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Dear Ladies of Atlantic Union: I wanted my first official address to you to be an informal letter expressing my philosophy as it relates Women's Ministries. My style of management is participative. Therefore, there are no plans to coordinate this ministry alone. I need you. This ministry needs you.

Ladies, most of you know Jesus. Those of you who have worked in Women's Ministries have done so because you are committed to giving your best to the Master. In the management courses that I teach, total quality management (TQM) is defined as the coordination of efforts directed at improvement, increasing participation and empowerment, forming and strengthening partnerships, and facilitating an organizational culture of continuous quality improvement. Stated in terms of my service to Women's Ministries, you can depend on me to give God, you, and this ministry my best. If that is your plan, then we can work together towards TQM.

We are God's special secret weapons. As we look eagerly with an eye toward the 21st Century, we can hope to be living to see the soon return of Jesus. From the member in the pew to the General Conference boardrooms, the expectation of that blessed event demands effective ministry. That is, ministering to the challenging needs of the church, ministering to the changes in family structure, and ministering to the complexities of our communities.

Within our Union, Women's Ministries must posture itself for service to our diverse populace with its equally diverse needs. Therefore, can we communicate candidly yet lovingly and tactfully? Can we unite our efforts of working effectively for God? Can we commit our skills, talents, and energies toward the needs stated above? Sure we can! All we need to do is turn this work over to God, follow His voice, and then carefully and consistently give HIM the praise, the honor, and the glory.

Someone once told me that women are nurturing by nature. If this is true, we can meet those challenging needs. If that statement is demeaning to some, then we can still set a pace that exemplifies the love of God. The focus of Women's Ministries may be housed within the acronym "PACE" —

P — to PRAY and afterwards to prepare our sisters, in and outside of the church, for the soon return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A wise person once said, "When a woman prays, all heaven stops to hear her petitions. When a woman cries, God catches her tears in a cup; and when it is full,

He stands up to proclaim to the universe, 'No more, she's had enough.' When a woman hurts, the angels fold their wings and whisper adoration to God instead of shouting loud hosannas." For the women of Atlantic Union, my prayer is that we will be bound together so closely in prayer that we instinctively know when one within our ranks is happy, sad, troubled, or perplexed. Therefore, I solicit your prayers right now for this ministry. We must plan and prepare for the future. Yes, we should learn from the past, but we cannot afford to live in the past when eternity is so close.

A — to ACCEPT the blood of Jesus for our sins and to acknowledge the value of every living soul so we can be attuned to the diversities that make our church and community unique. God will use us to help others. Bible studies, a Christ-centered ministry, and totally surrendering to the Master are worthy goals.

C — to CLAIM God's wonderful promises and to create an environment of love, support, and training for our 'little' sisters in Christ. Our young sisters should be able to find within our ranks wise, godly women who can be trusted to give counsel from heaven. We can create a dynamic environment through a mentoring program that matches pre-teenagers with mature women in the Lord. This type of support will foster stability in our ministry and ensure its future. Women who have desires for motherhood, education, careers, coping skills, service, development, self-improvement, and even entrepreneurship should find an outlet and a resource in Women's Ministries.

E — to EXTOL the name of Jesus as we experience the joys of womanhood is a high and lofty attainment. There is no role given to the first woman that is not attainable for modern woman. Let's re-evaluate our mission, our motives, and our ministry. Let's adopt the theme, "I'm Giving My Best to You, Lord," as the alpha and omega of our prayers. I believe one day we will sing a song of victory because we have kept PACE with the captain of the Lord's host. We have kept PACE with the needs of our sisters. We have kept PACE as we shouldered responsibility in our community. My prayer is "We are giving our best to you, Lord; help us to continue to do it as we work through Women's Ministries."





The Women of Atlantic Union:

"Giving Their Best"

This issue of the Atlantic Union GLEANER is not only special. It is distinctive. We are pleased to dedicate this month to the work of Women's Ministries throughout our Union territory and to pay a special tribute of affirmation to all the women support staff of the Atlantic Union and its Conferences by featuring each one in our pages.

From our offices in Jamaica, Manhasset, and Syracuse in New York; to South Lancaster in Massachusetts; to Portland in Maine; and to Hamilton in Bermuda, we salute these earnest workers for God who help to keep the wheels of our Mission in the Atlantic Union turning. We trust that you will take the opportunity to meet each of these ladies wherever and whenever possible.

Additionally, there are two ladies that deserve special mention. The first is Mrs. Ednor A. P. Davison, Editorial Assistant for the GLEANER, who invests a lot of time, effort, and skill in helping to craft each issue of the GLEANER with undaunting commitment to accuracy and quality.

Ednor began her employment at the Atlantic Union Conference in June 1993 as Administrative Secretary to the President. In December 1996, in addition to her responsibility as the Administrative Secretary, she was assigned the responsibility of Editorial Assistant. A graduate of Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, Ednor brings with her a wealth of experience, having worked for fifteen years in the insurance industry. Her background and experience includes among other things: office management, employee

training and development, employee recruitment and hiring, and workshop facilitation.

