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African-American Adventists celebrate their unique heritage during Black History month. Atlantic Union College, the first multicultural campus to hold a Black History Week, has several activities planned for students and church members through February. Please call the Black Christian Union at (508) 368-2358 on campus for more information. Credit: Erik Stenbakken.

MISSION POSSIBLE— 200,000 BY 2000 A.D.

Seventh-day Adventists are people who believe in visions, goals, and souls! What then is the meaning of the title of this article, Mission Possible—200,000 by 2000 A.D.? Does this ambitious plan suggest something that has never been done in the long history of the Atlantic Union Conference?

Let me tell you something about our potential. We are loaded with resources—human resources. Explosive church growth takes place when there is revival among God's people. When all of us realize that we are capable of being used by the Holy Spirit to reflect God's love and power, we are then ready to have the greatest experience a Christian can have, namely, becoming a winner of souls.

The areas of the world field where dynamic church growth takes place are the divisions where *Laity* seizes the privilege of sharing God's love and lets the Holy Spirit energize and use them to help souls in darkness find the light of truth. For too long, we in North America have sat back and applauded the results of dedicated lay members working with pastors and evangelists to win souls for the eternal kingdom. Many of these lay members do the work of teaching the Bible to their friends and get their students totally prepared for baptism. Lay members working with the clergy produces fruit to the glory of God!

The vision of Mission Possible opens a door of opportunity for us to join the ranks of the dynamic by seeing members in every church being led and blest by the Holy Spirit to win precious souls to the Saviour. What a joy it is to see the Holy Spirit work upon the hearts of those for whom we are laboring and praying and to see changes taking place in lives! "Angels are amazed as they behold the transformation of character brought about in those who yield themselves to God, and they express their joy in songs of rapturous praise to God and to the Lamb. They see those who are by nature the children of wrath, converted, and becoming laborers together with Christ in

drawing souls to God. They see those who were in darkness becoming lights to shine amid the moral night of this wicked and perverse generation. They see them becoming prepared by a Christlike experience to suffer with their Lord, and afterward to be partakers with Him in His glory in heaven above" (*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, pp. 49, 50).

The great secret to church growth and revival is *love*! When our love for Christ becomes a consuming experience, we will not be able to conceal the fact that we have met the Master. That "something within me" will so move me Godward that people will notice something different, deeply spiritual, which will create a desire to inquire about the peace in my heart. A Christian full of the Holy Spirit cannot conceal the matter. Such a person can share God's love with delight and power!

One of the best ways to witness for Christ is to follow the counsel often shared by Elder Frank L. Peterson, former Vice President of the General Conference: "Have an experience with the Lord and tell it!" Remember, we cannot share what we do not have. When we pray every day for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit, He will send it upon us. Let us not be fearful to place ourselves in His hands. He will melt us, mold us, fill us, and use us. This is the secret of real joy.

Lets take a quick look at what could happen in the Atlantic Union Conference if *every member* would permit the Lord to have His way in every life so that each member could have a part in the grand work of soul winning.

	Starting Members	+ New Converts	= Total Members
1996	75,000	+ 15,000	= 90,000
1997	90,000	+ 20,000	= 110,000
1998	110,000	+ 25,000	= 135,000
1999	135,000	+ 30,000	= 165,000
2000	165,000	+ 35,000	= 200,000

THINK ABOUT IT! PRAY ABOUT IT! WORK FOR IT! MISSION POSSIBLE!!!



25 BAPTIZED IN MARANATHA CHURCH CRUSADE

The Holy Spirit was present in the Maranatha church in Brooklyn during a crusade held earlier by Elder Conrad White, pastor of the church. During the four-week series, the Lord worked on hearts and the church rejoiced as seven members of the Brooms family were baptized, as well as 18 others.

Sister Brooms is the daughter of members Brother and Sister Bertram Mathieson, so it was a joyful

day for the Mathieson's to see their daughter and her entire family go down into the baptismal pool. Sister Brooms was a student of the Unity School and was for some time, not interested in Adventism; but her mother remarked, "God has a plan for her. 'What is impossible

for man is possible with God.'"

Members praise God for the 25 new members now worshipping in the family of God at Maranatha, and are rejoicing with them in their new-found faith.

Dorothy Miller, Mervis Blackburn



SPANISH UNIVERSITY CHURCH CONDUCTS OUTDOOR YOUTH EVANGELISM

During summer vacation, youth of Spanish University church were often in two Bronx ball parks, but not just to play ball. They conducted an evangelistic campaign against drugs on themes related to drug, family and personal problems. The youth team shared their convictions that Christian young people can live a drug-free life and be happy, in a campaign entitled, "Christ Breaks All Chains."

Campaign coordinators were Jorge Alonzo, Marino Bautista, and Loyda Reyes, with the entire church membership collaborating. Three persons were baptized, and a number of others requested Bible studies.

In another outdoor meeting during warmer weather, the youth class of Spanish University spent a day of worship and praise in the Bronx Botanical Garden, with

many members present to support them and share in their day.

Speakers Jorge Alonzo, Pastor Samuel Reyes, and district pastor Jose Blanco encouraged the youth to follow the ex-



(L. to R.) Jorge Alonzo, Maurino Bautista, and local elder, Alex de la Cruz.

ample of Timothy and unite forces in preaching the Gospel. At the conclusion, a number of visitors made decisions for Christ.

*Joanne Williams
Communication Leader*



Young adults participated in the Bronx anti-drug evangelism through poetry and singing groups, duos, and solos, in demonstrations of praise to God.

WOMEN REACT TO RETREAT

For the third year the Atlantic Union has hosted a women's retreat. Last September it was held in the beautiful Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York. Each year it becomes better and more spiritual. As women across the Atlantic Union share their thoughts, they weave a beautiful tapestry of various impressions of this anticipated event. . . .

"It was simply wonderful. I loved every minute of it. I met so many beautiful sisters and was blessed by the worship times."

"For one who has never felt the urge to escape the family and retreat, the women's retreat was a real blessing. . . . Mealtimes were a favorite time of mine to get better acquainted with people, make new friends, and get to know my new prayer partner. Riding the bus from AUC gave me a chance to meet and visit with some I would never have had the opportunity to any other way."

"We can't begin to thank you enough for bringing together the people to make possible Nancy's baptism. The blessings that we all received from that experience are truly overwhelming. The way that so many sisters came to witness and to welcome Nancy into the family of God was so heartwarming. I have been in the Adventist Church all of my life, in fact I come from four generations of SDAs, and I can assure you that I have never seen a more beautiful and Spirit-filled baptism in all my life. We are so proud of Nancy, and so happy to have her as part of our church family."

"I came with four of my sisters and two of them came for the first time. They said they will not miss another by God's grace. . . . I experienced such a peaceful spirit-filled atmosphere."

