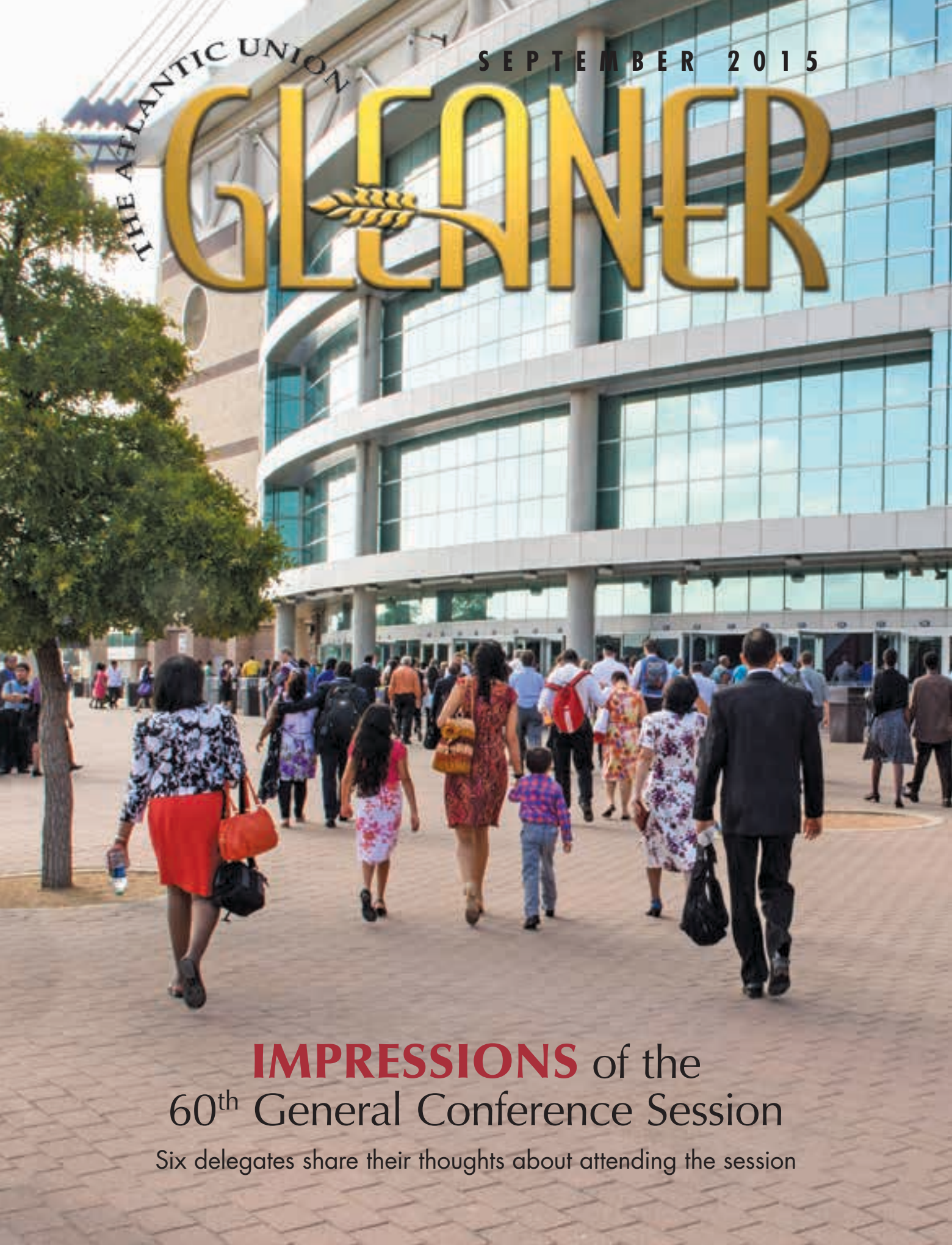


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60<sup>th</sup> General Conference Session  
Six delegates share their thoughts about attending the session



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# Salvation is of **the Lord**

**T**he delegates and visitors have returned home from the 60<sup>th</sup> General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas. What a wondrous and inspiring experience to share in a world-wide convocation of Adventists from all parts of the globe. The music, the spirit-filled preaching, the seasons of prayer all draped around doing the business of the church and setting the stage for the next five years of mission and witness across planet Earth.

As my wife, Lois, and I sat in the morning and Sabbath worship sessions, albeit amid the inspiration of the moment, along with 50,000-60,000 people in attendance, one thing kept coming forcefully to my mind: *Salvation is of the Lord* (Psalm 37:39). Put another way, we're not saved as a body of believers or by our own efforts. We're saved as individuals who are trusting and leaning on the divine arm of our precious Savior.

Actually, salvation is a very big term which describes the life of believers, from the time of their acceptance of Jesus into their lives to their entrance into glory. Believers constantly feel the need to be saved—from self, sin, Satan, and the world.

This notion then of “*Salvation is of the Lord*” is the argument of both the Old and New Testaments. Someone has said, if salvation were partly of God and partly of man, it would be as sorry an affair as that image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which is partly iron and partly clay! Salvation is all of Christ, not partly.

Ellen White wrote: “He who is trying to reach heaven by his own works in keeping the law is attempting an impossibility. Man cannot be saved without obedience, but his works should not be of himself; Christ should work in him to will and to do of His good pleasure. If a man could save himself by his own works, he might have something in himself in which to rejoice. The effort that man makes in his own strength to obtain salvation is represented by the offering of Cain. All that man can do without Christ is polluted with selfishness and sin; but that which is wrought through faith is acceptable to God. When we seek to gain heaven through the merits of Christ, the soul makes progress. ‘Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,’ we may go on from strength to strength, from victory to victory; for through Christ the grace of God has worked out our complete salvation”—*FAITH AND WORKS*, p. 94.

Human beings have proven to be dependent upon themselves. There is a tendency for humans to believe they can pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. Human nature reeks with the stench of conceit and pride. Only the Holy Spirit can lead a person to receive the humbling sentence—*Salvation is of the Lord!* ☉

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*“If a man could save himself by his own works, he might have something in himself in which to rejoice.”*





# IMPRESSIONS of the 60<sup>th</sup> General Conference Session



Rohann Wellington

Voting at the session was done using paper ballots.