Ednor loves the Lord and stays actively involved in the programs of her church. She is also the proud mother of a teenage daughter, Aiyana, who is the joy of her life. When asked about her work with the GLEANER, Ednor says, "The task of handling the GLEANER along with the responsibilities of Administrative Secretary to the President is a great challenge. However, with the assurance of God's help and guidance, the challenge shall not be overwhelming as I put forth my best effort and serve Him through the pages of the GLEANER." It is her desire, by God's grace, to

continually share her faith with others so that they can be ready to meet Him when He returns.

The second is Mrs. Charlotte L. V. Thoms, our newly appointed Women's Ministries Director for the Atlantic Union.

Charlotte currently serves as the first and only African-American tenured Assistant Professor in the Business Occupations

Department at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester, NY. She holds an MS degree from the University of Rochester and a BS from Youngstown State University.

Articulate and organized, Charlotte has served on numerous committees and has conducted several workshops in the academic, church, and community environment. She has also received several awards and nominations including a Faculty/Staff Mini-Grant in 1994 for "Developing a Paradigm of Computer-Generated Visual Cues for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students." Charlotte also serves as Disabilities Ministries Director for the Union and is known for her publication entitled COME LET US CELEBRATE TOGETHER: REFLECTIONS FROM THE EDEN EXPERIENCE.

The Union extends a warm welcome to Charlotte; her husband, Edwin; and their three children, Donald, Edwin, and Celeste.

By The Editor



Ednor A. P. Davison

Charlotte L. V. Thoms

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"Giving Our Best..."

Strengthening

"Time With Him" Prayer Retreat



Women's Prayer Retreat Co-chairpersons (left to right) Yvonne Knight, Evelyn Griffin and Evelyn Semester-Sullivan.

Seven hundred thirty Spirit-filled women assembled on Friday, April 11, 1997, at the Raleigh Resort Hotel in South Fallsburg, NY, for the 9th Annual Women's Prayer Retreat, sponsored by Greater New York Conference Women's Prayer Retreat Committee. Excitement filled the air as women registered, greeted old friends, exchanged smiles with new ones, and prepared to spend "Time With Him." Keynote speakers were Sylvia Barnes, Oakwood College Professor of English; Maria Rando, Women's Ministries Director for the Austral Union in South America, for

the Spanish meetings; and Lori Peckham, INSIGHT MAGAZINE editor, speaker for the youth meetings.

Many women mentioned that they had looked forward to the Retreat as a time to fill their "spiritual cups" and gain practical insights on applying Christian principles to motherhood, marriage, and ministering to others.

The Friday evening opening program set the spiritual tone for the entire weekend. Betty Cooney, Greater New York Conference Communication Director, was honored for her years of dedicated service as a coordinator of previous Women's Prayer Retreats. She has accepted a call to serve as associate director of the NET '98 crusade. Following the blessing of the keynote addresses, the women were eager to return still for more spiritual refreshment throughout the weekend.

In addition to the three large assemblies which gathered for the main meetings, the Retreat also provided women with opportunities to join prayer groups and attend seminars featuring life-changing topics. Seminars offered in English, Spanish and French gave women opportunities to receive instruction and discuss pressing concerns such as training children for heaven, life as a single woman, self esteem and Sabbath observance for inner-city families.

The Saturday evening communion service highlighted the weekend, culminating in a candlelight ceremony in which the entire group lit one

God Helps Woman "In His Time"

When one of the keynote speakers for the Women's Prayer Retreat was taken to her room, a hotel employee learned that she planned to be counseling women between meetings.

At 2:00 Sabbath morning, when the same employee went out to cover the tennis courts from the rain, he came upon a distraught young guest who was wielding a knife. She had taken it from the dining room at supper, planning to use it to end her life because she was pregnant and her boyfriend had just told her he was going to marry another woman. She was devastated and fearful that her parents would throw her out of the house when they learned of her pregnancy. The hotel employee urged her to seek spiritual help. "I'm not of your faith so I can't help you," he said, "but I know someone who can."

Relenting, the young woman put down her knife and accompanied him to the room of the speaker who had just lain down exhausted from her final counseling session. After prayer, the speaker called the parents and they expressed their love and encouragement for their daughter, reassuring her that they would work things out together when she returned home.

The next week, the family was worshiping together in their church, thankful that God, "In His Time," had saved their daughter's life.

One Another

another's candles while singing the familiar tune, "This Little Light of Mine." As music and candlelight filled the auditorium, the women sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit. The peace of God glowed on each face, and no one wanted to leave.

Sunday's closing program featured the presentation of a plaque to Junell

Vance, former Women's Ministries Director of the Atlantic Union Conference, honoring her for her leadership and service. By God's grace, closing messages by the speakers brought many decisions for Christ, and strengthened the women's determination to continue spending more "Time With Him."

Plans are now being laid for next year's 10th Annual Women's Prayer Retreat, to be held at the newly renovated Pines Resort in South Fallsburg NY, and featuring the theme, "In His Spirit."

*By Evelyn Smester-Sullivan
Women's Prayer Retreat Co-Chairperson*

The Good Gossip

"Young Women in Motion" — Teens and Young Adult Retreat

*"Our daughters shall be like pillars carved
to adorn a palace." Ps. 144:12 (NIV)*

It may sometimes be concluded that where a group of women is gathered together, gossip or confusion must abound, but this was certainly not the case with the enthusiastic group of young and older women from the Berea SDA church, Boston, MA. The group, led by Christine Daniels, Women's Ministry Leader, escaped to the verdurous mountains of New Hampshire, to be embraced by the blissful retreat grounds of Singing Hills, in an effort to bridge the gulf between women of contrasting ages. And what an accomplishment it was! It was there that knowledge was imparted, experiences were shared and spiritual heights were attained.

