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*Reaching the Unreached  
Quinquennium Report—1981-1985*



# ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE 1981-1985 QUINQUENNIAL REPORT

## President

**A** church alive, vital, growing.  
A church that cares about people, listens to their pain, loves them, and shows them Jesus.

A church made up of ordinary people wanting to be ready for Jesus to come, yet torn by the pressures of modern living.

A church struggling to hold its members while it watches many of them move away—or simply grow tired.

All of these descriptions apply to our church in the Atlantic Union Conference. For we are the people of God—real people in a real, demanding world, yet inspired by the promise of our Master's soon coming and committed to doing His will.

During the quinquennium from 1981 through 1985, the Atlantic Union Conference was led by Elder Earl Amundson. His dedication to God's Word and His church are reflected in the reports you are receiving today. I want to thank Elder Amundson for his prayerful, earnest work in leading the church in the Atlantic Union Conference. My prayers join those of thousands of others that God will continue to bless Elder and Mrs. Amundson in their retirement years.

Here are some of the achievements of the past quinquennium which I wish to celebrate with you.

**New Conference.** Since the Bermuda Mission was organized in 1959, it has shown steady growth and progress. Most of the eight churches on the islands are housed in new or recently remodeled facilities. Membership has reached the point that approximately one in 22 citizens of Bermuda is a Seventh-day Adventist. Careful management has resulted in a sound financial program. The 12-grade Bermuda Institute has recently added new facilities and is offering high-quality education.

In recognition of the maturity and strength of the work in Bermuda, that mission is being organized as a conference at a May constituency session. As a conference, the constituency is, for the first time, electing its own officers.

**Evangelism.** The Atlantic Union Conference is the home of the most significant challenge to evangelism in North America. Seventeen million New York City residents urgently need Christians dedicated to a caring, concerned ministry. The diversity of cultures, languages, and life-styles demands creative, courageous leadership. Our two largest con-

ferences in the Atlantic Union—Northeastern and Greater New York—focus their ministries on these needs. Thankfully, these conferences are the fastest growing within our territory. Greater New York Conference has the highest ratio of baptisms to church members of any conference in the North American Division. Northeastern is challenging its members to win a million "golden friends" before the end of 1987. People who show genuine friendship are like golden links that connect other people with Jesus Christ.

During this quinquennium, major evangelistic crusades have been conducted by guest evangelist Kenneth Cox in Worcester, Massachusetts, and Buffalo, New York. In addition, our union conference evangelist Raymond Saunders and local conference evangelists, along with pastors and lay people, were active in holding evangelistic meetings. Revelation seminars have proved to be an effective agency for both lay people and pastors to use in introducing people to Jesus and His Word. Several conferences have assigned one or more pastors specifically to start new work in unentered areas.

We have joyously welcomed into the church family during the past five years 9,243 new believers. Each individual is a valued member of Christ's family within our territory.



**Atlantic Union College.** Our college is looking toward a bright future. Recruitment and public relations efforts, led by Elder Dave Osborne, promise a steadily increasing enrollment. Already applications for next year are ahead of the same time last year. President Lawrence Geraty and his staff are constantly moving the college toward their vision of a spiritually dynamic, academically excellent, financially sound institution.

During the quinquennium, a new science and home economics building was constructed at a cost of nearly two

## Cover Photo

The administrative officers of the Atlantic Union Conference with Philip Follett, President (seated at right), are Aaron Brogden, Union Secretary (seated, left); Dale Beaulieu, Treasurer (standing, left); and Pedro Geli, Jr., Vice-president. Leon H. Davis was the photographer.



million dollars. The college church, completed in 1981, has enhanced the spiritual atmosphere for students, staff, and the community. It stands as a constant testimony to the spiritual priorities of the campus.

*New Union Conference Officer.* In November, 1984, the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee voted to establish a new administrative office of vice-president. Elder Pedro Geli, Jr., the then-assistant to the president for Hispanic ministries and health/temperance director, was elected to this office. He is the first Hispanic to be elected to an administrative position in this union conference.

*Continuing Education for Ministers.* First developed for Hispanic pastors, the Atlantic Union Conference continuing education program now serves all pastors within our territory who wish to utilize its services. Elder Geli carefully plans and directs the curriculum and plans the classes in conjunction with Atlantic Union College and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. More than 125 pastors have benefited from this opportunity for personal growth since the program was initiated in 1981.

*Hispanic Television Broadcast.* For some years, the Atlantic Union Conference has been the home of the only Hispanic Seventh-day Adventist telecast. The ministry of "Ayer . . . Hoy . . . Manana," under the leadership of Speaker-Director, Jorge Grieve, has contributed to the establishment of more Hispanic churches than any other evangelistic team in North America. In recent months, the General Conference has voted to adopt this program and share its

ministry internationally. The broadcast will continue to be located in New York City.

*Home Health Education Service.* After years of utilizing the services of the Columbia Union Home Health Education Service to handle literature evangelists' sales contracts, the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee established an HHES office for this territory in 1981. This office, located in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, has processed more than 5.5 million dollars and is growing. In addition, Northeastern Conference operates its own Family Health Education Service for literature evangelists.

*Revolving Fund.* During the quinquennium, deposits of conferences, institutions, and individuals in the Revolving Fund increased from \$252,428.00 to \$3,238,328.00. These funds are available to loan to churches and schools for building projects. Participation in the fund is a testimony to the commitment of church members and the value of the fund to encourage fiscally sound expansion of the work of the church.

Throughout the remainder of this report, you will read other examples of God's hand at work in behalf of His people and His world. Although we are not satisfied with these accomplishments—and never want to be, we praise God for His mighty power and give glory to Him for the privilege of sharing in His working.

I want to thank you, the members of this Union Conference, for the kind, warm welcome you have extended to my son, David, and me. We have been blessed by your friendship and supported by your prayers.

## Secretary

So soon the clock of time has brought us delegates to the 24th regular session of the Atlantic Union Conference. Once again we are reminded that God's love is as boundless as His character is infinite.

The development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its organization is anchored in the Word of God. Lest we forget, the Christian church of Jesus Christ, historically, had to separate from the Jews.

During the 16th century reformation the Protestants separated from the Roman Catholic church. In the summer and autumn of 1844, some of the people who believed in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ had to leave the Protestant churches. As the light concerning the sanctuary and Christ's ministration in heaven was given, many of the churches, and even many of the Adventists, rejected it.

Later, as the Sabbath truth came, it, too, became a cause of separation. In the years immediately following the disappointment of 1844, God's people left the church in large numbers. These doctrines—Christ is coming soon, Christ our high priest in the heavenly sanctuary, and the seventh day is the Sabbath—became the foundation principles upon which we have built today's church through God's direction. In 14 short years, the church will enter the 21st century. Its mission is as relevant today as it was when Jesus bade His followers to go and make disciples of all nations.

If the Atlantic Union Conference is a microcosm of the church universal, then statistics can become a revelation. The population of the Atlantic Union Conference territory for this report can be stabilized at 29,962,061. Of this number of citizens in the general population, 57,556 Adventists in 348 churches were recorded as of December 31, 1985. This means as we watch the parade of judgment-bound souls in our territory pass in review, 521 will pass by before we can count one citizen who has accepted God's message for this time, or one in every 521 persons in our territory.

There is an overwhelming compunction in our church mentality to compare ourselves with ourselves. And so we state that during the last five years covering our reporting period, our membership in the Atlantic Union had a 19.1 percent increase and a 3.57 percent average yearly growth.

The 54th General Conference Session and ministerial pre-session held June 23-July 7, 1985, in the New Orleans, Louisiana, Superdome, was very impressive and inspirational to the delegates assembled. At the close of the third quarter of 1985, it was reported that the church world membership stood at 4,659,327, and the membership of the North American Division was 684,340. These statistics represent good news. But the haunting question comes, what contribution to that gain was seen in the territory of the Atlantic Union Conference, which is the area of our responsibility.



The church membership at the beginning of the quinquennium under review was 48,313. As of December 31, 1985, the membership stood at 57,556. The following statistical table highlights the activity involved in attaining the membership growth:

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	
No. of Churches	322	330	336	341	384	
Membership	49908	51277	53380	55893	57556	
<i>Added by:</i>						Total
Baptism	2862	2840	3042	2988	2549	14281
Prof. of faith	238	383	432	624	357	2034
Letter	2215	2125	2721	2314	2210	11585
<i>Dropped by:</i>						
Letter	2299	2276	2527	2014	1958	11074
Death	389	361	354	444	433	1981
Apostasy	623	665	688	560	615	3151
Missing	409	677	523	395	447	2451
Percentage of Increase:	3.30	2.74	4.10	4.71	2.98	
Number of Increase:	1595	1369	2103	2513	1663	
Percentage of apostasy/missing to baptisms/POF:	25.0	41.6	34.9	26.4	35.6	

Percentage of increase for the quinquennium: 19.1

Number of increase for the quinquennium: 9243

Percentage of apostasy/missing to baptisms/POF for the quinquennium: 34.4

Generally the relationships and flow of statistics and data in an organization are depicted by means of charts and graphs. This helps to facilitate the role of accurate communication which is crucial to the success of conference or institutional goals.

### Treasurer

We can "praise God from whom all blessings flow" as we review the financial support from the members of the Atlantic Union Conference during the 1981 through 1985 quinquennium.

Total tithe income during the five years totaled \$115,730,291 compared with the previous five-year total of \$74,787,214, or a 54.75 percent increase. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done!"

The total mission giving during this last five-year period amounted to \$7,039,135, compared with \$6,000,616 the previous quinquennium, or an increase of 17.31 percent. Unfortunately, this increase in mission giving has not kept pace with inflation. The dollars that were given in 1985 purchased approximately 31 percent less than the dollars given in 1980, when the "standard" consumer price index is applied.

In 1985 a special appropriation from the Atlantic Union Conference reserves was voted in the amount of \$1,000,000 beyond regular appropriations to help Atlantic

Union College on a one-time basis. Seven hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars was given to the college in 1985, and \$262,500 will be given in 1986. In order to fund this \$737,500 special appropriation in 1985, the current year's operation and previous year's operating reserves were decreased by \$737,500. This accounts for the decrease in cash and savings and for the operating loss of approximately \$136,500 in the Tithe Fund and the sudden decrease in fund balances in the Specific Purpose Fund during 1985. We are thankful to the Lord for His blessings through the years and the ability to make this special appropriation to our college during this time of rejuvenation. This special appropriation was given with the understanding that the regular appropriations to the six local conferences would continue at previous levels, which is being accomplished.