"I wanted to thank you once more for a fabulous weekend in New York."

"What a weekend! You and your staff are to be greatly com-



Nancy O'Dougherty (left) joyously awaiting her baptism by Elder Dedrick Blue (center) and Joyce Hanscom-Lornitz in the pool at the Concord Hotel where the Women's Ministries Retreat was held. She joined the Waterville, Maine, Seventh-day Adventist church.

spiration and motivation but practical ideas."

"My deep heartfelt appreciation to Junell and her staff. I especially appreciated her pleasant personal interest in so many little details."

"All the seminars were great. And the last sermon by Rosa T. Banks was wonderful."

"What a wonderful, wonderful gathering of Christ-filled women. I was encouraged and enriched personally and professionally. . . . I was almost overwhelmed by the beauty of the meeting site—so beautiful and refreshing. The accommodations were good and the meal selections were excellent. . . . Many thanks to each one of your support staff. Keep up the good work. It is hastening His coming."



Three recipients of Woman of the Year Award presented by Junell Vance, Atlantic Union Womens Ministries Director, are: Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, Founder and Director of the New England Youth Ensemble (right in left photo); Everyl Chandler Gibson, teacher, musician, and organist for the Ephesus church in New York City (left in center photo); and French coordinator Sarah Gonzalez, secretary to the president of the Greater New York Conference (left in right photo) as well as an accomplished musician, writes poetry, sings beautifully, and speaks fluent English, Spanish, French, and Italian.

"I want to let you know how much I appreciate all your hard work you put into the recent retreat. My friends and I had such a wonderful time there in New York with you and all your staff. Little did any of us know when we headed for New York what the Holy Spirit had in store!

mended for all your hard work and planning."

"The worship services and speakers were excellent. Thank you so much for working so hard for our blessing!"

"Nancy Van Pelt's seminar on 'Making Sabbath Special' was excellent, and I left not only with in-

"Our hearts are still singing and rejoicing from the inspiration of this past weekend. My kids were so happy as I saw them off on the bus—it was a wonderful experience for us all. Again many, many thanks for everything you have done."

Affectionately,
Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS BRING EXPERTISE, ENTHUSIASM TO AWR

The 'high' point in my work here is atop the antennas," says Jason Smith, senior engineering student at Walla Walla serving at the AWR station on Guam. "Changing antenna lights and checking structural security—at 350 feet above the bonds of earth. The view on any day is enough to convince the soul we worship a truly awesome God."

Jason is one of six young men, currently serving AWR facilities on a volunteer basis who are finding the experience challenging and exciting.

"I don't have time to be bored," says Jason of his work at AWR-Asia, which broadcasts in 20 languages to half the world's population. "We have been working non-stop installing the fourth transmitter here—that's pretty exciting."

Jason also assists in maintenance of the other three 100 kilowatt transmitters, and has worked on circuit designs for transmitter automation. One of this station's main audiences is the vast nation of China. AWR-Asia broadcasts about 150 hours a week to that country, and there have been thousands of baptisms and hundreds of new congregations as a result.

While Jason is the only student volunteer at AWR-Asia this year, three young men who have already graduated from college work at the AWR facility in Costa Rica, which broadcasts to the Caribbean and Central and South America. One of the major target areas is Cuba, where most of the people baptized in the past couple of years are AWR listeners.

Rob Dunn, a mechanical engineer with a degree from Walla Walla College, says he was looking forward to "making some real money," when he finished school. But then he realized that there was

"more to life than making money," and when he was asked to go to Costa Rica, he was ready.

Rob's first job was working on the automation system at the transmitter site in Cahuita, and then he returned to the main office in Alajuela just in time to "swim through computer problems," because the chief engineer left on holiday. Rob also worked on the antennas.

Kalvin Follett took his degree in broadcasting at Southwestern Adventist College in Texas, and arrived in Costa Rica during the rainy season with his bride of 18 days, Kristine.

Kalvin's primary responsibilities are to produce a weekly program called "Gospel," and an hour-long family magazine program which airs daily Monday through Friday. "It's always exciting to receive letters from people for whom AWR has played a part in making their lives a bit brighter. We enjoy mail and encourage people to tell us how they like our programming."

Joining Calvin in English program production is Jon-Marc Peterson, who took a "crash course in radio production" from WAUS at Andrews University in Michigan where he received his degree in sociology. He said that he and Calvin put together "about five hours of actual broadcast time" every day. "It's been a challenge, but I've enjoyed it thoroughly."

Across the Atlantic in Europe, the AWR office in Darmstadt, Germany houses a sophisticated duplication system that prepares programs for airing on leased transmitters in Slovakia and Russia—both stations used to air communist propaganda, but now carry hundreds of hours a week of the Gospel message! A major target

area for these broadcasts is the Middle East, where programs in Arabic have created a thirst for knowledge of Jesus and the Bible.

Two graduate volunteers joined the AWR staff in Darmstadt this year. James Willis, who has a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland, has been "challenged by projects such as program production and the construction of audio filters for AWR."

Jim and the other volunteer in Darmstadt, Adrian Copiz, were good friends before they took their assignments with AWR, and so enjoy seeing the country together. Adrian, whose mother is German, had a head start on the language and is glad for the opportunity to increase his knowledge.

Adrian has a degree in English literature, and his work for AWR includes technical preparation and editing of programs for transmission from the AWR facilities in Russia, Slovakia and Italy. He has also done some writing and graphic design.

Perhaps Adrian's comment about working for AWR sums up the experience of most volunteers: "I am working with a terrific mix of personalities and nationalities and I'm doing something positive for this planet. In a world full of media reports on violence, natural disasters and irresponsible human activity, I find it important to provide a voice of hope to all people so that humanity can persevere and create practical solutions."

REMEMBER

*Dedicated young people
Listeners of AWR*

**To plan for AWR offering
March 9, 1996.**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We have all heard folks exclaim, "The church is always talking about money!" or "The church is only interested in my money." Why so much talk about money? I believe that there are two good reasons. First, we all know that if each family was committed to faithful tithing and systematic offerings that there would not be a need for offering appeals. And second, with the opening providences of God there are multiplying opportunities that demand a response from us. This second factor adds a little spice to the mix. Apparently, if there were no calls for funds—at least in the area of opening providences—that would mean that our overall goal of taking the gospel to the world was either completed or thwarted. Personally, I am glad that the work

Give the gift now so you can personally experience the joy of seeing the results of your contribution.

is advancing. And I am happy to be able to participate in this great endeavor.

Some have felt that if they are following a regular and systematic offering program that there would be no need to contribute to special appeals. However, there are times when even the most faithful are challenged to make a special effort beyond their regular giving for special needs. The building of the Tabernacle and later the Temple were such occasions in the Bible.

