

West Indies Union VISITOR



Pastor Derek Bignall
New Union President



Sir Patrick Allen
Now Governor General of Jamaica

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Our Vision

Every member living and
ministering the love of God in readiness
for the Second Coming of Jesus.

Our Mission

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Indies
Union is to glorify God,
and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, lead everyone to
experience a personal and transforming relationship with Jesus
Christ, and to enable the believer to become
a disciple in sharing the Everlasting Gospel.

From the Desk of the President



Despite the worldwide financial gloom, and upsurge in crime and violence, the first quarter of 2009 was a most eventful period in West Indies Union Conference. We began with the "Season of Reaping" as we focused on Pentecost and More. At the end of the first quarter 5,930 souls were baptized.

We now turn our attention to nurturing those we reaped, even as we launch "Follow the Bible". The implementation of this programme will create a completely new spiritual appreciation of Bible reading and Bible study in our territory. There is a place for every member in every age group to participate.

The evangelistic thrust is to organize 50,000 small groups in West Indies Union who will be vibrant soul saving and nurturing cells. Ellen White implores us to "arrange matters so that every member of the

church shall have a part to act, that none may lead an aimless life, but that all may accomplish what they can according to their several ability....It is very essential that such an education should be given to the members of the church that they will become unselfish, devoted, efficient workers for God; and it is only through such a course that the church can be prevented from becoming fruitless and dead....Let every member of the church become an active worker, a living stone, emitting light in God's temple". *Christian Service, p. 62*

"Our minds should be so trained that if necessary we can present the truths of His word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify His name. God is not pleased with novices." *ibid, p. 62*

The financial recession that has hit the world has affected us all. We are mindful that it is in moments like these, as brethren we must seek to care for, support and succor one another. We are praying for all our members who have lost their jobs, or their support, and those who are experiencing a downturn in business operations.

In spite of the challenging times, we must not waver in our support of our schools and institutions. We will remember the experience of the widow of Zarephath. Remember that the deposits in the bank of heaven are secured by God Himself. We need to concretize our faithfulness.

As you remember our leaders in prayer, pray also for our former President and his wife, Their Excellencies the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, Governor-General and the Most Honourable Lady Patricia. Prayer works, Sister Junie Parchment is a living testimony to that.

Please be reminded of these two dates; *Day of Prayer for the Nation*, Sabbath, August 1, and the *Day of Kindness*, Sabbath, October 10.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Union President. I am confident that the Lord will bless and multiply our effort as we diligently continue to advance His mission.

Derek Bignall

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New Union Appointments

By Nigel Coke

Two new appointments were made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of West Indies Union Conference held on March 26, 2009.

Pastor Joseph Barrett was appointed Family Ministries Director and Pastor Desmond Robinson was appointed Associate Director in the Department of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries with responsibility for Sabbath School. The appointments are with immediate effect.

The position of Family Ministries Director became vacant due to the



Pastor
Joseph Barrett

appointment of Pastor Derek Bignall as president of West Indies Union Conference on January 28, 2009. Pastor Bignall had been serving as the Director since November 2005.



Pastor
Desmond Robinson

The position of Associate Director in the Department of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries with responsibility for Sabbath School became vacant because Miss Vivienne Quarrie, who had been serving in that position since November 2005, is presently on leave of absent.

Pastor Barrett presently serves the Union as Publishing Director and Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator, while Pastor Robinson presently serves as Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director and Prayer Coordinator.

Pentecost and More

Nearly 6,000 New Members Added in First Quarter 2009

by Kimone Thompson/Nigel Coke/Joseph Smith

A total of 5,930 new members were added to the Adventist Church in the West Indies Union between January 1 and March 31, 2009. Of this number 1,340 were baptized on the 'Day of Pentecost,' Sabbath, March 21, 2009. This brings the total membership of our region, (which comprises Jamaica, the Bahamas, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Cayman Islands) to approximately 269,000.

The Cayman Islands Conference and Turks and Caicos Islands Mission surpassed their baptismal goals for the quarter, while West Jamaica Conference baptized the most persons both on March 21, and for the first quarter. The following chart provides the details:

A record one hundred and sixty five persons were baptized in Turks & Caicos and of that amount 113 are French-speaking.

Under the theme "It's My Time in 2009" we started the year totally immersed in the 'Season of Reaping' as we prepared for the climax of Pentecost and More 2009, which was held at the largest Adventist Church in the Caribbean, the Portmore Church on March 21. The event was streamed live on the internet at www.wiunion.org. The webcast had a viewership of more than 500 sites/individuals in over 15 different countries as far as Japan. During the three-hour webcast, the Secretary of West Indies Union Conference and renown evangelist, Pastor Glen Samuels used scripture to paint a picture of Paul's life as he sought to challenge the imperial seat of Rome in the name of Jesus Christ. He compared Corinth at the time to contemporary cities and business districts such as downtown Kingston and called on the congregation to do as Paul did in confronting immorality and sin.

"There was participation from a wide cross-section of the membership of the Church -- young people, children, the elderly, everybody," said Pastor Derek Bignall, president of the Adventist Church in West Indies Union. The church was full and those who returned after lunch stayed back as if they didn't want to leave and it made an impact on me."



Pastor Derek Bignall (left), President of West Indies Union Conference, pronounce the baptismal sentence during Pentecost and More at the Portmore Church. Beside him is Pastor Jaime Castrejon, President of the Inter-America Theological Seminary of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Baptisms for March 21 & First Quarter 2009

Name of Field	Number Baptized on March 21	Total Number Baptized for 1 st Quarter
Bahamas Conference	31	352
Cayman Islands Conference	44	202
Central Jamaica Conference	367	1593
East Jamaica Conference	122	912
North Bahamas Conference	59	113
North-East Jamaica Field	103	374
North Jamaica Mission	91	545
Turks & Caicos Is. Mission	82	165
West Jamaica Conference	441	1,674
TOTAL Baptized	1,340	5,930`



Pastors Thomas Bryan (left) and Roy Dennis is about to baptize new members.

Pentecost and More

Nearly 6,000 New Members Added in First Quarter 2009

“It is time that as Christians looking forward to the coming of Christ, recognising that Pentecost 2,000 years ago was the former rain, waiting for the latter rain when God's people will be fitted for the kingdom, that we should be conscious of the church moving in that direction as we prepare to meet the Lord,” said Pastor Bignall.

“It's a refresher for me because I have been studying for the past year and I have become lazy. I used to be on fire but it is hard studying and working at the same time. It's a reminder that we need to get back to where we were,” said Grace Maragh, a member of the Portmore Church.

“It's a whole revival of the soul,” said Ms. Sonia Smith, another member of the church. “It uplifts the spirit and puts you at the stage where you start to evaluate your spiritual level to see where you are and what you could do differently both to outreach and evangelise as well as saving your own soul.”

Those who were baptised had an enthusiasm and a glow of their own. We spoke with eight-year-old Shameka Tomlin, and 47-year-old Granville Gordon.

Shameka said her decision to follow Jesus was part of her grandmother's dying wish for her. “I remember when my grandmother died last year she told me that I needed to become a Christian, and I told her that I wouldn't do it but my aunt encouraged me so today I believe that I should be baptised. I decided last week Monday. Most of my classmates are Adventists and when I told them they were happy,” the bubbly third grader said.



