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HISPANIC ADVENTISTS REACHING OUT IN GREATER NEW YORK

They came by the busload, on trains, subways, in cars and on foot—and most didn't come alone. After a year of concerted preparation, Hispanic members of Greater New York Conference flocked to The Theater at Madison Square Garden (MSG) in Manhattan the weekend of August 10 and 11 with friends, relatives and Bible-study graduates. "New York Para Cristo," three meetings that weekend, drew audiences totaling some 15,000, approximately one-third of whom were non-members.

Each meeting culminated in a clear, Bible-based message delivered from the heart by internationally known evangelist, Elder Alejandro Bullon, Ministerial Association Secretary for the South American Division. By the series' close, 592 persons had come forward to give their hearts to Christ for the first time.

The meetings marked the first time Hispanic Adventists of Greater New York Conference had made such a large-scale public evangelistic statement. Mini-concerts featuring well-known Hispanic recording artists—some coming from Latin America just for the event, conveyed messages of God's saving love with moving sincerity and appeal.

The day following the two-day crusade, Elder Bullon and his team were already preparing to return to Brazil, where he was scheduled to begin a series in a major arena there the following Friday evening.

An advisory team including seven pastors was used for the MSG meetings. The entire conference Hispanic pastoral staff focused their efforts on training and encouraging lay members in the work of conducting Bible studies in the community. 1,500 members were active in neighborhoods and at work, through small-group evangelism and Bible studies. A number of graduation ceremonies awarded

berto Hernandez (since deceased). The rallying to the 1996 MSG meetings, however, dates from last year's Hispanic camp meeting in Greater New York. At the time, Conference President Charles Griffin issued a challenge to 2,500-plus Spanish-speaking members and workers gathered at the conference camp. "I have a dream," he said then, "that one day soon Pastor Bullon will speak to thousands of



Speaker Alejandro Bullon, South American Division Ministerial Secretary, speaks to the scores of persons who came forward during the call made at the end of each meeting. 592 persons publicly accepted Christ for the first time and indicated their desire to study for baptism.

certificates to those who had completed a Bible course.

The idea of hosting a meeting at the Garden with Elder Bullon as speaker had been mentioned publicly five years earlier by previous Hispanic coordinator Elder Hum-

Hispanic members and visitors at Madison Square Garden."

Griffin is thankful that workers and members quickly responded with the planning and grassroots action necessary to make it happen. "It has been invigorating to witness

About Our Cover Photos

Crowds of Hispanic Adventists and their friends began gathering early for "New York Para Cristo" meetings

held at The Theater at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan. Many cheerfully waited well over an hour until the doors opened. Photo credit: Francisco Juan Cortés
Jose Ocampo, a recording artist well known in

Hispanic Adventist circles in the U.S. and Latin America, was one of five recording artists who sang at the Madison Square Garden meetings. Photo credit: Felipe Barrientos

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the overwhelming response of unity in this project. Our members are completely consecrated to finish the Lord's work," he says.

Greater New York's Hispanic Ministries coordinator, Elder Hector Torres, directed the MSG outreach.

He says the Hispanic advisory had three objectives for the meetings: first was to draw people to Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist message.

Commitment to this purpose is seen in the way leaders have dealt with the 22-page list of individuals who responded to the calls at each meeting. The nearly 600 persons gave addresses from as far away as Florida and Puerto Rico and as close to the meeting site as lower Manhattan.

The second goal was a new and wider impact in New York City. "We advertised well in advance of the meetings in New York City's large Spanish daily paper, and had a strong run of spot announcements on Spanish radio stations. We know we reached a significant percentage of the Hispanic community in our area," Torres points out.

According to Torres, the third goal was to involve church members in a major, concerted evangelistic effort—a goal achieved far beyond expectations.

The Hispanic coordinator cites the generosity of the conference's 5,821 Hispanic members as a key factor in the project. In the year leading up to the meetings, lay persons made sacrificial gifts of their time, personal ministry and prayers. In addition to nearly \$20,000 in offerings received during the meetings, donations and pledges approached \$90,000.

