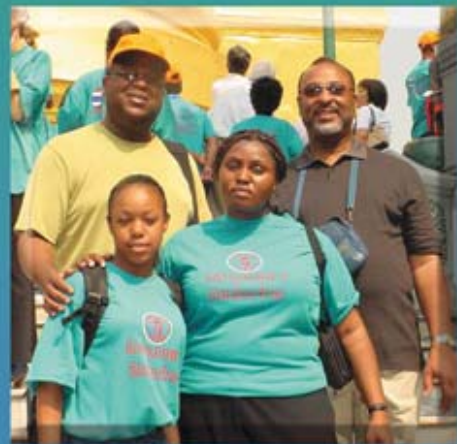


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## A Visit to the **Sugarhouse**

**T**his time of year takes me back to my childhood days in Collins Center, New York. When the snow began to melt and the crocuses began to bloom, I remember trudging through the maple sugar bush tapping trees and gathering sap with my Dad. Later we would return to the sugarhouse to meet my grandfather boiling down the sap into rich, sweet maple syrup. My brother and I would take a small cup of hot syrup and set it in some snow or cold sap to let it cool off. Then we would delight our taste buds by sipping that sweet, fresh syrup. What memories... what joy... what fun!

Everything about maple sugar processing had to do with being connected. The tree was connected to the roots where the sugar was stored all winter. The spigot was securely connected to the freshly drilled hole in the tree. The bucket was connected to the spigot. The gathering tank was tightly connected to the trailer, which was connected to the tractor that my Dad and I drove from the woods to the sugarhouse. All the metal, segmented boiling pans were connected to each other as the sap entered one end, was boiled down to syrup, and emptied out the other end.

Another dimension of the whole experience was that our family was happily connected as each person did his job in the sugaring process. Everyone worked together, everyone needed each other, and everyone shared in the profits. As each piece of equipment and person was connected and worked in harmony, good times and good maple syrup were “u-syrped” by all.

There is one vital point of the maple syrup process that is paramount in the final outcome. The sap, after it is gathered, must remain cold before it is boiled down. If allowed to set in room temperature or “warm up,” it becomes “sour.” We, as God’s children, face the same crucial dilemma. The adversary’s goal is to disconnect, disunite and detach us. When that happens, harmony,

productivity, and outcome become distasteful and sour. If we allow “an alteration” in the process of “connecting” spiritually, we, too, will experience sourness.

Only as a family, church, conference and union “connect” to Jesus and with each other can we give the Father glory (John 15:4-14). Then and only then will there be a true connectedness, with perfect timing and complete togetherness. Yes, true connectedness can happen. If not, the adversary will encroach upon our untapped potential in Christ. Jesus says, “Without connecting to Him, we can do nothing.”

The writings of the Apostles John and Paul make it clear that we need to connect with heaven and each other if we are going to have sweet lives, sweet marriages, sweet children, sweet churches, and sweet relationships. Jesus pleads with us not to separate from Him or from each other. Please don’t allow blockages to stop the flow of sweet, relational graces between you and that lifeline. Ellen White mentions what some of those hindrances are that separate us:

1. Pleasures of the world.
2. Life’s cares, perplexities and sorrows.
3. Faults of others.
4. Our own faults and imperfections.

Have these traps disconnected the sweetness of any of your relationships? To any or all of these, Satan seeks to divert the mind. (STEPS TO CHRIST, p. 71) Why not tap into Heaven’s sweet sugarhouse and connect with one another. Let us allow the sweet syrup from heaven to flavor our relationships and provide rich, cherished memories.

My prayer for us is that we are rooted in Christ Jesus. May we all remain faithfully connected. Who knows? Maybe we will meet at the Sugarhouse in heaven. ☺

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*Mike Ortel is president of the Northern New England Conference.*



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# AUC Student Returns to Finish Degree After More Than 50 Years

**M**ore than 50 years after beginning a music major at Atlantic Union College (AUC), Joyce (Schirner) Bozarth, has returned to complete her degree. In 1949 shortly after graduating from Plainfield Academy, Bozarth enrolled at AUC intending to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a piano and violin teacher. However, as a student too impoverished even to afford her own violin, she struggled to pay her tuition. Despite her hard work, rising at 5:30 a.m. each morning to begin a janitorial job in the girls' dorm, lack of finances soon compelled her to withdraw from college.

After leaving AUC Bozarth's life took her in new directions. Eventually, she married and returned to college earning an elementary education degree from Columbia Union College in 1970 and a master's of education from George Washington University in 1976. With her interest in Asia piqued by a stint teaching music in Japan, she began working toward a doctorate in Far Eastern history from the University of Maryland. However, she continued to cherish her dream of earning a music degree.

Having recently begun researching distance education programs, Bozarth's attention was captured by reading the GLEANER and noticing an advertisement about AUC's Adult Degree Program. The program, which would enable her to study at home with the exception of ten-day seminars on campus each January and July, was exactly what she had been hoping to find. In addition, because the program was offered at AUC that was an added bonus since she main-



*Bozarth expects to earn her music degree by July 2005.*

tained a special place in her heart for the institution where she had her first college experience.

Bozarth enrolled in the Adult Degree Program in January 2004 and is now currently working on the degree that has eluded her for more than half a century and hopes to complete it by July 2005.

Bozarth admits that it's not easy returning to college at her age. However, she notes "everyone at AUC has been wonderful." In addition, she draws inspiration from her own role model—a man in her church who, after a successful career as a newspaper reporter, returned to school to earn a doctorate in history at the age of 88.

She hopes to encourage others interested in returning to college to give the matter prayerful consideration. As she points out, her own discovery of AUC's Adult Degree Program occurred after she began praying that the Lord would open the way for her to finish her degree. "If the Lord wants us to do this, He will make it possible," she observes.

*Nicole A. Currier, chair, Adult Degree Program, assistant professor of history, and acting chair, History department Atlantic Union College*

## AUC Graduation Coming up Fast

**G**raduation 2004 will be held in the College Church on May 7-9. For the second time, we will use the new AUC mace which was designed to reflect diversity with its seven rings made of woods of the world and our heritage with wood from Founder's Hall and Thayer Conservatory. This year's commencement address will be given by Ruth Williams-Morris, coordinator of graduate counseling programs at Southern Adventist University and an outstanding speaker.

For the first time, we will be honoring the graduates of 1954 and before. All such alumni have been invited in writing to attend the ceremony and relive their graduation, donning robes and marching with the class of 2004. AUC has produced many outstanding graduates and we want to acknowledge them. Next year, alumni from the class of 1955 will be similarly honored.



*Joyce (Schirner) Bozarth in her earlier years.*

# New Challenges and New Miracles Keep Us on Our Knees

It hardly seems possible that the school year is about to end. Every day and every week new challenges and new miracles keep us on our knees.

The AUC committee which has been meeting regularly to address the concerns of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) submitted a report to NEASC at the end of March. Those concerns involved school finance, governance, and strategic planning, and we expect that this progress report will receive approval. Next September NEASC will send a small team to our campus for a few days to see what is happening here and to ask questions. We believe that they will be pleased with the changes we have made at AUC.

On the evening of March 2 AUC's Pro Arts International Choir under the direction of Francisco de Araujo helped to make history in New York City's Carnegie Hall when they joined forces with the Columbia Union Collegiate Chorale and the New England Symphonic Ensemble to present the world premier of *The Vision of the Apocalypse*, a dynamic oratorio composed by Virginia Gene Rittenhouse. The 3,000 seat auditorium was filled to capacity and the audience listened with rapt attention as Rittenhouse narrated using direct quotes from the Bible. After the performance, Carnegie Hall employees remarked that

it was highly unusual to hear the Bible read in that prestigious auditorium, and the manager, impressed with the performance and behavior of the college students, commented, "You don't often see young people like this anymore."

Although we are liquidating debts as fast as possible, AUC's outstanding bills are still of great concern to me because they reflect negatively on our church and our Lord. I have been repeatedly told that no one wants to give money to pay old bills, and so I was greatly encouraged this month to receive a letter from a retired alumnus who shares my distress. Although on a fixed income, she had saved her money and was sending "just a little" to help out. "Use it to pay some bill, please, to help restore confidence in our church and college." She enclosed a check for \$3,000. When we paid a very old bill we told the vendor it came from a concerned alumnus, and we hope it puts the college in a better light. If any of you have a similar burden, please send your checks to my attention and I'll see that bills get paid with them. You may not have \$3,000, but many small amounts make large ones. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support. My job here is difficult, but knowing that many people believe in this college and in God's intervention is a continual blessing to me.

