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**Atlantic Union Youth**  
*... They're Heaven Bound*

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# Together... We're Going Places

**W**e humans like to do things our way. But, according to Scripture, that's precisely our problem. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way..."—Isaiah 53:6. Sure, self-reliance has its place, but not when it comes to God or trying to work together to accomplish a task for God. Otherwise, you could end up with a Twenty-third Psalm like this:

"I am my own shepherd.  
I am always in need.

I stumble from mall to mall and shrink to shrink, seeking relief but never finding it.

I creep through the valley of the shadow of death and fall apart.

I fear everything from pesticides to power lines, and I'm starting to act real strange.

I go down to the weekly staff meeting and am surrounded by enemies.

I go home, and even my goldfish scowls at me.

I anoint my headache with extra-strength Tylenol.

My Martinelli's runneth over.

Surely misery and misfortune will follow me, and I will live in self-doubt all the days of my life and be forever lonely."<sup>1</sup>

We humans like to do things our way. But we need to press together in spirit and in truth as we make our way down the meandering boulevards of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A plan of action must precede our course of action. And we must plan it together.

Recently, in the month of March, the Atlantic Union Conference held its first ever Boards Retreat in Stamford, Conn. The purpose was to cast a vision for the future of the work in the Atlantic Union territory comprising the New England

states, the state of New York, and the island of Bermuda. It was an opportunity to zero in on the priorities of mission through creative brainstorming and interactive dialog among members of the various boards and committees in the Union. As a result, several recommendations emerged which will be channeled to the respective boards and committees for implementation. It was truly amazing to see everyone interacting together in small breakout groups.

The major themes under consideration for the weekend included, the priority of evangelism, the future of Christian education (Pre-K-16), the empowerment of youth for ministries, and how to develop family friendly Adventists. My colleagues and I in the Atlantic Union believe that if together we pay attention to these general areas of ministry, there will be a rich harvest of accomplishments for the spiritual growth and development of our people as we await the soon coming of our Lord.

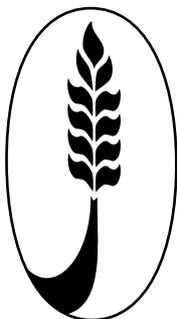
The closer we get to His coming is the more we must redouble our efforts. This is no time for backtracking, retrogressing, receding, or retracting. It's straight ahead—with Christ taking the lead. Then it can be truly said, "Together... we're going places."

Our mission is clear, our task is formidable, but our God is able. Won't you join us in the journey? Together... we're going places—and our final rest stop is called heaven. ☺

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the book *TRAVELING LIGHT* by Max Lucado, 2001.

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# Casting a Vision: Empowered to Serve

By Ednor A. P. Davison

**E**xcellent and incredible are just two of the adjectives used to describe the joint retreat for Atlantic Union Conference boards and committees held in Stamford, Connecticut, in late March. The retreat was the first joint meeting of this type ever held in the Atlantic Union for the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, Atlantic Union Conference K-12 Board of Education, Atlantic Union Conference Association Board, Atlantic Union Conference Administrators' Council, and the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees. It was designed to help prepare committee members for the ongoing and emerging changes in the churches, institutions, and communities in the Atlantic Union.

"This is only the beginning of a journey into the future," said Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference and chairman of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees. "We may expect many changes and challenges along the way. But, we must also look for the opportunities God places in our path to help populate His kingdom with people."

Throughout the four-day event the committee members and spouses who attended were assigned to one of four breakout groups. They participated in the process of creative brainstorming on the following topics: *The Priority of Evangelism*; *The Future of Christian Education (Pre-K - 16)*; *The Empowerment of Youth for Ministries*; and *The Prospect of Family Friendly Adventists*. The task of each group, with the aid of planning worksheets

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◀ Frank Araujo, AUCs Pro Arts International Choir director, Dionisio Olivo, president of the Greater New York Conference, and Richard Marker, secretary of the Greater New York Conference, dialogue between sessions.

good medicine,” and that was evident on Saturday night at the wonderful banquet that was the climax to the day’s program. In addition to a

delicious meal, the group was entertained by Willie Brown, a ventriloquist, and his “wooden” friend, Woody. Laughter could be heard all around. It was just what the group needed as a break from their hard work.

The recommendations from each category were presented by the group leaders at the final meeting on Sunday morning. One of the questions asked on the evaluation form was, “Do you feel this was a beneficial experience for the future of our church?” It

was obvious from the responses that the weekend was “very beneficial” for those who attended. ☺

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◀ Members of the breakout groups participated in the process of creative brainstorming.

Willie Oliver, family ministries director for NAD, facilitated the breakout group discussion on *The Prospect of Family Friendly Adventists*. ▼

from all departments in the Atlantic Union, was to consider new and different approaches to issues we face and formulate recommendations to be presented to the union administration and its boards and committees for further consideration and implementation.

The activities of the weekend flowed smoothly thanks to the well thought out and organized program facilitated by Roger Bothwell, a professor in the education and psychology departments at Atlantic Union College (AUC), and Lois King, director of career and student support services at AUC. On hand to assist with facilitating the breakout sessions were James Black, youth director for the North American Division (NAD), Gerald Kovalski, vice president for education for NAD, and Willie Oliver, family ministries director for NAD. In addition, Roscoe Howard, executive secretary for NAD, and Malcolm Maxwell, president emeritus for Pacific Union College, presented inspirational devotional messages. Freddie Russell, senior pastor at Miracle Temple church in Baltimore, Md., watered the hearts of those in attendance on Sabbath morning with a very powerful message, and in the afternoon with a seminar entitled, *The Testing Times of A Leader*.

Members of the Pro Arts International Choir, under the direction of Frank Araujo, joined the group on Sabbath and provided special music in the morning and a vesper concert. Many of the students took advantage of the invitation extended to them and participated in the breakout group of their choice.

According to Proverbs 17:22 (NIV), “A cheerful heart is

Members of the Pro Arts International Choir in concert on Saturday evening. ▶



# Atlantic Union Youth... They're Heaven Bound

**M**uch of what we see and hear about young people today is negative. They are either hurting others or being hurt. However, there are many great things happening with them that we don't hear about. It is with the great things in mind that this issue is being dedicated to Atlantic Union youth and youth leaders.

We appreciate Bill Wood, youth director for the Atlantic Union. We applaud the conference youth directors, Gordon Jones—Bermuda, José Cortés—Greater New York, Dan Whitlow—New York, Newton Cleghorne—Northeastern, Garnet

Morris—Northeastern, Harry Sabnani—Northern New England, and Bob Saunders—Southern New England. They have allowed God to use their vision and commitment to nurture youth in the Atlantic Union while preparing them to be heaven bound.

To the youth leaders of the 493 churches and 72 companies in the Atlantic Union, and to young people everywhere, be encouraged to “keep the fire burning.” Remember, “God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them”—*PROPHETS AND KINGS*, p. 486.

## Atlantic Union **GODencounters** Weekend Retreat

By Ednor A. P. Davison

**W**ith temperatures in the single digits, the wind-chill factor at about -15 degrees, and snow everywhere, approximately 150 young adults attended the Atlantic Union GODencounters Weekend Retreat. They came from the Atlantic Union and places such as New Jersey, Tennessee, and Ohio, to attend this first of its kind event at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Mass., last February.

The weekend was planned for young adults who attend Adventist, private, or secular colleges and universities. Most of them were at the camp from Friday night, while others went just for the Sabbath experience. “I came here to develop a better connection with God... This retreat was the perfect event to jumpstart that relationship,” said Pasio Hilario from the Willimantic church in Willimantic, Conn.

Each individual had the flexibility of setting his or her own pace for the weekend. Included in the package were four

youth-centered seminars: *Encountering God in a Briefcase* with Pastor Bill Bossert; *God Whispers* with Pastor Juan Rodriguez; *How to Know You are Growing Spiritually* with Professor Rick Trott and Chaplain Ray Ricketts; and *Worshipping God with a Wounded Spirit* with Pastor Robert Zegarra. The weekend speaker, Zane Yi, from Tennessee, used the story of Nicodemus to talk with the group about personal GODencounter experiences. According to Yi, “All God wants is the site and [our] permission to make all things new.”

“I appreciated having the opportunity of finding my own way to connect with God,”

said Ellen Asare from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., as she discussed her appreciation for the availability of alternative worship experiences including the Prayer Chapel,

Small groups joined together in prayer.





Young adults from across the Atlantic Union joined in worship at the GODencounters Retreat.



Ellen Asare (foreground) from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., listens as pastor Rodriguez presents *God Whispers*.



Zane Yi, the weekend speaker, talked with the group about personal GODencounter experiences.

Journey of the Cross, and the Sacred Walk (for those bold enough to brave the frigid outdoor temperatures).

The singing group Vocal 4 ministered to the group in an afternoon concert. They met God together at a communion and agape feast on Sabbath evening. After the Sabbath they watched CPR (a

Christian comedy group) on video and socialized with one another.

The young people from the New England Memorial church were not only excited about attending the event, but shared stories with me about how they are involved in their church. When talking about the retreat Johan Jaramillo, a

member of the group, put it this way, "I'm amazed that there are so many young adults interested in finding the Lord. It's good to see we're not alone. It's really inspiring."

The general consensus was that this event is one that should definitely be held again. ☺

## Young Preachers Institute

Prepares Young People for Ministry By Ednor A. P. Davison

"You must prepare your heart before you can prepare your sermon," were the words uttered by Newton Cleghorne, youth director for the Northeastern Conference, as he began the early morning communion service in the meeting room of the Irons Motel on the campgrounds of Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, N.Y. The air was crisp, the ground covered with snow, and the temperature in the single digits. Approximately seventy-five teens and youth were on hand to attend this year's fifth annual Young Preachers Institute (YPI).