Enthusiasm for the project proved highly contagious among lay persons. Early on, members of the Bay Shore church on Eastern Long Island rented two 49-passenger school buses. Their plan was to use one as transportation for visitors, and the other for members. By August 10, both buses had been reserved for visitors, so church members took the hour-long trip by train

at a round-trip cost of \$13 apiece.

Maria, a member of the downtown Manhattan Spanish Delancey church had continued her witnessing even when a chronic ailment necessitated calling an ambulance! While being rushed to the hospital for treatment, she seized the opportunity to preach to the technician and driver, reportedly giving three Bible studies as they threaded their way through busy traffic! The driver and his family were baptized shortly before the MSG meetings.



Conference President Charles Griffin welcomes the audience to "New York Para Cristo" at The Theater at Madison Square Garden, following a parade of flags from Spanish-speaking countries.



About 15,000 persons attended the three meetings. About one-third of the audiences were non-members. The backdrop, Manhattan's skyline, was 60 feet wide and made of sheet metal attached to wooden bracing. The designer-creator team: Elder Irija and Itacy Da Costa e Silva. Both artists, Elder Da Costa e Silva is pastor of the Queens Portuguese Church in New York City.

With the tears of joy that welled up in many eyes at the sight of the crowds attending, there was good reason for some tension and tears of another kind. Pastor Ruben Merino had to deal with the unwelcome problem of a missing sound engineer just hours before the first meeting. "We had arranged for a man who works with several Spanish radio stations to do the audio 'mixing' for the five singers," he said later.

"Sabbath morning, he didn't respond to his pager. Worse, he had

the singers' tapes with him." The five musicians scrambled for substitute tapes, and to rehearse substituted songs. By then Merino was praying and perspiring over the challenge of learning to do the mixing on the spot. Though a musician himself with experience in sound, he had counted on the professional's expertise.

Were his prayers for help with the emergency answered? "Afterward, one of the Garden's workers asked me for my card, saying he



Elder Hector Torres, Conference Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, coordinated "New York Para Cristo," including year-long preparations and witnessing activities. Assisting him was an advisory committee of pastors and others.

might like to work with me on other projects," Merino said. "When I told him I am a pastor and wouldn't be available, he was surprised," he chuckled.

A Queens' pastor conducted a baptism one week after the meetings that included a former Adventist who had made his decision to return to the church at the August 10 gathering, with his wife and daughter. After 25 years of praying for him, the Hispanic coordinator had special reason to rejoice: the man is his brother.

Atlantic Union College does it!

New classes and services mark the start of school.

Following a spring and summer of energetic, focused recruitment, Atlantic Union College has met and exceeded the college's enrollment goal of 400 financial, full-time equivalent students. In fact, over 450 students are on campus this fall, an enrollment "nicely beyond" what the college required for a balanced budget, according to AUC President N. Clifford Sorensen.

Classes have begun, and students, already engaged in a variety of school activities, are highly enthusiastic about this new school year. "We're glad to be back," said one returning junior, rushing off to AUC's new all-you-can eat daily buffet lunch. "I missed my professors and my friends, and I'm looking forward to some really interesting classes," she added. AUC also has an unusually high number of transfer students this year—nearly fifteen percent of the student body has chosen to come to AUC having first attended other schools, within and outside of the SDA system of colleges. "The quality and flexibility of the programs is what drew me here," said one transfer student.

There is a "growing sense of optimism" about the college, reported the president at the first faculty meeting of the academic year. Enrollment figures also prompted him to announce the reimbursement of the voluntary salary deduction faculty and staff took during the summer months of recruitment. "We're going to have a

little celebration," the president added.

"The dedication of the staff at AUC is a challenge to all Adventist workers," commented North American Division President Alfred C. McClure, "I'm sure their example led many parents to entrust their students to the college."

Atlantic Union College is now out of a "crisis mode" and on what Sorensen calls, "a normative track." Good enrollment and a balanced budget allow administration to put energies into new classes, such as AUC's new physical therapy program, taught by Loma Linda University via high-tech audio visual equipment.

According to President Sorensen, strengthening the college as it continues to fulfill its mission is now the school's highest priority. "Atlantic Union College is here to serve the needs of the Seventh-day Adventist church by educating men and women both as denominational workers and as knowledgeable laypeople who will

serve the highest purposes of the church."