*George Babcock is president of Atlantic Union College.*



## AUC Summer Class Schedule 2004

Term I.....May 11 – June 17  
 Term II.....June 21 – July 29

Bermuda's young achievers, back row, left to right: Kenton Trott, Krystal Smith, William (Billy) Dunn. Front row, left to right: Michelle Cann, Steven Caisey, Mystere Gibbons and Keira Hill.



## Young Achievers

Seven Adventist youth across the island of Bermuda were sighted as young achievers in the local newspaper, THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

**Kiera Hill**, 17, a member of the Midland Heights Adventist church, was noted for her athletic ability by the Mid-Island Striders Track Club. She hopes to qualify for the Carifta in April and represent Bermuda.

**Mystere Dipita Guidem Gibbons**, 16, a native of Cameroon, West Africa, a tenth grader at Bermuda Institute (BI) was cited for her missionary work. In January she returned to her native country to deliver 19 sermons as part of Global Evangelism. This was done in her home church and spoken in her native tongue (French). She is the adopted daughter of Sydney and Katherina Gibbons. They are members of the Hamilton church.

**Steven Caisey**, 16, a member of the St. George's church, was cited for missionary work during the months of December and January in Bangkok, Thailand. During the trip he worked in a refugee camp. Steven also volunteers as a Candy Stripper. In 2002 he was awarded the Dr. Earl Seaton James Memorial Award for being the most outstanding male student in his high school (Berkeley Institute). "I try not to let any opportunity be wasted... because [I] never know who's watching me."

**Michelle Cann**, 15, a Bermuda

Institute student, has a mind set that will not let her quit. Michelle is a gifted musician, qualified to teach the piano having reached the Grade 8 level. She is now working on her minor degree. She is studying the clarinet and recently returned from a week of intensive practice at AUC which ended in a concert performance. Michelle also participated in the Bangkok, Thailand, trip. "Reach for the moon; even if you miss you will land among the stars," are the encouraging words that Michelle once heard and now remains with her in everything she does.

**Kenton Trott**, 18 and recent graduate of Bermuda Institute now studying at Bermuda College, single-handedly started up a youth group called UMOJA (Swahili for Unity) at the Somerset church. He started UMOJA to provide something positive for the young people to do with their time and to unite them. The group meets every Friday night at the church. He aspires to become a computer technician. "I am determined, motivated, and inspired to press on for more positive actions," he said.

**William "Billy" Dunn**, 29 and a member of the Midland Heights church, has learned so far that life has no short cuts. He is a graduate of Bermuda Institute who is now an IT/network administrator at THE ROYAL GAZETTE newspaper. Prior to returning to Bermuda he worked at the Pentagon.

Locally he is a member of the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Club as well as the Bermuda Carting Club. Words of advice from Billy, "Never give up on your dreams. Stick with whatever you do. Persistence pays off."

**Krystal Smith**, 25, former BI student, has been working as a graphic designer for 18 months at THE ROYAL GAZETTE. She attended Oakwood College and Southern Adventist University where she obtained a bachelor's degree in graphic design and has an associate degree in commercial art. She is a Midland Heights church member, serving as single's ministry and communication director. She also is a member of the charitable organization Operation ReachBack, a small volunteer group of professionals who mentor the youth in achieving their goals. Krystal says the words of 1 Timothy 4:12 have taught her one of the greatest lessons in life. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity." "It lets me know that even in my youth I can be used by God and be an example to others. Despite all that I am, I am of value" says Krystal.

*Article modified by D. Randolph Wilson, correspondent, BDA. Photo by Krystal Smith, communication director, Midland Heights church.*



# 30,000 People to Set Up Camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Seventh-day Adventist Church sponsors one of the largest youth gatherings in its history

**T**hey will come and pitch their tents, roll out their sleeping bags, and come and sing songs all while meeting old and making new friends. They are the expected 30,000 Pathfinders that will “set up camp” August 10-14 at the Experimental Aircraft Association’s (EAA) Campgrounds in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Themed “Faith on Fire” (FOF), this camporee will provide its participants a unique learning experience that many will cherish.

Sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its Center for Youth Evangelism, located in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Pathfinders will participate in pin trading, honor learning, marching/drilling exhibitions, archery, talent showcase and sporting activities just to name a few. One of the major components to the Camporee is the community service projects. Attendees will participate in neighborhood clean-up initiatives, painting and restoration projects in the surrounding communities of Oshkosh. “Service to others is the commission that Christ gave us and in many of the parables that Jesus shared, the theme was to serve others,” said Joe Watts, community service coordinator for the Camporee. “When Pathfinders participate in community service projects, they learn the joy of service to others, civic responsibilities, and the satisfaction of a job well done,” he said.

This is not the first time that the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Pathfinder delegation has visited the EAA campgrounds. In August 1999, the “Discover the Power” Camporee was held at the EAA campgrounds. “The EAA has a proven record of hosting large events and it has a great safety record and a fantastic plane museum, which will provide an education experience for our children,” said Ron Whitehead, director for the Center for Youth Evangelism and executive director for the Camporee.

## Before the Camporee

Pathfinders from all over the world (more than 100 countries including England, Singapore, Brazil, Japan, South Africa, Kenya, and more) have been planning to attend this camping extravaganza for several months. Clubs have been selling pizzas, washing cars, hosting yard sales/flea markets and the list goes on and on.

Approximately 250 volunteers will arrive during the week of August 2 to assist in grounds preparation. The Camporee staff, which includes 600 individuals, will meet daily to finalize last minute details. “These meetings provide a daily briefing on the latest FOF news,” said Whitehead. Pathfinder Clubs will then arrive as early as

Monday morning to set up camp for this 4-day event.

## During the Camporee

Pathfinders will have the opportunity to participate in approximately 75 honors and activities each day. They will have the opportunity to sign-up for class times and will receive an honor at the end of the instruction time.

While at the EAA campgrounds, the Seventh-day Adventist Church will try to etch its name in the GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS with the “Largest Game of Leap Frog” and the “Most Teeth Brushed.” “In addition to these being two fun and exciting events, the ultimate purpose is to promote and foster teamwork with our Pathfinders,” said Kevin Costello, coordinator for the Guinness activities.

In addition to community services projects in the surrounding area, Pathfinders will have the opportunity to participate in a wider community outreach with people in Kenya, India, and the Philippines. Bibles will be collected (as well as a \$1 shipping fee) each night with a goal of 100,000. “This amazing harvest of God’s word will truly be a highlight of the Camporee,” said Whitehead.

## About Pathfinders

Founded in 1946, the Pathfinder Club is a worldwide organization sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church that can be compared to the Boy and Girl Scout clubs. Its target audience is both boys and girls ages 10 to 15.

There are approximately two million Pathfinders around the world which includes 30,000 Pathfinder clubs that are operated in 150 countries. The clubs encourage mental, physical, and spiritual growth in weekly meetings. Club meetings consist of group worship and class work for honors which develops new skills and hobbies. “For more than 50 years the Pathfinder ministry has trained thousands of youth for service to their communities and churches,” said James Black, director of youth ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. “The club structure provides a fellowship bond that allows Pathfinders to keep each other spiritually encouraged and it fosters accountability,” he said. ☺

*George Johnson Jr., is assistant director for Media Relations at the North American Division.*



## Atlantic Union Youth Participate in Conference on Youth and Community Service

**S**pend Christmas where? Bangkok, Thailand. What a thought, but more than 1,300 youth and young adults from over 70 countries did just that during the 2003 holiday season. The General Conference Youth Department sponsored the first-ever World Conference on Youth and Community Service held in the 10/40 Window. More than sixty-five individuals from the Atlantic Union participated in the event. Bermuda Conference had the largest delegation with 41 attending (27 youth and 14 adults). The event offered delegates the opportunity to participate in community service projects and celebrate their activity with a conference involving seminars, workshops, and inspiring messages. Seventy-two workshops were presented by 40 international speakers and leaders.

For 11 days of the 17-day convention youth rolled up their sleeves to put their faith into action under the theme, "Many Hands One Mission." Projects included building a church, volunteering at an AIDS/HIV hospital, providing Vacation Bible School (VBS) style programs at local public schools, and visiting the elephant conservation and reforestation camp.

Each morning Northeastern Conference youth went to the Suanplu Daycare Center in Bangkok where they ministered to more than 200 children by telling stories, singing songs, playing group games, and giving gifts to share the love of Jesus. Following lunch they traveled

across town to the Wat Don Elementary School. At Wat Don there were more than 700 students so the group focused on the 300 fifth through seventh graders. Singing songs, sharing the love of God through stories, and playing group games topped off a festive spirit at school. Drama enhanced the presentation to the students when discussing positive lifestyle choices such as saying no to drugs. The students were well informed about the anti-drug message since there is a national campaign in Thailand to curb illegal drugs. The student's response was overwhelming and they mobbed the group for autographs.