James Bokoroy

Delegates are walking from their hotels to the Alamodome.

**W**hen Adilson DePina, a pastor in the Southern New England Conference, speaks about the 60th General Conference (GC) Session, he says it was “Amazing! It was the best experience of my life. I was able to see my church in action in different areas.” This was the first time that DePina has served as a delegate at a GC session. He, along with 20 other people from the Atlantic Union Conference, was among the more than 2,500 delegates and their families who spent 10 days, July 2-11, in San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s business session.

The 21 delegates representing the Atlantic Union Conference included nine administrative delegates, comprised of presidents, executive secretaries, and treasurers from the union and the six conferences, and 12 non-administrative delegates, comprised of lay members, pastors,

and teachers. Five of this diverse group of delegates were female and 16 were males.

The delegates heard reports, elected officers of the General Conference, reviewed proposals to amend the church manual, and considered matters of church doctrine. “I was prepped sufficiently [about] the roles and responsibilities of a delegate through the material that was sent prior to GC [session] and the on-the-ground support provided in orientation and caucus meetings,” says Seanna-Kay Denham, a lay person in the Northeastern Conference, who was also a first-time delegate at the session.

In this article six of the non-administrative delegates, one from each conference, were asked to share impressions of their GC Session experience. You will hear from Sydney Gibbons, a pastor and ministerial director in Bermuda Conference; Shirley-Ann Thomas-Laurencin, a principal/teacher in the Greater New York Conference; Will Comley, a lay person in the New York Conference; Seanna-Kay Denham, a lay person in the Northeastern Conference; Ashley Tardif, a young adult lay person in the Northern New England Conference; and Adilson DePina, a young adult pastor in the Southern New England Conference.

Here are a few things we found out about them:

- This was the first time five of the six individuals served as delegates at a General Conference Session.
- Two of the six individuals are under the age of 30.



James Bokoroy

A section of delegates at the July 8 discussion on women’s ordination

- Four of the six individuals elected to receive their delegate information package electronically via the General Conference delegate portal or App. This was the first time the option of receiving material electronically was available at a GC Session.

### GC Session a Blessing

“This session was such a blessing to me,” says Ashley Tardif. “The nightly mission reports were inspirational—not only encouraging to see the work that has been done, but inspiring to see the work that is yet to be accomplished. I enjoyed the retelling of stories of our early pioneers. What lives of sacrifice they lived!”

Will Comley, a longtime church member, says, “I am amazed at the global footprint that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has. My wife and I ate lunch with people we didn’t know. They came from Turkey, Kenya, Nigeria, Peru, and many other countries. It was fun to expand our horizon.”

Sydney Gibbons says he was “very favorably impressed with the focus on mission that characterized reports, dialogues, and actions preparing the world for the second coming of Christ.”

### Things that Stood Out During the Business Session

Early each morning, delegates were seen leaving their hotel and walking the long distance to the Alamodome to arrive in time for the morning devotions and then the business of the day. They spent eight days together completing the session agenda. Denham says it was “the level of attention to detail and structure it takes in order for our global church delegation to function” that stood out most for her during the business session. DePina says the “call for prayer”



Bryant Taylor

Many people participated in the Instep4Life 5K walk/run.



R. Steven Norman III

The Prayer Room is full of people praying for the GC Session.



James Bokoroy

Delegates vote by secret ballot on the question of women’s ordination.

stood out most for him. “There were different opinions, which I think is a very good thing, and that can also raise tensions sometimes. However, I noticed that the leadership was eager to seek God’s counsel, asking the delegates to pray. I believe that prayer helped us get the job done.” Comley says, “That we could disagree while not being disagreeable” was what stood out most to him.

### Other Activities

While the delegates were participating in the business session, a number of other activities were taking place daily in the San Antonio area. Activities included the exhibit halls in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, an Instep4Life 5K walk/run, Impact San Antonio, sponsored by the

General Conference Youth Ministries Department, where about 500 youth participated in street ministries around the city, and much more.

Even though the delegates were kept busy with the business of the church, they were able to find some time to participate in other activities. “We used every moment when we weren’t at a meal to visit the exhibit booths to connect with people we read about,” says Comley.

“When you factor in the daily prep time, the business meetings, evening division reports, and just the walk to and from the Dome—there wasn’t a lot of time to do much. However, I did get a chance to view the exhibit hall, and I took a stroll by the River Walk one evening,” says Shelly-Ann Thomas-Laurencin. “I can only hope



that fellow delegates from our other divisions were able to get some time to enjoy San Antonio.”

“I spent quite a bit of time in the exhibit halls. It was amazing to see a sampling of the multitude of ministries that span our globe. Walking down one row of the exhibit hall was like walking through a dozen family reunions—old friends and new, hugs and handshakes, smiles and conversation all around,” says Tardif.

### The Impact of Serving as a Delegate

While communicating with these six delegates it was evident that they not only appreciated the opportunity to serve in this fashion, but they took their responsibilities seriously. “It was eye-opening to see how our church works at a corporate level,” Tardif says.

“Serving as a delegate has been invaluable in so many ways,” Thomas-

Laurencin says. “I believe that I now have a stronger understanding of the mission and makeup of the world church. Everything from the rationale behind our key doctrines, to the relevance of Sister White—it’s all been put into clearer perspective as a result of this experience. I think every Adventist should have the chance to serve in a capacity like this. At the very least, it behooves us all to take our mission to the world seriously. Jesus is coming soon.”

Denham says, “I’m grateful to all who were responsible [for] my selection as a delegate to the GC Session. It was a very impactful experience for me that renewed my commitment to Jesus, to being His disciple, and to being ready for His soon return.”

“All that I shared was equally satisfying to my wife, Katherina, who joined me at the session,” Gibbons says. “We felt the joy of actively

anticipating the coming of Jesus— joy displayed in worship, praise, fellowship, and commitment to service until Jesus returns. This was by far the most satisfying and reaffirming for me in my faith walk with Jesus as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I am proud to belong to this final movement in time [while] en route to eternity.”