Pastor Glen Samuels, Secretary of West Indies Union Conference presents the word of God at the Portmore Church



A section of the congregation at the Portmore Church



The National Adventist Choir

As for Gordon, a former member of the Baptist Church for 27 years, the decision to dedicate himself fully to God by becoming an Adventist has to do with his fiancée to whom he says he will be marrying soon. “The lady I'm about to marry is Adventist so I just made up my mind to be baptised,” said Gordon who has been attending the Blue Hole Adventist Church for about two years now.

This year marked the third staging of Pentecost and More.

PHOTO :NIGEL COKE



Pastors Derek Bignall and Glen Samuels sign their respective Leadership Pledge

More than a quarter-million Seventh-day Adventists in the West Indies Union have new leadership. Pastors Derek A. Bignall and Glen O. Samuels took office as president and secretary respectively of the Union, in a ceremony held at the Andrews Memorial Church in Kingston, Jamaica, on February 28, 2009.

Responding to the rhetorical question of whether he was ready to lead, Bignall said, "No. We have one leader, and that's the Lord Jesus Christ. I am ready to serve." Bignall told the capacity crowd that he was not taking office "to mark time, but to march forward."

PHOTO :NIGEL COKE



Pastors Derek Bignall (left) and Glen Samuels (third from left) with their wives Durcella (second left) and "Yvonne."

by Mark Kellner - WIU

He challenged his audience to "help one person everyday," and noted, "what a world it would be if the 263,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the West Indies Union would intentionally help one person each day."

Bignall also said his administration would be marked by an emphasis on the

Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings of Ellen G. White, a pioneering co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist movement. His remarks were preceded by comments from Samuels, who comes to the Union from the presidency of the West Jamaica Conference. In his remarks, Samuels praised Allen, and said, "To us has been bequeathed a legacy of a rare vision that has challenged us. ...

We believe God's church must grow no matter what the odds may be."

Pastor Bignall served as Union secretary from 2005, following more than 34 years of denominational service.

A graduate of West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University), and of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, Bignall holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theology and a Master's Degree in Education.



Pastor Wendell McMillan, Field Secretary, West Indies Union Conference (left) prays the prayer of consecration for the new president and secretary.

PHOTO :NIGEL COKE

He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education at NCU. He is married to Yvonne and they have one daughter, Shelli-Gaye Simone, who is currently a NCU senior.



Officers of West Indies Union Conference - President, Pastor Derek Bignall (center), Secretary, Pastor Glen Samuels (left) and Treasurer, Miss Carmelita Findlay.



ON AIR



NCU Gets All-Island Radio Licence

Northern Caribbean University (NCU) was granted an all-island radio licence by the Broadcasting Commission. This was disclosed by the President of NCU, Dr. Herbert Thompson during the installation service for the newly appointed President and Secretary of the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre in Montego Bay, Jamaica on Saturday March 14, 2009.

"We are very delighted to receive this licence," said Dr. Thompson. "What this means is that we will have to pull ourselves together and set the pace for the highest calibre of programming in radio. What I can say knowing the executives and members of our church is that the Public Broadcasting Commission will not have to sanction anything that we broadcast. We will seek to lift Christ higher, and what the public will hear is clean religious lyrics."

The announcement which was met with a loud applause from the congregation came after eight

years of wait by NCU who applied for the licence in 2001. Then, the student population was approximately two thousand compared to its present enrollment of more than five thousand six hundred students.



Dr. Herbert Thompson

"This is good news and a bright day in the life of our church and in particular NCU" said Pastor Derek Bignall, President of West Indies Union Conference and Chairman of the Board of Governors of NCU. "This is a glorious opportunity for us to provide the nation with good wholesome programming that will

advance our message about the upliftment of people, giving people hope through the spoken word, songs and discussion programmes. This is a wonderful answer to prayer and we say to God be the Glory!"

The University presently operates a campus station from its main campus in Mandeville which is aired on the frequency 88.3 FM.

Dr. Thompson went on to say that "The University will use this as a primary vehicle in the training of its Mass Communication students because our Communication Studies Department is vibrant and heavily subscribed and some of the best people in media in this country are graduates of our programme. We are going to be operating as a regular station with news, advertisement and programming because these are some of the bases for the granting of the licence. It will be a normal viable alternative, but a Seventh-day Adventist station."

NCU is the flagship institution of the West Indies Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and is the largest University operated by the Seventh-day Church worldwide.

M I S S I O N O F H O P E

Special Events

Day of Prayer for the Nation - August 1, 2009

Day of Kindness - October 10, 2009

Follow The Bible - December 11-13, 2009

From Head of Church to Head of State

by Athaliah Reynolds/Nigel Coke/WIU



His Excellency, the Most Honourable Patrick Allen, signs the instrument of the Oath of Office during the Inauguration Ceremony.

The luminous rays of the setting sun that came from behind the clouds brought warmth to an afternoon previously drenched by rain welcoming the installation of Dr. Patrick L. Allen as the new Governor-General of Jamaica.



His Excellency receives the Order of the Nation from Justice McCalla, Chief Justice of Jamaica,

Prime Minister Bruce Golding, in his address, said, "He will make a worthy successor to Sir Kenneth and I welcome his appointment." He also remarked that "His record of service, inspiring leadership and compassion are an

example to all of us."

Throughout the years, Dr Allen has served his country admirably in various spheres - an outstanding minister and educator, extraordinary leader and dedicated public servant. He worked in the government school

Dr. Allen, who until January 28, 2009, served as president of the West Indies Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, became Jamaica's sixth Governor General on February 26, during a lavish ceremony at King's House in St. Andrew. At 58, he is the second-youngest man to hold this position having risen from humble beginnings in Fruitful Vale, Portland. The veteran Seventh-day Adventist pastor and administrator brought the audience of prime ministers, presidents, diplomats, members of parliament, pastors and various other sector giants to their feet as he sounded a rallying cry for the nation to "believe" in its potential.

He said his appointment to such an office demonstrated that anyone in Jamaica, despite race, colour, creed, religion or economic station could rise to the highest position.

system for over a decade before entering the ministry full time. He served as pastor for more than 20 congregations in Clarendon and St Catherine, and served as president of the Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from 1998 to 2000. As president of the West Indies Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, he was accountable to the World Church and the local constituency for the



Their Excellencies The Governor General and the Most Honourable Mrs. Allen.



The Northern Caribbean University Concert Choir sang at the Inauguration Ceremony

From Head of Church to Head of State

growth and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

His involvement in issues of national interest has included his participation in the Police Civilian Oversight Authority, the Strategic Review Implementation Oversight Committee of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica. Dr. Allen has also served as Justice of the Peace for Manchester since 2003.

In 2006, he was recognised for service to the nation in religion, education and social welfare by the Government of Jamaica and conferred with the National Honour of Commander of the Order of Distinction.

Dr. Allen was named to the position of Governor-General on January 13, on the recommendation of



Dr. Patrick Allen (left) being presented with the honorary Doctor of Public Service by NCU President Dr. Herbert Thompson

Prime Minister Golding and the approval of Queen Elizabeth II, whom he (Allen) represents on the island. He replaced Sir Kenneth Hall, who retired after three years in office because of health reasons.

Dr. Allen is the second member of the Adventist faith to be installed as Head of State in the Caribbean. The first was Sir James Carlisle, a

dentist and layman, who is the former Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda. Sir James served from 1993 to 2007.

Dr. Allen was recognized for his outstanding leadership in West Indies Union on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and was conferred with the highest honorary degree by Northern Caribbean University (NCU), the Doctor of Public Service, at a special convocation held at the University's main campus in Mandeville, Jamaica and attended by thousands of well-wishers. Dr. Allen was honored for his

unwavering commitment to national development and loyalty to public service. He served as Chairman of NCU Board of Governors for eight years.