The financial condition of the Atlantic Union Conference is sound, thanks to the faithful ministry of Luther W. Crooker, who served as treasurer during four years of the current five-year quinquennium and also during the previous five years; and Ronald A. Lindsey, who served until October, 1985.



Both of these Christian gentlemen deserve our vote of appreciation for the financial planning and guidance given to the conferences and institutions within this Union's territory.

The financial challenge of the future is to be able to provide adequate funding for Atlantic Union College, evangelism, and church facilities for our ever-expanding membership.

The servant of the Lord has recorded these words for our admonition: "If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough

earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions. Our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter" (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 450). [Emphasis supplied]

A special word of thanks to my treasury team is in order for their long hours of faithful service to make these reports available on time. Thank you, Mo Pelley, Terry Rusk, Star Stevens, and Rachel Bergherm.

The following chart will provide you with additional financial information.

**ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE OF SDA  
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LOCAL CONFERENCES  
FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON**

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Tithe Receipts by Conference</u>						
Bermuda	983 801	1 173 955	1 364 125	1 578 211	1 700 060	6 800 152
Greater New York	3 612 458	4 001 764	4 414 320	4 970 744	5 539 881	22 539 167
New York	1 926 742	1 987 468	2 068 683	2 104 385	2 146 812	10 234 090
Northeastern	8 325 183	7 182 753	8 998 641	9 337 757	10 644 882	44 489 216
Northern New England	1 793 542	1 970 074	2 095 154	2 160 557	2 307 663	10 326 990
Southern New England	<u>3 870 762</u>	<u>4 007 466</u>	<u>4 206 046</u>	<u>4 415 030</u>	<u>4 841 372</u>	<u>21 340 676</u>
Total	20 512 488	20 323 480	23 146 969	24 566 684	27 180 670	115 730 291
% of Increase (Decrease) Per Year	18.38%	(.92%)	13.89%	6.13%	10.64%	
Total 1981-85			115 730 291			
Total 1976-80			<u>74 787 214</u>			
Increase 1981-85 over 1976-80			40 943 077	+ 5 yrs. = an average inc. of 8,188,615 per yr.		
Percentage Increase			54.75%	+ 5 yrs. = an average inc. of 10.95% per yr.		
 <u>Mission Receipts by Conference</u>						
Bermuda	77 719	78 025	79 216	83 825	85 621	404 406
Greater New York	277 060	292 852	312 575	339 295	368 496	1 590 278
New York	162 216	154 570	155 544	162 129	160 944	795 403
Northeastern	459 901	325 088	414 317	428 599	470 615	2 098 520
Northern New England	154 449	166 849	163 947	151 236	158 423	794 904
Southern New England	<u>272 066</u>	<u>257 585</u>	<u>262 432</u>	<u>270 397</u>	<u>293 144</u>	<u>1 355 624</u>
Total	1 403 411	1 274 969	1 388 031	1 435 481	1 537 243	7 039 135
Total 1981-85			7 039 135			
Total 1976-80			<u>6 000 616</u>			
Increase 1981-85 over 1976-80			1 038 519			
Percentage Increase			17.31%			

## Vice-President

The Atlantic Union Conference was organized in 1901, with over 8,000 members. Today, after 84 years, we have more than 57,000 members. We praise and thank God for this growth. However, at the same time, we recognize we have a great challenge before us—an evangelistic challenge of reaching 30,000,000 people with the Third Angel's message. Many good things have happened in the Atlantic Union during the last five years, for which we thank and praise the Lord.

The continuing education program for ministry, considered to be one of the best in North American Division, was started. It is a joint venture of the Andrews University Theological Seminary and the Atlantic Union College to provide an extension education program leading to a master's degree in pastoral ministry and doctor of ministry degree.

This program has resulted in a great blessing to the ministers of our union.

In the area of human relations, great strides have been made, as people have been encouraged to work with one another regardless of their cultural, language or racial differences. Brown, yellow, black and white, all of God's precious people in His sight have been challenged and encouraged to work together in Christ for the common goal of soul winning. In *Testimonies*, volume 9, page 221, the servant of the Lord says, "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."

From Presque Isle, Maine, to Brooklyn, New York; from Bermuda to Buffalo, New York, God's people have been encouraged to respond to the Lord's prayer that we may all be one so that Christ will pour out His Holy Spirit, and this work



will soon be finished in His power. From Spanish to Korean; from English to French, every Sabbath there are over 15 different language groups that meet and worship the Lord within the boundaries of our Union. As someone so beautifully defined, leadership is being able to draw new boundaries beyond the existing limits of ideas and activities.

Within the bounds of our Union we have the largest metropolitan area in the North American Division—17,000,000 people of the New York City area. As we face this challenge, we realize that humanly speaking it is an impossible task to reach these unreached people. However, we recognize that with God nothing is impossible. We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. For it is not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit that this work is going to be finished.

It is my belief that the best days of the Atlantic Union are ahead of us; that as we look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, it is our privilege not only to wait for, but also to hasten the coming of Jesus. And with our words and by our actions say, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Maranatha.

### Ministerial

In the last five years 16,315 have been added to this church by baptism and profession of faith.

We were also challenged by the "One Thousand Days of Reaping." During this time, 9,215 souls were brought in by baptism and profession of faith. Now we face the challenge of "Harvest 90" and it is hoped that at least 18,430 souls will be brought in by mid-1990. Surely God would be pleased if we brought in many more.

The Caring Church Concept was launched in the Union a few years ago. All the ministers were invited in for instruction in this concept. The Atlantic Union Conference office developed a Caring Church committee that went to a number of churches and presented a caring church weekend, challenging the churches with this concept. Several churches are adopting this plan of outreach. Their aim is to make the community aware of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, then help the community with its felt needs. The churches who have studied the concept feel it is the right concept for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During the last five years a plan has been established whereby the ministerial secretaries and presidents could have an interchange of ideas in educating the college ministerial student. This group meets once a year to exchange ideas and have prayer.

During the last five years the Bible instructors were invited to the Atlantic Union office two times for instruction and inspiration. These workers do not have a time for fellowship as do the pastors. They seem to appreciate this weekend and would like to meet at least once a year.

In 1981, the constituency voted a ministerial associate, Raymond Saunders. He has held meetings in five conferences: Northeastern, Greater New York, Bermuda, New York and Southern New England. He held 19 union meetings and one meeting abroad in Jamaica, and baptized 1,504 souls in the Atlantic Union territory and 227 souls in Jamaica. As a result, four new churches have been added to

the Union. The New Hope church in Manhattan and the Better Living church in the Bronx. Both of these are in the Northeastern Conference. Also, the Greater New York Conference has added the Victory church in the Bronx; and Bermuda now has the West Pembroke church. We are thankful for these additions to our Union and appreciate Elder Saunders' dedication.

Church growth is a vital interest of the Ministerial Association. Yet, we also realize that ministers need fellowship and training. During the last five years, it was our privilege to see the Continuing Education program for ministers started at the Atlantic Union College. About 70 ministers are taking advantage of this opportunity to enrich their education and many are going to receive a higher degree in a few years. This program is under the direction of Elder Pedro Geli, Jr.

We are aware that no report like this is possible without the hard working conference directors, pastors and laity. And we also know that nothing can be accomplished without the blessing of God, the Father through His Son, Jesus. Has not Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing"? Let us thank God and praise His name.

### Personal Ministries

Like a mighty army knit together in faith, hope and mission, a tremendous impact has been made on thousands of individual lives by our dedicated workers and the consecrated witness of our lay people. They have shared their faith through home visitation, literature distribution, Bible studies, Revelation Seminars, lay efforts, community services and the annual Ingathering outreach.

Soul winning is the objective of all our departments.

Unfortunately, we have a partial statistical report of the accomplishments of our faithful members in the field of lay evangelism. Only an average of 62 percent of our churches are actively reporting their missionary activities. During the past five years, we had 1,055,783 Missionary Contacts; 3,255,999 pieces of literature distributed; 209,216 Bible Studies given; and 1,757 souls helped. Heaven only will reveal the true results of our soul-winning endeavors.

Once every three years, a union-wide soul-winning convention, or Lay Congress is held. The first in this quinquennial was held at Chicopee, Massachusetts, May 22 through 24, 1981. So great was the attendance that there were not enough motels in the area to accommodate the large number of delegates. Our second Lay Congress was held at Camp Berkshire from September 2 through 4, 1983. The convention scheduled for 1986 is postponed until 1987 because of the Union Session.

In addition to the union-wide Lay Congress, a lay evangelist training seminar, commonly known as "Maranatha" was held following the congress. Lay preaching was



Earl J. Parchment, Personal Ministries and Sabbath School Director



highlighted and each day instruction was given in the art of conducting lay efforts in homes, halls, churches and auditoriums.

Perhaps the most outstanding Revelation Seminar held recently was the one conducted by Brethren Balisciano and Warcholik in New Haven, Connecticut. The first night two sessions were held with about 100 individuals attending, 60 of whom were non-Adventists. Sixty-five graduated, many of whom are now attending church and Sabbath school with several preparing for baptism.

In the Atlantic Union, Ingathering continues to grow in strength. Insomuch so, that in the 1985 Ingathering Crusade, the largest amount ever raised in a crusade became a reality. We had the distinction of being the only Union in the North American Division that reached its Ingathering goal with the largest overflow in excess of our goal. The total raised was \$814,273.60.

During the last quinquennium, two union-wide Community Services Conventions were held at Camp Berkshire, New York. The first one took place October 22 through 24, 1982. There were so many delegates in attendance that some had to sleep on floors. The last convention was also held at Camp Berkshire from September 27 through 29, 1985. Four hundred and forty-five delegates applied to attend, but unfortunately, hurricane Gloria hit our Union territory that same weekend. Undaunted by hurricane winds, 216 delegates found their way safely to Camp Berkshire, and what a delightful weekend we had together. We have 60 Community Services Centers and 121 Units serving a great need in their communities. A new center has just been started in Bermuda, thus making two in operation on the island. The following statistics indicate the work which has been done during the past five years: 441,325 persons helped; 1,291,416 pieces of clothing distributed; \$899,524 in cash and value of food; and 382,056 hours of community service.

In the Greater New York Conference, Mrs. Juanita Kretschmar and her devoted staff of workers continue to make phenomenal progress in their van ministry. They provide health screening, feeding programs, and meet the spiritual needs of the people as well. Thousands of people are studying the Bible each week, several of whom are now attending Seventh-day Adventist churches on a regular basis.

