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THIS BUSINESS OF RECLAIMING

The year 1993 has started off with a bang! Not only was 1993 declared "The Year of the Pastor" by the North American Division but another emphasis has been added to get the saints revved up for action. Now we have "Rejoice with Me!" which is a project for reclaiming former members for Christ and reestablishing them in church fellowship.

It is true that in probably every church in the nation there are individuals or even entire families who have once been active in the church with its beautiful worship systems, numerous activities and programs, who somehow grew warm, then cold, and finally stopped attending church.

We categorize such persons as backsliders. When you hear this expression used publicly, it conjures some interesting visuals in the imagination. Ever think of someone climbing a hill covered with snow and ice? They get so far and then the footing becomes unsure. The individual tries to find something to hold on to so as to prevent a falling away, but nothing is within reach.

In spite of all their wishes to keep going forward, they begin to slide backwards. Finally they find themselves back on the same level where they started. That completes the cycle of the experience of backsliding. First the ascent, then the involuntary descent.

Ever talk with people who found themselves out of contact with the church? Ever wonder why people backslide? Have you dared ask the question, "Who contributed to their backsliding?"

Let me share with you some of the reasons that people give for leaving the church. Keep in mind that this is not an experience that the people involved wanted to have happen in their lives. This list is simply a compilation of things that occurred.

1. Seasoned members were always criticizing them on issues like diet and dress reform.

2. They were not drawn into social circles in the church. They felt excluded but saw others in cliques who seemed happier in the church setting.

3. Seldom were they visited by the pastor or other leaders in the church. A feeling of isolation or unworthiness overwhelmed them.

4. The friendship circles that they had before becoming members of the Adventist church were still out there and they discovered that their friends of many years had a drawing power in their lives. They also found some difficulty in answering questions about their new faith and its Bible-based theology.

5. Some backsliders say that there was more joy in their former churches, more fellowship, more strong preaching about JESUS.

6. They heard so much emphasis on Christian education but found it difficult to get involved. The system of stewardship the church teaches had already impacted their lives and then here comes this talk about tuition for private schooling. That can be a pretty big mountain for new believers.

7. A big issue was the feeling of powerlessness. I have been told that people need to be taught how to pray and to know how prayer works. This is the lifeline for any Christian. If one finds that prayer is a mystery and fails to learn how to relate to Jesus, disaster and shipwreck are waiting around some nearby corner.

Having raised these issues, I shall leave you thinking about how your church can deal with such problems. Next month we shall take a look at suggestions for reclaiming former members. Some simple, basic answers await us! Until next time, . . . keep seeking!

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Aerial view of
New England
Memorial Hospital
campus.
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SHINING IN BRONX NEIGHBORHOODS ...

cleaned and fenced off as play areas for our children," she said, "the streets have been repaved; we have five beautiful gardens in our area; and we are keeping dumpers out of the neighborhood."

Following a public hearing and receipt of a petition with 141 signatures, the Borough President recommended that the lots not be sold at auction. He pledged to work with city agencies and the community to clean and fence city-owned properties to prevent illegal dumping. The Borough President credits Mrs. Rosario's hard work in saving the lots. She is community services leader of the Morris Park church.

Parade Songs and Banners Speak to Neighborhood—Spanish University Church Leads in Second Anti-Drug Parade—In spite of rain, a parade of Bronx Adventists marched along Grand Concourse Boulevard last fall. Marchers carried street-wide banners proclaiming the marchers' purpose: to

affirm a drug-free, family-oriented lifestyle with Christ's help. Hymns and songs sung by the paraders drew attention of passers-by and people looking out their windows. Information on going drug-free was available from a table on the parade route.

The march concluded in the neighborhood's "vest pocket" Poe Park, with a brief service featuring musical selections by Samuel Benitez of the Spanish University church, and a sermon by James Clark, pastor and religion instructor of Greater New York Academy; Herbert Orellana of Rockville Centre Spanish church, translated. Pastor Clark shared a personal story of how drugs had affected close relatives, and how the Lord has worked to change hearts and lives of those close to him. Paul Woodard, Substance Abuse Coordinator of the Borough President's office, attended the park service.

Member Spearheads Effort for Parks—Determined to help improve the quality of life in her neighborhood of 240 homeowners, Haydee Rosario wrote a letter early in 1992 to Borough President Fernando Ferrer. Mrs. Rosario's letter requested the executive's help in saving two local lots scheduled for public auction. With narrow streets, and sidewalks added only recently, children had little choice but to play in streets or vacant lots that exposed them to health and safety hazards.

An article in the local paper, *BRONX PRESS-REVIEW*, quotes words of gratitude from Haydee for the Borough President's intervention. "In addition to looking forward to having these two lots

SPANISH QUEENS CHURCH MEETINGS FOCUS ON FAMILY AND PERSONAL MINISTRY

Mrs. Adly Campos, a well-known speaker and professional singer, conducted a week-long series on the home at the Spanish Queens church recently. She embellished her messages with song, and counseled with

members and visitors before and after meetings. Nearly a dozen persons came forward to give their hearts to the Lord at the concluding Sabbath morning service.

Mrs. Campos conducted a three-week evangelistic series at the Spanish Queens church beginning in February.

A full calendar of nurturing and evangelistic ministry at the church has been blessed: by the end of 1992, 101 persons had been baptized, and a final baptism scheduled before the end of the year. The family-life series concluded with a conference-wide, lay evangelism rally for Spanish members. Elder Miguel Cerna (pictured), vice-president of the Southern California Conference, was the speaker.



LAY PERSONS' SEMINAR GRADUATES 12; SIX ARE BAPTIZED

Shown are graduates of a "Faith of Jesus" seminar conducted during the fall of 1992 by Adler Panduro (second row, far right), a member of the Bay Ridge Spanish church in Brooklyn. By early December, six of the graduates had been baptized; others continued their studies. Brother Panduro was assisted by Mrs. Brunilda Morales, (second from left) an active lay worker in the Bay Ridge church. Elder Obdulio Segui (far left) is pastor.



THE GOSPEL, HEALTHCARE, AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN TODAY'S WORLD

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Because Seventh-day Adventists believe that good health is an important facet of the gospel message, we developed our "medical missionary" approaches, our health science university at Loma Linda, and a General Conference department on health and temperance. Our outreach to the world has always included health education, clinics, and hospitals. Ellen White's writings on health emphasized strongly the importance of good habits, disease prevention, and wellness. She says relatively little about "curing" people's diseases, though she is clear that our medical doctors and other medical specialists should attend accredited schools, know their science, and be certified. Incompetence was not to be tolerated.

We now see more clearly than ever the importance of Ellen White's counsels on health and why she believed the "health message" is so integral to the gospel. Three observations about "disease" underscore this relationship between health and the gospel: (1) The number one source of illness in the world is *poverty*; (2) approximately 50 percent of our hospital beds are occupied by people suffering from the effects of substance abuse—tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs; (3) much physical illness has its roots in mental and emotional soil, such as depression and stress. The gospel message relates in several ways to these health issues.

