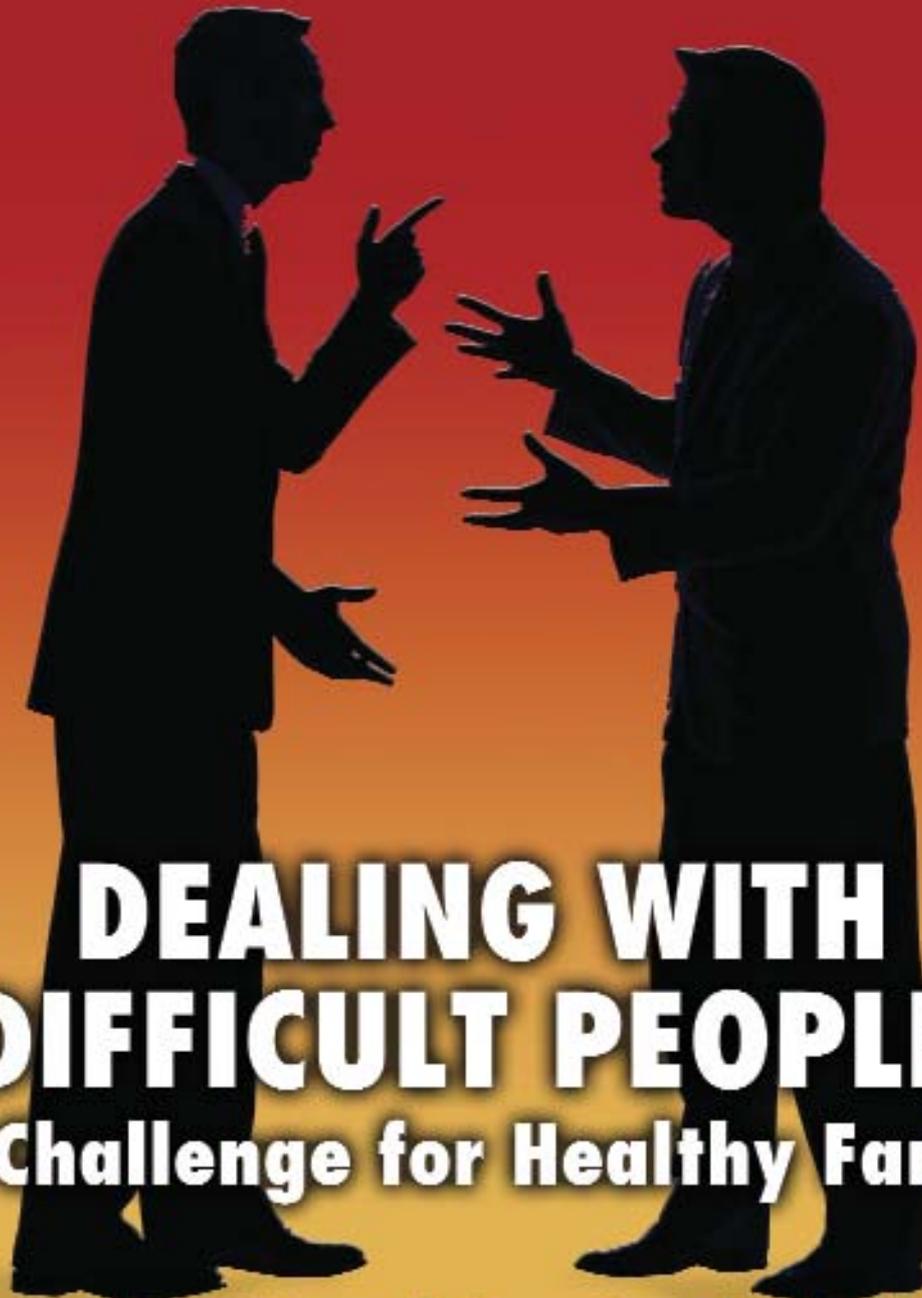


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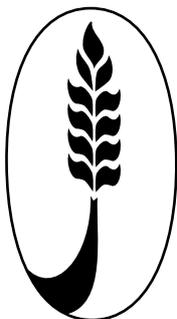
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The Universal Priesthood of Believers



“God gives gifts to every Christian for the purpose of doing the work of ministry, equipping the saints, and edifying the body of Christ.”



The concept that only the pastor or clergy is called by God to do the spiritual work of the ministry while the laity attends meetings and gives money is foreign to the New Testament model. Jesus calls all to serve full-time. There are no part-time Christians.

Jesus was not a religious professional. He was a carpenter by trade. He did work with His hands to earn His bread. But that did not prevent Him from fulfilling His God-given mission—ministering to the needy.

Jesus started His church by calling busy secular lay people. Peter and others were fishermen, Matthew was a tax collector, Luke, a physician, and Paul, a tent maker. Jesus called people from every walk of life to follow Him—men, women, and young people.

As Jesus exemplified, the call to Gospel Ministry is to all Christians. Every Christian is a minister. Unfortunately, “the church has been often on one of the two extremes.

They either overemphasize the clergy and minimize the laity, or minimize the clergy and overemphasize the laity. Either robs the church of power and effectiveness”—TOTAL CHURCH LIFE, p. 83. E. G. White emphatically says, “The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers”—GOSPEL WORKERS p. 352.

The apostle Peter, recognizing that God has called both clergy and laity, wrote: “You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”—1 Peter 2:5 NIV.

God gives gifts to every Christian for the purpose of doing the work of ministry, equipping the saints, and edifying the body of Christ. Paul says in Ephesians 4:12 (Phillips), “His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service.” Both the clergy and laity, as ministers, are empowered by the Holy Spirit through spiritual gifts. However, the spiritual gift must be acknowledged by the body of believers in order to be confirmed. By

training and delegation, the spiritual gift will be properly and effectively used.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus entrusted the great gospel commission to the disciples. Yet He empowered them through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my father promised... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”—Acts 1:5, 8 NIV (emphasis supplied).

For a local church to function as the body of Christ, it must give itself to the equipping of members for the work of ministry. According to Ephesians 4:11-12, the gifts are given to the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edification of the body of Christ.

The New Testament views clergy, not as performers of ministry, but as trainers of people for their ministries. This is the primary function of the New Testament pastor (REVOLUTION p. 48). Ellen G. White advises: “Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received”—TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH, vol. 7, p. 20.

Unfortunately, pastors and laity concur that the pastor’s primary responsibility is to preach instead of teaching and equipping. Most pastors spend far more time preparing and preaching sermons than on teaching members how to perform their ministry.

In order to be effective Christians, pastors and laity alike should reexamine the biblical concept of priesthood and ministry. The church today must return to the New Testament model—the universal priesthood of believers—where every member in the body of Christ is a minister, and all are equipped and empowered to serve in that capacity. ☺

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Glad you asked!

Q: What can you tell me about the SONscreen Film Festival?

A: The SONscreen Film Festival is an annual gathering which takes place in conjunction with the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention. The first festival was held last year in Ontario, Calif. It is specifically geared for Adventist/Christian young adults, age 29 or younger, who are not professionally employed as producers, directors, or media specialists and are interested in using media technology (film/video) to create cutting-edge productions with a positive Christian witness.



The Festival allows for an individual's work to be recognized. It also provides an outlet for their productions, and training and mentoring opportunities through internships. All submissions must in some way tell the Christian story.

The SONscreen Film Festival is a part of the SONscreen Project which was created by ACN "to mentor young Christians in media production and to provide a spectrum of learning opportunities. Through SONscreen, Christian young people are encouraged to actively use their skills and creative talents to benefit the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the communities the church serves."

This year the Festival will be held October 9-12 in Orlando, Florida. Submissions for this year's Festival must be received on or before September 1. Entries may be submitted for one or more categories and must come from within the North American Division (U.S., Canada, and Bermuda). Winners are announced at the Film Festival awards banquet and receive "SONNY" awards, Achievement Certificates, and cash prizes.

This is your opportunity to showcase your work! To find out more about the SONscreen Film Festival, the criteria for submitting entries, and the cost to attend, visit their website at www.sonscreen.info.

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ABOUT THE COVER: In this issue, Alanzo Smith, the Greater New York Conference Family Ministries director, shares some information on the topic of dealing with difficult people. The cover photo is a PhotoDisc image.

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FROM THIS DAY FORWARD!

By V. Viola Maxwell*



There was an atmosphere of guarded anticipation in the car as we drove to Stamford. We were headed to the *From This Day Forward* marriage seminar. We talked a little about what we expected to get out of the day and how we hoped that it would help our marriage. What we didn't talk about were the events and circumstances that prompted us to register for the seminar in the first place.

A few months before the seminar I just knew that our marriage was over! I found a letter that my husband had written to another woman. They hadn't had sex, but I felt that they were well on the way. I lovingly (really) confronted him and we began to pick up the pieces and rebuild our marriage. I was devastated. It felt as if I had heart surgery without the anesthesia. Yet, God gave me the strength to offer full and complete forgiveness, even though at the time I wasn't really sure what that meant.

As we prayed and searched for ways to mend and rebuild, we decided to attend *From This Day Forward*. And let me be honest. I write with no sense of objectivity. I am completely biased. I was blessed beyond my expectations. I had fun and I am trying to figure out how to get to the next one that is to be held in Washington, D.C. on October 4, 2003.

Here is what I got from the seminar:

1. **All couples have problems.** Somewhere way in the back of our minds we know this, but it was great to be reminded that problems and conflicts will come, it's how we handle them and each other that is important.
2. **What I say is important, but what you hear is reality.** As you communicate with your spouse, it is vitally important to "listen and reflect." Restate

what you think your spouse is saying to make sure you really do understand, and to let your spouse know that you are really listening.

3. **Most couples have unspoken expectations that cause conflicts.** This is a big one and extremely dangerous. Here is a personal example. As a stay at home mom, I am with the children all day. My unspoken expectation was that when my husband arrived home from work he would immediately take over so that I could get some other things done, run errands, finish dinner or maybe even relax for a minute. Of course, he, on many days, would come home with plans of cutting the grass, playing some golf, or just relaxing himself. And there is the conflict. On those days, I would be saying, "I have been here all day... the least he could do is pitch in with the kids a little bit." And he would be thinking, "I have been working all day, I deserve a break when I get home." And there we are angry at each other for some unspoken expectation that could easily be worked out if we would talk about it.

