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Mission Statement

To faithfully chronicle the work and progress of the church in the Atlantic Union territory and inform, instruct, and inspire our church members.

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Preserving Our Hope in Christ

In about a month's time, the Atlantic Union will convene its quinquennial session. The theme we have chosen is "Preserving Our Hope in Christ." The notion of hope is not foreign to Adventists. From the very inception of this church (it all began right here in the Atlantic Union territory), ***hope*** has been a defining conviction of the early Adventist pioneers. We've always had it. And preserve it, we must. Not only for ourselves, but for future generations.

The apostle declares that "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have ***hope***"—Roman 15:4, NIV. If we would preserve our ***hope*** in Christ in the 21st century, we must endure and find encouragement in the Scriptures as the Word of God. This must be our anchor in these last days as it was for the Old Testament patriarchs, the New Testament believers, and the early Adventist pioneers.

Today our ***hope*** is being eroded by the proliferation of naysayers, false doctrine, and outright worldliness, as predicted in Scripture: "First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming?'"—2 Peter 3:3, 4, NRSV.

One day a little boy struggled to bring a large family Bible to his father as the family gathered for worship. A guest of the family who was staying at the home couldn't help but observe the little boy's dilemma and remarked: "Ah! my boy, you carry your Bible now; but the time is coming when you will find that *the Bible must carry you*."

As we come to the end of this term of service in the Atlantic Union, I want to thank God for His rich blessings during the last five years, four of which I had the honor of serving as your president. What a delight it has been to see God's guiding hand over His church, including the amazing and miraculous turnaround of Atlantic Union College in the midst of daunting circumstances (see report inserted between pages 16 and 17 of this GLEANER issue).

I am very thankful for the capable and godly leadership of my administrative colleagues, departmental directors, associates, assistants, and the entire office support staff—including my faithful secretary, Premila Wilmott. They're the best. I've valued them dearly. I also want to thank the members of the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee and Association Board, the K-12 Education Board, as well as the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees for their tireless efforts to meet the grave concerns of leadership and governance during this period.

Were it not for the unflagging support of our local conference presidents and officers, and the Atlantic Union College president and officers, much that has been accomplished during this time would never be. On behalf of the Atlantic Union team, thank you elders Trevor Baker, Jeffrey Brown, Dionisio Olivo, Mike Ortel, Stan Rouse, Frank Tochterman, and George Babcock. Your administrative, educational, and gospel-spreading leadership is so appreciated.

Finally, I want to thank each constituent member for your unwavering faithfulness and financial generosity to this church, both at home and abroad. May your tribe increase!

As Lois and I have traveled around the Atlantic Union, we've been blessed by your graciousness and genuine Christian warmth. May God's grace and mercy continue to flourish in us as we await the soon coming of our precious Lord.

May ***hope*** continue to burn within our hearts.

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.

"Ah! my boy, you carry your Bible now, but the time is coming when you will find that the Bible must carry you."

Gardons Notre Espérance en Christ!

"Ah! mon garçon, tu portes ta Bible aujourd'hui, mais le jour vient quand c'est la Bible qui te portera."

D'ici un mois, Atlantic Union tiendra sa session quinquennale. Nous avons choisi le thème qui suit: "Gardons Notre Espérance en Christ." La notion espérance n'est pas étrange aux Adventistes. Dès l'origine de cette église (tout a débuté ici, sur le territoire d'Atlantic Union Conférence), espérance a toujours été la distinctive conviction qui caractérisa les pionniers Adventistes.

L'apôtre déclare: "Or tout ce qui a été écrit d'avance l'a été pour notre instruction, afin que, par la patience, et par la consolation que donnent les écritures nous possédions l'espérance." Romains 15:4, L. Segond. Si nous devons préserver notre espérance en Jésus en ce 21e siècle, nous devons résister et nous encourager dans les Ecritures comme la Parole de Dieu. C'est notre ancre dans ces derniers jours comme ce fut l'expérience des patriarches de l'Ancien Testament, des croyants du Nouveau Testament et des pionniers Adventistes.

Aujourd'hui, notre espérance est érodée par la prolifération des opposants, de fausses doctrines, et le triomphe de la mondanité, comme a prédit les Ecritures: "Sachant avant tout que, dans les derniers jours, il viendra des moqueurs avec leurs railleries, marchant selon leurs propres convoitises, et disant: Où est la promesse de son avènement? Car, depuis que les près sont morts, tout demeure comme dès le commencement de la création.» 2 Pierre 3:3, 4 L. Segond.

Un jour, un petit garçon débattait pour apporter une large Bible de famille à son père, pour le culte de famille. Un visiteur de la famille qui observait le dilemme du garçon fait la remarque suivante: "Ah! mon garçon, tu portes ta Bible aujourd'hui, mais le jour vient quand c'est la Bible qui te portera."

Alors que nous arrivons au terme du service dans Atlantic Union, je voudrais remercier Dieu pour ses riches bénédictions durant les cinq années écoulées, quatre desquelles, j'ai eu l'honneur de servir comme votre président. Quel a été mon plaisir de voir la main de Dieu diriger son église, ainsi que son extraordinaire miracle du succès d'Atlantic Union Collège au milieu des circonstances décevantes (voir le rapport dans le présent numéro de Gleaner).

Je suis très reconnaissant pour avoir des collègues spirituels et capables comme leaders et administrateurs, directeurs départementaux, associés, assistants, et tout le bureau, y comprise ma fidèle secrétaire, Premila Willmott. Je les valorise hautement. Je voudrais aussi remercier tous les membres du Comité Exécutif et le comité de l'Association, "K- 12 Education Board," aussi bien qu'Atlantic Union Collège "Board of Trustees" pour leurs infatigables efforts afin de trouver solutions aux problèmes complexes du leadership et de gestion, durant cette période.

N'eut été l'inlassable support des présidents des conférences locales et officiers, et le président d'Atlantic Union Collège et officiers, nous n'aurions jamais pu accomplir autant. Au nom de l'équipe d'Atlantic Union Conférence, je remercie Pasteurs Trevor Baker, Jeffrey Brown, Dionisio Olivo, Mike Ortel, Stan Rouse, Frank Tochterman, et George Babcock. Votre gestion administrative, éducationnelle et pastorale est hautement appréciée.

Finalement, Je voudrais remercier chaque constituant pour votre fidélité et générosité financière locale et à l'étranger. Que votre tribu s'accroisse!