This year, strengthening the college includes a program of intense self-study as the college prepares for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' (NEASC) accreditation; the accreditation team arrives on campus in April. A successful visit and report is expected to give the college a clean bill of health that will hold for another decade of full accreditation.



The smile on Freshman Elizabeth Kindhardt's face says it all — AUC's 1996-97 schoolyear is off to an exciting start.

*Thanks to our constituents, our faculty, staff,
and students...AUC exceeds 1996 goals.*



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— Elder Alfred C. McClure commenting on Atlantic Union College's success in meeting enrollment goals.

Grace Encounter

W. G. NELSON

During my sophomore year at Atlantic Union College, I was, at best, an erratic scholar. As a history major who intended to pursue a career as a teacher, I nonetheless suffered from sporadic lapses of academic focus. Sometimes I skipped class to engage in "important" alternative activities. and of course, on those days I was careful to avoid the teachers of those skipped classes. I didn't want to face their well-intentioned inquiries about my most recent absence.

One morning, after skipping my U. S. history class, I had an errand in the administration building. I rounded a corner, and there, walking briskly was toward me, was my history professor, Dr. John Christian. I had no chance for a graceful detour. "Hello, W.G.," he greeted me. "I have been looking for you." My worst fears realized, I braced myself for the inevitable. "I am going to have an opening for a reader next year," he continued. "You have done well on my essay tests, and I wondered

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if you would consider working for me?" Dumbfounded, I could only mumble an inarticulate thanks and make an appointment to discuss the offer in more detail later.

The spiritual ramifications of this encounter were not lost on me. I have pondered them often since. My behavior justified a reprimand. I expected a deeper fellowship. My teacher had chosen to affirm my potential rather than dwell on my shortcomings. I had been the beneficiary of grace, unmerited favor. I had caught a glimpse of the gospel in action.

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand." —Romans 5:1,2 NIV

W. G. Nelson is a graduate of Atlantic Union College and is presently serving as president of Walla Walla College in Walla Walla, Washington. "Grace Encounter" is taken from *College Faith*, edited by 1981 AUC alumnus Ronald Knott.

Don't miss these autumn events at AUC.

Parent's Weekend

Sabbath, October 26 and
Sunday, October 27

*Join your Atlantic Union College family
for a weekend of worship, celebration, and
sharing.*

- Special Sabbath School and Sacred Worship services for families of AUC students,
- Historical tour,
- Historical and Art exhibits,
- Family Seminar,
- Celebration Harvest Agape Supper,
- AUC's Fall Festival,
- and our President's Breakfast.



*For more information about this year's
AUC Parent's Weekend, please call the
Parent's Weekend Hotline: (508) 368-2326.*

Open House, Oct. 17-20



*Open House at Atlantic Union College for
Academy and High School Juniors. Enjoy
classes and student life at Atlantic Union
College.*

*Visit the campus—Discover what brings
more and more students to AUC...
and "Let AUC Surprise You!"*

*For more information about AUC's
Open House weekends,
call (508) 368-2255.*



Let AUC surprise you.

"OUR BODY—THE TEMPLE OF GOD"

BERMUDA CAMP MEETING '96

Our Camp Meeting '96 got off to a wonderful start on Friday, June 21. Speakers for the tents, Pastor Garrie Williams and Dr. Clarence Hodges—Adult, and Pastor Abraham Jules—Youth, provided the spiritual feast. Even in the children's section there was standing room only as Pastor Mike Faison presented the spiritual feast from night to night. The early morning manna utilized the expertise of Dr. Richard Nelson. Dr. Nelson is the Loma Linda Program Director in Saudi Arabia. His presentations from morning to morning provided inspiration to begin the day.