Approximately 150 couples met at the Stamford Marriott in Connecticut for the one day marriage enrichment seminar, *From This Day Forward*.





Couples attended the seminar to learn more about improving their marriages.



Present at the event shown here with the Aufderhars (left) are Bill Wood, Family Ministries director for the Atlantic Union with his wife, Janet, singer Christine Sinclair and her husband, Robin, and Mike Ortel, president of the Northern New England Conference, and his wife, Lynn, communication and family ministries director for the conference.

4. Schedule Time together. It's sad that our lives have become so full that we have to schedule time for the one who is supposed to be our life-long love, but the truth is that, if we don't schedule time, it doesn't happen. The demands of church work, career, and kids will squeeze out the time that married couples need to talk about the important things, settle conflicts, make plans, and connect with each other. We set Sunday for our weekly meetings. It has been two weeks and life has already squeezed the meetings out. But we are going to keep trying and keep working to put us first.

5. HAVE FUN! Like I said, I really enjoyed the seminar and one reason is that it was just plain fun. We had a few head back, mouth wide open, good, from the belly laughs. I was reminded of how important it is for my husband and me to have fun together. Before we were married, we had a ball! It almost seems that when the "stork" delivers the baby and the boss the promotion, they don't tell you that the "price" is a little fun taken out of your life. Fun can be free. It's important to enjoy your spouse inside (you'll have to attend to hear about that part) and outside of the bedroom.

And now, just a little about the presenters. There were three couples. Mike and Brenda Aufderhar from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Willie and Wilma Lee from the Southwest Region Conference, and Willie and Elaine Oliver from the North American Division. In a word, excellent! Each couple had a unique perspective and experience. They didn't present as if they had it all together and were expounding all of their knowledge on us inexperienced people. They were real and honest

and sincere and sometimes very funny, but never pretentious or know it all or "holier than thou." They had a range of experiences and I left kinda feeling that we were all old friends.

- If you are interested in improving your marriage,
- If you are interested in communicating more effectively with your spouse,
- If you want to rekindle the fire in your romantic experience,
- If you just want to spend a Sabbath away from the kids and your church responsibilities, I highly recommend you sign up, have fun, and learn how to really enjoy your spouse.... *From This Day Forward!* ☺

* Not the writers real name.

From This Day Forward presenters, Elaine and Willie Oliver, Willie and Wilma Lee, and Brenda and Mike Aufderhar.



ATLANTIC UNION FYI

Something You Should Know

Remembering Brittany October 14, 1999 – June 19, 2003

By now you have had the opportunity to read the article “God Still Works Miracles” in the July 2003 issue of the Atlantic Union *GLENER*. I am sure many of you were touched by it and immediately placed Brittany and her family on your prayer list. Unfortunately, we have sad news to share with you. While the July issue was on its way in the mail to you, little Brittany succumbed to her illness and died on June 19. Funeral services were held on June 25. It is interesting to note that when Bob and his family arrived home following Brittany’s burial, the magazine with their story was in his mailbox. Brittany’s family had an opportunity to read it and were impressed that a church would show so much interest in an individual’s life. They have been touched by the outpouring of support, especially through prayer, and would appreciate it if you continue to remember them.



Barry Black Accepts Position as U.S. Senate Chaplain



Rear Admiral Barry Black has become the first Seventh-day Adventist, and the first African-American, to serve as chaplain for the United States Senate. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist announced Black’s appointment [on June 17] at a press conference outside of the senate chambers. Black, the 62nd chaplain, succeeds Presbyterian minister Lloyd John Ogilvie, who has served since March 1995.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Black will retire from his position as Chief of Navy Chaplains on August 15. He was also the first African-American and Seventh-day Adventist to hold this position.

“It is a fitting tribute to Chaplain Black as a clergyman and a high honor for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to have him continue his chaplaincy career as he transitions into this new position,” said Richard Stenbakken, director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“We think that Chaplain Black is an excellent choice,” said Don Schneider, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. “We are honored to have a Seventh-day Adventist of his standing to be selected as the chaplain of the United States Senate,” he said.

As Senate chaplain, Black will be charged with opening the chamber each day with a prayer as well as counseling senators, staffers, and families on spiritual matters.—*Laverne Henderson, staff member, Columbia Union VISITOR.*

To read additional articles about Black’s appointment visit the Atlantic Union Conference website at <http://www.atlantic-union.org/news38.htm>.

Year of World Evangelism 2004—Reaping God’s Harvest

The General Conference Executive Committee voted during the 2002 Annual Council to designate 2004 as the Year of World Evangelism.

Every entity of the Church and each denominational employee is being encouraged to become actively involved in either personal soul-winning initiatives in preparation for a public evangelistic series or in the evangelistic series itself. It is expected that hundreds of thousands of laity and youth will conduct their own evangelistic series utilizing all means of technology—including radio, television, satellite communication, publishing, and the Internet.

“The Year of World Evangelism 2004 will draw the Church together in one common goal—reaching a lost world. It has the potential of unifying the Church around the common theme of Reaping God’s Harvest”—2002 YEAR-END MEETING OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION COMMITTEE GENERAL ACTIONS, p. 34.

To read more about the Year of World Evangelism 2004 visit: <http://www.adventist.org/news/data/2003/03/1050528538/index.html.en>.



SEVENTH-DAY
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Parkview Hospital Celebrates its History

In celebration of Parkview Hospital's history, a special ceremony was held on March 21 to honor the founders of the hospital, share stories of their past, and look towards the future with strength and vision.

Three doctors, Ronald Beetle, Marion Westermeyer, and Michael Weaver founded the Parkview Memorial Hospital in 1959. They knew how badly a community hospital was needed in Brunswick, Maine. "After several years of meetings and strategy with other fellow area doctors, [they] decided that the need was too high to wait any longer and they struck out on their own. Their 'true grit' spirit gave them the drive to succeed against the many financial, personal and community obstacles towards this dream called Parkview. Their belief in the unique Adventist healing principles of Wellness gave them the vision and purpose for this dream called Parkview.... Building an Adventist hospital was not about promoting an Adventist faith for these three founding fathers... just the opposite, it was about giving to them the Adventist touch to healing and wellness."

Present for this special occasion was Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference. He joined Ted Lewis, CEO of the hospital and watched as a commemorative portrait of Westermeyer, Weaver, and Beetle was unveiled during the ceremony.

Parkview is located on a beautiful, wooded site near Brunswick's residential center. Since its inception, Parkview's mission has been to see the individual patient as a vibrant part of the community; body, mind and spirit.



Donald G. King joined Ted Lewis at the special ceremony honoring the founders of Parkview hospital.

Lewis' vision is for "Parkview to become a leader in wellness and healing through high-tech, competent diagnostic imaging, medical excellence, community outreach, expanding services and a vibrant, alive, excited image that says to the world 'We're Here for Life!'"



A special commemorative portrait was unveiled in honor of Parkview's founders.

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Quoted excerpts taken from the PARK VIEWS newsletter, April 2003.

PARKVIEW ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER

What's in a name?

"Parkview Hospital has chosen to broaden its name to reflect the impressive national expertise of more than 166 Adventist medical facilities located in the United States and around the world. The new name, Parkview Adventist Medical Center, captures their vision for the 21st century. Parkview is a medical center committed to excellence in medicine, determined to continue broadening their services, and is devoted to its original Mission of Wellness for each person. The medical professionals of Parkview have pledged to make Parkview Adventist Medical Center the 'Center for Health' in the Brunswick-Bath, Maine, area."

Dealing with Difficult People: The Challenge for Healthy Families

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver”—Proverbs 25:11.

There are some people that are difficult to get along with.

Call them difficult, irregular, irrational, mean, selfish, insensitive, or arrogant people. Whatever! They are just people who sometimes “*come at us the wrong way.*” The question is, why do individuals allow their ugly side to dominate their relationships with others? Why do we allow these people into our lives to disturb our peace and make our lives unhappy? Some difficult people have a cunning way of representing themselves. They wear an external mask, an outward persona that is designed to disguise

their negative traits.

Most difficult people are either users or abusers. Users will use you to get what they want—a job, a favor, a relationship, etc. Whatever the opportunity they are seeking, they will use you to obtain it. Abusers on the other hand will hurt you. They will try to make your life miserable even if they have to deceive, pretend, or disguise. They will stop at nothing until they feel they have done you harm. Solomon describes these difficult people as:

A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. . . . A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh

