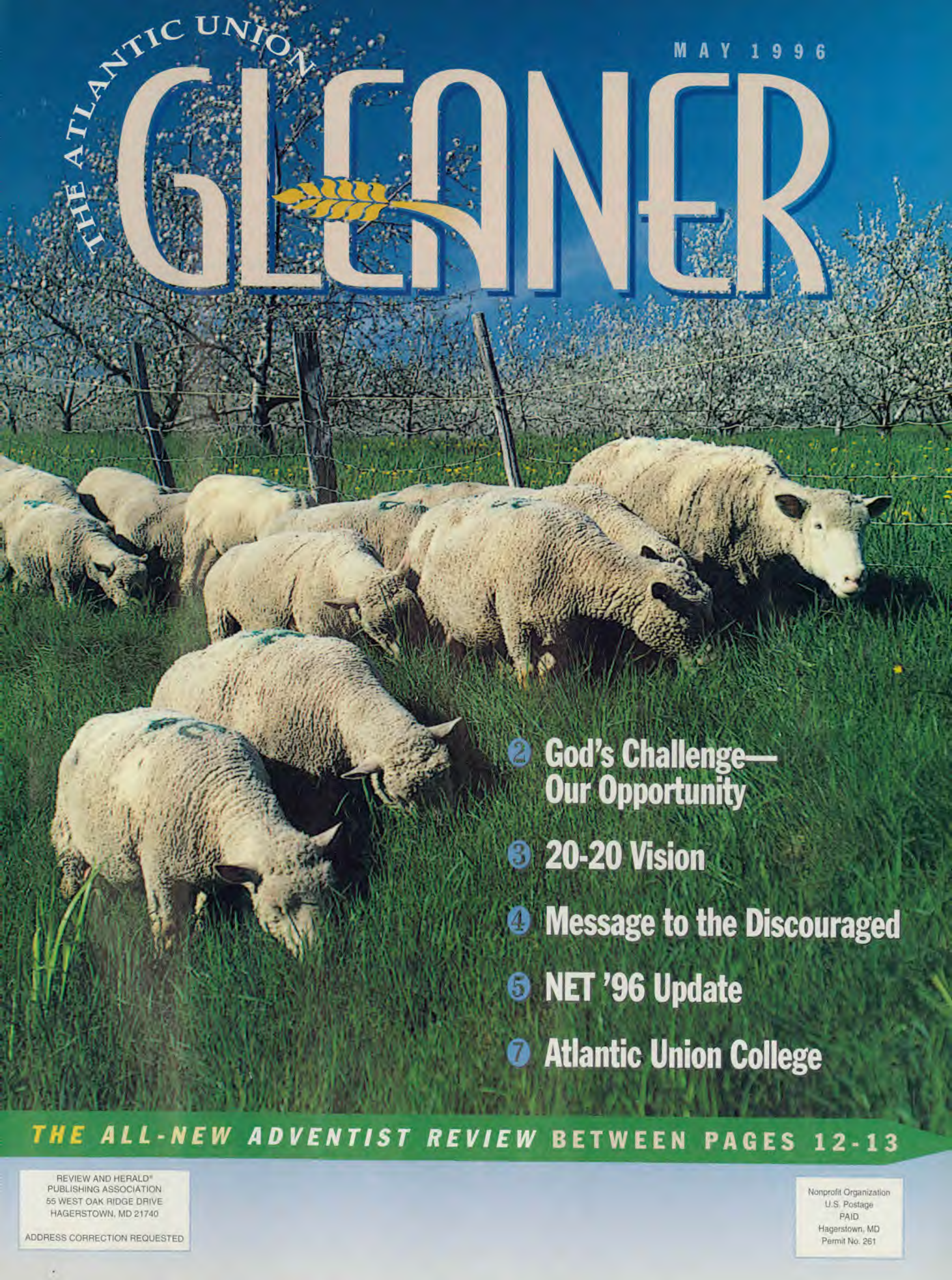


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God's Challenge—Our Opportunity!

There are lessons for members of the Atlantic Union Conference in the history of God's dealings with ancient Israel which must never be forgotten. The same God of yesterday is omnipotent and omniscient. He has not changed! When times get hard, when the way is difficult, we are then compelled to look beyond the hills to where our real source of help and blessing awaits to be approached. *He is always there!*

Exodus 14 tells us how God directed His servant Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt to the Red Sea. What a tremendous responsibility this was for Moses! The words of this great leader to God's people were a serious challenge to their weak faith:

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they GO FORWARD:

"But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel SHALL GO ON DRY GROUND THROUGH THE MIDST OF THE SEA" (Exodus 14: 15,16). [*Emphasis supplied*]

What God did for His people was a miracle! Moses obeyed the words of the Lord and challenged the FAITH and TRUST of that weary nation of former slaves who had come out from bondage to the Egyptians. When they obeyed, the blessing of God made their escape a reality. Let your imagination picture the walls of the sea, divided by the power of the great God of Israel. Think of the fact that the very ground upon which the

children of Israel walked was *dry!* What a powerful God they served!

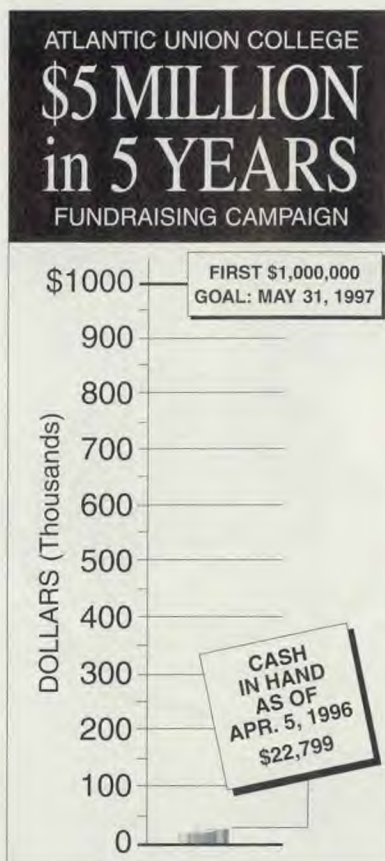
Today, Atlantic Union College has had an experience which has brought us to the Sea of Tribulation. The merger concept has been put in abeyance by Andrews until Atlantic Union College is ready to pursue a merger as its only option. We appreciate their willingness to offer us help when we were approaching the banks of the sea. It was an act of Christian kindness to extend a helping hand to a sister institution in a great time of need!