YPI is a weekend of seminars where teens and youth learn how to deliver sermons, are taught how to improve their speaking skills, and are prepared to be speakers for the youth week of prayer at their churches. The program, sponsored by the Northeastern Conference Youth Department, is traditionally held on the first weekend in March. Their mission is to "train and liberate all our youth to preach the everlasting gospel, publicly

and privately to win men and women for the kingdom of God."

Pastor Theodore Weegar from the South Central Conference, was the main presenter this year. Other presenters included Garnett Morris, associate youth director for the conference, Conklin Gentry, evangelist for the conference, and Paul Graham, pastor of the Uniondale and Macedoina churches. They covered topics such as: *The Call to Be a Preacher*, *Mechanics of Sermon Preparation*, *Types of Delivery*, *Kinds of Sermons*, *Grooming and Manners of the Preacher*, *Creating Sermon Topics*, and *The Power of the Voice*. And, of course, there was the Preacher's Clinic where they were given the opportunity to put their training into practice.

On the final day, all participants received a certificate indicating they had attended and completed the requirements for that particular program.

Sabine René from the Eben-Ezer French church in Brooklyn, N.Y., sums up the weekend this way, "This Young

Preachers Institute weekend was a blessing. This is my second year attending and I have never experienced the move of the Holy Spirit in our young people as I witnessed this weekend."

Cleghorne says that, "As a result of this year's preparation, next year (2004) is being declared the Year of Youth Evangelism for the Northeastern Conference Youth Department. At least fifty simultaneous evangelistic series will be conducted by young evangelists under the age of thirty-five." ☺



Pastor Larry Weegar takes time to clarify information covered in a seminar with interested teens.

# Atlantic Union Pathfinder Clubs

## Demonstrate Their Knowledge at Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program

**T**wenty-six Pathfinder clubs from around North America participated in the 2003 Invitational/Division-level Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program, formerly known as the "Bible Bowl," which took place at the Village church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on April 12.

In order to make it to the division-level event, a club had to earn a first-place score in its area, conference, and union-level Bible achievement programs. Clubs must score 90 percent or more of the highest score posted for first place, 80–90 percent for second place, and 79 percent or below for third place. Fifteen teams earned a first-place score in this year's division-level event. Representing the Atlantic Union were the Dorchester, Massachusetts, Crusaders and the Worcester, Massachusetts, Doves of Peace, each earning a third-place score.

Each year a book of the Bible is selected to be the subject of the 90 questions asked during the program. This year the topic was II Kings. Questions were asked by Terry Dodge, Michigan Conference Pathfinder director and Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program author and director, and displayed on a large screen. Once a question was asked, clubs had



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just ten seconds to begin writing their answers. A panel of experts, comprised of Andrews University theologians, was on hand to deal with answers that were challenged or in need of verification.

"The whole program was started with the idea of giving the Pathfinders the opportunity to get into Bible study and learn more about the Bible, book by book," says Dodge, who began the program, then known as the Pathfinder Bible Bowl, in 1988 in the Rocky Mountain Conference. "It is a challenging program that involves the entire church—pastors, teachers, club leaders, coaches. It involves lots of people, and the kids can always come out on top if

they choose to study hard enough."

Dodge points out that coordinating the Bible Bowl program takes a lot of people, time, and energy. But knowing that Pathfinders everywhere in North America are learning something of eternal value makes it well worth the effort.

Next year's event is planned for April 17 at Pioneer Memorial church in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Proverbs will be the subject and, as Dodge pointed out, many of the clubs that participated in the 2003 event probably already began studying the book of Proverbs on the way home. ☺

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Members of the Worcester Doves of Peace pause between questions to smile for the camera.



The Dorchester Crusaders ponder and respond to the latest question.

# We are Heaven Bound

The Atlantic Youth Congress held in Albany, New York, last April was a life changing experience for both the young and old who attended. Initially, it was hard to imagine what the experience would be like. Our greatest concern was who our roommates would be. We hoped and prayed we would not get anyone we would have to chaperone. We were there to have fun, and experience God the “young adult” way.

Take it from us, when you hear of a function being directed by Bill Wood, youth director for the Atlantic Union, and his staff, don't walk, but run to sign up. They take the best care of you.

Trying to sign up for the workshops was chaotic, but in the midst

of all the chaos a gentleman approached us and asked if we needed help. We thought, “Now who needs the chaperone?” The impressive thing about this man was that he was able to give each person his undivided attention until each

one received assistance. After the dust settled and we began sifting through the packet of information, we realized the nice gentleman was Bill Wood. Wow, that was impressive! As for our roommates, God blessed us with two young

ladies, Sharon Daniel and Crystal Ward from Flatbush church, in Brooklyn, N.Y., who complimented us perfectly.

The theme for the congress “Hangin’ Round or Heaven Bound” was demonstrated through the story of the prodigal son found in Luke 15. We were challenged to examine ourselves and see in what direction our lives were heading. Powerful tools were gained through the meetings that gave us the ammunition needed to continue to fight and remain on the Lord's side—the winning side. That first evening Jose Rojas, director for Adventist Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division (NAD), charged us to use our inward passion and work for Jesus. Passion, he taught, was not determined by our personality, but by the presence of the Holy Spirit in us.

The workshops focused on helping us recognize what makes religion real.



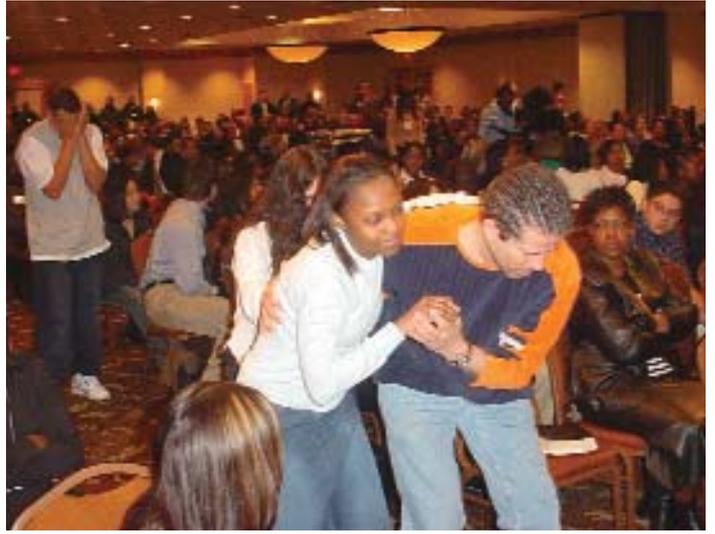
Color Guards and Drum Corps members from various clubs in the Northeastern Conference led the procession at the beginning of the Sabbath morning service.



Almost 100 percent of the young people participated in the community projects on Friday afternoon.



The workshops covered topics of interest to today's youth.



Members of the drama team show the audience the importance of helping one another up when they fall.

Was it the way we dressed, witnessed, or by the services we performed in our community? Whatever it was, we realized religion has to be real to us before we can make it be real to others. This came across clearly when, through drama, Mike Faison, associate pastor of the Southampton church in the Bermuda Conference, and his team brought the story of the prodigal son to life and made it real to the youth of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As the story progressed everyone was able to identify with the life of this young man—whether in its entirety or

**Jose Rojas, director for Adventist Volunteer Ministries, and Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union.**



at different stages. The lesson we left with is that, at one time or another, we have all played the wayward child, but God, just like the prodigal son's father, will be waiting with open arms for us to come back to Him. And no matter how far we have traveled from God the journey back will be short if we only recognize our condition and call on Him.

On Friday we broke into groups and took the message of Christ to the community of Albany, N.Y. Some went door to door, others visited the sick and elderly at the area nursing homes and hospitals. All went to tell of Jesus' goodness and His soon return. Others experienced the awesome task of packing and preparing relief items for distribution to area shelters and other

organizations. We returned blessed just knowing that we were able to make our religion real to the surrounding community.

Sabbath came with all the blessings the Lord promised. James Black, youth director for the NAD, culminated our journey focusing our sight heaven bound so that we would no longer be hanging around. He pointed us to the path where our Father is waiting with open arms to take us home.

We left the congress charged, full of

**CPR, a Christian comedy group, were part of the program on Saturday night.**





Bill Wood (left) and Bob Saunders (fourth from left) with the praise team from Andrews University.

ammunition, and ready to take up our place as young Christians on the battlefield for the Lord. We came hanging around, met Jesus, listened to His voice, and answered His call. Now we will follow where He leads and are determined to serve Him with our all. No more are we hanging around—we



Robert Wright (foreground), president and CEO of Nubian Directions II Inc. Community Technology Research Center, in the "Hollaback Chatroom" giving instructions.

are heaven bound. ①

*Aprila Johnson and Christine Fraser are the AYS leaders for Mamre church in Brooklyn, New York. Photos by Roger Wade and Ednor A.P. Davison.*

## Highlights of the Atlantic Union Youth Congress

- More than 400 delegates attended the Youth Congress.
- Young people came from as far away as Montreal, Canada.
- J. Brian Hogan, executive director of the Colonie Youth Center in Latham, N.Y., welcomed the group to the city of Albany.
- Atlantic Union had its first "Hollaback Chatroom" up and running for the weekend. Young people went online to witness about topics such as music, clothing, jewelry, dating and relationships, school and career, video games, movies, etc.
- There were thirty-two workshops available.
- The Pro Arts International Choir and One Voice from Atlantic Union College, and Patty Cabrera presented programs on Sabbath afternoon.
- The programs on Friday and Saturday were broadcast via a live video feed. <http://www.atlantic-union.org/Archives.html>.
- More than 1,100 people attended the Sabbath morning service.
- Tiffany Walker, Miss New York State 2002, gave a testimony on sabbath morning.
- The theme song "Heaven Bound," written by Mrs. Wayne E. N. Ireland-Cleghorne, was a big hit. We recommend that those who attended the Youth Congress teach the theme song to the youth in their churches. The music and words are in the back of the program booklet.
- Members of the prayer team, coordinated by the Northern New England Conference, prayed from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day. They prayed for seminars, programs, and called every delegate by name.
- Approximately 20,000 pieces of literature were distributed in the community as part of the Albany Project: Love in Work Boots.
- Many young people recommitted their lives to Christ during the weekend.