When Jesus preached his first sermon in Nazareth, he outlined his messianic mission in language that couples health and the gospel.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:16-19, NIV). And Isaiah 61 also says: "Heal the brokenhearted."

Good news to the poor. Jesus' claim that he was to "preach good news to the poor" was based on the message of the prophets that Yahweh is a God of justice who champions the cause of the weak, powerless, and poor (see especially Amos and Micah). That is why Jesus referred in his sermon to "the year of the Lord's favor," or the year of "Jubilee," a system of wealth redistribution in Israel designed to prevent institutional or generational poverty. No one was to carry burdensome debt for more than seven years, and any family that lost its land (today's equivalent of bankruptcy) had it returned in the "sabbath year" at the end of 7x7 years—the 50th year Jubilee. Yahweh obviously viewed poverty as a great evil.

Poverty produces terrible consequences, from illiteracy to sickness and premature death. Today the poor often know little about health and are denied even the most basic immunizations and prenatal care. Hunger and malnourishment may so weaken their immune systems that they fall prey to catastrophic diseases which seldom attack the affluent. *The gospel message always moves people away from ignorance and*

poverty towards learning and improved health. The poor cannot hear the message of eternal life inside a gospel that has nothing to say about their poverty, education, and health. From its beginnings, Adventism has promoted education and health in tandem with the three angels' messages. It sees all as important to the work of redemption.

In an affluent nation like the United States which boasts the highest health-care expenditures in the world, 36 million people have inadequate health-care coverage. This conundrum stems in part from a health-care system that has rewarded hospitals and physicians for curing the sick, *not keeping the healthy well and preventing illness.* By contrast, the Seventh-day Adventist philosophy of health care focuses on the "healing" that goes beyond "curing," on prevention and wellness rather than treatment for sickness. Most agree that it is far more cost-effective to keep people from starting substance abuse than to cure the illnesses that result from it; that it is cheaper to provide prenatal care to mothers—regardless of income—than to care for prematurely born or genetically defective babies after birth. The solution to the health-care crisis may well be for most people not to depend on doctors and hospitals for their health, but to know enough about health to stay well on their own.

It is here that the churches should play a pivotal role. More and more congregations (many nonAdventist) are hiring health promoters or "parish nurses" to educate them about healthful liv-

ing and to monitor their health needs. Visits to "shut-ins," classes on weight loss, vegetarianism, stress-reduction and exercise, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings are all done by such nurses in order to produce healthier members and a healthier community.

Freedom for the prisoners. Many people in jail do not deserve to be there, especially in totalitarian societies. Jesus was aware of this, for early in his ministry, even John the Baptist was wrongfully imprisoned and executed. Furthermore, even among those who deserve to be incarcerated, their violence and theft can often be traced (at least in part) to their poverty, poor parenting, and lack of self-esteem. For the prisoner to be truly freed, he must be rehabilitated and enabled to function as a productive member of society. That, too, is the gospel's task.

Sight to the blind. Jesus' ministry included curing/healing the most crippling diseases of his time, including blindness, paralysis, deafness, and many terminal illnesses. As is well known, this approach is the focus of many of the dollars in healthcare today, and is a primary mission of our hospitals. It should be remembered that this, too, is part of the message Jesus preached.

Release the oppressed. If we can see the oppressed not only as the economically powerless and exploited but also as those chained to addictions, or burdened by emotional pain, we will see another major challenge to healthcare and the gospel.

Heal the brokenhearted. In these words from Isaiah 61:1 which formed part of the background in the text from which Jesus quoted at Nazareth, I hear the cries of the grieving, the lonely, and the depressed. This too is part of the "good news."

However, any church wanting to implement this multidimensional gospel message by improving the health of its members and its communities must be as open and welcoming a place as Alcoholics Anonymous, according

to Dr. David Hilton, a leading minister/physician at the forefront of this emphasis. He says: "Everybody who goes [to AA] says, 'I've blown it,' and everyone else smiles and says, 'Yeah, we know what that's like. Come on in and join us.' Nobody tells anybody what to do; they just share what their struggles are and what they've found that helps and doesn't help. Everybody's open about their brokenness and failure,



New England Memorial Hospital is committed to bringing health education into the community. Its new program, New Baby At Home, brings nurses into first-time mothers' homes. The program provides extra support to help mothers develop and gain confidence in their child-care skills and thus ensure a healthy start to life for their new babies.



New England Memorial Hospital preventive health programs such as CPR classes are well-attended by community members.

and they heal. That process is the only thing I know of that heals addictions. What happens in most of our churches is just the opposite. . . We sit there with our pain and brokenness, and we never share it and we don't heal." ("Global Health and the Limits of Medicine: An Interview with Dr. David Hilton," *Second Opinion*, January, 1993, p. 58.)

Hilton also points out that since feelings of anger, guilt, resentment,

and meaninglessness are major suppressors of the immune system and thus weaken the body's resistance to illness, a church characterized by loving relationships and caring would strengthen the immune system and improve health. That means that the churches must change from being "congregations of pretense" to being "healing communities," Hilton says. We now know that the stress from a death in the family increases the survivor's chances of cancer. No better potentially consoling "family" exists than the family of believers.

It should be clear by now that while the medical establishment can do a great deal for us, it cannot by itself address the larger issues of ignorance, poverty, unresolved anger and stress. It needs the churches to do what they are uniquely able to do. Hilton issues one caveat, however. We in the "developed" countries must realize that we have much to learn from people in the third world about spirituality, community, and church. We may have more to learn from them than we can teach them. Poor people tend to pitch in and help the arthritic mother who cannot care for her children, rather than leaving it up to social service agencies. Child care like that needs to be seen as a part of primary health care.

So, Ellen White's medical missionary counsel comes full circle in 1993. *Whatever meets human needs physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually is medical missionary work and part of the gospel.* In our time we might say: *whatever helps deliver primary health care to the total person is the work of the church (not just the hospitals), whether it is fighting poverty, creating community, preaching the joyous gospel of reconciliation with God and our neighbors, keeping the stress-reducing Sabbath, or assuring people that the triumph over disease and death accomplished by God in Christ will soon be ours at the Lord's appearing.*

That is not only the mission of New England Memorial Hospital, it is the mission of the whole church.

UNION TREASURER ANTICIPATES FRUITAGE FROM SEMINAR

A real burden on the heart of any treasurer of a corporation or business is to have the assurance that those who receive copies of the financial statements for the organization have the ability to understand those documents. A lack of such understanding does cause anxiety and frustration on the part of committee members in the Adventist Church since much of the work of an executive committee member deals with financial statements and business documents.

Individuals who are elected to serve on various committees of the local conference or the union committee usually get hands-on education and experience, unless they are already in business or have a background which includes training in dealing with dozens of pages of information and documentation.

Juan R. Prestol, Treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, has developed an interesting seminar which enables committee members to receive training which enhances their understanding of financial statements and also prompts them to ask questions about any document with which they must deal in their committee work.

The first UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEMINAR was conducted at Camp Vic-



GC President Robert S. Folkenberg preached for the divine worship hour.