### Impact of the Session on Their Ministry

These six delegates say that their time spent serving as delegates will definitely impact their ministry at home.

**Gibbons:** “It already has transformed my leadership and me. We left the session resolved to complete the mission given to the remnant church.”

**Thomas-Laurencin:** “This experience has helped me to appreciate how our individual ministries—my indi-

Some of the Atlantic Union Conference delegates are, from left, Adilson DePena, Southern New England Conference pastor; Ashley Tardif, Northern New England Conference lay person; G. Earl Knight, Greater New York Conference president; Ephraim Pena, Greater New York Conference pastor; Seanna-Kaye Denham, Northeastern Conference lay person; Shirley-Ann Thomas-Laurencin; Greater New York Conference lay person; Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; Kenneth Manders, Bermuda Conference president; Collete Dieujuste, Northeastern Conference lay person; Sydney Gibbons, Bermuda Conference pastor/ministerial director; David Dennis, Southern New England Conference president; Sonia Valentin, Southern New England Conference lay person, and Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president.



vidual ministry—ties into the church’s larger mission. I am [the] principal at one of our schools in the Atlantic Union, Whispering Pines. I feel energized to look for ways that Whispering Pines can do even more to evangelize—working with children both within and outside of our Adventist circle. If nothing else, serving as a delegate has brought home again the realization that God is coming soon and that every one of us—churches, schools, individuals—must do our part to save others for His kingdom.”

**Comley:** “The division reports were amazing. Every night you could see God working all over the planet. I would like to get copies of the reports to give people a perspective of how God is working all over this planet.”

**Denham:** “It energized me to want to see my fellow young adults be more informed of our connection to the world church and to take a more active part in evangelizing our local urban mission field.”

**DePina:** “The reports presented by the divisions, were inspirational to me. It’s amazing to know that the Holy Spirit is still working to convince people of their sin and bring them to repentance. How can I stand still and not share the gospel? I just can’t! We are almost home.”

**Tardif:** “I returned home with renewed faith in God and vision for what He



Seanna-Kaye Denham and Carlyle Simmons



Dedrick Blue, right, with his wife, Elfreda



Orley Anderson, delegate, and Winston Silvera



Daniel Honoré translates for Carlos Moreta.



Elias Zabala, Jr., Donald King, and Will Comley

Photos: Rohann Wellington

wants to do, both in and through our church. Let’s get moving, church! Jesus is coming again!

“We extend our thanks and appreciation to all the Atlantic Union Conference administrators, denominational workers, and lay persons who served as delegates at the 60<sup>th</sup> General Conference Session,” says Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president. “We appreciate the commitment you made to spend 10 days participating in completing the business of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church. May God richly bless you, your families, and your ministry, in whatever capacity you serve. Let us all work together with urgency toward the second coming of Jesus Christ.” Arise! Shine! Jesus is coming!

The next General Conference Session will be held in 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana. ①

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By Elissa Kido

## You Can Serve as an Ambassador for Adventist Christian Education



**T**he Center for Research on K-12 Adventist Education (CRAE) launched a brand new initiative in February 2015 called Ambassadors for Adventist Christian Education (AACE), an organization created to recruit, organize, and support volunteers for the K-12 Adventist educational system. The catalyst for AACE was the number of people who would approach me after my presentations on Adventist education and ask me what they could do to help. I realized that there were passionate people out there, committed to supporting Adventist education, who simply needed direction and guidance to



channel their energy into helping one of our schools.

Upon receiving funding from Versacare to help with initial start-up expenses, I began working on building AACE from the ground up. AACE has three different categories—Local Chapter Ambassadors, Ambassadors-at-Large, and Institutional Chapters. Each of these categories have slightly different roles, but the goal remains the same for all Ambassadors—cham-

pioning the benefits of Adventist education to churches and communities and using their specific skills and areas of expertise to support schools.

I have been delighted by the response I have already received; both La Sierra University and Pacific Union College are on board as Institutional Chapters, and the database of Ambassadors-at-Large continues to grow. The support for AACE has been impressive. People from all different walks of life—retired educators, successful professionals, stay-at-home parents—have said, “Sign me up! I want to help!”

The different ways that Ambassadors are volunteering are as varied as the individuals themselves. One Ambassador is helping a school to create its own YouTube channel; another Ambassador is an experienced grant writer and fundraiser and has volunteered to help schools seek funding for their various projects.

If you or someone you know would be willing to serve as an Ambassador, please check out the AACE Web site at: [aace.lasierra.edu](http://aace.lasierra.edu) or call (951) 785-2997 for more information. ☺



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## Atlantic Union Conference Visits Historic Church

Administrators and staff of the Atlantic Union Conference hosted Sabbath services on July 18 at the Washington, New Hampshire, church. Called “the birthplace of the Seventh-day Adventist Church” and described by James White as “the place where Sabbathkeeping was first practiced among Adventists” (REVIEW AND HERALD, January 28, 1869), the historic building was filled with joyful songs, historical lessons, prayer, and praise presented by representatives from the various union departments.

A praise team lead by IT director David Hunte set the tone of the day with early advent hymns and well-known praise and worship songs. Sabbath School included a special treat with historic presentations about early Adventist pioneers by Carlyle Simmons, executive secretary, and his wife Marilyn, and Astrid Thomassian, education director. Leon Thomassian, treasurer, joined Simmons in teaching the Sabbath School lesson while associate treasurer Trevor Forbes provided a personal ministries focus. Special guests, Greg Perry, ASI Atlantic Union Chapter president, and Scott Christiansen, Northern New

England Conference (NNEC) communication and trust services director, also participated in the church service.

Certificates of appreciation were presented by Atlantic Union Conference president Donald G. King to Stephen Marshall, Washington police chief; Jack Sheehy, Washington, New Hampshire, Historical Society president; Lloyd Condon, contractor, who refurbished the church and completed other onsite building projects; Sandy Cheney, for designing and maintaining the ministry’s Web site; and Ken and Marsha Brummel, site director and volunteers at the Washington church for the past four years.