The sole purpose of the retreat was to educate. And so seminars were provided to accommodate all age groups. For the more mature group there were seminars on healthy eating, breast cancer and money management. For the teens there were seminars on

self esteem, knowing your body, parent/child relationships and dating tips. However, because the seminars were so fitting to all age groups, everyone was free to attend.

In addition to shared knowledge, these women also shared thrilling experiences; one of which was a social event hosted on Saturday evening. It was truly incredible to see young and old mingling in a night of social entertainment, engaging in games such as "Brown Girl in the Ring," and "Who Stole the Cookie." These games must have brought back fun-filled memories for the older ones and a feeling of appreciation for the teens.

However, of all the experiences, none could match the mountain top experience that was met that weekend. The women were truly aroused by the Holy Spirit through the sermon presented by Seneca King, teacher at the Berea SDA school, in which she encouraged the young women, in particular, to be pillars carved and shaped to reflect a Christ-like character. To conclude the program, Ednor

A. P. Davison, Editorial Assistant for the GLEANER, summarized the entire weekend; and in a circle of strength that bound their hearts in unity she urged each one of them to go back and



Teens attending "Young Women in Motion" retreat

tell others about their invigorating mountain climb to spiritual heights.

Yes, it may be argued that with a group of women, nothing can remain a secret; but how could something so good be kept to one's self?

*By Juliet Jordan
Berea SDA church, Boston*



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“Giving Our Best...”

Leading

New Women's Ministries Leaders for SNEC

Daphne Thomas and Ruth Brand were recently appointed as Co-Directors of Women's Ministries in the Southern New England Conference. Women's Ministries is ministering to the women of the Conference so that their needs

tary in South Lancaster. A recent graduate from the Adult Degree Program at Atlantic Union College with a major in Psychology, she conducts seminars dealing with sexual abuse and has been a rape crisis counselor. She is the Family Life leader in her church in Leominster, MA, where she attends with her husband, Rob, and their two sons, Marc and Steven.

Ruth Brand is an educator, having taught on every level from primary grades through college. She holds a Master's Degree in English and enjoys writing and speaking. She is the author of the Bible stories in the “Professor Appleby” series and in the Vacation Bible School manuals, published by the Review & Herald Publishing Association. She and her husband,

Bob, also call Leominster their home church. They are the parents of two adult children, Heidi Clark and Jeffrey.

The two women will be working closely with Norma Utz, of the Providence, Rhode Island church who is the Hispanic liaison. Norma will arrange for presentations in the Spanish language both on the local and

Conference levels. She will also translate materials from English to Spanish for Spanish-speaking women in the Conference. She is an active member of her church and strong co-worker with her pastor husband, Osvaldo. A coordinator of children's programs, Norma has her own puppet ministry. She is the mother of three children, Norma, Jesus, and Sheila.

Daphne and Ruth launched their new responsibilities with a brunch held on March 9 at the AUC Dining Commons. Local church Women's Ministries Leaders and representative from all over the Conference came to share ideas and inspiration. As a result of the meeting, plans are under way for a Women's Ministries Hot Line, a Prayer Hot Line, and a Conference Newsletter.

A survey was also sent to all the churches in SNEC. From this they have received hundreds of worthwhile suggestions. Currently some of these suggestions are being acted upon in planning Women's Ministries meeting for camp meeting.

Both Daphne, Ruth and Norma have a vision for Women's Ministry in the SNEC that will bless churches and families, provide for the needs of women while enhancing their effectiveness in ministry, and encourage women in the recognition and application of their spiritual gifts.

Southern New England Conference



(Left to right): Norma Utz, Women's Ministries Hispanic Liaison, and Daphne Thomas, Ruth Brand and Norma Utz, Women's Ministries Co-Directors

can be addressed, reaching out to women who are hurting, those in need of special friendship, and helping to enhance their spiritual life.

Daphne Thomas is the founder and director of the “Discovery” program, a day-care facility, at Browning Elemen-

Listening & Loving

Women's Ministries— A Department on the Move

Northeastern Conference introduced the Women's Ministries department in 1987. The department had some serious, life-threatening growing pains in the ensuing years. Many of the problems stemmed from misinformation and apprehension about the true mission of the department.

As the department refined its mission and message, word got out to the "sisters" that the church was paying attention and that it really cared and understood them. Singles, marrieds, grandmothers, teens, professionals, the disenfranchised, etc., all found comfort, love and appreciation being with other Adventist women in and around the country. The department began to sponsor programs, seminars, workshops, and women began to feel a new pride and a sense of belonging to a church organization where they were anxious to share their talents, means, and time. *God and the church became alive to them in a whole new light once again.*

The Women's Ministries department has grown faster, has been more productive and purposeful, and has sustained more

momentum than any other department in recent memory. Its current leadership has brought new vision, solidarity, esteem, respect, and dignity to the department and it is no longer described as an organization of frustrated *preaching wanna-be's* or a lobby to promote ordination of females.

