are formed at an early age and there are forces which are influencing a child's development. The purpose of Seventh-day Adventist education is to assist in the formation of human development toward God's objective. Seventh-day Adventist education is the means whereby we furnish children with the necessary awareness of God, and help to shape their response to His Word so that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they can come to accept Christ as their Savior.

Additionally, Seventh-day Adventist education is here to prepare the children not only for this world but, more importantly, for eternity. "It is the work of true education to develop

this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought. Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation. Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen"—EDUCATION, p. 17.

God has commanded the home and the church to educate the children. The school is also to serve as an extension of both of those entities to carry out the mandate to teach them. Parents begin this education at home with their children (see Genesis 18:19, Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4, and 2 Timothy 1:5), and God holds parents responsible for this important duty. But He also knew that they could not do it alone, and like a three-legged stool that needs all three legs to be stable, the church and the school assist the parents to complete the process.

God equips the pastors as they stand in the pulpit and minister for Him, and He equips the teachers as they stand in the classrooms as His ministers, representing Him to each student. Parents, pastors, and teachers working together can teach and reach each one of these precious children for Jesus.

Working together to follow the blueprint and the mandate set by God, we help the students to discover God's love, understand His plan of salva-

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

— Proverbs 22:6

tion, and help prepare a generation of leaders for now and for eternity. Ellen White reminds us, “True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and the whole period of existence possible to man. In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one”—EDUCATION, p. 21.

Let us, therefore, work together to follow the mandate God has given us as we await the soon coming of the Master Teacher. ☺



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God Provides a Way

Kyle Brodhead was born and raised in Kingston, New York, located about two hours north of New York City. Brodhead has memories of his biological mother taking him to church on Sundays when he was a young child. It is one of the few memories he has of her, and one of the rarer ones when they were happy together. Severe family problems forced Brodhead and his brothers to be taken

was active in his church, Brodhead had some difficulty connecting with God and understanding the Bible. By high school, he became popular, known for being great in sports and being the class clown. He would downplay his intelligence and spiritual life in high school so that he could appear “cool” to his peers. Eventually this led to him partying, drinking alcohol, and partaking in recreational drugs.

college during the day. But his increased usage of alcohol and drugs took its toll. He was failing his classes. Due to absences and lack of focus, he was fired from his job. He was caught stealing from a teacher and was expelled and banned from his community college.

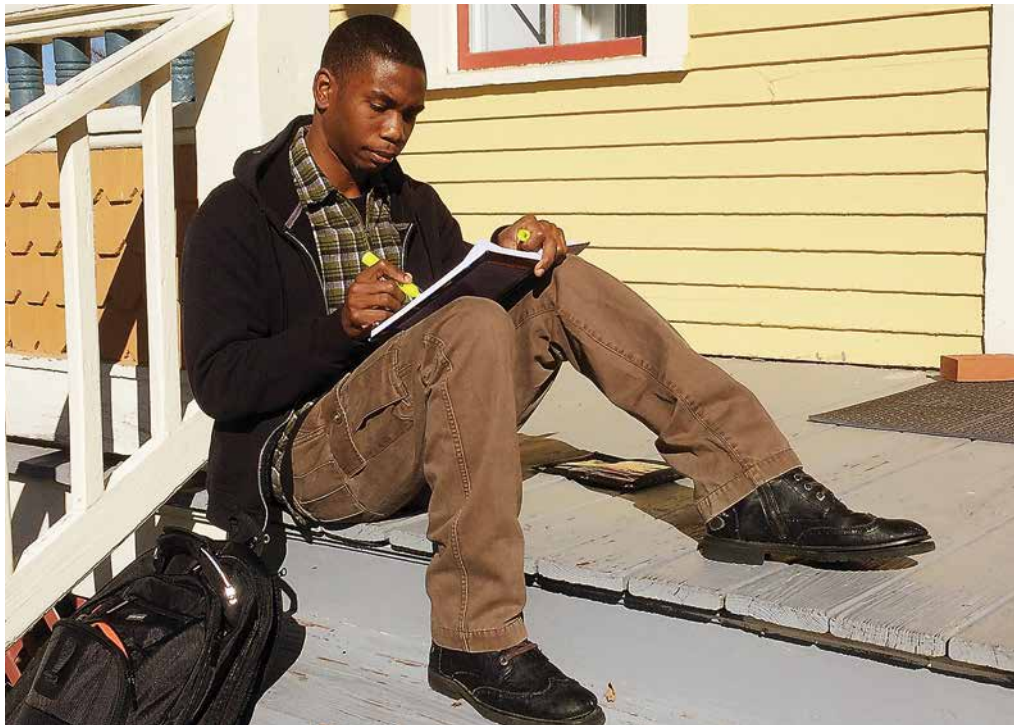
Brodhead had to continually find a new place to sleep every night. The longest he stayed was with his foster aunt, and a police raid on

to see if that would encourage Brodhead to find help. At those meetings, Brodhead started to hear the attendees’ heartbreaking stories of the suffering they had endured because of their addiction to drugs, and Brodhead began to realize how terrible his life had become. He started attending the Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on his own and began reading the Bible again. Seeing how spiritually broken he was, he began to seek out the Lord, and slowly started coming back to church. Recommitting his life to God, Brodhead heard His call for him to be a pastor.