When commenting on the fundraising for these two houses of worship Ellen White states, "There are high and holy objects that require means; thus invested, it will yield to the giver more elevated and permanent enjoyment than if expended in personal gratification or selfishly hoarded for the greed of gain. When God calls for our trea-

sure, whatever the amount may be, the willing response makes the gift a treasure in heaven that moth can not corrupt, nor fire consume, nor thieves break in and steal. The investment is safe. The money is placed in bags that have no holes." (Review and Herald, Nov. 15, 1906).

**"Don't worry about tomorrow—
God is already there."**

Today we have similar opportunities to do something great for God when special appeals are made for projects supported by the Sabbath School Mission offering, Global Mission projects, and local church needs. These special projects offer rich returns in satisfaction to the investor. In addition, the investment is added to our treasure in heaven!

How can we come up with the money to make sizable contributions to special projects that we wish to support? Ellen White suggests at least two ways. The first is found in section thirteen of *Adventist Home* in the part that talks about savings as an important part of the family budget. She encourages us to save a portion of our income each pay period. Then this savings account should not be dipped into except

If there were no calls for funds—at least in the area of opening providences—that would mean that our overall goal of taking the gospel to the world was either completed or thwarted.

when we have an emergency need or to make contributions to advance the cause of God.

The second suggestion that she makes applies primarily to older families—those whose children

have already left the nest. For folks in this category who plan to remember the Lord's work in their estate planning she suggests, why not give the gift now so you can personally experience the joy of seeing the results of your contribution. Ellen White counsels, "If you want your means to go to the cause, appropriate it, or all that you do not really need for a support, while you live. A few of the brethren are doing this and enjoying the pleasure of being their own executors" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 155).

Ask anyone who has become involved in a big way with a special project or has contributed of his own time and money in a short-

If each family was committed to faithful tithing and systematic offerings there would not be a need for offering appeals.

term mission project how they now feel about their involvement. My personal testimony is that such a venture is very rewarding and even life changing. It is following one of these special experiences that one can truly say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Some day soon all the special projects will be funded. All will have received the message of warning. God's people know that they will not be taking anything with them from earth to heaven besides their own characters and the individuals whom they have won to Christ. So the goal of the Christian is to be penniless when Jesus comes so that none of their resources will be wasted. Let's thank God for the privilege of working with Him on the last great advance.

*Ed Reid, Stewardship Director
North American Division*

NET '96 COORDINATORS' COUNCIL

Thousand Oaks, California—More than 120 conference and union presidents, departmental directors, and local church pastors and leaders attended a *Net '96* Coordinators' Council meeting November 29 through December 1. Delegates and visitors to the four-day session came from as far away as Australia, Germany, and the Inter-American Division to learn more about plans for *Net '96* and do some planning together.

In his keynote address to the delegates, Alfred McClure, president of the North American Division and general chairman of this evangelism initiative, said that in 1995 North America saw its greatest number of baptisms to date.

"Of all the years I have been a member of this movement, I can't remember when there was greater interest among our people in telling the world what they need to know about the good news," McClure said.

He attributed the growth of the church in large part to *Net '95*, the satellite evangelism initiative uplinked from Tennessee last February. Some 676 churches across North America participated in that

campaign resulting in more than 5,000 baptisms.

McClure announced that \$1.2 million has been raised for *Net '96* and that many agencies of the church, from our broadcast media centers to our publishing houses, are working together to make it happen.

Many of the delegates noted the unified effort McClure spoke about.

"I found the spirit of this meeting to be one of the best that I have attended for some time," said Harry B. Rimer, Church Ministries director and evangelism coordinator for the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. "There was a spiritual tone and an evangelistic fervor that blended to make this a most enjoyable and productive meeting."

During the meetings, attendants learned as much as they could about plans already in place for *Net '96*. Don Gray, a veteran evangelist and the *Net '96* coordinator, shared that the telecast, which will originate from Orlando, Florida, from October 5 through November 9, 1996, will be dubbed in four languages—English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. In addition, the uplink will be closed-captioned to enable hearing-impaired people to participate.

"We are doing everything we can to appeal to everyone that we can possibly reach so as to minister to their needs," Gray says.

Mark Finley, speaker and director for *Net '96*, spent a large portion of the conference outlining the details of the 18-month campaign that include preparation for the series and follow-up methods. Delegates received a planning manual with the full *Net '96* schedule, a public relations kit, a guide to witnessing, and other needed materials.

"*Net '96* is not an evangelistic meeting. It is a systematic approach to evangelizing North America for Christ," Finley told delegates. "When people walk into these meetings,

we want them to meet Jesus Christ."

McClure, Rimer, and other attendants to the Coordinators' Council want this to happen more than anything.

Mort Juberger, Public Relations
coordinator for *Net '96*

Resources

NetNews monthly publication that will be mailed to those churches registered as *Net '96* participants. It will be published through December 1996. To get *NetNews*, call (360) 835-3019.

Discoveries in Prophecy Pastor's Evangelistic Planning Manual by Mark and Ernestine Finley contains useful material and ideas such as "Five Keys to Successful Evangelism," "Organizing the Church," "Evangelistic Advertising," and much more. Each church that registers for *Net '96* will receive one.

Adventist Communication Network (ACN) offers a wide variety of support for *Net '96* participants. To order satellite equipment, get technical support, news, information, schedules, and videotapes of events, call (800) ACN-1119.

Voice of Prophecy has the *Discover Bible* lessons available. Call (805) 373-7611. Adventist Media Center is organizing the production team for *Net '96*.

Hart Research Center has videos and participant materials that will help organize churches and prepare them for an evangelistic campaign. Call (800) 487-4278.

Adventist Information Ministry (AIM) sponsors His Word, a communications system to identify and refer individuals who demonstrate an interest in the Bible to trained follow-up specialists. Call (800) 253-3002.

Signs of the Times magazine is providing advertising and an enrollment card for the *Discover Bible Course* in the March 1996 issue as well as future advertising. Order copies of *Signs* to send to Bible study interests. Call (800) 545-2449 to order.

Seminars Unlimited is printing attractive handbills and many other important accessories for *Net '96*. Call (800) 982-3344.

AdventSource offers resource materials for a variety of ministries within the Church as well as videotapes of ACN events. For catalogs, call (800) 328-0525.

—Mort Juberger

4 Ways to Get Ready for *Net '96*

1. Register — Contact your conference coordinator to let him or her know that your church is participating in the *Net '96* evangelism initiative.

2. Purchase *Discover Bible Lessons* — Order the new Bible study course manual from your *Net '96* conference coordinator. These lessons, published by the *Voice of Prophecy* are designed to appeal to users and, therefore, follow a personal approach to Bible study.

3. Organize Your Church — To implement a successful campaign, choose a campaign coordinator and establish committees that will carry out your plans.