*To view photos from the weekend visit [www.atlantic-union.org/photogallery.htm](http://www.atlantic-union.org/photogallery.htm)*

## Keep the Fire Burning

The long anticipated Atlantic Union Conference Youth Congress is in the past. Much prayer, planning, and hard work were put into the Youth Congress to help insure its success. More than 400 delegates and chaperones converged on Albany, N.Y., at the Holiday Inn Turf Hotel to learn how to share Jesus with others so that everyone, instead of Hangin' Round will be Heaven Bound!

A pastor who was in attendance recently e-mailed me and stated that his group of youth were "on fire" for the Lord after attending the Youth Congress. That was the purpose—to ignite the youth of the Atlantic Union to go back to their communities and churches and get involved. How can this be done?

Keep the fire burning by getting involved in community outreach. Follow the example of the delegates who hit the streets of Albany and the surrounding communities. They gave away almost 20,000 packets of literature that had been prepared by local churches. Inside these packets were literature on health, Bible prophecy, and a Bible enrollment card. Teams of delegates worked at a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, and a food bank. They assisted with the health screening van provided by the Greater New York Conference. Health checks were done in a local neighborhood as well as hospital and nursing home visitation. Keep the fire burning by duplicating this outreach in your communities.

Keep the fire burning by planning a youth led evangelistic campaign! A young man, Justin McNeilus, came and shared how this can be done using DVDs. ASI will even help fund these evangelistic meetings. Wouldn't it be fantastic to see youth in all our conferences winning souls for Jesus?

Keep the fire burning by bringing back into the church youth who, for some reason, are not attending Sabbath school, church, and AY meetings. An excellent workshop was conducted on how to bring these youth back.

Keep the fire burning by making the Adventist brand of Christianity real. Pastor Paul Graham did an outstanding job in sharing how to live the Christian life all the time.

Keep the fire burning by empowering the young people to plan Youth Church on a regular basis and by involving the youth in all forms of worship on a regular basis.

Keep the fire burning by starting a Youth Prayer Ministries team in your church. The Teen Prayer Ministries team from the Northern New England Conference were awesome as they provided prayer cov-

erage through the Youth Congress. If you need more information about this ministry, contact the youth department of the Northern New England Conference.

Keep the fire burning by challenging the youth, each one of them, to reach other youth for Christ at home, school, and play. Challenge the youth to become disciples for Christ which can turn the world right side up.

Keep the fire burning by starting a YES Corps among the senior youth of your church. You can involve high school, college, and young adults in the unique organization. Prepare the youth to respond to any type of disaster that might happen in your area.

Youth leaders can keep the theme of the Youth Congress, "Hangin' Round or Heaven Bound" burning in the hearts of the youth by continuing to educate and train the young people in various lifestyle issues that were addressed such as *Youth and Music*, *Making Religion Real*, *How to Make Your Honeymoon Last forever*, *How to Get Along with Your Parents*, and much, much more. One of the purposes of a successful youth ministry is training and educating our youth to become productive, active, Christian citizens of the churches and communities.

A comment made by the hotel management still rings in my ears, "There was something different about your kids. They were courteous, respectful, and kind. Never did we hear any complaints from other guests using the hotel. This was the best group of young people we have ever had at this facility." Praise God for Adventist Christian young people. Certainly God's spirit was felt throughout the weekend.

What can be done to keep the spirit of the "Hangin' Round or Heaven Bound" Youth Congress alive? Keep the fires burning! ☺

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If you have questions about any aspect of Pathfinder, Youth, or Young Adult Ministries you would like answered in this column, please refer them to the Atlantic Union Conference Youth Ministries Department. We hope you find this column useful as you reach out to the youth of all ages in your church and local community.

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# CONSISTENCY: The Key to Godly Service

The following interview was conducted by Sydney Gibbons, director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the Bermuda Conference, on February 4, 2003, with Shannon James, a Seventh-day Adventist who recently received a promotion in rank and assignment as chaplain with the Bermuda Regiment.

**SG:** *You have been a Seventh-day Adventist for a number of years. Describe your Christian experience?*

**SJ:** I grew up in the church, but it was at Oakwood College that my experience with Christ took on new meaning. It magnified my walk with God and made Christianity more dynamic for me. Reading the book, *THE GREAT CONTROVERSY* also had a great impact on my life and spiritual growth, as well as my early church experience attending JAY and AY.

**SG:** *You left college, continued your Christian experience in Bermuda, began your professional teaching career with the Bermuda Government, then you added to your responsibilities service in the Bermuda Regiment?*

**SJ:** Not really! Actually, I tried to get out of serving at the Regiment. I tried to get transferred to serve in the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. They refuse to accept Seventh-day Adventists, as they had in the past, for alternative service to that of the Regiment because some who had been accepted failed to show up for duty. Reluctantly, I accepted my lot with the Regiment.

**SG:** *Help me to better understand Bermuda Government's law regarding Bermudian men called to serve at the Regiment.*

**SJ:** A random selection of Bermudian males who are age 18 is made from Government records every year. The selected persons are required by law to

give three years of service as soldiers. These years of service are put on hold for those who are in college until they complete their studies.

**SG:** *What is expected of a soldier from the time he begins service until his release?*

**SJ:** He begins by attending a two week Recruit Camp. After that, his first year is spent in Training Company. Marching skills, rifle skills, and riot control, among other related skills are developed during this training period. A soldier then has the option of remaining in Training Company or joining the Corporal Core where he could train for rank in an accelerated program meeting twice per week rather than once. After the first year one moves into "A Company" (Rifle Company) or Support Company (medics, cooks, driving, etc.). Each year the program of training follows a similar schedule. The two week camps during the second and third years of service are held overseas at one of three sites located in Jamaica, North Carolina or Florida.

**SG:** *During your three years of service what kind of promotions have you received?*

**SJ:** I started as a soldier, became a Lance Corporal (one stripe), then I was promoted to full Corporal (two stripes). As full Corporal I was selected to join the "A Company." At the time I didn't understand what I was joining because I had decided not to shoot yet I had joined the rifle company. Most recently I was promoted to Lieutenant the alter-

nate to Sergeant having three stripes.

**SG:** *What has been your observation regarding Seventh-day Adventist Christians in the Regiment?*

**SJ:** If you tell the authorities what you believe up front they will work with you! Also, we [Seventh-day Adventists] are our own worst enemies. Basically, it is our inconsistent behavior [that creates difficulty for us]. I remember being excused from Sabbath activities on one occasion with other Adventists. That Saturday night one of our Adventist soldiers was caught engaged in questionable conduct by the authorities. Although the authorities are willing to work with us they are confused by different positions taken by Adventists. For example, they informed me that some Adventists do not have a problem engaging in normal weekend camp activities. "Why do you have a problem with these activities," they asked? After I affirmed my convictions concerning Sabbath observance, the Regiment accommodated my religious beliefs even to the extent of providing food that would not violate my conscience. What the authorities look for is consistency between ones beliefs and ones conduct.

**SG:** *This question about Sabbath observance brings us to the issue of religious liberty. What do you understand by the term religious liberty and how do you see the principles of liberty applied in the setting of service in the Bermuda Regiment?*

**SJ:** Religious liberty for me is the right of anyone, whatever their belief, to practice their religion as they see fit. I find that the Regiment respects that right. I never attended weekend camp and the extent of my handling arms was to learn how to disarm and clean them as safety skills.

**SG:** *If you would have chosen not to handle a weapon for any purpose would you have been granted that privilege?*

**SJ:** There have been soldiers who never touched a weapon. I believe that the Regiment would work with anyone who is consistent in practicing their religious beliefs.

**SG:** *When you attended camp overseas were you granted the privilege of Sabbath observance?*

**SJ:** Yes. What I really liked was the network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When the church in the area learned that Seventh-day Adventists soldiers were among the soldiers at a given camp they would contact us and offer to come by to collect us on Sabbath and take us to spend the Sabbath with them. When I was in Jamaica, I attended a Seventh-day Adventist church and saw the name of Pastor Earl Parchment in print, a former pastor of mine, acknowledging that he started that church. I was excited about the network that brought me to a church built by one of my former pastors in Bermuda.

**SG:** *How did your fellow soldiers react to your being free from duties on the Sabbath while they were required to engage in normal duties?*

**SJ:** Some didn't like it. Most of them respected me for my beliefs and accepted the arrangement. Also, I would compensate for my absence on Sabbath by attending duties on Sunday when other soldiers were free to leave camp.

**SG:** *What particularly is your conviction about the Sabbath and bearing of arms?*

**SJ:** For me the Sabbath issue is clear. The Sabbath is holy time. Some emergency demands would require a response during Sabbath hours. Bearing arms is different. I took a stand not to bear arms except for safety skills. Situations could warrant bearing arms as a means to protect one's interests, provide security, and

preserve the life of others who are in danger. Yet, I would not condone bearing arms as a general rule in that bearing arms is for the purpose of taking life.