One day, while working at a superstore, he heard a familiar voice call his name. Chris Tulloch was not only part of Atlantic Union College’s enrollment team, but a member of the Kingston church. Tulloch had heard through church members that Brodhead was interested in ministry and went to his job to talk to him about it. With Tulloch’s help, Brodhead was able to get everything he needed to enroll and work toward obtaining a degree in theology.

Kyle Brodhead considers being in his second year as a student of theology at Atlantic Union College a miracle. He feels that attending AUC was a blessing from God and he is very excited with the opportunity to apply himself in his studies, rely on God’s wisdom, and share his testimony with others.

—Emmanuel Ortiz, communication manager, Atlantic Union College



Emmanuel Ortiz

Kyle Brodhead sits on the steps of Founders Hall, on the campus of Atlantic Union College, and goes over his notes before the start of class.

from his biological parents by Child Protective Services when he was seven years old. He was taken in by a foster family, who introduced him to a religion he had never heard of before: Seventh-day Adventist.

Growing up, he was well-liked in the church and praised for his intelligence and service, but he kept that part of his life hidden from his schoolmates in elementary school. Although he

Sneaking out of his home to party at night became a regular habit, but he was caught. When warned by his foster father that continuing to do this would lead him to be kicked out of the house, he decided to leave on his own accord. Tired of his foster family’s rules, he wanted to experience life for himself.

Brodhead had everything figured out. He would party at night, and go to work and

her home, because of the drugs he had stashed there, ended that arrangement. He sold drugs and robbed other dealers to make a living. His life was in such a state of turmoil that his friends with whom he partied started to tell him that he may need professional help.

One friend lied to Brodhead and said that he needed someone to go with him to his Narcotics Anonymous meetings, just

Fall Evangelism With a Difference

The Western District of Bermuda, consisting of five churches—Warwick, Southampton, Restoration Ministries, Rockaway, and Somerset—engaged in a series of evangelistic meetings led by Taj Pacleb, speaker/co-director of Revelation of Hope Ministries. These meetings were presented for three weeks, focusing on the theme “Revelation of HOPE.” Night after night during the week and on Sabbath afternoons, those who attended were challenged and their spirits uplifted as the evangelist shared the gospel of Christ in a dynamic manner.

Topics shared included “Prophecy’s Final Countdown,” “Superpowers of Prophecy,” “Revelation’s Two-minute Warning,” “Israel in Prophecy,” “The Secret About the Secret Rapture,” and “Revelation’s Answer for Global Peace,” to name a few.

What proved interesting was how Pacleb let the Bible prove itself as scripture text was matched

with scripture text over and over again, from the Old Testament and New Testament. Pacleb instructed the audience to record the various texts shown on the screen each night, and to go home and reread the texts as well, for further understanding. Other audiences were involved in the meetings through various electronic media.

A special children’s program was conducted nightly that enabled the children to learn a memory verse, complete puzzles, and listen to and discuss a Bible story. Under the leadership of Cyril Millett, Bermuda Conference youth ministries director and pastor of Restoration Ministries, the children’s meetings mirrored the adult program with respect to the topics covered. The biblical messages were related to the children during story time, but at their level of understanding. Children learned memory verses that matched the story. Different learning styles were used, including sign language and



The sanctuary is full at one of the nightly meetings for the Revelation of HOPE evangelistic series.

moving around to put the words to the memory verse in order.

The crafts were a highlight of the evening! The children made Bibles, a book about creation, and placed the Ten Commandments in correct order on tablets. Snack time was another highlight, when items such as caterpillars (grapes), ants on a log, fish crackers, and ice-cream sandwiches were eaten with joy. During the week attendance was steady, but doubled on Sabbaths.

Preceding the series, many individuals participated in 10 days of prayer in September, followed by an all-night prayer session at the Southampton church. Just prior to the actual series, in preparation for the campaign, a Western District Prayer Meeting Rally was also held.

A prayer room was organized to support persons who expressed special needs for prayer for family, personal concerns, the children, the car park, health issues, and their neighborhoods, where people walked through in the night hours, just pausing to pray.

About 12 people formed the team that met prior to,

during, and after each nightly service. Their embroidered T-shirts were an inspiration for many attendees and anyone passing by from work. One gentleman rode up to a prayer warrior at the entrance of the church and simply asked for prayer. He rode away thankful!

Supper was shared each evening prior to the services. Social and spiritual bonding was evident!

Baptisms have begun to take place, both within the church setting and at the neighboring seaside.

Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president and interim pastor of Warwick church, DeJaun Tull, Bermuda Conference executive secretary and pastor of Southampton church; Damon Hendrickson, pastor of the Somerset and Rockaway churches; Cyril Millett; Waverley Minors, Warwick church member; and the entire team say “thank you” to everyone who supported the campaign with their attendance, by sharing food, and donating time, various craft items, and skills.