4. Pray — Set goals and pray for the success of the meetings in your church.

—Celeste Ryan

USER-FRIENDLY CHURCHES

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WILL ADD TO YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IF YOU LET THEM

By Rikki Stenbakken

Did you know there are 48.9 million persons with disabilities in the United States alone? That's a lot of people! In fact, it's almost one-fifth of the nation's entire population.

The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities estimates that every year it costs the United States \$300 billion in public assistance, lost productivity, and taxes because so many disabled workers don't have jobs. Can you imagine? Three hundred billion dollars because these people aren't valued in our work force as they should be.

Are persons with disabilities valued in our churches as they should be? Before you answer, you might want to ask yourself these questions: Could a person in a wheelchair get in the front door of your church, or are there steps blocking the way? If a deaf person in your community was interested in going to your church, is there anyone who could translate for him or her? Are you willing to transport a blind person to and from Sabbath services?

Obviously, some steps are easier than others in the journey to making your church user-friendly for persons with special needs. As the saying goes, though, you have to start somewhere. It's so easy to think that the responsibility is someone else's. Unfortunately, that's why many things are left undone. The Seventh-day Adventist Church, like the United States as a whole is missing out!

So what can you do? One of the main things you can do is just to be considerate. It's so simple that sometimes it slips by us. If you couldn't drive to church, would you like a ride? Then give someone else a lift. Pay attention to people with disabilities. Talk to them. Invite them to participate in church activities and duties. You don't have to be *overly* helpful—

no one likes to be smothered; but most people don't like to be ignored, either.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind:

Becoming Acquainted

When meeting a blind person, watch for his or her extended hand. Take hold of it quickly, even if it's not pointing directly at you. Speak directly to him or her, not to a third person.

When Leaving

End your conversation so the blind person knows you are leaving. If appropriate, offer to assist the blind person to his or her destination.

In Conversation

The blind person's mind works as well as yours. Talk directly to him or her, not to a third person.

The blind person may not be able to look directly at you, but he or she can still listen and carry on a conversation. Use a normal speaking tone—many blind persons can hear exceptionally well. And, it's all right to use the words "look" and "see."

Taking a Walk

Always ask a blind person if he or she would like to take your arm. Never grab a blind person's arm.

Whether a blind person has the travel assistance of a guide dog, a white cane or a sighted guide, most are taught to walk a little behind. But this doesn't mean you need to walk slower. Walk at a speed that's comfortable for both of you.

Be sure to pause slightly before ascending or descending stairs and curbs (let the blind person know if you will be going up or down stairs). Give warning of obvious obstructions, such as

low-hanging tree limbs, fences or construction work.

Seating and Socializing

Place a blind person's hand on the back of the seat or chair and let the blind person seat himself or herself; it's helpful to explain the location of the chair in the room.

If the blind person isn't acquainted with you, introduce yourself before conversing with him or her. If you haven't talked with a certain blind person in a while, don't ask him or her to guess your name; inform the blind person who you are.

When a blind person visits your home, acquaint him or her with the position of furniture and rooms.

When dining in a restaurant, read the menu to a blind person and give him or her the privilege of ordering for himself or herself.

Getting into a Car

As you approach a car with a blind person, tell him or her whether he or she will be sitting in the front or back seat, or ask the blind person which he or she would prefer.

When you reach the car, place the blind person's hand on the top of the car door and let the blind person seat himself or herself.

Make sure the blind person is sitting far enough away from the door so that he or she won't be bumped when you close it.

After arriving at the destination, carefully explain to the blind person what the area will be like before he or she gets out of the car.

Helping with Money

Identify to a blind person each denomination of bill you are working with. With coins, however, because of their different sizes, there is no need to identify each coin.

A blind person has his or her own system of identification once told what the bills are. Allow the blind person to put his or her money away as he or she wishes.

Participating in Church or Community Projects

Blind people are intelligent. They need to be involved in projects just as anyone else would.

Give a blind person some project that will help him or her become involved, such as being

a member of the program committee, or phoning members to alert them of the next meeting. Be creative and inclusive.

Conversing with the Deaf

Get a deaf person's attention before speaking. Since a deaf person can't hear, he or she may need a tap on the shoulder, a wave, or other visual signal to get his or her attention.

When conversing with a deaf person, look at him or her. Keep your hands away from your mouth for easier lipreading. Don't let your eyes wander when you're talking to a deaf person as he or she will think your attention has been lost.

Remember to face a deaf person at all times—facial expression is an important part of the conversation.

If a deaf person does not want to lip read, do not force him or her to. Speaking louder will not help a profoundly deaf person. Be willing to write things out.

It's also helpful to educate yourself. Learn what programs the Adventist Church offers for persons with disabilities. Christian Record Services (CRS) offers:

- Books on tape
- National Camps for Blind Children
- National Camps for Deaf Children
- Bible Studies
- Magazines in braille and in large print
- Sabbath school lessons are available in special formats, too, like braille, flexible disk, and even Easy Reading for the hearing impaired.

The deaf services department at CRS has a library of sign language sermons on videotape. All of these services are free to the disabled people using them.

If you were blind, deaf or otherwise disabled, would you want to know about these services? Then tell someone else about them and help get the word out.

There are 48.9 million persons with disabilities in the United States alone. What are you doing to reach them?

Rikki Stenbakken is assistant to the president at Christian Record Services (CRS), the General Conference organization serving the blind and the deaf.

ASSOCIATION OF ADVENTIST WOMEN GRANT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, a well-known musician in the Atlantic Union, and Hyveth Williams, pastor of the Boston, Massachusetts, Temple were among the six named by the Association of Adventist Women as Adventist Women of the Year for 1995.

Dr. Rittenhouse, Founder and Director of the New England Youth Ensemble, was named Outstanding Achievement winner, and Pastor Williams received the Pastor/Chaplain Award. They were both honored at a banquet brunch during the annual AAW Conference in Collegedale, Tennessee.

The other winners were Ellen Bresee, Church Life, of Central Point, Oregon; Linda Ammons, Professional Life, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Anita Requenez-Moses, Community Life, Newbury Park, California; and Janet Fordjour, Family Life, Memphis, Tennessee, who also carry high recommendations and credentials.

Dr. Rittenhouse, a violinist, is well known all up and down the East Coast for her excellent musical performances. The New England Youth Ensemble, her primary music group, now a part of Columbia Union College, has its roots at Atlantic Union College. Rittenhouse performed her first concert at age 10 on a network broadcast playing her own compositions for piano. And she has been thrilling audiences ever since with her own music and the music she has been able to coax from other, primarily young, musicians. She began the New England Youth Ensemble 25 years ago in her own living room. The average age of her students is 17 and her ensemble that began with four has expanded to 40 performers. In November 1995, the Ensemble made its 26th appearance at Carnegie Hall, New York City. They have toured 30 countries; this past

summer they appeared at the General Conference Session and after touring Europe, appeared at the request of the Queen of Jordan at the Jerash International Festival.