On March 28, 1996, a day of prayer and fasting was called for the campus at Atlantic Union College. I witnessed the deep commitment of students, faculty, and staff in a chapel service on March 26. I heard the testimonies and prayers and my heart was moved. This body was serious about keeping AUC open, alive, and healthy. They called upon the God of the Israelites for help. He was their source of strength and power.

God has impressed Loma Linda University to offer AUC assistance by establishing some courses on our campus. By graduation day we should be able to announce the new programs which will definitely help AUC to say alive and continue on its recovery program. The God of the Red Sea is still alive.

And now, modern Israel, AUC needs your strong financial, prayer and faith support.

Send us your students to be taught of the Lord. We must raise ONE MILLION DOLLARS each year to assist the college as the challenge from God echoes in our ears and hearts—GO FORWARD!!!



About Our Cover Photo:

How peacefully the sheep are confidently and quietly grazing in the pasture. Even though there may be frustrations about us, we, too, can live confidently in this life and say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Ps. 23:1). "We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Ps. 100:3). "For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand" (Ps. 95:7). Sheep may safely graze and so may we come to Jesus for rest for our heavy-laden souls.

This beautiful scene of sheep grazing near a field of apple trees with their fragrant spring blossoms was taken by Paul Miller of Vernon, VT. Through the years we have used many of Paul's beautiful photos which so aptly portray life in New England. Notice the sheep are numbered.

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"20-20" VISION

A special Sabbath school program entitled "20-20" presented in the Brattleboro church vividly depicted the effectiveness of one person winning souls for Christ. Laura Smead, Sabbath school superintendent, titled the program "20-20" because about 20 years ago, due to the witness of one man, Wilson Gale, Sr., there are now 20 or more souls in the Brattleboro church worshipping each Sabbath.

The program, presented in skit form, began with Wilson (played by Gary Brodis) and John McLay (played by Dan Harris) playing the hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" on their guitars. After completing the song, Wilson asked John, "Have you ever really thought about the words to that song? Have you thought about what Jesus has really done for you and me?" The skit portrayed some of their conversation about the Lord, and then how John went home to tell his wife, Millie, (played by Yolanda Harris). In turn, John and Millie shared the good news with their friends Norman and Connie LaFlamme. Wilson continued to give Bible studies to each of these people on a regular basis. Connie called her friend, Carole Weatherhead, to share the good news, who also became excited and told her husband, Irving (played by Sven Rhodes). All of the people, except as mentioned, played their own parts in the skit.

John and Millie were baptized, but just before Norman and Connie's scheduled baptismal day, Norman had a heart attack and died. Connie was baptized soon after, along with Irving and Carole Weatherhead and some of their children. Irving and Carole were extremely active and faithful members of the Brattleboro church for many years, until Irving's death several years ago. Carole still remains a faithful and active member. As a result of their faithfulness, now four of their daughters and their families attend the Brattleboro

church and actively participate. Connie has also remained a faithful member. She remarried several years ago, and as a result of her faithfulness, her husband, Carroll Howe, was baptized in January. During the church service following, Donna and Gil Jones, Carole Weatherhead's daughter and son-in-law were baptized.

As the skit concluded, there were 25 members and children in church that day. All of this came about as the result of one person, Wilson Gale, Sr., who shared his faith with one other person and it snowballed. Wilson had the privilege of studying with most of these people and he keeps in touch with all of them.

Wilson and his wife, Lucy, who has been his companion for 55 plus years and is also known as the ultimate in extending Christian hospitality to everyone, were present in Sabbath school that day. They were honored for their faithfulness, but above all, God was given the glory for His saving power.

May God richly bless each of these faithful members as they continue to share the Good News with those with whom they come in contact day by day.



Wilson and Lucy Gale

Jean Brodis
Communication Secretary

MESSAGE TO THE DISCOURAGED

BEFORE YOU QUIT CHURCH

Recall the first time you entered the church building. You had a lot to look at . . . the pastor's face, the deacons, the faces of those seated near you. None of these concerned you. It was the face of the Invisible you were looking at. You were there because you were seeking God with the burning ardency of first love.

Having found God, you accepted Him by accepting His life as standard for your own and that was how you came to love those people around you. With your adoption into the church family, you became familiar with the fine features of this family . . . and the faults as

Or shall you 'endure and keep looking at the face of the Invisible Almighty'?

well. One day you were rubbed the wrong way too roughly and the faults had magnified in your eyes since then. You began looking at nothing else.

Meanwhile, there exists a class of people in the church who look not upon anything but the face of the Invisible Almighty. How do you tell that they do? From the steadfast seriousness with which they regard their church membership. To them, their membership is God's designation as to where and with whom they will serve Him according to a particular purpose of His in a particular time frame. They are not "freelance" churchgoers. They know that it is not a commitment-free religion Christ is calling them to. These church members comprise the true community of faith.

The community of faith is personified in the Scriptures by Moses who "feared no wrath because he kept looking at the face of the Invis-

ible Almighty" (Heb. 11:27). This piece of Scripture carries a lot of weight especially nowadays when conflicts and contradictions take place not only in the home, not only in society . . . but even in the church. It describes how Moses remained unmoved by the most painful of tribulations. The pharaoh threatened to kill him but that did not stop him from going where God designated him to go. The Israelites rebelled, murmured against him in the wilderness but he never gave in, never looked back. Tempted to leave God's service, he must have asked himself what is more important: this world or the world to come? Likewise today, there are people in church who ask the same question, and, like Moses, endure where God wants them to be even though they may face criticism or censure. Not intimidated by visible pharaohs around them but rather

They are not "freelance" churchgoers. They know that it is not a commitment-free religion Christ is calling them to.

they wait for God to fulfill the purposes for which He called them to such a place.