—Carol N. Bassett, communication team member, Southampton church



Taj Pacleb, speaker/co-director of Revelation of Hope Ministries, speaks during the three-week “Revelation of HOPE” evangelistic meetings in Bermuda.



Ebenezer Church Highlights

Local Police Attend Multicultural Day Service

Ebenezer church's annual Multicultural Day celebration took place this past fall. It was held under the theme "One People, One Nation, One Destiny." The featured speaker for the day was Christopher Mighty, pastor of the Kittson Town District in Jamaica West Indies. He based his reflections on Galatians 3:26-29. Mighty asked the congregation to focus on three main questions: "Who are we?" "Whose are we?" and "Where are we going?"

The day also held special significance in terms of the extent and level of community relations, when several police officers from the 73rd Precinct in Brooklyn, New York, took time out in response to the invitation of church pastor Lincoln M. Smith, and visited and fellowshiped with the congregation.

Another highlight of the day's program occurred when Greater New York Conference president Henry Beras and his wife,

Angela, stopped by to greet members. The festivities culminated later that evening in a grand social.

Health Emphasis Weekend

Ebenezer church's Health Ministries department caused quite a scurry with the long-awaited health emphasis weekend. In fulfillment of the words found in 3 John 1:2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth," the church was very busy.

The weekend focused heavily on how to prevent,

cure, or mitigate the effects of certain diseases in the body through wise choices made regarding healthful foods, proper eating habits, and rest. Helpful hints about exercise were demonstrated and encouraged to be part of the daily lifestyle.

The resource person for the weekend was Jesson Manukonda, M.D., who was ably assisted by Claudette Barry Gordon and the other members of Ebenezer church's Health Ministries department.

There were seminars, private consultations, as well as practical exercise sessions, massage therapy, and a spa

on Sunday morning. The seminars were well-attended by members of the church and the community alike.



Jesson Manukonda, M.D., leads the participants of Ebenezer church's health emphasis weekend, in doing stretches.

Photos: Zinee Frederick



Everette Samuel, an intern pastor at Maranatha church, is the presenter for seminars sponsored by the Maranatha church Family Ministries and Stewardship departments.

Financial Seminars

The church's Family Ministries and Stewardship departments collaborated and procured the experienced services of Everette Samuel, an intern pastor at Maranatha church, to conduct seminars and workshops for the improvement of the members of the church.

The areas covered were very practical. Topics included: "Our Money Attitudes and Personalities," "Voices that Influence Us," "Financial Goal Setting," "Whose Money, Debt, and Credit," and "Giving." The seminars, which were well received, compliment the church's goal of the holistic development of its members.

—Zinee Frederick, communication director, Ebenezer church



Police officers from the 73rd Precinct in Brooklyn, New York, stand with members during Ebenezer's multicultural day service.

Seven Law Enforcement Officers Recognized for Their Service

Andy King, council member for the 12th District of the New York City Council in the Bronx, and the North Bronx church and joined together to honor several officers from the 45th, 47th, and 49th police precincts in their first “Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.” With tensions high between police and communities across the nation, the program was a time to recognize seven officers for their commitment to serving the community with excellence.

James O’Neill, newly-appointed police commissioner, gave the keynote address. Community affairs officer Natalie Diaz of the 47th precinct was one of several officers recognized, particularly for her positive influence on an “at risk” youth who made a complete turnaround in her grades and is now a B student. Speaking of Diaz,



Standing with the honorees (holding bags) are, from left, Duddley Francois, North Bronx church associate pastor; Donnieval Walker, North Bronx church senior pastor; Andy King, council member, District 12; Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning, fifth from left; James O’Neill, New York City police commissioner, center; and Larry Nikunen, commanding officer of Patrol Borough Bronx, right.

the youth said, “I feel like she was a second mom to me. She was always there for me. She helped me to become who I am now, and she is a very big part of my life.”

Rohann Wellington, Greater New York Conference communication director and assistant to the president for strategic planning, gave the spiritual charge to the hon-

orees, reiterating the New York Police Department’s mantra: CPR—Courtesy, Professionalism, Respect.

Councilman King, organizer of the event, hopes to have more events such as this to connect with the community. “I look for us to have more community meetings, smaller meetings. I’m going to have my connections meeting again

with the NYPD and youth in the neighborhood,” King said.

The theme for the evening at the North Bronx church was CPR. It was an evening where the police and the community came together to ease the tension and move forward into a future where they can work together on one accord.

—Jillian Lopardo, reporter, GNYC Adventist News

Four Baptized as a Result of Family Health Expo

The Eden church in Brooklyn, New York, held a Family Health Expo this past fall. The presentations were conducted by Marvin Williams, a family physician in the New York area.

Members of Eden church moved out in force to rally the community with the Adventist health message. On the Sabbath prior to the opening of the series, the church initiated an all-day fasting-and-prayer session.

The theme for the series was “Caring for God’s Masterpiece.” Attendees were blessed each night with energetic, plainspoken, and informative presentations that pointed to Jesus. They were reminded that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

The importance of drinking water, getting adequate sleep, sunlight and its benefits, and exercise were highlighted. Williams’ understanding

of the Caribbean diaspora enabled him to address such topics as prostate cancer and mental health in a way that educated and elicited commitments to greater self-care.