Dr. Ann Gibson lectured on financial statements.



Harold L. Lee gave strong emphasis to the stewardship principles and responsibilities.

tory Lake in Hyde Park, New York. Lecturers for this special seminar were Dr. Ann Gibson, at that time a professor of business at Walla College, and Elder Ronald A. Lindsay, former treasurer of the Atlantic Union and the Eastern Africa Division. Presently Dr. Gibson teaches at Andrews University and Lindsay is Vice President for Finance at the Adventist Media Center in Newbury Park, California.

Elder Stennett H. Brooks, President of the Northeastern Conference, was a gracious host and welcomed the attendees who represented each of the executive committees of the six conferences in the Atlantic Union. Camp Victory Lake proved to be an excellent location for the meetings.

Special guests included Elder Robert S. Folkenberg, President of

the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who preached for the worship service and provided a vocal solo for special music; Elder David Dennis, Director of General Conference Auditing Service, and Mrs. Dennis; and Harold L. Lee, Director of Stewardship for the North American Division.

Peter Lee, who was area director for General Conference Auditing Services for our union, worked with Juan Prestol in providing an interesting format for each session of the Understanding Financial Statements Seminar. Lee is now studying law in the San Francisco area. Those who attended the seminar expressed deep gratitude and satisfaction for the benefits gained during the weekend of meetings.



(l. to r.) Peter Lee and David D. Dennis respond to questions from committee members.



Pastor Alan Hay raises a point during the series of workshops.



Union Treasurer Juan R. Prestol expresses his appreciation for the work done by the two main facilitators, Ron Lindsay and Ann Gibson.

SNEC TRUST SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GENERAL CONFERENCE ACCREDITATION

Forrest L. Howe, Director of Trust Services, proudly announces that the Trust Services Department of the Southern New England Conference has the distinction of being the first conference in the Atlantic Union to receive General Conference accreditation. This accreditation was the culmination of hundreds of man hours by the staff.

The General Conference, responding to problems which came to light in the late 1970s, created a committee composed of lawyers, bank trust personnel, and other professionals to study the issue. This committee mandated that if any denominational entity desired to continue its Trust Services Department it had to undergo extensive and intensive training of its staff. The result of this mandate was the establishment of certification and accreditation guidelines.

The first requirement for General Conference Accreditation is that all personnel with discretionary authority must be certified. The requirements for certification include the completion of:

1. A college-level course in estate planning
2. A one-week denominational trust services basic seminar
3. A one-week orientation period
4. A required reading course
5. Pass a certification examination
6. Maintain certification by attending all General Conference- and

Union-sponsored meetings

7. Thirty hours of continuing education/yearly relevant to trust services

The next step for accreditation concentrates on the management and accounting procedures used by the organization. This is determined by a special General Conference auditor who thoroughly examines the trustor files and accounting records.

Members of Southern New England Conference can have the

utmost confidence in their relationship to the Trust Services Department and that all business activities will be conducted most professionally and confidentially.

If you would like more information as to how you can remember the Lord's work in your estate, please contact the Trust Services Department at Southern New England Conference, 34 Sawyer Street, P.O. Box 1169, South Lancaster, MA 01561; (508) 365-4551.



Forrest L. Howe (second from right), director of trust services for Southern New England Conference, is holding the certificate of accreditation. With Elder Howe are Elder Juan R. Prestol, Atlantic Union treasurer, and Elder George H. Crumley, General Conference associate treasurer (center left and right, respectively). Wallace Frost and Tom Verrill (left) and Dennis Millburn (right) are personnel of the SNEC trust services department.



ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ENHANCES AUC FACULTY MEMBERS' WORK

Two faculty members from Atlantic Union College successfully completed the Clinton Chamber of Commerce sponsored Leadership Academy Conference. Pauline Phillips, director of the Career Life Planning Center, and Margaret Howell-Walton, professor of the social work department, recently graduated from the 10-month training course. During the closing ceremony, President Lawrence Geraty, last year's Leadership Academy chairperson, presented the graduates with diplomas.

The Leadership Academy met monthly and addressed areas of community concern. At the first meeting, issues in education were explored. The group toured the Clinton elementary, middle and high schools, and also visited Atlantic Union College. "The non-AUC participants enjoyed coming to the campus and finding out all the resources that were available to the community. A couple of the sessions were held on campus. After eating in the cafeteria, they got a chance to visit the campus life. It was a great opportunity to tell them something about AUC. Many claimed it was an eye-opener that so many resources were available that the community could take advantage of," stated Phillips.

Some of the other meetings addressed ethics, the history of the Massachusetts region, and health and human services, including the hospital and nursing homes. The Chamber of Commerce also sponsored special days in which emphasis was placed on various aspects in community leadership. There was Government Day, in which the

group went to the statehouse in Boston, sat in on one of the legislative sessions, and met state representative William Bulger.

There was also Law Enforcement Day in which the group went to the local police station and saw the process in which one is arrested. This included sitting in on a court session and later meeting with Judge Thomas Fallon. Other special days included, Fine Arts Day held at the Fruitland's Museum in Harvard, Media Day in which the group visited the Clinton *Daily Item* newspaper, and Environmental Day held at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Clinton.

"It was a stimulating learning experience," stated Howell-Walton. "I am a community organizer. I was new to the community and wanted to get to know this community better," she stated.

Phillips agreed, "We had the opportunity to visit a lot of places in the community that we probably never would have had the chance to visit. It was good exposure. I learned so much I didn't know before."

Both Howell-Walton and Phillips felt the training at the leadership academy would help them in their present jobs. As director of

the Career Life Planning Center, Phillips deals with the placement of seniors, cooperative education, and student employment on and off campus. "The CLPC puts on job fairs such as Career Expo, in which recruiters from companies and other professionals get a chance to talk to students," stated Phillips. She believes the leadership academy gave her a good network to the companies in the community. "I better know what some of their needs are. It will be useful in placing students," she stated.

Howell-Walton also believed that the training course would help in her job. "Social work students have to complete a year in placement work before they can graduate. As the field coordinator for the department, I was able to find more field placements. There were places we couldn't get into before. After meeting with the leaders in the setting of the leadership academy, doors opened that were once closed to us," she stated.

The women stated other advantages from the training course. "It opened the door to serve on other panels and boards in the Chamber of Commerce, giving AUC a direct link with the community," stated Phillips. "They also gave us lots of resources and materials that we can use as references," stated Howell-Walton.

The chairperson for this year is Warren Clarke, engineer at Automated Assemblies, and member of the Village SDA church. As graduates, both Howell-Walton and Phillips will aid in the structuring of this year's program, in which Lisa Wheeler, associate development director, and Hector Diaz, associate professor of social work, will participate.



Leadership Academy graduates, Margaret Howell-Walton (left) and Pauline Phillips (right), with Dr. Lawrence T. Geraty, AUC president.

*Jewell Elliott
Special Contributor*

BERMUDA

FOUR BERMUDA INSTITUTE STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL TEEN AWARDS

On Saturday night, February 20, 1993, four Bermuda Institute students received National Teen Awards. These awards are presented at the annual Teen Services Banquet, held this year at the Hamilton Princess Hotel.