During the service, Dr. Allen announced the establishment of the Chairman's Award for Service at Northern Caribbean University. The award is to be given on an annual basis to a faculty, staff or student who gives exemplary service and demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism at NCU and in the wider community. Dr. Allen pledged the initial contribution of US\$2,000.00 toward the award fund, stating that he would seek to donate to the fund annually until it is fully funded.

West Indies Union also held a service of Commitment and Consecration for Dr. Allen and Mrs. Allen on Sunday February 22, at the NCU Gymnasium. Guest Speaker was Pastor Nigel Lewis, Youth

Director of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the USA

In recognition of his visionary and dedicated leadership to the Union, a Testimonial Dinner was held in Dr. Allen's honour on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, in Kingston, Jamaica. He was presented with a Resolution of Gratitude by the



Pastor Joseph Barrett presenting the Resolution of Gratitude on behalf of West Indies Union Conference to Their Excellencies The Governor General and the Most Honourable Mrs. Allen.



Her Excellency the Most Honourable, Mrs. Patricia Allen, receives a gift from Mrs. I. E. "Yvonne" Bignall on behalf of Shepherdess International of West Indies Union.

Other presentations and tributes were made by Pastor Orville Parchment, Assistant to the General Conference President, who represented Pastor Jan Paulsen; Pastor Israel Leito, President of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, and all the Field and Institution Leaders in West Indies Union.

His Excellency the Most Honorable Sir Patrick Allen was knighted by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, in a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace on June 12, 2009.

SMALL GROUPS: Emphasis for Pentecost & More 2010

by Joseph G. Smith, Vice President, WIU

The Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to be a mission-driven Church. The Great Commission given by Christ in Matthew 28:18-20 continues to shape every facet of the life of the organization. **The Tell The World** initiative with its seven goals—spiritual growth, community involvement, personal witness, city outreach, church planting, evangelistic programming and media ministry—continues to challenge us to find new and creative ways to share the Gospel. We have seen approximately 30,000 new believers join the Church in West Indies Union, since we embarked on the Pentecost & More programme in 2007. However, most of these accessions have been through large evangelistic campaigns, and for the most part, the greater portion of our membership play little or no part. This is not in keeping with the call to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Ellen White observes: “We are Christ's witnesses, and we are not to allow worldly interests and plans to absorb our time and attention.” *Christian Service*, p.15.



Again she writes, “Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighbourhood, in the town or city where he lives. All who are consecrated to God are channels of light. God makes them instruments of righteousness to communicate to others the light of truth.” *ibid*, p.18.

Against this background, West Indies Union Conference is embracing and utilizing the Small Groups concept, which is a biblical principle, and has been successfully implemented in other areas of our region. It envisions the involvement of every member, working in a small group, to lead someone to Christ as the main engine to drive Pentecost and More 2010. This programme envisions the creation of 50,000 small groups across our Union territory, meeting every week

for Bible Study in communities, cottages and homes, with friends, relatives, neighbours, work associates and fellow-members. The 50,000 groups are projected to be divided among the Fields as follows:

Bahamas.....	1,500
North Bahamas.....	300
Cayman	500
Central Jamaica.....	14,200
East Jamaica.....	12,000
North East Jamaica.....	4,000
North Jamaica.....	3,000
Turks & Caicos.....	300
West Jamaica.....	14,200

The Union is currently preparing the training materials and Bible lessons to be utilized for this programme.

The following is the action plan:

- ≡ The month of June 2009, (Small Group Month) selection of 50,000 small group leaders and their associates.
- ≡ July and August—training of group leaders.
- ≡ Launch of small groups by the Conferences/Mission at major Conventions/Rallies/Leaders Councils.
- ≡ October—revival in all churches utilizing the book of Acts chapters 1-13, and Acts of the Apostles, by Ellen White.
- ≡ November—training of church members as well as the start of group studies in the communities.
- ≡ December—churches undertake community outreach projects, while small groups continue studies in the communities.
- ≡ January 2010—Season of Reaping begins with first wave of reaping campaigns.
- ≡ February 28, 2010—Season of Reaping continues with second wave of reaping campaigns.
- ≡ March 20, 2010—Day of Pentecost, evidenced by the baptism of over 3,000 persons.
- ≡ April 3, 2010—Season of Nurturing begins with New Believers' Day being celebrated in every Field and church in our Union.

SMALL GROUPS: Emphasis for Pentecost & More 2010

We call upon every member of our Church to become involved—every pastor, every church elder, every church officer, every member. Become a part of a small group in your church, and work with other members of the Church to lead at least one person to Christ on or before March 20, 2010. May the words from the pen of inspiration challenge and encourage each of you, as you prepare to labour for the Master “God can and will use those who have not had a thorough education in the schools of men. A doubt of His power to do this, is manifest unbelief. It is limiting the omnipotent power of One with whom nothing is impossible.” *Christian Service*, p.24.

“The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err.” *ibid*, p. 72.

“Let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for church members,

but for unbelievers.” *Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 22

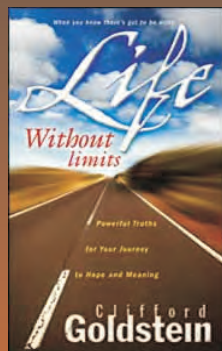
“Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest.”

Christian Service, p. 42.