Tandis que Lois et moi voyageons à travers le territoire de l'Union, nous avons été bénis par votre chaleureux accueil. Que la grâce du Seigneur continue à fleurir en nous, alors que nous attendons le retour de notre précieux Jésus.

Que l'espérance continue à briller dans nos cœurs.

Donald G. King is president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees.

Preservando Nuestra Esperanza en Cristo

En poco más de un mes, la Unión del Atlántico convocará su sesión quinquenal. El tema que hemos escogido es "Preservando Nuestra Esperanza en Cristo." La idea de la esperanza no es ajena para los Adventistas. Desde el mismo comienzo de esta iglesia (todo comenzó aquí en el territorio de la Unión del Atlántico), la esperanza ha sido la convicción que definió a los pioneros Adventistas. Siempre la hemos tenido y debemos preservarla. No solo para nosotros, sino para las generaciones futuras.

El apóstol declara que "De hecho, todo lo que se escribió en el pasado se escribió para enseñarnos, a fin de que, alentados por las Escrituras, perseveremos en mantener nuestra esperanza"– Romanos 15:4, NVI. Si hemos de preservar nuestra esperanza en Cristo en el Siglo 21, debemos perseverar y encontrar ánimo en las Escrituras, que es la Palabra de Dios. Esta debe ser nuestra ancla en estos últimos días como lo fue para los patriarcas del Viejo Testamento, los creyentes del Nuevo Testamento y los pioneros Adventistas.

Hoy nuestra esperanza ha sido amenazada por la proliferación de los no creyentes, falsas doctrinas, y mundanalidad, como fue predicho en las Escrituras: "Sabed ante todo que en los últimos días vendrán burladores, andando según sus propias pasiones y diciendo: '¿Dónde está la promesa de su advenimiento?'" – 2 Pedro 3:3, 4, RVR1995.

Un día un niñito con mucho esfuerzo trataba de traerle a su padre una Biblia grande y pesada mientras se reunían para el culto familiar. Un amigo de la familia, el cual se estaba hospedando en la casa, al observar el dilema del niño, comenta: "¡Ah! mi niño, hoy tu cargas la Biblia; pero llegará el momento en que la Biblia te cargará a ti."

Al acercanos al final de este término de servicio en la Unión del Atlántico, quiero agradecerle a Dios por sus ricas bendiciones durante estos últimos cinco años, cuatro de los cuales yo tuve el honor de servir como su presidente. ¡Que delicia ha sido ver la mano de Dios guiando a su iglesia, incluyendo la forma milagrosa y asombrosa como obró en el Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico en medio de circunstancias desalentadoras (ver el reporte incluido en esta edición del Gleaner).

Estoy muy agradecido por la capacidad y el liderazgo de mis colegas administradores, los directores departamentales, directores asociados, asistentes y el apoyo del personal de la oficina-incluyendo a mi fiel secretaria, Premila Wilmott. Ellos son los mejores. Y los estimo en gran manera. También quiero agradecer a los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo de la Unión del Atlántico, la Junta de la Corporación, la Junta de Educación K-12, y a los miembros de la Junta Administrativa del Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico, por sus esfuerzos incansables para lidiar con las graves preocupaciones de liderazgo y dirección durante este periodo.

Si no hubiese sido por el inagotable apoyo de nuestros presidentes y oficiales de cada asociación local, y el presidente y los oficiales del Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico, mucho de lo que se ha logrado durante este tiempo nunca se hubiera logrado. De parte del equipo de la Unión del Atlántico, les agradecemos a los Pastores Trevor Baker, Dionisio Olivo, Mike Ortel, Stan Rouse, Frank Tochterman, y George Babcock. Su liderazgo administrativo, educacional y evangelistico es apreciado.

Finalmente, quiero agradecer a cada miembro constituyente por su fidelidad inquebrantable y su generosidad financiera para con esta iglesia, tanto en casa como en el extranjero. ¡Que la obra siga creciendo!

Mientras Lois y yo viajábamos alrededor de la Unión del Atlántico, fuimos bendecidos por su gentileza y su calor cristiano genuino. Que la gracia de Dios y su misericordia continúen floreciendo en nosotros mientras esperamos el pronto regreso de nuestro precioso Salvador. Que la esperanza continúe viva en nuestros corazones.

Donald G. King es el presidente de la Unión del Atlántico y director de la Junta Administrativa del Colegio de la Unión del Atlántico.

"¡Ah! mi niño, hoy tu cargas la Biblia; pero llegará el momento en que la Biblia te cargará a ti."

Camp Meeting Schedule 2006

BERMUDA CONFERENCE

Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex
June 30–July 8, 2006

Pressing on to Higher Ground

SPEAKERS:

June 30–July 4
Calvin B. Preston
Pastor
Bethany Church
South Atlantic Conference

July 5–July 8
Emil D. Peeler
Pastor
Dupont Park Church
Allegheny East Conference

Jeffrey Brown
President
Bermuda Conference

Kenneth Manders
Secretary
Bermuda Conference

Derek Furbert
Treasurer
Bermuda Conference

Young Adult Speaker
Nigel G. David
Pastor
Breath of Life Church
Washington Conference

Health Presenter
DeWitt Williams
Health Ministries Director
North American Division

Musicians
Doxology
Lolo Harris
Gayle Murphy

Fiesta Activities for Children
Frederica Tucker
Children's Ministries Leaders
Youth speakers, Children's Ministries presentations and more

Calvin B. Preston

Emil D. Peeler

Nigel G. David

DeWitt Williams

Jeffrey Brown

Kenneth Manders

Derek Furbert

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York

Tell the World

LUZO-BRAZILLIAN CAMP MEETING MAY 26–29, 2006

Odailson Fonseca
Youth Director
Northeast Brazil Union

Music
Essencia Chorale
Newark Brazilian Choir

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING JULY 1–8, 2006

July 1
Larry Evans
Undersecretary
General Conference

July 8
R. Clifford Jones
Associate Dean
Andrews University
Theological Seminary

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING JULY 15–22, 2006

Carlos Nina
Professor
Dominican Adventist University

Agustín Galicia
Associate Secretary
General Conference

Roberto Ortíz
Endocrinologist
Highland, New York

FRENCH CAMP MEETING JULY 23–30, 2006

Speaker to be announced

UNITED CAMP MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

Donald G. King
President
Atlantic Union Conference

Larry Evans

Carlos Nina

R. Clifford Jones

Roberto Ortiz

Agustín Galicia

Donald G. King

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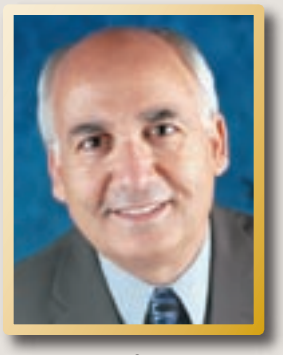
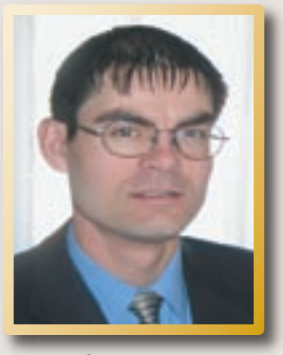
NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York
June 23–July 1, 2006