H.M.S. Richards, Jr., says, "Dr. Rittenhouse is a renaissance woman . . . fearless in her desire to uplift Christ and His Church through the medium of music. Her commitment to this has opened doors around the world . . . in countries that are normally closed to the Christian message!" And Dr. Francisco de Araujo, also a well-known director, says, "As a professional musician, there is none in the denomination today who equals Dr. Rittenhouse's talents as an all-around top-flight



Dr. Virginia-Gene
Rittenhouse



Hyveth Williams

performing artist. Whether it be as violinist, pianist, or composer, she has reached the highest realms of the artistic world. . . . Today Dr. Rittenhouse holds a unique position in the history of Adventist church music. . . . Her mission has been a worldwide one. She has taken truth, through music, to literally every corner of the globe with her New England Youth Ensemble."

Pastor Williams has brought a high level of creative vision and a zeal for uplifting Christ to her ministry at the Boston Temple since 1989. She has been instrumental in the revitalization of its church life and the restoration of the beautiful but historic Boston landmark. Williams is also a well-known speaker. A friend said that she "approaches

the preaching event as a sacred opportunity and her role as a spokesperson for God as a trust." She is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Boston University School of Theology. Pastor Williams holds the distinction of being the first and only female pastor in the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conference.

The head elder of her church congregation says, "Our congregation at Boston Temple not only has a deep affection for this faithful servant of God, but also holds her in high esteem for her unwavering commitment and faith—which greatly enhances her compassion of the needy people in the community. She not only professes the Adventist faith, but also possesses, and practices the principles established by our denomination." No pastor could ask for much higher recommendation.

Pastor Williams has a following among the children of her church as well as the among the Adventist students on the non-Adventist campuses of higher learning in the Boston area. Dr. Rosa Banks of the North American Division Office of Human Relations comments that Pastor Williams "possesses a radical self-honesty that compels her to a high degree of personal authenticity and integrity as a Christian woman and leader. In addition, she seeks excellence in each aspect of her ministry, whether in planning and executing church operations, preaching or writing."

The Association of Adventist Women is currently accepting nominations for Women of the Year for 1996. Applications may be obtained by writing to:

Adventist Woman of the Year Coordinator
Association of Adventist Women
PO Box 7414
Langley Park, MD 20787

Bermuda

BREATH OF LIFE CRUSADE YIELDS 39 BAPTISMS

"Every day and in every way, by the grace of God, I'm getting better, better, and better." These words became the familiar parting words each evening as Evangelist Reginald O. Robinson closed the nightly services. He brought an enthusiastic breath of fresh air to evangelism. He preached at least two sermons daily—one at workers meeting in the morning and the other in the nightly service. Both were equally good. Pastor Robinson is an energetic man.

The nightly meetings continued in spite of a pending hurricane with high winds and heavy rain. Each evening Brother Oliver Trott con-

ducted the song service. We were treated with special music from a number of groups and individuals—the Breath of Life Mass Choir, the Choral Dynamics, In His Image, Chanel Francis, Desirae Dill, and the Male Quintet from Midland Heights church, to name a few.

Evangelist Robinson brought Janice Chandler, a very special and talented singer, with him to Bermuda. Janice, a graduate of Oakwood College, teaches music in Washington, DC. Each night for two weeks she thrilled our hearts with notes some of us didn't know existed on the keyboard. Her singing was appreciated so much that one evening after singing for the Breath of Life Crusade, she accepted an invitation to sing at the Evening

Light Tabernacle on Parson's Road. Sister Kathy Charles very ably filled her spot when Janice had to return to the United States.

Some of the sermon titles were: "What's the Hidden Story Behind the Headlines?" "What the Newscasters Won't (Can't) Tell You!" "No more Lambs, What Silence of the Lambs Really Means," and "Making Right Choices Over Evil Urges."

We thank the Lord for the more than 150 visitors who attended the meetings and the 39 persons who made decisions for Christ and were baptized. May each of these precious souls determine in their minds and hearts to remain faithful to God to the end.

Three Baptismal Scenes



Brother and Sister Trew and Greer Valasse



Dee Simmons, Melba Wilson, Alpheus Santucci, John Holdipp III, André Manders, Angela Smith, Slone Wilson, Jennifer Hall, and Steven Hill



Ché Dunkley and Steven Hill

ORATORICAL/POSTER/ JINGLE CONTEST WINNERS

The Health and Temperance Department of Bermuda Conference announces the winners of the Oratorical/Poster/Jingle Contest at Bermuda Institute for Grades 7 to 9 and Grades 10 to 12 as follows; Hearty congratulations to each student.

Oratorical:

First Place—Kristy Burgess,
Jason Smith
Second Place—Maurita
Richardson, Kianna Simmons
Third Place—Aliya Hardtman,
Jahni Smith
Honorable Mention—Krystal
Smith, Victor Wilson

Poster:

First Place—Nekeisha Hayward,
Ezara Todd
Second Place—Rebekah Dartell,
Sherri-Ann Smith
Third Place—Krystal Smith

Jingle:

First Place—Michael Simmons
Second Place—Damon Rogers
Third Place—Slone Wilson

GOD AND CULTURE: INTERCULTURAL STUDIES AT ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

WHEN TOLERANCE ISN'T ENOUGH...

Learning to live with someone different from yourself might seem difficult enough, but learning to *learn* from him or her is harder for some of us, still. Atlantic Union College's new class in intercultural studies, "Culture in Theory and Practice," looks at the problems and rewards attached to living and working with a wide variety of peoples—not just tolerating differences, but learning from them and enjoying them.

"Even Adventist life is different from one 'culture' to another," says Norman Wendth, professor of English and Chair of AUC's Division of General Studies, which oversees



At AUC, professors and students investigate and analyze how concepts, communities, and experiences shape ourselves, others, and our responses to others and to God. This is the only SDA campus that offers these classes.

the college's intercultural studies courses, "students need to learn why this is true and how this works in order to learn from others and to make their own social, academic, and spiritual lives meaningful and vibrant."

Joan Francis, professor of history and chair of AUC's Division of Theology, Humanities, and Fine Arts, concurs: "These classes will wake a few people up—college will be a much better experience for students, once they have taken this first class, 'Culture in Theory and Practice.' This is especially helpful for those who have never learned to question why and how they think and live the way they do. Many people don't even realize that some of us *seem* to be speaking the same language, but might not really be. I'm very excited about the beginning of what is a unique series of courses in Adventist Education." Francis adds that what many of us learn as "tolerance" is often another way of maintaining superiority. This is true not only among cultures but between genders, as well.