Bob Saunders (bending front right), Southern New England Conference youth director, and members of the SNEC Team Thailand, pose with students from Mission College who served as translators.







Members of Project Team leading the program at an elementary school.

They learned a few Thai phrases, but relied heavily on translators who were students from the Ekamai Seventh-day Adventist School in Bangkok. They were pleasant to work



Pete (left) interprets an anti-drug message being presented by Allen Martin, assistant to the president for the Northeastern Conference.

with and seemed to enjoy their assignments. Thai people are very warm and accommodating. They go out of their way to make your Thai experience a good one.



Northeastern Conference delegate, Carlene Knights with day care students who had just received gifts.

taught English, played games, and shared Bible stories with Grades K-9 of a local public school. Through their efforts, the way has been opened for ongoing outreach to 285 students and 20 teachers! In addition to the public school ministry, they visited an AIDS hospice where they distributed fruit, sang songs, and brought a warm smile to many weary individuals. Another trip highlight was running a branch Sabbath school at a very poor farming village. The group taught the children songs and distributed clothes and toys to the families. With funds raised for the mission trip, they were able to donate enough money to keep these programs going for at least one year!

"It was an exciting cultural experience, and the group was blessed in making many new friends from various parts of the world as well as our own union," said Sandi Colón, coordinator for SNEC Team Thailand. "It has been a huge blessing to see God answer so many prayers. The team stepped out in faith, and He provided every step of the way. Not only did He touch the lives of those in Thailand, but also the hearts of the team members. I have been blessed to see God open their eyes to the needs in the world around them, and open their hearts to serving Him."

The group from the Bermuda

Under the direction of team leader Marc Julmisse, eleven students from AUC were part of the delegation. Their assignments included assisting in the renovations of a school, church, and library, teaching English to elementary and high school students, visiting the patients in the AIDS hospital on Sabbaths, and leading out in a VBS type program for the children.

The Southern New England Conference (SNEC) team traveled to Muaklek, Saraburi and

## The 10/40 Window

This "window" (called so because of the roughly rectangular shape that it has) is the territory that extends from 10 to 40 degrees north of the equator and sweeps from north Africa through to China, Japan, and includes all of non-Christian Asia.

The three billion people living in the 10/40 window have close to 60% of the world's population, only 18% of all missionaries work there. Nine out of ten countries with the largest non-Christian populations are in this window. Over 80% of the world's poorest people (those making less than \$500 a year) live here. The impact of this poverty touches all areas of life.

The 10/40 window is the heartland of the three largest non-Christian religions – Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism. These three religions were born in the 10/40 window and have their greatest strength there. Thirty-four Muslim countries, seven Buddhist nations, and two Hindu countries are present in the window. Only 2% of this area of the world is Christian.

Information obtained from the Global Mission web site: [www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org).





Team members from the Bermuda Conference with children at the day care center.



AUC students stop to take a photo with one of the monks.



Team members wait to visit with the Governor of Bangkok.

Conference was engaged in working with children in orphanages and day care centers in Klongtan, Bangkok. Since their delegation was so large, they divided into five groups. They were involved in projects which included teaching English in five Buddhist schools, visiting the AIDS hospice where they were warmly received by patients whose families do not visit them. They offered a “touch of love” ministry and all the patients, including those in the final stages of the disease, were touched by this therapy. “My experience at the AIDS hospice left me speechless and emotion-

al to see so many young people dying from AIDS,” said Alisha Hodge, a student at Bermuda Institute.

In addition, they carried 41 suitcases of clothing and books which were distributed to those in the refugee camps, villages, and orphanages. Money and clothing were also donated to help those left homeless because fire ravaged their community.

According to Jonae Jervis, a student at Bermuda Institute, “After my experience in Thailand at the Impact 10/40 convention and community service project, my life has changed in many

ways. I have become much more grateful and content with what I have. I have become more willing to help others, which has given me a passion to become a missionary. I have also learned to become more optimistic and less pessimistic.”

Following the mission trip, the

entire delegation attended the Impact 10/40 Youth Congress in Bangkok, Thailand. Youth and young adults from around the world gathered to share their mission experiences and worship together. One SNEC team member described the week as “a taste of heaven.”

On the last day of the youth congress, the North American Division youth directors announced they will continue to offer Impact 10/40 opportunities. They are planning the next one for 2008. We hope many more youth and young adults will plan to attend and let their hearts be set on fire for God! ☺

*This article is a compilation of information provided by Sandi Colón, Southern New England Conference Team Thailand coordinator; Deboarh Thomas-Gilkes, Impact 10/40 coordinator for the Bermuda Conference, and Roger Wade, assistant to the youth director for the Northeastern Conference.*

Team members share gifts with the children.



Roger Wade with students after completing the daily presentation.



## Modeling Christ

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”—Proverbs 22: 6. The way to go is Christ’s way; to get there we need to model Christ. Adventist Christian education is one avenue that offers an opportunity to guide our students to Christ.

At the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist School all students are taught to model Christ as they pray, worship, and study the Bible each day. Jesus continually refreshed His soul with worship and communion through prayer. (Mark 1:35)

Students sometimes get in conflicts with their peers as they interact with each other. In teaching them to resolve conflicts we reinforce the need for forgiveness. They are reminded that Christ forgave others. He taught and

lived the truth in His model prayer, “forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us.” They are encouraged to live the golden rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” He initiated friendship without waiting for someone to show kindness to Him.

Christ is a caring Christ. He ministered to the poor, the sick and the despised. So we take our students into the homes of the shut-in members of the church, and the sick in the nursing home to give them a chance to minister and worship with them. We participate in a fund raising drive for cancer research every year. This helps our boys and girls to model Christ as they help others.

Christ commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the

gospel to all nations.

The boys and girls are encouraged to share the word with others as we minister to the community during special programs at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are always ready to distribute tracts when requested to do so. The entire school community is committed to be examples for Christ as we model Him each day.

*Laura Mayne is the principal of the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist School.*



## Andrew Hospedales: A Retired Soldier For God

The Greater New York Conference English Ministries Department held a retirement luncheon for Pastor Andrew Hospedales. Both he and his wife were presented with a plaque for 20 years of outstanding and dedicated work in the gospel ministry. Hospedales, a former dental technician and a graduate of Oakwood College, served in six different pastoral districts. His last assignment was at the Mamaroneck and Living Waters churches. He is married to the former Joyce Mierz, who still works as a secretary in the conference office. They are the proud parents of two adult sons.

Pastor Hospedales culminated his ministry with a one-week consecration service at the Mamaroneck church. All of the former churches that the Hospedales’ served were invited to take part in the week of convocation and each evening fellow ministers and colleagues shared the pulpit empowering the congregation with words of life. Donald King, president of Atlantic Union, closed off the week of revival and bid God’s blessing upon Hospedales as he takes on a new phase of his life.

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at [www.atlantic-union.org](http://www.atlantic-union.org)



**Pastor Hospedales and his wife, Joyce, were presented with a plaque for their 20 years of service in gospel ministry.**

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## On Fire for Truth

The Easton Chapel, formerly an independent Baptist church, is a little chapel in the woods near Easton, New York. Pastor Raymond Felt, an ordained Baptist pastor for 35 years, led the members of the Easton Chapel, and had vehemently opposed the Advent message. His daughter, Janet Hurd, and her husband, Cliff, never gave up praying that Raymond would embrace the Adventist truth. On December 7, 2002, Raymond Felt and his wife, Bonnie, were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This, however, was the beginning of the story—not the end.

In August 2003 the Easton Chapel and its members operated a booth at the Washington County Fair in Easton, N.Y. The exhibit hosted more than 15,000 people, and several

boxes of literature were distributed. Included in the exhibit was a sign-up sheet for Bible studies and displays for Pathfinders, Children's Ministries, Parenting, Women's Ministries, Music Ministries, and Health Ministries.

A Jewish man was among the visitors to the exhibit who stopped to ask, "What is an Adventist?" The staff eagerly told him. Other contacts were made with former Adventists. The exhibit allowed them to talk to town supervisors, county executives, lawyers, doctors, and others of prominent standing in the community. Each one left, lending their support to the chapel. The booth was often crowded with talking and laughing visitors.