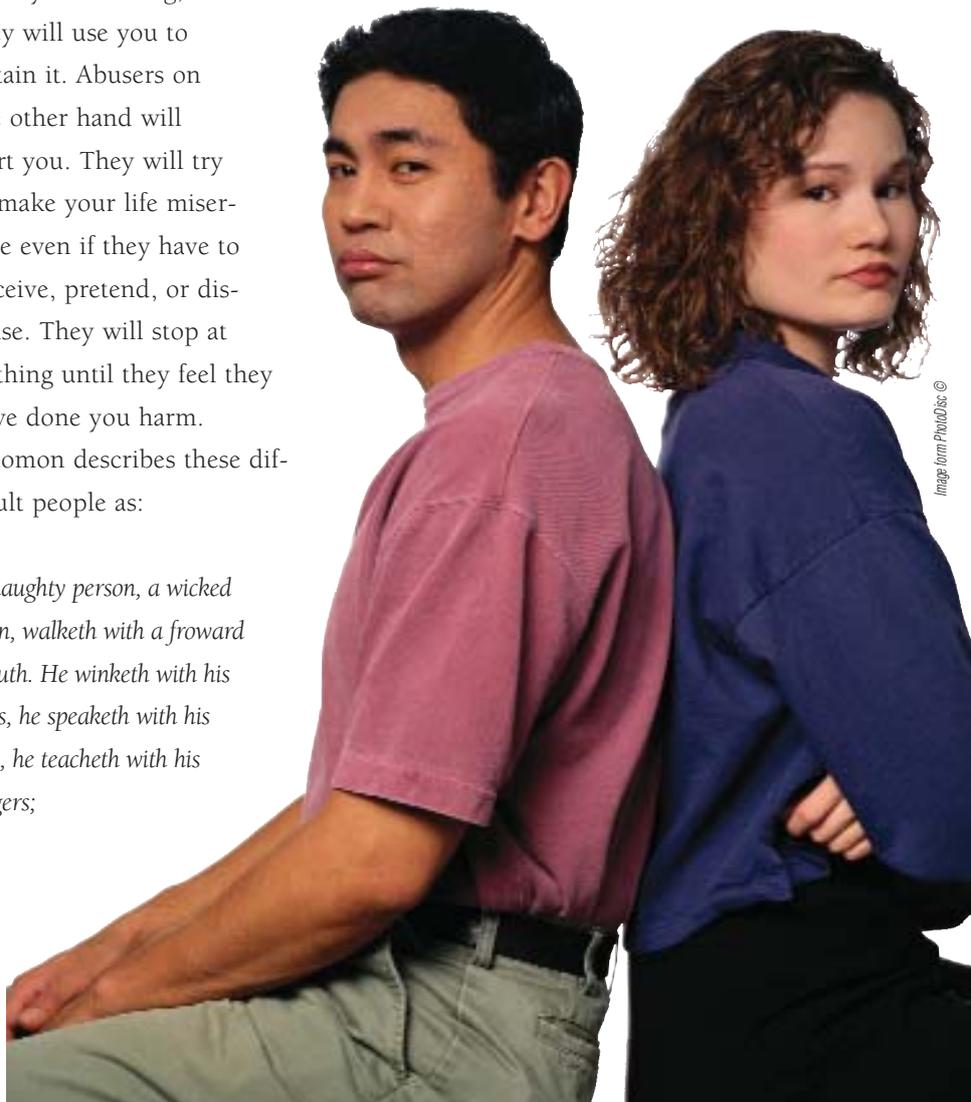


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lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren—Proverbs 6:12-14,17-19.

It is possible that these difficult people are the way they are because of: a) childhood wounds, b) pent-up anger, c) lost opportunity, d) jealousy, e) unfulfilled dreams, and f) insecurity. When dealing with difficult individuals it is important to understand three approaches:

A Practical Approach

- If you have to confront a difficult person, be gentle, never accuse or argue, state the positive, be concise. Do not become intimidated.
- Do not be afraid to unmask a difficult person. Do not let them live a lie or denial, shun the “sham,” expose them to the world.
- Do not allow difficult people to get under your skin. Reduce anxiety by thinking about positive people and events. Leave them out of your thoughts.
- Practice at home or in private how to unmask or confront a difficult person. Be prepared at all times, do not be caught off guard.

- Make light of a public attack. Do not get defensive, move the subject away from yourself and talk about issues or ideas, not the person.
- Get support when dealing with difficult people. As far as possible, do not stand alone, seek out relationships that are positive and helpful.
- Remember to Pray! Pray! Pray! Indeed prayer changes things.

A Clinical Approach

Rational thinking provides a possible framework for implementing change in the person who has been psychologically or emotionally damaged as a

“Some people spend most of their lives living the hurt that has been inflicted upon them.”

result of difficult people. Some people spend most of their lives living the hurt that has been inflicted upon them. Others have allowed their self-esteem to be eroded, while there are those who are hesitant to com-

mit to or maintain a healthy relationship because of fear of meeting another difficult person.

- **Reframing:** Persons who have been hurt by difficult people often suffer not only from the direct physical and emotional consequences of the hurt,

but they also suffer from the disapproving responses of others who endorse or support the behavior of the difficult person. The goal of reframing is to change the negative thinking of the person who has been hurt into positive thinking, so that he or she can think more accurately, feel more positively, and behave more acceptably towards self and others.

- **Empathy for the hurting person:**

Because of the intimidating style of difficult people, some persons respond to them in ways that render the hurting person a secondary victim. Some behaviors exhibited towards the hurting person can include withdrawal, criticism, ineffective help, or inappropriate comments. While they do not deliberately want to victimize the hurting person, they are trying to avoid offending the difficult person. However, by trying to be nice or accommodating to the difficult person, they run the risk of inevitably doing harm to the hurting person. Therefore, the goals for the friends of hurting persons are: 1) to learn how to empathize with them, 2) create awareness of any irrational ideas that may contribute to their feelings, and 3) show sensitivity and support towards them.

- **Improving Self-Confidence:** If hurting persons at times have feelings of

insecurity, then the negative attitude of difficult people towards them can cause them to exhibit poor self-esteem.

Confronting irrational thinking will help the hurting person think, feel, model, and practice healthy self-concepts. This will provide them with the necessary tools to control their own behavior and to believe in their divine destiny.

“The most important step in freeing the soul from the hurt of difficult people, is to forgive them.”

by this intervention, the difficult person would be open to acknowledge the error and be willing to implement the necessary changes. As the text states, *“If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”*

Step Two:
Matthew 18:16

“But if he will not hear thee, then take

with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”

If the difficult offender is still nonchalant about the attempt to reconcile, go to step two. This time let it be in the company of one or two. Listed below, are some reasons for the second step:

- You could have been wrong about your assessment of the situation.
- It could be that the person’s response was appropriate, even though you saw it differently.

- A third person can help to triangulate the issue, thus making resolution more practical or accepting.
- By having a third party, it neutralizes the centrifugal force, hence allowing more room for a healthy discussion.

Step Three: Matthew 18:17

“And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.”

The Church, as an administrative body becomes the final act in the process of problem solving. Some difficult people have regard for the Church and would be more willing to acquiesce to its

administrative authority.

The most important step in freeing the soul from the hurt of difficult people, is to forgive them. If in your forgiveness, they continue to behave inappropriately, you need not worry, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked:*

for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”—Galatians 6:7. ①

Alanzo Smith is the family life and communication director for the Greater New York Conference.

A Biblical Approach

Step One: Matthew 18:15

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”

The text is suggesting that if you are offended by difficult people, you should take the initiative to address the issue. Put the matter clearly before them. Identify the concern. Be honest, open, and frank when sharing your concern, frustration, or observation. Do not criticize or condemn. Do not stray from the subject or issue at hand. Do not label or insinuate.

This meeting should be between the offending parties only. It is hoped that



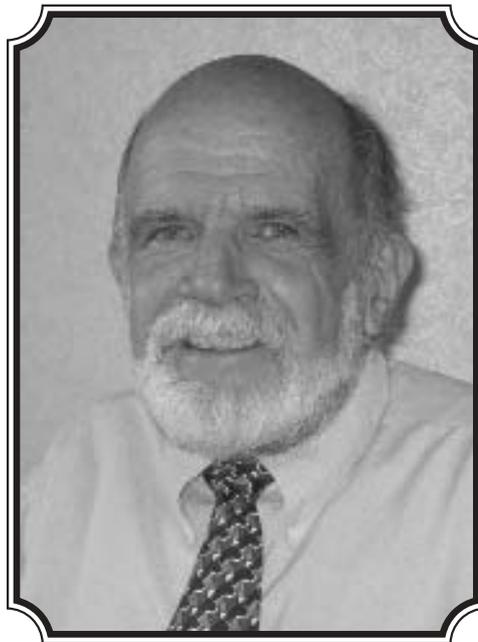
Preston Supports the New Multimedia Program at Atlantic Union College



Having spent many years at Atlantic Union College (AUC), Roger L. Preston, chairman of the college's art department, knows change is inevitable. He has observed that the department is changing from a very traditional liberal arts program to a more professional program in graphic arts. Although he admits questioning how to keep the liberal arts creative process going, he believes they can continue to be as creative as they have been in the past. "You can be as creative with the computer," he said, "probably more than the traditional medium." Recognizing that graphic arts is the way to go, Preston says they are developing a multimedia program at AUC.

Preston, graduated from Atlantic Union College (AUC) in 1962 with a bachelor of science degree in art. In 1981 after teaching in the public school system and serving as the director of art for the city of Leominster, he returned to his alma mater as chairman of the art department. Preston has a master's degree in integrating art into the classroom which includes a specialty in administration, and a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with an emphasis in creativity. He is perpetually imparting priceless knowledge to the students at AUC where he has taught for more than 20 years.

He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and has lived in Oklahoma, Texas, and spent a few summers in Colorado. In Texas he was the artist in residence at the Hutchinson County Historical Museum in Borger. He did research surrounding an explosion in an oil refinery there, conducted interviews, and then did an exhibition at the museum. He has also had an exhibition at AUC's Bartlett Gallery. He is married to AUC graduate, Regina Thivierge Preston '77.



When asked about his art work, Preston said, "I would like people to think about my work, not to particularly like my work." He has enjoyed his years teaching at AUC. "I enjoy working with the students to get their creativity going," Preston said. "Many students came with no concept of what art or who an artist is.... One of the pleasant experiences is when I see that the student's concept and ideas are changing. They discover who they are and who they might be."

Preston is no stranger to computers. He has had many shows in the United States and did a group show exhibition in Japan. About ten of his holocaust series were published with two other international artists in *VERBUM MAGAZINE OF COMPUTER ESTHETICS*.

The main reason for the change to a more professional program in graphic arts is to provide special training to enable the students to meet the demands of an ever-changing job market, hence increasing their chances of obtaining jobs and securing positions. With the multimedia program, there will be collaboration between four departments—English, Music, Computer, and Art. The art department has received a \$20,000 gift—\$5,000 to help facilitate the program and \$15,000 for student scholarships. However, according to Preston, more funds are needed for the program. A grant is being written to raise additional funds, and he is appealing to all to make contributions to this great endeavor. Preston says, "I believe we are going to be successful with what we are going to do."

*Nkarlo Alexander '05, student
Atlantic Union College*

Greater New 52nd Constituency



The reelected GNYC administrators and their spouses, G. Earl Knight and Yvonne, Dionisio Olivo and Maria, and Richard Marker and Bonnie, with the Atlantic Union Conference administrators, Carlyle Simmons (far left), Leon Thomassian (second from right), and Donald King (far right).

The 52nd Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference held on June 22 was well run and the spirit of God was present among His people. The attitude of the delegates was Christlike and God moved in a marvelous way. For each voted appointment the delegates cheered and clapped extensively. More delegates stayed for the afternoon than in previous sessions.

The administrative officers were reelected. All departmental director positions were filled with the exception of Stewardship. An additional function is being added to the Stewardship Department and it has been referred to the executive committee for completion of the process.

Serving for the next triennial session are the following individuals:

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Delegates conduct business at the GNYC constituency session.