Giving the Trumpet A Clear Sound



Philip Samaan



Shane Anderson

David Asscherick

Jim Wood

Robert Parish

Nikolaus Satelmajer

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING JUNE 23–JULY 1, 2006

June 23–25
Philip Samaan
Theology Professor
Southern Adventist University
Collegedale, Tennessee

June 30–July 1
Shane Anderson
Senior Pastor
New Market Seventh-day Adventist Church
New Market, Virginia

WEEKDAY MORNINGS

Jim Wood
Writer and Associate Producer
LLT Productions
Angwin, California

WEEKNIGHTS

David Asscherick
Associate Pastor
Troy Church
Troy, Michigan

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING JUNE 23–JULY 1, 2006

June 24
Vincente Orellana
Pastor
Greater New York Conference

July 1
Carlos Molina
Pastor

NATIVE AMERICAN CAMP MEETING AUGUST 11-13, 2006

Baptize Us Anew
Chambers Camp
Beavers Dam, New York
Contact: Bruce Wilkinson
(315) 672-3024, Fax (315) 672-3397

Robert Parish
Native American Coordinator
Arizona Conference

Health Speaker
Debbie Cox
Health Educator
Kingsbury Church

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK CAMP MEETING AUGUST 18-19, 2006

West Bangor Church
West Bangor, New York

Nikolaus Satelmajer
Associate Ministerial Secretary
General Conference

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York

Revive Us, Lord!

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING

Jesus is All
May 25–28

Ricardo Cabrero
Pastor/Evangelist, Health Ministries and Anchorage Christian Counseling Services director
Alaska Conference

Youth Speaker
Anthony Usher
Pastor
Christian Fellowship Church
Brooklyn, New York

Family Life Seminar
Jose Fuentes

ENGLISH CAMP MEETING

June 24–25, 2006

Roscoe J. Howard
Secretary
North American Division

Youth Speaker
James Yansen
Youth Pastor
Berea Church
Boston, Massachusetts

June 30–July 1, 2006

Roy R. Brown
Retired President
Southeastern Conference

Youth Speaker
Abraham Jules
Pastor
Mount Vernon Church
Mount Vernon, New York

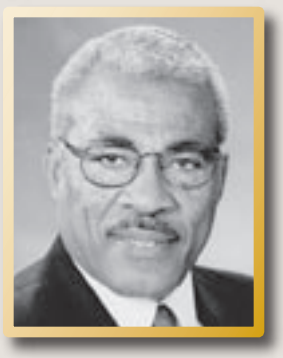
HAITIAN CAMP MEETING

August 24–27

Speaker to be announced

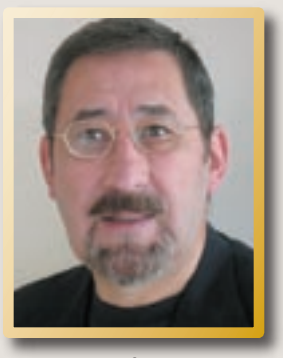
Roscoe J. Howard

Abraham Jules



Roy R. Brown

James Yansen



Ricardo Cabrero

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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine
June 23–July 1, 2006

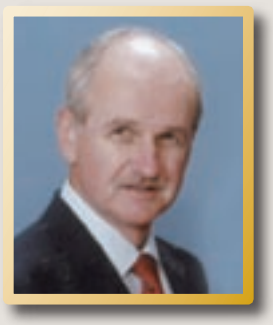
Going Home

Ben Schoun

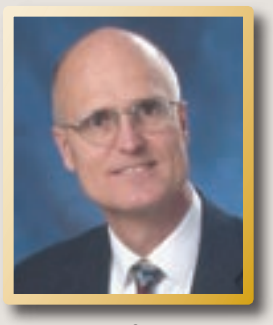
Debra Brill

Teenie Finley

Gary Thruber


Herm Whitehead

John Loor


Mike Ortel

Mark Finley

FIRST WEEKEND SPEAKERS

Friday Evening and Sabbath Morning
Gary Thurber
President
Indiana Conf.

Saturday Evening
Ben Schoun
President
Adventist World Radio

SECOND WEEKEND SPEAKERS

Sabbath Morning
Mike Ortel
President, NNEC

Friday & Saturday Evening
John Loor
Retired Conference President

WEEKDAY SEMINAR & PRESENTERS

Morning Worship
Arne Swanson
Retired Conference President

Evening Worship
Mark Finley
Vice President
General Conf.

Herm Whitehead
Pastor
Waterbury Church
Waterbury, Conn.

Debra Brill
Vice President
North American Division

Sheryl McWilliams
Assistant Vice President
Parkview Adventist Medical Center

Mark Harris
Pastor
Presque Isle District (NNEC)

Arnet Mathers
Pastor
South Vermont District (NNEC)

Teenie Finley
Coordinator of Special Events
Hope Channel

Rick Kuntz
Evangelist, NNEC

George Brill
Associate Director
IT Services
North American Division

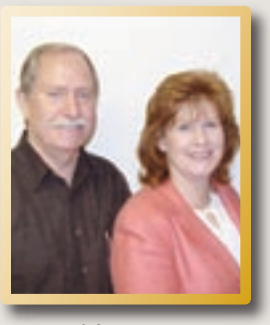
John & Crystal Earnhardt
Pastor/Evangelist
Georgia Cumberland Conf.

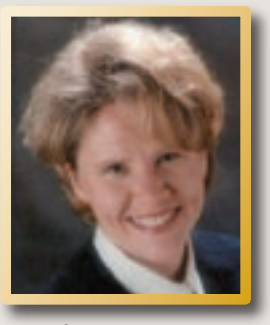
Donna Habenicht
Children's Ministry Resource Center
Andrews University Campus

Pat Ranalla

Peter Wannemacher

Annual Music Program


John & Crystal Earnhardt


Sheryl McWilliams

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

Southern New England Conference Campgrounds (Adjacent to AUC)
South Lancaster, Massachusetts
June 16–24, 2006

Even So, Come, Lord Jesus

ENGLISH

June 16–17, First Weekend
Hyveth Williams
Pastor
Campus Hill Church, Calif.