The chapel received numerous calls after the fair from those who received

the literature. The Easton Chapel ministered to many individuals from the community at the fair. It would have taken the members years to contact these people if they had gone door to door. People who live near the chapel are now aware of a church around the corner. The Easton Chapel, a mission project of the Greater Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cohoes, New York, is on fire. They want nothing more than to carry the great truths of the Bible to their community and beyond. "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly,' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"—Revelation 22:20, NKJV.

*Information supplied by Janet Hurd,  
communication secretary  
Easton Chapel*

## New Principal at Union Springs Academy

John D. Baker has accepted the call of the New York Conference to serve as principal of Union Springs Academy beginning with the 2004-2005 school year.

Baker previously served as a math and science teacher for fifteen years (1974-1989) at Garden State Academy in New Jersey. For five years (1985-1989) he served as boys dormitory dean, beginning with 19 boys and ending with more than 35. From 1978-1981, he carried the additional title and duties of vice principal at Garden State Academy. In the summer of 1988 Baker and his wife, Esther

(Trecartin), moved to Tranquil Valley Camp in the New Jersey Conference, where he served as Youth Summer Camp director. The following year they moved west, where he was principal of Weimar Academy, along with teaching classes in world history, American government,

gardening, physics, programming, and science and creation. It was at Weimar that the Bakers had their first child, Jodi. After four years as principal at Weimar,

Baker lost his father. He subsequently accepted a call to teach Grades 1-8 in a one room school in Vermont, so he could be closer to his mother and help her as she adjusted to the loss. He taught at St. Johnsbury Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Vermont from 1993-1998. During that time they welcomed their second child, Carrie. From 1999-2002 Baker taught Grades 9 and 10 at

Riverview Memorial school in Maine, and the Baker's third child, Jonnie was born. From 2002 to the present Baker has been teaching math and physics at Union Springs Academy.

*Charé Gallimore, correspondent NYC*



**John Baker, seen here with his family, will take on the role as principal of Union Springs Academy in the fall 2004.**

## Jamestown to Celebrate 90 Years of Christian Education

A milestone weekend is being planned in Jamestown to mark 90 years of continuous Christian education for the Jamestown Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. The celebration is set for May 14-15, 2004, and will be attended by alumni and friends from around the entire nation.

Just think of all that has happened in the past ninety years! We've gone from horses, to horse drawn carriages, to horseless carriages, to full-fledged automobiles, to luxurious, state of the art vehicles, to walking on the moon! Now our sights are directed beyond!

Think, too, of how many tragic events have taken place in the years since our little school began. Multiple wars, diseases, societal breakdown, and terrorist attacks which killed and maimed thousands. But, through it all, God is still in control.

It is only because God is in control that our school has survived over these 90 years. The local people, members of the Jamestown church, have faced challenges almost annually, but somehow, the way has always been provided for the school to continue. It is clear that Christian education is important in God's plan. Many friends and alumni have heard the call of God's spirit over the years and have

remembered the school in their financial plans. This has been the lifeblood of the Jamestown school and we wish to give a hearty "thank you" to all those who have helped throughout these ninety years.

We are excited about the way God has been working with our little school and look forward to continued blessings as we educate our children for service to Him.

Guest speaker for the weekend will be Gerald Kovalski, former educational secretary of the New York Conference and current vice president of education at the North American Division. In the afternoon there will be a forum discussing current challenges and the future of Christian education in the Adventist church. There is an alumni dinner planned for guests following Vespers.

The invitation is extended to all who are able to attend this spiritual highlight in the history of Adventist education in the New York Conference.

Those interested in attending should contact Pastor Samuel Indreiu at (716) 484-6999 for information on services and lodging.

*Susan Caster and Dan Kelly  
Jamestown church*

### NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST 2004 CAMP MEETING APPLICATION JUNE 25 – JULY 3, 2004

**Please Check Accommodations Desired:**

	Full-time Fee	Daily Fee:
<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory Room (2 single beds, no cooking) \$5 per additional bed.	\$133	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Trailer Site on Hill (includes electricity)	\$75	\$8
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Site off Hill (includes electricity and water)	\$81	\$9
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Site off Hill (w/air conditioning and water)	\$112	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Trailer Site lower ballfield (no electricity)	\$37	\$4
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Cabin	\$164	\$17
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Cabin	\$133	\$15

**Cabins:** Cabins are pre-assigned. Furnishings in the cabins are the sole responsibility of the cabin user. We usually do have some cabins available for specific nights and will try to accommodate you if we can.

**Pets:** For health reasons and for the consideration of others, pets are not allowed on the camp grounds. There are dog kennels in Auburn. This will be strictly enforced.

**Minors:** Accommodations are made available on the basis that the person applying for them will provide proper supervision of any minors under his/her jurisdiction.

**Stay:** If you are staying part of the time please indicate below which nights you will be on campus. Everyone staying overnight must register at Locating:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 6/25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 6/28    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 7/1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 6/26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 6/29   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7/2   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 6/27  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 6/30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/3  |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed application and payment to:**  
New York Conference, Attn: Priscilla English, 4930 W Seneca Tpke, Syracuse, NY 13215.

# Attendees to the Albany Workshop Step Into the Fire

Enthusiasm was up, participation was up, and that sometimes indefinable thing that the ancient Greeks called "kojnonia," and we define as fellowship, seemed to be at an all time high as attendees to the Northeastern Conference Departmental Training Workshops gathered under the theme "Into the Fire." According to one attendee, "I feel so good that even this late bus (the bus scheduled to take members back to Brooklyn was four hours late), can't get me down." "I'm

ready for the fire," she exclaimed, echoing the sentiments of the powerful sermon presented by Flatbush church pastor, Horatius Gittens, earlier that day.

Indeed the "Into the Fire" theme was powerfully and compellingly expounded upon by Sherwin Jack, pastor of Ephesus church, and Robert Yee, pastor of Smyrna church. The Spirit's power was evidenced as each pastor wove his own experience and walk with the Lord into messages that hit home and fortified the listeners for service.

Northeastern Conference secretary, Larry Bailey, who chaired the opening meeting noted that as early as 5:30 on Monday morning, two hours before song service led by Lloyd Graham was scheduled to start, a handful of members were already in their seats in the

semi-darkness of the meeting room waiting for service to begin.

Special guests at this year's meeting included the Atlantic Union Conference administrators, Donald King, president, Carlyle Simmons, secretary, and Leon Thomassian, treasurer; SABBATH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP magazine editor, Faith Crumbly; and LIBERTY magazine editor, Lincoln Stead, who made a compelling and well received religious liberty presentation on Tuesday morning. 3ABN television was represented by Derrell Mundall and Mathew Andrew, and KSBN Safe TV by Rudy and Bonnie Dolinsky.

Two new seminars were introduced this year; "Rooted In God and Grounded in Africa," presented by Pastor Sednak Yankson, and "Small Business (Day Care Centers)" by Joannette Stringer who currently operates four day-care centers. Conference president Trevor Baker concluded the sessions with a charge that called for a commitment by all present to live out the things they learned at the meetings.

*C.A. Murray, correspondent NEC*

Members from churches around the Northeastern Conference converged in Albany for the annual February training sessions.



## Clerks and Treasurers Receive Information and Inspiration

Northeastern Conference's annual clerks' and treasurers' workshop was held during the weekend of February 6-8, 2004, at Camp Victory Lake under the theme "Excellence in Service."

Some two hundred local church clerks and treasurers and their assistants gathered for inspiration and instruction in the ministry performed by their two important offices. "My goal and the goal of all of us who teach is to get our members to understand that the work they do is ministry. There are technical considerations, but above the X's and O's this is ministry. When we see our labor as ministry, it changes how we do what we do," noted Seth Bardu, the conference treasurer.

Bardu and his treasury staff and conference executive secretary, Larry Bailey, are so convicted about the ministry aspect of this work that all of the instruction was left for the non-Sabbath hours. "There is much technical information we must share. There are reports to be filed, money that must be handled, counted and reported, minutes that have to be taken, and a constant flow of information from the local church to the conference, not to mention the timely remittance of funds," stated Bailey. Even so, every second spent establishing the spiritual foundation for our work is time well spent.

The clerks and treasurers received information and inspiration that will aid them as they serve the Lord and His church in 2004.

*C.A. Murray, correspondent NEC*



Anne Marie Fraser, associate treasurer at Northeastern Conference, gave a moving Vespers talk on Friday evening.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the first regular quadrennial Constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in conjunction with the twenty-fourth regular Constituency meeting (first regular quadrennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The meeting of the Corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing quadrennium and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Delegates to the first regular quadrennial meeting of the Conference are the delegates to the first regular quadrennial meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Trevor H.C. Baker, President  
Larry J. Bailey, Secretary

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The purpose of this meeting is for the receiving of reports for the past quadrennium, the election of officers, departmental directors, and pertinent committees for the ensuing quadrennium, and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates chosen on the basis of one for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 70 members or major fraction thereof.