**SG:** *In your opinion, to what extent did your belief and conduct influence the officers in how they related to you and how did your religion impact on your promotions?*

**SJ:** Last year when I was in North Carolina, I was confronted concerning the Sabbath by a Colonel who is now the Commanding Officer of the Bermuda Regiment. I had to defend my convictions on the Sabbath in a debate with him that lasted about one and one half hours. I supported my beliefs with examples like that of Joseph, Daniel and his three Hebrew companions who stood for their beliefs in God in the face of conflict with the government. The following Sunday morning that officer said, "James, you will be our chaplain." I became chaplain for "A Company." When that Colonel became the Commanding Officer for the Bermuda Regiment he recommended my name as chaplain. I received a letter in January from Government House indicating my appointment as chaplain.

**SG:** *Did you also receive promotion in rank along with your appointment as chaplain?*

**SJ:** Yes. Now I am a Lieutenant who is the chaplain. The significance of my assignment as chaplain hit me when I was unable to attend a training course for chaplains that demanded clerical training as a prerequisite. I am the first chaplain of the Bermuda Regiment who has come up through the ranks as a soldier and the first chaplain who has not been a trained pastor.

**SG:** *What are your responsibilities as chaplain?*

**SJ:** I provide spiritual uplifting ministry to soldiers that is nonthreatening and unoffensive. Also, I organize non-regimental activities throughout the year. A five-member group sang at the King Edwards VII Memorial Hospital and at a church service one Sunday morning. We

were encouraged by our harmony and I decided to organize a Regiment chorale. I am responsible for the religious life of the Bermuda Regiment for as long as I wish or as long as the Commanding Officer wants me to serve.

**SG:** *What is considered more significant in terms of rank, Chaplain or Lieutenant?*

**SJ:** They are of equal significance. When I began service with the Regiment, I wanted to get out. Now I enjoy being a part of this establishment. As chaplain I have a sense of purpose. Serving at the Regiment provides opportunity to laugh with friends and to bind as members of a group of people who care about one other. When I meet in settings outside of camp, I sense the closeness I have developed with these persons through being with them under varied circumstances as a soldier.

**SG:** *Would you recommend that Seventh-day Adventists pursue service at the Bermuda Regiment?*

**SJ:** I would not say pursue nor would I recommend they volunteer for service at the Regiment. I would say, however, if called to serve, report for duty and be consistent with practicing one's religious beliefs. Do what you have to do and do it to the best of your ability.

**SG:** *Now, give your final word of advice to Seventh-day Adventists and to other people of conviction.*

**SJ:** Consistency—be consistent!

*Submitted by Sydney Gibbons.*



**Jesus, a Passion of USA**

The curtain opened and Jesus and His angels appeared in all the glory of the Second Coming. Those living and the resurrected dead were collected by the heavenly host and were caught up into the cloud. The sixth annual Passion Play at Union Springs Academy had come to an end. But the lingering effects of participating in the play remain throughout the campus in the renewed friendliness and cheerfulness of the stu-

dents. One cannot participate in this grand dramatization of the great controversy as found in the Passion of Jesus without the message affecting you.

The week of practice and participation began with scurrying students and staff preparing music, props, and costumes for each scene and participant. Students were not sure of their roles, concern existed about the changes made in several scenes and new props needed to be finished. Yet as the week progressed, a calm assurance began to build, especially among the students.

On Sabbath afternoon, April 19 when the music began and the participants began portraying the scenes of the great controversy, you could feel the spirit moving as well.

From Eden, through Abraham to the life and death of Jesus the message of God's love for us was presented. The experience brought tears to many eyes in the audience throughout the portrayal. For two hours you were immersed in the story of the gospel.

Once again you were reminded that Christian education provides experiences for each student which are difficult to find anywhere else.

Experiences which can influence them for eternity.

*John Baker, math teacher  
Union Springs Academy*

**Pulaski Church Celebrates One-hundred Years**

The Pluaski Seventh-day Adventist Church launched the beginning of a series of events on the fourth Sabbath in March that will lead up to the anniversary of the date the church was built in 1903. Mike Ortel, president of the Northern New England Conference, presented a special message to the congregation. Ortel and his wife, Lynn, ministered to the members of the Pulaski church from 1971-1976.

On that Sabbath the church was blessed with more than 50 members and visitors and all were touched by Ortel as he shared special memories of when he was a pastor at the church. Friends of the Ortels from far and near also stayed around to share a fellowship dinner with them.

Pastor Herb Coe who also participated in the service will be the special speaker on Sabbath, August 24 when members and friends will share another day of celebration and many more memories of the Pulaski church. Coe and his wife, Marie, served the members from 1977-1984.

Former pastors of the Pulaski church are being asked to contact David Weeden, lay pastor for the church, at (315) 245-0458. They are being invited to come back and speak at the church or, if they cannot attend, send a picture of themselves and a letter of their memories to be shared on August 24.



Mike and Lynn Ortel returned to the Pulaski church to participate in their centennial celebration.

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**Camp Cherokee  
August 20 – 24, 2003**

*Special outings are planned plus the use of camp facilities.*

Join other singles throughout the union for both fun and fellowship in the great Adirondack mountains. For more information, call Carmen Gonzales (315) 468-6915 or (315) 435-3230.

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- ✓ Tennis    ✓ Sea Sledding

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

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**Mail Registration to:**

Singles Ministries, New York Conference, 4930 W Seneca Tpk, Syracuse, NY 13215. Make checks payable to New York Conference – Singles Ministries.

*Adventist Singles Ministries is active in New York!*

We praise God that Pulaski is still a little light reaching out to all those who stop by and worship with us.

*Doreen Weeden, communication secretary  
Pulaski church*

**Horse and Flying Programs**

Tired of the more traditional methods of transportation? Come to Union Springs Academy for the chance to experience some other ways of getting around. Along with canoeing on scenic Cayuga Lake or tearing down trails on some of the school's new mountain bikes, Union Springs Academy introduced two special programs during this past year.

History teacher and gymnastics coach Kris Erskine has recently pursued a new hobby—flying. Now he's helping students who share his interest take the first steps toward acquiring a private pilot's licence for a fixed wing, sin-

gle engine plane. During second semester the academy offered a for-credit course designed to prepare a person for the written portion of the exam required. Team-taught by himself and a professional flight instructor, the class met twice a week. Students studied navigation, airplane instruments, engines, and systems, F.A.A. rules and regulations, air traffic control, and weather. Although the class focused more on the theoretical than the practical aspects of aviation, each student also received an actual flying lesson as well. At the end of the course, they took a mock, online version of the F.A.A. written exam. Those who did well were sufficiently prepared to take and pass the actual test, should they desire to do so. This would then make them eligible to go on and study for the practical portion of the pilot's license requirements.

Of course, not everyone feels comfortable soaring hundreds of

feet above the ground. For those who prefer a method of transportation that stretches far back into the earliest days of history, the Lakeview Equestrian Program might be just the answer. Starting in the fall of 2002 Union Springs Academy opened their stables to those interested in boarding their horses. In addition to pastureland, shelter and feed, and the chance to ride the numerous trails around the school, training of either start-up or established horses is available, as are riding lessons.

With the program only in its beginning stages, the school already has five horses in residence and is making plans for expansion. This summer more pastureland will be fenced in and there is discussion of a possible indoor riding arena. The academy is also exploring the option of leasing horses to students. For further information, contact Andrew Fish at the academy.

*Robyn Rusenescu, English teacher  
Union Springs Academy*

**NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
2003 CAMP MEETING APPLICATION  
JUNE 27 - JULY 5, 2003**

**Please Check Accommodations Desired:**

	Full-time Fee	Daily Fee:
<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory Room (2 single beds, no cooking) \$5 per additional bed.	\$129	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Trailer Site on Hill (includes electricity)	\$73	\$8
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Site off Hill (includes electricity and water)	\$79	\$9
<input type="checkbox"/> Trailer Site off Hill (w/air conditioning and water)	\$109	\$12
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent/Trailer Site lower ball field (no electricity)	\$36	\$4
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Cabin	\$159	\$17
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Cabin	\$129	\$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, 6/27  | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 6/30   | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 7/3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 6/28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 7/1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7/4   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 6/29  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 7/2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/5  |

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

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

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

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

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

## Arthur Morgan Honored at Capitol Hill Ceremony

Arthur Morgan, long-time champion of freedom of conscience, was formally recognized for his contributions during a ceremony held in the United States Senate Caucus Room on April 2. In attendance at the event were members of the U.S. Congress, representatives from the U.S. Departments of Justice and State, members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, representatives from the Commission for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders, and more than thirty diplomats from nations as diverse as the Ukraine, Laos, Senegal, and New Zealand. John Hanford, United States Ambassador-at-large for International Religious Freedom gave the evening's keynote address. The event was organized by LIBERTY magazine and the International Religious Liberty Association, in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Charles Eusey, religious liberty director for the Atlantic Union, nominated Arthur Morgan for the award. Eusey states that "Arthur Morgan has done outstanding work over many years, and I am delighted to see him receive the credit he is due." Also receiving awards at the event were U.S. Congressman Christopher Smith, Idaho State Senator Grant Ipsen, and radio host and long-time religious liberty activist Dr. Adrian Westney. In addition, Lee Boothby, Gerald Chipeur, Lewis Stout, Daniel C. Robles, Robert McCumber, Ronald Flowers, and Penny Ancel were recognized for their outstanding contribution to defending religious freedom.