Look only at temples, at altars, deacons, elders, or at church leaders, and you will be in trouble. The agenda of the church is not the deacons, not the elders, not the pastor, not you, not your favorite brethren. The agenda of the church is the Lord.

Things in church may go wrong, many times. Rest, if you must, but do not quit. You might succeed through the next blow. Success is

actually failure turned upside down. The quitter never wins and the winner never quits. Never look back, never back off. Hold out in the midst of unpleasant circumstances and by tomorrow's miracle, you may not see them any more.

You may make mistakes but still, God is saying to you, 'I need you here.'

Do not let anyone write you off, or let anyone else be written off. You may make mistakes but still, God is saying to you, "I need you here." To your fellow blunderer, you should likewise say, "Brother or sister, we love you, we do not want to lose you."

Mountains of difficulties may be before you. There is always something you may not like in your home or workplace, but you hold on. Now if difficulties occur in the church, you may not like this or that, are you to hold out less firmly? Or shall you 'endure and keep looking at the face of the Invisible Almighty'?

There is no kind of weakness, no curse God's grace cannot handle. His grace is not something set in the biblical past; it is available to you in the now, enabling you to remember no other motive in churchgoing except to have the reality of God's face ever before you, to even sing through your irritation and vexation, through tension and friction: "By the grace of Christ . . . I'm holding on!"

*Andy Garcia
Communication Director
Jackson Heights SDA Church
Greater New York Conference*

URGENT URGENT URGENT!

To ALL NET '96 COORDINATORS

April 13 was a most important day in the history of NET '96! A special uplink titled "All you ever wanted to ask about NET '96 carried information each church needs and brought new inspiration to those who viewed it. There were five phone lines to take questions. There was a Spanish translation working throughout the program.

Requests for Bible studies are rolling into the VOP from the advertisements in *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Signs of the Times*, buuuut we have a problem! Many of your churches have not decided what they are going to do about giving Bible Studies. They have not sent back a reply to let us know what Zip Codes they will be responsible to cover in giving Bible Studies. The VOP does not know where to send the requests for Bible Studies that they are receiving. *Please* contact your churches and urge them to let

us know at once where they are going to work in giving Bible Studies.

Some pastors have not received their pastors' kit. They do not know what to do to get ready for the meetings that are *only six months* away. If you do not have a kit to tell you how to get ready for these meetings, please phone (360) 835-3019 or contact your conference coordinator as soon as possible. You need the detailed instructions to make the necessary preparation for a successful harvest. Let's not say in October, "The summer is past, the meetings are here and we are not ready."

Progress is being made in rebuilding the auditorium for the meetings in Orlando. The Florida Conference deserves our bouquet of roses for the tremendous load they have taken upon themselves! With over 100 churches enrolled in NET '96

and a hefty budget for the Orlando meetings, they will spend over 1.2 million dollars in rebuilding the auditorium. With this type of willingness to sacrifice for soulwinning, we know why Florida is one of the leaders in soul-winning in North America.

Next week a newsletter to all the participating churches. We will be sending out a special letter of instruction to all the churches next week to help answer questions about advertising, Bibles, seminars, et cetera. I want to thank each of you for all your help in organizing and recruiting your field. We have just received news that there will be 2,000 churches overseas uniting with us in NET '96. It looks now that we will reach the 2,000 mark here in North America!

Your friend in Christ, Don Gray

NEWS UPDATE FROM MARCH 17 PLENARY MEETING IN FLORIDA CONFERENCE OFFICE

NET '96 is taking on an inter-continental flavor and may become the largest multichurch and multilingual evangelistic crusade in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The telecast originating from Orlando, Florida, October 5 through November 9, will be seen by people in an expected 2,000 churches in North America. The present count is 1,600, according to Coordinator

Don Gray, but he expects the final total to be 2,000.

Added to the churches in North America, are 1,000 churches using English, Spanish and French languages in the Inter-American Division.

Two hundred Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking churches in the South American Division are expected to be on line. NET '96 will be carried also to at least 300 more con-

gregations of the Euro-Africa and Trans-European Divisions using the German and Romanian languages. This makes a total of six different languages for NET '96 in Europe.

North American Hispanic Coordinator, Louis Torres, reports 92 Hispanic churches are presently enrolled in NET '96. He expects the final total to be 200 churches out of the 400 in North America.

Mort Juberg

ELDER ELISEO LOZANO APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT MULTILINGUAL DIVISION FOR FER

In a meeting held by the Family Enrichment Resources board in Battle Creek, Michigan, Elder Eliseo Lozano was appointed Assistant to the President of Family Enrichment Resources, Inc., (FER) for the Multilingual Division of the Atlantic, Columbia, and Pacific unions. FER headquarters are located in Columbia, Maryland.

Previously, Elder Lozano served as an Area Director for the Foreign Markets and Languages Division covering the Atlantic and Colum-



bia unions. In his new responsibilities, Elder Lozano will oversee the publishing work in Bermuda and all the states within the Atlantic, Columbia and Pacific unions, including Hawaii. Elder Lozano has a long, successful career in the publishing ministry. Interestingly enough, he is one of the youngest leaders we have in the North American Division. We pray for the Lord's blessings in Eliseo's new appointment as he serves the Master.

BUILDING A SOLID TEAM THROUGH LITERATURE MINISTRY

1995 was a year full of blessings in the Literature Ministry of the Southern New England Conference. More than \$250,000 in *cash* sales were delivered in literature full of our message through the entire conference. Despite some of the challenges our literature evangelists face, they are happily fulfilling the real mission of our church.

A new congregation was formed in the city of Lawrence, Massachu-

setts, thanks to the faithful service of these colporteurs who worked hard in order to bring people to the Lord. People who were only customers then are now our brothers and sisters of the Spanish SDA Church.