Trevor H.C. Baker, President  
Larry J. Bailey, Secretary



# CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

## CONNECTED WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine • June 25 – July 3, 2004

### First Weekend Speakers



Ban Kochenower  
*Lay Evangelist*  
Global Evangelism



Ted Jones  
*Associate Secretary*  
General Conference



Carlyle Simmons  
*Executive Secretary*  
Atlantic Union

### Second Weekend Speakers



Bill Tucker  
*Director*  
The Quiet Hour



George Babcock  
*President*  
Atlantic Union College



Mike Ortel  
*President*  
Northern New England



Rick Kuntz  
*Evangelist*  
Northern New England



Music each night by Vonda Beerman

Annual Music Program

### Seminar/Series Presenters



Gail McKenzie  
*Women's Ministries Director*  
Kentucky-Tennessee  
Conference



Herm Whitehead  
Waterbury Church  
Connecticut



Karyl Dupée  
*Marriage and Family Therapist*  
Santa Ana, California



William Fagal  
*Associate Director*  
E. G. White Estates

### Weekday Seminars

Practical Prayer Ideas – Prayer Ministries Department  
Triple As of Parenting – Karyl Dupée  
Relational Evangelism – Mark & Collette Pekar  
Vegetarian Cooking School – Sheryl McWilliams  
How to be an Attractive & Vibrant Christian – Herm Whitehead  
Connecting People with Jesus – Rick Kuntz

### Weekday Series

Boundaries Series – Mark Harris & Jane Kuntz  
Ellen G. White for Today – William Fagal  
Health Series – Parkview Adventist Medical Center  
Parenting Seminar – Karyl Dupée  
Sign Language Series – Pat Ranalla & Peter Wannemacher  
Women's Ministries Series – Gail McKenzie



# CAMP MEETING

BERMUDA CONFERENCE

## TELLING THE STORY, PREPARING FOR GLORY

Bermuda Institute/Southampton Church Complex • June 18 – 26, 2004

### Speakers:



Ben Maxson  
*Stewardship Director*  
General Conference  
Early morning manna  
speaker – June 19 - 26  
Evening speaker – June 25 - 26

John Scott  
*Pastor*  
Ontario Conference  
Youth Speaker



Sydney Gibbons  
*Secretary*  
Bermuda Conference



James L. Stevens  
*President*  
Texico Conference  
Evening Speaker – June 19 - 24



J. N. Mike Faison  
*Pastor*  
Rockaway Church  
Children's Camp Meeting



Derek Furbert  
*Treasurer*  
Bermuda Conference



Samuel Bulgin  
*President*  
Bermuda Conference

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

## REAPING GOD'S HARVEST

Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York

### English Camp Meeting June 25 - July 3, 2004



Donald G. King  
*President*  
Atlantic Union  
1<sup>st</sup> Weekend Speaker

### Hispanic Camp Meeting: Seguridad en un Tiempo Inseguro July 30 - August 7, 2004



Halvard Thomsen  
*Assistant to the President*  
North American Division  
Sabbath Morning Worship  
Program  
Sabbath/Sunday Morning  
Devotionals

### Native American Camp Meeting August 1 - 3, 2004

Contact: Bruce Wilkinson (315) 672-3024



Jan Paulsen  
*President*  
Seventh-day Adventist  
World Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend Speaker



Fred Rogers  
*Native American Coordinator*  
Southern Union  
Traditional and Christian  
Parallels  
Friday/Sabbath Evenings



Robert Burnette  
*Native American Ministries  
Director*  
North American Division  
Native Ministries Update -  
Sabbath Afternoon



Larry R. Evans  
*Undersecretary*  
General Conference  
Evening Speaker



Donald G. King  
*President*  
Atlantic Union  
Sabbath School Lesson Study

### Northern Adirondack Camp Meeting August 20-22, 2004

West Bangor Church  
West Bangor, New York



# SCHEDULE 2004

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

THEME: IT'S HARVEST TIME

MOTTO: HERE I AM, SEND ME

Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York

**Luzo-Brazilian Camp Meeting**  
May 28 – 30, 2004

**Korean Camp Meeting**  
June 25 – 27, 2004



Wan Joo Yang  
*Pastor*  
Andrews Korean Church



Jonathan Park  
*Associate & Youth Pastor*  
Washington-Spencerville  
Korean Church  
Youth & Young Adult Speaker

**French Camp Meeting**  
July 25 – August 1, 2004

Clifford Jones  
Professor of Church Administration  
Andrews Theological Seminary

**English Camp Meeting**  
July 10, 2004



Russell Burrill  
*Director*  
North American Division  
Evangelism Institute  
(NADEI)  
Andrews University

**United Camp Meeting**  
September 11, 2004



Ralph Thompson  
Former General Conference  
Executive Secretary

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
July 17 – 24, 2004

Atilio Dupertuis  
Hispanic Ministries Director  
Andrews University

Melchor Ferreira  
President  
Peru Union

Luis Dulack and Kely Dulack  
Natural Health Clinic Directors  
Montemorelos, Mexico



Hugo Gambeta  
Hispanic Ministries Director  
Chicago, Illinois

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

FAITHFUL TILL HE COMES

Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
May 28 - 30, 2004



Stephen Bohr  
*Pastor*  
Fresno Central California  
English Church

**English Camp Meeting**  
June 26, 2004

Michael Bernard  
*Pastor*  
Metropolitan Adventist Church  
Baltimore, Maryland

**July 3, 2004**

Walter Pearson  
*Speaker/Director*  
Breath of Life

**Franco-Haitian Camp Meeting**  
August 19 – 22, 2004

Maxime Pape  
*Pastor*  
Quebec, Canada



# CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

## FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2004

136<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Meeting • Southern New England Conference Campground  
South Lancaster, Massachusetts • June 18 - 26, 2004

### English

**June 18 Evening**

**June 19 Morning**



Donald G. King  
*President*  
Atlantic Union

**June 19 Evening**



Frank Tochterman  
*President*  
Southern New England

**June 20 – 24 Evenings**

M. Lloyd Erickson  
Author: THE EMBRACE OF GOD

**June 25 Evening**  
**June 26 Morning/ Evening**



Charles C Sandefur  
ADRA

### Sabbath Afternoon Concert

**June 26**



Steve Darmody  
Morning Song

### Early Morning Devotions



Philip Follett  
*Vice President*  
Life Talk Radio, Inc.

### Midday Bible Hour



Ruthie Jacobson  
*Prayer Ministries*  
North American Division

### Seminar Speakers:



Patricia R. Garey  
Author: A TIME TO GROW



Jeff Wilson  
*Trust Services*  
North American Division

Leonard R. Holst  
LICSW

### Spanish Meetings

**June 18-24**

Alfonso Valenzuela  
Andrews University

**June 20-26**

Robert Costa  
It Is Written

### Portuguese Meetings

Henry Feyerabend  
*Director*  
It Is Written, Canada

### Haitian Meetings

Bonard Jean-Marie  
*Pastor*  
Southeastern Conference

## Extreme Teens Are on the Move

In case you have not heard, there is a dynamic group of teens in the Northern New England Conference that God is really using! Fourteen young people from various parts of the conference have come together to make up the third annual Extreme Teens group. Under the direction of the prayer ministry leaders, this team has grown into an effective and well-trained group working to glorify God. Our goal is "Making Friends for Heaven," and our motto is "Unified to Glorify."

The Extreme Teens group was profiled in the January 3, 2004, edition of INSIGHT magazine. We are praising

God that He has blessed the conference with this ministry and some really awesome kids! Since the beginning of October 2003 the team has completed two intense training weekends, conducted week-of-prayer programs in our schools, helped with youth rallies and prayer retreats, and blessed churches in the conference with complete Sabbath worship services.

To find out more about their ministry contact Kelly Veilleux at (207) 465-2315 or kellyv2@midmaine.com.

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

## How the Extreme Teens Has Improved My Spiritual Life

Before I joined the Extreme Teens my spiritual life was in shambles. Often, I would commit to the Lord, but I never fully committed to Him. After a few days of scheduled private time in prayer and devotions, I would get sidetracked. A couple of reasons were, I saw devotions as boring, and I felt that God didn't listen to me. Also everything was regimented, my devotions didn't allow for any freedom. I soon would give up hope and start wandering again. I didn't realize that time alone with God is precious. It is the

only time during the day that I can give all my worries to God and truly rest from this world.