King reminded the congregation of the roots of Adventism with a sermon on the topic, “Who Are You?” “The Seventh-day Adventist church is not just a church, it is a prophetic movement,” said King. It is “a movement inaugurated by God Himself.” Listeners, who also included visitors from nearby Vermont and the Boston area, and as far away as the Congo, were familiarized with the pillar truths that were so prayerfully and carefully studied by the pioneers—truths that make the Adventist church unique.



Standing under the outdoor pavilion under construction at the Washington church are, front row, from left, Marsha Brummel, Washington church volunteer; Donald King, Atlantic Union Conference president; Scott Christensen, Northern New England Conference trust services and communication director; Carlyle Simmons, Atlantic Union Conference executive secretary; Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Conference treasurer; Trevor Forbes, Atlantic Union Conference associate treasurer; Greg Perry, ASI Atlantic Union Chapter president. On the back row, from left, are Ken Brummel, Washington church site director; J.P. O’Connor, Village Church pastor (Lancaster, Mass.); and Lloyd Condon, contractor.

“What was a great disappointment became a great enlightenment,” King said.

After a prayer of dedication, lunch was shared under a partially completed outdoor pavilion that is being built by Condon with the help of volunteers. Following lunch, many took part in a walk on the “Sabbath Trail,” a mile-long path with 31 carved markers highlighting biblical and historical facts about the Sabbath.

Built in 1842, and owned by the NNEC, the 173-year-old structure has been recognized by the state of New Hampshire as a historic site. Marsha Brummel sees it as much more. “The Washington church still

speaks to people. We see people being blessed and meeting God and Jesus there,” she says. Adventist and non-Adventist visitors frequently visit the grounds, complete with cemetery. “I didn’t need to go to GC [Session],” she laughs. “We had everyone come here: Ted Wilson, Mark Finley, bus groups from South Africa, Brazil, and China. It’s been great!”

Adventist congregations are invited to conduct Sabbath services in the church. Services are held each week beginning the first Sabbath in May and continuing through the last Sabbath of October.

—Debra McKinney Banks, communication assistant, Atlantic Union Conference



Atlantic Union Conference president Donald King, pictured on the right in each photo, presents certificates of appreciation to, photos from left, Lloyd Condon, contractor; Washington church site director, Ken Brummel, and his wife, Marsha; and Washington, New Hampshire, police chief, Stephen Marshall.

## The Brothers From Bermuda Sing at the Alamodome

The 16-member, all-male singing group, The Brothers from Bermuda, had the “once in a lifetime” opportunity to minister before a crowd of more than 60,000 people in the Alamodome on July 11, the second Sabbath of the 2015 General Conference Session. The first time the group has ever performed outside of Bermuda, they had the privilege of singing three times while at the event that was held in San Antonio, Texas.

“This would be the first time, and without a doubt, the last time that we would get the opportunity to sing in front of so many people again,” said Bob Smith, a singer with the group. “The only words that come to mind right now is without a doubt: awesome!”



The Brothers From Bermuda singing group had the opportunity to sing at the Alamodome during the General Conference Session.

The experience has galvanized the group to increase their ministry for the Lord in song. “As a group, we first and foremost give God the

honor and the glory for making it all possible,” Smith said. Recently, the group received an invitation to travel to Cuba in 2016. They

solicit prayers to be all that God would have them to be and to continue in His will.

—Communication department, Bermuda Conference

## St. George’s Spotlights Disability Awareness

Under the theme “Lord, Open Our Eyes,” the St. George’s church spent the afternoon AYS program on April 11 discovering and learning about the challenges and opportunities for individuals with a visual disability. Pauline DeShield, former Bermuda Conference Disabilities Ministries leader, was invited to speak on the seven major disabilities at the invitation of Sandra Moniz, St. George’s church Disabilities Ministries leader.

The seven major categories of disabilities include cognitive, hearing, hidden, mobility, psychiatric, speech, and visual disabilities. DeShield focused on blindness and “low vision”—a condition that is identified by vision that is not normal or clear, even with the aid of glasses or contact lenses.

DeShield invited four guests to join her for the



William Ridley, teacher-specialist for visually impaired students, talks with Patrice Fortes-Smith, Bermuda Conference Disabilities Ministries director.

program. Two shared powerful personal testimonies of the adjustments they have had to make while living with visual challenges over the years. The remaining guests included Jane Carlton, a rehabilitation/mobility therapist for the Bermuda Society for the Blind located at Beacon House, and William Ridley, a teacher for the visually impaired students attending

Bermuda’s public primary and middle schools.

After opening remarks by Patrice Fortes-Smith, current Bermuda Conference Disabilities Ministries leader, Kathleen Ford, played a harmonica selection. Carlton shared with the audience changes taking place at Beacon House that will assist in fully equipping people with the skills needed to maintain their

independence and quality of life. She also demonstrated three different canes used by blind and visually impaired people and how to “be at ease” with assisting such persons. Ridley shared his role as a teacher of students who are blind or are visually impaired in the public school system. He further explained that Braille is still being taught to the students as a survival technique so that they can maintain a functional, independent life.

The program, which lasted more than two hours, included a thought-provoking story, “My Mom Had One Eye,” presented by DeShield, who also shared a poem entitled, “Challenged.” An offering was collected to help with projects at Beacon House.

—Communication staff, St. George’s church



## Bible Bowl Highlights Christian Sportsmanship

**B**ible Bowl teams from around the Northeastern Conference gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Connecticut, the weekend of June 19-20 to play for the conference championships. Bible Bowl commissioner Deanna Lambert and her team organized a tournament that was not based on competition, but allowed everyone to do their best.

Many times during the games, players, especially the younger ones, needed encouragement to finish the last six-minute round of questions. Often encouragement came from the opposing team.

Offerings of love and a team spirit were also not uncommon at the games.