Pastor Oscar Aparicio, District Leader, has been able to develop different types of seminars that have been presented in more than 42 non-Seventh-day Adventist

churches in the state of Connecticut. (In some of these places our publications are very well known.) Our books and videos have been announced on television and during different radio programs, making the work of the literature evangelists a little more enjoyable. The Holy Spirit motivates for success. We are convinced that 1996 will be the year of great victory now that we are going to have the *Bible Story* series in animated videos. A set of 15 videos will be available in English and Spanish.

A few months ago we were able to have one of the most successful training schools for new literature evangelists. It has been a wonderful experience to work with this new team of five workers for the Lord. Pray for us as we move by faith in His mission where there is still room for more workers. If you would like to receive more information about the Literature Evangelist Ministry, please contact Pastor Oscar Aparicio at (508) 365-7369.

This group of new Literature Evangelists were trained for this ministry in the Southern New England, with Pastor Eliseo Lozano (fifth from right) who is the Assistant to the President of FER and Pastor Oscar Aparicio (second from right), Spanish District Leader for the Southern New England Conference through FER.





Atlantic Union College
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March 31, 1996, South Lancaster, MA—

Laying to rest rampant rumors about the immediate future of Atlantic Union College, Seventh-day Adventists in the Atlantic Union registered a strong vote of support for the college, declaring that church members certainly intend for the school to be fully operating next year and will take responsibility for the challenges and risks attached to maintaining a Seventh-day Adventist college in the northeast.

By a margin of more than 4 to 1, delegates to a special constituency meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference **voted to continue operations at the 114-year-old institution.**

Following a full day of frank reports about the school's financial troubles, the **Atlantic Union constituents also voted to commit \$1 million beyond the Union's regular subsidy annually for the next five years.** This will lay the foundation for a strong turnaround for Atlantic Union College. Adventist **constituents further voted for college administration to explore affiliations with other Adventist educational institutions.**

With this in mind, Union delegates voted to give AUC the go-ahead to operate on what administrators described as a "survival budget" for the 1996–1997 school year. The budget calls for reducing operation costs by nearly 40 percent, and includes a possible sliding-scale faculty sacrificial pay cut of up to 17 percent.

Alfred C. McClure, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, reaffirmed the Division's belief in the power of Adventist education: "The North American Division wants Adventist higher education to flourish in the northeastern part of the United States as much as Atlantic Union constituents do. But," he added, "Faith without works is dead. And God works through you and me—

The answer is in your hands."



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Greater New York

FIRST GHANA CHURCH INAUGURATION

Worship, joyous fellowship and the music of choirs highlighted the inauguration of the First Ghana church in the Bronx December 23, 1995. First Ghana church members of all ages participated throughout the day, as the congregation swelled to some 800 persons. Representatives from the General Conference, the Atlantic Union and the Conference were among the platform guests, along with community and local church leaders; and Adotey



During an afternoon service, gifts were given to an array of persons who had been charter members, foundational pastors and supportive in their roles as conference leaders. The Consul General of the Ghana Mission was also especially cited for his help to the congregation.



Ghanaian Adventists worship in a spacious, highly-visible building on a busy Bronx street corner in New York City. Artifacts and national dress on display in the church's lobby area represent the beginnings of an African heritage museum planned as an outreach to the Bronx community.



First Ghana's Singing Band, one of the congregation's three choirs. They were joined by the Ghanaian choir from Toronto, Canada, and a variety of choral ensembles that performed throughout the day.

Anum, Consul General of the Ghana Mission to the United Nations, spoke. All were invited to enjoy the hearty lunch prepared and served by a dedicated corps of volunteers.

MORRIS PARK FAMILY SHARE CHRIST IN ANNUAL FAMILY DINNERS

What started out as a simple family dinner has developed into a unique ministry for the Chandler family of Bronx, New York.

Jerome and Betty Jean were new Adventists when they planned a family reunion for the first Saturday night of January 1989. Jerome looked at the evening as an opportunity to introduce their relatives to the vegetarian lifestyle they were adopting. Over the next few years, however, the focus of the evening broadened as the guest list began to include friends from the Chan-

dlers' jobs and church. And so, the "Chandler Annual Family Dinner" was born.

Eight dinners later, the highly anticipated event has taken on a life



Jerome and Betty Jean Chandler and their sons, Derrick (left) and Khalid, at their 1996 annual dinner in their Bronx home.

of its own, as the Chandlers, who include Derrick, age 11, and Khalid, age 6, begin planning each new program the day after the last one. Forty mailed invitations announce the theme of the upcoming evening, along with selected colors to be worn to add to the elegant atmosphere that guests will discover in the beautifully decorated basement. Among past themes have been harvest and holidays, including Kwanzaa. For the January 1996, theme of "A Winter Celebration of Life," delighted guests were greeted by more than 50 snowmen made of china, glass, paper, and fabric!

Social worker Betty Jean, a novice cook at the time of the first din-



ner, now holds classes in gourmet vegetarian cooking in her home. Her lavish menu includes eye-catching fruit and vegetable appetizers, courtesy of Jerome's job at New York City's Hunt's Point Market; and stuffed shells, barbecued "meatballs", and eggplant parmigiana. Guests are always amazed to learn that even the brownies and fudgy carob pudding are made without dairy products.

But the highlight of the evenings is the program that follows each feast, for it is here that the true purpose of coming together shines forth. Both familiar and new faces participate in a joyous hour of songs, poems and readings that uplift Jesus Christ. While not all of those who attend are Christian, they seem perfectly comfortable listening to the messages of hope and renewal. And that is exactly what the Chandlers had in mind.

"These dinners are our way of sharing Christ in a warm, non-threatening atmosphere," explains Betty Jean. "Our boys really enjoy participating in this new family tradition," adds Jerome. "We want them to grow up knowing that their home has a sense of purpose, recognizing that they are being trained to serve others."

Writes Ellen G. White in *The Adventist Home*, "With us as parents and as Christians it rests to give our children right direction. They are to be carefully, wisely, tenderly guided into paths of Christlike ministry. We are under sacred covenant with God to rear our children for His service" (p. 484).