These courses, the first one of which is being taught this semester, address not only how we understand and communicate with a wide variety of peoples, but also how it is that we can learn from different cultures as we learn where they came from, how they develop, and how they work. These are problems our founding fathers never had to wonder about.

"This class is a real eye-opener," says one college freshman, "I have never had to think about why I live the way I do or how it is that my

own culture has influenced even how I worship God."

"Culture in Theory and Practice," is the first course in the Cultural studies Core required of all



Learning to learn from "others" wasn't much of an issue to our founding fathers and mothers. Today, understanding and communicating effectively with people from very different backgrounds is what holds the church together.

new AUC students. The course includes units on communication in intercultural situations, intercultural problems and solutions, and cultural expressions of spirituality.

Professors and students investigate and analyze how concepts, communities, and experiences shape ourselves, others, and our responses to others and to God. "I have been moved away from the center of the world I live in, and am learning not to take so much of my world view for granted," says an-

other lower-division student, "It's interesting to look at my world through the eyes of others and to learn from people different from me."

Because this is a "first" at AUC, classes are highly interactive and students help professors collect and evaluate materials for the class to supplement the syllabus and textbook—bits and pieces from their own lives and the cultural lives of their parents and grand-



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parents, for example. An interdisciplinary class, "Culture in Theory and Practice" includes music, art, social practices, language, manners, and dress, as students critique the "givens" of their own cultures, various notions of "good taste," and traditional behaviors as they learn about the complex world in which all of us live.

COLLEGE FAMILY JOINS WITH COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP AUC LIBRARY

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Atlantic Union College, as well as local businesses and interested community members, have taken steps to broaden and modify AUC's library holdings and services by forming *Friends of the G. Eric Jones Library*. The G. Eric Jones Library, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last year, continues its tradition of providing a wealth of cultural resources and programs for AUC and its surrounding community. The library holds not only the Otilie Frank Stafford Poetry Collection but also the college's Heritage Room collection of documents and publications pertaining to the

history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which was born in the Atlantic Union.

The organization's first priority is to help the library finish its automation project, 40 percent of which is complete. A fully automated library will eventually give users rapid and convenient access not only to our own library's holdings, but also will link them to other library catalogs (local and national) on-line. The advanced system will link users with full-text databases on CD-ROM, and allow them to check out materials using barcode ID cards rather than manual cards. An automated library will also allow staff members to access information on patrons relating to our holdings.

Other goals of *Friends* include purchasing books and other resources needed by the Jones Library, and promoting special programs and ser-



The G. Eric Jones Library at Atlantic Union College houses the Stafford Poetry Collection, and one of the church's most interesting libraries of early SDA documents, publications, and photographs.

vices already in place like the Stafford Poetry Collection, the Collection Lecture Series, and the Heritage Room.

If you would like more information about becoming a *Friend of the G. Eric Jones Library*, please call the AUC Development office at 1-800-AUC-2030.



Kenneth Gibbs, Jr., professor of English at Worcester State College, lectures college and community at this spring's Stafford Lecture Series.

FRIENDS OF THE
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JONES
LIBRARY

Greater New York

44 NON-MEMBERS ATTEND PEARL RIVER KOREAN HEALTH EVANGELISM SERIES

By God's grace, more than 20 persons signed up for Bible studies following a week-long evangelistic health seminar sponsored by the Pearl River Korean church. Several visitors made plans to attend the church on a regular basis. The seminar, featuring renowned Adventist health lecturer Sang Lee,

M.D., drew 44 non-Adventists, and was held in Tamiment, Pennsylvania. Guests and volunteers were grateful to God for the privilege of seeing seminar participants' health improve each day of the seminar, with some of them recovering from serious health conditions. Registrants

(shown) paid \$1,330 each to attend. Elder Leroy Kim is the church's pastor.



SPANISH MANHATTAN CHURCH CONCERT

Despite a heavy downpour, the auditorium of the Health Professionals and Human Service High School in Manhattan was filled when a concert sponsored by Spanish Manhattan church was held there. Among the talented guest artists featured were Ruth Pinheiro and Shina Henderson from New York; Felix Rosa of New Jersey; Daniel Marches and José Ocampo from Mexico; and Pastor Francisco Valdez of the Dominican Republic.



A collage by Felipe Barrientos of the participating artists

Pastor Roberto Reyna was the Master of Ceremonies, and Percio de Pena organized the event as one of a series of Christian concerts planned for Hispanic and other church members and their friends.

Felipe Barrientos
Reporter-
photographer

MAYOR RECEIVES AWARD AT YONKERS CHURCH

Terrence Zeleski, then mayor of Yonkers, was warmly welcomed to the Yonkers church to receive a Community Service award plaque and a gift book for his outstanding service to the community. The church choir welcomed him with a personalized song, "How Do You Do, Mayor Zeleski." Shown (standing, L. to R.) are Yonkers pastor, Elder Angel Rodriguez; the Mayor; and Carmen Torres, Community

Services leader, who presented the award.

Following the presentation, the Mayor responded just as warmly by taking the podium to wish the congregation a happy Sabbath and explain his personal philosophy of service. "We are here for a little time that is given to us to try to touch lives as best we can, to help make things a little bit better, and find ways to protect and cherish each other."

He closed by saying, "Our works are not ours, but the divine works of the Lord working through us."



Northeastern

PERSONAL MINISTRIES FEDERATION MEETING

The Western New York district of the Northeastern Conference Personal Ministries Federation was re-organized when District President Dandy Martin relocated elsewhere because of work. The election took place in the Mt. Carmel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Syracuse, New York.

The speaker for the Divine Worship service during the weekend rally was Dr. Godfred Ansah, vice president of the Federation. He reminded us that excuses are a strategy of the devil to keep us from going to church or from doing God's work. But when we put away excuses not only will we be able to do much to advance God's work,



Elected Western New York District Personal Ministries Federation Officers: (L. to R.) Elder Betty Johnson, sponsor; Mary Robinson, Assistant Secretary; Inez Blackshear, Public Relations; Dorrie Bryant, Secretary; Marjorie Mitchell, First Vice President; Archie Johnson, Parliamentarian; Rheta Johnson, President; Ralph Blackshear, Assistant Parliamentarian; Napoleon Perry, Second Vice President; and Wilbur Stokes, Treasurer.

but also we will become a caring church with the salvation of mankind our top priority.

During a Sabbath afternoon literature distribution campaign in the community, ten people requested Bible studies, and more than 250 pieces of literature were distributed. Former Seventh-day Adventists living in the community were visited and invited to come back to church.

One woman who attended the Mt. Carmel church five years ago, told of praying that the Lord would help her because she wants to come back to church.

Another woman expressed the belief that the church members' visit that day was an answer to her prayer. She had asked the Lord to send someone to pray with her—what she needed most.