It is beginning to be seen as a department that is truly interested in reaching women who hurt, women who are searching for real identity, women who are alone, women who are unfulfilled or burdened, and women who just need to hear a word of understanding. It is attempting to regale womanhood, encourage, lift, and motivate females of all ages, to remind women that there is power beyond their own and that God can make them whole and complete individuals.

The department presents bi-annual retreats, seminars, and workshops on various topics that are on women's hearts and minds. The department also works with Family Life in promoting the

"Family," its upkeep, and is diligently working to put Christ back into the Christian family where love, togetherness, and commitment are its foundation. Plans are underway for the department to move to another level with an evangelistic

outreach project either this or next summer.

Women are given the opportunity to share their experiences by submitting articles to the

WOMEN'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL book. The department hosts a banquet (we love to dress up you know) where women who have made outstanding contributions and/or sacrifices are recognized. . . . And the list goes on!

Surely the Lord has been in the forefront of championing women's "ministries" throughout history. There's no denying his concern for women. While upon the cross, He was still concerned about His mother's welfare, so much so that He asked His disciple, John, to care for His mother as he would his own. Women have been blessed through this ministry and the department is committed to do no less in the future as it positions itself for the next millennium.

*By Mireille St. Pierre & Loma McKinnon
Northeastern Conference*

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In Faithful

Strengthening Each Other in the Faith

We need more meetings like these for the ladies in our churches," said Elizabeth Timmins, a member of the Taunton SDA church. Elizabeth was one of several ladies from five surrounding churches who gathered on March 21 & 22 for a Women's Ministries weekend at the Lincoln SDA church in Lincoln, RI.

After the introductions on Friday night, as ladies, we fellowshiped together around a "light supper" made of three kinds of delicious soups, breads, and gourmet salads. The setting was beautiful: white candles and pink tulips everywhere.

After supper we enjoyed some words of encouragement from our guest speaker, Mrs. Lois King, a teacher at Atlantic Union College. Lois encouraged us to be strong in our faith in Jesus and to believe that He's always there, especially when we are at our lowest point.

We shared testimonies of how Jesus had come through time and time again when there was no one else to whom we could turn. Maria Saillant, from the Lincoln church, shared with the group about an evening when she felt really lonely while walking home from work. In her despair, she began to pour her heart out to God. She told us that she felt someone come near her and kiss her

face. She believes that it was no one else but Jesus who reached out to her "because I felt His kiss." There were other testimonies just as touching as Maria's. There was an expressed sense of joy, fulfillment, and thankfulness as we ended the evening in prayer and song.

On Sabbath morning the ladies conducted the entire service. Mrs. King preached during the divine hour, lifting her hearers to the story of the "Woman at the Well of Samaria" and how Jesus treated people. "He always sought to include, not exclude people," she said. "Though this woman was treated as an outcast by society, Jesus treated her with utmost dignity and respect."

The singing was heavenly. Everyone seemed pleased with our efforts to nourish our church members while praising our Lord Jesus Christ. As we prepared to leave at the end of the service, Carl Langley, one of the men in the audience commented, "You ladies

provided a beautiful Sabbath for us. Thank you."

We look forward to more weekends such as this where we can strengthen each other in the faith.

By Mary Lou Leocadio

Women's Ministries Leader, Lincoln SDA Church



Lois King

Serving the Disabled

A comfortable white framed building by the side of the road is truly a refuge for the weary. The people smile at strangers and welcome them with ease, open hearts, and a firm handshake. As one scans the neatly decorated sanctuary, a peaceful feeling fills the soul and not one head turns to scrutinize the visitors' faces with eyes of curiosity. This church is comfortable with visitors. This is Fitchburg SDA church, MA. This is home. This was

the first official Disabilities Awareness Sabbath held in the Atlantic Union Conference.

A tap on the shoulder interrupted my solitary thoughts. When I turned, Thelma Hale, Communications Secretary, introduced me to a very special woman, Theresa Turbide, Disabilities Ministries Director for this church. She wanted us to meet Eldon Blaney, Area Director for



Theresa Turbide (second from left), Disabilities Ministries Director of the Fitchburg, MA, church speaks at its ramp dedication. She is flanked by Pastor Berthiaume and Charlotte Thoms, Atlantic Union Disabilities Ministries Director.

Service to Others

Christian Record Services so after the introductions, she encouraged my husband and me to go with her. She began to follow the taps of her cane down the aisle to the very seat where we was sitting. I knew that this church was familiar to her. Her visual disability was not a barrier to her service to Witchburg or God.

As we sat in the pews for the completion of Sabbath School, others with disabling conditions entered the church and shared their talents to enhance the worship service. Some of

them have obvious disabilities and some hidden ones; but all were accommodated and every area of the sanctuary was accessible.

As the worship service continued, an attractive husband and wife team, Michael and Pat Ranalla, stood to bring special music. His voice filled the room with a song of hope, "At the midnight cry, we'll be going home." His wife began to draw images in the air. I immediately turned to see who needed her sign language skills. She was a nature signer. Later, I discov-

ered that her parents are deaf. The pastor inspired the congregation to continue to work "for all people must have the opportunity to accept or reject the love of Jesus."

The highlight of the afternoon was the dedication of their ramp. The ribbon was cut, and the parade moved up the ramp like a beautiful miniature sample of those marching to Zion.