Workers at the session, Joyce Hospedales, Angalla Loy Chin, and Claude Morgan.

York Conference Session Report

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The delegates also voted:

- Not to sell the Retirement Center and Adventist Nursing Home.
- Effective 2006 — The conference will move from a three year (triennial) session to a four year (quadrennial) session. Officers and departmental directors will have two-term limitations (can serve two consecutive terms).

The officers, departmental directors, and committee members elected to serve for the next three years need the prayers of the Greater New York Conference and Atlantic Union constituents as they lead the conference in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to all those in their field.

Alanzo H. Smith is the communication director for the Greater New York Conference.



Delegates from the New Haven church.



A delegate with her translator making an important point.



Delegates take a moment to smile for the camera.



Delegates at the Greater New York Conference 52nd Constituency Session.



Albany Church Dedication

Pastor Don Bozarth, is working diligently to bring the Capital City Seventh-day Adventist Church into a new phase of spiritual life and church growth. Albany is a metropolitan area of about 1,000,000 people. Realizing the tremendous task of evangelism in this city, the church perceived its need to reconsecrate itself to a new level of spiritual unity and a refocused vision for reaching the lost.

On Sabbath, March 22 Steve Gallimore, president



of the New York Conference, spoke to the congregation in a consecration service. The message entitled, "Especially for You," focused on how love can motivate us to greater endeavors for Jesus. A special cake was cut after lunch to commemorate this very important occasion. The Capital City church is looking forward with renewed energy to a vigorous church program that will enrich members and share the gospel with this very large metropolitan area.

Charé Gallimore, correspondent NYC

Looking Backward and Moving Forward at USA

Union Springs Academy was "home" for four years to twelve of the sixteen young adults who graduated June 8, 2003. The special weekend that was planned so carefully to leave them with happy parting memories came off beautifully. Pastors Gary Blanchard and Meville Andrade, who played a meaningful part in the spiritual growth of these seniors, gave them messages of advice and encouragement. The weather could not have been better for the lovely outdoor graduation in the center of the campus. Tears mingled with cheers. It was hard to say goodbye to the Class of 2003. They were a class unique in personality, talent, academics, persona, and spiritual growth. The presence of two sets of twins, Maria and Theresa Mamah and Jasson and Jarred Obomsawin also set this class apart.

Even while seniors were planning their graduation, faculty and staff were planning for the 2003-2004

school year. Registration, August 17, was not far off. Mike Boyd, boys dean and physical education teacher, scheduled a lawn concert with Christian music artists to follow our campus dedication on August 23. Judy Hodder, principal, reserved Camp Y-Owasco for September 5-7, looking forward to the annual school retreat on Lake Owasco. Rob Raney, enrollment and development director, and the Saturday night committee planned a year packed full of fun activities.

Community outreach and spiritual growth activities are high points of the school year. Pastor Londa Bishop organized two Christ in Focus weeks, two mini Focus weekends and completed her calendar of Friday night and Sabbath afternoon activities. Every Sabbath afternoon one option will be outreach to the community, and in addition, she added some community service Sundays. A new approach is planned for reaching and serving the conference churches with our ministry groups. Four Sabbaths

each year the entire school and faculty will fan out to church districts to minister with Reflection Teams and music and sport groups. The traditional Walk through Bethlehem Christmas musical and spring Passion Play open to the local community are also on the calendar. A mission trip is planned for March 2004 in conjunction with Maranatha.

Our Home School Intensive Weeks have resulted in some wonderful new friendships. Home schoolers are invited to the campus three times a year for a week to join the students in their activities and to take specially designed seminars. The 2003-2004 Home School Weeks will include a heritage tour, math, music, physical education, and science tutorials.

So, mixed with goodbye tears was anticipation for a new year and a new senior class. If you would like to be part of this new year, please call Rob Raney at USA (1-866-USA Youth).

*Judy Hodder, principal
Union Springs Academy*

Appreciation Is Tradition at USA

It began eleven years ago on the last Friday night of the school year with one young man taking a stand for Christ. He just wanted to let everyone know he was choosing to live a life more like the one Christ lived while on this earth. His challenge was for everyone else to do the same. Since that first time, an appre-

ciation component was added at USA. That is how the Appreciation Vespers tradition began. Now, on the last Friday night of each school year, the students and faculty continue to get up and let everyone know they want to take that same stand for Christ and take time to appreciate each other. Some simply say thank you to all of those who touched their lives that year. Others tell of how they have chosen God and the impact that choice has made. There are stories of how a particular student impressed them to try harder, a faculty member took time to help when it was needed most, or friends were there to do nothing more than laugh with them. Everyone listening is touched. They laugh, cry, and worship together. No one leaves without a sense of God's presence.

So, on Friday evening, May 30,



just as the sun was setting over Lake Cayuga, a microphone stood in front of a dimly lighted church and for the next five hours students went to the front to say thank you—to friends, teachers, and most of all to Christ. It is called "Appreciation Vespers" but it is always much more.

*Michael D. Boyd, dean of men and physical education teacher
Union Springs Academy*



Education Fair 2003

The day began with silent rows of chairs and empty rows of tables throughout the gymnasium at Union Springs Academy (USA). But, soon the emptiness began to disappear as rows and rows of educational projects filled the tables. Science, Bible, Language Arts, Physical Education, Practical Arts.... From hatching chicks to original art and many topics in between soon filled the tables.

The bustling teachers and students were called to order as I shared a devotional thought. I had each student consider the witness of the little maid to Hamaan and his wife as an example of what our witness for Christ should be. I asked them if they would be so loyal to God in spite of hard times that others would believe in our God because of the qualities of our lives?

Following the worship and announcements the participants were treated to Sheriff Mike Lupo and his canine partner from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department. As the assembly was taking place, the judges were giving each participant a ribbon based on the quality and originality of their work, choosing a best in each category, and finally a best in the show.

After lunch a spelling bee was held. During the fifth and sixth grade competition the judges had to call it a draw because the word list was used up and the last two participants spelled each one correctly. The spelling bee was followed by the presentation of awards. Best in show was given to Chinal Silverstein of the Bay Knoll school. Her project was a rain forest display.

As the students began to head back to their respective schools and once again the chairs and tables became empty—though somewhat rearranged from all the activity—it was with a feeling of accomplishment for all and an educational experience that made each student realize they are learning with many others across the New York Conference.

*Stan Rouse, superintendent of schools
New York Conference*



Education Fair attendees take a closer look.



Best of Category winners. Each received a blue ribbon and a \$10 cash award.



Amanda Whitlow from Parkview Jr. Academy and her display about weaving.



Adventists Participate 350th Anniversary

BY EDNOR A. P. DAVISON



Lancaster is the oldest town in Worcester County, Massachusetts. It was incorporated in 1653 and to acknowledge its 350-year history, a year-long celebration began in May 2002 and culminated in June 2003. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was included in some of the events planned to celebrate this cameo of New England history.



Nestled in the vicinity of Route 70 (Main Street) in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, are several entities of the Seventh-day Adventist Church: the Adventist Book Center (ABC), Atlantic Union College (AUC), Atlantic Union Conference (Union), Browning Elementary Seventh-day Adventist School (Browning elementary), College Seventh-day Adventist Church (College church), South Lancaster Academy (SLA), Southern New England Conference (SNEC), and the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church (Village church). The oldest of these facilities is the Village church founded 139 years ago. None of them comes close to being as old as the town of Lancaster, Massachusetts, however, their histories are closely interwoven.



Included on the schedule of events for the 350th anniversary celebration were a few Adventist focused events: the History of Atlantic Union College by Myron Wehtje, Atlantic Union Conference Music Clinic, Atlantic Union College Spring Concert, Mendelsohn's Elijah, a dramatic musical performance by Pro Arts International, Atlantic Wind Symphony, Atlantic Union College Music Major Recital, Atlantic Union College Chamber Orchestra Concert, and the All American Music Spring Concert by South Lancaster Academy.

The Grand Finale Parade occurred on June 8 and represen-

in the Town of Lancaster's Celebration

tatives from the offices and institutions of the Adventist church in the Lancaster community marched in the event. The gathering place for all entries was on the campgrounds of the Southern New England Conference. They filed from the campgrounds onto Sawyer Street to the parade route which began at the corner of Sterling and Main Streets. On the pre-determined route they passed AUC, the College church, and the Union office.

Using the banner, "Your Friends, The Seventh-day Adventist Church" and the theme, "Jesus' Love is a Bubbling Over," the ABC, Browning elementary, SLA, SNEC, Union, and the College and Village churches sponsored a float. Riding the float were primary age children from the College and Village churches and students from Browning elementary. Also on the float was the church which is part of the model village built by Danny Linton and housed at ground level of the College church. Participants from Atlantic Union College sponsored an entry of Clydesdale horses. In addition, small mementos emblazoned with the church's name were distributed by the marchers along the parade route.

Photos arrested the story of an exciting event that captured historic memories of Lancaster that will long be cherished. It also recalls the continuing story of Adventists portraying the face of the church in its community. Additional photos of the parade can be viewed at www.atlantic-union.org/news37.htm. ①

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Pathfinders led the way to the church marching along North Shore Road.

Pembroke Church Celebrates 21st Anniversary

In July 1982 Evangelist Raymond Saunders conducted a series of evangelistic meetings on Frog Lane Field in Devonshire, Bermuda. As a result of the meeting, the West Pembroke church was formed. After many trials and tribulations, on May 31 the church celebrated 21 years in a unique manner. To make it a very special day, Sabbath School Community Guest Day, Community Services Day, Homecoming Day, and Friend Day were included as part of the celebration. In preparation for this occasion church members visited the community for at least three weeks inviting them to join the celebration.

Using the theme, "We've Come This Far By Faith," the Sabbath activities began with the Pathfinders and three members from the drum corps, Donovan Durrant, Jay Steed, and Newton McLean, leading the way to the church. Members who had been a part of the church's early years joined in the celebration. Other members who participated were not even



Pastor D. Randolph Wilson baptized Sheridan Ming.

born twenty-one years ago. Theresa Pageotte-Andre presented the special music, singing the same song with the same soundtrack she used twenty-one years ago. It was certainly a bit of nostalgia.