God has perfect timing. He brought the Extreme Teens into my life at exactly the time when I needed them the most and, through His leading, being a part of the Extreme Teens has shown me that your spiritual life isn't just your devotions, but it is life itself. Without a spiritual life you are dead! I joined the Extreme Teens because I noticed that they were alive, and I wanted that. I also know I needed

accountability to stay committed to Christ. They showed me that God loved me unbelievably, and that He was always there, especially when I felt alone. I have found that at times I still get discouraged, but I learned from this that when I feel down it is because I am being tested. If I hold on to His promises, I will emerge victorious with a stronger connection with Christ and a deeper understanding of His love for me.

*Stephanie Heath  
Extreme Teens member*

## St. Johnsbury Church Is Actively Involved in their Community

Because of the first ever New Year's Eve witnessing adventure by the St. Johnsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church, several community people are now involved in Bible studies and others soon will enroll in vegetarian cooking classes.

On the last day of December 2003 the St. Johnsbury church participated in the town's "First Night," an alcohol-free, seven-hour program consisting of numerous entertainment and food venues. The church's theme of healthful living through diet and exercise included vegetarian food samples, blood pressure checks by Dr. Marvin Kendall and Carolyn Harris, a registered nurse, a literature evangelist's display of pertinent brochures and books, and, most importantly, one-on-one conversations with visitors to the booth. The questionnaires that were available for visitors elicited their inter-

est in cooking classes, stop smoking seminars and Bible studies.

For several months, a Friday night Bible study group for young adults has been meeting at the home of the head elder, Michael Hawkins. As a result of the "First Night" flyers handed out, several people have joined the Bible study group.

In addition, because of the well-attended classical music performances by the Charlestream family and friends during the evening, and the rapport between Kathy Charlestream and the event's community coordinator, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been asked to be on the planning board for next year's "First Night."

We see this as a strong beginning to our church's involvement in appropriate community events.

*Judith Kendall  
St. Johnsbury church*

### Washington Church Annual Meeting August 7, 2004

The Washington church Annual Meeting will be held on August 7, 2004. Dr. William Liversidge of Creative Growth Ministries will be the speaker for the day. This will be the first meeting in the building since reconstruction began in the spring of 2002. The congregation invites you to come and enjoy the restored building and participate in its rededication as well as our own.

**For more information contact:**  
Douglas L Murray  
dmurraysr@comcast.net  
(603) 472-8806

# Four Inducted into GBA Chapter of NHS

Greater Boston Academy (GBA) inducted four more students into its chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) on Thursday, March 18. They join 77 other students who have become members of this chapter since the 1980s.

Richardson Bosquet '06 of Malden, Brian Lawrence '06 of Wilmington, Julie Rittenhouse '06 of Stoneham, and Sarah Ceballos '05 of Medford, participated in the candle-lighting portion of the service, as did the three "old" members of the chapter—Jonathan Martin '05 of Malden, Kaiysa Mendy '05 of Medford, and Sarah Stacey '05 of Billerica. Current class presidents also took part, with Yelmy Herrera '04 giving the invocation and Rebeca Valentin '07 leading in the pledge to the flag.

After GBA's accountant Debbis Bodden defined the National Honor Society and denoted the qualifying characteristics for induction and Nathalie Auguste '05 rendered a vocal selection, George Babcock, president of Atlantic Union College gave the morning's address. Babcock emphasized the

importance of excellence in all things and encouraged the four inductees to continue to strive to do their best. He presented each candidate with a devotional book at the conclusion of his talk.

The three sophomores have been in school together at Edgewood elementary and GBA since the first grade. Julie is president of their class this year, Brian was last year. Richardson has served on the student council for two years. Sarah is this year's student pastor. All four are heavily involved in service to their churches and communities as well as to their school on a regular basis. The NHS constitution defines membership as an "honor that is bestowed" upon a student based on outstanding scholarship, character,

leadership, and service "Members," it says, "have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities." These four should have no trouble doing that, since it has already become a life-long habit.

*Rondi Aastrup, English teacher, vice principal and recruiter  
Greater Boston Academy*



Greater Boston Academy's National Honor Society students (left to right): Kaiysa Mendy, Jonathan Martin, Sarah Ceballos, Julie Rittenhouse, Brian Lawrence, Richardson Bosquet, Sarah Stacey.

Photo by Rhonda Aastrup

## Southern New England Conference Festival of Faith Camp Meeting 2004 June 18-26, 2004 Camp Meeting Reservation

Mail With Deposit To: Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
34 Sawyer St., P.O. Box 1169, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561

For information: Phone (978)365-4551, Fax (978) 365-3838, E-mail: [SNEConference@sneonline.org](mailto:SNEConference@sneonline.org)

### EQUIPMENT

___ Tent with floor. . . . .	\$80 <sup>00</sup>
___ Double bed—spring and mattress . . . . .	30 <sup>00</sup>
___ Single bed—spring and mattress . . . . .	17 <sup>00</sup>
___ Table . . . . .	5 <sup>00</sup>
___ Chairs—each . . . . .	2 <sup>00</sup>
___ *Per night private tent or small trailer—no hook-up . . . . .	10 <sup>00</sup>
___ *Full-time private tent or small trailer—no hook-up . . . . .	70 <sup>00</sup>
___ *Full-time 24-foot trailer or motor home elec./water . . . . .	130 <sup>00</sup>

July 31, 2003 was the deadline for reserving the same accommodations as last year. After July 31 all reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Application MUST have a deposit of \$20<sup>00</sup> for tents or \$30<sup>00</sup> for RV space w/electric and water. DEPOSIT IS NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 1, 2004. (\*) Every order change after June 6 will require a \$5.00 charge.

On site 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.

Please contact: Lenheim Hall (men's dorm) (978) 368- 2900 or Preston Hall (women's dorm) (978) 368-2700 at Atlantic Union College to make your reservations for dormitory rooms.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency # while at camp meeting (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve this year's site for 2005      Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults staying on grounds \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in:

Beginners \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ Earliteens \_\_\_\_\_

Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

## EN LA IGLESIA MUNDIAL

### Haití: Instalaciones adventistas afectadas por los saqueos

2 de Marzo del 2004, Miami, Florida, Estados Unidos [ANN] — En esta foto de archivo se ve a los pastores haitianos y a los líderes eclesiásticos de Interamérica en un congreso el pasado Julio en Puerto Plata, República Dominicana.

Mientras se desata el caos como resultado de los disturbios políticos en Haití, los saqueos y otras acciones violentas han afectado numerosos lugares de Port-au-Prince, la capital del país, incluyendo el Hospital Adventista de Haití y la Universidad Adventista. Ambas instituciones se encuentran a pocos kilómetros del centro de la ciudad.

En el día de ayer se produjeron saqueos en las cercanías del hospital y en la universidad, afirma el Pastor Israel Leito, Presidente de la iglesia en Interamérica, quien ha estado en contacto con los

líderes eclesiásticos de Port-au-Prince.

“El encargado de seguridad de la institución fue atacado y le fue quitada su arma. Se sustrajeron medicamentos del hospital, una camioneta fue robada, así como objetos de la imprenta, de nuestra compañía empaedora y de la oficina de ADRA,” dice Leito.

Asimismo, Leito agrega que la universidad fue cerrada por el día y que no se han informado acerca de bajas o heridos entre los feligreses. Sin embargo, dice que debido al aumento de asaltos a los automóviles, la gente anda a pie o utiliza el transporte público. Las reuniones de la iglesia de los sábados continuarán como de costumbre.

La Agencia Adventista de Asistencia y Recursos Asistenciales (ADRA) se encuentra en proceso de finalizar la preparación de contenedores que transportarán medicamentos y ropa a Haití, afirma

Wally Amundson, director de ADRA en Interamérica. “Estamos esperando la indicación oficial que nos asegure que el puerto [en Haití] está listo para recibir y procesar el envío,” dice.

“Se han separado reservas de dinero para responder a las emergencias y mañana estarán disponibles,” dice Amundson. Los fondos serán utilizados para la adquisición de alimentos y artículos de primera necesidad, así como para el transporte local de esos artículos.

La imprenta, la compañía empaedora y la oficina de ADRA están próximas a la universidad y el hospital adventista, mientras que la oficina regional de la iglesia se encuentra en las afueras de Port-au-Prince.