Beautiful Bermuda

As an added feature, the Nelsons from Weimar Institute, California, provided a health exposition. Health Expo Lifestyle Programs was developed by Dr. Dorothy Nelson, assisted by her two sons, Drs. Richard and Ken Nelson. Daughter Janet, daughter-in-law Leana, nutritionist Rilla and special friend Anna from Russia complete the seven-person team. Each morning at eleven o'clock they provided a two-to-three-hour program on the

steps of the City Hall in Hamilton to boost the attendance of the nightly meeting. This was very successful as several people from the community who saw them at the City Hall attended the clinic in the evening. Some of them were featured in the health slot nightly which was held just prior to each evening's evangelistic meeting. Here, in the specially designed program located in the brand new conference tent, the health team conducted a one-hour program featuring the eight rules of good health in the form of an acrostic—NEW START. N=Nutrition, E=Exercise, W=Water, S=Sunshine, T=Temperance, A=Air, R=Rest, and T=Trust in Divine Power. They were also in charge of a 20- to 25-minute slot in the nightly program. This was displayed on eight 8 feet by 4 feet billboard-style collapsible boards in a tent specifically designed for the occasion by carpenter Mr. Ellsworth Golden of the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Garrie Williams, pastor of the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denver, Colorado, spoke from Friday night to Tuesday night on his favorite topic, the Holy Spirit. The members, in tune with his message, received great inspiration. One evening he conducted an anointing service at the end of the message. It was a powerful and moving experience. Members of the congregation told of special healing as a result of the meeting. Even our very own Conference Secretary/Treasurer, Delbert B. Pearman, testified

to his personal healing. The members thoroughly enjoyed Pastor Williams' ministry. Unfortunately, he had to leave early. Dr. Clarence Hodges from the General Conference Religious Liberty Department, completed the week.

Pastor Abraham Jules, a pastor in the Northeastern Conference, was the speaker in the Youth tent. His inspirational sermons, such as the one on Abigail and Nabal, shared God's love for the marriage relationship. Pastor Mike Faison followed the theme that our bodies are the temple of God and utilized this throughout the entire camp meeting aiding the Health Expo team.

Other guests who flew in for our Camp Meeting '96 include Elder and Sister Ted Jones, Atlantic Union President, and Dr. Francis Wada, Atlantic Union College recruitment, to name a few.

A BERMUDA CAMP MEETING FIRST

This is the first time in our history that our Sabbath morning Divine Worship service was aired via radio to the entire island of Bermuda. "Adventist In Focus," now entering its second year, features the service of the Southampton Seventh-day Adventist Church weekly. The camp meeting went on air at 11:15 a.m. and stayed on until 1:00 p.m. Not only the Bermuda Conference enjoyed Camp Meeting '96, but those who tuned in to ZFB 1230 Radio also heard and appreciated the Word of God.

CAMP MEETING '96

UNIQUE AT NORTHEASTERN

Some said that it was an "off year." Northeastern Conference camp meeting would be held for two Sabbaths only, June 29 and July 6. There would be no tents, no camper trailers, no week night services. And for those who attended, this year was, to the contrary, a very special year. Attendance for the first Sabbath, including youth tent and senior pavilion, approached 10,000, and Sabbath, July 6, exceeded that number by quite a bit.

Pastor Anthony Medley, conference Youth director, preached his farewell sermon in the

youth tent on June 29. On July 1, he formally assumed responsibilities as Chaplain at Oakwood College. Pastor Harold Baptiste, North American Division Secretary, delivered the worship hour message in the senior pavilion. The afternoon program was provided by the conference Department of Education.

NORTHEASTERN—FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND SECOND IN DIVISION TO UPLINK ITS CAMP MEETING

The uniqueness and, as one attendee put it, the "fire works" were reserved for the second Sabbath which was satellite uplinked. Northeastern Communication, with the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) and the Adventist Media Center (AMC), produced the broadcast which was seen across the division and into Inter-America. Churches within the conference and from as far away as Canada, Texas, California, Florida, Michigan, and the West Indies received the broadcast. The broadcast day began with a song service and the Sabbath School program provided by Dr. Jennifer Huey and the Bronx church choir and the Lebanon church, respectively. The lesson study was given by Lawrence Brown, conference Publishing Department director.

Between the Sabbath School and Worship Service, the conference president, Stennett Brooks, greeted the in-house and satellite audiences. Music was provided by the Celestial Harmonies Spanish Quartet, the Lindenaires choir, and a quartet representing Atlantic Union College. College president, Dr. Clifford Sorensen, also gave greetings and a promotional message.