**Pictured are the Newburgh-Beacon and Peekskill Bible Bowl teams. Clover Jones, on the left in the white blouse, offered to help a team that wasn't even in her area.**

Clover Jones, a member of the Newburgh-Beacon team in the Hudson Valley Capital City area, offered to help a group that wasn't even in her area. "I wanted to be there for the children and to

encourage them. They need that extra love," Jones said.

The Northeastern Conference Youth Ministries department team, consisting of Roger Wade, director; and Kenneth Jones and Raymond

Alcock, associate directors, gave positive words of encouragement, both Friday night and Sabbath morning. "You are already champions," Wade said. The championship winners in each division will go on to the national games this fall in Columbus, Ohio, where they will play with teams from around the country and Canada.

Championship winners: Pre-Juniors: Lebanon (Queens); Juniors: Corona (Queens); Seniors: Calvary (New England South); Young Adult: Solid Rock (Far Rockaway); Adult: Goshen (Brooklyn).

—JeNean Lendor, communication director, Northeastern Conference

## Shalom Church Celebrates Mortgage Burning

**O**n May 9, the Shalom church in Waterbury, Connecticut, hit another high note in the history of the church—the victory celebration of their mortgage burning. What a glorious day of rejoicing it was.

The guest speaker was Carlton Byrd, senior pastor of Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, and the speaker/director of the Breath of Life television broadcast.

Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, led out in the mortgage burning and gave encouraging remarks regarding the future mission of the church and its outreach to the community. The church accepted the challenge and the charge.

Also attending the mortgage burning celebration were Jerome Leacock, pastor of Mt Zion, the mother church in Hamden,



**Daniel Honoré, Northeastern Conference president, and Lionel Martell, Shalom church pastor, participate in the mortgage burning ceremony.**

Connecticut, and Walton Rose, pastor of the Springfield church in Springfield, Massachusetts.

It was a day to remember. Reflecting on the time when as a small mission, under the able leadership of the pastor, Charles Creech, they took a leap of faith on March 2, 2004, and purchased a building for \$360,000. The

awesome hand of the Almighty was present and the members were jubilant.

Then in the Spring of 2012 Lionel Martell took over the helm of leadership as pastor of the church with a balloon balance of \$135,000 pending. The balance was paid off swiftly through constant pastoral emphasis on lifting the house of God out of debt with the help of God, faithful members, and a strong stewardship program spearheaded by Patricia Lindo and her committee.

God has blessed the Shalom church richly. The members praise Him for this stupendous feat and earnestly solicit your prayers as they seek to fulfill God's will in this region of His vineyard.

—Communication staff, Shalom church



## Ebenezer Church Celebrates Homecoming

The Ebenezer church in Brooklyn, New York, celebrated Homecoming on Sabbath, June 13. Many former and missing members, as well as visitors from the community, attended the services. The melodious and joyful singing, and the amiable fellowship were highlights of the service and a foretaste of the reunion in heaven.



The church sings during homecoming.



Lincoln M. Smith. Under the title “The Waiting Father,” Smith illustrated the compassion of the father whose unending, unconditional love not only kept him looking for his son who was lost, but when he was found, received him. Smith also emphasized that our heavenly Father’s love toward His children is unending and constant; He is looking and waiting for His children to come home; and that now is not the time to be “of the

The Sabbath School department, under the leadership of superintendent Eleanor Allman, chose “Welcome Home, Children”

for the theme, based on the parables found in Luke 15.

The sermon for the worship service was delivered by Ebenezer’s pastor,

world” (John 17:14) or to be “playing church.”

Many went forward to recommit and rededicate their lives to Christ. Several individuals requested Bible studies, and the church family is maintaining contact with them. Members were encouraged to stand in the gap for family members and friends who were still “of the world.”

In the afternoon, a gospel concert featuring Robert and Geneive Bailey, a husband and wife music team and internationally renowned gospel artists, blessed the hearts of the congregation. The Baileys gave testimony highlighting God’s miraculous provisions for them because they chose to do His will, rather than gain the wealth of the world. Their profound, memorable testimony encouraged the hearers to know and believe that they are on God’s mind and that He will take care of them if they put Him first.

—Zinee Frederick, communication secretary, Ebenezer church

## Ebenezer Congregation Reaches Out to the Community

In keeping with the Greater New York Conference’s strategic mission to “Reach New York and touch the world with hope and wholeness,”

the Ebenezer church in Brownsville, New York, has continued its community outreach programs.

Members laced up their walking shoes on July 18 to

of Jesus’ soon coming. They shared literature, prayed with people, and extended invitations to upcoming events, such as an evangelistic series and a fall Bible conference.

New contacts were made and old ones were reconfirmed. The children were especially excited to give out the literature.

Thus far, these events have had an energizing effect on the congregation and our prayer is that the community is having a similar experience as a result of these efforts.

—Zinee Frederick, communication secretary, Ebenezer church



Leroy Scotland, Ebenezer church elder, shares the word with a young man.



Lincoln M. Smith, Ebenezer church pastor, prays with a member of the community.

walk the streets bordering their church to reach people and to share the message of God’s love, mercy, and



## City Taps Maranatha for Faith-based Exercise Classes

The Maranatha church takes being an active church literally. Through a unique partnership with the New York City Department of Health (DOH), the church hosted two weekly exercise classes this spring.

The initiative, “Our Health in Our Hands,” is a faith-based physical activity challenge designed to encourage physical fitness activity and wellness among New Yorkers. During the three-month pilot program, the city provided fitness equipment, including exercise balls, a stationary bike, and free weekly fitness classes. Maranatha was one of 70 faith-based organizations citywide that took part in the program.

On Sunday mornings, instructor Ken Gray taught qigong, a Chinese practice. On Wednesday evenings, Tacia Williams led a Zumba-like aerobics class. “Maranatha was one of the first churches contacted about the program,” said Doreen Germaine, the church’s health ministries leader. “We have been doing so well with our blood pressure [monitoring] program that the DOH gave us a recognition certificate,” and approached her about the new program.



The group poses after their last Sunday-morning class with Ken Gray, second from right on the front row.