The Northeastern Conference is also conducting a very successful van ministry. They are engaged in health screening and also a feeding program for the hungry people of New York City.

Southern New England Conference has recently started a van ministry in the city of Boston with good prospects of a successful program of health screening.

In conclusion, this quinquennium will usher in many changes in the structure of several departments. In harmony with the "Role and Function" action taken at the recent General Conference Session in New Orleans, five departments will now come under the general heading of Church Ministries. These departments, as they are presently constructed are: Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Youth, Stewardship, and Family Life. May this new department serve the needs of our church better and enhance our soul-winning endeavors, so that soon the work will be finished and we all can go to our heavenly home.

## Education-Quinquennium of the Teacher

The five-year period between 1985 to 1990 is being designated as the "Quinquennium of the Teacher." Since the Seventh-day Adventist teacher is the most significant person in achieving the goals of Adventist Education, attention will focus on the teacher during this period. Teacher recognition, development and working relationships will be stressed.

### I. TEACHER RECOGNITION

To increase respect and appreciation for teachers by providing recognition through a variety of public expressions such as:

1. Teacher of the Year awards
2. Master Teacher awards
3. Teacher dedication services
4. A denominational credentialing program for teachers
5. Pictorial recognition in union papers, *Adventist Review* and other publications.

### II. TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

To enhance the pursuit of teacher excellence by:

1. Ensuring that teachers have the basic teaching skills necessary to function competently in the classroom.
2. Workshops to enhance "child evangelism" skills and to assist teachers in becoming effective soul winners.
3. Identifying and providing opportunities for talented teachers to use their skills on special projects, committees, publications and workshops.
4. Recruiting intelligent, sensitive, dedicated Christian young people for the teaching ministry.

### III. TEACHER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

To help teachers experience enjoyable and fulfilling working relationships by:

Developing strategies for enhanced working relationships between teachers and pastors through collaboration and cooperation.  
Providing teachers with reasonable job security to enable them to concentrate on academic performance and on helping students.  
Improving teacher evaluation and supervision through better-trained and prepared administrative and supervisory personnel.  
Emphasizing adherence to professional ethics as an imperative for achieving excellence in the spiritual, academic, and professional goals of Adventist education.

The Office of Education in the Atlantic Union takes this opportunity to inform the constituency that the North American Division has adopted an Education Mission Statement. It is as follows:

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America operates a system of education Kindergarten through



University which began in 1872. The Church's belief regarding Christian education is based on the Scriptures and the writings of Ellen G. White which have provided the Church with a distinct philosophy of education.

The aim of Seventh-day Adventist education is the redemption of each student. Therefore, the school provides opportunities for students to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Paul E. Kilgore, Education Director

The education program is predicated on a belief in the uniqueness and worth of each student and the importance of systematic development of the whole person. Students are educated to accept the concept of service as a principle of life; to be sensitive to the needs of people; and to become contributing members in the home, church and society.

## Publishing

### Literature Evangelism

The ministry of the literature evangelist is one of the most unique and important ministries of the church. It is charged with the great responsibility of evangelizing the masses through the door-to-door distribution and sale of specially prepared books and periodicals. In support of this concept of the literature ministry, decades ago the servant of the Lord penned the following, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures" (*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 390).

It is now our privilege to share with you the known effects of the ministry of these dedicated men and women during this past quinquennium. It will be in eternity only that the full report can be given. I would like to remind you that the dollar figures used are nothing more than a yardstick used to measure the seed that was sown through the sale of literature. We are pleased to report that your literature evangelists sold and delivered \$8,569,036.06 worth of truth-filled literature to the homes of people in the Atlantic Union. In addition to this total, they also sold or gave away many thousands of paperback books such as *Cosmic Conflict* or *Steps to Christ* that are not reflected in this report.

During this past quinquennium your literature evangelists were directly responsible for 818 precious souls joining the remnant church. This compares with 567 people who were baptized through the efforts of your literature evangelists during the previous quinquennium. In addition to all other literature distributed, your literature evangelists gave away almost 763,000 pieces of free literature. They enrolled over 83,000 of their contacts in one of the various Bible correspondence courses offered by the Church. Their efforts resulted in 15,191 of their contacts attending meetings. In addition, they were instrumental in beginning 27,208 Bible studies with prospects.

One of the most important ministries of your literature evangelists is that of praying with people. During this past quinquennium you will be pleased to know that they prayed in 146,857 homes. I might mention that at the conclusion of prayer, those with whom they pray—with almost no exception—always express appreciation. Often the comment is made that even their own minister never takes time to pray with them. Surely this act of praying with people is a wonderful witness for our Lord and His church. The sad note of our soul-winning report is that of former Seventh-day Adventists found by your literature evangelists. Our heart goes out to the 5,850 precious souls that our literature evangelists found who once walked with us.

During the past quinquennium a new Home Health Education Service office was established in South Lancaster to serve the customers and literature evangelists of this Union. The establishment of this office has proved a real blessing to the literature ministry here in the Atlantic Union. The sole function of this office is to service and collect the accounts of literature evangelists' customers and to serve the needs of the literature evangelists including payment of his/her earned commissions. This office joined the already well-established Family Health Education Service office sponsored and directed by the Northeastern Conference to serve the needs of our literature evangelists serving in their jurisdiction.

That the end is near can hardly be questioned. However, we must remember that the promise regarding the increase in the work of God is really dependent on the response of His church. Dear friends, the challenge is yours. Will you not respond? "The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me'" (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 14). We solicit an interest in your prayers for the continued success of your literature evangelists. And more than this, friends, we invite you to prayerfully consider the joy of Christian service found in the literature ministry.

### Adventist Book Centers

It is with real joy that we share with you, our constituent members, this report covering the work of your Adventist Book Centers during this past quinquennium. It is indeed an inspiring report that we are privileged to share and we want to thank you, our faithful members, for making this report possible. During the past five years your ABC's had the privilege of selling \$16,673,180.50 worth of our wonderful truth-filled books, periodicals, tracts, sacred music, health foods, et cetera. We are glad to report that more than 60 percent of the total volume was generated through the sale of our books



Petro H. Kamilos, Publishing Director



and periodicals. We are glad, too, for the large increase in the sale of our health foods which is unmistakable evidence of the concern and increased interest of our people in our health message.

By way of comparison, the total sales of our ABC's during the preceding quinquennium was \$12,400,000.00. As we compare these two totals we recognize that God has blessed in a wonderful way, as we show an increase of \$4,273,180.50. Truly this is a remarkable achievement for which we are grateful.

Your ABC managers and their service personnel want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and the loyal support you have given to them. It may be of interest for you to know that your ABC's are the outgrowth of the Tract and Missionary societies organized over a century ago. It may be of further interest to know that the ABC concept was born when the New England Tract and Missionary Society opened in 1870. It was a success from the very beginning and soon we had Tract and Missionary societies (ABC's) in every conference.

Today our ABC's continually strive to meet the desires and needs of our people wherever they are. Bookmobiles and church sales are held for your convenience whenever feasible. Recent innovations include telephone 800 numbers installed by many of the ABC's for your convenience in easy ordering. Special sales are promoted during the annual ABC Open House and during camp meetings thus giving church members the opportunity to make book and other product selections at significant savings.

I would like to remind you that the Adventist Book Centers represent one of the most important ministries of the church and is destined to occupy one of the most strategic positions in the closing work of this message. Many decades ago the message came that said, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory" (*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 140). Fellow believers, the work of our publishing houses flows through the Adventist Book Centers and from there on to the world through you. We are all anxious for Jesus to come. We continue to look to heaven with a longing desire for our Saviour to return. "When church members realize the importance of the circulation of our literature they will devote more time to this work" (*Manuscript 113*, 1901).

The crisis of our day demands that the caring church move aggressively toward Harvest 90. If we are to realize a bountiful harvest, we must all join together in scattering our literature "like the leaves of autumn." Be assured that "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6). The seeds of God's truth are in plentiful supply at your friendly Adventist Book Center waiting for the sowers to take them and to sow.

Why not make plans today to visit your Adventist Book Center. You will find your friendly Book Center manager ready to serve you and your needs. "More than a thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications" (*Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885). That many of those converted shall someday be traced to the seeds of your planting is our earnest prayer.

## Health/Temperance

Physical vigor, mental development, proper social relationships, a desire for worship with a spiritual awakening, and genuine vitality through the Holy Spirit in all of life's faculties come as a result of self-control (temperance). "Temperance alone is the foundation of all the graces that come from God, the foundation of all victories to be gained" (*Temperance*, p. 201).

The Atlantic Union Conference Health/Temperance Department serves as a resource center to local conferences, providing guidance and assistance, when needed, in implementing health/temperance programs and projects. During this past quinquennium, local conference health/temperance personnel have been active in propagating the Gospel through awareness of the need for health of the whole person.

Through the local church- and conference-sponsored programs, thousands have been made aware of the unique health/temperance message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. During the past quinquennium, over 700,000 pieces of health-related literature were distributed. Almost 950 stop-smoking classes have been conducted, as well as nearly 1,300 nutrition/stress management and physical fitness programs.

As a result of this outreach, 16,000 non-Adventists attended these programs and of that number 741 were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In addition, local conferences sponsored 48 temperance booths at state fairs. Hundreds of people had the opportunity to receive Adventist health literature and to sample healthfully prepared foods.

Nutrition schools, health seminars, fairs, health networks, blood pressure screening and the health message presented through the media of radio and TV are just brief highlights of the work of our dedicated health and temperance leaders.

God's special blessings as we look to a new quinquennium which we trust we shall complete in the earth made new, because of the soon return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## Communication

The Department of Communication is an agency of the church organized to cooperate with administration and all departments in accomplishing their objectives. The 1981-85 theme for the Atlantic Union was 1000 Days of Reaping. The 1986-90 theme is Harvest 90 and Reaching the Unreached.

Our North American Division leadership has designated definite areas of approach in reaching the unreached in their needs which the Adventist Church can supply. The Atlantic Union Conference and institutional leadership have accepted the challenge. Surveys and demographic studies have magnified the need of more public awareness.

The church must go to the people before it can expect them to come to the church. There are recommended programs and methods that may not be exclusively religious which are available to churches and members that will best attract the unchurched and the unreached. This is referred



to as awareness activities. Awareness events that many churches participated in during the quinquennium include the Five-Day Stop Smoking Plan, community relation activities, county and state fairs, disaster aid, welfare assistance, radio/television spot announcements, Pathfinder and Halloween activities, retreats, street cleaning by young people and news releases.