*By Charlotte Thoms
Disabilities Ministries Director*

Volunteering for Jesus

It takes many dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice their time, energy, and talents to help the work of the Lord to move forward. One such individual could be found at a recent Health and Safety Fair held at the Searstown Mall in Leominster, MA. Elizabeth Malonis Castle, a mother of two and a grandmother of three-year-old Christopher, took time out of her very busy schedule and volunteered to be the on-site coordinator assisting Rita Vital of the Boston Van Ministry.

Elizabeth was born in Lowell and raised in Dracut, MA. In 1973, she had joined a group of 17 Bible students called Christian Children; that group eventually grew to 40. They wanted to belong to a church that was totally Bible-based. Feeling that there was no such church in existence, they determined to study the bible only and trust the Holy Spirit to guide them. Their concept of the seventh-day Sabbath, observing it from midnight to midnight, and the imminent return of Jesus were the doctrines they had discovered and fervently believed. After a few weeks of study they met Crys Yianopoulos who introduced them to the Lowell SDA church. They were joyful to have discovered a church that indeed taught all the Bible and after a few weeks of further study 26 members of the study group were baptized—Elizabeth was among them.

Elizabeth's difficult journey eventually led her, to Atlantic Union College where she completed her education. Although the thought of becoming a chaplain beckoned her,

because of its demanding requirements she blended her major in psychology with the study of the Bible and became a Bible worker.

After graduating from AUC in 1990, Liz gradually added job to job in order to support herself—four of them at AUC. In the fall she teaches a personal evangelism class which is required for religion majors and theology students and available for non-religion majors. Also, she is study supervisor for the ADP program, director of testing, and mail courier for AUC. Her remaining four jobs are: Bible Worker for the Sterling, MA church, private home care, child care, and care for the elderly.

Elizabeth enjoys working for the Lord. Volunteering her time and talents for Him is uplifting and spiritually refreshing for her. She currently lives with her son, Bryan, in the So. Lancaster, MA area along with three of the original Bible study group members.

*By Rita Vital
Boston Van Ministry*

**Elizabeth Castle and
grandchild, Christopher
at the Health and Safety
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"Giving Our Best..."

Days to Remember

A Day to Remember

Sabbath is always a day to remember. But this one was special to Daphne Thomas and myself as brand-new Co-Directors for Women's Ministries in the Southern New England Conference.

The Northboro, MA church invited us to attend their "Women's Day" service on Sabbath, March 8. The Women's Ministries Director, Beulah Gibbons, asked us to do an afternoon presentation about Women's Ministries, that was especially geared toward young women.

From the time we arrived to the time we left, the spiritual gifts of the membership were obvious. Women with the gifts of helps, hospitality, evangelism, and more, led out in every aspect of the Sabbath program. Never have I attended a warmer church where the Spirit of the Lord was so real, it was almost palpable.

The sermon, delivered by Junell Vance, former Women's Ministries Director of Atlantic Union, inspired everyone to "Be Available" to the will and direction of God. One would be hard pressed to determine whether her preaching or two vocal solos were more moving.

Following an abundant and delicious potluck, the youth of the church conducted an AYS meeting. A rousing song service led by two young women preceded the presentation that Daphne and I made to the group of young people and those a bit older, including some interested men.

We spoke from our hearts. Daphne told of her dream that women may find the support they need within the church. I spoke of my vision for

women to fulfill their potential, to be all that God intends for them to be. Then a question and answer segment followed.

And all through that day women came to us expressing their joy in service. They spoke of what Women's Ministries has done for their church. They told of their prayer groups, a support group for young married couples, the various ways they minister to the community while speaking of their Lord and providing inspirational literature. Several serve as elders in their church, where they preach with passion and conviction. The women in the Northboro Church radiate enthusiasm for the Lord. And their ministries both reflect and feed that enthusiasm.

I am mindful of a letter written by Ellen G. White to a Mrs. S. M. I.

Henry, the first General Conference appointed Women's Ministry Director—in 1898! Among other words of advice and encouragement, Mrs. White said, "I have so longed for women who could be educators to help [other women] arise from their discouragement, and to feel that they could do a work for the Lord. . . . God will bless you, and all who shall unite with you, in this grand work."

Daphne and I along with Norma Utz, our Hispanic liaison, envision an active Women's Ministries Department in every church in the Southern New England Conference. The Northboro Church provides a good example of the joy and piety this ministry engenders.

*By Ruth Redding Brand
Women's Ministries Co-Director
Southern New England Conference*

Hispanic Women's Ministry Sabbath

On March 21, 1997 the Syracuse Hispanic Company held its second Women's Ministry Sabbath. Marilyn Kretschmar, secretary for the New York Conference Secretariat, was the guest speaker for Divine Service. She brought us such an inspirational message that I truly believe it has changed the attitude of leadership in our church.

The church, organized only for 1½ years, has seen how the Holy Spirit is touching the lives of our women. We have women from their early twenties to great-grandmothers, and each one of them is taking steps to go and do the will of God.

We have a coordinator who joined our church in October, 1996. She has expressed that the Lord has touched her and her family, and that she is excited about being a part of our little group.

We solicit your prayers, and we also pray for every Women's Ministries group throughout the world. May we all be together on that Glorious Day. ¡Que Dios les Bendiga!