Sidney Mason, a van driver for forty years at

Opportunity Workshop, a carpenter's workshop for youth, was the recipient of the Sabbath School Community Service Award. His contribution to the community is seen in the number of young people whom he has "adopted" over the years. As a result of his commitment, he now has more than 40 children who call him "grandfather." On hand to receive his award was his wife and son, Perry.

Pastor Saunders presented the message with the same candor of old. It came from the story in Mark about the paralytic's friends who tore up the roof and let their friend down into the house. In their quest to get him to Jesus, they tore down the stuff that was in their way. He made the point that we must not let anything get in the way of seeing Jesus. If it does, we must tear it down. More than fifteen persons answered the evangelist's altar call. The service ended with the baptism of a father and son, Sheridan Ming and Sheridan Ming Jr.

On Sabbath afternoon there was a special program dedicated to the opening of two buildings—a Community Services Clothing Depot and an Education Complex. The buildings are still currently under construction and will be officially opened when completed. In its twenty-one years of existence the church has had five pastors—the present pastor twice. They have been at the current location for more than eleven years.



Evangelist Raymond Saunders reminded them that nothing should get in the way of seeing Jesus.

It truly was a day of blessings and we thank the Lord for His goodness and look forward to His continued bountiful blessings.

D. Randolph Wilson, correspondent BDA

Graphics Projection and Our Church

Last year our pastor was introducing new choruses to the congregation. Some members mentioned they couldn't see the small text created by the transparency projector being used. So, a new multimedia projector was ordered. After it arrived, prayer was offered for its success as a tool for ministry.

It has been one year since the projector has been in use, and it hasn't missed a week of action yet. At first, the church family had reservations about this change in the service. Though the tried and true methods of communicating God's word should be respected, new ways can be effective. As the generations that were raised with television become a majority of our congregations, it is important to continue to use powerful multimedia presentations for good.

The Adventist church has a message the world needs to understand. As "media missionaries" we must communicate the good news in the most efficient way. The Warwick church has made an adjustment for this wonderful addition to every presentation. We plan to continue to use whatever we have in our hands to reach out. Technology can never replace the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit can use technology in the hands of the faithful.

*Edward Doe, communication director
Warwick church*

Cambridge Church Leads Families into the Wilderness

Seventy-three individuals from the Cambridge, Stoneham, Roxbury, Berea, and Mattapan churches met on the third weekend in May at the Singing Hills Christian Conference Center in Plainfield, N.H., for a weekend retreat. The event was sponsored by the Cambridge Seventh-day Adventist Church Family Ministries Department. The goal for the weekend was to provide an opportunity for individuals to reconnect to God, their biological families, and their church family.

They spent time on nature walks, in worship services, praying, attending workshops, and in social activities. Mealtimes provided plenty of opportunity for fellowship while partaking of an all-vegan menu. For the workshops, everyone was divided into various groups. Pre-teens, teens, singles, and married couples discussed such topics as Communication & Conflict Resolution, Submission, and Affirmation & Affection. The children were treated to their own workshop.

The Sabbath was brought to a close with a rousing campfire vespers followed by a night of games and laughter. One of the highlights of the weekend was the 5:30 a.m. prayer walk led by camp director, Rodney Durand. The weekend was capped off with an exciting volleyball game.

At the closing session, Pastor Paul Goodridge shared words of hope found in Ezekiel 37. He encouraged the group stating that just as there was hope for Israel as symbolized through the restoration of the dry bones, so there is also hope for families who may seem disconnected and emotionally dead. Through meditating on the word of God and allowing the Spirit of God to move on hearts, families can become reconnected, living, thriving entities once again.

Everyone had a great time and

they are anxiously looking forward to taking a trip into the wilderness again next year.

*Paul Goodridge, pastor
Cambridge church*

Churnside Celebrated 104th Birthday

Mary Churnside celebrated her 104th birthday on April 11, 2003. This petite, charming lady attributes her long life to a thankful heart, positive attitude to life, a strict vegetarian diet, the tender, loving care of family and friends, and a deep faith in a loving God.

Churnside, who resides with her two daughters Monica Spencer and Gloria Hylton, in Brooklyn, New York, celebrated with family, friends and well wishers at the Mary Churnside Scholarship Benefit Luncheon held in her honor at the Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Mary Churnside Scholarship was established by Churnside's daughters and proceeds are used to assist needy students at the Hanson Place Elementary School.

Churnside, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, has lived an active interesting, yet challenging life, and has traveled extensively around the world. Though frail, she continues to attend weekly services at the church where she has been a member for many years.

*Maureen O. Burke, member
Hanson Place church*

Lawrence Hispanic Celebrates Renewal of Wedding Vows

The Lawrence Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated a renewal of vows ceremony on the last Sunday in March.

Approximately 22 couples participated in the ceremony including the local pastor Jose Burroughs and his wife. Pastor Evaristo Gomez, Hispanic coordinator for the Northeastern Conference officiated

at the ceremony. This event was organized and planned by Lorenza Santana, family life director of the church. The length of time the couples were married ranged from three to 56 years. After the ceremony the couples, along with family members and friends, gathered for a reception where there was food and fellowship.

*Lorenza Santana, family life director
Lawrence Hispanic church*

Renovación de Votos Matrimoniales

La iglesia Hispana de Lawrence, celebró una ceremonia de renovación de votos matrimoniales el último Domingo de Marzo. Aproximadamente 22 parejas participaron en la ceremonia incluyendo el pastor del distrito, Pastor José Burroughs y su esposa. El Pastor Evaristo Gómez, Coordinador Hispano de la Asociación del Noreste fue el oficiante de dicha ceremonia. Este evento fue planificado y organizado por la Sra. Lorenza Santana, directora del departamento de vida familiar de la iglesia. Los matrimonios variaban entre los tres a cincuenta y seis años de casados. Después de la ceremonia, todas las parejas junto con miembros de sus familias y amistades, se reunieron para una recepción donde compartieron en camaradería cristiana.

*Lorenza Santana, Directora de Vida Familiar
Iglesia Hispana de Lawrence*

Northeastern Conference Haitian Camp Meeting 2003

Theme:
A Sa Ressemblance (In His Likeness)

August 22 - 24

Venue:
Camp Victory Lake
Hyde Park, New York



The Northern New England Conference Youth Prayer Team.



This group presented a workshop on prayer group ministry at the Atlantic Union Youth Congress.

An Army of Prayer Warriors

The Northern New England Conference Youth Prayer Team has had a very busy schedule this year. Back in April fourteen teens and four adults participated as the Youth Prayer Team for the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Congress in Albany, N.Y. Eight of the teens were from the Northern New England area, two from the state of Washington, and four from California. God brought these kids together to make a "mighty army" of prayer warriors!

They established a prayer room and took turns being in charge of

petitioning God through prayer from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. each day. They prayed for all the speakers and presenters, and with many youth and adults all week long. God blessed in so many awesome ways! Many prayers were answered and we witnessed many lives being changed. We believe that God is calling youth to fight the battle for souls on our knees. We are experiencing His Holy Spirit in an awesome way! We are discovering what happens when teens pray!

The teens also assisted with the

prayer ministry for camp meeting this year. There was a prayer chapel set up for youth and adults. It was open three times during the day for special times of prayer.

We invite you to visit our website at www.youthprayerministries.com and join us in calling on the name of our Lord. Revival is happening! Glory to God!

*Kelly Veilleux, prayer ministries leader
Northern New England Conference*

139TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church

The 139th Anniversary Homecoming of the Bordoville church will be held Sabbath, September 20, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Bill Fagal will be the speaker. The Bordoville church is the first church to be built in New England for Seventh-day Adventists. It was built in 1864 by Daniel and Augustin Bourdeau. There will be a musical program in the afternoon and a presentation by Pastor Fagal. Bring a dish for the dinner and enjoy the fellowship. Located in West Enosburg, Vermont, on the Chester A. Arthur Road, off Route 108. All are welcome. Call Ginny Eckson at (802) 433-5881 or e-mail: ege3334@juno.com for more information.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1903–2003

Barre-Montpelier Seventh-day Adventist Church
297 Vine Street-Berlin
Barre, Vermont

Join us on September 27, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for
Sabbath School, Worship Service, Fellowship
Dinner, and Afternoon Program

For more information call:

Ginny Eckson – (802) 433-5881
Barbara Rolland – (802) 223-6454

It's Beginning to Rain

What a blessed time together at Camp Lawroweld! The Prayer Retreat, sponsored by the Northern New England Conference, was a huge success! All 45 that gathered were truly blessed. It was such a nice blend of young and old, male and female! A true picture of the "family of God." There was a lot of singing, praising, praying and studying. We experienced the presence of God in a marked way. "I [was] powerfully blessed by the Holy Spirit from being with you all at the Prayer Retreat," expressed Pastor Rick Kuntz.

Many are still experiencing the



They joined together in prayer at various times during the retreat.

after-glow and are sharing in their home churches. Burma Wilson from Woodstock, Maine, writes, "Seven of us from Woodstock were privileged to spend the weekend at the prayer retreat. We prepared for it by praying for the Spirit in our lives, for repentance and renewal in our own lives and revival in our church, local and worldwide. We are now committed to more prayer time. We come together regularly to seek the Lord and pray for the Holy Spirit!"

The feedback and sharing go on and on! One teen participant said, "The weekend was an amazing experience. I was blessed to be able to come and spend time with God and friends." In response to the



Participants at the Northern New England Conference Prayer Retreat.

evaluation question regarding their favorite part of the weekend, some enjoyed the On Holy Ground Prayer Time, singing, simple food, quiet time, and prayer! Some said they just went to meet with God and be blessed. Others felt God had done more for them than they could have asked or thought.

It's awesome to see the hand of God at work in our lives. He is fulfilling His promises to us!

*Kelly Veilleux, prayer ministries leader
Northern New England Conference*

NNEC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Secrets of the Vine

September 5-7, 2003

Women ages 15-115 (there will be special young women's meetings for ages 15-21)

\$50/person (mother/daughter special of \$85)
Registration deadline is September 1, 2003

Call the Northern New England Conference at
(207) 797-3760 for a registration form.



NNEC Youth Prayer Conference August 15-17, 2003 Camp Lawroweld, Maine

"Defeating the Darkness" *Come Up Higher!*

A Youth Prayer Experience
100% for Youth by Youth

Come "get real" with us as we explore tough teen issues.
Discover the Joy of God's Forgiveness and the Healing
Power to Overcome!
Experience Jesus as Never Before!