The Worship Hour message was delivered by Pastor Roy Brown, president of the Southeastern Conference, and music was provided by the Mount of Olives church choir. The afternoon program, "Northeastern Presents," was hosted by conference Communication director, C. A. Murray, and Gina Simmons. An Ordination service concluded the day. Pastors ordained to the gospel ministry were: Michael Coleman, David and Michele Cuke, Kyran and Irva John, Eddie and Katrina Kinley, Clifford and Brigitte Manie, Moise and Rose Manigat, Bernard and Karen Penn, Neil and Laurell Reid, John and Vera Talbert, Fitzroy and Maria Jackson, and Serge and Maryse Lamour.



Platform participants during the worship service



Participants from the Lebanon church prepare for Sabbath School

GREATER NEW YORK

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT"—ON

More than 5,000 Greater New York members and friends attended camp meeting, with United Camp Meeting scheduled September 14.

At Portuguese, Korean, English, Spanish and French gatherings, young and old alike came, some in large groups, others in small, but all with a shared desire to draw closer to the Lord and enjoy fellowship with each other.

We participated—in ordination, mission awareness, learning, teaching, praying, Bible bowls, praise, nurture, laughter, calls to revival and responding in recommitment. We came away blessed, and refreshed.



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FRENCH

THEME, FIVE CAMP MEETINGS



ENGLISH



KOREAN



SPANISH



"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

1996 NEW YORK CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

From the opening program to the closing ceremonies, New York Conference constituents were reminded that God's grace is sufficient to see us through joys, heartaches, hardships and busy lives to the time when we will see Jesus face to face.



The Primary class, led by Jose and Debbie Nieves, crowds on the main tent platform to let us know that Primaries is the place to be!



The Adventurers turned out strong to lead the annual Adventurers/Pathfinder parade



"Grandpa Coston" is a favorite storyteller in the Primary tent



Elders Skip Bell and Paul Kilgore, and Beverly MacLaughlin honor Jean Young's years of service



Elder Paul Kilgore presents the Zapara Excellence in Teaching award to Debbie Muthersbaugh from the Fingerlakes School



Members of the Spanish congregation proudly display their home flags in the "Flag of Nations Parade."



Elder Ted Jones came to give us a message, but got "taken for a ride" with the Adventurers



Margene Damon kept the lively Kindergarten class well energized!



The Cherokee staff invites you to spend time with them next summer



The Youth held a free car wash as one of several outreach projects to the community



Joni Bell joined the Melashenko family in song



The Mello-Aires



Other musicians



Sharon Janes Foreman in concert



Wendy Dunn and helpers teach the Cradle Roll children that the big, shining sun is important, even in the underwater world



The Junior class painted and repaired several of the Camp Meeting cabins



An "old fashioned watermelon feed" is a tradition at New York Camp Meeting, served by Conference administration



Seminars were filled to overflowing



Wish you were here . . .



Introduction of Bill Hinman, new principal at Union Springs Academy



Dr. Jay and Yvonne Edison share experiences from Russia



Friends of every age found some time to visit



Alisa Nieves presents a message in song at the ordination of her father, Jose Nieves and Bill Hrovat



Pastor Victor Brown led the Youth to some serious thinking about who and where they are

"ON TO VICTORY"

1996 NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

"On to Victory"—An exciting theme to a wonderful old-fashioned camp meeting held at Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. "It's like stepping back in time" expressed one visitor from California. Amid a sea of tents, warm summer breezes, the laughter of children, and the renewing of friendships, there was found the Spirit of God permeating His people like a beautiful thread woven through everything and holding everyone together in His love. At the Northern New England Camp Meeting you could find it all . . . friends . . . fellowship . . . a spiritual feast . . . and the marvelous promise of even better things to come. Photos by M. Carlson.



Elder Lonnie Melashenko greets Sarah Miller and her mother Betty Curtis who were given VOP Discover Bible lessons by Carl Joy (rear). Sarah and her mother were baptized by Elder Louis Torres.



Dr. Jay Neil introducing Corky and Peter Leonard who were baptized by Pastor Craig Clark. Conway, NH, Pastor Finley looks on.