Marvin Williams, a family physician in the New York area, presents a seminar at Eden church’s Family Health Expo.

Counsel on care for the family unit was presented each night by Reginald Chery, the church’s pastor. These

nuggets served to provide guidance on matters of parenting and communication among family members.

Blood pressure screenings were conducted nightly, and, through this outreach, church members were presented with many opportunities to interact with and engage the neighbors in the community.

Williams shared his ministry of music, along with his wife, Waitline. Even their son, young Marlonzo, accompanied by his grandfather, Alonzo Smith, Greater New York Conference executive secretary, favored the attendees with special music during the series.

As a result of this outreach, four people were baptized. Eden church members give praise and thanks to God for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit on this Health Expo series.

—Mitzie Knight, Health Ministries leader, Eden church

Is it Time (for Our Children) to Leave the Cities?

Is it time for our children to leave the cities? That may sound like a strange question, but, dear reader, don't tune out just yet. Let me tell you what's been on my mind.

On September 1, 1939, the British government began execution of a plan called "Operation Pied Piper." The purpose of Pied Piper was the intentional evacuation of individuals, especially children, from the cities in England to the countryside, where they would be safer from the Nazi bombardment of British cities during World War II.

I did some research and was amazed at how big of an undertaking this ended up becoming. By the end of the first four days in September, more than 1.5 million people had been evacuated out of the cities. Over 800,000 of them were school-age children. Many of these children were sent away with no idea where they were going, and, even worse, no idea when they were coming back. This was no small task, and, I would say, it was no small sacrifice. It certainly seems odd by today's standards.

What would possess a parent to send their child away like that? It was the fear that if they had kept them at home by their side the children would be in worse danger than if they were sent away to the countryside. The parents knew that the war was real, the danger to them was real, and they valued their children's lives too much to take the risk of keeping them in the cities.

I've been thinking a lot about this lately, especially in relation to protecting our children. I'd like to suggest to you, especially those who live in the cities and who do not have Adventist educa-



The sun leaves its rays on Sunset Hall on the campus of Union Springs Academy.

Janica Caster

tion options for their children, to consider whether it's time to enact a version of "Operation Pied Piper."

We are in the middle of a war. Our families are under constant bombardment by the enemy. Our children are prime targets because the devil knows that if he gets them, he hurts them and breaks the hearts of the parents at the same time. Our children face challenges every day in the form of peer pressure from unchristian friends, television, and music that encourages crime and vice, as well as school indoctrination that tells them that personal freedom trumps such things as the Bible, God, ultimate truth, and more. The challenges of raising children are difficult enough in a Christian home/environment, but it seems almost impossible these days to prepare children for a future with God when everything around denies His existence. What do we do?

"The time has come when, as God opens the way, families should move out of the cities. The children should be taken into the country. The parents should get as

suitable a place as their means will allow. Though the dwelling may be small, yet there should be land in connection with it that may be cultivated"—COUNSELS FOR THE CHURCH, p. 148.

The time has come for us to return to the same spirit of sacrifice that compelled the English to put the safety of their children over their parents' comfort and personal feelings. You can minister in the cities, but you don't have to live there. If you have to live there, find a way to send your children somewhere where they can be away from the front of the battle, which is the cities, and to a place where they can have a different experience. A place where it is easier to hear God's voice and be taught based on the principles of God's Word, instead of by the dictates of unconverted people.

There are those that say the days of boarding academies are past. "Adventist education is still relevant, but no one wants to send their children away." I would respectfully disagree. The need for schools in coun-

try settings, away from the iniquity of the cities, is more important than ever. And since we can't all live near these places, we have to have schools that offer boarding facilities. Within the Atlantic Union territory, there are two academies that have some type of arrangement for boarding their students. I want to recommend to you to consider them.

Union Springs Academy is the Atlantic Union's only boarding academy and I would encourage you to consider my invitation. I believe it is time to sacrifice comfort for the sake of protecting and placing our children away from the front of the battle between good and evil. The enemy is after our children. Send them someplace where they will be safer from his bombardment.

I invite you to consider Union Springs Academy as an option for your children. Yes, it's a sacrifice; yes, you'd miss them, but I'd rather sacrifice and miss them for a short while than miss them for eternity.

—Miguel Crespo, president,
New York Conference

Play Football or Worship God?

Four individuals sealed their decision to follow Jesus during the Fulton church's Labor Day camp-out on the shore of Lake Ontario in upstate New York. The Green family had been studying for a little over a year, and during that time Satan did all he could to disrupt and discourage them. There was a lost job, a departure from college, broken relationships, and a separated home. Then, through the grace of God, there were healed relationships, a united home, and a new job. Another conflict arose as well, and it involved playing high school football and keeping the Sabbath.

Jacob Cotter was playing football at his high school, and informed his coach that he needed to take one particular Sabbath off because he and the rest of his family were to be baptized. His coach said it was a big game and that they needed him to play. But Cotter remained firm and said he couldn't do it.