By Annette R. Galeas, Syracuse Hispanic Company



From Biscuits to Business:

Women's Ministries on Campus

Women's Ministries have come a long way since World War II. Even though Adventist women were active in church administration in the 1800s, they were absent from influential positions by the 1950s. Organizing the Sabbath school department and meetings for Abolitionist activities were replaced by committees that addressed better ways of meeting domestic responsibilities.

Today, college women learn about balancing careers with motherhood; about staying healthy and strong in a world that encourages them to be beautiful, instead; and about maintaining a relationship with God while the people around them are demanding attention and support. College professors and administrators encourage women to speak for themselves, to learn as much as they can, to resist oppression everywhere, and to find ways to change the world to make it a better place. Multi-grain biscuits are less an issue in their lives than multi-tasked businesses.

Women have a great responsibility at Atlantic Union College: to minister to each other, to minister to men and children, and to minister to the community at large. Here are some Atlantic Union College women on what Women's Ministries means to them.

What is the mission or role of Women's Ministries, and how are women at AUC actively involved?

At my home church (in Middletown, NY) women really cherish Women's Ministries. They encourage each other in Christ through retreats, meals, prayers, phone calls and support groups. When they get together, they don't talk about household chores or how to make better cookies; they support each other *spiritually*.

At AUC we don't always know we're involved in women's ministries; but every woman who lives in the dorm takes part, in a way. Worship speakers, who often deal specifically with women's issues, offer encouragement and practical advice—we deal with issues such as how to deal with stress, how to stay healthy and how to have more meaningful devotional time. Sometimes my friends and I get together for our own small group worships—an hour passes, and we're still talking about everything from relationships to complicated Bible texts."

Jaolin Cruz

*Senior, Business major & Economics minor
and last year's recipient of the Women's
Ministries AUC Scholarship.*

As women in the rest of the world have become more and more empowered, women in the church have done the same; Women's Ministries reflects this. Now, instead of just one perspective—the 'male' perspective—women also influence the church because they are involved in positions of leadership. Today there are a few female pastors, so we know we're heading in the right direction.

At AUC there have been women in spiritual leadership positions in the Student Association, women who have organized Weeks of Spiritual Emphasis and who work for spiritual growth on campus. I think that they are well accepted. There may still be a stigma both in the church and at AUC, but I believe progress is being made—thanks to dedicated and spiritual women who care about us here."

Kenisha French

Junior, English & Education major

I don't see Women's Ministries as a 'soapbox' or a place for women to gain 'equal rights.' It's not the place for political action, such as pushing for women's ordination. It is *ministry* oriented—it helps women minister to their families, their churches and to themselves. We can't minister to others unless we first minister to ourselves.

My women's ministry vision for AUC is for all women here to band together. We have common goals and common insecurities; yet we often work against each other rather than for each other. Women need a safe environment in which to let down their defenses and make connections with each other."

D. Gidget Lindsay

*Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for
Finance and the Vice President for Student Services*



Rally Marks Plans for "Queens for Christ" Crusade at Jackson Heights Church

Several Queens churches will hold a month-long evangelistic crusade July 12 – August 9, 1997, at the Jackson Heights church in Woodside. Evangelist Mark Fox of the It Is Written evangelistic staff

will be the speaker, and he is shown speaking at a rally at the church on Sabbath, April 12, calling for pastors and members to pray for God's Spirit to move mightily in the summer campaign.

Members pledged a significant amount for the campaign, in response to Conference President Charles Griffin's invitation.

Joining the Jackson Heights

church in the "Queens for Christ" series will be the Ridgewood, Astoria, Flushing, Bayahin Bible Fellowship (Filipino), New York Chinese and Romanian churches. The series will meet five evenings weekly and will include outstanding soloists. Readers with friends or family members in Queens, or who know of former members in the area, are invited to contact the Jackson Heights church — (718) 424-4544.

New Pastor Welcomed to Spanish Intervale Church

Among more than a dozen Hispanic pastors transferred to new

congregations within Greater New York earlier this year, a pastor new to the conference was introduced as the new

pastor of the Spanish Intervale Church in the Bronx. Elder Gonzalo Monroy, who has served in pastoral and departmental work in the Inca Union Mission, greeted church members, along with his wife Mery and a daughter, Patricia. Another daughter, Ana Carla, is an auditor in the Atlantic Union. Elder Monroy had conducted Weeks of Prayer, stewardship and evangelism in Greater New York, Boston and New Jersey before receiving his Bronx assignment. Mery has served as a Child Evangelism specialist.



Elder Gonzalo Monroy



Evangelist Mark Fox

Camp Cherokee '97 Schedule

Super Cub Camp — June 29 to July 5 (Ages: 8–10)

This camp is designed for those who haven't been to camp before or want to experience the best of camp for our "cubs."

Speaker: Jose Nieves

Cost: \$200 (\$170 for NY Conf. members)

Super Junior Camp — July 6 to 12 (Ages: 10–13)

Activities include horseback riding, swimming, archery, tennis, crafts, ceramics, tubing, water skiing, nature classes, and our ever popular Sea-sled. Speaker: Londa Edsel

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Blind Camp — July 6 to 12 (Ages: 10–13)

Coordinated through the New York State Commission for the Blind, this specialty camp is designed specifically for visually handicapped kids.