*Helene E. Mattenson
Morris Park Church*

HARTSDALE CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TO A FOUNDING MEMBER

Members of the Hartsdale church honored founding member, Gerda Bose, who has relocated to the Springfield, Massachusetts, area. At the farewell, members affirmed the important part she had played in Hartsdale church life from the time, more than 25 years earlier, when one of her friends had donated money to purchase the church building.

From that time to the present, Gerda has been a steadfast member and a voice of experience within the congregation, while serving as

secretary to the treasurer of Greater New York Conference for several years. Her parting message was an encouragement to her fellow church members to remain strong in their bonds with the Lord and each other.

A commemorative afghan was presented in remembrance of members' continuing love for Gerda, along with a plaque acknowledging her outstanding service to the congregation and community.

On the same occasion, the Hartsdale church also honored John Muller, another longtime member.

*Cheryl Silvera and Tom Merendino
Communication Leaders*

THREE MEMBERS ADDED TO ROMANIAN CHURCH



Three persons were baptized as a result of evangelistic meetings held at the Romanian church in Queens. Shown are (L. to R.) deaconess Lydia Samoilescu, Mihail Ardeleanu, Juliana and Mircea Onciulescu. Pastor Ioan and Helene Orban-Dengel, also a deaconess, are on the right.

53 COUPLES ATTEND QUEENS PORTUGUESE SEMINAR ON THE FAMILY

Pastor Edemar Lamarques of Brazil was the speaker for a Family Ministries Seminar held recently at the



Queens Portuguese church in Long Island City. Fifty-three couples participated. Seated on platform is the church's pastor, Pastor J. I. Da Costa e Silva, with his wife, Itacy, and Pastor Lamarques' wife.

New York

THREE ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK

What flies in the midst of heaven faster than the speed of light? The Three Angels Message. In the light of today's technology what better way to spread the message of the Gospel than through the satellite-powered vehicle of Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN).

Acting on faith inspired by Pastor Herbert Coe, the Saratoga church and surrounding area are engaged in a mighty prayer challenge to God to make the possibility of a 3ABN downlink a reality.

We have been told it would be the first downlink in the state of New York. Therefore, we ask you also to join us in prayer for this mighty endeavor.

Danny Shelton, 3ABN president, scheduled an all-day meeting at the Saratoga church in March. He spoke during the church service and again in the afternoon after lunch.

While a temporary permit has already been obtained, it is now necessary to raise the funds to proceed with the building to complete the downlink. The estimated cost of the project is \$65,000. Thus far \$17,500 has been raised, leaving a balance of \$47,500 to be raised. If the Lord

has impressed you with the need for good Christian broadcasting on television, please help us by sending your donation to 3ABN, PO Box 220, West Frankfort, IL 62896. Please mark it "for the Saratoga downlink" or it will go into the general fund.

We know the Lord is coming soon and we need to let our neighbors and friends know in every way possible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will impress people to give generously to get these three angels "out of the air" and "down on the ground" where we can see them. Amen.

Juliana Yonke

THIRD BAPTISM IN BROCKPORT

The new mission field of the New York Conference in Brockport held its third baptism last December 23. This was the harvest of souls of the Revelation Seminar conducted by Pastor Epi Rodriguez which ended last November 17 with a banquet and great rejoicing. A special celebration and feast glorifying God took place after the baptism.



The active membership of the Brockport company has doubled and with the Holy Spirit leading we expect another great harvest of souls in 1996.

The persons baptized, standing with Pastor Epi Rodriguez (rear) are: (L. to R.) Shari Stratton, Debbie Akers, Debra Sherwood, and Beth and Mike Minetti.

MISSION TO INDIA

A Maranatha project in India and a baby dedication in New York? Walter Buck of Valley Falls, New York, went to India and is the grandfather of Donny Buck, Jr., who was dedicated in the Saratoga church.

Before the dedication, Walter shared some of the strange and wonderful things he experienced. Maranatha helped to build staff housing and a barn at our Adventist school in Roorkee, India. After a 22-

hour flight, one of his first impressions of India was the airport—an expensive marble structure, but filth and dirt were on the floors and in bathrooms.

Walter was met by Dr. and Mrs. Dass, principal of the school. Only a very small percentage of the people are Christians and warfare with the devil is very real. In a school where less than half of the students are Christians, there was rejoicing when 43 students requested baptism after a week of prayer. On baptismal day, about

1,000 angry people gathered outside of the walls of the school as they felt the students were being pressured to leave their religion for Christianity. God protected the school and students. The angry people thought they had guards and fled.

It was joyous when a customs official, when returning said, "Welcome Home" to Walter. May we also anticipate Jesus' invitation!

Juliana E. Yorke

HISPANIC WORK PROGRESSES IN NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Elder Raul Rodriguez recently baptized three additional souls for Christ in Utica, New York. Members of all three Hispanic SDA churches were present for this grand event. Mrs. Milagros Colon

and Mr. Porfilio Jimenez were introduced as new members of the Utica Hispanic congregation and Mr. Jose Galea became a new member of the Syracuse Hispanic congregation.

Elder Rodriguez is a heavenly blessing for this district. His life is a living testimony of the wonders that God can do if we submit entirely to His will. With the help of various

members from the churches of Utica and Syracuse, these members have decided to proceed toward eternal life. We, as members of the Hispanic district, welcome them and pray that they will live for Christ daily.

Louis A. Velez
Youth Director

OVERSEAS STUDENTS AT USA BRING NEW DYNAMICS

This year at Union Springs Academy we have four overseas students—two from Korea, and one each from Japan and Russia. Jen Strong, one of our seniors, interviewed all of them to find out how they like the United States and Union Springs Academy. Here are a few things they told us about themselves.

Sebastian Lee

Home: Seoul, Korea
Age: 17 years
Favorite sport: Soccer
Favorite US food: Submarine sandwiches
Favorite part of the US:
Hawaii and New York

Sebastian has lived almost three years in the US and has two older brothers, Rich and Eric, who live in Hawaii. His father is a businessman and his mother a medical doctor. Sebastian plans to attend college in the US after he finishes high school. He thinks that Union Springs Academy is "alright." When Sebastian misses home, he writes letters, talks on the phone, sleeps, listens to music and plays basketball.