An awareness event done at great expense and time is not sufficient unless followed up with church entry events. Much success and interest in becoming a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is derived when the unchurched or non-Seventh-day Adventist Church Christian is invited to attend church on visitors days, musical concerts, health sermons, healthful cooking schools—all of which should be followed up with Revelation seminars and other evangelistic services.

Workshops and seminars on Union conference and local conference levels for district and single communication personnel and officers have been conducted throughout each year to assist the church communication director and other officers and members to cooperate in developing knowledge, skill and experience in church awareness events, church entry events and other activities sponsored by the church that will lead to baptism and membership.

Some statistics of importance for the quinquennium are as follows: Of 348 churches, 208 appointed a church communication secretary; of stories released to newspapers and magazines, a total of 567,000 column inches were printed; and 12 workers were on radio including English, Hungarian, and Spanish languages.

The Atlantic Union *Gleaner* is the communication journal for the administrators, departmental directors of the Union, local conferences and institutions in the Bermuda, New York and New England territory. It is the official journal for announcing legal meetings for the same organizations. The *Gleaner* also serves the local church which is the prime target of all church activities. The programs of the world church are also shared through the *Gleaner* pages.

During the quinquennium several new features were launched. A photographers contest was begun with an enthusiastic response. Features in nature, astronomy, substance abuse, letters-to-the-editor and personal ads for singles were added. Also, articles were solicited from individuals other than conference and school employees.

The *Gleaner* staff has joyfully responded to the challenge of the constituency, the employed staff as well as the volunteer church staff and institutional personnel in publishing the materials that were submitted. We have received good counsel as well as good criticism. We have struggled to do our best to live within the *Gleaner* budget and policies. We have appreciated your support.

## Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Liberties of Sabbath keepers are being eroded. It is getting more and more difficult to get accommodations for Sabbath keepers. Some of our members have had to make great sacrifices in order to keep God's commandment. We admire their conviction and courage.

During the last five years, a court case was won in the New York Conference. This case had been in court for about 10

years. One asks the question, was it really worth it? What did our brother do for employment during these 10 years? Was it pleasant to go back to work with the same company after having been in court against them for 10 years?

We have endeavored to settle most of the problems by reasoning and an appeal to fairness and reasonable accommodation. We are thankful most cases are settled that way. However, sometimes a member does need to make great sacrifices. Most religious liberty problems are handled successfully by the local conference PARL directors.

These directors are: Sidney Gibbons, Bermuda; Dodridge Kennedy, Greater New York; Norman Doss, New York; Arthur Morgan, Northeastern; Arthur Harms, Northern New England; and Robert Farley, Southern New England. We are thankful for these men and their good leadership.

Others who served during the last five years are: John Aitken, Philip Sica, Clinton Shankel, J. P. Willis, Willis Adams, Jr., and Stanley Steiner. These men did an excellent job and should receive credit for their accomplishments. Most of them now hold different positions and are still in the Atlantic Union territory.

In 1982, the PARL department of the Atlantic Union asked the Conferences to establish a *Legal Affairs Committee*. This was a recommendation of the North American Division PARL department. In September, 1982, the Atlantic Union Executive Committee voted a Legal Affairs Committee. It is composed of the Atlantic Union Conference president, secretary, treasurer, the PARL director, and Attorney Richard Clark. The purpose of this committee is to review and make recommendations on legal cases involving religious liberty matters between Union executive committee meetings.

Circulation of *Liberty* magazine has been on the increase. We are thankful for that. This, of course, is due to the fact that the pastors have promoted this and the members have given their funds. Thanks to each of you who give of your funds to reach the people who are either making the court decisions, representing some client in court, or making new laws in our legislation.

Last December, the PARL department started a program we hope will grow and become a yearly event. All the Seventh-day Adventist attorneys were invited to the Atlantic Union Conference office for a weekend of fellowship and information. Attorney Mitch Tyner, from the General Conference PARL department came and gave the attorneys in-

formation about pending cases and the church's stand on various issues. This was a small beginning that we hope will grow and become a well-established practice in this Union. The time is fast approaching when the PARL department needs people with special skills and training. The need for this department, we believe, will become greater as time goes on. Let us thank God for the privilege of living in this land of freedom.



R. Lee Kretz, Ministerial Secretary and Religious Liberty Director



## Sabbath School

The Sabbath school is often referred to as the heart of the church, and so it ought to be, for there is where our church members, their children and their friends meet each Sabbath morning to join each other in fellowship and song. This removes them from the cares of daily living and they are kept in touch with the world-wide mission of the church as enunciated in the mission talks.

The most important activity of the Sabbath school is participation in the study of God's Word which provides spiritual nurture and enlightenment. Then we may know how we can accomplish its chief purpose—the winning of souls. The messenger of the Lord, Mrs. E. G. White, states, "The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 61). Again she states, "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ" (*Ibid*, p. 10).

Soul-winning outreach programs of the Sabbath school include vacation Bible schools, neighborhood Bible clubs, story hours and branch Sabbath schools. Souls are also won through Sabbath school classes, guest days, et cetera. Many of our Sabbath schools are actively engaged in some, if not all, of these soul-winning activities. A total of 5,766 Sabbath school members have been baptized during the past five years. Our membership, as of December 31, 1985, was 76,469 based on reports received from our conferences. Unfortunately, not all of our churches are reporting; therefore, we are hoping this figure is much higher, as we should be almost double in Sabbath school membership as compared with our church membership, which is 56,773.

In the past five years, we have held two very successful Sabbath School Conventions. One in 1981 and the other in 1984. While we rejoice for the accomplishments of the past quinquennium, we cannot be satisfied that we have achieved the ultimate accomplishments. The future is bright, and greater heights of achievement will be realized through the new Church Ministries department.

The objectives of this department as it relates to "Harvest 90" are as follows:

1. Enlist the outreach potential of each family unit, including single members, by making every effort to strengthen and nourish them.
2. Reach non-Seventh-day Adventist spouses and backslidden Adventists.
3. Utilize the enormous energy and talent of the youth in outreach.
4. Encourage a continuous stewardship education program in every church.
5. Involve Church Ministries directors and associates throughout the union in some form of organized outreach ministry during this quinquennium.
6. Conduct Youth Festivals, Sabbath School and Lay Training Seminars which will aid in equipping and involving church members in ministry.
7. Developing audio-visual materials that will present our message in a current and attractive way.

With the accomplishment of the above objectives, the church undoubtedly will achieve her mission and hasten the day when Jesus will come to take His people home.

It has been a real pleasure serving in the Sabbath School department of our Union during the past quinquennium. As I leave to enjoy my retirement after more than 40 years of service, I ask an interest in your prayers.

## Youth Ministries

In harmony with inspired guidelines, not only have the youth of the church been organized by the church but also many have organized themselves for physical, mental and spiritual activities in the church. Ellen White asked, "Will the young women and young men who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?" (*Signs of the Times*, May 29, 1893). Upon their own initiative and by church board official actions, scores of individuals within the Atlantic Union territory have responded to this question with positive action and results.

On Sabbaths the junior youth are given spiritual exercises within the Sabbath school, but the Pathfinder club organization not only addresses the spiritual but also the mental, physical and social needs of junior-age youth. There are 1,100 staff individuals, and 4,000 Pathfinders.

The Union youth department gives direction to Union-wide Pathfinder camporees every third year; local conferences sponsor spring and fall camporees each year. Thirty clubs and 1,000 Pathfinders attended the North American Division Pathfinder Camporee in Colorado July 30 through August 6, 1985. Two hundred Pathfinders flew to the camporee from Bermuda.

During the five Halloween seasons Pathfinders gathered more than 125,000 food cans, distributed over 2,000 food baskets and various pieces of literature.

All six conferences operated summer youth camps during the quinquennium. There were no serious accidents. The camps involved more than 10,000 registered junior campers.

The young adult activities are as viable and productive as ever in the Hispanic and regional churches. The youth in these churches are as effective in organizing themselves as is the church itself in organizing them under church-appointed leaders.

The youth leadership of several regional conferences, including Northeastern Conference, provided a National Youth Congress in Atlanta, Georgia; and Northeastern Conference will be holding one in May, 1986, in the Civic Center in Syracuse, New York. The Hispanic and Northeastern churches, including minority churches in Greater New York, hold annual spiritual emphasis weeks. Most churches have one or more youth choirs and other small groups that bring inspiration to various meetings throughout the Sabbath. Several musical extravaganzas are held throughout the con-



Leon H. Davis, Communication and Youth Director



ference. These activities provide the fellowship and encouragement that youth seek. Decisions for Christ and baptisms are rewards of these encounters.

During the quinquennium much study has been given to the implementation of these activities in all churches of the Atlantic Union.

During the last twenty years the General Conference youth department has given much study to the organization of the youth department. There was the executive committee, then approximately five years or so were spent in developing the youth council, then came a period of time to change the name from Missionary Volunteer to Adventist Youth Activities, et cetera. The most important step,

however, is yet to be dealt with in a large number of churches—someone to enlist and train the youth. Our youth are involved in the game of life. Games are not won by administrators or managers in the office but on the field where the bat hits the ball, where coaches teach the players the strike zone, how to hit and how to catch, and most importantly, how to score the most runs. The youth work of God needs more leaders to enlist and train the youth for God and His service.

May God bless you to give assistance in this hour of need as plans and decisions are developed for HARVEST 90 and the next quinquennium.

## Atlantic Union College

### YOUR PARTICIPATION IS INVITED SDA HERITAGE QUILT PROJECT

A special scholarship fund-raising project is being planned to benefit the youth of the Atlantic Union Conference who are students of Atlantic Union College. Original quilts celebrating SDA heritage will be designed and made by individuals in the Atlantic Union Conference and will be exhibited and sold during Alumni Weekend, April, 1987.

If you would like to participate in this project, please fill in the form below.

#### INTEREST FORM

Name of Person or Group \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (s) Area code/Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I (we) would like to participate in the SDA Heritage Quilt Project

☐ My (our) level as quilt-makers is ☐ Beginner ☐ Advanced

☐ I (we) would be interested in attending a workshop for beginning quilters to be held at Atlantic Union College

☐ I (we) have an appropriate quilt on SDA heritage which is ☐ completed  
OR ☐ in progress and which I (we) would be willing to ☐ display  
☐ donate. Please provide description of completed or in-progress quilt:

Design/motif

Material

Approximate size

Other information:

Please mail this completed form by June 15, 1986, to:

SDA Heritage Quilt Project  
Atlantic Union College  
So. Lancaster, MA 01561

Telephones: (617) 365-4561, ext. 237, 277

### AUC Honors Core Cited for Excellence

The Honors Core Program at Atlantic Union College recently received praise from a teacher at Susquehanna University who is completing a doctoral dissertation for a degree in the History and Philosophy of Education.