Germaine hopes the experience will have a lasting impact on the participants’ lives. “I hope that the classes will help us to understand the importance of exercise in our daily lives, as well as [how it helps] to reduce blood pressure.”

Class participation and response have been positive, with nearly 30 participants between the two weekly sessions. Timothy Alexander, a regular at the qigong class, said he feels better after doing the exercises, which are challenging but not strenuous. “It’s very good physically because you tap into new muscle areas,” he



Qigong instructor Ken Gray practices some moves with participant Timothy Alexander.

said. “And it’s good for any age group.”

Instructor Gray enjoyed a good rapport with his group, with jokes and laughs interspersed between various stretching exercises while meditative chime music played in the background. Qigong means “energy work.” This class was the first the participants had ever heard of qigong. Gray, who has been teaching qigong and tai chi for 20 years, describes it as an “internal massage.” “Every movement does something inside as well as outside,” he said. “So you’re stretching your shoulders and chest,

but also opening your heart and lungs.” In Chinese culture, exercise and food are medicine, Gray said, similar to the Adventist church’s emphasis on healthy diet and lifestyle.

The three-month pilot program ended June 28, but the instructors and members hope that the positive response is enough to get the city to consider keeping “Our Health in Our Hands” going forward. In the meantime, Maranatha participants, energized by the experience, plan to continue meeting on Sunday-mornings for exercise.

—Kaara Baptiste, communication secretary, Maranatha church



Participant Arlene Charles practices a balancing move on a fitness ball.

## Blessings Happen When Atlantic Union Ministries Work Together

What an awesome experience it is when we're able to see God's hand guiding and connecting people's lives together in an effort to share the gospel message of Revelation 14. Paul and Christine Crane were baptized during the 2015 New York Conference Camp Meeting as a result of meeting Earl and Jenni Holdren. This high Sabbath was a culmination of various ministries located in the Atlantic Union working together, along with the efforts of the local church members.

During the Oswego County Fair, the North Central New York Church District operates a booth where members from the various churches hand out literature, and put faces to the name Seventh-day Adventist. While attending the fair in 2013, Christine Cox stopped and filled out two Project Steps To Christ (PSTC) interest cards for Bible studies and literature; one using the name Chris and the other with her full name, Christine. During the same time, Jenni Holdren began her training at the NETS Evangelism Center on the campus of Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts. After Holdren graduated, she returned home to Fulton, New York, and was asked to be the Bible worker for the district. Once her ministry began, she "mysteriously" (Holy Spirit guided) received two cards asking for Bible instruction—both at the same address.

Holdren's first encounter with Cox was in January 2014. The visit lasted about three hours and they were able to connect and share with each other. About a

month later, Cox introduced Holdren to her boyfriend, Paul Crane, who also expressed an interest in studying the Bible.

During the next few months, Holdren and her husband, Earl, poured themselves into the lives of

Cox and Crane. They not only studied the Bible with them, but also drove them to appointments, called them, visited, had them over for dinner, and connected with them through their small group meeting. These experiences showed Cox and Crane that they were cared for and cared about.

At the time Holdren initially met Cox and Crane, they were sporadically attending a local Protestant church. During one service, the visiting speaker, who happened to be Jewish, spoke about the Sabbath. Later Cox approached Holdren and asked her a question regarding the same topic. Ironically they had not yet studied the Sabbath. The three of them studied the Bible about the Sabbath and, before long, both Cox and Crane accepted it. The couple's first Sabbath was on April 12, 2014, at the Roosevelt church in Fulton, New York.

The Roosevelt church members were also an integral part of the team that shared the love of God. They were able to provide transportation, assist with filing taxes, give computer help,

and assist with filling out applications for employment.

When attending a small group meeting at the Holdren's home in May 2014, Crane proposed to Cox right there in the living room. The Roosevelt church family donated time,

While ministering to Cox and Crane in their apartment, the Holdrens were also introduced to the Crane's neighbors on the first floor, Andrea Pulver and her son, Isaac. A friendship was kindled. The Pulver family's needs have been met and Christ has been shared through the ministry of the Roosevelt church, their Pathfinder club, and the Dexterville church school.

There are many ministries available in the Atlantic Union to help with the spreading of the gospel. When they are working together in unison with consecrated workers and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit we can expect great things to happen.

—John Livergood, pastor, Fulton church


**“The Roosevelt church members were also an integral part of the team in sharing the love of God.”**

expertise, and food for their wedding day on May 22, 2015. “It was a joy, humble privilege, and blessing to be part of their wedding and their baptism at camp meeting,” said Holdren. “They have both become a dear couple to us.”

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## North Country Women Experience God's Grace

The sixth annual North Country Women's Retreat was held the weekend of June 5-7 at Camp Cherokee in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. A total of 35 women came for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

The theme for the weekend was "Café Chocolat" which was used as a symbol for experiencing God's extravagant grace. During one interactive activity to discover God's grace, the women sampled many different kinds of chocolate and then answered various questions regarding the different sensations they experienced. A spiritual connection was then presented pertaining to their experiences and God's grace.

Forgiveness, friendship, and prayer were just a few



Participants at the North Country Women's Retreat take part in group exercises.

of the weekend seminars presented by retreat team members Donna Gilmore, Debbie Livergood, Jenni Carr, Sharon King, and Suzanne Washburn. Sabbath was blessed with beautiful weather, which the women took advantage of that afternoon by participating in waterfront activities, hiking,

or just relaxing and making new friends.

During Sunday-morning worship three women's Bibles were given as gifts to women who were new to the church. Two of these women were baptized at the New York Conference Camp Meeting on June 27. The last day of the retreat

also focused on serving others. The group made 19 baby blankets to give away to local charities. Ten blankets were donated to Crouse Irving Hospital NICU in Syracuse, New York, and the other nine went to the Adventist Community Services department of the Westvale church, also in Syracuse, to be included in baby kits.

The team is already planning and looking forward to their 2016 retreat, which will take place June 10-12. The theme will focus on the subject of prayer with guest speaker Julia Bellman, Southern New England Conference literature evangelism director.