*Libna Stevens  
InterAmerican Division  
Traducción: Marcos Paseggi*

### Universidad de Loma Linda Ayuda a los Profesionales de la Salud de Perú

2 de Marzo del 2004, Lima, Perú [ANN] — Más de 100 estudiantes se han matriculado en el programa de maestría en salud pública a cargo de la Facultad de Salud Pública, en la Universidad de la Unión Peruana, en Lima, Perú.

Cuando se les preguntó a los 118 estudiantes de una clase en Perú cuántos tenían un amigo o pariente que había muerto de diarrea infantil, todos levantaron la mano.

En este país, la diarrea infantil, una infección causada principalmente por las bajas condiciones sanitarias, es la principal causa de muerte. Esta es la razón por la que Perú ha sido un destino común para los docentes de la Facultad de Salud Pública de la Universidad de Loma Linda.

En el verano del 2003, esta Facultad (SPH) comenzó a dictar las asignaturas del programa de maestría en salud pública (MPH) en la Universidad de la Unión Peruana (UPeU) en Lima. En alrededor de un año, 118 estudiantes de Sudamérica y el Caribe se graduarán con un MPH en prácti-

ca de salud pública o salud materno infantil.

“Perú es un país pobre y la eficiencia de la salud pública es de suma importancia allí,” dice John Morgan, Doctor en Salud Pública y profesor asociado de epidemiología y bioestadística en la Facultad de Salud Pública. “La mayoría de la gente en ese país no posee seguro de salud, por lo que la salud pública es la forma más económica y efectiva de prevenir las enfermedades.”

Dos veces al año, en Enero y Julio, docentes de la SPH enseñan entre cuatro a cinco asignaturas en un mes. Los estudiantes tienen que realizar tareas previas y posteriores a esos encuentros, y trabajos de campo durante los dos años del programa. Todos los estudiantes del programa son profesionales de la salud o trabajadores activos en el área de salud pública que, en este caso, incluye a los pastores.

En Enero el Dr. Morgan y César Gálvez, Doctor en Salud Pública y Coordinador del programa en UPeU, formó una unión entre la Universidad de Loma Linda y el

Instituto Nacional del Cáncer de Perú para influir en la dirección de los problemas nacionales de salud. Tuvieron a su cargo una presentación científica y obtuvieron el apoyo del mencionado instituto para promocionar el programa en la universidad. Los graduados del programa tendrán ahora la oportunidad de trabajar en el ministerio de salud de ese país.

“Estos graduados van a ser parte de la visión para asegurarse de que se construya la infraestructura necesaria para prevenir las enfermedades,” dice el Dr. Morgan.

“Los estudiantes están sumamente entusiasmados con este programa,” dice Christine Neish, decana asociada y profesora asociada de promoción y educación para la salud en la Facultad de Salud Pública. “Me dijeron: ‘Este es un sueño que no nos animábamos a soñar, y lograr que la Universidad de Loma Linda viniera aquí nos resulta increíble.’”

*Patricia Thio  
Adventist News Network  
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# Quoi de Neuf?

A TRAVERS L'ÉGLISE MONDIALE

## Ghana: en dépit d'une prise de conscience accrue, le nombre de cas de SIDA est élevé chez les jeunes

23 Mars 2004, Kumasi, Ghana [ANN] — De nombreuses campagnes de prise de conscience au sujet du VIH/SIDA sont menées au Ghana, or la prévalence de cette maladie demeure élevée chez les jeunes, explique Emmanuel Kusi Yeboah, directeur des ministères de santé de l'Église adventiste du centre du Ghana.

“Il est plutôt étrange que les jeunes qui semblent en savoir le plus au sujet de cette maladie soient ceux

qui soient le plus touchés,” dit E. K. Yeboah. Il met aussi l'accent sur le besoin de sensibiliser constamment la jeunesse au danger du VIH/SIDA afin qu'elle change d'attitude à propos de la sexualité. Il a fait ces remarques lors des débuts officiels du Fond de réponse au VIH/SIDA (“GARFUND”) lancé par l'Église à Kumasi, seconde ville du pays.

L'hôpital adventiste de Kwadaso, à Kumasi, a enregistré 353 cas de VIH/SIDA en 2003, sur 760 person-

nes ayant subi le test, raconte-t-il. La Fondation du Ghana contre le SIDA (GAF) apporte son soutien à l'initiative GARFUND.

La GAF a déboursé 40 millions de cedis [soit environ 3,700 euros] pour appuyer les activités de l'Église adventiste dans la lutte contre le fléau du VIH/SIDA.

Joe Hagan

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# How Can I Let Her See That this is a Mistake?

In a previous issue of the *GLEANER* you were asked you to send your response to the following question:

*My best friend was a victim of date rape by her fiancé. She says she still loves him and feels that what he did was not his fault because he said she was so beautiful that he could not wait any longer. Her parents are in love with him because he is a member of their church and he carries himself like a Christian. She is now planning a date for the wedding even though she still has nightmares about the event. She wants me to be her maid of honor. How can I let her see that this is a mistake and that I don't want to be a part of it?*

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, as well as a pastor and single person, I find the conduct of your friend's fiancé reprehensible and your friend's attitude—at the very least—deeply disturbing.

For starters, your friend's fiancé has committed a double sin, first, by soliciting an act which according to Scripture is reserved for marriage only (1 Corinthians 7:2), and, second, by forcing the woman he claims to love to commit such an act. The excuse that "she was so beautiful that he could not wait any longer" is absurd and beneath contempt. If this man refuses to show respect either for the law of God or the free choice of his wife-to-be, he is certainly not worthy of your friend's lifelong commitment nor anything like the Christian he carries himself to be.

Yes, the God we serve is willing to forgive, but only if sin is confessed and forsaken (II Chronicles 7:14, Proverbs 28:13, Isaiah 55:7). Unless your friend's fiancé repents... and pledges by God's grace to never again—by force or persuasion—seek such a relationship with your friend until marriage, she should break up with him at once. And if your wishes as her best friend mean anything to her, I would make clear to her your strong convictions about her fiancé's behavior and your unwillingness to bless them with your presence unless the above conditions are met.

May God give you compassion as well as courage as you address your friend's dilemma.

Pastor Kevin Paulson  
New York

Dear Friend of Rape Victim:

My family and I are praying for you all. You are right to not want any part of this marriage. She must understand that she should not marry a man whom

she fears. Her fiancé did not treat her with respect, but harmed her in the most horrible way. Let it be known that real men can wait! He would have waited no matter how experienced he was if he truly loved her more than himself in his heart. Tell her the marriage will reflect that ugly side of him that is domineering, controlling, impatient, and cruel. The marriage will also clearly predict that he will do with her whatever he wants and whenever he wants to do it.

It breaks my heart that she really believes that beauty was the reason for his attack. She needs to believe that God made her who she is and no one has a right to abuse her that way. She needs time to heal and think clearly though God only knows the mixed emotions she feels inside. Help her to recognize that God did not let that happen to her to punish her or to hurt her. Sin is a result of distrust in God by Lucifer believing that he was being discriminated against by not being like the most high...

Has your friend ever wondered if her fiancé assaulted other females like her before? Would his lack of control cause him to do that again not only to her, but other women, even after marriage? How would you feel visiting the house of your friend and a rapist if she wasn't home at that time? How would her parents react knowing that their prized son-in-law was a rapist?... What if she has daughters who date guys who clearly remind her of her husband who raped her. Could she honestly ignore the possibilities of them getting hurt? What about if she has sons who could learn to disrespect women or make friends with the wrong guys? These are serious questions to contemplate.

For the sake of her sanity and her well-being she must not marry her fiancé. She must use her experience to help others. She also needs to seek the help she needs to personally get through this. I hope that she will consider these words, and talk to her parents.

Brenda and Carolyn

*Lois King is a family life educator.*

Send your questions and letters in response to the Youth & Relationships column to:

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**Attorney's Conference**—On October 15-17, 2004, a conference will be held for the attorneys and law students in the Atlantic Union. Those making presentations will include attorneys from the legal and religious liberty departments of the General Conference. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel, Stamford, Conn. For further information contact Charles J. Eusey, Esq., 42 Main St., Leominster, MA 01453. Phone (978) 534-1414. E-mail: ceusey@euseylaw.com.

### NORTHEASTERN

**Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School Homecoming** — May 14, 15, 2004, at the Bethel church 457 Grand Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Friday

night Vespers speaker—Mary Mead. Sabbath, divine worship speaker, Pastor Timothy Nixon. All alumni contact the school at (718) 789-1259 for more information.