Chris Shin

Home: Seoul, Korea
Age: 18 years
Favorite sport: Basketball
Favorite US foods: Taco Bell, submarine sandwiches
Favorite parts of the US:
Los Angeles and Florida
Favorite class: English

Chris came to the US to learn English and about life in America. He heard about our school from a friend, so he came. He has one brother, 18, and a sister, 21. He thinks America is "alright." He wants to be a good husband when he grows up and his favorite English words are, love, wish, hold, and want. When he feels lonely, he listens to music or talks to his friends, such as Jen Strong, Sebastian Lee, Sara Smith and Tim Wright, students at USA.

Naoki Iso

Home: Maebashi, Japan
Age: 16 years
Favorite sport: Soccer
Favorite US food: Pizza

Naoki came to school in America because he didn't like school in Japan. He likes America "a lot" and plans to stay until grade 12. He wants to be a United Nations worker when he grows up.

Veronika Mikhalash

Home: Yessentuki, Russia
Age: 15 years
Favorite sport: Badminton
Favorite US food: Mexican

This is Veronika's first time in the US, but she studied English in Russia before she came. She came to America to study more English. She heard about our school from a family acquaintance who lived in America and sent her the address. She decided to come and she likes it "very much." Her classes are "all very good," and she wants to learn English so she can return to Russia and teach it. She also wants to become a medical worker. Her father is a pastor, and she has one brother, John. Veronika likes to play the piano in church and is very accomplished.

Jennifer Strong, USA Student

Northeastern

NEWS FLASHES FROM ELMONT TEMPLE, ELMONT, NEW YORK

Revelation Seminar Yields 12 Souls—Our Personal Ministries team, comprising Michael James, leader; Jonette Stringer, Bible instructor; and seminar leaders, Marvin Morgan and Ainsworth Montoute, conducted two consecutive series of Revelation Seminars from March through December of last year.

The series were very popular among the many young adults who attended. At the conclusion of the seminars, 12 precious souls were baptized. It is our sincere prayer that they will remain faithful to their vows as they live and work for their Master day by day.

Children's Choir Ministers to Sick and Shut-ins—We have a vibrant children's choir that provides ministry in music not only on their assigned Sabbaths but also to the sick and shut-ins. Throughout the holiday season, the Children's Choir, directed by Ruth White, visited and sang carols to the sick and shut-ins. All the shut-ins beamed with delight as the children entered their homes and sang to them. One elderly shut-in remarked that the children's choir brought church to her home and joy to her heart.



The Children's Choir visiting the sick and the shut-ins.

Farewell to Pastor Williams and Family—On Sabbath, February 16, a farewell service for Pastor Stephen Williams and his family was held. Pastor Williams was the first pastor



Joan Dure, a Revelation Seminar graduate is baptized by Pastors Stephen Williams (left) and Valtricts Binns.



The Revelation Seminar leaders were (L. to R.): Mervin Morgan, Michael James, Jonette Stringer, and Ainsworth Montoute.



of Elmont Temple since it was officially inducted into the sisterhood of churches in Northeastern Conference on May 27, 1995. The incoming pastor is Pastor Winston Stephenson.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a special constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 9, 1996 at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider recommended revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws of the conference, and other such business as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Each organized church within the conference is entitled to be represented by duly appointed delegates on the basis of one for the organization, and one additional delegate for each 60 members or major fraction thereof.

Stennett H. Brooks, President
Trevor H. C. Baker, Secretary

Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a special session of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 9, 1996 at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider recommended revisions to the By-Laws of the Corporation, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. Delegates to the special conference session are delegates to the Corporation meeting.

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Southern New England

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Stanley and Ruth Ann Cottrell

Stanley W. Cottrell pastors the Taunton and Foxboro churches. Previously he was in the Chesapeake Conference. His wife Ruth Ann teaches grades one through four at the South Shore School in Braintree, Massachusetts.

Ray F. Daniel pastors the South Lancaster Village church. He comes from Arkansas-Louisiana Conference where he was a departmental director. His wife Bonnie teaches



Bonnie and Ray F. Daniel (center), Dustan (left) and Derek



Dr. Wilson Roberts and his wife Lilia

Kindergarten at the Edgewood school in Stoneham, Massachusetts. Their son, Dustan, is a junior at South Lancaster Academy and son, Derek, is in the fifth grade at Browning Elementary.

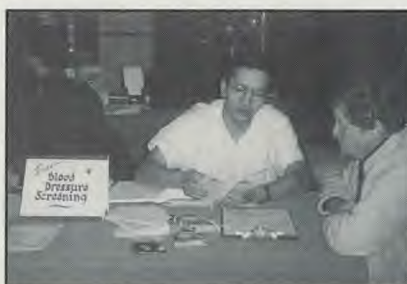
Dr. Wilson Roberts is Superintendent of Education in the Southern New England Conference. He previously held administrative positions in educational institutions. Most recently he was principal of Garden State Academy. We welcome Dr. Roberts and his wife Lilia.

HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR AT SEARSTOWN MALL, LEOMINSTER

A very successful Health and Safety Fair was held last February 21 and 22 at Searstown Mall, Leominster, at the invitation of the marketing manager, Amy Hallback. The fair, coordinated by Elizabeth Castle and Rita Vital of the Boston Van Ministry, was geared to children and held during vacation week. The Van Ministry has been screening at Searstown Mall on a regular basis for seven years.

Notwithstanding heavy rains and inclement weather, 155 people were screened for blood pressure checks. One man thanked us for be-

ing there throughout the year. He has lost ten pounds and his blood pressure has been reduced because of the information that Dave MacAdams shared with him. The tips he learned and followed were to drink six to eight glasses of water daily and to get regular exercise.



Lawrence Changte, RN, an AUC student, with a client.