One Sabbath morning, a few weeks prior to the baptism, as Cotter was



Fulton church members witness the baptism of, from left, Tabitha Green, Savanna Cotter, Jacob Cotter, and Herbert Green on the shore of Lake Ontario.

getting ready for football practice, while his mom, sister, and younger brother were getting ready for church, he said that he would rather go to church and be with the family than play football. So Cotter took a stand for God, and told his coach he would no longer be able to play, because it would cause him to miss church and dishonor the Sabbath.

That was not an easy or popular decision for a 17-year-old to make. Thank God for Cotter and all the young people who stand firm for Jesus. It is only through Christ, in us, that Satan can be defeated.

—John Livergood, pastor, Fulton church

Union Springs Church Provides Firewood for the Upcoming Winter

Glendon Walter, the Gelder for Nurture at the Union Springs church in New York, had a great idea. "What if we cut firewood and give it to families in our community who will have trouble keeping their homes warm this winter?" It is an idea that was to be blessed by God.

The church decided to buy a truckload of logs from a local vendor and cut them, split them, and deliver them to needy people in the community. Everything was arranged. Local community services organizations and churches started giving names of families in need. One person who heard of

the plan volunteered to pay for the logs.

When arrangements were made to buy the logs, the non-Adventist seller liked the idea so much that he

volunteered to bring his cutter/splitter and help do the work. He showed up on a Sunday morning in November. Church members arrived, and were

joined by students, faculty, and staff from Union Springs Academy. Within three hours, the log truck was empty, and there was a long row of six-and-a-half cords of seasoned firewood waiting to be delivered to needy families.

Union Springs church members are beginning to understand how "Christ's method alone" can be translated to upstate New York needs. Every time a piece of wood is put in the fire, its warmth will remind the person of the love of Jesus.

—Gary Wagner, pastor, Union Springs church



Union Springs Academy students and staff help stack the firewood to await delivery to the homes of people who need it for winter warmth.



New Brighton Community Church Hosts March Against Drugs and Violence

New Brighton Community Church (NBC) in Staten Island, New York, hosted a march against drugs and violence. The march's theme, "#HeSetMeFree," comes from John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The message proclaims the love of Jesus and that, through Him, anyone can overcome and be set free from the stronghold of violence and drugs.

Carol Jones, first elder of NBC, and Judey Austin, Master Guide from Manor Road church, collaborated with the 120th Precinct of the New York Police Department (NYPD) to make the march successful. About 20 NYPD officers were ready to support the Pathfinder Mariners, Adventurers, and participants throughout the march.

To accommodate the neighboring community, tables were set up for such community-based organizations as Fidelis Healthcare, Samaritans Village, and Staten Island University Hospital Northwell Division. Under the church's community service department, tables



Police officers from the 120th Precinct join members of New Brighton Community church and other participants for the "#HeSetMeFree" March against drugs and violence.

Carol Jones

for prayer, water, snacks, Bible study, blood pressure screening, and Rain Soul International were equipped for the public. The march's participants were from the New Brighton Community, Staten Island, and Manor Road churches, with invited friends from other New York City boroughs. Edwin McBride, New Brighton Community church elder, began the march with a moment of prayer.

Fitzroy Jackson, the church's pastor, and his wife, Maria; Frederica Watkins, Pathfinder Mariners director; Sargent McBride, assistant director; and Paulet Marston, Adventurer leader, led the color guards and marchers during the one-mile march around Park Hill and Targee streets. Onlookers were delighted to see young people participate in uniform, march in unity, and proclaim peace in their community.

Close to the end of the route, the marchers paused for a moment of silent prayer and reflected on the tragic demise of two young men whose lives were taken by violence in the area in October 2015. The church's mission, in Jesus' name, is to continue spreading the message of hope and health in the Staten Island community.

—Marsha Turner, communication leader, New Brighton Community church

Supporters of Adventist Christian Education Honored at Gala

The "Leaves of Autumn: An Exquisite Gala to Remember" was held at the Greentree Country Club overlooking the Long Island Sound in New Rochelle, New York, this past fall. This special event was sponsored by The Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc., and was held to celebrate the achievements of well-deserved organizations and phenomenal individu-

als whose common commitment and support of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education is their unifying bond.

The 2016 recipients and award categories include Horace and Eunice Turnbull, Parental Support; Winston Silvera, former Northeastern Academy teacher, Educational Support; Garnetta Thomas, Northeastern Conference (NEC)

Ushers Federation vice president, Organizational Support; Eric Shand, NEC Ushers Federation president, Organizational Support; Charmaine Blair, Northeastern Academy alumna '86, Philanthropic Support; Walter M. Ralph, Jr., Northeastern Academy alumnus '82, Philanthropic Support; Rosaline Best, Adventist Retirement Ministry co-coordinator, Organizational Support;

Lewis Best, Adventist Retirement Ministry co-coordinator, Organizational Support; Bernard Penn, Hanson Place church pastor, and his wife, Karen, Pastoral Support; and Mathew Smith, Northeastern Academy teacher with 40 years of service, Educational Support.

The Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc., bears the name of one whose 40 years of dedication and commitment as a beloved

Bible teacher at Northeastern Academy and as a church leader impacted the lives of many. The mission of the foundation is through perseverance, sound judgment, and spiritual wisdom, to support Seventh-day Adventist Christian education, recognize high academic achievement, and foster student leadership development.

The Education and Scholarship Fund was created as a mechanism to channel and earmark funds received to support this mission. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.edhlegacyfoundationinc.org.

—S.A. Herndon, member, Mount Vernon church



Seated at the table in the background are the individuals honored at the gala, sponsored by The Edward D. Herndon Legacy Foundation, Inc., while in the foreground are African drummers from The Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts and Culture, Inc.

VBS Students Learn to Be Kind Others

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Beulah church in Mount Vernon, New York, under the director of Angela Sobers, the church's education director, and the VBS team, was planned around the theme "Kidsville: Where Jesus Loves Others Through You."

The students, mostly from the community, enjoyed Bible stories about kindness to others and being a good friend. They tuned in daily to a station that featured the character Dr. Luke, and worked hard on various projects that included making arts and crafts, playing games, and singing spiritually-uplifting songs.

Lunch time was one of their favorite parts of the day. Meals, prepared by Chambria Elliot, included healthy, nutritious snacks, such as fruit kabobs prepared by the students themselves.

Prayer was a very important part of the VBS program. It was a



Beulah church Vacation Bible School participants and counselors join together to pray.

time when students and counselors joined together in a holy huddle.

VBS culminated with a bowling trip, which many said they enjoyed. They also indicated that they are looking forward to next year.

At graduation the students proudly held their certificates of completion while donning their VBS T-shirts, as the counselors also displayed their certificates of appreciation.

—Heatherlyn Francis, communication director, Beulah church

God Uses “Hacksaw Ridge” to Create Divine Appointments

Whatever you may think of the R-rated *Hacksaw Ridge* movie, it has already made an impact on public awareness of Seventh-day Adventists, and that impact will likely only increase as the movie goes on to compete for awards and becomes available on DVD and streaming services. And it is not just awareness that is increased in people who have seen the movie—sympathy toward and curiosity about Adventism are also increased. At least, this is the case if the experiences of a handful of churches in Maine and New Hampshire are any indication.

Well ahead of the premier of the movie, some churches saw the opportunity coming and ordered *Hacksaw Ridge* sharing books. Some of those churches were also participants in the “Seeker” evangelism project and each of those churches had video-recorded an 18-lesson Bible study at their church using church members as presenters. Those churches ordered a special run of the Sabbath study, and titled it “Desmond Doss Sabbath.” The DVDs had a picture of their church on the label, and also included the cell phone number and e-mail address of their pastor, so interested people could follow-up.

Armed with the books and DVDs, hardy church members started handing out the materials at accommodating movie theaters, or simply handed them to the people in their social network. The results were striking. When members tried to hand out the materials on, say, a street corner, a few people gladly accepted them, but the overwhelming response was, “I’m all set.” However, when mem-



Donna Holland, pastor of the White Memorial church, left, and Ed and Gail Hannaford hand out *Hacksaw Ridge* books and Bible-study DVDs outside the Patriot Theater in downtown Portland, Maine.

bers handed the materials to people coming out of a theater after seeing the *Hacksaw Ridge* movie, the overwhelming majority of people gladly accepted both the book and DVD, and many stayed and engaged the members in conversation, asking questions about Adventists and about Desmond Doss.

Suddenly, Adventists and Adventism had become both interesting and admirable for these people, and it opened doors wide for witnessing. The distribution of books and DVDs led to a number of interesting encounters, but one in particular stood out: Glen Holland, volunteer pastor of the White Memorial church, was among those handing out books and DVDs in Portland, Maine, and the particular theater he was at was in a downtown area, with a sidewalk right in front of the theater entrance.

Holland was on this sidewalk handing out material to people as they left the theater and also offering

them to passersby. One man, who had not come out of the theater, accepted the book and DVD from Holland, then stopped and stared at them both instead of moving on. He then started asking a number of questions. Why was he handing out the book and DVD? Why were they free? Had he seen the movie? Who was he and what organization was he from? When the man learned that Holland was an Adventist pastor, his jaw dropped in amazement. “I’ve been looking for Adventists!” he said. “I can’t believe I am standing on the sidewalk talking to an actual Adventist!”

It turned out that the man had seen the movie a week before and had simply not been able to get it out of his mind. He kept thinking about it and thinking about it, and was moved to tears many times as he pondered the movie. “I was struck with the fact that there is nothing in my life—nothing—that would give me the conviction

to go through what Desmond Doss went through,” he said. “And so I wanted to learn more about Adventists, but I’d never even seen an Adventist church or met an Adventist—and here you are in front of me!” Holland assured him that there is no such thing as random spiritual meetings and invited him to follow up using the phone number or e-mail address on the DVD.

The *Hacksaw Ridge* movie will remain in the public consciousness for several months longer, especially if it wins awards (as it is favored to do), and especially when it comes out on DVD and streaming services. How many more divine appointments will be created by God through this movie and how many Adventists will prayerfully keep those appointments with a book or DVD in hand? Let’s strike while the iron is hot!