The United States Senate Caucus Room where the ceremony occurred has been the scene of many historical events. Hearings on the sinking of the Titanic were held in the Caucus Room, as were the Watergate hearings. The room was the location in which John F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for U.S. President. Dr. Clarence Hodges, director of public affairs and religious liberty for

the North American Division, notes that "With its marble pillars, gilded ceiling, and rich carpet, the room provided a fitting setting for a ceremony honoring those who have labored to protect our oldest and most precious freedom."

Dr. John Graz, secretary general of the International Religious Liberty Association and leader of the General Conference's Religious Liberty Department, comments that "We are delighted we could recognize the contributions of these leaders. They are individuals who have dedicated themselves to the frontline to struggle to advance the cause of freedom."

This is the first time we have organized an event like this on Capitol Hill. We wanted to bring people together from the U.S. Government, the international community, and representatives from diverse faith communities to recognize the importance of religious freedom and to discuss current challenges to religious liberty both at home and abroad. Our goal is to build a shared commitment to eliminating all forms of religious persecution and discrimination. The response of attendees exceeded our expectations. "The event highlighted our ongoing commitment to encouraging religious freedom," adds Lincoln Steed, editor of LIBERTY magazine. "In a time of war and growing religious intolerance, we need to make sure that the voice of religious freedom is heard."

*James Standish is director of legislative affairs at the General Conference and represents the Adventist Church to the U.S. Government.*



Arthur Morgan (right), retired Northeastern Conference worker and interim pastor of a church in Albany, N.Y., with Dr. Clarence Hodges, director of public affairs and religious liberty for the North American Division.

## Moving Forward with God in Control

God has certainly blessed the 2001–2002 school year at the Jamaica Seventh-day Adventist Busy Bee Learning Center, a State Certified and Northeastern Conference adopted school. The school had an enrollment of 150 students—Pre-K through Grade 2, with a long waiting list. Academically, it was a very successful year. Students

performed at a higher-grade level, and the Iowa test confirmed this.

There were upgrades in the Computer Lab. For the past three years Spanish language was implemented into the curriculum and is being taught from Pre-K to elementary. For piano—practical and theory was introduced. French was also added to the curriculum and art and piano will be on a larger scale. The students performed at the Annual Choir Festival. At the annual Science

Fair our students placed as follows:

Kindergarten	Third place
Grade 1	Second place
Grade 2	Second place

Enrollment for the school year 2002 – 2003 was 162, with a waiting list of about 40. Busy Bee has added Grades 3 and 4, and they will be prepared for the New York State exams during the school year. The early childhood center is in the process of preparing for National Accreditation.

The faculty has been blessed with the addition of five new teachers: Vernon Cato – vice principal; Amanda Rogers – Grades 3 and 4; Evoydine Dry – Grade 2; Maud Prosper – Kindergarten, and Darline Vaval – Kindergarten.

At Jamaica Busy Bee, the aim is excellence, and with God on our side, we will grow spiritually and academically!

*Dr. Ena Richards, principal and director  
Jamaica Busy Bee Learning Center*

**Relationship Workshop  
at First Seventh-day  
Adventist Church**

Some family members in Westchester County are in the process of renewing their love for each other following a relationship workshop at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in White Plains, New York. The workshops began mid-February and ended the second week of March.

Certified Family Life Educator, Dr. Rupert Young, engaged some four hundred participants, including children, in the series which consisted of interactive discussions on family relationship, parents getting along with teenagers, forgiveness, singleness, and love versus infatuation. Young shared information on the healing power of forgiveness.

On relationships, he demonstrated that love and power are inversely related. That is, "in any relationship, whoever exercises the most power, exercises the least love and vice-versa." For "where there is genuine love, love renders us powerless." The human Christ, he reiterated, was the perfect example in that, before He came to the world, he got rid of all His divine power, which He only employed to help those in need.

As for spouses who might be tempted by any form of adultery, he warned "it is easier to be in romance with someone who is not your spouse than to be with your spouse all the time." The workshop climaxed with "an affirmation of family," a ceremony in which more than a dozen families, husbands and wives, renewed their commit-

ment to each other.

The workshop has inspired singles, the largest population of the church, to create a rallying network aimed at taking advantage of their unique status to exercise and share pure love. Meanwhile, young people are sharing leaflets on the differences between love and infatuation with friends in the community.

Young, is a licensed clinical pastoral counselor, a cognitive-behavioral Christian therapist, and a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors.

*Mary Ngu, communication secretary  
First Seventh-day Adventist Church*

**Working Together is Better**

History was made in New York once again when the Greater New York and Northeastern Conferences joined with Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) Metro New York for its first live taping at the Mount Vernon church in Mount Vernon, New York. The event was part of an ongoing campaign to blanket New York City with the gospel through 3ABN.

Donald G. King, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, and his wife Lois hosted the opening program on Friday, April 4. The power packed evening included the 110 member Metropolitan Mass Choir and the 12 member Metropolitan Mass Ensemble in a vibrant concert. The Metropolitan Mass Choir was formed after more than 300 members auditioned for Garry Graham, the 3ABN Metro New York music coordinator. Ernie Wright, pastor of the Brooklyn church, presented the vesper message.

David Cuke, pastor of the Kingston and Ellenville churches, and his wife, Michelle, were the hosts on Sabbath. Alanzo Smith, communication and family life director, and other participants from the Greater New York Conference presented a spectacular Sabbath school program. Andrea Hicks, 3ABN Metro New York production coordinator, interviewed Toni Holmes, author of the book *A SEED PLANTED*. In the interview

Holmes shared the story about how God helped a single mother deal with the pain of losing her only son.

Participants in the Sabbath service included the Rockland/Westchester Pathfinders who led the procession, the Rockland/Westchester Federation Mass Choir who offered the special music, and the group Men of Israel who sang at the end of a powerful sermon delivered by Abraham Jules, pastor of the City Tabernacle church.

Harris Thompson, pastor of the Mount Sinai church in Queens Village, New York, continued the momentum sharing a brief discourse with the attendees of the afternoon program.

Paul Graham, pastor of the Uniondale and Macedonia churches, and Philip M. Wesley II, associate pastor of the Ephesus church, brought the weekend of events to a close as masters of ceremonies for a concert which featured the Voices of Praise Singers, Holmes Sisters, Men Of Israel, Something Unique, Angela Brown, Shanice Miller, N-Depth, Blessed Hope, 3 In Christ, and Nefertitti.

On hand for the event was Ruben Carr, Jr., producer of 3ABN Metro New York, and Derrell Mundall, marketing manager, Brad Walker, technical director, and Owen Troy, director of international development, representatives from 3ABN headquarters. Clement Murray, communication director for the Northeastern Conference, directed the event. During a special video presentation Linda Shelton, vice president for 3ABN, gave inspirational words of encouragement for the work that has been started in New York.

Since the campaign began last July more than one million cards have been sent to the cable companies in New York in an effort to get 3ABN on cable television. If you haven't sent your personal letter or e-mail to Time Warner Cable and Cablevision, the time to do so is now! We invite all of the Atlantic Union constituents to pray that God will open the way for people to hear the final gospel message to the world.

*Andrea D. Hicks, production coordinator  
3ABN Metro New York*

**Ride 207 – The Ride of a Lifetime**

Opening a skateboard store is the realization of a dream for Ryan and Gary Sabol (21 and 18 years respectively) who grew up practicing “kick flips” and “50-50 grinds” from curbs on their driveway everyday after school. The store evolved from an online operation in their bedroom as they bought wholesale skateboards and parts and sold them to online customers at retail prices. Their inventory increased to such a volume that they were forced to find a larger place, thus, the birth of “Ride 207.” After saving \$25,000 over one year, these young entrepreneurs opened their store on Forest Avenue in Portland, Maine, last summer and are experiencing the “ride of a lifetime.”

Their family is very supportive of them. Cheri Farley, their mom and wife of Portland pastor Bob Farley, is the volunteer bookkeeper. Ryan and Gary are experiencing the promises of Leviticus 26:3-12 beyond measure as they partner with God. A personalized version of that text might read: “Ryan and Gary, if you keep my laws and are careful to obey my commands, I will see that you are supplied with seasonal products, and

these goods will attract many customers. Your sales will increase until your stock runs low and then it is time to order more. You will be satisfied with your progress and confident in your business venture. I will keep you from worry and you will be able to sleep without fear of failure. I will keep the ‘bankruptcy wolves’ away from your door and protect you from faulty business practices that rob you of profits. In fact, you will fight such things by attending schools and trade shows that teach you to avoid snares and ensure your success. I will look favorably upon you and multiply your success and fulfill my covenant with you. You will have such a surplus of customers there will be no need for special sales to rid you of the inventory of the previous year to make room for the new line of merchandise. I will be with you and walk with you and I will be your God and you will be my young men.”



Ryan and Gary Sabol opened their store on Forest Avenue in Portland, Maine, last summer and are experiencing the “ride of a lifetime.”

phy has been not to make a lot of money but to create a positive influence for youths by providing a common interest that would “keep them out of trouble.”