Students from all of the high schools in Bermuda are nominated by their schools for these awards. The winners represent the most-outstanding students in selected categories and are presented to the local community as national role models. The four students so honored are:

Chernell King **Scholastic Achievement Award—** **Honorable Mention**

Chernell is in her senior year, and since grade seven she has maintained the highest G.P.A. in her class. She is a prefect, former vice-president of the student association, lead drummer in the Bermuda Institute Steel Band, and has received local recognition as a flute player. She is also active in the Pathfinders and Adventist Youth Department of the Warwick Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Cynthia Thomas **Leadership Award—** **Honorable Mention**

Cynthia is in her junior year and is deputy head girl at the school. In her position as public relations officer of the student association, she has been responsible for organizing notable community service events. She is an honor roll student and a member of the steel band. She has been selected by the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church as a delegate to the upcoming Atlantic Union Youth Congress.

Kimandi Binns **Sports Award—Winner**

Kimandi is head boy and vice-president of the senior class. He is one of the most-outstanding young soccer players in Bermuda. In 1989 he was a member of the under-16 Bermuda Youth Soccer Squad. He was voted most promising player in 1990, best defender in 1991, and most valuable player in 1992. He is secretary of the Adventist Youth department of the St. George's Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sheldon Holder **Scholastic Achievement Award—** **Winner**

Sheldon is in his junior year and has maintained a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. since grade seven. He is vice presi-

dent of the student association, captain of the Bermuda Institute quiz contest team, deputy head boy, member of the steel band, co-editor of the school newspaper, and the only French horn player in concert band. He also serves as an usher in the Southampton church.

In addition to these accomplishments, three of these students—Chernell, Cynthia, and Sheldon—have been invited by Atlantic Union College to participate in the Summer Advantage Program.

Pastor Carlyle Simmons, President of the Bermuda Conference, sent a letter of congratulations to these awardees and treated them to lunch at the Stonington Beach Hotel. All of these students are products of Christian education, having attended Bermuda Institute since kindergarten.



The four Bermuda Institute students who won National Teen Awards are: Cynthia Thomas and Chernell King (front left and right) and Kimandi Binns and Sheldon Holder (rear left and right).

BERMUDA INSTITUTE CONTINUES TO GROW

On January 23, the Bermuda Institute conducted the Divine Worship service at the Somerset church where fourth-grader, Indra Richardson, was baptized. Elder Detroy Bean, BI Bible teacher and morning coordinator, had the intercessory prayer while Tione Lodge, Tionnae

Roberts, Trenton Fubler and Bernell Williams all shared in ministry. Principal Clayton McKnight's sermon, "East of Eden," depicted the progression of education from Eden lost to Eden restored.

On that same day, two brothers Nevin and Danté Williams were baptized at the Devonshire church. The Lord continues to bless Bermuda Institute and our prayers and

financial support over the years have been a powerful contributor in its achievements. However, according to Ms. Kath Ford (class of '43) "we still have a lot of work to do." Many students who attended BI no longer walk with the Lord. Let's do our part to search for the missing sheep of the house of the Lord and bring them back into the fold.

GREATER NEW YORK

QUEENS PORTUGUESE CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On October 24, 1992, past and present members and pastors of the Queens Portuguese church gathered to commemorate the church's 21 years. A sense of family pervaded the weekend's meetings as members and pastors shared personal spiritual experiences. Solo and choral ensemble musical numbers by young and old graced the program. Congratulatory messages were shared from those who could not attend.

The church may have the distinction of being the only Greater New York group to begin out of state. As leaders and members recalled the church's history, unusual roots were revealed: A few Portuguese Adventists in New York City would travel to Newark, New Jersey, to worship in the Por-



Former pastors participated in the weekend celebration, including (second from l. to r.) Pastor Jose Siqueira of Miami; Pastor Joel Sarli of Washington DC; current pastor Jose Irajá Silva; Pastor Marco Valença, then Stewardship director of Greater New York Conference; Pastor David Bravo of Toronto, Canada; and local elder Cicero Herculano, at far left. A special cake was prepared by church member Noemi Guimaraes.

tuguese church in that city. Their first New York City sanctuary, one speaker reminisced, may have lacked in decor—a curtain hid construction in progress, and dust abounded. "But," they were reminded, "we had plenty of faith.



A lighted torch carried to the rostrum by Patricia Correia acknowledged the congregation's commission as a lighthouse for the area's Portuguese community. A number of the church's founding members are shown with her.

For that church, members had sacrificed one week's wages."

The Queens Portuguese church currently worships in their own building, a remodeled funeral parlor. It was noted that they had moved into the building when few in number; now, it is filled. It needs to be filled with zeal." Praise was offered to God for His faithfulness in blessing the Portuguese congregation.

CENTRAL BROOKLYN MEMBER HONORED FOR 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

Members of the Central Brooklyn Spanish church expressed deep appreciation for 75-year-old Eunice Willis's faithful service during the past 26 years. Salvador Garcia, a teacher at Greater New York Acad-

emy, delivered a biography citing her ministry as church organist, Sabbath school teacher, board member, and in other responsible positions, and detailing her experience as an educator at Oakwood College. Pastor Samuel Orozco (left) and Garcia participated in the recognition ceremony.



CAMP MEETING DATES GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Portuguese	May 28-31 (Memorial Day Weekend)
English	July 2-5 & July 9-11
Spanish	July 16-24
French	July 30 - August 7

MEETINGS SCHEDULED ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

There will be area meetings held in the following places. Any member of any church can attend any of the meetings. However, we request that you participate in essentially only one of the meetings. Potluck meal suggested after each meeting.

Time	Date	Place	Constituency
1:00 p.m.	Sun., May 16	Old Westbury	GNYC—all employees
6:30 p.m.	Sab., May 22	Fr. Gethsemane	Brooklyn
1:00 p.m.	Sun., May 30	Bay Shore	Long Island
1:00 p.m.	Sun., June 6	Manor Road	Staten Island

NEW YORK

FANNING THE FLAME

What do you call a place that has three times as many pastors holding public evangelistic series as just one year ago, and is committing four times as much money to evangelism as in 1992?

The New York Conference

"It's nothing short of amazing," says one pastor who will be leading a prophecy seminar later this year. "A year ago, there was unspent money in the evangelism fund. This year, they're saying that they've had more requests for funding evangelism than they can possibly meet."

Seventeen public evangelistic crusades and prophecy seminars are

scheduled for 1993 across New York, involving nearly one third of the conference churches and more than half of the pastoral workforce in public meetings. Many other congregations have developed plans for lifestyle evangelism, including Breathe Free seminars, vegetarian cooking classes, and courses on effective parenting. Still others are planning for outreach at county fair booths and through community service projects.

"We're seeing a gratifying upturn in commitment to outreach this year," says Bill Knott, chairman of the conference Evangelism Committee and pastor of the Westvale (Syracuse) Church. "There's a much

stronger sense of local church ownership and responsibility for mission in recent months. We've encouraged each congregation to work through a planning process each year in such areas as service, public evangelism, nurture, and worship, and to develop projects that meet real needs in their community."