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Counselor in Training (CIT) — June 29 to July 5; July 6 to 12; July 13 to 19 (Ages: 16–17)

Do you have the dream of someday working full-time as staff at Camp Cherokee? This program is for you! You will experience assistant counseling responsibilities, training sessions in staff policies, and the how to's of staff work responsibility. Outstanding CIT's may attend an additional week at camp free of charge! For CIT application form, contact us. Cost: \$150

Aquatics Camp — July 13 to 19 (Ages: 12–17)

A competition ski boat will pull skiers from beginner level to expert. Intermediate swimming capabilities are required.

Speaker: Bill Bremner. Cost: \$200 (\$170 for NY Conf. members)

Native American Camp — June 29 to July 5; July 6 to 12; July 13 to 19 (Ages: 8–12)

Enjoy the excitement of living in an authentic western-style tepee. Learn many skills, including archery, canoeing, track 'n' trail, horseback riding, and crafts.

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Super Teen Camp — July 20 to 26 (Ages: 13–17)

Spend a week with your peers in a variety of exciting activities and social events. Speaker: Gary Blanchard

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High School Student's Decision Pays Off

6'6" Eric Enright opted to keep the Sabbath and not play during one of this basketball team's Division IV semi-final games. The Vermont Principal Association knew of Enright's plight, but chose not to change the game. Eric's coach and team supported Eric's decision to stand for his convictions. The team respects Eric and the principles he lives by.

at Columbia Union College. Eric is thrilled. Once again we see God blessing a young man that is faithful to him.

National Award Winner Announced

Stefanie Johnson of Pownal, Maine, was recently named as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This special achievement will entitle her to a full four year tuition



Stefanie Johnson

are eventually named as "finalists."

Stef was honored for her various accomplishments on Sabbath, April 26 by her home

church in Freeport, ME. During the church service Representative Tom Bull also presented her with a plaque signed by the leaders of the Maine State Legislature. Stefanie enjoys playing the oboe and has toured Europe and the Middle East with the New England Youth Ensemble. Co-winner of the John Philips Sousa Music Award, she recently played in Spain with the Shenandoah Valley Academy band. This year she has been on the varsity basketball and softball teams and was named to the National Honor Society and Who's Who of American High School Students.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Eric is the son of Richard & Kathy Baker and is a senior at Websterville Baptist School. The VPA's decision put Eric in the news. Of course Eric was disappointed with their decision.

Two college basketball scouts came to watch Eric Play. Eric chose the extended scholarship to enroll

scholarship when she enters college this fall. "Stef" is currently a senior at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA. The National Merit standings are based on the PSAT tests that are given to over one million high school students across the country in their junior year. Only 14,000 students

South Lancaster, MA, Seventh-day Adventist Church Baptisms

Recent baptisms in the South Lancaster, MA, Seventh-day Adventist Church include (counter-clockwise from bottom): 16 of the 18 persons at the close of NET '96; Llewellyn Wilds; Thornton Millet, Laurie Gaudette—Thornton's daughter, and Andrew Burrington; and Debbie Ruiz and James Luna.

*By Dr. Geraldine I. Grout
Communication Secretary*



PHOTOS BY G. GROUT



SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

North Stamford SDA Church Baptisms

Four wonderful individuals took their public stand for the Lord and were baptized by Pastor Tom LeBlanc at the North Stamford Seventh-day Adventist Church. Baptized were: Jacqueline Burke; her grandmother, Nerissa Whittingham; her daughter Shantée Guy; and Jim Rollinson. All four candidates faithfully attended the NET '96 meetings and have been attending church regularly.

By Rose LeBlanc, North Stamford Church



L. to R.: Pastor Tom LeBlanc, Nerissa Whittingham, Jim Rollinson, Jacqueline Burke, Shantée Guy.



Baptism of Pastor and Mrs. Erskine Bovell's three grandchildren at Hanson Place church

A Family Affair

Sabbath, February 22, was a day of great delight for Pastor Erskine and Mrs. Esmee Bovell as their three grandchildren, Brandon Chase, Lesley-Ann and Chaely Bovell were baptized at the Hanson Place church in Brooklyn, NY.

Bovell, a former Hanson Place pastor, and Esmee, current superintendent of education for Northeastern Conference credit Christian parents, Christian education, and the church for nurturing the three young people who currently

attend Hanson Place Elementary School. The principal, Allen Chase is married to the Bovell's daughter, Joy. Also joining them in the pool for baptism were Jennifer Winchester, Natalie James, and Olivia Smith.

Hill Celebrates New Church

On Sabbath, November 2, 1996, the members of the Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Haven, Connecticut celebrated the opening of their church home. It

was a momentous occasion as Pastor Edwin Thoms and the congregation were joined by Conference President, Stennett Brooks; Secretary, Trevor Baker, and Departmental Directors, Norman Snipes and Jessie Bevel, Jr.

Hill, which traces

its roots to the Davenport Avenue Mission begun in 1980, has had five temporary homes including stops in West Haven, a community center, and the Salvation Army.