Youth talking about:

- Depression & Suicide
- Eating Disorders
- The Dark Side of Depression
- Dating Relationships
- Sexual Issues
- Abusive & Possessive Issues
- Entertainment & Addictions
- Music & Media Addictions
- Chemical Addictions

All Youth Ages 13-21 are Welcome!
\$30 fee - Must pre-register by August 10, 2003
Call (207) 797-3760 ext. 15 for a registration packet

Reconnecting Ministries Conference September 13, 2003

A conference on Reconnecting Ministries will take place September 13, 2003, at the College Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Lancaster, Mass. The one-day event will combine inspiring stories and training sessions for those interested in reaching out to members who are inactive. The event is open to participants across the Atlantic Union.

"This will be a day to meet with other Adventists who share a passion for reconnecting with members who are taking a break from church," states Paul Richardson, coordinator of Reconnecting Ministries for the North American Division (NAD). "There is a growing network of people who are working to make their churches safe places for hurting people."

Sponsored by the North American Division
Hosted by the College church

For more details about registering for the conference, call Pastor Elizabeth Castle at the College church office (978) 368-2130.

Kevin Bisson Receives The Excellent Teacher Award

Kevin Bisson, mathematics teacher at South Lancaster Academy (SLA), George Hill Road, was chosen by the Academy Alumni Award Committee as *The Excellent Teacher* for the Southern New England Conference. Bisson received a plaque and a check for \$1000 during a ceremony in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was one of about fifteen award recipients. The award is given to high school teachers in recognition of their commitment to excellence, creativity in their subject area, and for going the "extra mile."

"Mr. Bisson is truly deserving of this award," states Allyson Cram, princi-



pal at SLA and Browning Memorial Elementary School. "I have been impressed with how willing Mr. Bisson is to go to great lengths to help students succeed. He consistently challenges them and encourages them to strive for the best, and not only in academics. I am excited for Mr. Bisson and so glad to have him on our campus." Steven Daum, one of Bisson's students, says that his teacher "finds some kind of different way each day to get us to want to pay attention." "Mr. Bisson never runs out of ideas," Steven asserts. According to the sophomore, "Not many people like math and it seems that you have to know the teacher to start to have the slightest liking for it." "At first I wasn't the biggest math fan," Steven acknowledges, "But then I started taking math from Mr. Bisson and my whole perspective on math has changed.... He makes math fun to learn." Mr. Bisson has a great sense of humor. The jokes may be corny at times but you can always count on Mr. Bisson to have a back-up joke." Steve concluded.

Christopher Daum, Steven's brother who is a seventh-grader taking Algebra I, likes Bisson because his teacher helps him figure out the problems. Chris says that he, "leaves nothing out, and is fun to have in the classroom. He does a lot of board work. He isn't afraid to joke around in the classroom. He knows the stuff and makes few mistakes. And when he does he admits it and moves on. It is also good to have a small class with him so it is easy to teach

and there isn't much wasted time like there would be in a huge class."

Michael Daum, the youths' father, comments that he appreciates the fact that assignments given by Bisson show real life uses of mathematics.

*Ruth Pope, Office of Education field supervisor
Southern New England Conference*

The Lord Has Surely Been with us

A series of evangelistic meetings held May 3-17 brought a wonderful response at Mount Golgotha Haitian church. Guest speaker Pastor Pierre-Antoine Arbentz from the Allegheny East Conference spoke to the congregation. Approximately 105 people came to listen to the word of God nightly, with a total of seventy visitors throughout the series. Church members contributed not only with their presence, but also through consistent hard work, prayer, and outreach.

Members provided transportation for visitors, which was a vital tool allowing them to return each time. On the last Sabbath, three precious souls were baptized. A concert put closure to the meetings with guest artist Gilianne Abel and friends from Montreal, Canada. There are many more visitors who have been persuaded that our God is the Living God and have requested further Bible study, prayer, and baptism. "Praise God!" expressed Pastor Jean-Baptiste. "The Lord has surely been with us."

*Jean-Robert Jean-Baptiste, pastor
Mount Golgotha church*

Centennial Commemoration

1903-2003

Athol Seventh-day Adventist Church
3200 S. Athol Rd.
Athol, Massachusetts

August 30, 2003

For more information contact:
Denise Corrigan (978) 544-7066

Theatre of Grace

The Gardner church held a revival on the third weekend in April designed to help prepare the church for continued ministry and evangelism in the fall. Using the theme "Theatre of Grace," they focused on God's purpose for the church during the end time. Approximately 275 people attended the Sabbath service, and about 150 stayed for the afternoon meetings. Ty Gibson, co-director for Light Bearers Ministries in the state of Washington, was the speaker. Some of the members and attendees felt that these meetings were eye openers to see and understand God and His love in a deeper way, and experience a closer relationship with Him and gain spiritual strength for the days ahead.

Lee-han Wecker, accountant at the Southern New England Conference office and James Scarborough pastor for the Gardner church

Greater Boston Academy Welcomes New Principal

Jerrell Gilkeson begins his service as

principal of Edgewood Elementary (EW) and Greater Boston Academy (GBA) this summer, becoming the 16th principal of the institution started in 1944. Gilkeson fills the position vacated by James Norcliffe, who resigned for health reasons.

"I would like people in the area to know that it is the most humbling thing to come to work with people that have such high dreams and have given and sacrificed for so many years," Gilkeson said.

Gilkeson comes from Hawaiian Mission Academy where he was vice-principal for two years. Prior to this, he served as principal for six years at Escondido Adventist Academy in California. Gilkeson has been in the academic arena for 26 years.

During the first week at EW/GBA, he met with faculty and staff to reflect on the previous academic year, to cast a vision for the future of the school, and to create new policies for the new academic year.

"My dream for EW/GBA is to build a new school plant with an enrollment to sustain a strong

Adventist Christian school in the Boston area," Gilkeson said.

Gilkeson received his master's of education in school administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor of arts in religion from Southern Adventist University in Tennessee. Gilkeson and his wife, Eve, have two daughters, Melody and Julie.

Edgewood Elementary and Greater Boston Academy is a private, Christian school owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The program educates students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and serves the Greater Boston community.

Heidi Martella, public relations writer for Greater Boston Academy.



Reflections

There was a time when a man's word was his bond. Those were the days when a promise made was a promise kept. Today, promises are a dime a dozen. Gone are the days when a man's word obligates him to honor that which he promised. Cynicism makes us more prone to be doubters rather than believers. We have lost faith in our institutions, government, politicians, spiritual leaders, and each other. It seems as if no one can be trusted anymore. Promises are made and are broken all in the same breath. We can no longer take people at their word. The era of the gentleman's agreement is a thing of the past. How sad, but how true. Broken promises have become the rule rather than the exception.

In the financial world we have become familiar with the term, "late payment," which is simply an accommodation made to facilitate a broken promise. It is giving the borrower extra time for not paying on time. We frequently hear of the prenuptial agreement—another example of the broken promise psyche. This "just in case" escape hatch provides couples with a mutually agreed upon settlement if the marriage does not work. It is like getting ready for the divorce (broken promise) even before the "I do's."

Here is a bit of good news... God never breaks His promises. "God is not a [man] that He should lie, or a mortal that He should change His mind. Has He promised, and will not do it? Has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?"—Numbers 23:19 NRSV. "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He spoke through His servant Moses"—1 Kings 8:56 NRSV. These two texts are an antithesis to broken promises. "Behind every promise we have the Word and oath of Him who cannot lie"—Lockyer. We can be confident in knowing that all the promises of God are sure. In the days to come spend time in exploring His promises. It will give you a fresh and renewed appreciation for God.



*Ray Ricketts, associate pastor and College chaplain
College church*

An Army of One

Recently I was scanning my latest issue of *YOUTHWORKER*, a contemporary journal for youth ministry. In fact, I would encourage those who are serious about youth ministry to subscribe to this current and cutting edge youth resource. A caption on an ad caught my eye. The caption reads like this “An Army of One.” The purpose of the ad is to recruit chaplains of all faiths and is paid for by the United States Army. The punch line of the ad is this: Whether you’re an ordained priest, minister, rabbi, or a rabbinical or seminary student, right now there are full and part-time ministry opportunities for you in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. This Youth Connections article is not about recruiting you for the U.S. Army but it is about recruiting you to be an “Army of One” in the great army of youth workers needed in the Atlantic Union.

Yes, there are hundreds of ministry opportunities available in each of our churches throughout this great union. *These positions are numerous from being the youth leader of the church, an assistant, a teacher, worship leader, song leader, youth federation officer, youth church coordinator, young adult leader, youth Sabbath school leader, youth Sabbath School teacher, outreach coordinator, social activities coordinator, and the list can go on and on.* This is August and it is time for each church to dream and vision and plan for their youth ministries for the coming church calendar year. It is time that you decide to enlist in the great army of youth workers needed to nurture, mentor, and train the church’s greatest resource.

Recently the leadership of our union met with administrators, board members, committee members to participate in visioning sessions in four areas of ministries. One of those was Youth Ministries. Several initiatives were suggested which you’ll be hearing more about in the coming months.

How many of you would like to become an “army of one” to lead this great army of youth that are poised to help finish God’s work on this earth? We need youth leaders that can be identified in each church. We need active youth and young adult groups in each church in this union. We need those who would like to join the great army of youth workers in each of our conferences. If you don’t feel you can be the leader, why not become an “army of one” to lead various ministries within youth ministries? Think about becoming the leader for youth prayer ministries, outreach, social activities, sports for Christ, youth evangelism, or the greeters.

How important is it that we have many who want to be an army of one? Ellen White states in *COUNSELS TO*

PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS, p. 165, 166, “Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.... To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man.”

The Spirit of Prophecy states that our children and youth demand our care. Ellen White also states that “There ought to be a large number who would be stewards of the grace of Christ, who would feel not merely a casual but a special interest in the young”—*COUNSELS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS*, p.42.