Beginning one year ago, each Adventist church in upstate New York was urged to work through a Church Life Planning Guide developed by the Evangelism Committee and adopted by the pastoral staff at its January 1992 meeting. Board members in each congregation devoted several hours at a specially

"TIME TO GO HOME"

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Fee:

- ☐ Dormitory room (2 single beds, no cooking) \$90
—will you have children under age 13 with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you *must* stay in boys' dormitory.
—extra beds are available in dormitory rooms ONLY at a charge of \$5 per additional bed. Number of beds needed ____.
- ☐ Tent/trailer space on hill (electricity provided) \$51
- ☐ Tent/trailer space off hill w/air-conditioning & electricity \$76
(spots directly behind Locating, Nos. 32-45 *must* pay for a/c)
- ☐ Camper/trailer space off hill (electricity provided) \$55
- ☐ Overnight accommodations, full-time, no linens \$55
- ☐ Overnight accommodations, per night, no linens \$12
- ☐ Overnight accommodations, full-time, with linens \$77
- ☐ Overnight accommodations, per night, with linens \$14

Overnight Guests: If you are not planning to stay at camp meeting the entire time, please indicate below which nights you will be staying:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7/9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 7/12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 7/15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 7/13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 7/16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, 7/11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 7/14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sabbath, 7/17 |

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Deposits: Those desiring *specific* dorm rooms or trailer/tent spots must accompany application with payment-in-full.

Cabins: Cabins are pre-assigned. The cost is \$110 for large cabins and \$90 for small cabins. Furnishings in the cabin are the sole responsibility of the cabin user. We usually do have some cabins available for specific nights and will try to accommodate you if we can. The charge for a cabin on a per-night basis is \$17.

Pets: For health reasons, and for the consideration of others, pets are not allowed on the campgrounds.

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

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO PRISCILLA ENGLISH, NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SDA, PO BOX 67, SYRACUSE, NY 13215-0067. THANK YOU.

NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

called meeting to assessing the strengths and weaknesses of their church. Mission statements were developed in the process, objectives classified, and specific plans written for the coming months.

A new edition of the Church Life Planning Guide is being sent to each of the conference's 57 churches this spring to facilitate planning for 1994 evangelism across the state. Funding needs for statewide evangelism next year are expected to top \$120,000 as more churches move into action.

"The day is gone when a single, office-mandated program for evangelism can be implemented," says a

pastor of an urban congregation. "The communities we serve are incredibly diverse—from more than one to five million in metropolitan Buffalo to tiny farming towns. We have to allow local churches to tailor their outreach to the kind of community they are rooted in. And the good news is, this approach works better than any other method we've tried."

Major crusades or seminars are planned in 1993 for Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany/Schenectady, Ithaca, Cortland, Norwich, Oneonta, Perrysburg, Brocton, Jamestown, Olean, and Utica, with several communities

hosting multiple outreach events before year's end.

"The Conference experiences success only as each church within it is successful." Knott adds "The goal of the laypersons and pastors on our Evangelism Committee is to be an encouraging resource to local churches that want to try creative approaches to reach their communities with the good news of Jesus' soon coming.

"The agendas, the budget applications, the committee records, and long discussions will all be worth it if we can help to fan the flame that the Holy Spirit is lighting across New York this year."

LIFTING UP JESUS IN THE COMMUNITY

What do a claims adjuster, an x-ray technician, a well driller and a single mother of four going to college have in common? Add a retired school teacher, a construction foreman and a respiratory therapist, and you have a team of men and women committed to LIFT UP JESUS!

The people of the Jamestown, New York, Seventh-day Adventist Church began a series in partnership with their pastor on March 5, 1993. Each evening a lay person presented a message about Jesus Christ to their community friends. Those who participated were Dan Kelly (insurance claims adjuster), Jennifer Wiley (radiology technician), Spring Martin (mother of four),

Pernell Caster (well driller), Mark Vincent (construction foreman), Lea Hardy (retired school teacher), Lance Kelly (respiratory therapist), and Lynn Gatz, pastor.

Despite the winter weather, attendance was encouraging and community people appreciated folk like themselves witnessing publicly of a Christ who could make a difference in their lives.

USA STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

I came to USA this fall after attending a day school for two years. I was quite nervous, especially because some of my friends were trying to discourage me about USA. After attending for five months, I have discovered that it is positively opposite of what people said.

Q.—What specifically do you enjoy about being a student at USA?

A.—There are many activities to get involved in. People are extremely friendly. I thought the adjustment would be harder, but the staff eased me in and helped me facilitate my schedule.

Q.—What early experience made a strong impression on you?

A.—When I first arrived at Chapman Hall (men's dorm), I went into the recreation room. Everyone quickly introduced themselves and made me feel at home. I now feel like I have been friends with them a long time.

Personal: Emir Torres is a junior from South Lancaster, MA. He enjoys basketball, Dallas Cowboys, making friends, swimming, and scuba diving.



Can You Think Of Someone Who Is No Longer An Active Adventist?

Does a name or face from the past suddenly cross your mind? Someone you went to school with? Someone from Pathfinders? Someone you sat with in Sabbath School class?

Perhaps you're thinking of someone you once knew well, but is now out of touch with you and your church. Or, perhaps that

missing "someone" is even you.

On most Sabbaths, attendance at any local Adventist church in North America is only half of the "official" membership. No one knows for sure, but indications are there may be up to two million people who once attended regularly, but are no longer worshipping with an Adventist congregation.

Isn't it Time for The Family to Come Back Together?

Right now, political and social events, coupled with natural disasters are awakening Christians everywhere! Families with young children and other non-attending members are all today considering returning to God's Word and fellowship in His church. But no doubt



they're thinking, "What kind of a church will I find if I return? Will the members there be more concerned about why I left, or with welcoming me back with love and acceptance?"

However, success in this outreach primarily depends on widespread support and personal gifts from active members.

No sacrifice is too great when we realize that many who will be contacted are sons and daughters of those now in the church. We need these precious people back in our church family fellowship. There can be no greater reason to invest than these sons and daughters of Adventism!

How Can We Find and Encourage Those Who May Be Ready to Return?

A number of lay and denominational leaders recently met and prayerfully set a goal to reach at least 500,000 former and inactive Adventists. As a result, a very special Sabbath service has been planned for November 20, 1993.

A sensitively-written letter, along with a personal invitation to attend this special service, has been prepared. We now need the name of each person you can think of who is not currently attending church (except for faithful shut-ins who have regular contact with the church, but are physically incapable of attending.)

Will There Be Other Invitations to this Special Sabbath Service?

Yes. In addition to a letter of invitation, all Adventist radio, television, and print-media will encourage attendance. The theme, "Rejoice With Me", will be the friendly Christ-centered focus in every Adventist church on Sabbath, November 20, 1993. However, this Sabbath is just a beginning point for helping each local church create a climate of greater warmth, acceptance, and inclusiveness. Personal fellowship and continued contact with all who return is the on-going goal!