*Oswald Coombs
Public Relations Associate*

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMUNITY GUEST DAY AT EBENEZER CHURCH

The Deputy County Executive was honored by the local church and the Town of Hempstead. A certificate of recognition was given to Ena Joseph for community services.

Attending were the Black clergy of Nassau County. Officials included Max Rodriguez, Trustee, Town of Hempstead; Luis A. Vazques, Executive Director of Nassau County, Coordinating agency for Spanish Americans; Earl Mitchell, County Executive office; and other guests—Estel Oguendo, Girl Scouts of Nassau County; Phil Andrew; and Chriscille S. Seldon.

The speaker was Pastor Eddie Kinley, Jr.; the officiating Superintendent was Udia Vitukawalu.

*Mary Cameron
Communications Leader*



Pastor Eddie Kinley (left) presenting the plaque to deputy county executive Robert Olden.



Members of the Sabbath School Council and guest. (L. to R.): Chrisalles Seldon, Robert Olden, Max Rodriguez, Lus A. Vazques, Erlene Champen, Gloriadine Bramble, Udia Vitukawalu, Hyacinth Williams, Earl Mitchell.

ELDERS MEETING

Northeastern Conference held its annual seminar for local elders at the Friar Tuck Inn in the Catskills, New York.

The featured worship speaker was Pastor Horatius Gittens of the Hope church in Hartford, Connecticut. Seminars were presented by Dr. Glenelle Clarke, Riverdale SDA Church pastor, and Lee Gugliotto, Senior Pastor of the New England Memorial church. Clarke, accompanied by his wife Cecilia an accomplished musician, dealt with worship and music and worship, respectively. Gugliotto's presentations were on biblical hermeneutics.

A question-and-answer period with conference administrators was held Sabbath afternoon with time for fellowship and recreation. Conference departmental directors were in attendance with the total number of attendees more than 200.

New York

A MISSION TO MARS

Right after the Thanksgiving break, we went to Mars!! Well, not exactly. Dexterville, Rochester Bay Knoll, and several home schooling groups combined resources to reserve one of the limited Mission to Mars spots sponsored by the Rochester Science Museum.

Our journey to the Red Planet began in a briefing room where each astronaut was issued a real NASA jacket, identification badge, and assigned a position on the team. We learned to say "Yes, sir!" (Our teachers loved that!) Positions included meteorology, mineralogy, medical, environmental control, engineering, extravehicular activities, communications, geology, and other positions.

Then we proceeded to a 65-foot long flight simulator. Each station had an up-to-date computer system and other accessories, such as gloves, lasers, testing equipment,

and remote control devices. A communication person went from station to station taping our time on Mars, while several of the group got to suit up and go planetside. Our medical personnel kept a watch on our blood pressures while others analyzed rocks and geological features. All of the stations had to work together for a successful mission.

At last our meteorologists called a red alert warning that a dangerous dust storm was approaching. All of us grabbed our gear within a minute and went into the main part of our simulator for escape from the planet. We made it in time!

It was a great experience, and we all wish that we could have been able to stay longer and trade stations.

Afterwards, we spent some time in the displays outside the simulator which let us test our depth perception, color blindness, height, and reflexes to see if we would be able to pass the initial tests for astronaut training.

We also visited the planetarium next-door where we viewed the fall sky, and saw two movies, one on hot air ballooning and the other on astronaut training.

It was a great day for learning and for getting to know our fellow New York Conference students.

*Calvin Duncan, Dexterville
Rebecca Fraker, Rochester Bay Knoll*

Centennial Celebration

*The Elmira, New York
Seventh-day Adventist Church
invites you to join us for
a special weekend
of praise, worship, and music
April 19 & 20, 1996*

*Vespers —
Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.
"A Time to Reflect"*

*Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.*

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Each organized church in the Conference is entitled to be represented by delegates duly elected by the church in the following ratio: one delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

Skip Bell, President
James Glass, Secretary

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Northern New England

GREEN MOUNTAIN ADVENTURERS

The Green Mountain Adventurers from the Rutland, Vermont, Seventh-day Adventist Church have had a busy fall.

Under the leadership of Debra Baasch and Sharon Buttrick, the club went to the fall campout in Jefferson, New Hampshire. They engaged in a church and school clean-up day in Rutland. Many of the group, in connection with the Green Mountain Christian School, participated in a food collection and distribution of Thanksgiving boxes. They also have had regular meetings to work on honors and programs.

On October 28 Marilyn Schorer, conference Adventurers' director, held an investiture at the Rutland church. Various awards and honors were given and the children and



Green Mountain Adventurers sing "We Have This Hope" at the Prayer Conference. Pictured (L. to R.): Joselyn Benabe, Deanna Baasch, Phylcia Benabe, Kyle Goodrich, Kaitlin Goodrich, Douglas Baasch, Jessica Blanchard, Danielle Baasch, Nadja Benabe, May Buttrick, and Zachary Goodrich.



Debra Baasch directed the Adventurers who sang during the Prayer Conference.

leaders were invested. The Green Mountain Adventurers also sang a couple of songs. Marilyn Schorer presented the morning message—"God May See A King."

The Green Mountain Adventurers also sang on November 4 at the North American Division and Atlantic Union Conference Prayer

Conference Sabbath service held in Rutland, Vermont, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. In their blue and white uniforms with red and yellow scarves and blue sashes they confidently acclaimed—"We Have This Hope."

R. Lenbert Cheney

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Acts 10:38 says: "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good..." Using our gifts and talents for God by 'doing good' should be an automatic response when we think of all that Jesus has done for us. Marjorie Sczekan takes that admonition seriously. She has retired as Dean of the School of Nursing for the University of Colorado, but certainly keeps active, using the talents the Lord has given her. While spending time with her son, Michael, Northern New England Treasurer, she was asked by the Poland government to return a fifth time to help teach health seminars to graduate students at the medical/nursing academy in the city of Lublin. Here are

excerpts from Marjorie's story in her own words...

"Service as a volunteer can be both challenging and rewarding endeavor. For me, the opportunity to work in Poland provided a meaningful way to actively demonstrate gratitude and to fulfill an obligation for the benefits we enjoy in America. The people of Poland have suffered for centuries as a result of war and occupation by many different nations. Formal rule by the communists officially ended in 1989 and since that time the nation is working to establish democracy as their style of government. They are making progress but need much support from other countries. Poland is a beautiful country; its people are courageous, warm-hearted and appreciative. As the

result of years oppression they face many problems—political, economic, social and healthwise.

"My major responsibility was presenting health seminars to graduate students at the medical/nursing academy and to practicing nurses. Although the people have minimal financial resources, after each seminar I was given large bouquets of long-stemmed roses to express their thanks.