Displays included Pathfinders, Adventurers, Family Enrichment Resources in both English and multilanguage, Stop Smoking booths in both English and Spanish, fresh air and exercise, sunshine and rest, nutrition, dental, Horsely Eye Clinic, blood pressure screening, heights and weights, water, stress management, story telling including a clown, Say No To Drugs. The local EMTs, fire and police departments brought vehicles and had exhibitions.

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CHARLOTTE BOUTIN USES HER GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

Charlotte Boutin has been very involved in scouting. She was a Girl Scout and a Girl Scout Leader. In a ten-year span (1985 to 1995) she has served in nearly every position for Pack 90 in Kingston: Den Leader, Den Leader Coach, Webelos Den Leader, Tiger Cub Organizer and Cubmaster. She is simultaneously Scoutmaster of Troop 93 in Kingston (1989 to 1995) with all the work that entails. Six Eagles developed from 1989 to 1995. The troop has nine altogether.

Charlotte has taken nearly every training course offered and served on the staff for almost every course, too—both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She earned the Cub Scout Wood Badge in 1988 and the Boy Scout Wood Badge in 1991.

She served the Whittier District as its Advancement Chairman, organized and led many training courses, chaired the district Hike-a-thon in 1989 and 1990 and has designed patches for many events. Charlotte received the Sparkplug Award in 1987. She has served on the Cub Scout Roundtable staff for many years. She is also a brother in the Order of the Arrow.



Scouting is just one facet in this busy lady's career in helping others. She has been her church's organizer for 23 years, and its Pathfinder Director for 23 years. She is a Master Guide, coming up the ranks with her Pathfinders. Charlotte is also a deaconess of her church.

Charlotte is an E.M.T. with the Kingston, New Hampshire, fire department and serves as an E.M.T. for the district and council events that require one. Does Charlotte love kids? She must—she drives a school bus for Kingston!

She received the district Award of Merit in 1992.

The highest award for the council is the Silver Beaver. This is given by her peers. Charlotte received the Silver Beaver on June 22, 1995. Humbly she does all this to God's glory.

HURRICANES HUGO AND ANDREWS, MISSISSIPPI FLOODS, GREAT BARRINGTON TORNADO— WHERE WERE WE?

We were right there as part of the Adventist Disaster Response (ADR) team helping the victims of these disasters. But we can't do it alone!

Sixty Adventists gathered in February at Camp Winnekeag for Disaster Training presented by Adventist Community Services (ACS). Southern New England Conference invited Larry Buckner, Director of Disaster Planning & Response, to lead this training.

The objective was to teach Seventh-day Adventists how to respond to the needs of people in times of disaster as an ADR volunteer (a volunteer network organized

by ACS). Lectures on disaster preparedness & emergency disaster distribution were given. The group discussed in detail the steps to effective collection of necessary goods—receiving, processing, sorting, and packaging them for distribution to disaster victims.

In agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross, ACS is recognized as the major organization responsible for emergency distributions. Such commodities as drinking water, groceries, diapers, clothing, and personal items are just a few of the items distributed to disaster survivors by the ADR teams. Mass feedings, disaster child care and door-to-door visitations to victims are other services provided.

Attendance this year increased 300 percent. By 1997 we hope to

increase attendance and have functioning Disaster Teams and Centers in the SNEC. Our ultimate goal is to have every church within the NAD with a functioning team. This means that we all have heeded the charge to help the weak, the poor, the sick and the needy. You may think that a Tsunami or a volcanic eruption are no need for worry in New England, but are you ready to deal with a fire, a winter storm, a thunderstorm? Are you ready to handle a disaster in a nearby community? Are you ready to help?

To obtain information on how you can volunteer or start a disaster team in your local church, please contact your local church ACS coordinator or Sarah Fanton, SNEC ADR/ACS Coordinator, at (508) 365-4551.

Bulletin Board

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Bangor, ME	8:19	8:22	8:24	8:24
Portland, ME	8:20	8:24	8:26	8:26
Boston, MA	8:19	8:22	8:24	8:25
So. Lancaster, MA	8:22	8:25	8:27	8:27
Pittsfield, MA	8:28	8:32	8:33	8:34
Hartford, CT	8:23	8:27	8:29	8:29
New York, NY	8:25	8:29	8:30	8:31
Albany, NY	8:31	8:35	8:37	8:37
Utica, NY	8:38	8:42	8:44	8:44
Syracuse, NY	8:42	8:45	8:47	8:47
Rochester, NY	8:48	8:52	8:53	8:54
Buffalo, NY	8:52	8:55	8:57	8:57
Hamilton, Bda.	8:23	8:25	8:27	8:28

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Out of Union

Maranatha Volunteers Annual International Convention—
May 9–12, Cohutta Springs Convention Center, Crandall, GA. Theme: "The Power of One" will focus on the ability of one person, one volunteer, one baptism, one project to impact the world through the power of God. In conjunction with convention, a work project from April 28 – May 9 when volunteers will construct two new houses and refurbish existing campus buildings at Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA. More details, call Maranatha (916) 920-1900.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, will be held in connection with the 26th session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be held June 3, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Atlantic Union College Church, Main Street, South Lancaster, MA 01561.

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

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

Theodore T. Jones, President
Alvin R. Goulbourne, Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby published that the 26th Regular Constituency Session of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Atlantic Union College Church, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, June 2–3, 1996. The first meeting of the session will convene at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 1996.