Welcome to Camp Meeting from Elder Elmer Malcolm, President of the Northern New England Conference



Wendy Williams, Berlin, NH, selling lemonade for the Adventurer Club



Sing-a-long at Camp Lawroweld booth after the evening meeting



Marlene Legare, St. Johnsbury, VT, registers Wes Holden and Janet Schmehl for Red Cross Blood Drive.



Peter Wannamacher interpreting for the hearing impaired



Elder Louis and Carol Torres, Amazing Facts, present a mini-concert.



Morley Thomas, Pathfinder Coordinator, interviews TJ Wilson, who helped carry the Olympic Torch (from Nashua, NH)



Chef Ron Demers from Parkview Hospital and assistant, Scott Campbell served up hundreds of delicious meals daily



Pastor Sabnani introducing Hyveth Williams, pastor of the Campus Hills church, CA



Weekend speaker, Lonnie Melashenko, speaker, Voice of Prophecy



The line forms for the used book sale at the ABC



Motor homes, trailers, and tents provide living quarters for campers



Cradle Rollers enjoy a story by leader Sharon Buttrick



Bob Rice, teacher from Staunton, VA, speaks to the Juniors



Dr. Robert Kennedy, professor at Atlantic Union College, sharing a devotional thought



Dr. Alan Jones, speaker for Family Life, from Orlando, Florida



Elder Carl Anderson, former NNEC President being greeted by Leland Merrill



Pastors Roger Gilbert and Merlin Knowles fixin' the electrical



Pastor Richard Wright serving dessert at the retiree's dinner



Dr. Tim Howe, Parkview Hospital, giving advice on how to handle life's stresses



Ken Baumgarten, pastor, Auburn District, mans the locating office desk

"FOLLOWING IN FAITH"

1996 CAMP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE



Elder and Mrs. Charles C. Case, Sr., greet arrivals to the 127th SNEC camp meeting.



The Adventurer Clubs sang for the various divisions (the tallest Adventurer is Pastor John Loor, Youth Director) and then served free lemonade on the campgrounds.



A clown visitor to the children's divisions poses while Elder Wally Frost tries to identify "Cricket." Look carefully, Elder Frost, this might be a relative!



Rain or shine the front gate is manned and the offering is collected. (L. to R.) Elder Gary Wagner, Elder Daniel Gonzalez, Tom Verrill, Mike Daum



All the main services are signed for the deaf. Shirley Jackson helps to provide this service.



A little rain does not hinder a visiting choir from Brazil from performing at all language locations. (Left) On the way to the main auditorium; (Right) Performing in the Spanish Sabbath service





Atlantic Union College, Greater Boston Academy and South Lancaster Academy set up exhibits to encourage young people to obtain a Christian education.



The ABC's Kid's Kingdom video loft was a fun place to spend some time. Marlene Millburn and Ina Pena watch as children exit following a showing of a video tape.



Three men were ordained to the gospel ministry during the 1996 Southern New England Conference Camp Meeting. (L. to R.) Emmanuel and Nive Joseph with children Sophia, Emmanuel, Jr.; Stephanie and Joong and Sook Kim with children Joshua and Sophia; Pedro and Eloiza Huaringa.

Elder Stanley Cottrell plays the part of "bride's maid" as Elder Greg Nelson used wedding memories to illustrate God's love for the closing sermon of the 1996 camp meeting



SNEC Women's Ministries Invites you to be found



Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Sabbath Speaker will be Hyveth Williams and the other presenters include Dr. Alice Cunningham, Millie Case, Sarah Fanton, Carol Covensky, Sandra Doran, Tirsia Gonzalez, Jennifer Young, Marion Bakker Bidwell, Catherine Taylor, Thelma Hale, Faith Beal, Victoria Harrison and Ann Marie Bulpett.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Southern New England Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given of a Special Constituency meeting of the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 24, 1996, in Machlan Auditorium on the campus of Atlantic Union College, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561. The purpose for the meeting will be to:

- Consider building a dining hall at Camp Winnekeag.
- Consider an Educational plan for the Conference with primary emphasis on Secondary Education which will require amendments to the Secondary Education constitution.
- Receive a report from the Action Committee regarding the conference attorney issue.
- Receive a progress report on the recovery of lost funds from the attorney.
- Receive a report from the Guidelines Committee regarding changes in policies and procedures.
- Receive a report on the Strategic Plans for our Conference.