June 18–22 Evenings
Roger Bothwell
Professor
Atlantic Union College

June 23–24, Second Weekend
Alvin Kibble
Vice President
North American Division

SPANISH MEETINGS

June 16–20
Frank Gonzalez
Speaker/Director
La Voz de la Esperanza

June 21–24
David Rodriguez
Ministerial Director
West Puerto Rico Conference

PORTUGUESE MEETINGS

June 16–17
Speaker to be announced

June 18–22
Nahor Muchuitti
Portuguese Coordinator, SNEC

June 23–24
Luis Goncalves Silva
Evangelist
Central Sao Paulo Conference

HAITIAN MEETINGS

June 16–24
Billy Leveille
Pastor
Florida Conference

CHINESE MEETINGS

June 17 & 24 – Sabbaths Only
Speaker to be announced

KOREAN MEETINGS

June 24–2nd Sabbath Only
Speaker to be announced

SEMINAR PRESENTERS

Bill Brace
Pastor
Braintree Church, Mass.

Lloyd Hallock
Assistant Ministerial Secretary
SNEC

Leonard Holst
Member, SNEC

Alex Schlussler
Pastor
Beth Tehillah Vetikva, Fla.

Dennis Smith
Pastor
New Haven Church, Conn.

Women's Ministries
Carolyn Sutton
Author
Review & Herald

Frank Tochterman
President, SNEC

Samuel Bulgin
Pastor
Lincoln Church, R.I.

Chef Sualua Tupolo
Atlantic Union College

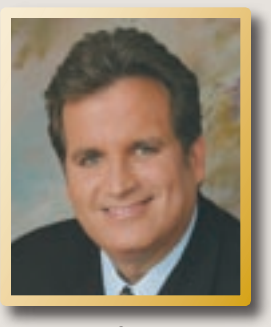
David Rodriguez

Hyveth Williams

Alex Schlussler

Alvin Kibble

Frank Tochterman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—Sarah Kelly

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—George Voyard

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—Prudence Campbell-Kirkland

We're Training Trainers for Healthful Living—Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP)

Trainers—three per church from any Seventh-day Adventist church in North America—are invited to Atlantic Union College, May 16-19. What's happening?

The Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) training will be offered to those who really want to help their communities with heart health.

CHIP, as it's commonly called, is sponsored by the Adventist CHIP Association and they've chosen the Atlantic Union College Culinary Arts Department to partner and serve as a training site for local church leaders. AUC Chef Sualua Tupolo reports receiving calls to attend from Texas, Canada, and Tennessee.

Trainees will receive several hours of vegetarian/vegan culinary arts instruction from the chef, and learn to use the series of 16-videos by Dr. Hans Diehl.

For registration, information, and cost, visit: www.atlanticuc.edu and www.atlantic-union.org/news128.html, call 1-866-732-2447, or e-mail info@adventistchip.org.

Union Springs Academy Is "Sending Forth Reapers"

Union Springs Academy is teaching students through its new *Youth Evangelism* class that Christ is calling us to do more. Evangelism must be done every day with whomever you meet. "The goal is simply to save souls for the Kingdom," says Ben Bernard, Union Springs Academy church Bible worker and teacher of the new class. "Not just the souls of those who are in the field, but the souls of the workers too."

The 13 students that have chosen to take this class are learning the fundamentals of studying the Bible, prayer, principles of health, and personal preparation for evangelism. They will also study the many aspects that go into preparing for large evangelistic events such as budgeting, radio and television evangelism and promotion.

The students go into the community to give Bible studies in preparation for the upcoming evangelistic series planned at the Union Springs church in early spring. Students Layna Moreira, Carissa Typaldos, and Elisha Miranda have all taken what they are learning to their homes to start Bible studies with some of their non-Christian family members. Students will also follow up with Bible study interests that develop as a result of the evangelistic meetings. God is working on the campus of Union Springs Academy to spread His word.

Mike Boyd, physical education and science teacher
Union Springs Academy

Bay Knoll School Children Share Their Talents

Kings, shepherds, and even angels roamed the hallways at the Bay Knoll church as the students of the Bay Knoll school prepared to present "The Birth of Jesus" during the church service.

The children worked hard to memorize their lines, learn songs, and move around in their costumes. But most important, they made it a point to pray before each practice. Jared Baker, a second grader, commented, "I enjoyed sharing the story of Jesus' birth." Lana Wright, a church member, said, "I thought the students were adorable." The program was well received by those in attendance.

Ronn Kakau, principal
Bay Knoll school

Dexterville Church Trains Members on How to Reach Others

The Dexterville members don't want to sit around idly while plans to build a new church are in the making. They have begun training members on how to reach others by holding classes each Thursday evening. They are learning how to present the gospel, lead others to Jesus, and how to give Bible studies. On-the-job training will follow. The Dexterville church continues to pray for God's leading in their church and His direction in witnessing to the community.

Robert Hess, pastor
Dexterville District

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Roosevelt Church Holds Women's Prayer Breakfast

Like a never-ending circle is the friendship of women in Christian love with Christ at the center. A demonstration of that circle of friendship was seen as the women of the Roosevelt church invited friends to join them in a women's prayer breakfast on Sunday, January 29.

Doreen Gray, Women's Ministries leader, showed each woman how special she is. The tables were decorated with potpourri, friendship circles, and prayer patches that reminded them that God, the Master Quilter, picks up the pieces when they get discouraged and lonely.

Diana Jaworski, New York Conference women's ministries director, shared how prayer is the breath of the spiritual life. She gave insights into what each phrase of the Lord's Prayer means.

Leaders from the Roosevelt church's Women's Ministries department hosted a women's prayer breakfast.

Women's Ministries is a venue not only for the nurture of members, but for outreach ministry to friends and family who may be discouraged in their Christian walk or who may not have a relationship with the God of love.

Marie Putnam, elder
Roosevelt church

Tim Bailey New Director of Lay Training Institute

Tim Bailey, pastor of the Union Springs district, is the new director of the Lay Training Institute that has been established in the New York Conference to train and equip lay people for ministry.