This constituency session is being held for the purpose of receiving reports for the five-year period ending December 31, 1995; the election of officers, departmental directors and an executive committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

The Atlantic Union Conference constitution, Article III, section 2: "Voting Representation," defines who are the members of this constituency and outlines the formula for arriving at the number of delegates to be chosen as follows:

- a. Each member organization shall be represented at union conference constituency meetings by duly accredited delegates as follows:
 - 1) Each local conference/mission shall be entitled to one delegate without regard to conference membership and one additional delegate for each 225 church members or major fraction thereof.
 - 2) Such delegates shall be chosen by respective local conference/mission executive committees.
 - 3) At least one-half of the delegates shall be persons who are not denominationally employed, of whom approximately one-half shall be women.
- b. In addition, delegates-at-large shall participate in the union conference constituency meeting as follows:
 - 1) The individual members of the executive committee of this union conference; and
 - 2) Members of the Board of the Atlantic Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.
 - 3) Officers of the local conferences.
 - 4) Members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
 - 5) Members of the General Conference and North American Division Executive Committees who may be present at any constituency meeting of this union conference. The number of such delegates representing the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of delegates provided for herein above in section 2.a(1) of Article III of these bylaws.
 - 6) Such other persons from the union conference staff, church institutions, owned and operated by the union and local conferences/missions, as may be recommended by the union conference executive committee and accepted by the delegates in session; the total number of delegates from this category not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total number of regular delegates provided for herein above in section 2.a(1) of Article III of these bylaws.

Theodore T. Jones, President
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Adventist Broadcasters Hold Convention

The Adventist Broadcasters Association held its annual convention in conjunction with the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) in Spokane, Washington, August 1995. Officers include: President, Betty Cooney, Greater New York Conference Communications Director; Communication Vice President, Paul Moore, president of Life Talk Radio; Secretary, Donna Webb, Public Relations, Faith For Today; Treasurer, Allen Hrenyk of Amazing Facts; and Public Relations Director, C. A. Murray, Northeastern Conference Communications Director.

ABA is an organization of Seventh-day Adventist broadcasters seeking to coordinate, facilitate, and promote Adventist presence in electronic media through networking, seminars, and fellowship. A workshop is planned for 1996 in Providence, Rhode Island, also in conjunction with the ASI Convention.

For membership or convention information, contact:

Donna Webb
Adventist Media Center
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Centenarian Hulda Crooks Shares Insights in New Book

At age 66 when most of us would be thinking about retirement and settling into the easy chair, Mrs. Hulda Crooks strapped on her boots and backpack and made her first climb to the top of Mt. Whitney. That was in 1962. To date she has made the 14,495 foot ascent 23 times, astonishing younger hikers on the trail and inspiring others around the world with her healthful lifestyle and simple faith in God.

In 1987 when she was only 91 Mrs. Crooks gained international recognition by becoming the oldest woman to climb Mt. Fuji, Japan's tallest peak. She returned to her home in Loma Linda, California, then climbed Mt. Whitney six weeks later. Four years later she flew with Congressman Jerry Lewis and a delegation to Trail Camp on Mt. Whitney for the dedication of Crooks Peak. On December 10, 1991, the Loma Linda City Council officially dedicated Hulda Crooks Park which now covers 850 acres.

In celebration of her 100th birthday on May 19, 1996, The Quiet Hour is releasing Mrs. Crook's new book *Conquering Life's Mountains*. Sharing from her wealth of experience and keen observations of nature, she reveals how God's tender love assures us that we too may conquer life's mountains.

The Quiet Hour will be hosting an open house on Hulda's 100th birthday Sunday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We anticipate that Mrs. Crooks will be signing copies of her book and visiting with guests. The Quiet Hour is located at 630 Brookside Avenue in Redlands, California. If you



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Voice of Prophecy Program Schedule — May & June, 1996

Week of	Sunday	Monday – Friday
May 5–10	Forgotten by God	Bossing the Holy Spirit
May 12–17	Typical Mother, Model Son	Is He Really Worth Meeting?
May 19–24	A Place for You	Stairsteps to the Saviour
May 26–31	Naming the Armies	Can't I Skip a Day?
June 2–7	Finding the Battlefield	Just Don't Say the "O" Word
June 9–14	Endtime Bomb Shelter	Saints with Stunted Growth
June 16–21	Men, Rising Again	Why Does It Have to Hurt So Bad?
June 23–28	The Mark of the Beast	Storing Up Extra Manna Just in Case
June 30 – July 5	The Church at the End	To Be Announced

The Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering June 8, 1996

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Deaths

FULLER, Ruth Florence—b. Dec. 21, 1910, Brooklyn, NY; d. Oct. 9, 1995, Bennington, VT. She served as church organist and was an accomplished pianist. Survivors include: two sons, Richard and Eric; and five grandchildren. Her husband, Walter, predeceased her in 1980.

WILKINS, Eunice A. (Ruggles)—b. Feb. 6, 1940, Stoneham, MA; d. Nov. 1, 1995, Norwich, CT. Eunice married Howard Wilkins and to them were born three children, Timothy, Kenneth, and Beverly, each of whom has married and have children. They all survive her. There are eight grandchildren.

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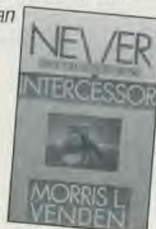
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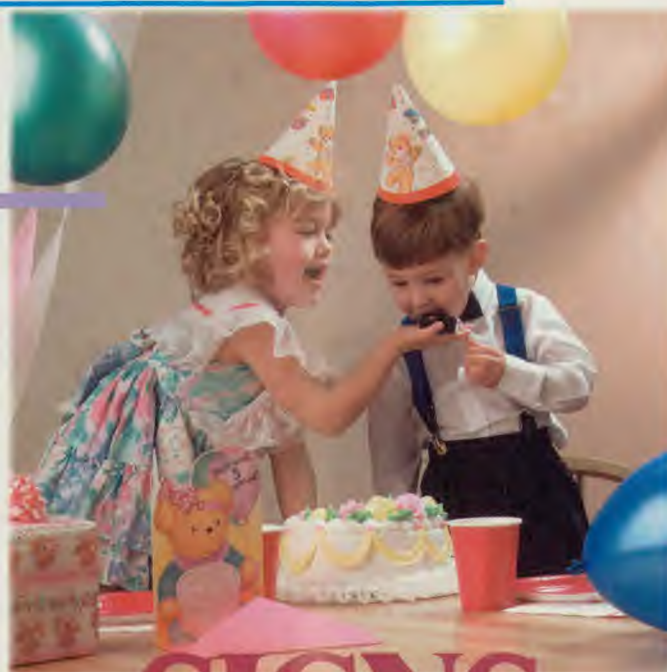
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