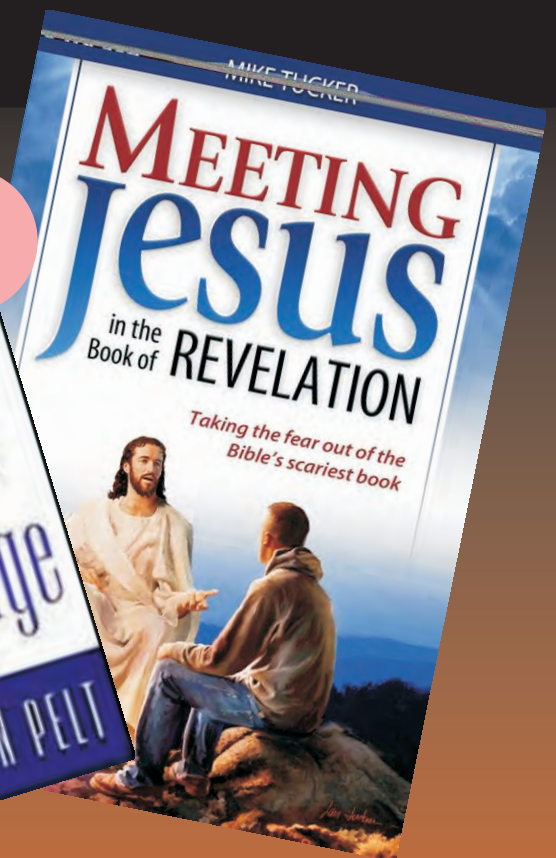


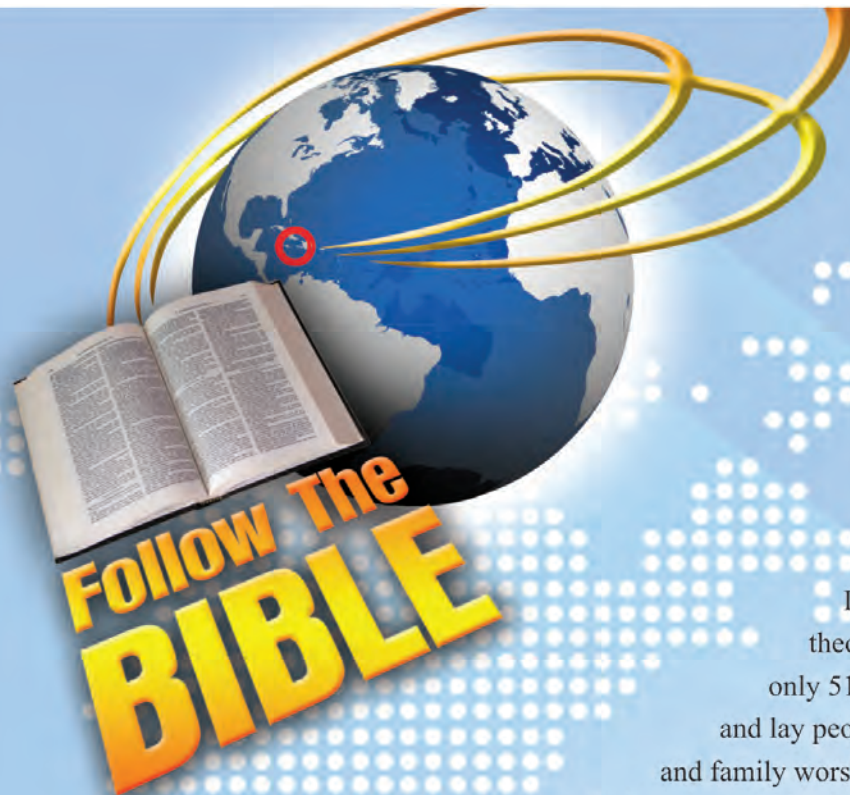
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We are reminded by the pen of inspiration that "no other Book is so potent to evaluate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad enabling truths of the Bible" (SC90), and "none but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict".

It is quite shocking then that a survey conducted by the theological seminary at Andrews University reveals that only 51% of the Seventh-day Adventist administrators, pastors, and lay people who responded have any form of daily devotions and family worship. This finding correlates with the Barna Research Study of June 2001 that compared seven religious practices of 12 major denominations and concluded that Seventh-day Adventists ranked number seven in the frequency of Bible reading, and only number twelve in prayer practices. These findings are clear indications that there has been a decline in Bible reading among Seventh-day Adventists.

"Follow the Bible" is an initiative by the General Conference to lift the vision of Seventh-day Adventists worldwide in renewing their commitment to read, and share the Bible. For this initiative the General Conference is envisioning an international Bible route with a Bible travelling the world between October 28, 2008 and General Conference Session, June 2010. The eyes of the entire Adventist community will follow this Bible as it journeys the world. As it is brought into cities, towns and villages large numbers of Adventists will gather to recommit their lives to following the Bible. Millions of Adventists worldwide will participate in Bible reading marathons as the Bible passes through their areas.



The "Follow the Bible" initiative has the following objectives:

- ☐ To create worldwide community awareness that Seventh-day Adventists are people who believe and follow the Bible as the Word of God.

- ☐ To revive and encourage Seventh-day Adventist members around the world to return to the Bible, to accept its authority, and determine to follow the Bible in their daily life.
- ☐ To involve Seventh-day Adventists around the world in personal study, small-group study, and sharing the message of the Bible with others in the community.

This will possibly be the most travelled Bible in the history of the world as it makes its journey; and momentum will build within the Adventist community. This Bible will be preached from and read from in more languages than any other book in the history of mankind. The Bible will be in the Inter-American Division for 17 weeks, traveling through the 17 Unions of this Division.

WEST INDIES UNION'S PROPOSAL TO "FOLLOW THE BIBLE"

West Indies Union will be addressing four of our strategic issues as we implement the "Follow the Bible initiative, namely, Education, Unity, Growth and Consolidation and the Church in the Community as follows:

A. CREATE AWARENESS, ENERGISE THE YOUTH, THE AGED AND INTEREST-SENSITIVE GROUPS

1. Teams are formed at West Indies Union to motivate and support the Fields/Institutions to effect and supervise the activities and sustain the interest.
2. Meetings will be held with Field Departmental Directors involved to share the programme.
3. "Follow the Bible" promoted at Conference/Mission Year-end Meetings 2008.
4. Programme to be promoted at Workers' Meeting 2009 in the local Fields.
5. "Follow the Bible" promotions are to be done at all conventions.
6. Promote the Bible donation project, design application forms and collect funds to purchase Bibles that the members will donate in their communities December 11-13.
Provide DVDs with 28 Fundamental Doctrines.
Provide Promotional materials.



Provide DVD promotion to demonstrate the benefits derived from participating in the programme. Provide inter-active DVD with guide and support material for the Youth to learn how to conduct evangelistic outreach programmes (e.g.) Operation Fireside.

7. All churches, Conferences/Missions are to organize "Follow the Bible" committees.
8. Use TV and radio programmes to promote "Follow the Bible" events.

"BIBLE SEARCH"

Each church will form "Bible Search" survey teams.

The Church community may be zoned and selected groups, families, Sabbath School Action Units or departments be assigned to work the assigned area, house to house and person to person.

Duties of the "Bible Search" Survey Teams

Members of the "Follow the Bible" Survey teams will:

1. Advertise the up-coming special event of "Follow the Bible"
2. Use the opportunity to seek, identify and record the homes of persons:
 - ☐ Without Bibles, or with the most Bibles
 - ☐ With the oldest, largest, smallest, most peculiar Bible
 - ☐ Who desire to get a Bible
 - ☐ Who are favourably disposed to do Bible studies
3. The data found will be used to inform our evangelistic thrust.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE 200,000 BIBLES WITH H.M.S. RICHARDS STUDY GUIDE AT US\$5.00 EACH.

1. Each church member is asked to purchase at least one copy of this "out of print" Bible personally for the home or self, and a second copy to give to a neighbour, relative, friend or person he/she desires to come to Christ.
2. Every person employed by the Church is asked to purchase at least five Bibles for distribution.

*If you cannot sing like angels
If you cannot preach like Paul
You can buy a Holy Bible
Give someone with none at all.*

THE CHURCH AS A CORPORATE BODY

Each church department e.g. AY or Communication, each committee, e.g. Ushers; each Board, e.g. Board of Elders, or Board of Deacons; or the local church itself, should put in its budget a line item to purchase a minimum of 40 Bibles per church or a minimum of two Bibles per department, board or committee. The Board, Committee, Department or church may conduct a special project to raise the funds.



Follow The Bible

Note: Each leader is to make the distribution on behalf of that department. The Bible project may be a Sabbath School Action Unit Project, OR any combination of the above in order that the church community be flooded with the Written Word.

B. ENGAGEMENT:

ACTIVITIES

1. Conduct Bible Surveys
2. Conduct conference/mission-wide Bible Camps to select representatives for Union Bible Olympics.
3. Conduct Operation Fireside October – November 2009. Baptisms will be on Sabbath December 13, 2009 at a place to be announced.
4. Conduct “Town Cry” and “Loud Cry” Bible Readings.
5. Hand-written Bible to be done on Sabbath afternoon September 12, 2009. Every congregation will be assigned its portion at the consecration service on September 9.
6. All incentives for participants or champions must be ascertained and provided.
7. Develop a system of evaluation to award conference/mission, Pastors, Elders, A.Y. Bands, Sabbath School Action Units, or individuals for outstanding contributions/support.