In his dissertation on Values Teaching, Laurie Pamentals plans to discuss two innovative programs which he has come across—AUC's Honors Core Program and the Curriculum II program at Gustavus Adolphus College.

In requesting information on the history of the Honors Core Program, he wrote, "So far, I've examined the catalogs of nearly 175 liberal arts colleges, and those two programs stand out conspicuously as examples of excellence."

The current advisor of the Honors Core Program, Dr. Lynn Sauls, responded by saying, "We are honored with this compliment and we will continue to strive for excellence in the Honors Core Program."



*Dr. Lynn Sauls, Professor of English and Advisor to the Honors Core Program.*





*Dr. Lynn Sauls leads a group of Program II students on a tour of Boston in the early 70's. Program II was the forerunner of the Honors Core Program.*

The Honors Core Program at Atlantic Union College is an outgrowth of Program II which was begun in the late 60's as an alternative approach to the regular general education requirements. Then the program emphasized reading, writing and discussion of topics. Though ungraded (but still evaluated), students were challenged to pursue their own interests with individual projects.

Today the Honors Core is still an alternative to some of the general education classes though the program is now graded. Its name was changed to Honors Core because only students with demonstrated scholastic ability are ad-

mitted and because those who excel are graduated with honors in general education. Some of the current Honors Core classes are The Mind of Man, Contemporary Arts and Ideas, Ethics, Doctrinal Issues, Focus, Issues in Science and Directed Study.

Scholarship funds are available to freshmen who qualify for the Honors Core Program. If the students maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above, additional scholarship funds are granted in the sophomore year. These funds are in addition to all other financial aid the student may receive.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Atlantic Union College Corporation

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Atlantic Union College Corporation is called to convene at the Atlantic Union College Church, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, at 2:00 p.m., June 4, 1986, during the Atlantic Union Conference quinquennial corporate session.

The object of this meeting is to complete revision of the Constitution and By-Laws which was begun at the quinquennial session of the Atlantic Union College Corporation on February 16, 1986, and to attend to any other necessary business.

The members of this corporation consist of the members of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Union College; the president, academic dean, dean of continuing education, dean for students, business manager, executive director of institutional advancement, residence hall deans, heads of instructional departments, and managers of auxiliary departments; the local conference educational superintendents, senior academy principals, local conference secretaries/treasurers of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the administrator of the New England Memorial Hospital; the members of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; the members of the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists in attendance at any meeting of this corporation and/or delegates present at a regularly called Atlantic Union Conference session if and when the constituency meetings are held at the same time and place.

Philip Follett, *President*  
Lawrence T. Geraty, *Secretary*

## AUC's Who's Who

*Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* has announced its list of students who have earned this distinction. Each year since 1934, the faculty has nominated students for this honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

AUC students who received this nomination are: Michael Butterfield, David Buttrick, Sharon Buttrick, David Cady, Brendan Krueger, Joseph Perrone, Wendy Ripley, Ingrid Sbacchi and Lanu Stoddart.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

Gary Gray  
*College Relations*

## Bermuda

### Senior Youth Leadership Training Seminar

Approximately 30 Adventist Youth leaders, assistant leaders, and youths from the eight churches within Bermuda conference attended a weekend leadership seminar at White's Island, April 11 through 13. The featured guest speaker was Elder Leon H. Davis, Youth Director of Atlantic Union, whose years of experience as youth and communication director proved helpful and inspirational to us.

The seminar began on Friday evening with an Agape feast. After the usual introductions and preliminaries concluded, sitting in a circle of love, everyone shared their feelings of concern for their respective youth, the church at large and their failures and successes.

Pastor Randolph Wilson, Conference Youth Director, made sure that we took full advantage of the privilege of learning from Elder Davis as much as possible about helping our young people. There were nine different sessions of approximately 50 minutes each; however, many times we were so involved in Elder Davis's teachings we would exceed the allotted time. Lectures presented were (1) New Challenge of the 80's for church





*Two of the four groups of Bermuda youth leaders participating in workshop sessions.*

youth leaders; (2) Spiritual, educational, recreational/social programs that would develop a committed youth attending Adventist Youth Activity meetings; (3) Awareness and entry programs that would lead to church fellowship and baptism of the unchurched; and (4) Group meetings where programs are developed for AYA meetings.

The Somerset church was best represented not only by quantity but also quality. Several youths between the ages of 13 and 16 attended; but the exceptional factor was not their presence, but the enthusiasm they generated throughout the entire weekend.

In addition to our leaders, youths and interested parties, two special guests spent the weekend with us, Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Gibbons. It was more than a pleasure, it was a true blessing having them with us. Both mornings the girls were awakened by the melodious voice

of Sister Gibbons. She is so loving, that those around her have no choice but to share her sentiments, give and receive as much love. Pastor Gibbons offered the devotional on Sunday morning, encouraging us to continue to be loving in order to reach our young people.

This camping trip was a first for many of us and most definitely will not be the last. We couldn't begin to tell you all the wonderful things we experienced. The air was light, full of life, love, laughter and humor. It was one for all and all for one. It amazed us how so many different people could get together and in such a short time love one another so unconditionally. We were not just fellow Christians, we were all brothers and sisters in Christ, and with our Heavenly Father.

We concluded our last session just before lunch with Elder Davis. Several individuals shared their feelings of joy and spiritual gains with the group during

lunch. Now, the time has come to leave, although we longed to be back with our loved ones at home, we still wished the weekend had not gone so quickly. Consequently, we pray and hope to have a similar seminar next year.

After the usual photo sessions, everyone boarded the boat. Elder Davis offered a prayer of thanks and a request for a safe journey back to the main land. As we went across the harbor, we sang one of Sister Gibbons' favorite songs, "Precious Memories, as they linger." Elder Davis, once again, we thank you for sharing your time, knowledge, experience with us, and for the materials that you have given us. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you as you endeavor to continue His work wherever you are. We love you.

Frigga M. Simmons  
Conference A. Y. Secretary

## Greater New York

### Senior Citizens' Organization is Puerto Rico-Bound

February 16, 1986, was a day to remember for residents of the Adventist Health and Retirement Center and the Livingston Senior Citizens' Organization.

A slide presentation on Puerto Rico by Joe Acosta, director of the Conference-wide organization, was viewed with excitement, since members plan a spiritually oriented vacation trip to that island June 2 to 9. A light dinner

of sandwiches and fruit was served and fun, games and fellowship followed the presentation.

Helene Socia is the coordinator for the Senior Citizens' Organization at the Center. She pointed out that serving others is a priority in the organization, saying, "A key project is helping residents in the Adventist Home with the mending of clothes."

The grand opening of the expanded health food store, on the grounds of the Adventist Home, is expected to enhance

retirement residents and the community as well, particularly through the cooking and bread-making classes to be conducted there.

Senior citizens throughout the Conference are invited to come and visit Livingston and to have lunch with us. Please contact Joe Acosta at 518 851-9182 for the necessary arrangements.

The Livingston chapter of the Senior Citizens' Organization is endeavoring to be a model for the Conference-wide



organization of 400 to 500 members. "Our aim is to help make the Adventist Health and Retirement Center a community able to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters during their retirement years, through God's help," said Helene Socia.

The Adventist Health and Retirement Center campus is growing—mentally, physically and spiritually. Staff and residents want to share this growth experience with senior citizens throughout the area. Please visit us soon!

Ruthann Haus  
Communication Secretary  
Livingston Church

## Camp Meeting to Feature "Quiet Hour" Speaker

Elder L. E. Tucker, speaker/director of "The Quiet Hour" radio broadcast, will be a featured speaker for English camp meeting which meets June 27-July 5. Other camp meetings scheduled for 1986 are Portuguese, May 23-25; Spanish, July 11-19; French, July 20-27.

## "E-Van-gelism" Report

- Blood pressure testing was recently conducted at the Roosevelt Field shopping mall by Van Program staff members—without the van. A number of screenings were arranged at the mall, with excellent response and interest from shoppers.

- The Van Center church company which was organized March 8 at the Van Center in New Hyde Park continues to meet Sabbath afternoons. A full Sabbath school is scheduled at 3:00 p.m.

## FOURTH KOREAN CHURCH ORGANIZED



The Queens Korean church was officially organized in Flushing recently, with 52 charter members. Conference leaders, pastors and members from the three other Korean congregations in metropolitan New York were in attendance for the organization service.

Church services are held at 4:00 p.m. weekly. Elder John Williamson serves as pastor of the group, which is an outreach of the Old Westbury church. Juanita Kretschmar, Van Program director, leads the new company.

- Power to Cope Program in Poughkeepsie—The Power to Cope television program produced by the Van Ministries, is now being aired Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. on Poughkeepsie Cable (Channel 10). It has been airing for more than two years on Group

W (Monday, 8:00 p.m. Channel C) and Manhattan Cable (Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Channel D) in Manhattan, and is also scheduled on stations in Texas and Georgia. Free air time is being sought on more stations in the local area. Cassettes on 1/2-inch tape (VHS) are also available now at cost (\$12.00 per program) for home use. To order, write Power to Cope, P.O. Box 1029, Manhasset, NY 11030, or (in New York), call 1-800-832-2210. Outside New York, call 516/6227-2210. ☆



Youngsters enjoy seeing what happens when a foolish man builds his house on sand.



Blood pressure testing at Roosevelt Field shopping mall.



## Personnel Update Publishing Director Welcomed

Elder and Mrs. Ron Wooten and their son were welcomed by the Conference staff recently. Elder Wooten has been in Greater New York since February 1 leading out in the Publishing Department work following the departure of Elder Wally Quedzuweit to head the publishing work for the Euro-Africa Division. Ron and his wife, Gail, have three children: Gina, Rick and Robbie.

Pastor Maurice Vargas is serving as pastor of the Flushing company and as assistant pastor of the Jackson Heights church in Queens. Pastor Vargas and his wife Karna come to us from California where Maurice graduated from Pacific Union College. ☆

## Family Day Celebrated at Fort Washington Hispanic Church

In a special Family Day celebrated at the Hispanic Fort Washington church in Manhattan earlier this year, presentations were designed to help each member of the family in their relationships with each other.