The institute will offer a variety of weekend programs and seminars throughout the year, with seminars also being planned for camp meeting. Programs will include training for elders, lay pastors, Bible workers, and evangelism training for members, just to mention a few. "There is a great need for training in the area of ministry and church growth," commented Bailey.

Bailey stated that the success of the work in New York depends largely on our humbly walking with God. Let's each be a tool in God's hand.

Cecelia Hess, communication director
New York Conference

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Youth Talk

Atlantic Union youth share their opinions and ideas on various topics.

What do you believe is the best and most effective way to introduce young people to Jesus?

"I think that the most effective way to introduce young people to Jesus is to live the life. Actions speak louder than words. When people recognize the difference in us, they become curious about our faith and want to know what makes us so peaceful and joyful all of the time. Then we can use that opportunity to tell them about Jesus and what He has done for us. Another way is to pray for and with them, invite them to Christian-sponsored events, and introduce them to our pastors. This will help them to want to be a part of God's great family."—***Danielle Quailey**, 15 years old, Queens, New York*

"I think the best way to lead youth to Jesus is through camp meetings, summer camp, and camp-outs. You can go to church, and you can take Bible studies, but it should be fun as well. Some youth don't like camp, so post options. Actually, go in the community and ask what they like to do. Then, try to turn those ideas in a spiritual direction. Once youth see that learning about Jesus can be fun, they will want to get more involved."—***Anna Sweet**, 16 years old, Bennington, Vermont*

"I believe one of the most effective ways to bring young people to Jesus is not always place emphasis on rules. One of the reasons I believe that young people are scared to join the church is because of all the rules. Take, for example, going to the movies. Since I was young I was always told, 'Don't go to the movies.' That wasn't enough for me. I needed to know why! Finally, one day, I spoke to my dad and he gave me a proper explanation. I also attended a workshop on the subject and I asked the presenter and he gave me just about the same explanation. I think we need to sit down and talk to young people, find out their concerns, and address them properly. Then we will all be on the same page."—***Alphina George**, 16 years old, Brooklyn, New York*

"One of the best and most effective ways to introduce Jesus to young people is by setting a good example. When Jesus came to this earth as a man, He gave a good example as to how we should treat others. The best sermon is not preached through words but by example. Another way is to keep young people involved in activities in church, either social and/or spiritual."—***Sara Hernandez**, 17 Years old, Boston, Massachusetts.*

"I believe that the best and most effective way to introduce young people to Jesus is to first determine their interests. Once we are aware of what holds their attention, we can use that information to present Jesus in a context they can relate to. For example, if someone is interested in sports, we can introduce Jesus to that person as the Coach who will lead them to eternal victory.—***Randall Lister**, 18 years old, Sandys, Bermuda*

If you are 25 years old or younger, and would like to join these young people in sharing your opinions and ideas, e-mail the Gleaner *editor at gleaner@atlanticunion.org.*

Improving your Self-esteem

Again, as mentioned in previous columns, I want to reiterate that self-esteem is rooted and grounded in Christ. Self-esteem outside of Christ is destructive. It produces pride, which in turn produces negative fruits, such as ingratitude, egotistic ambition, self-love, covetousness, dissatisfaction, hostility, deceit, malice, and a craving for power and self-exaltation.

Your level of self-esteem is influenced by the following unique experiences and personal relationships that have made up your life.

- **At home**
  –Relationships with your spouse, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, etc.
- **In your social life**
  –Relationships with childhood and adult friends, neighbors, boyfriends, and girlfriends. Also, experiences with clubs, sports teams, and hobbies.
- **In school**
  –Relationships with classmates, teachers, administrators, and counselors.
  –Experiences with schoolwork, extracurricular activities, sports, discipline, etc.
- **On the job**
  –Relationships with supervisors, co-workers, employees.
  –Experiences with hiring, firings, promotions, and levels of job responsibility, as well as your ability to support yourself and your family.
- **In society**
  –Relationships with members of different cultures, races, and religion.
  –Experiences with standards and images created by others (for example, the media).
- **At church**
  –The Seventh-day Adventist Church and its beliefs, standards, doctrines, etc.

Change isn't easy. It's unfamiliar and frightening at times. However, believing you can do something is half the battle; it allows you to involve yourself completely with whatever you're doing. Wholehearted effort helps to bring improvement to performance. You can improve your self-esteem. It is really worth the effort to do so.

Here's how you can improve your self-esteem

- **Acceptance**
  –Identify and accept your strengths and weaknesses—everyone has them.
- **Encouragement**
  –Take a "can-do" attitude. Your attitude determines your altitude. Set a reasonable timetable for personal goals and offer yourself encouragement along the way. Reward yourself.
- **Praise**
  –Take pride in your achievement, both great and small. Remember, your experiences are yours alone. Enjoy them!
- **Help**
  –Set realistic goals. Meet them by learning new skills and developing your abilities.
- **Time**
  –Take time out to be alone with your thoughts and feelings. Get involved in activities you can enjoy by yourself, such as crafts, reading, or an individual sport. Learn to enjoy your own company.
- **Trust**
  –Pay attention to your thoughts and feelings. Act on what is right. Do what makes you feel happy and fulfilled (within the guidelines of Christianity).
- **Respect**
  –Don't try to be someone else. Be proud of who you are. Explore and appreciate your own special talents and spiritual gifts.
- **Love**
  –Learn to love the unique person you are. Accept and learn from your mistakes. Don't overreact to errors. Accept your successes and failures—those who love you do.

Dear friends, God's desire for us is to be all that we can be. He is willing and ready to see us through. Whatever your past experience may have been, you have a clear, clean, bright future ahead of you. May your attitude in life be: *I'm not afraid of the storms of life. With Jesus at the helm, I'm learning how to sail my ship.*

God bless you.

Lois King, M.A., is a family life educator.

Discussion Questions

1) How easy is it to change self-esteem?

2) What is the relationship between high self-esteem and success?

3) How can I help others feel better about themselves?

4) What is the correlation between high self-esteem and self-centeredness?

YOUTH & Relationships

Youth with a Mission

Most people think mission trips involve traveling to exotic locations, yet, much can be done in the communities where we live and work to make a positive impact on those around us. That is what the New England North Adventist Youth Society Federation's (NENYF) mission team hopes to do. This group organized a clean-up day for Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 12 as part of their Education Emphasis Month. More than 80 volunteers from churches in the federation (Berea-Boston, Cambridge, Emmanuel, Gethsemane, Mattapan, Real Truth Mission, and Roxbury) participated in activities that included cleaning the school grounds, organizing and cleaning the library, computer rehabilitation and maintenance, and painting the lunchroom.