Working with the youth of the church can be one of the most rewarding experiences in ministry. To help them work through the many different stages in life is exciting. To help them work through some of their own issues, questions, and concerns can be deeply satisfying and fulfilling. Yes, youth ministry can be frustrating. To try to understand their needs and satisfying their demands as they search for meaning and purpose can be frustrating. The bottom line is this. The greatest sense of achievement in ministry comes when a youth leader sees young people resolve their search for identify and belonging by making a commitment to enter into a lifelong relationship with God, by inviting Jesus Christ to be Lord of their lives.

The Lord needs you to show this special interest in the youth of the Atlantic Union. Why not go to your local recruiting office (the conference youth department, local church office) to volunteer to become an “army of one” working for that great “army of youth” that will help finish God’s work on this earth! The Lord is asking, “Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?”

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Sleepless Nights?

Count on More Than Sheep!

BY SHERYL S. MCWILLIAMS AND MIKE ORTEL

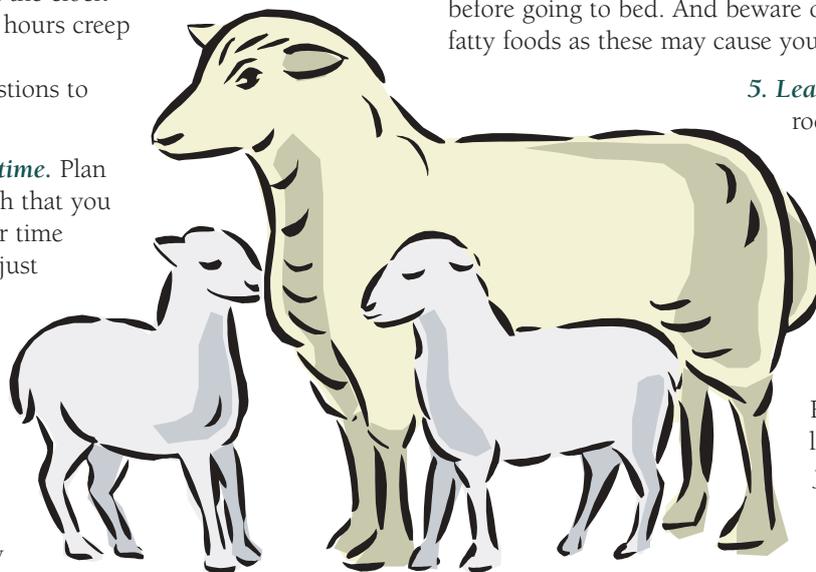
Sleep, or lack thereof, affects every aspect of our lives from our mood to our ability to perform our jobs well. To stay healthy, you need sleep as much as you need good nutrition and regular exercise. Sleep boosts your immune system, helps with weight control, can reduce your risk of various chronic diseases such as hypertension and helps preserve muscles. Yet studies indicate that approximately 65 percent of Americans regularly do not get enough sleep.

In our fast paced, jet-propelled society we are so busy taking care of daily obligations that we forgo the benefits of sleep, not to mention good nutrition and regular exercise! Then there are those of us who want to get a good nights sleep, but we lay helplessly awake staring at the clock watching the minutes and hours creep slowly by.

Try some of these suggestions to improve your slumber.

1. Go to bed at a regular time. Plan and organize your day such that you go to bed at a fairly regular time each day. Establish rituals just before sleeping (i.e. brush your teeth or hair, wash your face, etc.) so that your body can recognize that you are preparing for bed. Be careful not to read, view, or listen to things which are stimulating as this may keep you awake.

2. Be aware of your environment. Your sleeping space should be special. Make it as luxurious as possible, with comfortable bedding, pillows, etc. It should be a place that calms you. Whenever possible, choose not to have computers, televisions, piles of books and magazines, etc., in your bedroom. And no arguing in the bedroom. You should be able to associate your sleeping space with peace, tranquility, rest and relaxation. Keep in mind that temperature can be a distraction. As much as possible, try to keep your room temperature no higher than 65 degrees. And turn your clock away from the bed. It is frustrating to stare at the clock counting the minutes before you have to get up! Besides, if you are truly getting adequate amounts of sleep, you should not require the use of an alarm clock.



3. Block out light. Our body naturally makes hormones, which helps us sleep. If there is too much light in the room then the body has difficulty making that hormone. Make your room as dark as possible by lowering the window shade, turn brightly lit clocks away from you, etc.

4. Consider when you eat and drink. If you drink anything less than an hour before bed chances are that you will awaken during the night to urinate. Save yourself the trouble and drink your 6-8 glasses of water and other liquids during the day. Also, your body needs time to digest the food you eat before you go to bed. Eat your last meal three to four hours before going to bed. And beware of spicy, fried or otherwise fatty foods as these may cause you to stay awake.

5. Leave the bedroom. Your bedroom should be a place that you associate with relaxation and peacefulness, not restlessness and frustration. And it can be frustrating if you can't fall asleep within 20 to 30 minutes after going to bed. Get up and go into a different room. Perhaps take a warm bath, listen to some quiet music or just relax quietly in low light. Do not be tempted to "use my time constructively" by engaging in activities

that are physically or mentally stimulating as this may keep you awake.

6. Get physical. Regular exercise has been shown to help sleep patterns. It is often helpful however to engage in activity earlier in the day. If you exercise too late in the evening it may stimulate you, preventing or delaying sleep. ☺

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¿Qué Está Pasando?

ALREDEDOR DE LA IGLESIA MUNDIAL

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Sudamérica lanza el programa de evangelización para 2004

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13 de Mayo del 2003, Brasilia, Brasil

[ANN] — “Al sentarse a planificar las actividades y ocuparse de motivar a toda la iglesia... hagan esto como una respuesta al llamado de Dios a Su iglesia... porque esto no es un plan humano de acción: este es el plan de Dios para terminar la obra y la redención del mundo,” dijo recientemente Jan Paulsen, presidente de la iglesia adventista mundial. Los comentarios pertenecen a un mensaje grabado y dirigido a los líderes eclesiásticos de Sudamérica con motivo del lanzamiento de “2004, Año del Evangelismo Mundial,” un plan de evangelización mundial que procura involucrar a toda la membresía adventista (alrededor de 13 millones) en actividades de evangelización.

La iglesia de Sudamérica planea preparar a los feligreses (hombres y mujeres, jóvenes y niños) para que conduzcan campañas de evangelización, y utilizará medios de comunicación tales como la radio, la televisión, la transmisión satelital y la Internet.

El programa, transmitido en vivo el 3 de Mayo por ADSAT Novo Tempo, una estación televisiva adventista de Brasil, delineó los planes del 2004 como Año del Evangelismo Mundial para los pastores, administradores y destacados líderes laicos, que serán los encargados del promover esta iniciativa en las iglesias locales.

“Tan sólo unos pocos meses atrás tuve el privilegio de acompañarlos al lanzar el plan Go One Million en Sudamérica,” añadió Paulsen. “Sus miembros laicos efectuaron grandes compromisos. El recuerdo de sus expresiones públicas de apoyo aún perdura en mi mente, las imágenes de su contagioso entusiasmo al unirse a este movimiento

mundial de laicos que llevarán el evangelio de Cristo a los lugares más recónditos del mundo.”

“El énfasis del evangelismo mundial se concentrará principalmente en evangelizar a los grandes centros urbanos,” dijo Alejandro Bullón, evangelista internacional de la iglesia adventista. El proyecto tendrá varias formas: campañas de evangelismo público, semanas de cosecha, cosecha de grupos pequeños y trabajo personal. El liderazgo de la iglesia, en todos los niveles y en todo el mundo, tendrá el desafío y el entrenamiento que los habilite para trabajar antes y durante el año de énfasis en el evangelismo mundial.”

Una de las áreas principales de la iglesia en Sudamérica es la de los grupos pequeños. “En cada comunidad adventista, se anima a cada iglesia a crear al menos un grupo pequeño, [que invite] a amigos y vecinos a estudiar la Biblia,” dijo Siloé de Almeida, director de comunicaciones de la iglesia en Sudamérica.

Las instituciones de salud de la iglesia también estarán involucradas. “Se motiva a cada uno a desarrollar campañas de evangelización dentro de su área de trabajo,” dijo Bullón. “[Se concentrarán en] alcanzar las ciudades y lugares donde todavía no hay presencia adventista.”

Cada división o región administrativa de la iglesia recibe ideas y sugerencias desde la sede central de la iglesia en Silver Spring, Maryland, que está al frente del Año del Evangelismo Mundial.

“Me motiva y me complace participar”, dijo Robert Vásquez, Jefe de Policía en el Perú. “Cuando regrese a Perú, tendré la motivación para dar el evangelio a más policías.”

El Año del Evangelismo Mundial está estrechamente relacionado con otros dos

grandes movimientos de la iglesia ya en ejecución: “Go One Million,” un plan de entrenar y equipar a 1 millón de laicos para el evangelismo, y “Siembra 1,000 Millones,” una plan de distribuir en todo el mundo 1,000 millones de invitaciones a estudiar la Biblia.

“Estamos adoptando el programa de manera que se corresponda con la filosofía del programa ‘Go One Million,’ que implica involucrar el mayor número de personas en el trabajo misionero,” dijo Ranieri Salles, director de Ministerios Personales de la iglesia en el norte de Brasil. “Estos individuos tienen la tarea de esparcir el evangelio en todo nuestro territorio.”

“La Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día es una iglesia con una misión”, dijo Bullón. “Existe con el propósito de proclamar el evangelio al mundo.”

“Cualquiera que participe, sin importar adónde, ya sea en un pequeño rincón de Bolivia o Uruguay, en las pampas de Argentina, en las aldeas de Perú y Chile, o en las urbes de Brasil, está participando en un plan grande y mundial. La familia adventista en todo el mundo está asumiendo este plan bajo la dirección divina,” dijo Paulsen. “Somos parte de algo grande, de algo que es más grande de lo que podría lograr una ciudad o una nación o un segmento de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día. Somos parte de esto como miembros de la familia mundial como nuestro acto personal de compromiso y dedicación con Dios.”

La iglesia de Sudamérica estará desarrollando seminarios de entrenamiento hasta comienzos del 2004, en preparación para el Año de Evangelismo Mundial, y la iglesia mundial dedicará la última semana del 2003 para orar por esta iniciativa especial.

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Quoi de Neuf?