Elder Eliezer Barreiro and his wife Leonor spoke during the eleven o'clock service on "Children, Our Inheritance," focusing on the spiritual importance of teaching children to obey. At the same time, presentations were made to the youth by Sister Esther Adames and to children ages three to ten by Sister Ruby Torres.

After a fellowship lunch, group meetings were held: older couples met with Pastor Barreiro, and young married couples met with Sister Leonor Barreiro. Topic for both groups was "The Art of Conserving a Marriage." Single parents met with Sister Maria Ledesma on the topic, "The Art of Having a Special Friendship between Parent and Children."

For children ages three to ten, Sister Ruby Torres discussed, "The Art of Having Friends." "The Art of Falling in Love" was presented by Elder Juan Prestol to the male youth and by Sister Belkis Prestol to the female youth.

The day closed with a reaffirmation of vows for every married couple present in the sanctuary.

Joanne Ledesma  
Communication Secretary



*Tony Cirigliano is pastor of the Poughkeepsie-Newburgh district. A native New Yorker, Tony is a 1985 graduate of Southern College. He became aware of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through a "These Times" magazine he found in his mailbag when he was working as a letter carrier. Pastor Cirigliano and his wife, Mary Ann, are parents of two children, Natalie and Anthony, Jr.*



*Angel Rodriguez is serving as the interim pastor/Bible worker of the Youngsville-Port Jervis district while the church's pastor, Elder David Burke, is on a brief study leave. Angel is a 1985 graduate of Atlantic Union College, where he was active in student campus ministries. Angel and his wife, Valerie, are shown with their son, 10-month-old Jonathan.*

## New York

### Pastors, Teachers and Literature Evangelists in New York Conference Meet

For the first time in many, many years workers in these areas of labor met together at one time and in one place on the campus of Union Springs Academy on Sunday, April 13. The Conference Administration and departmental men desired to have this joint meeting to bring about a closer working relationship and cohesiveness among the various segments of the working force of the New York Conference.

The groups met in joint session to hear Elder Philip Follett, the new Atlantic Union Conference President, present the devotional message and then to follow through with emphasis on Harvest 90. He stressed the goals being promoted throughout the North American Division and the world field.

After dinner everyone reconvened in the academy chapel to hear a fine presentation by Elder Dave Osborne,

representative from Atlantic Union College. His enthusiasm for the future of AUC is certainly contagious and it would appear that the best days for AUC are just ahead. He related many recent highlights and future plans for AUC.

After the AUC presentation, the three groups separated and gave emphasis to their particular field of labor. Elder Pete Kamilos, the Union Publishing Director, met with the colporteurs and Elder Wright with the teachers. Their featured speaker was Elder Robert Correia, a creation-science specialist, who presented many interesting facts and also showed slides regarding dinosaurs, in particular. During April he visited various schools throughout the New York Conference and his ministry was most appreciated.

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# CAMP HEROKEE

of the  
Adirondack Mountains  
Saranac Lake, NY



Come to Cherokee and enjoy the great out-of-doors.

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Junior Camp I	13-20
Junior Camp II	20-27
Teen Camp	27-Aug. 3
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Family Camp	Aug. 3-10
Health Prof. Camp	21-14

Mail application to:

Youth Department  
 New York Conference of SDA  
 Box 67  
 Syracuse, New York 13215

Check should be made out to Camp Cherokee. Receipt will be returned by mail.

(315) 469-6921

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rec.# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Camp Fee Pd. \_\_\_\_\_  
 At Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Store Deposit \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Laundry \_\_\_\_\_





*The pastors, teachers and literature evangelists who assembled for the combined workers meeting standing in front of the USA Chapel.*

It is hoped that these groups will be able to get together on future occasions as opportunity permits. It is the desire that all three groups work ever more closely together to present the overall

message of the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Donald Wright  
*Communication Director*

## Dinosaur Project

April was very special to four schools in New York Conference. Elder and Mrs. Robert Correia, retired missionaries from Claremont, Virginia, donated a month of their time to Kingsbury and Parkview Junior academies, and Frontenac and Jamestown elementary schools.

Elder Correia shared his expertise in the areas of dinosaurs, cosmology, and

science and the Bible with the pupils and church members by conducting: classes, worship talks, prayer meetings, home and school presentations and Sabbath programs.

Thanks to this dedicated and devoted couple, many people in New York have a better understanding of the Flood and look forward longingly to the wonders of Heaven.

Andrea Herrington, *Teacher*  
*Parkview Jr. Academy*



*Elder Correia standing beside one of his exhibits at the time of his presentation at the Parkview school in Syracuse.*

## New York Health Professionals Believe in Prevention

Five hundred fifty dollars in prize money was contributed this spring by the New York Conference Health Professionals as an educational tool for its children and teens. They felt keenly that our future generation needs all the reminding it can get relative to the evils of drug abuse and benefits of a healthy life-style.

The teen winners were awarded their monies Saturday evening at Union Springs Academy by Doctors Roger Cook and Joseph Trefz. That event concluded the academy's Health/Temperance emphasis week.



*Christa Delcamp of USA was the first place winner for the teen essay contest.*



*Hans Fairbank of Cortland Adventist School was first place winner for the poster contest.*

The eight winners are:

### Essay

- 1st Christa Delcamp
- 2nd Michele Neigel
- 3rd Hans Fairbank
- 4th Amy Murray

### Poster

- 1st Hans Fairbank
- 2nd Carlos Lopez
- 3rd Leona Herrington
- 4th Lloyd Flood



The elementary (age 7-12) contest will end June 2 and the eight Camp Cherokee scholarship prizes will be awarded on June 29 at camp meeting.

Parents, lift up the banner of Health/Temperance by encouraging your child to think, read and live a life free of drugs but filled with exercise and nutritious food.

Mike Ortel  
Health/Temperance Director

*The following Health/Temperance essay written by Christa Delcamp won first place in the teen essay contest held at Union Springs Academy this spring:*

### "Why I As a Christian Choose Not to Abuse My Body"

I, as a Christian choose not to abuse my body because when I think about everything that God has given to me, such as a healthy, alert mind, the ability to concentrate, and good health, I would not want to go and ruin all that by taking drugs, drinking alcohol, or smoking.

If only we could realize how valuable these gifts of health are, we would treat our bodies with more care. Unfortunately, a lot of teenagers find out how valuable their minds, bodies, and health

are after it is too late. After they have already abused them.

The second reason why I choose not to abuse my body, is because after all that God has done for me, I think it is my duty as a Christian to be a representative to the world of how a Christian should treat his or her own body. To be an example of how Christ would treat His body if He were here on earth.

I also choose not to abuse my body so I can live a long, happy life without any problems that would arise as a result of abusing my body. God intended for us to have a long, healthful, prosperous life. By not abusing my body I can achieve this.

I also think of my parents and close relatives. They have supported and encouraged me through the years. They are so glad to see me achieve my goals. I would not want to disappoint them by using drugs, drinking alcohol or smoking.

The last and final reason why I choose not to abuse my body is for myself. I, as a Christian have set high standards and goals for myself. I know that an alcohol- and drug-free life will help me achieve the goals that I want to reach in my lifetime. Taking drugs and having poor health practices will have the opposite effect. Alcohol and drugs are not for the person who plans on going places in life. ☆



Pastor and Mrs. Michael J. Lay

Avenue, Brattleboro, Vermont, on Sunday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m. for light refreshments with a program of sacred music and poems to honor the Lays.

Irving Weatherhead of the Brattleboro church represented the district by presenting the Lay's with a purse and a plaque with the names of the churches in this district and date of time served here, from their friends.

Elder Lay has served the Brattleboro and West Townshend, Vermont, and Drewsville and Keene, New Hampshire, churches since July of 1983.

He has accepted a call to pastor the London-St. Thomas churches in Ontario, Canada. He and Mrs. Lay moved there Tuesday, March 18. They have three sons, David and daughter-in-law Liza of South Lancaster, Massachusetts; Brian, a senior at Atlantic Union College; and Andrew, a junior at Pine Tree Academy, Freeport, Maine.

We wish them God's blessing.

Margaret Smead  
Communication Secretary  
Keene, NH

## Northern New England

### RICHMOND, MAINE, BAPTISM



After many studies, Louise and Walter Chase (right) and David and Lorraine Smith (center) were baptized January 26, 1986, by Pastor Norman Deakin, (left). They have joined the Richmond, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Nedra Deakin  
Communication Secretary

### REMEMBER GOD IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

If you should need assistance, please write to:

Trust Services Office  
Northern New England Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventist, Inc.  
PO Box 1340  
Portland, ME 04104  
or call: (207) 797-3760

### Farewell to Elder and Mrs. Lay

Elder and Mrs. Michael J. Lay were guests of honor at a farewell given by members of the Mountain View District churches.

Friends gathered at the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Western

### Baptism in Waterville, Maine

One of the greatest thrills that comes to any pastor is the joy of being used by the Lord to supply thirsting hearts and minds with the precious messages of the salvation of Christ. The value of a soul cannot be measured by age. All are just as precious in God's plan. But the thrill that one has when the energy of youth is dedicated to the Lord through baptism, at an early age, is long remembered.

Oh, how often I have stood on the platform on Sabbath or at camp meeting and have been reminded! As my eyes scan the people before me, here and there, throughout the congregation are precious faces of both young and old that I have had the honor of baptizing. I thank the Lord for each one of them.





Left to right: Peter Turk, Elder Menshausen, Joanna Carter, Elder Farley, Emily Dove and Kevin Miller.

Sabbath, March 29, four more young people were added to the list, as Elder Robert Farley, Youth Director of the Southern New England Conference, joined me in an afternoon baptism in the Waterville church. Kevin Miller, joined the Waterville church and Joanna Carter, Emily Dove and Peter Turk joined the Norridgewock church. Joanna, Emily and Peter made their decisions for Christ as a result of the Fall Week of Prayer conducted by the Northern New England Conference evangelist, Michael Sczekan. Elder Farley just concluded the Spring Week of Prayer that, we trust, will result in more decisions for Christ in the coming days.