Youth from the New England North AYS Federation participated in a clean-up day at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy as part of their Education Emphasis Month.

Of all these tasks, painting the lunchroom proved to be the most challenging and fun part of the day. The clean-up was scheduled to last four hours, yet some volunteers spent double that time getting the job done. The difference in the room is astounding. Previously a drab color, the room is now a cool blue, accented with vibrant red, green, yellow, and orange. Tiny footprints, fruit, and flowers hint at the artistic aspirations some volunteers may secretly harbor!

Michelle Bobb-Semple, a member of the mission team and resident paint mixer, commented, "I always like anything to do with missionary work. However, I never realized how enjoyable painting a lunchroom could be. It took us all day to finish the job, but the fellowship and the knowledge of helping others made it worthwhile. I am so glad to have been a part of this."

Future projects for the team, in addition to the Fitness Awareness Month that was held in April, include a Community Health Fair in June, and an International Month scheduled for later this year. For more information about projects, contact lee.bulgin@gmail.com.

Dwaina M. Howson, assistant secretary
New England North Youth Federation

Bethel Church Hosts Straight Talk about HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C

In an unprecedented event, Pastor Eldeen King and the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a program on March 25 addressing the HIV/AIDS pandemic. A coalition of citizens in the community that included the STAR Health Center, Full Circle Ministries, Valeant Pharmaceuticals, Hebrew Home of the Aged at Riverdale, and the Bethel church's Adventist Youth Society took the initiative to put this historic program together. The community responded by filling the sanctuary to capacity. In addition, 48 HIV rapid tests were completed and multiple referrals to medical institutions were made.

Health care personnel from other facilities also gave information on smoking cessation, breast cancer, diabetes, and hypertension. The audience was invited to ask questions about HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C. Many of the queries came from young people under the age of 12, which was encouraging to see.

The panel was comprised of experts in the HIV field, including a pastor, a physician's assistant, a registered nurse adherence a counselor, and two medical doctors. The Special Treatment and Research Health Center provided four individuals for the panel. They are located at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn New York.

Keynote presentations were given by the Honorable Yvette D. Clarke, the councilwoman serving the 40th district, and Letitia James of the 35th district.

Brooklyn has a concentrated number of people who suffer from HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C. In a recent

Councilwoman Letisha James, center, was one of the keynote presenters at Bethel church's program on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C. She is joined by Garry Graham, left, and Eldeen King, right, the church's pastor.

Mount Zion Church Welcomes New Pastor

The Mount Zion Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hamden, Connecticut, welcomed newly-assigned pastor, Mario Augustave, with spirit-filled enthusiasm on January 28. Larry Bailey, secretary of the Northeastern Conference, presented Pastor Augustave. The church was filled to capacity, including former parishioners of churches where he once served in the Greater Brooklyn area.

Individuals speaking on behalf of the pastor included Olga Smith of the Cornerstone church in Brooklyn, New York, and Listiel Rock, former first elder of the Coney Island church in Brooklyn, New York.

Bailey began the installation process by giving Pastor Augustave a charge. The church participated by reciting a Liturgy of Installation. Also assisting in the installation service was Charles Creech, pastor of the Shalom church in Waterbury, Connecticut, and the Mount Olive church in New London, Connecticut.

Pastor Augustave came to Mount Zion from the Coney Island church in Brooklyn, New York, where he served from 2000-2005. He was born on the island of Haiti and immigrated to the United States during his teenage years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in theology and education, and a minor in history, from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1988, Augustave earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Pastor Augustave and his wife, Rachele (nee Bodkin), are the proud parents of four children, Gynon, Nathaniel, Ethan, and Mario, Jr.

Aubrey E. Tompkins, communication team member
Mount Zion church

study, in the Borough which comprises 31% of the population in New York City, it was determined that 27% of the residents were newly diagnosed in 2004. Another study revealed that 56% of newly diagnosed cases of HIV among the foreign-born in Brooklyn are from the Caribbean/West Indies and an additional 15% are from Africa. Compounding the problem is the fact that one in four people have not been tested for the virus.

The event was a worthwhile initiative that served to heighten awareness among Adventists and others from the community.

Garry Graham, member
Ephesus church

Eighteen Baptized at Bethany Church

Fifteen youth and three young adults were baptized in January at Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor John Talbert. The baptisms were a direct result of the seeds watered late in 2005 by Newton Cleghorne, Northeastern Conference youth director, and sown by the elders through Bible study classes. At the end of the meetings conducted by Cleghorne, a Youth Day service was held and these youth and young adults responded to his appeal for commitment to God's work and service. Bethany church welcomes the new additions to God's family.

Mary Cameron, communication leader
Bethany church

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Central Vermont Academy Is on a Forward March!

Exciting things are happening in the Northern New England Conference at Central Vermont Academy (CVA). This school year the Barre Seventh-day Adventist Church dedicated its very own radio station, WJPL (Just Praise the Lord), adding new creative curriculum to CVA. Teachers and students are enjoying recording their own commercials for Christian education in the Barre-Montpelier area. Volunteer Don LeBlanc is also teaching the students about radio broadcasting. We are excited about the awesome opportunities we have with a live radio station right on the academy/church campus.

CVA also just received certification from the U.S. Department of Education to accept foreign students. This process began last summer with an on-site visit from Homeland Security, and much paperwork, prayer, and patience. The school staff and students were thrilled as second semester began with the arrival of Juanjo Moreno.

Mike Harrington, left, Jason Upson, center, and Ezra Tautfest, right, in the radio studio of WJPL, the radio station for the Barre Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A junior, Moreno came directly from his home in Spain. We are looking forward to hosting more foreign students who will enjoy a school year in Central Vermont, taking in all the aspects of a strong academic program with a unique emphasis on God through nature and career development. Students who board at CVA during the school year stay in private homes and become a part of a new, extended family.

Our academy program is quite young within the Atlantic Union Conference, but we are as eager as the rest of the academies to do God's work in providing a safe, quality program, where the development of a young person's character is a major part of their education. We are looking for more families and students to join our call to the "Forward March" orders as we finish God's work here on earth. The Barre district, under the new leadership of Pastor Bob Rice, is working with the staff at Central Vermont Academy to create a three-year-plan to make the church and school program the very best it can be with God's help. For more information about grades 1-12 at our school, contact us at (802) 479-0868 or visit our Web site at www.centralvermontacademy.org.