A TRAVERS L'ÉGLISE MONDIALE

Afrique du Sud: l'Église organise une conférence sur le VIH/SIDA et promet son aide

6 Mai, 2003, Bloemfontein, Afrique du Sud [ANN] — «Tous, nous sommes tous pécheurs, les séronégatifs comme les séropositifs», a déclaré V. S. Wakaba, président de l'Église adventiste d'Afrique du Sud, dans le discours d'ouverture qu'il a prononcé devant 280 délégués présents à la conférence organisée par l'Église de cette région du monde, du 11 au 13 Avril dernier, pour discuter des manières de tendre la main aux membres d'Église souffrant du VIH/SIDA.

V.S. Wabaka a dit que l'Église devait traiter les personnes atteintes du VIH/SIDA tout comme le Nouveau Testament nous dit que Jésus avait traité les lépreux: avec compassion et en leur portant assistance.

Cette conférence s'est tenue dans le sillage de la manifestation régionale organisée du 3 au 6 Mars à Harare, Zimbabwe. Elle visait à accroître la prise de conscience du problème dans la zone de l'Afrique du Sud.

Les participants à la conférence de Bloemfontein ont mis en commun leurs expériences de confrontation de la pandémie du VIH/SIDA: cela allait de l'organisation de soins à domicile à des actions d'autonomisation d'orphelins du SIDA grâce à des programmes de développement des aptitudes et de soulagement de la pauvreté, en passant par la gestion d'unités de soins palliatifs pour malades du VIH/SIDA ainsi que d'orphelinats et par le lancement de groupes de soutien pour les personnes séropositives, de cours de nutrition spécialisée pour ces malades et par la création de comités VIH/SIDA au sein de leurs Églises locales.

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Les adventistes d'Amérique du nord s'opposent à la consommation médicale de marijuana dans l'État du Maryland

27 Mai, 2003, Silver Spring, Maryland, États-Unis [ANN] — Fidèles à leurs convic-

tions en matière de vie saine et sans alcool, cigarette ni drogues, les adventistes du septième jour d'Amérique du nord comptent parmi les nombreux groupes qui ont manifesté leur opposition à une loi votée par le Sénat des États-Unis le 22 Mai dernier, contresignée par le gouverneur de l'État du Maryland, Robert Ehrlich, et qui diminue les peines encourues pour usage de marijuana à but médical.

Bien que la loi ne légalise pas la consommation de marijuana, elle permet à sa consommation à titre médical d'être utilisée comme «argument positif de la défense» en cas de mise en accusation pénale pour cette consommation. La peine se trouve ramenée à un maximum de 100 dollars, et sans possibilité d'emprisonnement – à condition que l'accusé puisse prouver que son usage était d'ordre médicinal.

«Fumer n'est pas un mode efficace d'administration des doses médicinales,» explique le Dr. DeWitt Williams, directeur des ministères de santé de l'Église adventiste d'Amérique du nord. «Si l'on approuve l'usage médicinal de la marijuana, cela va libérer définitivement les gens qui veulent la consommer pour leur seul plaisir. Et il ne faut pas en arriver là car c'est alors la porte ouverte à tous les abus.»

Les partisans de cette loi disent qu'elle viendra à l'aide des patients qui souffrent de maladies telles que le VIH/SIDA, le cancer, la sclérose en plaques et la maladie de Crohn, ou des personnes sujettes à nausées.

Mais, disent les opposants, il n'y a aucune preuve scientifique que l'usage médical de la marijuana soit sans danger. Il a été prouvé que la fumée de marijuana contient des produits chimiques nocifs pour tous les systèmes du corps humain – du cerveau au système immunitaire, des poumons au système reproducteur.

Les adventistes se sont joints à des membres du Congrès américain, à des professionnels et organisations de santé et à de simples citoyens du Maryland pour exprimer leurs inquiétudes quant à ce texte de loi par des

appels téléphoniques, des fax et des courriels adressés au gouverneur. Le Maryland est le neuvième État des États-Unis à adopter une telle loi.

Le siège de la Division nord-américaine de l'Église adventiste est situé à Silver Spring, dans le Maryland, tout comme son siège mondial.

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Un sommet mondial sur la santé

L'Agence adventiste d'aide et de développement (ADRA) va organiser à Chiang Mai, en Thaïlande, du 7 au 15 Octobre 2003, un sommet mondial sur la santé. Il aura pour objectifs la mise au point finale du Plan stratégique de santé mondiale d'ADRA, l'examen et l'approbation des normes internationales reconnues en matière de santé de l'enfant, de santé maternelle, de maladies infectieuses et de santé environnementale ainsi que le réexamen des leçons tirées de la conception et de la mise en œuvre des programmes de santé, l'accent étant mis tout particulièrement sur leur ampleur, sur leur qualité, sur leur portée et sur leur durabilité. Les participants examineront aussi les compétences dont le cursus de l'Institut ADRA du leadership professionnel (ADRA Professional Leadership Institute — APLI) propose l'apprentissage en matière de santé. Ils cerneront les moyens de renforcer la collaboration entre professionnels de santé du réseau ADRA et réfléchiront à la nécessité d'établir des groupes de travail internationaux en tant que mécanismes efficaces d'amélioration de la communication et de propulsion en avant du plan stratégique de santé mondiale d'ADRA.

Todd Reese/ANN Staff

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Out-of-Union

Events occurring outside the Atlantic Union territory

Centennial Celebration — You are invited to join Jan Paulsen, world leaders, pastors, and members of the Takoma Park Church for the 100th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of October 9, 2004. For more information, send your name, address, and phone number to the: 100th Anniversary Committee, Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Office, 6810 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20012. E-mail: TTAKOMAPARKSDACHURCH@MSN.COM.

“National Singles Camp,” Camp MiVoden, Hayden Lake, Idaho, August 25 – September 1, 2003 — a week of spiritual and physical renewal. Join active singles from across North America in waterskiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, challenge course, and many other exciting activities. For brochure, contact Lorene Soderstrom, 5261 Sonora Way, Carmichael, CA 95608, phone (916) 967-6178, e-mail: lsoder@softcom.net.

Spot News

Events occurring in the Atlantic Union territory

Computers and school bus needed for new Adventist school: The South Bay Junior Academy, established in 2002, would deeply appreciate donations from supporters of Christian education. The

Pearl River Elementary School 50th Anniversary Celebration September 19-20, 2003

Pearl River Seventh-day Adventist Church
210 N. Middletown Rd.
Pearl River, N.Y. 10965

Alumni, former staff, and
friends are invited to attend.

For more information call the
school at (914) 735-8603

most urgent needs are computers for the lab, and a small school bus. If your heart is touched by this call for assistance, please contact the school board chair, Karleen Edwards or the principal Veronica Quinones, at: South Bay Junior Academy, 150 Fire Island Ave., Babylon, NY 11702. Phone: (631) 321-0857, fax: (631) 321-0021.

Greater New York Academy Reunion 2004 spring spectacular 3-day Cruise boarding Royal Caribbean Cruise Liner leaving Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Friday, April 23, 2004. Contact: Jake206@netzero.net or Leah Consuegra at (407) 814-9480. All GNYA alumni are invited.

Missionaries needed: You do not have to go overseas to share Christ. You are needed close to home. The Boston Temple church, the N. Quincy ESOL Center (English Speakers of Other Languages) need ESOL volunteer teachers, and Middle/High school tutor to reach out to Chinese non-Christians. One and one-half hours twice a week. Reply to: Pttan@msn.com or call (617) 536-5022.

Thayer Performing Arts Center 1st Annual Instrument Drive! We are accepting any new or old instruments that you would like to donate to the center. Cellos, tubas, violins, banjos, violas, flutes, trombones, drums, pianos (we need to inspect all pianos before they are dropped off), clarinets, piano stools, oboes, guitars, etc. (any instrument in your closet). They will be used or sold to benefit students and the building. Drop off instruments at the Thayer Performing Arts Center Office, 438 Main St., So. Lancaster, MA 01561 or call Debbie Gifford at (978) 368-2100. E-mail: mail@thayerarts.org. Website: www.thayerarts.org.

Deaths

ANDERSON, Ruth Teed—84, b. May 26, 1918, in Binghamton, N.Y.; d. Mar. 21, 2003, in West Paris, Maine. She worked beside her husband, Carl P. Anderson, in the Atlantic and Columbia Unions. Survivors include her daughter, Elsie May Gang of Andover, N.J.; two grandchildren, Carla Gang of Clinton, Mass., and Jeffrey Gang of Apopka, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren.

CONRAD, Edwin Philip—b. Aug. 30, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio; d. Nov. 6, 2002, in Unity, N.H., as a result of a car accident. He was a member of the Osborne Memorial church in Claremont, N.H., and functioned in multiple positions. Conrad attended the Estabrook school in W. Lebanon, N.H., Union Springs Academy in Union Springs, N.Y., and graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1967. He was the proprietor of Ed's TV in Claremont, N.H. He installed satellite antennas for numerous schools and churches throughout the Atlantic Union for reception of 3ABN. He supplied and operated the public address system at the annual Washington, N.H., church meeting. He also assisted at the Northern New England camp meeting in public address work. Survivors include: two sons, Andrew John Conrad of

Berlin, N.H., and Peter James Conrad of Unity, N.H., also a student at AUC; two sisters, Carol Berry (Richard) of W. Hartford, Vt., Wanda Lee (Dale) of Petersburg, Va., three brothers, Bruce Conrad (Mary Anne) of W. Hartford, Vt., Roy Conrad (Bertheda) of Mt. Bethel, Penn., and Arthur Conrad (Edith) of Fitchburg, Mass.; a grandmother, Irene Glass of Marengo, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins.

SICELY, Paula S.—b. Feb. 21, 1975; d. Mar. 8, 2003. She was a member of the Barre-Montpelier church. Survivors include her husband, Joe Sicely; five children and five step-children; Ginger George Pelkey and Robert L. Pelkey, her parents; a sister; grandfather, and step-grandparents.

WILLEY, Wayne Earle—58, b. Jul. 25, 1944, in Morristown, N.J.; d. Apr. 9, 2003, in Bentonville, Ark. He graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1968. He also attended Andrews University. He pastored churches in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the Bentonville and Decatur Arkansas Adventist churches from 1989-1992. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Willey (Orser); a son, D. Erik Willey of Bentonville; a daughter, Cynthis L. Willey of Chattanooga, Tenn.

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