Elder W.W. Menshausen  
District Pastor

## WHITE RIVER CANOE TRIP

May 23-26, 1986

**CHURCH SERVICE:** A Youth Rally scheduled for Sabbath to be held in the vicinity of the camp.

**CANOE TRIP:** A 2-day 25-mile trip down the White River starting Sunday morning and finishing early Monday afternoon.

**FEES:** Cost of \$13.00 per person for 3 nights and 4 days. Children under 12 free. Cost for a day or part of a day \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 for day and night. \$2.00 per person reservation fee covers the cost of insurance and miscellaneous.

**ITEMS FURNISHED:** Campsite, insurance & lots of fun!

**CAMP GROUND:** White River Valley Campground, Gaysville, Vt (1/10 mi. off Rt. 107) Phone 802-234-9115.

**ITEMS TO BRING:** Tent or trailer, sleeping bag, rain gear, warm clothing, camera, binoculars, food, canoe, paddles, life jackets, personal items and a warm smile.

**THE RIVER:** The river is classified in degree of difficulty from 1-3 with no long stretches of rough water, but is powerful enough to be exciting, exhilarating and "cooling." At least one experienced canoer to be in each canoe to avoid too much "cooling" effect.

**CANOES:** There will be no Lawroweld canoes available. Bring your own, borrow or rent one.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for camping are necessary in order to provide campsites and insurance. *Return the reservation below* and join the fun! If you prefer not to canoe, come and camp with us anyway.

## WHITE RIVER CANOE TRIP

May 23-26, 1986

Please find enclosed the \$2.00/person for:

Name _____	Age _____	
Address _____	City _____	State _____
Zip _____	Phone _____	Mail Application to
Please reserve me a campsite		Youth Dept. NNE Conf.
		Box 1340
		Portland, ME 04104

## Southern New England

### Providence Church Dedicated

The Greater Providence church members dedicated their new church building on Sabbath, March 29, with Elder Philip Follett, Atlantic Union Conference president, the guest speaker at the morning worship service and Elder Donald Roth, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, speaking at the actual dedication in the afternoon.

Built at a cost of approximately \$460,000, the church was dedicated debt free. Elder Larry Davis, conference treasurer, led in the mortgage burning ceremony, assisted by Miss Adele Emin



Greater Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church in Johnston, Rhode Island.



who was church treasurer for forty years. The building seats about two hundred fifty and was filled that day to overflowing.

The church is located on highway U. S. 6 in the town of Johnston, Rhode Island, one of the main arteries leading into Providence from the west. Much labor was contributed by the members under the direction of Brother Amalfitano, a building contractor and member of the church.

Elder Stanley J. Steiner, conference president, congratulated the congregation on their achievement and extended best wishes as the congregation lifts the banner of gospel truth to the new community and the greater Providence area. Fourteen new members have been added to the church during the past year, eight of them by baptism.

Victor W. Collins  
Communication Director

## BURLINGTON MALL BOOTH



Under the direction of Rita Vital, a booth was opened at the Health Fair at the Burlington, Massachusetts, Mall April 10. Shown are (L. to R.) Kevin Plaisted taking a blood pressure reading, nurse Edna Simmons and Charleze Wissekerke who were helping to man the booth. Over one hundred people permitted their blood pressure to be taken that day with many pieces of literature given and Smoking Sam demonstrating the pollution of cigarettes. This was a preliminary project to the van ministry in Boston.

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 City..... State..... Zip.....  
 Age..... Birthday..... Sex..... M..... F.....  
 Grade..... School.....  
 Baptized..... Yes..... No.....  
 Home Church.....

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 (Signature of Applicant)

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_____ Junior II	July 6-13	\$95.00
_____ Junior III	July 13-20	\$95.00
_____ Teen	July 20-27	\$95.00
_____ Friendship	July 27-Aug. 3	\$95.00
_____ Teen Blind	August 3-10	FREE
_____ Adult/Family	August 10-17	\$85.00 & \$180.00
_____ Allagash Canoe	August 8-17	\$95.00

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THEME: "Jesus and I"  
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Sabbath School: 9:15 a.m.  
Youth Church Service: 10:45 a.m.

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and Medical Cadets: 3:00 p.m.

Vespers: "The Crucifixion"  
Evening: Recreation

Lodging is free, courtesy of AUC. Bring your own linen and sleeping bag. Meal tickets can be pre-purchased through the Youth Department or Spanish Coordinator's Office of the Southern New England Conference.

Send reservation by May 26, to:  
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Elder Fred Hernandez, Spanish Coordinator  
Southern New England Conference  
P.O. Box 1169  
South Lancaster, MA 01561

**CORRECTION**

The cost to use a site for a private tent or trailer full time during Southern New England Camp Meeting is \$42.00 not \$15.00 as previously stated.

other health care and educational organizations within the Atlantic and Lake Union Conferences.

A member of many professional organizations, including the American Hospital Association and the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association, Shampo brought a high level of personal commitment to AHS/North.

He and his wife, Marge, live in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

**Beech Hill Hospital  
Acquired by AHS/North**

Adventist Health System/North (AHS/North) completed negotiations in December of 1985 for the purchase of Beech Hill Hospital in Dublin, New Hampshire. Founded in 1948 for the purpose of treating alcoholism and other types of substance abuse, the 107-bed hospital, now owned and operated by AHS/North, will participate in the mission of New Day Centers, Inc. (NDC), an affiliate organization of AHS/North dedicated to substance abuse treatment.

According to Lawrence E. Schalk, president of AHS/North, the acquisition of Beech Hill Hospital strengthens the Adventist presence in the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. "The substance abuse program at Beech Hill Hospital provides us with an opportunity to share the treatment philosophy supported by New Day Centers," says Schalk.

As a member institution of AHS/North, Beech Hill Hospital will utilize the large scale marketing services available through NDC. Although the current treatment program will remain unchanged, plans are underway to expand the program to include adolescents. Needs assessment and feasibility studies among the service population will help direct present and future programs.

According to Thomas E. Williams, acting president of New Day Centers, the staff at Beech Hill Hospital and the

## Adventist Health System North

### Gerald E. Shampo Retires

After working 35 years as a health care professional, 21 of these years spent in service to Adventist health care, Gerald Shampo retired on February 28, as vice-president for operations at Adventist Health System/North (AHS/North), Hinsdale, Illinois. Shampo came to AHS/North in 1981 from Fuller Memorial Hospital in South Attleboro, Massachusetts, where he was administrator from 1965.

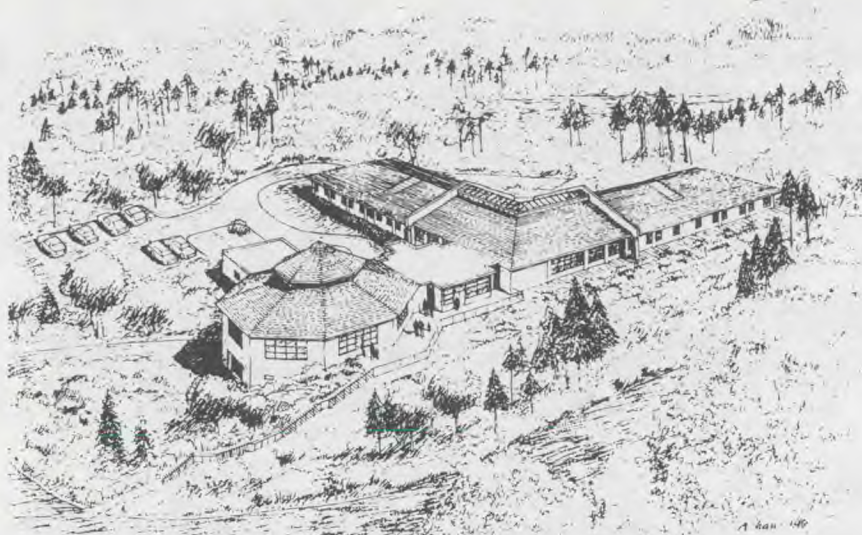
As vice-president for operations, he chaired the boards of trustees of Parkview Memorial Hospital in Maine, Fuller Memorial Hospital in Massachusetts, Chippewa Valley Hospital and Nursing Home in Wisconsin, Battle Creek Adventist Hospital, and Tri-County Community Hospital in Michigan. He also served as a member of the board of trustees for New England



*Gerald E. Shampo*

Memorial Hospital in Massachusetts and New Day Centers, the substance abuse division of AHS/North. Shampo held professional appointments in numerous





*The artist's sketch of the proposed building for Beech Hill Hospital in Dublin, New Hampshire, to be completed in 1986.*

NDC staff look forward to a sharing of expertise in the area of substance abuse treatment. Williams anticipates NDC's involvement to focus primarily on strategic planning and marketing. Former owners, John Valentine and Perry Kiritsy, recognized NDC as a leader of addiction treatment in this country and feel confident about linking the future of the hospital with the Adventist Health System.

Beech Hill Hospital operates six regional offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Canada as a means of marketing its services and providing follow-up care to patients. In order to attract an even broader patient clientele, the hospital is currently involved in a major capital improvement project which will increase the number of beds from 107 to 140 (98 for intermediate care and 42 for detoxification). The project includes construction of a new 80-bed facility and remodeling of existing structures. Completion is expected within the current calendar year.

Although the state of New Hampshire has granted AHS/North a Certificate of Need (CON) for the transfer of ownership of Beech Hill Hospital and completion of the construction project, this CON is being challenged with appeal pending in the New Hampshire Supreme Court. Nevertheless, at the present time, Beech Hill Hospital is an AHS/North member organization. The ruling is expected within six months.

Donna Kristensen  
*Free Lance writer living  
in Hinsdale, IL*

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was caught red-handed stealing. He was a poor boy, and needed some clothes to keep him from constant embarrassment. Yet, stealing was wrong. The boy was suspended. My friend drove him to his home in the crowded city and wept with his mother about the incident. Then, every week during the suspension, this educator drove the long trip to the boy's home to take him assignments and encourage him not to give up. At last, the youth was readmitted on probation.

Years later, this young man became a respected leader in the church. He owed his career—and possibly his spiritual life—to a Barnabas, a man who believed in him when he didn't deserve it.

Just as we all need to have a Barnabas in our lives, we all need to be a Barnabas to someone else. Perhaps a young person, a new Christian, or even a pastor needs to know that someone believes in him or her when others have given up hope. Is there someone in your church, your community, or your home who may lose out unless *you* are a Barnabas?

Barnabas not only believed in the unbelievable, but he helped people to accomplish the unachievable. Knowing that Barnabas was backing them up, they did more than they thought they could. Once again, Barnabas must have learned this skill from Jesus. He took rough, everyday people and made them capable of turning the world upside down.