What Kind of Investment is Needed to Personally Reach These People?

Reaching 500,000 people with a personal letter and localized invitation is no small task! Printing, addressing, and postage alone amounts to over \$1.00 per person contacted. Communication videos and additional materials make the needed total about \$2.00 per person. But, what a small investment for such an important contact! It's like sending out an invitation to a family reunion.

How Can We Each Support this Most Vital Outreach?

Many members have already begun to contribute. The Adventist business and professional people of ASI have pledged to raise \$100,000. Church administrators have stretched over-burdened budgets to match this.

What Can You Do Right Now?

First, begin praying daily for all of our former and inactive members—children and grandchildren in many cases.

Second, fill in an *Information Sheet* on each "missing member" you can think of. (Photocopy additional sheets if needed.) Then, turn them in to your local pastor, mail them to your conference office, or the office of the NAD president.

Next, support this special "Rejoice With Me" Sabbath with a donation marked "NAD Reclaiming Project" in your local church offering. Or, you may mail your donation to the conference or office of the NAD president with your "missing member" names.

Finally, plan now to personally invite a "missing member" to your church on Sabbath, November 20.

How Will the Information Sheets be Used?

Information Sheets are needed to help locate each inactive or former member that you wish to see invited to this special Sabbath service. All names collected in the North American Division will be sorted so that each "missing member" receives a letter and special invitation to the Adventist church nearest them. Be sure to fill in as much information as possible. If you lack some information, at least include the name and last known "church home". We'll try to find the rest.

*Rejoice
With
Me!*

May the Lord inspire you to think of at least two "missing members" who need to be invited back into active church family fellowship.



Former Adventist Information Sheet

You know who we need . . .

(please print)

Title: _____
_____ Mr.
_____ Mrs. _____ First name Middle initial Last name
_____ Ms. _____ Telephone
_____ Dr. _____ Address (If address is unknown, give name as it might appear in a telephone directory.) Apt. Number

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Approximate Age 16-20 21-29 30-45 46+
Male Female

Is he or she? (check each item that is true for this person.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Former Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised in SDA family
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-attending Member	<input type="checkbox"/> A convert
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently attending another church	

Occupation _____

Last SDA church attended _____

For how long was he or she a member? _____ How long since he or she was active? _____

What prompted him or her to stop attending? _____

If this person requests a visit, what should be the ethnicity or language of the church sending a visitation team?

☐ Black ☐ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic ☐ French ☐ It does not matter Other: _____

What is your relationship to this person? _____

Your Name _____ Telephone () _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

*You know who we need. Please send in as many names as possible.
Each will receive a sensitively-written letter and an invitation to a special event
at a church near them on November 20, 1993.*

This is a costly project and donations are needed to make it happen. But, be sure to send names whether you can contribute or not. We need both small donations to cover the cost of names turned in and major donations to help those who have names but cannot send money. Please consider what you can give. Contributions can be placed in an offering envelope at any local church marked "NAD Reclaiming Project," or mailed directly to the Office of the President, North American Division, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring MD 20904.

Give this completed form to your pastor or local church office, or mail it to:

Reclaiming Project Coordinator
Atlantic Union Conf. of Seventh-day Adventists
P.O. Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561-1189



Former Adventist Information Sheet

You know who we need . . .

(please print)

Former Member

Title: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Dr. ☐ _____
First name Middle initial Last name Telephone (____) _____
Address (If address is unknown, give name as it might appear in a telephone directory.) Apt. Number _____
City State/Province Zip/Postal Code _____

Additional Information

Approximate Age ☐ 16-20 ☐ 21-29 ☐ 30-45 ☐ 46+ Is he or she? (check each item that is true for this person.)
☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Former Member ☐ Raised in SDA family
☐ Non-attending Member ☐ A convert
Occupation _____ ☐ Currently attending another church
Last SDA church attended _____
For how long was he or she a member? _____ How long since he or she was active? _____
What prompted him or her to stop attending? _____
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☐ Black ☐ Caucasian ☐ Hispanic ☐ French ☐ It does not matter Other: _____

About You

What is your relationship to this person? _____
Your Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Your Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

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NORTHEASTERN

THE BLACK FAMILY IN CRISIS

Victory in Jesus Mission AYS society under the directorship of Mervin Morgan, assisted by Lorna and Michael James, celebrated Black History Month by focusing on the "The Black Family in Crisis." This topic captivated the interest of members and visitors alike. It cer-

tainly stimulated some lively discussion. Some of the areas discussed were: Role Relationships in the Black Family, The Denigration of the Black Male, and The Education of the Black Child. The discussions concluded with a call for all to develop an understanding of the many assaults on the Black family, for Black females to be more supportive of their male counterparts, and

for Black families to become more knowledgeable about the various systems that impact their lives.

Black families were also encouraged to revive family devotions as a means of strengthening family solidarity and enhancing the spiritual aspect of their lives.

Daphne Stephenson
Communication Secretary



Summer-long Fun on
Ninety-eight Acres in
Historic Hyde Park,
New York

Camp fee is \$150 per week
Register now!

1993 APPLICATION FORM

Mail to: Camp Victory Lake, PO Box 482, Hyde Park, NY 12538
or phone 914 229-8851 for further information
Registration fee of \$25 is not refundable and not part of camp fees
Payment by cash, certified check, or money order only

Please check length of stay:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1st week	July 11-17	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd week	July 18-24	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd week	July 25-31	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th week	August 1-7	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> 5th week	August 8-14	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> 6th week	August 15-21	\$150

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Agree to abide by camp regulations, its spirit and code.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Work _____

Age _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent or Guardian _____

Church Affiliation _____

LYDIANS CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 4-6, 1993

The Lydians of the Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, NY, will celebrate their tenth anniversary during a weekend of exciting activities. The program is as follows:

June 4
7:15 p.m. Candlelight Praise Service

June 5
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
Guest Speaker,
Dr. Rosa T. Banks
Director, Human Relations,
General Conference of SDA

Sacred music by the Ebenezer
Ladies Chorale of Philadelphia,
Directed by Mrs. Gwen Foster

4:30 p.m. Ebenezer Ladies Chorale
and guest artists in concert

June 6
12:30 p.m. A Brunch
"In Honor of Founders"
La Mer Caterers
1060 Ocean Parkway
Brooklyn, NY

Call evenings
for ticket
information Vangeline Hunter
(516) 378-5052
or Monica Spencer
(718) 451-2308

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

NNE TEACHER RECEIVES AWARD

Ask any Pine Tree Academy student and they'll tell you English/Religion teacher Roberta Merrow is a winner. For her, teaching is more than just imputing knowledge—it means being friend and confidant to more than 60 young people.

Mrs. Merrow was chosen as one of 137 SDA teachers in the North American Division to receive the

Annual Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award during 1992. Selection is based on spirituality, respect among peers and administration, teaching competence, professional development, and church and community involvement.

Roberta is a graduate of Brunswick High School and Atlantic



Roberta Merrow receiving the Zapara Award from Elder Theodore T. Jones, Atlantic Union Gleaner editor.