Sherrie Wall, principal
Central Vermont Academy

Northern New England Conference Holds Pathfinder Leadership Training

Approximately 30 people attended the Northern New England Conference's Pathfinder Leadership Training on February 1-3, in Norridgewock, Maine. The weekend meetings held at the Riverview Memorial School gym provided training for Pathfinder leaders and Teen Leaders in Training (TLT).

The meetings were led out by director Paul Watson with the help of area coordinators. Various topics were covered including budgets, Master Guide requirements, how to teach honors, and AY class work. On Sabbath afternoon the leaders worked on their Christian Citizenship honor. After vespers and the evening meal, participants learned and practiced drills. Plans for the camporee in Rhode Island were made. The Norridgewock Indian Valley Pathfinders leaders provided meals for the event and guests stayed in the homes of church members or at the Colonial Inn, in Norridgewock.

Sharon Cobb, communication secretary
Norridgewock church

Pathfinder leaders and teen leaders participated in Northern New England Conference's Pathfinder leadership training weekend held at Riverview Memorial School in Norridgewock, Maine.

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Kindergarten Graduates at Lincoln School Doubles

The nine students who will graduate from kindergarten are, front row, left to right, Yariana Rojas, Alondra Soto, Jahaira Cruz, Abigail Chingo, and Emily Quiroa. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Eneida Chingo, Jonathan Rojas, Tyrese Dalomba, Jeffrey Thomas, Abu Kamara, and Mrs. Maria Saillant.

The doors of the Lincoln Seventh-day Adventist School opened for the first time on September 8, 2003, to welcome 17 students who would take their places in kindergarten to grade six.

When the school year ended in June 2004, our first three kindergarten graduates were Brianna Walters, Antoneo Hinds, and Amber Vance. They marched down the aisle of the Lincoln church smartly dressed in their red gowns and caps. Everyone shared the proud moment of these pioneers of our developing institution.

The 2004-2005 school year closed with four kindergarten graduates. They were Andrew Calderon, Vanessa Garcia, Nicole Saillant and Alejandrina Ventura. The Lord blessed us again and we were truly grateful.

Our kindergarten class for the 2005-2006 school year has doubled, and we can only give thanks to God for the increase. Nine kindergarten students will graduate this year.

Their teacher, Mrs. Maria Saillant and her creative and energetic assistant, Mrs. Eneida Chingo, have worked diligently to prepare these students for grade one and we are proud of their accomplishments.

We are also indebted to the parents of these students for the help and support they have given us as teachers, and most importantly for entrusting their children to us.

Our deepest desire is that each of these students will be claimed and saved for the kingdom.

Gloris Shaw, principal
Lincoln school

Let God Take Charge

The support for Adventist education has never been as strong in the Greater Boston area as it is right now. Two prime examples of this would be the events that Greater Boston Academy/ Edgewood Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School and the South Shore Seventh-day Adventist School recently experienced. Hopes could not be higher for the future of these two institutions.

On February 26 Greater Boston Academy held its fifth annual fund-raising dinner in hopes of raising substantial money for the tuition assistance program and debt reduction, among other things. In order to have a successful fund-raiser you need help from many people, and the help showed up in full force. Planning started months in advance and supporters helped in a number of ways.

Organizers were amazed by the number of supporters who came out to enjoy a pleasant evening and support their school. Students from the academy acted as waiters and waitresses and provided some of the entertainment. After the event and all the donations were tallied the final count came to more than $42,000.

South Shore held a dinner on February 18. An international theme graced the decorations as well as the wonderful food. The funds collected that evening enabled the school to remove all indebtedness to the Southern New England Conference.

Many supporters attended the fifth annual fund-raising dinner in support of the schools.

When there is a will to keep doing God's work, there will always be a way for His plan to work. We just need to remember for whom we really are doing this and let Him take charge. With God in charge and making the decisions, nothing can go wrong. God has shown us yet again why we need to let Him take charge in our lives.

Robert Slocum, senior and PANTHER PAUSE *editor*
Greater Boston Academy

Willimantic Church Holds Seminar on Understanding Our Hebraic Roots

Braving snow and gusting winds, 36 hardy New Englanders gathered at the Willimantic church on January 15 to expand their understanding of our Hebraic roots. At the invitation of the Southern New England Conference Jewish Ministry Advisory, Pastor Alex Schlussler of Beth Tehillah Vetikva, an Adventist-Jewish congregation in Florida, presented an array of topics to help attendees grasp the Jewish perspective of our Hebraic spiritual lineage.

Starting with an overview of Jewish history, Schlussler emphasized that pedigree played a very important part in the lifestyle of the early Jewish believers. Matthew demonstrated that concept by beginning his Gospel with Jesus' complete genealogy. Matthew wanted to inform his Jewish readers that Jesus fulfilled the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament.

In writing to the Gentiles, Paul also reflected on the importance of pedigree or spiritual lineage in his analogy of the olive tree to the community of faith. He said that the Gentiles, the wild branches, had been grafted into the root of Israel. And Paul warned them in Romans 11:18 "Do not boast against the (natural) branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root (Israel), but the root supports you" (NKJV). Schlussler stressed the point that Christianity is rooted in Jewish tradition.

Schlussler's discussion topics included "Understanding the Feasts of the Lord," "Witnessing to Your Jewish Friends" and "Demonstration of the Passover." Each topic was presented from the Jewish perspective.

Donna Kleinigger, Jewish ministry volunteer coordinator
Southern New England Conference

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On sites for private tent or trailer, only one family permitted per site. **An adult is required to stay in each tent or trailer.** Tents in RV spaces may be moved to private tent sites if the space is needed for an RV.

Private tents in section E are now on a reservation basis. Those registered in a site have priority. All other regulations will apply.

*Senior citizen discount of ten percent (10%) will be given upon request with this application for those 60 years and above.

Personal belongings brought to the camp meeting are the responsibility of the owner. Belongings lost, stolen, or destroyed by fire, water, and other means are not the responsibility of the Southern New England Conference, its churches or employees.

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Primary _____ Youth _____

❑ Please reserve this year's site for 2006 Site: _____ Approved: _____ Date: _____

Members Participate in Lifestyle Counseling Certification Course

It was an inspirational, fun, and intense week for the participants of the Lifestyle Counseling Certification Course. Under the devoted guidance of Pastor Carl Hinds, a God-driven man, young and old, meek and bold all participated by groups in reading, discussing, and presenting assignments. Group presentations were evaluated on content and audience participation and interest within a time frame. There were some surprises and treats as everyone shared!