**40th Anniversary Celebration Northborough Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 30 Brigham Street, Northborough Mass. May 21-23, 2004, Friday, May 21, 7:00 p.m. — Pastor Marion Kidder; Sabbath, May 22, 9:30 a.m. — Pastor Kenroy Malcolm, 11:00 a.m. — Pastor Larry Yeagley, 4:00 p.m. — Pastor Ives Roberts; Sunday morning brunch, May 23, 10:00 a.m., Chan Shun Dinning Commons, Atlantic Union College. For more information call: Ray (508) 856-0228 or visit [www.Northborosdachurch.org](http://www.Northborosdachurch.org).

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**Northeastern Academy Alumni (NEA) Weekend**—June 4,5 and tentatively the 6th. Friday Night Service conducted by: NEA student body at 7:00 p.m. Sabbath school: Pastor Philip M. Wesley II. Sabbath guest speaker: Pastor Lecroft Green. Special Music: "Faith" from Virginia/Maryland area. Afternoon Symposium: Pastor Ali Sinclair. Topic: "Interpersonal Relationships." NEA Alumni Weekend...More Than A Reunion... It's A Blessing...So Come Get Yours. For more information contact Northeastern Academy at (212) 569-4800.

and Dr. Don Miller of the Uchee Pines Institute; Dr. Vicki Griffin, Health and Temperance director, Michigan Conference; and Dr. Bruce Hyde of Battle Creek, Mich., will be lecturing. For more information call Fran McMullen at (269) 471-3541 or e-mail: [fran@andrews.edu](mailto:fran@andrews.edu).

**Pine Forge Academy's Alumni Weekend**, September 3-5, 2004. The weekend features an alumni career fair, Friday vespers with Phyllis Pelote Edmonds ('64), Sabbath services with Charles Cheatham ('54). Awards program honoring former NPF AAA presidents and Peter McGalleria. Spotlight classes: '54, '64, '74, '79, '84, '94, '99, '04. Visit [www.pfaalumni.org](http://www.pfaalumni.org).

## OUT-OF-UNION

**All Missionaries** (returned or on furlough) plan now to attend the fourth annual Missionary Camp Meeting, July 6-10, 2004, at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. A time of refreshment and renewal for the whole family. Outstanding speakers include: Don Schneider, president, North American Division; Dwight K. Nelson, pastor, Pioneer Memorial church; Bill Knott, assoc. editor, Adventist Review; Ben Schoun, president, AWR; Peter Landless, GC Health Ministries and more. Contact the Institute of World Mission at: [iwm@andrews.edu](mailto:iwm@andrews.edu) for registration and information.

**Indian Country Tour** September 19-26, 2004. Sponsored by the Holbrook Seventh-day Adventist Mission School, Holbrook, Arizona. The tour will include prehistoric Native American sites in northern Arizona, southern Utah, north central New Mexico and more. Deposit of \$100 required with application as soon as possible to reserve space. For more information call (909) 796-7187 or e-mail: [lorraineira@juno.com](mailto:lorraineira@juno.com).

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## OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON, Paul L.**—b. Mar. 14, 1919, in Mt. Jewett, Pa.; d. Jul. 5, 2003, in Rochester, N.Y. He was a member of the Bay Knoll church. He served this country during World War II. Survivors include his first wife, Arvilla Wendell Anderson of Mass.; their daughter, Freda Anderson Ahlquist of Harrison, Maine; two grandchildren, Britta and Brain Ahlquist, and four great-grandchildren also of Maine. He was predeceased by his second wife, Bernadine, in 1987.

**COLLINS, Victor Wood**—b. Jan. 17, 1913, in Bunker Hill, Mich.; d. Nov. 11, 2003, in LaFountain, Ind. He graduated from South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College. He served as an elder in many churches in the United States and Canada. He also served in the New York and Southern New England Conferences. Survivors include two daughters, Anita Sue Collins Millard and Janice Collins Reynolds; four grandchildren; three sisters, Barbara Collins Stuart, Miriam Collins Pratt, and Alice Collins Carney; and many nieces and nephews.

**DURAND, Djadon Lavaar**—2, b. Nov. 3, 2001, in Boston, Mass.; d. Mar. 10, 2004, in Boston, Mass. Djadon suffered with inoperable tumors that developed

on or around his brain. The first being diagnosed in June 2003. He is survived by his parents Rodney-Phillip and Marva, who are members of the Cambridge Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cambridge, Mass.; sister, Aleigha; brothers, Philly and Ephron; grandparents Rupert and Uda Clarke; grandfather Rodney Durand Sr.; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**FOSTER, Cecelia**—80, b. Aug. 25, 1923, in Boston, Mass.; d. December 27, 2003, in Boston, Mass. She was a member of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass. She attended Atlantic Union College. She was an educator for almost forty years which included positions in the following Adventist schools: Mt Zion elementary in New Haven, Conn., and Berea Seventh-day Adventist Academy in Mattapan, Mass. Survivors include her daughters, Claire of Boston, Mass., and June (Carlos) Williams of Calif; sons, Vincent and Raymond Banks; grandchildren, Meraf (Yemane) Carlos and Joseph Williams; great-grandchildren, Abiona, Makda, and Lullia; sister-in-laws, Delores Foster and Evelyn Foster; and many nieces and nephews.

**ILLSLEY, Wallace E.**—89; b. May 19, 1914, in Philipston, Mass.; d. Jan. 13, 2004, in Berlin, Vt. He was a member of the Randolph church in Randolph, Vt. Survivors include his wife, Sybil Snow; sons, Evans Illsley and Norman Illsley; daughter Alma Mae Briggs; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**MILES, Benjamin Herbert**—79, b. May 10, 1924, in Louisville, Ky.; d. Jan. 4, 2004, in Boston, Mass. He was a member of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Mass. He was a medic in the United States Army. He served for seventeen years as a fireman for the Boston Fire Department. Survivors include his sons: Benjamin H. Miles, Jr. of Brockton, Mass., John A. Miles of Atlanta, Ga., Steven Miles of Norton, Mass.; one daughter, Cynthia Miles Gray of Sharon, Mass., grandchildren,

Angela Miles of Washington, D.C., Toryn Lankford and Kristina Miles of Atlanta, Ga., and Jacqueline Gray of Sharon, Mass.; son-in-law Cecil L. Gray; daughters-in-law, Shirley Miles and Iris Miles; one brother, Charles Miles of Boston, Mass., and many nieces and nephews.

**PINE, Martha Faye**—81; b. Aug. 13, 1922; d. Jan. 6, 2004, in Collededale, Tenn., after an extended illness. She was active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 50 years teaching and assisting her husband, Pastor Carl Pine. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years in 1998. She is survived by three daughters: Jean Pine of Millington, Tenn., Carleen Adams (Bob) of

Millington, Tenn., Jody Lay of Collededale, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Paul and Melissa Deaux of Collededale, Tenn. and Sean Adams and Brett Adams of Millington, Tenn.; one great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Deaux of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and two sisters, Virginia Lee Self of El Dorado, Ark., and Minnie Kate Braswell of DeWitt, Ark.

**SUMNER, Martha M (Keller)**—101; b. June 8, 1902, in Lincolnville, Maine; d. Jan. 12, 2004, in Barre, Vt. She was a member of the Randolph church in Randolph, Vt. Survivors include her son, Herbert Sumner; daughter, Marcia Krebs; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

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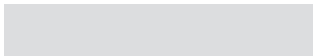
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For the first time a special conference has been planned for attorneys and law students in the Atlantic Union. It will be held on the weekend of October 15-17, 2004, at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel, 2701 Summer Street, Stamford, Connecticut.

Two attorneys from the General Conference worldwide church headquarters will be attending the conference. Mitchell Tyner, associate counsel in the Office of General Counsel at the General Conference, will share how the church is relating to legal issues in the United States and abroad in areas such as Iraq, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. James Standish, director of legislative affairs for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will give his insights on where the church stands in the legislative arena.

Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, will give the keynote address on Friday evening and will hold a question and answer forum on Saturday evening to address concerns about the church.

A time slot has been reserved on Sunday morning to give you the opportunity to learn about the secular legal issues facing the church.

There is no cost to attend the meeting. You will be responsible for contacting the hotel to make your own arrangements for lodging—\$99.00 per night. The Atlantic Union will provide the Sabbath lunch and dinner.

For a registration form and to get more information contact Charles J. Eusey, Esq., 42 Main Street, Leominster, MA 01453. Phone (978) 534-1414. E-mail: ceusey@euseylaw.com. To download a copy of the registration form and secure hotel information visit the Atlantic Union web site: [www.atlantic-union.org/conference1015.htm](http://www.atlantic-union.org/conference1015.htm).

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*Information provided by Charles Eusey, Esq., Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) director for the Atlantic Union.*

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