—North Country Women's Retreat team

## NYC Members Participate in a Culture of Discipleship

"Go! A Culture of Discipleship" was not only the theme for the 2015 New York Conference Camp Meeting, it is also the goal of the New York Conference administration to empower every member to partake in a culture of discipleship. In addition to providing high-quality speakers and training seminars, discipleship was seen through the actions of the leaders and laity alike.

During the first Sabbath the traditional concert, typically highlighting a single act, was replaced by performances from the laity of the New York Conference, including a powerful sign language performance by the Westvale Adventurer club. During the second Sabbath worship service, Elias Zabala, Sr., New York Conference president, emphasized the

importance of leadership in the local churches as necessary for growing disciples. This emphasis was followed by the introduction of new pastors who will be following the Good Shepherd as they lead the flock.

And, of course, no discipleship program would be complete without seeing people dedicated to the Lord through baptism. Lay members who had studied with two of the candidates and led them to know Jesus more fully conducted two of the eight baptisms performed during camp meeting.

It will be exciting to see how the Lord leads as the leaders and laity continue to work together to reach and grow disciples for Jesus Christ.

—Jeremy Garlock, communication director, New York Conference



These seven individuals were baptized at the New York Conference Camp Meeting.



Elias Zabala, Sr., New York Conference president, introduces the new pastors during camp meeting.

## Finding Peace Where Adventism Began

Sabbath at the Adventist Church in Washington, New Hampshire, is special because on the way to the church you pass a New Hampshire historic marker that proclaims Washington as the birthplace of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sabbath there is also special because the church is so quiet and peaceful—it is located deep in the woods and is accessible only by a narrow dirt road.

There are other things about the church that make it special—the Adventists you meet from other states and other countries who have come to see the birthplace of their faith, the rounded plaster ceiling of the church and its ideal acoustics, and the cemetery beside the church that holds the resting places of Adventist pioneers. But what really makes Sabbath at the Washington church special is a sense of connection.

Sitting on the hard wooden pews, with their straight backs, you marvel at the thought that Adventist pioneers sat in these same benches. Looking down at the broad-board pine floor held in place by old, square nails, you marvel again that the floor was trod by Adventist pioneers. From the weathered pulpit to the old glass in the windows to the original 1863 Daniel and Revelation chart on the wall, everything in the church gives a very real feeling of connection to the pioneers who started a movement that now numbers some 18 million members.

On August 1, Washington church had its annual meeting, featuring Jonathan Duffy of ADRA as its speaker. The church was full



The old church has a unique double-door entry.



The weathered headstones in the cemetery beside the Washington church mark the graves of Adventist pioneers.

and an overflow audience was seated outside in camp chairs. Kenneth Brummel, volunteer site director, gave a report on the state of the church, the need for repairing headstones and monuments in the cemetery next to the church, and the progress on the near-completed construction of a screened pavilion to accommodate the church's many visitors, both Adventist and non-

The one-mile trail through the woods is punctuated by 31 stone waymarks that give the history of the Sabbath through the ages, and tell why the Sabbath of the Bible is still God's Sabbath. The church building provides a connection to those who have gone before, but the Sabbath Trail does much more than that—it compellingly tells visitors about a central reason the Seventh-day Adventist movement exists.

If you are looking for peace, for connection, and for a reminder of why the Adventist movement exists, consider visiting the Washington, New Hampshire, church. Consult the schedule and other information on the church's Web site at [www.firstadventistchurch.org](http://www.firstadventistchurch.org).



Jonathan Duffy, president of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), was the featured speaker for the Washington church annual meeting.

Adventist. But the highlight of the day was a walk on the Sabbath Trail.

—Scott Christiansen, communication director, Northern New England Conference



## Riverview Memorial School Celebrates Its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The school gym at Riverview Memorial is filled for the Sabbath service on the 100th anniversary weekend.

Riverview Memorial School in Norridgewock, Maine: it's the oldest school in the conference, but it has the energy of a young school. It's the second-biggest school in the conference and it is still growth-oriented. It's a school that has a great deal of history, but is still forward-looking and has a clear vision for the future.

On Friday evening, July 31, Riverview Memorial School (RMS) kicked off a weekend-long event celebrating its 100th anniversary. The celebration began with a gathering and an open mic where current and former students and staff were encouraged to give their testimony about how the school had played a role in their lives and their Christian walk.

Bob Cundiff, Northern New England Conference president, spoke for the Sabbath morning service, and delved into Deuteronomy, chapter eight. In this passage God instructs the children of Israel to remember His faithfulness in the past.

Remembering His faithfulness will guide their future decision-making and encourage them to repay God's faithfulness with faithfulness on their own part.

Sabbath School was taught by Ted Huskins, Northern New England Conference executive secretary, where he connected the school's 100-year ministry to mission and outreach

to the community. RMS has 42 students enrolled, making it second in size to Pine Tree Academy. While 42 students may not seem like a large amount, it is important to remember that the town RMS is located in Norridgewock, and has a population of only 3000, which means that one in every 72 area residents is a student. RMS stands as a model of successful Adventist education and demonstrates the ability of an Adventist school to make a big impact, even in a small town.

On Sabbath afternoon alumni and friends enjoyed a hayride around the extensive 102-acre campus to tour Riverview's agricultural program. A greenhouse and various crops fill a farm stand located on the campus with locally grown produce. The agricultural program provides income for the school, opportunity for student labor, and an additional opportunity for a community presence and witness.

—Communication department,  
Northern New England Conference



The Riverview Memorial school sign proudly includes its date of establishment—100 years ago.

## Compassion Boston Provides 10,000 Meals

You receive a hairnet and gloves, then are assigned to one of the five long tables set up in an open room. The room is bustling with activity—people scooping food, sticking labels, sealing bags, and packing boxes. You're given the task of scooping a cup of rice into the little plastic bags making their way down the assembly line. Other church members helping along the line have previously scooped dehydrated vegetables, a seasoning packet, soy protein, and beans into bags. By the time you finish, you and those around you will have packed 45 boxes of those bags, containing 10,000 meals to be distributed to local shelters, soup kitchens, and food pantries.