"In the common walks of life there is many a man patiently treading the round

of daily toil, unconscious that he possesses powers which, if called into action, would raise him to an equality with the world's most honored men. The touch of a skillful hand is needed to arouse those dormant faculties" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 250).

Be a Barnabas. Dare to give what you cannot keep—your time, energy and trust—to gain what you cannot lose—an eternal friend.

Find your satisfaction in helping others to succeed.

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## General News . . .

### Taking Full Advantage of God's Nature

The Union Educational Board met April 8, 1986. Our newly elected Union President, Elder Phil Follett, chaired the session. Paul Kilgore, Director of Education, is the secretary. A number of items for the 1986-87 school year were on the agenda.

At this season of the year principals and teachers are elected or reappointed for the school year and plans and dates of various events are scheduled. Your school may be interested in the following event that took place early in the 1985-86 school year.

The Sandy Ridge school of Oxford, Maine, spent one day of school at Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine. Each year, according to Principal William G. Snow, III, the school takes at least one outdoor educational trip. The second annual educational trip, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Ron Goodall, was held at Camp Lawroweld. There was no expenditure for the use of the camp facilities.

Additional camp supervisors went along that enabled the pupils to enjoy a tremendous opportunity in God's great outdoors. Principal Snow said that the values in learning stressed in this environment are different from classroom learning. Teamwork is given a high priority, values are stressed, and devotionals are geared toward nature. As the

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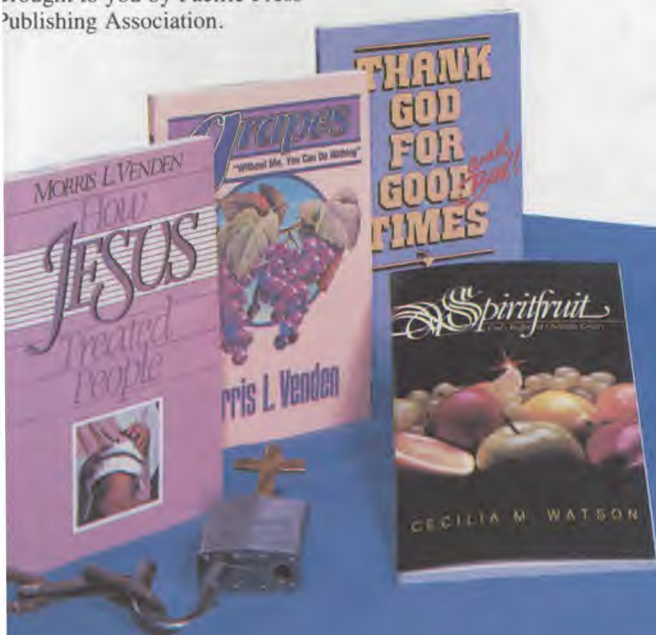
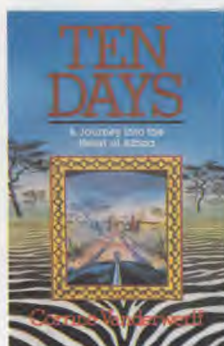
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## GREATER NEW YORK

### Camp Meetings

Portuguese, May 23-25  
English, June 28-July 5  
Spanish, July 11-19  
French, July 20-27

## NEW YORK

### Bible Prophecy Seminar

Norwich SDA Church  
Apr. 5-May 30  
Sat., Mon., Wed. 7:00-8:15 p.m.

### Youth Retreat

May 30 & 31  
Cortland, NY

### USA Graduation

June 6-8

### Camp Meeting

June 27-July 5

### Camp Cherokee

Opportunity Camp	July 6-13
Jr. Camp I	July 13-20
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Back Pack or	
Canoe Camp	Aug. 3-10
Health Prof. Camp	Aug. 21-24

## NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

### Camp Meeting

June 19-28

Association of Adventist  
Counselors (AAC)

Pine Tree Academy  
Freeport, ME  
Second Sunday of each month  
exc. July & Aug.  
10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

### Sacred Organ Concert

Stoneham, MA, SDA Church  
29 Maple St.  
May 17; 3:30 p.m.  
Organist, Keith Rasmussen of  
Kingsway College

### Adventist Singles Ministry Retreat Weekend

May 23-25  
Bethlehem, NH in  
beautiful White Mts.  
Contact Lucy Santana  
(617) 368-8453 after 6:00 p.m.

### Boston Van Dedication

May 24; 3:00 p.m.  
At New England Mem. Hosp.  
Stoneham, MA

### Camp Meeting

June 20-28

### Camp Winnekeag

Jr. Camp I	June 29-July 6
Jr. Camp II	July 6-13
Jr. Camp III	July 13-20
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Friendship Camp	July 27-Aug. 3
Teen Blind Camp	Aug. 3-10
Adult/Family Camp	Aug. 10-17
Allagash Canoe	Aug. 8-17

### Bible Study & Fellowship

Springfield, MA, church  
1118 Sumner Ave.  
Pastor Max Thames  
(413) 782-6260  
(413) 783-0408  
Every Sunday Evening

## ATLANTIC UNION

### Union-wide Ministerial Council

June 1; 6:45 p.m.-June 3; p.m.  
Registration Sun. June 1; p.m.  
All union pastors and spouses  
urged to attend. Meetings  
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pupils play together at swimming, canoeing and other group games they become acquainted with one another. Principal Snow recommends that other schools take advantage of this excellent opportunity which has become a tradition with Sandy Ridge school. ☆

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### The Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in connection with the twenty-fourth session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be held June 4, 1986, at 11:00 a.m. at Atlantic Union College Church, Main Street and George Hill Road, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561.

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

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

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# Out-of-Union Announcements

**Class of 1966 Reunion, Mt. Vernon Academy, Mt. Vernon, OH**—June 21 & 22 at MVA. Contact Gail Jepson Szana, HCR 37 Box 20, Pierre, SD 57501.

**Manfred, ND, SDA Church Homecoming**—June 21 for members, former members, and pastors. Reply to Nellie Deede, Box 98, Fessenden, ND 58438.

**Association of SDA Librarians Annual Meeting and Conference**—June 23-28 at AUC, So. Lancaster, MA 01561. Contact Lethiel Parson, Library Director, AUC.

**Reunion of the Grand Junction, CO, SDA school, 8th and Colorado Ave.** for former students and teachers, pre-1950's—Aug. 8-10. Contact Avis Jaynes Carlson, 1155 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501; (303) 243-7257.

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### Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Bangor, ME	7:40	7:48	7:56	8:04	8:11
Portland, ME	7:43	7:51	7:59	8:06	8:13
Boston, MA	7:43	7:51	7:59	8:06	8:12
So. Lancaster, MA	7:46	7:54	8:01	8:08	8:15
Pittsfield, MA	7:52	8:00	8:08	8:15	8:21
Hartford, CT	7:49	7:56	8:03	8:10	8:16
New York, NY	7:52	7:59	8:06	8:13	8:18
Utica, NY	8:02	8:10	8:17	8:24	8:31
Syracuse, NY	8:05	8:13	8:21	8:28	8:34
Rochester, NY	8:11	8:19	8:27	8:34	8:41
Buffalo, NY	8:16	8:24	8:31	8:38	8:45
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	6:59	7:04	7:09	7:13	7:18
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"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot, martyred missionary to the Auca Indians of South America, wrote this expression of his life philosophy when he was a student at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Joseph of Cypress lived by the same ideals. He chose to spend what he had to strengthen others. It was not strange that he was one of the early Christians who sold a field that was his own property and gave the money into a common fund for the support of all Christian believers.

The Scriptures say simply, "There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need" (Acts 4:34, 35).\*

Joseph, also known as Barnabas, was the first Christian noted by name who followed this practice. He became known as the "Son of Consolation" or the "Son of Encouragement." Whenever we meet him in Scripture he is spending himself to help others succeed.

Tradition says that Barnabas was one of the seventy followers Jesus sent out to represent Him. If that is true, we know where Barnabas learned how to help other people succeed. That was Jesus' way.

Saul of Tarsus, as a new Christian, met with suspicion and distrust in the Christian community. Enter Barnabas. He risked his reputation by becoming a sponsor for the persecutor-turned-apostle. "When he [Saul] came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles" (Acts 9:26, 27).

When the Gentile believers grew to be a significant influence in the Antioch church, some of the Jewish Christians became nervous. Would the Gospel be safe in a community dominated by Greek converts? The church in Jerusalem wisely dispatched Barnabas to evaluate the situation. Good, generous, people-builder Barnabas. Instead of writing policies to protect Jewish interests in the young church from Gentile "intruders," Barnabas "was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts" (Acts 11:23).

To nurture the newly developing Gentile church in Antioch, Barnabas made a quick trip to Tarsus to recruit his friend, Saul. The two of them spent a year establishing this unique congregation where the disciples were first called "Christians." Perhaps the presence of a man who seemed to get his greatest delight out of building others led to that term being applied to the believers. Like Christ, Barnabas

always worked to help somebody else.

The Antioch church wanted to pass along the good spirit that had helped them grow. So they ordained their pastors, Barnabas and Saul, and sent them out as the first Christian missionaries. John Mark, a relative of Barnabas, went along as a young understudy. Things went well for awhile, but when the trip got tough, young Mark returned home to his mother in Jerusalem. Saul (by now called Paul) was disgusted with the youth.

A little while after Paul and Barnabas returned home from their missionary trip, they decided to retrace their steps in an effort to strengthen the faith of the new believers. Once again, young John Mark wanted to accompany the missionaries. Paul was adamant. No deserter deserved to be numbered with their team. It was a matter of necessity. They needed men who would carry their share of the load, not shirkers who walked away from a tough assignment.

Once again, Barnabas came to the rescue. He insisted that John Mark had learned his lesson, and should be trusted. Paul refused. He and Barnabas parted company, but Barnabas let Mark stay with him. This was the making of Mark. Apparently he learned to hang tough even when the going went hard. Years later, Paul wrote to another young understudy, "Get Mark, and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry" (II Timothy 4:11).

Paul could write those words only because Barnabas was an indefatigable builder of people. Leave it to high-powered doers like Paul, and the John Marks get left behind. It takes the patience, the persistence, and the hope of a Barnabas to build a John Mark. But perhaps Paul forgot that without the confidence of Barnabas, he would not have been accepted within the Christian community, either.

All of us need a Barnabas in our lives. We need to have people who believe in us, even when we disappoint them.

An educator I highly respect told me of his early days as a dean of boys in a Midwestern academy. One of his boys



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