Each member church of the Conference shall be entitled to accredit one regular voting delegate for the church and one additional regular voting delegate for each thirty-five (35) members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member church shall be entitled to accredit not less than two (2) regular voting delegates. A member church, if it so chooses, need not accredit all the regular voting delegates to which it is entitled. Each regular voting delegate shall hold membership in the church which accredits him/her.

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Charles C. Case, Sr., President
Forrest L. Howe, Secretary

Bulletin Board

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 in the Machlan Auditorium, Main Street, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, November 17 and 18, 1996. The first meeting of the session will convene at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, November 17, 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 111, 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.

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So. Lancaster, MA	4:38	4:30	4:23	4:18	4:15
Pittsfield, MA	4:44	4:36	4:29	4:24	4:21
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New York, NY	4:50	4:43	4:36	4:32	4:29
Utica, NY	4:51	4:42	4:35	4:30	4:27
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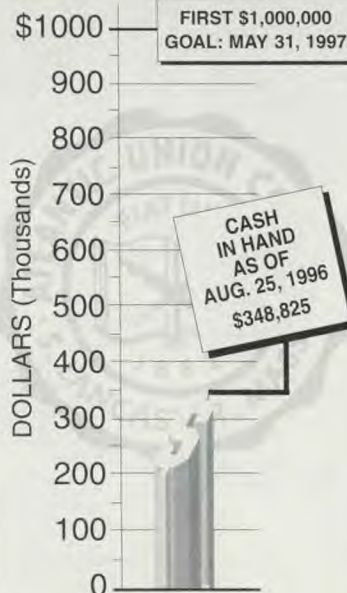
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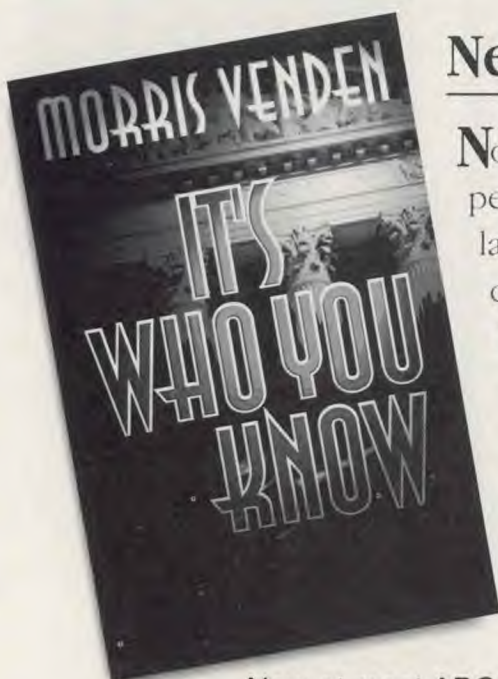
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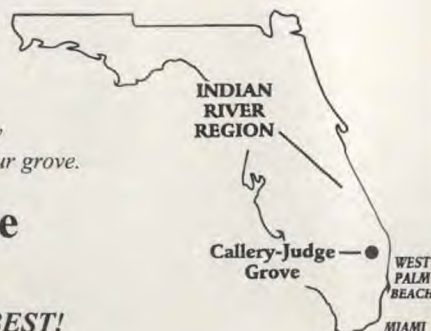
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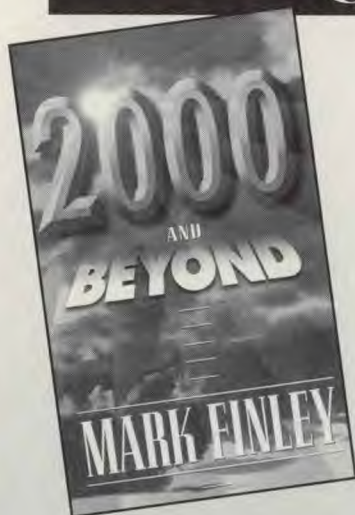
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