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference

Church Holds Evangelism Series, Grows By 30 Percent

Does traditional evangelism still work? When that question is put to Don Ball, pastor of the Farmington church in Farmington, Maine, his answer is immediate. “Yes,” he says with conviction. “All evangelism works—friendship evangelism, health evangelism, cooking schools. And the reaping event we’ve just held worked well too. The Lord really blessed.”

Maybe that is an understatement. The tiny Farmington church—membership on the books is around 20—decided to think big and hold an evangelism series in their central Maine town. They rented an auditorium at the University of Maine at Farmington. They printed and mailed out thousands of fliers. The owner of a local health food store—a member of a sister Adventist church—handed out fliers to his customers. Church members invited their acquaintances. And on the opening night of the seminar series some 30 non-Adventists were in attendance.

Six weeks later, eight people have committed to being baptized or rebaptized. All in all, the Farmington church will grow by some 30 percent from this effort alone, while the nearby Dixfield church will also increase with one precious new member. The series was led by conference evangelist Rick Kuntz, and is the last series he will hold in that role, as he is transitioning to focus on the Lewiston-Auburn area of Maine.

That number is fantastic, but God is not finished



Most of the members of the Farmington church, complete with those who just decided for Christ, form a smiling family.

working. “There were a lot of people who attended some of the series, and they are not quite ready to commit to the Adventist faith, so we’ll keep working with them and praying for them. Also there was quite a group of Baptists in attendance, and they really engaged in the meetings but ultimately had trouble accepting the Sabbath. The interesting thing, though, is that the Lord has stirred them up on this point and has not given them rest. The Sabbath is now a point of discussion and agitation in area Baptist congregations, so the Lord continues to work. I think there will be more to this harvest yet,” said Ball.

One of the things about the series that surprised Ball is that what worked best to bring people in was not the social contacts and personal invitations. Nor was it the Bible study interests. It was the fliers that were sent out in the mail. “That tells me that the Lord



Rick Kuntz, Northern New England Conference evangelist, leads an evangelism program in Farmington.

knew who He wanted to come and He used those fliers to move people’s hearts. And, interestingly, He specifically brought people who were tired of hearing the same message in church and who eagerly learned about prophecy in our evangelism series. Now we’re committed to building these new members up and working to even more vigorously proclaim the soon coming

of the Lord to this precious community, because the Lord is far from finished.”

Does evangelism still work? Yes! And people’s hearts still turn to the Lord when He is proclaimed.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



SNEC and South Haiti Mission Join Hands

Imagine a hurricane barreling down on you but you could not evacuate, nor were there shelters available. All you could do was lock arms with neighbors, lay on the ground outside, and pray that the wind would not blow you away.

While the description might seem unthinkable, it was a reality for the people of Haiti when Hurricane Matthew struck in the beginning of October 2016.

Haiti is roughly the size of Massachusetts and is divided into four regions, or missions, with the South Haiti Mission of 300 churches hit the hardest by the hurricane.

Small towns still reeling from a 2010 earthquake have all but disappeared; rivers divide other towns in half after the hurricane washed away bridges, making access dangerous or impassible; and trees and crops that bear fruit and vegetables to not only sell but sustain families are gone.

“Two hundred churches have been destroyed,” South Haiti Mission president Maxo Lezin said. “Over 6,000 people have no shelter and 50 percent of conference buildings are gone. It’s very hard to climb this ladder financially.”

Southern New England Conference (SNEC) president David Dennis, who recently said nearly 10 percent of SNEC members are of Haitian decent, has committed conference resources to contribute to the rebuilding of the church and school in Beaumont. To that end, a conference-wide offering was taken on December 10, 2016, to help raise funds.

“There are no other people in that community that can help,” SNEC pastor Calerbe Aguy said while visiting

the rubble-filled site of the Beaumont church. “There are no educated or professional people there. There is no hope.”

Aguy and *Light Path 4 Haiti* volunteers Fredo Ignace and Paula Vogler returned at the end of October from a six-day visit that included driving through much of the South Haiti Mission to survey the damage.

A humanitarian trip to the region to deliver aid included a visit to Trou Chouchou, a small mountain village where SNEC Missionary Impossible members worked when they traveled to Haiti on a mission trip.

Although the church lost part of its roof, it served as shelter for people during the hurricane and as a school for 165 children for three weeks.

Olson Codio lives on the mountain and watched aid trucks head south without stopping. “The first two days everybody was scared,” Codio said. “All the animals died. We said, ‘God



Remains of the church in Beaumont, a commune in the Corail Arrondissement, in the Grand'Anse department of Haiti, that the Southern New England Conference has committed to help rebuild.

what did we do? Are you punishing us?”

Another woman who received rice, corn meal, and oil said she has no husband to take care of her. “The only thing I have is you,” she said. “There are no mangoes, no bananas, no breadfruit, no animals. Everything died.”

Because of the heat and lack of church shelter, congregations are meeting from 7:00-10:00 in the morning across the mission with people gathering as early as

6:00 a.m. to hear a message of hope.