Two powerful and informative books, THE MINISTRY OF HEALING and DYNAMIC LIVING served as the textbooks for the course. Church and non-church members delved into the treasured books for the nuggets both provided. Most of the assignments were completed. Our conference president will present the certificates in the near future.

Mellonie Furbert, Bermuda Conference's Health Ministries director, and Pastor Carl Hinds facilitated the Lifestyle Counseling certification course.

With the support of the North American Division Health Ministries Department, the Bermuda Conference executive and administrative staff, A-TV, the Bermuda Institute administration, teachers, staff, students, 12th grade fund raising students and parents, Melviena Mussen and catering crew made this brief week pleasant, stress free, and rewarding.

We look forward to the work that the developing teams will share in helping to address the health needs of our community by the principles of NEWSTART and the MINISTRY OF HEALING.

Hinds also helped to facilitate fitness assessments in two days during the lunch period at the Hamilton church with the purpose of providing fitness preparatory advice to the participants who signed up for the "Adventist Walk/Run" that was held on April 30. Already I have witnessed positive results! Truly we were blessed by the brief visit of Pastor Hinds and his wife!

Mellonie Furbert, Health Ministries director
Bermuda Conference

Passionate Leadership Training Conducted in Bermuda

More than 150 women gathered at the Fairmount Southampton Hotel recently for a historic event, *Passionate Leadership*, a weekend of ministry and leadership seminars conducted by women leaders for women leaders. The occasion was jointly sponsored by the North American Division, the Atlantic Union, and the Bermuda Conference Women's Ministries departments. Topics included "Evangelism," "Ministering to Young Women and Teens," "Event Planning" and "Building Relationships for Eternity." All the presenters were either union or conference women's ministries directors. It was the first time in history of the North American Division that all of the union directors were present in the same place and they made history by preaching in our local churches on Sabbath using the same topic.

Carla Baker, North American Division Women's Ministries director, joined the union and conference directors for the Passionate Leadership weekend.

On Friday evening the ladies received their marching orders from Carla Baker, North American Division Women's Ministries director; Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union Conference Women's Ministries director, and Loretta Gibbons, Bermuda Conference Women's Ministries director, to channel their passion into Christ-like leadership. Baker then invited the women to be passionate about those who have taken a break from church. She shared a ministry of reclamation that is designed to connect with missing members and let them know that someone cares. She invited the women to engage in fervent and prayerful consideration to win other women back through a program entitled *Heart Call*.

Several other workshops were held on Sabbath afternoon, Sabbath evening, and Sunday morning, all designed to train women in leadership and ministry. Two musical artists from overseas, Jean Brown and Christine Sinclair, thrilled the hearts of all present. In addition, local musicians, Desire Simons, Dwight Warren, and the praise team led by Maria Holder, participated in the various musical programs.

Sheila Holder, communication director
Bermuda Conference

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"From this day Forward" a one-day celebration of marriage commitment—May 20. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Logan Airport, 207 Porter St., Boston, MA 02128. For more information and to register visit: www.plusline.org/eventdetail.php?id=153.

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Atlantic Union College Corporation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the quinquennial session of the Atlantic Union College Corporation is called to convene Monday, June 5, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees, revise bylaws, hear reports and to attend to any other business which may properly be brought before the body.

The members of this corporation are the members of the board of trustees of Atlantic Union College; representatives of the College who shall be regular, full-time employees elected by the college officers and academic and auxiliary department heads not to exceed one-third of the total number of constituents excluding General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist representation; the local conference educational superintendents, senior academy principals and either the secretary or treasurer of each local conference of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the executive committee of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the North American Division and or General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists in attendance at any meeting of this corporation; the North American Division and or General Conference delegates shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates; the president and other elected officers of the Atlantic Union College Student Association; six laypersons and six denominational employees each, appointed by the executive committee of each local conference in the Atlantic Union Conference territory, plus one additional representative for each 10,000 members and major fraction thereof for local conferences having 10,000 or more members; up to ten Atlantic Union College alumni who are not included in the other categories, selected by the AUC alumni executive committee.

George P. Babcock, President
Issumael Nzamutuma, Secretary

GREATER NEW YORK

Men's 12th Annual Prayer Conference, May 19-21 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, 400 Granite Rd., Kerhonkshon, NY 12446. For more information contact the Greater New York Conference office (516) 627-9350.

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Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 28th Regular Constituency Session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, June 4 and 5, 2006. The first meeting of the session will convene at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 4, 2006.

This constituency session is being held for the purpose of receiving reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 2005, the election of officers, departmental directors and an executive committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

The Atlantic Union Conference constitution, Article III, Section 1: Voting Representation – Regular Delegates, defines who are the members of this constituency and outlines the formula for arriving at the number of delegates to be chosen as follows:

A. Each member organization shall be represented at Union Conference constituency meetings by duly accredited delegates as follows:
   1) Each local conference be entitled to one (1) delegate without regard to conference membership and (1) additional delegate for each two hundred fifty (250) church members or major fractions thereof. Calculations for delegate allotments shall be based upon the conference memberships as of December 31 of the year preceding the session.
   2) Delegates shall be chosen by each local conference Executive Committee and shall be representative of the diversity in the local conference membership including women, youth, and or representatives of major ethnic groups.
   3) At least one-half of the delegates appointed to the Union Conference constituency meeting provided for in Section 1. a (1) above, shall be persons who are not denominationally employed, of whom approximately one-half shall be women.

Delegates-At-Large

B. In addition, the following shall be delegates-at-large with all the rights and privileges of regular delegates, at the Union Conference constituency meetings:
   1) Members of the Executive Committee of this Union Conference.
   2) Members of the Board of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.
   3) Officers of the local conferences.
   4) Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
   5) Members of the General Conference and North American Division Executive Committees who may be present at any constituency meeting of the Union Conference. The number of such delegates representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates provided for herein above in Section 2.a.(1) of Article II of these bylaws.
   6) Such other persons from the Atlantic Union Conference staff, representatives from health care systems/institutions serving the Union, church institutions owned and operated by the Union or local conferences, as may be recommended by the Union Conference Executive Committee and accepted by the regular delegates in session; the total number of delegates from this category not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of regular delegates provided for herein above in Section 1.a.(1) of Article II of these bylaws.

Donald G. King, President
Carlyle C. Simmons, Secretary

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Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in connection with the 28th session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, June 4, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Delegates to the twenty-eighth session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates to the twenty-eighth session of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

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