The Hill church also traces its roots to the evangelistic zeal of laypersons at the Mount Zion church. Dorothy Simms, Martha Henderson, Vashni Davis, Bertha

Davis, William Winn, Samuel Smith, Hannah Hemingway, Donna Brandon, Willis Foster, Magnolia McKenzie, Ellen Funderburk, and Millicent Huff are some of the names of those past and present whose tireless efforts resulted in the establishment of this new beacon of light and love at 189 Union Avenue in the "Hill" district of New Haven.

NORTHEASTERN

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Northeastern Conference
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Notice is hereby given that the ninth regular triennial Constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 22, 1997 at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York.

The purpose of this meeting is for the receiving of reports for the past triennium, the election of officers, departmental directors, and pertinent committees for the ensuing triennium and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

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

Stennett H. Brooks, President
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Northeastern Conference Corporation
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Notice is hereby given that the ninth regular triennial Constituency meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the twenty-second regular session (ninth triennial) of the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, June 22, 1997, at Camp Victory Lake, Hyde Park, New York. The first meeting of the Corporation will convene at 3:00 p.m.; the purpose of which is to elect officers and trustees for the ensuing triennium, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session. Delegates to the ninth regular triennial meeting of the Conference are the delegates to the ninth regular triennial meeting of the Northeastern Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

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Deaths

BIDWELL, Glendora H.—80, b. Mar. 12, 1916, West Addison, VT; d. June 1, 1996 in Worcester, MA. She was a member of the So. Lancaster Village church. Survivors include her husband George H. Bidwell; son Dale J. Bidwell of Ooltwah, TN; daughters Mary Haloviak of Beltsville, MD., and Carolyn Mendibles of Lancaster, MA; and five grandchildren.

BRINES, Celia Richmond—b. Oct. 8, 1892, Susquehanna, PA; d. Dec. 1, 1996, Loma Linda, CA. Meeting at Atlantic Union College, and marrying upon graduation, Celia and her late husband, Dr. Rolland J., spent two seven-year terms (1915–22 and 1930–37) as, first, educational, and then, later, medical missionaries, to central and western China, before settling in Santa Barbara, CA, where Dr. Brines practiced medicine until his death in 1987. Celia subsequently authored a book of mission stories, *DRAGON TALES*, published by the Pacific Press, which went through three editions between 1942–1945.

CASH, Miriam E. Poole White—b. Feb. 20, 1901, North Dartmouth, MA; d. Jan. 24, 1997, St. Augustine, FL. She attended Atlantic Union College 1922–24 where she also taught Typing and Shorthand and was secretary to Pres. Machlan. In 1924 she married Donald R. White whom she met at AUC. Together they collaborated in New York State, lived for a time in Springfield, MA, and in 1926 returned to the Dartmouth homestead of her parents where they remained. They were workers in the New Bedford English and Fall River, MA, churches. They started the Cape Cod Church in Cataumet in the 1930s, and nurtured it through the 1940s. Miriam was widowed in 1978 and married Ralph E. Cash in 1984. They made their home in FL and in MA. A son, Harold W. White, predeceased her in 1993, as did her second husband. Her only close relative

is her daughter, Eleanor M. Hill of St. Augustine, FL.

GREENE, Nathaniel G. "Bud"—80, of Marlboro, MA; d. Nov. 26, 1996 in Framingham, MA. Husband of the late Jean (MacKay) Greene. Long time employee of the Boston Regional Medical Center, Stoneham. Survivors include: his son Edward of MA; daughter Cheryl McMaster of Marlboro, MA; brother Dudley Greene; seven sisters, Ruth Greene, Marjorie Mitchell, Muriel Hall, Estella Whitney, Natalie Cranson, Mildred Hickerson, Priscilla Martin; and four grandchildren.

JOHNSON, Leonard T.—89, b. Sept. 15, 1906, Musing, MI; d. Sept. 1, 1996 in Harrisonburg, VA. He was a member of the Fitchburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include his wife Irene E. (Caisse) Johnson; son Robert Johnson, Lunenburg, MA; daughters Martha Vinglas of Verona, VA, and Phyllis

Bedard-Johnson of Jamestown, RI; brother Emile S. Johnson, Sr. of Lancaster, MA, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

PARRY, Edna C.—77, b. Mar. 31, 1919; d. Nov. 29, 1996 in Westminster, VT. Her husband Russell,

son Roland and one grandchild predeceased her. Survivors include: daughters, Pearl Bulow, Elkhorn, WI and Ethel Pike, Westminster, VT; son George Parry, Charlotte NC; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

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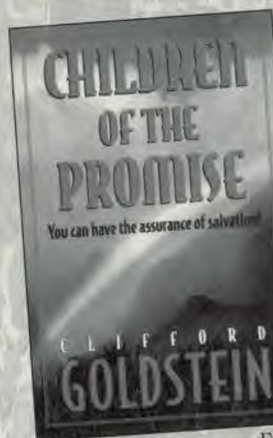


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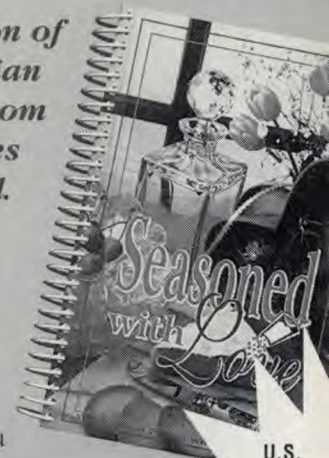
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