Gary and Ryan remain loyal to their God by closing “Ride 207” on Sabbaths. Even though trade shows may extend into the Sabbath they still honor their commitment to the Lord by resting on His holy day. The boys are testing God’s promises daily and they are finding that He is true to His word as they receive blessing after blessing. Even the landlord of the building in which they rent store space has been impressed. In an August 12, 2002, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD article featuring the young men and “Ride 207,” he states the following, “The Sabols are hardworking and doing unbelievably well. They started in a little room upstairs and outgrew that so fast. The kids don’t have any expenses, so they put all their money in inventory. You watch, within a year they’ll double their space.” In an age of negative news concerning young people it is very gratifying to see these young men as positive examples of what the Lord can do for us when we cooperate with Him. Ryan and Gary are not content to just be “pew warmers” in church as they are actively engaged in reading Scripture, teaching, working in Prison Ministries, and helping in many other ways. You may check out their website at [www.ride207.com](http://www.ride207.com) and see their great Sabbath witness as they quote the commandment

Upon completing studies in computer networking and web design at the Northeast Technical Institute, Ryan worked at Tellan Network Technologies where he gained enough confidence to start his skate-supply website. He and Gary are planning to continue their education through computer science and business courses at local colleges. From the store’s inception, their business philoso-

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for all to see. They are an inspiring witness to all!

Gloria DePalma, office secretary  
Northern New England conference

### The End of an Era

When Cheshire Fair opens this July, two Keene church members will be missing. For twenty years, Allen and Marcia Robinson owned and operated the "Better Health Van," offering important information on how to stop smoking, get off drugs and alcohol, stay fit, eat right, manage stress, plus much more. They gave out numerous papers and books, and in recent years took more than 500 blood pressures.

The Robinson's also brought their Better Living Van to the Keene Street Fair, the New Hampshire Fire Training School, and various public schools—any place they could be of

help to others. It was too far for Allen to drive the van to our Northern New England Camp Meeting in Maine, so he took it to several Southern New England Camp Meetings instead. Due to poor health, 2002 was the Robinson's last year operating the van. That ministry will be taken over by Barry Paton of Country Life Restaurant with the help of other volunteers.

Allen and Marcia are both 92 years old and have been married for 67 years. They can look back now with thankfulness and satisfaction on their many years of service since their retire-



Allen and Marcia Robinson ministered to others for twenty years through the Better Health Van.

ment from New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, Mass.

May God continue to pour out His blessings as the Better Health Van witnesses to our community.

Margaret C. Smead, communications secretary  
Keene church

# NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING 2003

## Camp Meeting Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of all adults and children who will be staying with you:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check each day you will be in attendance:**

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7-11  | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 7-14    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 7-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 7-15   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7-18   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 7-13  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 7-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/19  |

**Lodging Choices**

- |               |  |                                      |          |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Tents</b>  |  |                                      |          |
| NNEC Tent     | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$82 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$14 | \$ _____ |
| Private Tent  | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$66 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$8  | \$ _____ |
| Bed Rental    | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$3  | \$ _____ |
| Mattress Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$5  | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$1  | \$ _____ |

**Classroom** (located in Pine Tree Academy near restrooms)

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|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Male Room   | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$85 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$10 | \$ _____ |
| Female Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$85 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$10 | \$ _____ |

**RV/Camper**

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|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Electric Only     | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$95 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$15 | \$ _____ |
| Water Only        | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$14 | \$ _____ |
| No Water/Electric | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time, \$85 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, \$12 | \$ _____ |

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Deposit Due: \$25.00  
Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Information**

- A \$25 deposit must accompany registration form.
- Applicants must be at least 21.
- Applications are handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- No refunds will be issued after June 13.
- A full refund will be returned if your request cannot be granted.

**Accommodations**

- Accommodations are made on a reserved basis.
- Check-in time: 3:00 p.m.
- Check-out time: 12:00 p.m.
- Children will only be housed with parents or legal guardians.
- Pets are not allowed on the campground.
- Individuals with unbecoming conduct may be asked to leave the campground.

**Meal Service**

- The camp cafeteria and snack bar will be serving meals, except during the Sabbath hours.
- Meal tickets may be purchased through the cafeteria at mealtimes during Camp Meeting.

**Return Registration Form to:**

**LOCATING** – Northern New England Conference  
91 Allen Avenue, Portland, ME 04103

**For Office Use Only**

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Recvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Tent/Space No. \_\_\_\_\_



### Portuguese Church Officers Training

Church officers from many of the Portuguese-speaking churches met on the third Sabbath in February to engage in a day of training and fellowship. The morning hours were spent in praise, worship, and general instruction on leadership. In the afternoon, a variety of seminars were presented for the one hundred church officers present. There was a seminar for every church office. The event took place at the Chan Shun Dining Commons on the campus of Atlantic Union College.

*Esther Toussaint, correspondent SNEC*

### Haitian Church Officers Training

More than 150 members and church officers from many of the Haitian churches in the Southern New England Conference met to engage in an afternoon of training and fellowship on the first Sabbath in March. The meeting was held at the Peniel Haitian church in Cambridge, Mass. In addition to the general session there were specific seminars held to discuss topics such as Children's Ministries, Youth, Elders, Sabbath School, and the Family, to name a few.

The number of people attending each seminar was indicative of the level of interest and dedication of those present. Eric Voyard, Emmanuel Joseph, Haitian Ministries coordinator for the Southern New England Conference, and Larry Becker, Personal Ministries director for the Southern New England Conference,

coordinated the event. Presenters included Luc Homicile, vice president for Haitian Ministries in the Atlantic Union, Yves Francis, Ezechias Jean, and Judith Jean-Baptiste.

The attendees were blessed, trained, and equipped for service in their respective positions in their churches.

*Esther Toussaint, correspondent SNEC*

### First Chinese Speaking Worship Service

Eighty people were in attendance at the Boston Temple church for the first Chinese speaking worship service held in the Southern New England Conference. Joining them on the first Sabbath afternoon in February was North Quincy church, Boston Temple ESOL students, and several non-active Chinese members.

The worship service was filled with warmth and good memories.

Members were excited and curious. Included in the service were two baby dedications, special music, a brief history of the Chinese group, and pictures explaining the Chinese program outreach report



A Chinese new year cultural tradition was demonstrated.

by Tiffany Tan, Boston Temple pastor for Chinese Ministries. Rolin Shoemaker, pastor for the Boston Temple, presented an encouraging sermon through a Chinese translator.

A wonderful Chinese New Year Celebration followed the service that evening. A Chinese New Year cultural tradition was demonstrated followed by a colorful Chinese folk dance performance and games. There was also a delicious, authentic Chinese dinner for everyone.

In addition to the Tuesday Prayer Ministry group, many individuals prayed for the success of the service and programs. The day went by



Members celebrate at the first Chinese-speaking service in Southern New England.

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quickly and everyone was blessed by the experience.

*Tiffany Tan, Chinese Ministries  
Boston Temple church*

### **Massachusetts Adventist Youth and Young Adult Federation**

Youth leaders from Southern New England Conference constituent churches in Massachusetts gathered on the first Sabbath in January to form the Massachusetts Adventist Youth and Young Adult (AYYA) Federation. These leaders are committed to spreading the good news, particularly to young people, through social activities, evangelism, and discipleship. The mission of the federation centers on winning young people to Christ and supporting them spiritually in their walk with Him. After revising parts of the federation constitution, the following officers were elected: coordinator: Naomi Carnegie; assistant coordinators: Ruben Almeida, Peter Maldonado, Evelyn Santana, and Brian Sweeney; secretary: Monica Basantes; treasurer: Ofelia Roman; assistant treasurer: Steffan Reid.

The first federation event was a Youth Rally to promote evangelism in the Springfield area on April 26 and May 2-3. You will also experience the fruits of federation labor at the Festival of Faith Camp Meeting 2003 Youth Pavilion, and through other events in churches around Massachusetts later on in the year. These willing workers are

### **Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting**

Red Cross Blood Donor Drive

Sunday, June 22, 2003

Bailey Hall

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Appointment cards will be distributed in the churches in the Southern New England Conference soon.

Also available will be a Children's Identification Program

This service is free and available during the blood donor program.

committed to unite an army of youth, "rightly trained," to carry out the Lord's will until He comes. The federation seeks your prayers for the Lord's guidance and wisdom for discernment.

*Naomi Carnegie, AYYA Federation coordinator  
Southern New England Conference*

### **Southern New England Conference to Host its First Native American Camp Meeting**

The Southern New England Conference will be hosting its first Native American Camp Meeting at its campground in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on June 27-28. It is geared for Native Americans and non-Native Americans alike. Roscoe Howard, secretary for the North American Division (NAD) will be the Friday evening and Sabbath morning speaker.

On Sabbath afternoon there will be a Native Education and Health

Emphasis segment with Fred Rogers, director of the Southern Union Conference Native Education and Health Initiative, and David De Rose, diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners and a board-certified specialist in Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine. On Saturday evening, Bob Burnette, coordinator for Native Ministries for the NAD and Atlantic Union, will be the speaker. Special music for the weekend will include the Navajo Choir and Indian flute music.

This will be an opportunity to grow spiritually, learn more about Native Ministries, and become a part of a new and exciting mission field.

*Esther Toussaint, correspondent SNEC*



Bob Burnette



Fred Rogers



Roscoe Howard

### **A Piece of Cake**

*"How priceless is your unfailing love!" —Psalm 36:7, NIV.*

I received this story... and it caused me to do some deep reflection on just how unconditional the love of our Savior really is. Sometimes, we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" Here is the God-sent explanation! A little boy is telling his Grandma how everything is going wrong... school, friends, family, health problems, etc. Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which, of course, he does. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuck!" says the boy. "How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky!" To which Grandma replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. Hope your day is a "piece of cake!"

*Linda Tooley, secretary for the ministerial department  
Southern New England Conference*

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## Pathfinder of the Year Award

Two Pathfinders from the Middletown Seventh-day Adventist Church received the Pathfinder of the Year Award on the first Sunday in March. Colleen Bradley and Victor Mills were honored by being presented with a trophy for their outstanding achievements for the year 2002. Congratulations to these outstanding Pathfinders of the Middletown Pathfinder Club. Deputy Director Donna Morse presented a trophy to Colleen. Deputy Director Rodney Morse presented the trophy to Victor. Julio Cruz is the Pathfinder Director.