Union College. She has served as Dean of Girls at Garden State Academy in New Jersey, Assistant Dean and English teacher at Highland View Academy in Maryland, and for eleven years Vice Principal, Registrar and educator at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine.

BAPTISM IN NORRIDGEWOCK, ME

On the evening of January 1 cars gathered at the Waterville SDA Church. Ice covered the trees, shrubs, and blades of grass, adding to the evening's splendor. There was joy in heaven and in our hearts as six precious souls publicly declared Jesus as their personal Saviour and Friend through baptism by Pastor Richard Rose. Soon songs were being sung and

testimonies shared thanking God for the blessing of Bible truth drawing us together as brothers and sisters.

The following day, Heather and Kimberly Beckner, Sheila and Robert Achey, and Brian and Terrie Emery were welcomed into the Norridgewock, Maine, congregation. We know their influence



will attract many more to Jesus.

*Dorothy Carter
Communication Secretary*

AUBURN, MAINE, BAPTISM

The new baptismal tank was installed in the Au-

burn, ME church just in time for Pastor Dennis Campbell (right rear) to baptize 16 new members.



Back row (l. to r.) Teddy Bosarge, Jeannie Gardiner, Latoya Holloman, Carissa Nota, Terri Holloman, Wendi Burnham. Middle row (l. to r.) Jonathan Bosarge, Tonilynne, Jeremy Brooke, Melissa Noel, Laura Burnham. Front row (l. to r.) Paul Cote, La-keesha Holloman, Eric Bosarge, and Lena Cote. Amy Cote was missing the day of the picture taking.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

Pine Tree Academy
Freeport, Maine
June 25 - July 3, 1993

Speakers

Paul Gordon • Clifford Goldstein
David Taylor • Don Reynolds
Jeris Bragan

Special Features

Family Life—Len McMillan
Health Emphasis—Dr. Sam DeShay
Children's Ministries—Donna Williams

For information
or to make reservations call
President's Office, (207) 797-3760

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

1993 SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The ABC sale will be Sunday morning, June 20, right after the Bible study hour, which begins at 9:30 a.m. The International Food Fair was such a success last year, that at noon the International Food Fair will be featured again right after the ABC book sale. If you missed last year's food fair, you won't want to miss this year's. Taste the foods from our believers who come to us from all parts of the world. Don't miss the International Food Fair on Sunday at noon!

Elder Art Schumacher, location director, informs us that the tents and rooms are going fast, so if you have not reserved your tent or room, do it now, or it may be too late. For reservations call or write: Camp Meeting Location, P.O. Box 1169, So. Lancaster, MA 01561 or call Eryl Pettit at (508) 365-4551.

A special Day Camp will be held this year at camp meeting for the junior and primary youth. The Camp Winnekeag staff, under the direction of one of our pastors, will provide the day-camp experience. Lunch will be provided for the juniors for a fee. No lunch will be provided for the primary children. This will be an exciting camp meeting for the juniors and primaries, as well as for everyone who attends.

Make your plans now to attend SNEC Camp Meeting 1993. Don't miss a meeting. Elder Philip Willis will preach an evangelistic sermon every night. Come and invite your friends to hear this dynamic preacher each evening.

Friday evening in the adult English pavilion there will be a special reenactment of the Last Supper. You will not want to miss this spectacular

"BY HIS POWER"

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING
JUNE 18-26, 1993

FEATURED SPEAKERS

English	Portuguese & Haitian
Charles C. Case President, SNEC	Not yet finalized
Philip Willis, Sr. Pastor, Pontiac, MI	Youth
Alden Thompson, Professor, Walla Walla College, WA	Dr. Victor Brown V.P. Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, TX
Dan Matthews Speaker/Director Faith For Today telecast	Spanish
	Elder & Mrs. Eradio Alonzo NAD Assoc. Ministerial Dir. Charles C. Case, President, SNEC

SEMINARS

Health—Dr. Sung Lee, Wiemar Institute
Family Life—Charles & Millie Case, SNEC
Blood Pressure Technician Training—Rita Vital, Boston Van Ministry
Trust Services & Estate Planning—Forrest Howe, SNEC
Caring for Caretakers—Cathy Taylor, MSW, LICSW, Shelburne Falls, MA
Lay Witness Training—Marco Valenca & Marion Kidder, SNEC
Women's Ministries—not yet finalized
Revelation—Dean Davis, Professor, AUC

program coordinated by Elder Rick Trott. You'll feel like you are right there with the disciples.

The first Sabbath afternoon will be special with the ordination of four pastors, and an evangelism hour like you have never seen at the SNEC Camp Meeting. Singing hostess for the program is Ullanda Innocent, the voice of many popular commercials on radio and TV. After her conversion she dedicated her voice to God. Come hear her conversion story, her voice, and the interviews she will have with some of the newly baptized members. Ullanda will also present a concert Saturday night in the Spanish meeting and on Sunday afternoon in the large pavilion. She will also sing in

the different children and youth division meetings.

The second Sabbath afternoon will feature in the pavilion a special youth and educational program that will thrill your soul, a special musical concert in the Spanish meeting, and guest speakers in the Portuguese and Haitian meetings. Many said the 1992 camp meeting was the best yet. We invite you to come to the 1993 camp meeting, THE PLACE TO BE JUNE 18-26 IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND! This is your camp meeting planned especially for you.

*Charles C. Case, Sr.
President/Communication Director*

BULLETIN BOARD

Out of Union

Westmount, Canada, SDA Church Homecoming/Fundraising—May 23-30. Information, call (514) 486-9915

Stonecave SDA Academy, Dunlap, TN, Homecoming—June 11-13. Information: PO Box 11131, Silver Spring, MD 20913; (301) 439-6753.

Adelphian Academy Homecoming—June 11 & 12 at the old academy campus on Academy Rd., Holly, MI. Information: Connie Day (517) 693-6003.

Andrews University Summer Scholars Program—June 13-July 10, for outstanding academy or high school students; 7 college credits at reduced tuition rates. Information: Bruce Closser, English Dept., Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0040; or call toll free 1-800-253-2874.

Christian Communicators Conference—June 14-17 La Sierra University. Credit available; pre-registration required. For registration brochure, contact Pacific Union Conference Communication Dept., PO Box 5005, Westlake Village, CA 91359; (805) 497-9457.

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Bangor, ME	8:17	8:21	8:24	8:25
Portland, ME	8:18	8:23	8:25	8:26
Boston, MA	8:17	8:21	8:24	8:25
So, Lancaster, MA	8:20	8:24	8:26	8:27
Pittsfield, MA	8:26	8:30	8:33	8:34
Hartford, CT	8:21	8:25	8:28	8:29
New York, NY	8:23	8:27	8:30	8:31
Utica, NY	8:36	8:40	8:43	8:44
Syracuse, NY	8:40	8:44	8:47	8:48
Rochester, NY	8:46	8:50	8:53	8:54
Buffalo, NY	8:50	8:54	8:56	8:57
Hamilton, Bda.	7:21	7:24	7:26	7:27

A CALL . . .

for musicians—vocal and instrumental—to perform at the Women's Ministries Retreat October 29-31, 1993, in Cape Cod.