8. Send a Bible text at a text-a-thon.
9. Host a 24-hour Public Reading of the Bible simultaneously in every capital city.
10. Have a Bible reading marathon on the radio.
11. Invite the participation of local civic leaders, businessmen, and other religious leaders in the interest of promoting a programme that would stimulate Bible study.

C. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “FOLLOW THE BIBLE WEEK-END”, DECEMBER 11-13, 2009 -- WEST INDIES UNION

West Indies Union has planned a comprehensive programme to “Follow the Bible” through all our territories. This programme is being launched in every Field beginning with East Jamaica Conference on Sabbath, April 25 at the historic North Street Church. The Bible will arrive in West Indies Union on December 11, 2009 and remain until December 13.

West Jamaica Conference will be the venue of a grand reception which will involve a motorcade from the Donald Sangster Airport, as West Indies Union Conference receives the Bible, to the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre. The procession will include a walking Bible and numerous persons depicting Bible characters. Complete details of the December 11-13, “Follow the Bible” weekend will be shared with you as your Field launches the programme.

A replica Bible will travel throughout West Indies Union Conference December 2009 to February 2010.

Dates for Conference/Mission

S C H E D U L E	
East Jamaica Conference	December 18-20
Central Jamaica Conference	December 25-27
West Jamaica Conference	January 2-4
North Jamaica Mission	January 9-11
North East Jamaica Field	January 16-18
Cayman Islands Conference	January 23-25
Bahamas Conference	January 30- February 1
North Bahamas Conference	February 6-8
Turks & Caicos Islands Mission	February 13-15

“CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH” GAMES

Someone said that “the average university student is biblically illiterate”. It is therefore necessary that youth leaders, parents and lovers of youth, create ways to encourage this generation to delight in God's words lest the world take these precious treasures away. The time is now for strong biblical fences to be built around our youth in order to protect them from the “wild entertainment” of the age.

“Contending for the Faith” Games are intended to encourage the total church to taste and see the sweetness that can drip (“sweeter than honey and the honeycomb”) from God's Holy Word. Animated Bible games seek to involve people who love adventure, people who are bold, people who are ready to do and dare; people who with life will courageously dig, dive and delve in God's word.



“Contending for the Faith” Games are for youth who, as Mark Finley says, will make each day a “new adventure in drinking at the wells of wisdom and fountains of knowledge in God's Word.” What will be the reward for the church?

In Testimonies, Volume 3, page 238, Ellen White says, “If the people of God would appreciate His word, we should have a heaven in the church here below. Christians would be eager, hungry, to search the word. They would be anxious for time to compare scripture with scripture and to meditate upon the word. They would be more eager for the light of the word than for the morning paper, magazines or novels... They would be strengthened and encouraged by the words of inspiration.”

Somebody says “Nothing brings people together like sports.” “Contending for the Faith” Games are intended to be cross-generational. Each generation can make a tangible contribution to the enrichment of the other. It is a fertile and common ground on which generations can meet, interact and support one another. A great community of love and faith can be created and shared here.

People love activities and social events. “Contending for the Faith” Games give another avenue whereby youth and adults may participate in social activities and share holy fun time with the Holy Word.

THE WEST INDIES UNION “FOLLOW THE BIBLE” ANTHEM

STAND BY THE BIBLE

1.

We'll stand by the Bible, God's message to man,
Revealing His love in Redemption's great plan;
It tells how death entered with sin and the fall,
Of life freely offered through Jesus to all.

Refrain

Stand by the Bible, walk by the Bible,
Teach by the Bible, revealing God's plan;
Stand by the Bible, study the Bible,
Live by the Bible, God's message to man.

2.

No book so abounding in wonderful truth,
No guide so unerring for childhood and youth,
No counsel so needed by man in his bloom,
No comfort so sweet on the verge of the tomb.

3.

Through ages when faith spurned the fetters of might,
It shone like a star on the bosom of night;
Its word was the rule of the millions who bled,
Its hope was their stay when the last prayer was said.

4.

We'll follow thy teachings, blest word from above,
We'll live by thy pattern of infinite love,
Believing, obeying, and watching with prayer,
Till grace shall for Heaven our spirits prepare.

-F.E. Belden



Staying Afloat During This Economic Crisis

by Carmelita Findlay

MISSION OF HOPE

The impact of the recession on the local economy is already deepening. People across the world are scared by the economic uncertainty. It is no exception in Jamaica, Bahamas, Cayman and the Turks & Caicos Islands. Factory closures, housing foreclosures, layoffs, a sliding dollar, high taxes, inflation, the decline in sugar, banana and the closure of bauxite plants, the downturn in tourism and other sectors have negative implications for employment. Combined with the decrease of remittances from abroad, the pockets of ordinary people are adversely affected.

We do not know when this will end. However, we cannot sit with our hands at our side, in a wait-and-see attitude; we must act with a determination to survive. Psychiatrist, Dr Wendell Abel says, "To effectively cope during these tough times, will require everyone to take a holistic approach to dealing with the crisis." There is therefore no need to panic; now is the time to refocus on generating and conserving, reorganize priorities, and reinvent courses of action. Believe that God is still able. Yes! He delights in turning seemingly impossibilities into possibilities, for with God nothing is impossible. Luke 1:37.

Tips on Staying Afloat during this Economic Crisis

- * Budget: This will help you plan in making your expenses fit into your income.
- * Savings and Investment. If you are finding it hard to save, reduce spending. The less you spend the more you would have to save. Save unexpected cash inflows. Save funds formerly used to service debts. If you have been made redundant, seek a safe and secure institution with which to invest your funds. If you require a steady stream of funds to meet short-term goals, select instruments that pay a guaranteed income and offer security of principal.
- * "Let everyone now strive with courage and activity to save rather than to spend. Say to those who are willing to consume without producing, it is my duty to economize in every line. I cannot encourage extravagance. I cannot let means go out of my hands to purchase that which is not needed." (CS 268.1)
- * Take advantage of discounts, and look out for specials. Credit purchasing is acceptable, but be very careful not to carry over huge balances into the following month.
- * The rule of thumb; never borrow more than you can repay. Make sure you have an aggressive plan to get rid of debt. One should borrow only to acquire assets that (a) generate income (b) appreciate.
- * Seek to pool drive as best as possible, plan your trips carefully.
- * Save on utility expenses: Limit how often you open your refrigerator. Turn off lights you are not using and use fluorescent instead of incandescent bulbs. Do bulk ironing.
- * Cut back on unnecessarily frequent and long distance telephone calls. Chat is not cheap.
- * In budgeting, always remember the less fortunate
- * Go back to basics - that means carrying your lunch to work, and convert some foods to other kinds of food.
- * Remember the Lord's portion - the tithe and offering. Trust in God; experience the wonders of His power as our El Shaddai, Omnipotent Provider.
- * As much as is possible, keep emotion out of your financial decisions and, at all times, be wary of that nasty human tendency known as greed. The banks of earth are running dry because of greed and selfishness. However, the treasury in the Bank of Heaven is full. In Philippians 4:19, Paul says, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (NKJV)



Oldest Adventist Member in TCIM Passed Away

by Nigel Coke

Hundreds of family members, church members and well-wishers turned out at the Blue Hills Adventist Church in Providenciales to pay their last respects to the oldest Adventist member, Mrs. Anna Dora Ewing on April 5, 2009. She passed away on March 26, 2009 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Ewing was remembered by many who attended the service for her faithful and dedicated service to the Church. She was born on July 27, 1917 in Five Cays, Providenciales to Thomas and Zennie Rigby. She grew up in the Baptist and Methodist Churches before



accepting the Advent message.