Also receiving awards for Adventurer of the Year were Whitney Roman and Jordan Negron. Jordan's mother, Lisa Torres, is one of the Adventurer assistants. Helen Mills and Lillian Cruz are the Adventurer Club's leaders.

*Richard Mills, Sr., communication director  
Middletown church*



Deputy Director Donna Morse presents Colleen Bradley with the Pathfinder of the Year Award.

## Middletown Personal Ministries Launches Programs

The Middletown Seventh-day Adventist Church Personal Ministries Department used the second Sunday in March to launch the following personal ministries program for 2003:

- 1) They will mail the book, *DESIRE OF AGES*, to every home in the 10940 zip code area which includes 16,000 names.
- 2) They will give away a free CD entitled, "Panorama of Prophecy," by Pastor Doug Batchelor, to all who reply to the book distribution.
- 3) They will sponsor a video seminar, hosted by Pastor Mark Finley, on how to reach the community during the book campaign.

Richard Mills, Jr., Janet Pinero, and Phil Bear led out in the sermon using oral, video, and DVD presentations.

At the close of the service members signed up for the nine-week course of Bible study tips. The class will meet weekly under the direction of Richard Mills, Jr., Personal Ministries director.

*Richard Mills, Sr., communication director  
Middletown church*

## Greater New York Conference Elects New Youth and Pathfinder Director

José H. Cortés Jr., has accepted the call of the Greater New York

Conference Executive Committee to become the conference's new youth and Pathfinder director. He has already started his preparatory work for what seems to be his greatest challenge yet. His educational exposure includes a bachelor of arts from Columbia Union College and a master of divinity from Andrews University.

Cortés has worked as a youth pastor, associate pastor, senior pastor, and associate director of youth ministries for the Potomac Conference. He contends that, "The power of the love of Jesus is so great that the best thing we can do for the young people in the church is to let them out of the church. By doing so, they can go out and talk about Christ and bring other young people into the church."

The Pathfinder program seems to be the strongest program in the youth department thanks to the hard work of able Pathfinder coordinators. He would like to strengthen and grow the Pathfinder and Adventurer programs that already exist in the conference. He would also like to develop several areas in the youth department: Young Adult Ministries, Teen Ministries—for teens who are not involved in Pathfinders, Collegiate Ministries—for young Adventists attending public university campuses in the conference territory, Mission Trip Ministries—in New York and abroad. And, he would also like to see a summer camp program started in combination with Camp Berkshire.



The youth director for the Greater New York Conference José Cortés and his wife, Joanne.

The main objective of youth ministries is two-fold: to keep young people active within the church communities and to bring many more young people to the Lord through baptism.

Cortés was born in Cuba, but grew up in Spain and the U.S. He is married to Joanne, who is an Australian, and together they have formed an indomitable partnership for ministry.

The Greater New York Conference family welcomes them and wishes them success and happiness as they seek to lead God's young people.

*Alanzo H. Smith, correspondent GNYC*

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Greater New York Corporation  
of Seventh-day Adventists

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Triennial Session of the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Triennial Session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, convening at 9:00 a.m. (registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.), Sunday, June 22, 2003, at Camp Berkshire, Wingdale New York 12594. The delegates to the Conference Session are also delegates to the Corporation Triennial Session.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the coming triennial period, to receive reports, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Dionisio Olivo, President  
G. Earl Knight, Executive Secretary



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## Out-of-Union

**Fellowship of Adventist Missionaries (FAMA)** to Africa 2003 Retreat—Jul. 24-27, Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Virginia. Registration information on FAMA website: [www.tagnet.org/fama](http://www.tagnet.org/fama). For more info call Dorothy Jean Salhany at (931) 829 4608, e-mail: [dsfama@mycidco.com](mailto:dsfama@mycidco.com), or Duane Brenneman, (979) 846-6116 or e-mail: [duanebrenneman@hotmail.com](mailto:duanebrenneman@hotmail.com).

**Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop** — The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary is offering its successful 6-day workshop on Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy from July 13-18. In addition to Seminary faculty, Dr. Charles Thomas of the Desert Springs Therapy Center, Drs. Bruce Hyda and Jeff Gates of the Battle Creek Health Center and Dr. Vicky Griffin, Michigan Conference Health secretary will present. For information and registration, call Fran McMullen at (269) 471-3541 or e-mail: [fran@andrews.edu](mailto:fran@andrews.edu).

**BAYDA Pathfinder Camporee** – August 5-9 at the Agape Farms Campgrounds in Mt. Union, Pennsylvania. This is the first camporee being sponsored by the Black Adventist Youth Directors Association (BAYDA). Campers will participate in pin trading, honor learning, marching/drilling exhibitions, archery, talent showcase and sporting activities just to name a few. A major component to the camporee is the community service projects. Pathfinders will participate in neighborhood clean-up initiatives, painting and restoration projects in the communities. For more information about the camporee, visit [www.camporeebayda.org](http://www.camporeebayda.org). You may also register for the camporee at [www.plusline.org](http://www.plusline.org) or call 1-800-732-7587.

## Spot News

**The year 2003 is a special time for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Athol, Massachusetts.** This late spring it will be 100 years from its beginnings. In commemoration of the centennial, all past members, friends, and those who have ever attended the Athol church, are especially invited to come Sabbath, August 30,

2003, for worship, food, and fellowship together.

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

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The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and departmental directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for every 40 members. Each church is entitled to elect alternate delegates who may be seated at the Conference Session in place of any regular delegate not present.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Organizing Committee is being called for Saturday night, June 21, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Berkshire, Wingdale, New York, 12594. All members of the Organizing Committee should plan to be present.

Dionisio Olivo, President  
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# ¿Qué Está Pasando?

## ALREDEDOR DE LA IGLESIA MUNDIAL

### Alemania: Hospital Adventista sirve de refugio a bebés abandonados

4 de Marzo del 2003, Berlín, Alemania [ANN] — Cada año, en Alemania se encuentran hasta 50 recién nacidos abandonados. A menudo son dejados en las calles, en los ríos o en botes de basura, y la mitad de ellos ya están muertos cuando son hallados. Se estima que en 1999, alrededor de 130 recién nacidos fueron abandonados en Alemania, alrededor de la mitad de los abandonados en los Estados Unidos.

Un grupo de berlineses preocupados por esto buscaron una solución para las madres embarazadas que necesitan saber qué hacer cuando nazca su bebé. El hospital Adventista del Séptimo Día en Berlín, Krankenhaus Waldfriede, inició un programa tres años atrás denominado “La cuna del bebé,” un refugio donde las madres desesperadas pueden traer a sus recién nacidos y ponerlos al cuidado del hospital. En la actualidad, el programa representa uno de los varios centros de refugio del país.

Funciona así: “La cuna del bebé” es una puerta pequeña en la pared exterior del hospital que puede ser abierta por las madres y donde pueden depositar a su bebé. Con el anonimato asegurado, la madre tiene tiempo suficiente de alejarse sin ser vista. Una vez que el bebé está dentro de la “cuna”, se da una señal al portón de entrada, y entonces desde un teléfono se les avisa a las enfermeras de maternidad que se ha depositado un recién nacido en la cuna.

“Tomamos el bebé y lo llevamos a la sala de maternidad,” dice la Dra. Siegbert Heck, directora del área. “Luego de un chequeo médico, [el bebé] permanece por unos días al cuidado del hospital. Entretanto, trabajamos con la oficina de adopción buscando una familia que desee encargarse de él.”

“Por al menos ocho semanas cualquier madre tiene derecho de volver y reconsiderar su decisión,” dice Gabriele Stangl, capellán del hospital. “La mayoría de las mujeres sienten temor—temor de las amenazas de sus parejas o temor de sus familias.”

El Proyecto “La cuna del bebé” abarca más que atender a bebés abandonados, ya que los administradores del hospital afirman que la cuna es la última opción.

“En la actualidad, el noventa y cinco por ciento del trabajo consiste en atender consultas,” dice Stangl. “Las mujeres han aprendido a confiar en nosotros y vienen antes del parto. De esa manera, podemos hallar una buena solución en conjunto en quizá el 80 por ciento de los casos. Hay casos en que la madre rechaza a su bebé en primera instancia, pero después dice: “Me gustaría quedarme [con el bebé] pero no sé cómo.” Es allí donde podemos ser de gran ayuda. Cuando vemos que mujeres vienen aquí en forma anónima, mujeres marginadas socialmente, y entonces comienzan una vida nueva y que la razón de ello es ese recién nacido, sentimos que es algo simplemente fantástico,” dice.

Gabi Ziegler/ANN Staff  
Traducción: Marcos Paseggi

### Corea del Sur: Adventista sentenciado a 18 meses de prisión por objetor de conciencia

18 de Marzo del 2003, Seúl, Corea del Sur [ANN] — Un alumno del último año de teología de la Universidad de Sahmyook en Corea del Sur fue sentenciado a 18 meses de prisión por ser objetor de conciencia.

Hee Jai Lim, de 22 años de edad, que llegó a la universidad desde la Iglesia Adventista de Dong Gu Neung en Guri City, prefectura de Kyonggi-do, rehusó portar armas en el ejército después de ser incorporado el 18 de agosto de 2002. Por lo general, cuando alguien rechaza el entrenamiento militar luego de entrar al servicio, una corte militar decreta una sentencia obligatoria de tres años en prisión.