The Haitian flag still flies proudly from cobbled-together shacks on a beach, and an old woman walks barefoot on the mountain each day, helping whoever she can with what little she has left.

Faith, courage, and patriotism in the face of adversity know no cultural boundaries.

—Communication team, *Light Path 4 Haiti*



The view from a church in Jérémie, Haiti, shows the damage left behind by Hurricane Matthew.

Consecration Service Held for Atlantic Union Officers and Directors

Many friends and supporters joined conference administrators from around the Atlantic Union in a special consecration service for the officers and directors of the Atlantic Union Conference who are serving in the territory for the next five years. The service took place on November 12 at the Village Church in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Avis Hendrickson, Atlantic Union College president, read the scripture passage, setting the tone for the service. Conference presidents Kenneth Manders, Bob Cundiff, Daniel Honoré, and Henry Beras, representing Bermuda, Northern New England, Northeastern, and Greater New York respectively, also participated in various capacities.

David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, presented the message for the evening. Ken Denslow, North American Division assistant to the

president, gave the charge to the leaders, presided over the litany, which involved participation by the leaders and the congregation, and offered a special prayer of consecration.

Included on the program was special music presented by employees from the Atlantic Union and the General Conference Auditing Service, as well as the New England Epic Brass.

G. Earl Knight, Atlantic Union Conference president, presented a brief response, indicating that it's the job of the administrators and directors to continue this important work and to collaborate with the six conferences in spreading the gospel in the Atlantic Union territory.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Chan Shun Dining Commons banquet hall on the campus of Atlantic Union College.

—Debra McKinney Banks,
communication assistant, Atlantic
Union Conference



Atlantic Union Conference and General Conference Auditing Service employees share special music during the consecration service.



Ken Denslow, North American Division assistant to the president, gives the charge.



David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president, presents the message.



Ken Denslow, North American Division assistant to the president, offers the prayer of consecration for the Atlantic Union Conference officers and departmental workers.

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Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Constituency Session

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the 37th Constituency Session of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists called to convene at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 21, 2017, in the Southern New England Conference Pavilion, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561. The purpose of this meeting is:

1. To receive reports.
2. To elect conference officers, departmental directors, an Executive Committee, a Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and an Association Board.
3. To consider amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the conference.
4. To consider amendments to Set Fund Guidelines.
5. To accept new churches or disband churches as may be necessary.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 5, A1 "each Church shall be entitled to select one Delegate for the Church and one additional Delegate for each thirty-five (35) members or major fraction thereof, provided that each Church shall be entitled to select not less than two (2) Delegates."

Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Organizing Committee will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2017, in Bailey Hall, on the Southern New England Conference grounds, 34 Sawyer Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561, for the purpose of appointing members of the Nominating Committee to serve for that meeting. According to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern New England Conference, Article 3, Section 8A "each Church shall select, from its Delegates, one (1) representative for the Church, and one (1) additional representative for each five hundred (500) members of that Church or major fraction thereof."

Lunch will be provided.

David Dennis, President
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Southern New England Conference Association
Regular Meeting

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The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and a board of trustees, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates of Southern New England Conference Constituency Session will be the delegates for the Southern New England Conference Association.

Lunch will be provided.

David M. Dennis, President
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Free-to-Air Broadcast in Eastern U.S. Discontinued

Effective November 29, 2016, Hope Channel has discontinued its free-to-air television broadcasts in the following metro areas: New York, WMBQ 46.2; Philadelphia, WPSJ 8.4; Boston, WFXZ 24.3; and St. Petersburg/Tampa, WSPF 35.3.

Hope Channel is embracing emerging technology and plans to provide new viewing options in the coming months. We encourage viewers to continue watching Hope Channel online at hopetv.org/watch, on Roku, or on DirecTV channel 368.

For more information, contact Fylvia Fowler Kline, Hope Channel marketing director.

Hope Channel Deaf Added to Global Network

Hope Channel Deaf (hopechanneldeaf.org) joins Hope Channel's global network as an Internet-based media ministry with four categories of programs—Nature, Family, Bible, and Health.

Programs on Hope Channel Deaf are signed or captioned in English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, and German. Larry Evans, manager of Hope Channel Deaf, notes that this is “a historical mark in the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s ministry.” He says, “It is clearly the providence of God that has opened so many doors to reach out to this marginalized and unreached people group.”

The launch of this channel is a joint effort of the deaf in Seventh-day Adventist communities around the world. Amanda Colgan serves as an adviser, providing oversight and technical support. Says Evans, “Amanda and other deaf members will continue to serve as overseers of Hope Channel Deaf, making sure our content is specifically geared towards the interests and needs of the deaf.”

With only two to four percent of the global deaf population identifying themselves as Christians, Channel Deaf is positioned to make a huge impact by sharing God’s good news. “We are excited about finding unique ways to share our programs with the deaf,” says Derek Morris, Hope Channel, Inc., president. “We recognize the value of captioning to our viewers and are working toward captioning more and more of our global programming.”

For more information, contact Larry Evans, Hope Channel Deaf manager.

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