Mrs. Ewing served the church in various capacities. Most significant of them was in the capacity of Church Treasurer for over fifty-two unbroken years. She holds the record in the Blue Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church and by extension West Indies Union

Conference as the longest serving Church Treasurer.

She leaves to mourn children: Carolyn, Lida, Edita, Sharmaine and Edmund; forty-six grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; sisters: Mary, Ida and Ena; Brothers: Albert and

Donald, and a host of other relatives and friends.



In this December 2006 file photo Dr. Patrick Allen presents the Centennial Award to Mrs. Ewing for her faithful and dedicated service to the church.

Record French Speaking and First Quarter Baptisms in Turks and Caicos Islands

by Nigel Coke

A record 113 French-speaking persons were among the record total of 169 persons who were baptized during the first quarter ending March 2009 in the Turks and Caicos Islands Mission (TCIM). Pastor Emmanuel Laurin conducted the French campaign while Pastor Richard Jackson, Secretary of TCIM did the English-speaking one in Providenciales.

“This is the result of a strategy formulated by the Mission,” said Pastor Richard Jackson, Secretary of TCIM. “The custom was for one combined campaign for Providenciales each year during the first quarter. However,

this year we decided to separate them, which worked marvelously to the glory of God.” A new congregation will be formed out of the French campaign.

This brings the total membership in TCIM to approximately 2,000 of which almost 1,000 are French-speaking.



The Bahamas Conference Exceed Pentecost and More Goal

In January 2009, most of the Family Islands districts were blanketed with convention and revival meetings which resulted in nearly fifty souls being baptized before the end of the month.

It was not business as usual as the Conference President, Secretary, District Pastors and Interns were all involved in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel.

Subsequent to our efforts in the Family Islands, we continued with this Conference-wide emphasis by engaging in two city-wide crusades that began on February 21 and 22. These 4 week evangelistic mega-campaigns again were about fulfilling the Conference's mission.

With Evangelist G. Earl Knight preaching at the English-speaking crusade and Evangelist Jean Philippe at the French-speaking crusade, we made it clear that a recession or a downturn in the local economy would not dampen or impede our spirits or efforts.

As a result of the combined efforts under the enabling of the Holy Spirit, we baptized a total of 295 precious souls from both crusades (127 from the French crusade and 168 from the English crusade). We now begin the ongoing and

welcomed task of nurturing and retaining them.

By the grace of God, we have baptized 350 persons during Pentecost and More. As we continue Souls Culture in the Bahamas, we anticipate that more persons will give their hearts to the Lord and follow Him all the way in baptism.



Heroes Among Us

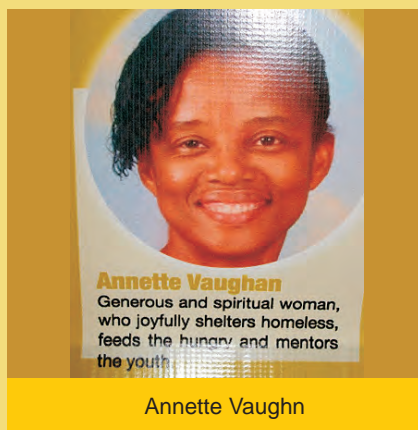
by Candice Ocho/WIU

March is celebrated as women's month in Cayman; a month of celebration hosted by the Empowerment and Community Development Agency, formally the Women's Resource Center (WRC). For more information on the month's activities visit www.wrc.gov.ky. In 1999, the then governor officially declared the month of March as Honouring Women Month and this year marks the 11th year since the Cayman Islands have been celebrating this special event.

The theme for the month was "Heroes Among Us" which connotes that ordinary, unrecognized, unpopular women can be extraordinary heroes who willingly volunteer their time to aid in the welfare of others. They may be a teacher, nurse, church leader, helper, or mother who diligently and selflessly gives their time through family, church, sports, community projects and other organizations.

One of our very own, Sister **Annette Vaughan**, who is an active member of the Bodden Town Adventist Church, was among those who were formally honoured on March 9, 2009, in recognition of International Women's Day, (March 8, 2009) by the Ministry of Health and Human Services in the Cayman Islands.

Her picture, along with the other nominees was unveiled on the Heroes Among Us banner which



was displayed at many events, including the--Governor's Reception—throughout the month.

As the Assistant Music Coordinator and the Assistant Family Ministries Leader for Bodden Town Adventist Church, Sister Annette continues to share her warm personality and spirituality with everyone around her. In addition, Sister Annette works at the John A. Cumber Primary School as the Primary Years Coordinator, where she continues to be a diligent worker. She is also a powerful mentor to youths and enjoys working with them. When asked how she feels to be honoured, Sister Annette stated "I do it because I love what I do, and I could not have done it without my husband Bentley Vaughan who has been here with me all these years".

Although humbled by this recognition, she is grateful and thankful to God that she has touched and will continue to bless many people with her caring spirit.

CJC Reaches Out To The Troubled Communities

by Kemar Douglas/WIU



Pastor Everett Brown, President of Central Jamaica Conference presents a bible to a resident of Gravel Heights.

Prayers for peace continue in Spanish Town as members of the Tredegar Park Seventh-day Adventist Church marched through troubled communities on Sabbath January 17, 2009.

Led by President of the Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor Everett Brown,

more than 150 members walked through Gravel Heights, Tredegar Park, Buck Town and Back To, praying for residents in their homes and distributing 150 Bibles.

Pastor Brown believes that the church should be an integral part of the community, sharing in its triumphs and encouraging through difficult times. He said,

“we do not feel that we should be running away from the suffering of the community. We must be there to support, be there to strengthen, be there to encourage.”

Pledging the church's support in tackling the problems of distressed communities, Pastor Brown stated, “The church, with its limited resources, seeks not only to address

the spiritual needs of the community, but the physical needs as well”

Apart from the continuous singing of choruses, the swelling voices of prayer warriors and the occasional outbursts of “Hallelujah”, Gravel Heights was quiet.

Webs of dangling electrical wires covered the hillside and numerous light bulbs burned through the day. Residents expressed uneasiness about living in the area despite the existence of a military post established due to the high level of crime and violence in the communities.

Numerous residents joined in the singing and expressed appreciation for the prayers and Bibles offered. The event closed with a massive street meeting in the square where Pastor Levi Johnson, Executive Secretary of Central Jamaica Conference, gave a message of hope.

The “Good Samaritan Inn” – Touching Lives on the Streets

by Kemar Douglas/WIU

More than three hundred of the less fortunate including those who have their abode on the streets in parts of the Corporate Area, were given much needed attention at the Adventist-owned and operated “Good Samaritan Inn.” (The Inn)

The Inn, located at Geffrard Place, National Heroes Circle, was a buzz of activities from as early as 9:30 am on Sunday April 5, 2009, with the setting up of a tent for free medical check-ups and prescriptions, food preparation, hygiene kits and also a stage and equipment for a concert organized and sponsored by students majoring in public relations at Northern Caribbean University (NCU).

Most of the more than 140 persons seen by doctors mainly from the Andrews Memorial Hospital

suffered from Diabetes and Hypertension. Free prescription drugs were distributed through the kind donations of a number of pharmaceutical companies. It was dispensed by a pharmacist from Andrews Hospital.