"As Americans we have little real understanding of what freedom actually means; to the Poles, it is a rare and valued treasure. Although my visits are not sponsored in any way by the church, for me, serving a people with such great needs is one way to fulfill the Christian value of service for those in need.

Marjorie Sczekan

Southern New England

HEALTH AND MUSIC AT THE BIG E

More than 50 volunteers devoted over 800 volunteer hours at the Southern New England Conference Health/Education Booth at the 17-day Eastern States Exposition, September 17 through October 1, held at the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The predominate theme of vegetarianism and its health benefits has been promoted the past five years, with large interested crowds. Colorful posters and displays on Heart Disease, Fats, Sugars, and Arteries, along with on-screen educational videos keep the people's attention as they flow through our open booth, where they ask questions and share health concerns.

Thousands of informational papers on health-related topics such as Water, Stress Reduction, How to Become a Vegetarian, Heart Disease, Rest, Diabetes, How to Stop Smoking, etc., were taken by eager

hands from stacks on our tables.

Volunteers were kept busy in almost constant conversation during two six-hour shifts, which extended from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day, two persons per shift. Discussions on physical health usually led to the mental health connection and on into spiritual things. Seeing the sign, "Seventh-day Adventists" as sponsors of the booth, often led to the question, "Who are Seventh-day Adventists? The opportunity was then given to share.

This year an added opportunity came when for the first time we were permitted to have Gospel Music presented on the stage of the New England Center Building two and three times a day. Over 100 musicians offered their time and talents to witness their faith in God through this medium over the 17 days as thousands from among the million fairgoers stopped to listen. It was well worth the efforts as you saw the folks in the crowd moved to tears, "Amen's," and to applause,



President and Mrs. Charles Case at the health booth at the Big E.

followed by words of appreciation, as their hearts were touched by the appealing messages presented through these musicians of varied ages and ethnic backgrounds.

Volunteer coordinators for these two witnessing events were Joyce Peterson and Leah Guevara. Conference President, Charles Case and his wife Millie were very supportive and took their turn serving at the Health Education booth as did also Secretary-Treasurer, Dennis Millburn and his wife, Bobbie.

Pastor Paul Peterson

JOHNSONS AND VOORHEES CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Two wedding anniversaries were celebrated last October by South Lancaster Church members. On October 7, Edwin and Dorothy Johnson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and on the 22nd, Elder and Mrs. Harold Voorhees noted their diamond wedding anniversary.

They were happy occasions spent with their relatives, fellow church members, and friends in the fellowship hall of the church. The hall was festively decorated for the occasions and everyone enjoyed the refreshments.



Edwin and Dorothy Johnson



Elder and Mrs. Harold Voorhees

The two couples are much loved and highly regarded by our people as well as the community where they have lived and served for many years. May God richly bless them all and grant them peace, harmony, and happiness in this life and in the earth made new.

ADULT CAMP

No dishes, no hectic schedules, no blaring horns! Only the calm of lake waters, the call of birds, the gentle breeze through the treetops. All this can be yours, if you come to Camp Winnekeag for Adult Camp, August 11-18.

Activities include ceramics, horse-back riding, skiing, boat rides, canoeing, swimming and fellowship. The time to sit and talk with new friends and to renew old friendships. Make your plans now to attend Adult Camp, August 11-18. Write to Camp Winnekeag, PO Box 1169, South Lancaster, MA 01561-1169 or call (508) 365-4551 (ask for Sarah).

"FRIENDS FOREVER" YOUTH SPIRITUAL RETREAT

"Can we do this more than once a year?"

"I have so many new friends!"

"I am truly blessed!"

Camp Winnekeag on November 3 through 5 was filled with the sounds of youth—singing, praying, and playing. For the 80 youth and sponsors who attended the "Friends Forever" Spiritual Retreat, this weekend provided spiritual growth, new experiences, and many new Adventist Christian friends. Two-thirds of the youth attend public schools. They listened to Ken Rogers, Southern College chaplain, share salvation by grace. They were uplifted by the music of "Face 2 Face," an Atlantic Union College musical group. They talked through meals, free time and activities.

Sunday morning brought laughter, cooperation and problem solving to a fine art. Divided into four groups, the youth rotated from "knots" to "trolley" to the "beam." How do you untie a human knot? How do you get your entire group over a beam ten feet in the air? How do you go through a tire eight feet above the ground? How do you maneuver on planks that are 4 inches by 4 inches? Each group solves these problems together.

The retreat finished with a communion and commitment service. Many testified how their relationship with Jesus improved over the weekend. When asked if they wanted to have another retreat, the group burst into applause.

See you next November, friends!

ACS DISASTER TRAINING WEEKEND

February 23–25, 1996

Camp Winnekeag • Registration Form • Deadline February 16, 1996

Choose one of the following:

☐ \$40 Step 2A and 3 — All materials, 4 meals, and 2 nights lodging.

☐ \$25 Step 2A only — All materials, 3 meals and 1 night lodging.

☐ \$25 Step 3 only — All materials, 2 meals and 1 night lodging.

Please include a non-refundable deposit of \$20 to register. Send registration form to Southern New England Conference, Community Services Dept., PO Box 1169, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____

Include complete mailing address, city, state, and zip code.

Telephone _____ Amount enclosed _____

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Bulletin Board

Calendar

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE
1996 Camp Meeting Schedule
Camp Berkshire, Wingdale NY
Tel. (914) 832-6681 Fax (914) 832-3115

Brazilian	May 24-27	Chinese	Aug. 16-18
Korean	May 24-27	French	Aug. 25-31
English	June 29; July 3-6	United	Sept. 14
Spanish	July 26 - Aug. 3		

Sunset Table

Eastern Standard Time

	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
Bangor, ME	5:24	5:33	5:42	5:51	6:00
Portland, ME	5:31	5:40	5:48	5:57	6:05
Boston, MA	5:35	5:44	5:52	6:00	6:08
So. Lancaster, MA	5:38	5:46	5:54	6:02	6:10
Pittsfield, MA	5:44	5:52	6:01	6:09	6:17
Hartford, CT	5:42	5:50	5:58	6:06	6:14
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He gave 40 years of active service starting with pastoral positions in Canada; then President of the Newfoundland Mission; followed by six years as President of the Bermuda Mission 1942-49; serving as Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Public Relations Secretary in the Greater New York Conference 1950-1956; also in the New Jersey and West Pennsylvania conferences; and Sabbath School Secretary and Trust Services in Pennsylvania Conference. After a month's retirement, he worked part-time for the next 14 years to set up the Trust Services Department for the Chesapeake Conference.

Survivors include his daughter, Donna Toop Weigle; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and Susie, his faithful dog companion of 16 years. His wife, Gladys L. Best of 64 years, predeceased him in 1991.

Elder Toop's favorite Bible text was Hebrews 10:35-37.

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