If you are interested or know of persons who could perform, please contact either Junell Vance at the Atlantic Union Conference (508) 368-8333 or your conference Women's Ministries coordinator.

Madison College Alumni Annual Homecoming—June 18-20 at the Madison Campus church, Madison, TN.

Singles—Be a part of a mission outreach project to Holbrook SDA Indian School, Holbrook, AZ, June; 21-28 or to Kenai, Alaska, July 11-21 (optional tour to follow). Adventist Singles Ministries is coordinating mission outreaches to paint existing buildings at Holbrook and to work with Habitat of Humanity building homes in Alaska. Information: Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Rd., Smyrna, GA 30082; (404) 434-5111.

National Single Adult Conference—June 30-July 7 at La Sierra University, Riverside, CA. Featuring spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship, seminars for self-growth, recreation, tours of area. Information: ASM, 4467 King Springs Rd., Smyrna, GA 30082; (404) 434-5111.



Atlantic Union Women's Ministries

PRESENTS

GOING DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE

OCTOBER 29-31, 1993
SEA CREST CONFERENCE CENTER
CAPE COD
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

*Come visit the Potter's House
and see what God will do . . .*

Application form in April *Gleaner* or write to your Women's Ministries representative to obtain one.

CAMP MEETING 1993

Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
34 Sawyer St., P.O. Box 1169 South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561
Tel. (508) 365-4551

EQUIPMENT

_____	Tent with floor	\$65.00
_____	Double bed — spring and mattress	18.00
_____	Single bed — spring and mattress	15.00
_____	Table	4.00
_____	Chairs — each	2.00
_____	*Per night private tent or small trailer — no hook-up	10.00
_____	*Full-time private tent or small trailer — no hook-up	60.00
_____	*Full-time 24-foot trailer or motorhome elec./water	100.00

Please contact Lenheim Hall (men's dorm) or Preston Hall (women's dorm) at Atlantic Union College (508) 368-2000 to make your reservations for dormitory rooms. (We no longer handle this.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have deposit of \$20.00 with application. DEPOSIT NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 9, 1993. (*) On site for private tent or trailer, only one family permitted per site.

Every order change after June 15 will require a \$5.00 charge.

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

CAMP MEETING DATES: JUNE 18-26, 1993

Basic Training for Kids!



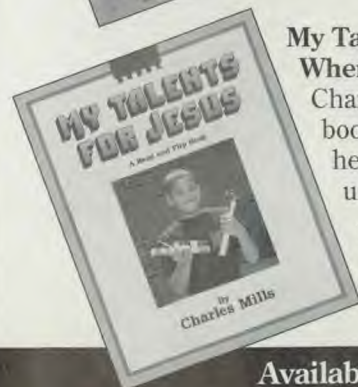
Teddy, the Better-Than-New Bear, by Nancy Lecourt, uses an adorable parable to encourage children to look forward to the day when Jesus comes again.

US\$5.95/Cdn\$8.05.
Paper. Ages 3-6.



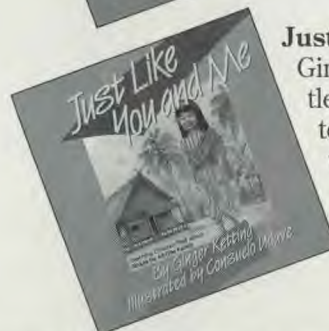
Nina Can . . ., by RosAnne Tetz, is a "rebus" book that shows children how Jesus is an important part of their lives.

US\$5.95/Cdn\$8.05.
Paper. Ages 3-6.



My Talents for Jesus/When I Grow Up, by Charles Mills, is a "two-books-in-one" flip book that helps kids discover and use their special talents.

US\$8.95/Cdn\$12.10.
Paper. Ages 5-10.



Just Like You and Me, by Ginger Ketting, tells of a little girl from Thailand and teaches that no matter where we live, we're all God's children.

US\$5.95/Cdn\$8.05.
Paper. Ages 3-6.

Available at your ABC, or call toll free 1-800-765-6955.

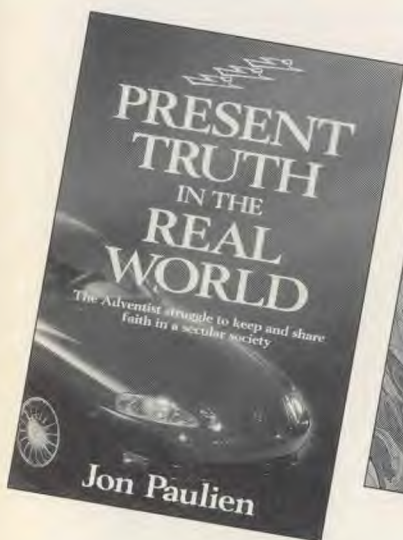
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PROBLEM

Spiritual dryness

SOLUTION

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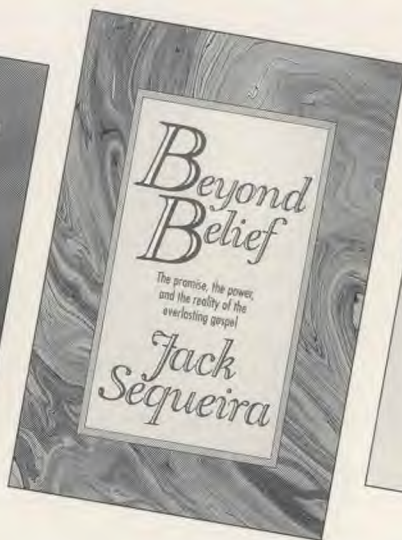
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by Jon Paulien

In the ongoing struggle between Christianity and secularism, who's winning? Is the world becoming more like the church, or is it the other way around?

In this explosive new book, Pastor Jon Paulien helps us discover who secular people are and how they think, how to meet their felt needs, and how to be relevant to society without losing our Christian experience.

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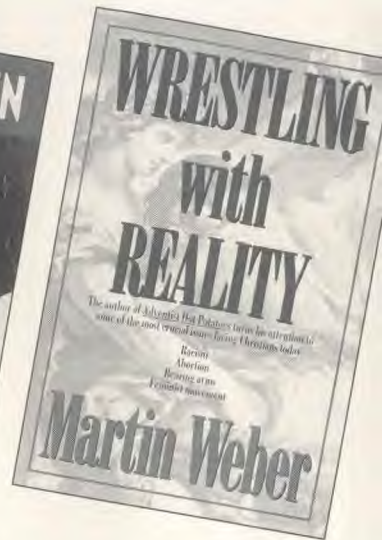
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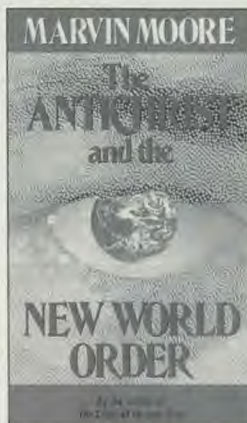
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