“We are delighted to know that we are touching lives on a weekly basis here at the Inn,” said Pastor Adrian Cotterell, President of East Jamaica

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (EJC). “As a church we want to let the beneficiaries of our work know that Christianity is a caring community. It is only by the grace of God that we who are here giving are not the ones receiving, and so we deem it our God-given responsibility to look after the well-being of those who are in need wherever they may be.”



Elder Cecil Foster, ASI East Jamaica Conference Chapter distributes meals to those in need



Dr. March attends to a senior citizen who attended the clinic

NBC Dedicates New Community Centre

by Angelo Armbrister - Freeport News Reporter



Officers and members of the Seventh-day Adventist church yesterday celebrated the dedication of their brand new state of the art community centre. The centre named the Evangeline Jervis Community Service and

Distribution Centre is designed to boost the community aid efforts of that church family.

Construction on the facility started little more than a year ago. It was named in honour of a church member, Evangeline Jervis, whose

selfless toil to help those in need, influenced the work of the church. Community Service Committee Member, Carleta Jervis-Carolina, explained that for years, the Freeport Seventh-day Adventist church has been providing food for the needy once per week. She added that once every year the church would conduct a clothing drive. "Now that we have the centre, we will have food everyday from 12 noon to 2 p.m., but the centre will be open from 10 a.m. from Mondays to Fridays," she shared noting that it, allows the church to better assist the needy within the community. "Anybody who is in need can come," she said. Dr. Patrick Allen in his brief opening remarks, commended the church for their commitment to community service. He said the creation of the centre demonstrates the church's understanding of it's mission in accordance with the will of God.

Communities Benefit from Adventist Church Training Initiative

by Dyhann Fletcher

More than one hundred and twenty persons from Ocho Rios and surrounding communities benefited from a much needed skills training symposium held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. This initiative entitled, "Skills for Life" was

hosted by the Ocho Rios District of Seventh-day Adventist Churches in collaboration with HEART TRUST/NTA, and was held under a tent pitched several meters from the Ocho Rios Seventh-day Adventist Church, St. Ann.



The six-hour workshop had resource personnel from the HEART Trust/NTA, the College of Hospitality and Vocational Skills, and the Rotary Club Skills Training Centre. Seminars and demonstrations were conducted in

Entrepreneurial Skills, Career Development, Food and Beverage preparation, Electrical Installation, Cosmetology, landscaping and healthy lifestyle.

Between 2006 and 2008 approximately 230 persons have been certified by HEART Trust/NTA through the initiative of the Adventist-laypersons' Service and Industries (ASI) North Jamaica Mission. The ASI is an organization of Business and Professional persons who, as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, use their business and business contacts to share Christ at the market place and assist in socio-economic development.

Historic Ordination in Turks and Caicos Islands Mission

by Nigel Coke



Pastor Emmanuel Laurin and wife Clerrose

Saturday January 17, 2009, marked another historic moment in the 102 years history of the Adventist Church in the Turks and Caicos Islands, as Pastor Emmanuel Laurin became the second pastor to be ordained in the territory. Pastor

Joseph Barrett was the first to be ordained 35 years ago in 1974.

The service was the first for Pastor Peter Kerr as President of the Mission having served as president for the past 18 years. It was also the first and last Ordination service conducted by Pastor Patrick Allen as president of West Indies

Union Conference, he having accepted to serve as Jamaica's sixth Governor-General.

The sermon was delivered by former Union President Dr. Patrick Allen who challenged Pastor Laurin and

fellow ministers to be good preachers of the Everlasting Gospel to the world.

Pastor Laurin joined the staff of the mission in February 2007 and since then God has blessed his ministry tremendously. Since his arrival in the Turks and Caicos Islands he has conducted three evangelistic outreach programme in which he has baptized over two hundred persons. He presently pastors two congregations, the Bethel church, which is the largest congregation in the Mission with over 800 members, and the Ebenezer Church in Grand Turk.

Pastor Laurin has been married to Clerrose for five years and they have one daughter, Emmanuella.

New Leaders Installed in West Jamaica Conference

by Nigel Coke

The Adventist Church in West Jamaica installed new leaders to administer the work of the gospel in that region. On Saturday March 14, 2009, Pastors Charles Brevitt and Donovan Williams were installed as the president and secretary, respectively, during a service held for that purpose at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre in Mount Salem, Montego Bay.

In accepting his call to serve as leader of the flock in Western Jamaica, Pastor Charles Brevitt, alluding to the saying "leadership is hardship," said "everyone will share the fame but few will take the blame. Not many are prepared to get their hands dirty in the trenches of life, but that is where the joy of service is."

West Jamaica Conference he added "does not have high liquidity or working capital, but we must have something. At a time of gloom, perplexity and national frustration, West Jamaica Conference must have



Pastor Charles Brevitt



Pastor Donovan Williams

something. The economic forecasts are bleak, violence and crime in our territory are out of control and it must be our mantra to deliver a redemptive message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We are acutely aware of the false dependence on human ability. We rely on the strength of the Holy Spirit to equip and empower us to do incredible things for God." He called upon all the workers of the church to be building blocks of the work to save mankind.

Referencing Act 3:1-8 in his address, Pastor Derek Bignall, President of West Indies Union

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (WIU) challenged the members to turn the corner in the work of Christ.

"It is time that each member stretch out his hand to make this world better, said Pastor Bignall. "Every member need to get up and reach out and be a beacon of HOPE - Help One Person Everyday. We must be a channel of hope."

The position of president became vacant due to the appointment of Pastor Glen O. Samuels as Secretary of WIU. Pastor Brevitt was appointed president, therefore his position as secretary became vacant and was subsequently filled by Pastor Williams, who previously served in the present administration as Personal Ministries Director.

The Adventist Church in West Jamaica Conference has over 70,000 members worshipping in 207 congregations. It comprises the parishes of St. James, Westmoreland, Hanover and St. Elizabeth.

New Secretary for North Jamaica Mission

by Nigel Coke



Pastor Karl
Archer

Pastor Karl Archer was appointed Secretary of North Jamaica Mission of Seventh-day Adventists at a meeting of the West Indies Union

Conference Executive Committee held on March 26, 2009 at the Union's headquarters in Mandeville, Jamaica. The appointment was with immediate effect.

Pastor Archer takes over from Mr. Dane Ellis who had been serving as Secretary/Treasurer since December 2008.

The post of Secretary was made vacant because of the appointment of Pastor Wenford Henry as Director of ADRA-West Indies Union. Mr. Ellis continues to serve as Treasurer of the Mission, a position he has held since December 2006.

In addition to his substantive post as secretary of the Mission, Pastor Archer will continue to serve as Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Director, a position he has held since December 31, 2006. He will also continue to serve as the pastor of the Brown's Town district of churches.

A graduate of West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University), Pastor Archer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Theology in 1992 and is presently pursuing a Masters degree in Pastoral Ministry –Leadership and Human Resource Management. He entered the Pastoral Ministry on February 1, 1993, and was ordained in 1998.

He served as district pastor in West Jamaica Conference until 2002, when he was called to serve in the North Jamaica Mission. There he served as Stewardship Director, Youth Ministries Director, Sabbath School & Personal Ministries Director along with a pastoral district assignment.

He married Elesa Marsh in 1995. She stands by his side and has contributed significantly to all areas of his ministry.

MISSION OF HOPE

North-East Jamaica Field Positions for Change of Status

by Arlington Woodburn



PASTOR
Augustus McLeod



Mr. John
Arthurs



Mrs. Judith
Lumsden



Mr. Michael
Thompson



Miss Doreen
Morrison

As the North East Jamaica Field prepares her documents for change of status, the Strategic and Financial Planning Committee made some strategic adjustments which it felt will strengthen a Field which has shown phenomenal growth since its inception in August 2006.