Sin embargo, el 10 de marzo, el juez le dio a Lim 18 meses de cárcel en vez de tres años, luego del juicio en la XII División del Juzgado Marcial en Kangwon-do, Corea del Sur. A Lim se le asignó un abogado defensor militar.

La objeción de conciencia es un tema de discusión en Corea del Sur. Alrededor de 500 jóvenes, principalmente Testigos de Jehová, son encarcelados anualmente debido a su objeción al entrenamiento militar, ya que se rehusan a entrar al servicio aun cuando son seleccionados. A menudo, estos casos son tratados por una corte civil en lugar de la corte militar, y los objetores reciben una sentencia de 18 meses de prisión. Alrededor de 30 organiza-

ciones no gubernamentales que trabajan para los derechos humanos en Corea están realizando una campaña para liberar a los objetores de conciencia que han estado en prisión por más de 18 meses. Estos grupos están solicitando una igualdad entre las sentencias de las cortes civiles y militares.

Se le permitió a Lim efectuar una declaración antes de que se pronunciara la sentencia y dijo: “Espero que no haya más gente como yo ante una corte militar por razones de objeción de conciencia. Espero que nuestro gobierno introduzca un servicio alternativo que ayude a los individuos a servir a su país con lealtad de acuerdo con su conciencia y fe.” Mientras hablaba, lloraba, y el juez se emocionó por su apelación.

Soo Jai Lee, pastor de la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día que se encuentra cerca de la corte, dijo que “el factor real que movió a las mentes de las personas no es el discurso de los humanos, sino el trabajo del Espíritu Santo. Además, las oraciones de los feligreses hicieron posible que la sentencia de Lim disminuyera de 3 años a 18 meses.”

Luego del juicio, al comentar la sentencia, Lim dijo: “Me siento feliz aunque fui sentenciado, porque Dios me ha utilizado para esparcir el evangelio en la base militar donde es un desierto espiritual. Dios sembró la semilla del evangelio.”

¿No estoy luchando por mí mismo?, dijo Lim. “La comunidad adventista es muy grande y afectuosa. Me sentí muy animado a través de las oraciones de los miembros adventistas. Daré lo mejor de mí para vivir acorde a los que oran por mí. Aunque cautivo físicamente en una prisión, siento libertad y alegría.”

Según la ley surcoreana, se requiere que todos los hombres jóvenes cumplan el servicio militar por un promedio de 26 meses. Las formas civiles de servicio son sólo para los que tienen problemas de salud, mientras que se excusa a los que presentan serias discapacidades. La Universidad de Sahmyook tiene alrededor de 5,000 alumnos, incluyendo a alrededor de 250 alumnos de teología. En Corea, existen alrededor de 165,000 adventistas que se reúnen en 900 congregaciones.

Tadaomi Shinmyo/ANN Staff  
Traducción: Marcos Paseggi

# Quoi de Neuf?

## A TRAVERS L'ÉGLISE MONDIALE

### Laïcs et dirigeants d'Église discutent de l'évangélisation sur le net

8 Avril, 2003, Las Vegas, Nevada, États-Unis [ANN] — Quarante sept membres et dirigeants de l'Église adventiste, tous en première ligne de l'évangélisation par internet, se sont réunis à Las Vegas du 4 au 6 avril pour faire le point sur l'histoire de la présence adventistes sur le web et sur les directions que devrait emprunter à l'avenir la prise de contact avec les gens du monde. Représentant des divisions (unités administratives régionales), des unions, des Églises locales et des ministères de soutien ainsi que de l'Église mondiale elle-même, les congressistes ont estimé d'un commun accord que la «toile mondiale» (World Wide Web) à laquelle accèdent quotidiennement des centaines de millions de gens, constitue une «ligne de front» vitale pour le message d'espoir que diffuse et promeut l'Église.

«Il était tout à fait approprié que ces adventistes se réunissent à Las Vegas,» a remarqué le vice-président mondial Ted N.C. Wilson, «parce que cette cité du désert est un lieu d'évasion et de divertissement réputé et que nombre de ceux qui surfent sur le net sont aussi en quête d'une antidote aux dures réalités du monde actuel.»

Les participants : des cadres des divisions interaméricaine, eurafricaine et nord-américaine de l'Église, ainsi que des délégués des ministères de médias et d'Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries, organisation de laïcs adventistes des deux sexes se consacrant à annoncer le Christ dans la sphère des activités économiques. Les sujets abordés : dernières nouvelles de divers projets sur internet, dimension «web» de deux initiatives de l'Église («Semez 1 milliard» et l'Année de l'évangélisation 2004), besoin d'adapter à différents contextes le contenu évangéliste des pages web, à l'intention d'un monde aux cultures et crédos divers, futures tendances dans l'utilisation du net et rapports des ministères individuels consacrés à internet.

Si l'Église adventiste se montre active en ligne depuis près de 20 ans et qu'elle est présente officiellement sur internet depuis presque une dizaine d'années, l'attention et l'intérêt suscités par les efforts des églises et des laïcs locaux pour prendre contact avec les gens alentours, sont plutôt récents. Will Barron, membre de l'Église de Norwalk, banlieue de Los Angeles (Californie), a travaillé sans relâche pour aider les Églises locales à élaborer leurs sites web ainsi que des programmes particuliers de prise de contact avec les gens, en fonction de leurs origi-

nes et de leurs centres d'intérêt. Heidi Arms, ancienne missionnaire et professeur d'anglais, se sert de son site web ([www.wordsight.org](http://www.wordsight.org)) pour présenter une édition condensée de la Bible, en ordre chronologique. Il y a aussi STAonline e.V. association allemande à parrainage laïque, qui se consacre au soutien des actions d'évangélisation et de communication des adventistes, comme l'a expliqué Martin Haase, directeur de la communication de l'Église en Eurafrique.

«C'est en tant que personnes individuelles, en tant que ministères et en tant que chrétiens, que nous avons été confrontés par l'internet comme moyen de communication,» commente Heidi Arms. «Et maintenant nous nous rendons compte que nous avons besoin de travailler ensemble dans ce domaine, de créer un front commun.»

Et Ted Wilson d'ajouter : «Il ne s'agit pas d'une simple question technique. On a affaire à une initiative d'évangélisation à forte dimension technique, certes, mais ce n'est pas que de la technique.»

C'est en ce sens que le groupe a pris par vote la décision de demander, au Comité d'évangélisation et de témoignage de l'Église la création d'un bureau de la net-évangélisation, qui aurait les buts suivants : aider à la promotion et au soutien de ces actions, prendre des initiatives en matière de contenu, élaborer le moyen de traiter les problèmes d'ordre technique et de coordonner les normes utilisées, d'appuyer les synergies interplate-formes entre internet et d'autres médias, établir des stratégies promotionnelles, contribuer à la mise en commun des ressources pour améliorer l'efficacité des efforts individuels et s'occuper des sensibilités contextuelles et de leurs problèmes. Plusieurs de ces efforts seront consacrés au suivi de «Semez 1 milliard» et d'autres initiatives d'évangélisation à l'échelle planétaire.

Pour Dan Houghton, président du Hart Research Center de Fallbrook, Californie, membre depuis longtemps de l'ASI et très intéressé par la technologie, ce séminaire consacré à l'internet pourrait bien être le début de quelque chose de très copieux!

«On est en train de commencer à voir se développer une communauté de gens qui se consacrent à une nouvelle culture d'évangélisation basée sur le net et ouverte sur le monde entier, dit Dan Houghton. Qu'il est enthousiasmant d'en faire partie!»

Mark A. Kellner/ANN  
Traduction: Claude Fivel

### Rwanda: réconciliation et tolérance sont la priorité des programmes pour la jeunesse

25 Mars, 2003, Kigali, Rwanda [ANN] — Réconciliation et tolérance sont au premier plan des programmes pour la jeunesse de l'Église adventiste du Rwanda. L'accent mis sur ces deux valeurs vise à répondre à la croissance numérique que connaît l'Église depuis le génocide de 1994.

«Nombre de jeunes ayant survécu au génocide sont convaincus que Dieu les a sauvés et qu'ils lui sont donc redevables. Ils veulent le remercier en lui demeurant fidèles,» explique Olivier Kayitare, directeur des ministères de campus de l'Université nationale du Rwanda, à Butare.

«Avant le génocide, les étudiants adventistes n'étaient qu'une centaine, alors qu'actuellement on en compte environ 600.»

Un séminaire sur le ministère pour la jeunesse, organisé du 1er au 3 mars à Kigali, a servi à présenter le nouveau paradigme de fonctionnement de ce ministère au Rwanda. «Il est très important que nos responsables de jeunesse, dans cette union [région] soient dotés de compétences leur permettant de former l'esprit des jeunes à l'image du Christ et de les préparer à son retour,» estime Jacques Nkinzingabi, directeur du département jeunesse de l'Union du Rwanda.

Des camps de week-end, des rallies et des séminaires sont organisés dans toute la région pour disséminer cette nouvelle approche du travail avec la jeunesse au Rwanda. «Ces deux accentuations ne remplacent pas les enseignements habituels du ministère pour la jeunesse, mais viennent les compléter afin que le programme, au Rwanda, aborde la question du tribalisme dans une optique chrétienne,» dit J. Nkinzingabi.

Plus de 250 délégués ont pris part à ce séminaire, représentant toutes les sections du travail pour la jeunesse et du scoutisme adventiste, y compris les jeunes adultes, appelés «Aînés» en Europe.

Il y a au Rwanda quelque 350.000 adventistes du septième jour, regroupés dans plus de 1 100 congrégations. Quatre vingt quinze pour cent d'entre eux ont moins de trente ans.

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