Pastor Augustus McLeod, pastor of the Port Antonio circuit, has been named Assistant to the Field Leader

with responsibilities for the Secretariat, Mr. Michael Thompson; Assistant Treasurer of West Indies Union has been named Assistant to the Field Leader with responsibilities for treasury; Mr. John Arthurs, a member of the local executive committee and who served the cooperate community as an accountant for over eighteen years, has been asked to man the accounts department. Meanwhile,

Mrs. Judith Lumsden has been assigned to serve as business manager of the Port Maria High School and Mr. Fitzroy Davis went back to his substantive post as auditor.

Doctoral candidate in the field of Educational Administration, Miss Doreen Morrison is the new Principal of the Portland High School, replacing Mr. Fernon Phillips who served that institution for just over twenty years.

All Officers and Directors Re-elected in North Bahamas Conference

by Nigel Coke



From left: Mr. Isaac Collie, Pastor Ricardo Bain, Mr. Roderick N. Sands, Pastor E. Bryan Tinker, Pastor Michael A. Smith, Mrs. Ann Albury, Mrs. Aileen Sands, Pastor Henry R. Moncur. Absent from the group is Dr. John Carey.

The Officers and Directors of the North Bahamas Conference were all re-elected at the Inaugural Session held on May 24, 2009 in Freeport, Grand Bahama. They are:

- ? Pastor E. Bryan Tinker – **President**, Ministerial and Health Ministries
- ? Pastor Michael A. Smith - **Secretary**, Communication, and Family Ministries
- ? Mr. Roderick N. Sands - **Treasurer**, Stewardship, Trust Services, and Adventist Book Centre Manager
- ? Pastor Henry R. Moncur - Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Community Services, and Multi-Media Ministries
- ? Pastor Ricardo Bain - Youth Ministries
- ? Mr. Isaac Collie - Public Affairs and Religious Liberty
- ? Mrs. Aileen Sands - Women's Ministries
- ? Mrs. Ann Albury - Children's Ministries
- ? Dr. John Carey - Education and Publishing

The Region which was previously known as the North Bahamas Mission attained Conference status in November 2008.

The Installation Service for the officers and directors was held at the Freeport Church in Grand Bahama, on Monday May 25, 2009.

In 2003, the North Bahamas Mission was formed with 1,300 members under the leadership of the late Pastor Keith D. Albury. Today, six years later, the North Bahamas Conference, which includes the islands of Grand Bahama, Abaco, the Berry Islands and Bimini, has approximately 2,415 members worshipping in 11 congregations.

West Indies Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

RADIO, TELEVISION AND CABLE TV

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

West Indies Union

Word of Hope

Pastor Glen O. Samuels

TVJ - Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Love TV - Fridays 7:00 p.m.

"Voice of Prophecy"

Fred Kinsey &

Connie Vanderman Jeffery

RJR - Sundays 10:45 p.m.

Bahamas Conference

"Voice of Prophecy"

Fred Kinsey &

Connie Vanderman Jeffery

ZNS1520 - Sundays 6:00 p.m.

Cable Channel 12

- Fridays 8:00 p.m.

"Adventist Speak"

Raymond Antonio

ZNS TV Channel 11

- Sundays 1:00 p.m.

Central Jamaica

"Heralds of Hope"

Church Programme

Love FM - Saturdays 2:30 p.m.

"Morning Manna"

Pastor D. Mullings

Love FM - Fridays 5:45 a.m.

"Life Line"

Love FM - Sundays 5:30 p.m.

Hope TV & Local Programmes

Bless TV Cable Channel 65 - Daily 24 hrs.

Cayman Islands Conference

"Steps to Christ"

All Pastors

Radio Cayman 89.9 FM - Tuesdays 6:45 p.m.

East Jamaica Conference

Word from Heaven

Pastor E. Ferguson

RJR - Tuesdays 5:45 a.m.

"Healthy and Happy"

Pastor Leonard Steele

TBC Radio 88.5 FM

- Wednesdays 9:30 p.m.

Northern Caribbean University

Hope TV, 3ABN, Local Programmes

NCU TV Wilson's Cable Channel 29

- Daily 24 hrs.

"Local Programmes and Music"

W.I.C. Radio 88.3 fm - Daily 24 hrs.

Radio - Daily @ 6:30 a.m.

"Breath of Life"

Walter Pearson

Turks and Caicos

"Voice of Prophecy"

Fred Kinsey &

Connie Vanderman Jeffery

Cable TV BET

- Wednesdays 8:00 a.m.

West Jamaica Conference

3ABN, Local Programmes

Cable Channel 50 WCCN

- Daily 24 hrs.

"Behold He Cometh"

Pastor R. Vassell

TVJ - Sundays 7:30 a.m.

Where Available

Hope TV

FLOW - Channel 655

- Daily 24 hrs.

WEST INDIES UNION CONFERENCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

Third Quarter

JULY

- 4 Home Study International Promotion
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting, Central Jamaica Conference
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting, North Jamaica Mission
- 11+ World Mission Budget
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting, West Jamaica Conference
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting, North-East Jamaica Field
- 17-19 PARL Workshop, Bahamas Conference (DR)
- 18* *Tell the World: Media Ministry*
- 20 Prayer Workshop for Pastors, Bahamas Conference (DR)
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting, East Jamaica Conference
- 30 West Indies Union Conference Office Picnic

AUGUST

- 1 West Indies Union Conference Day of Prayer for the Nation
- 1 Global Mission Evangelism
- 7-9 Graduation, Northern Caribbean University
- 9*+ Youth Day
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting, West Jamaica Conference
- 16-17 Colloquium, Northern Caribbean University
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting, East Jamaica Conference
- 20 Workers' Meeting, North-East Jamaica Field
- 22 PARL Workshop, North-East Jamaica Field
- 27 **Executive Committee Meeting, West Indies Union Conference**
- 29 Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Lay Recruitment, Subscription Material & Miss. Magazine Promotion Month
- 4-7 Health Intervention and Vision 2020, Cayman Islands Conference (MG)
- 5 Launch of Pentecost and More
- 5 Lay Evangelism
- 5-6 Evangelism Field School, Bahamas Conference and North Bahamas Mission (EH)
- 1-8 *Adventist Review* (Annual subscription promotion)
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting, West Jamaica Conference
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting, Central Jamaica Conference
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting, North Jamaica Mission
- 12* Family Togetherness
- 12 West Indies Union Conference Bible Bowl Finals
- 12*+ Adventist Mission Emphasis (offering)
- 12 Youth Spiritual Commitment Celebration (Southern Hemisphere)
- 13 Leaders' Council (Camp Verley) Central Jamaica Conference
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting, East Jamaica Conference
- 17 Prayer Workshop for Pastors, North Jamaica Mission (DR)
- 18-21 Health Intervention, Turks & Caicos Islands Mission (MG)
- 19 Pathfinder Day
- 19-26 Health Emphasis Week
- 20 PARL Workshop, North Jamaica Mission (DR)
- 24 **Executive Committee Meeting, West Indies Union Conference**
- 25 - Oct 2 Fall Week of Prayer, Northern Caribbean University
- 26 13th Sabbath Offering (South American Division)
- 26 Leadership Training, Central & East Jamaica Conferences and North-East Field (EH)
- 27 Leadership Training, West Jamaica Conference and North Jamaica Mission (EH)