This—or something much like it—was the experience shared by more than 100 volunteers from 26 churches and ministries across Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island on June 20, the last Sabbath of the Southern New England Conference (SNEC) Camp Meeting. This event was a collaboration between Compassion Boston and an outside organization called Outreach, with the goal of packaging 10,000 meals for Boston's food insecure population.

"Not everybody's starving on the streets in Massachusetts, but there are people who don't know where their next meal is coming from. Or, they have to decide sometimes between buying food and paying the rent," Outreach representative JeanMarie Galiette explains. According to Galiette, one out of every six people is food insecure. Events like this one help to alleviate some of that need,

and are especially important in the summer when schools are not providing free or reduced lunches to children.

"At one point when I was bagging, I was praying for each little spice pack that I put in, that God would bless the person that's going to eat that," said Sandra Hinds, a member at the Boston Temple church. "I feel great," said another woman, "I'm helping. I was hungry a long time ago, so I want to help."

Besides SNEC church members, this summer's troupe of canvassers also came to help. Julia Bellman, SNEC literature evangelism coordinator, plans to work together with Compassion Boston as much as possible throughout the summer in community outreach events like this one. "We want the [canvassing] program to be as spiritually edifying and physically rewarding for the kids as possible, but also to reach people with the gospel of peace. Jesus fed people. Jesus healed people. And then he taught them," said Bellman.

**Volunteers on the meal packing line take turns scooping dehydrated vegetables, a seasoning package, soy protein, and beans into bags.**

Outreach has worked with more than 100 groups—church groups, Rotary Clubs, schools, businesses, even the Miami Dolphins—to put on events like this all over the country. How it works: Outreach provides the event coordinator, the training, the dry ingredients, the packaging equipment, and supplies (bags, boxes, scoops, scales, labels). The co-sponsoring organization

provides the venue, the people-power (a table of 12 volunteers can package roughly 2,000 meals in an hour), and 25 cents per meal (e.g. one dollar can feed a family of four). After the event, the co-sponsoring organization is responsible for the distribution of the food boxes, each containing about 216 meals.

Given Compassion Boston's aim of showing Jesus' love by meeting real





and felt needs in the greater Boston area, the alliance was a natural fit. Outreach provided Compassion Boston with a list of local food pantries located in and around Boston. Volunteers distributed meals to the Roslindale Congregational Church, Boston Red Cross, Jamaica Plain APAC, and Allston Brighton food pantries, as well as the Bread of

Life food pantry run by the Village Church in Lancaster. Compassion Boston hopes to work with these pantries again in the future.

“Many food pantries expressed that, in the last few years, the demand for food in their pantries has increased,” said April Montoya, SNEC assistant trust services director, who organized the event with Outreach. “The amount

of food that was needed in a week years ago is now given out in a day. More and more families are turning to food pantries to provide nutritious food for them.”

Tom Murray, who’s been functioning as SNEC Project Manager for Compassion Boston, received very positive responses to the food packaging event from SNEC church members at camp meeting, and plans to do the event again next year. Montoya and Murray highly recommend Outreach’s food packaging event to other church groups. “This was their first event with a Seventh-day Adventist group,” said Montoya, “and I hope this is just the start of events we can partner with them on.”

Montoya reflected on common misconceptions of hunger, “Many of us tend to think of world hunger. The reality is, though, we

don’t have to go far to meet those not knowing where their next meal will come from. Hunger is right here; it’s staring right at us in our homes and our neighbors’ homes. In this year alone, Outreach has made more than three million meals, and we are now a part of this figure. All of our volunteers personally put food on the table for Boston families—10,000 meals, to be exact. There is no better feeling than to serve how Jesus would have us serve. When people receive these meals, I hope they feel Jesus’ love supplying for their need.”

—Olivia Ruiz-Knott, communication manager, Compassion Boston

To learn more about the work of Outreach, visit [www.outreachprogram.org](http://www.outreachprogram.org).

Compassion Boston is a joint ministry of the Northeastern and Southern New England conferences. For more information, visit [www.compassionboston.org](http://www.compassionboston.org).

## 10 Baptized at Lincoln Church



Kenroy Malcolm, pastor of the Lincoln church, addresses the congregation before the candidates are baptized.

The congregation of the Lincoln church in Lincoln, Rhode Island, gathered to witness and support the baptism of 10 new members for Christ. Many of those baptized were young men and women who grew up in the church and who have come to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The candidates all completed a six-week discipleship course led by Hance Philippe. On this special day, Philippe, being a pastor himself, joined senior pastor Kenroy Malcom in the baptismal pool to assist.

Those baptized were: Rosemary and Manuel Mendes, Tiana Philippe, Rubin Francis, Travis Mukiri, Taylor Hall, Nathaniel Reid, Samuel Koroma, Jr., Samantha Koroma, and Adonis Bautista. Parents, family members, church members, and friends all witnessed as each candidate was dipped in the watery grave and brought up as a new believer. As the angels in heaven rejoice over one lost person coming to Christ, Lincoln church members also rejoiced over these 10 precious individuals.

Lincoln church members are striving to carry out the Great Commission as instructed by Christ in Matthew 28:18-20. Those who were baptized have continued their studies in a weekly “New Believers” course given every Sabbath morning by Omri Mota. Each of them is active in various ministries and is still on fire for the Lord.

—Samuel Koroma, elder, Lincoln church

## GREATER BOSTON ACADEMY REUNION OCTOBER 2-4, 2015

**Stoneham Memorial Church**  
29 Maple St., Stoneham, MA

<b>Friday:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Light Supper
	7:30 p.m.	Vespers
<b>Sabbath School:</b>	9:30 a.m.	Greater Boston Academy Students
<b>Worship Service</b>	10:45 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Cleveland Wilson '65
		<b>Greater Boston Academy</b> 108 Pond St, Stoneham, MA
<b>Sabbath Afternoon:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Luncheon
	5:00 p.m.	Rose, Thorn & Fiddle/Kathy Kalmanson
<b>Saturday Night:</b>	6:30 p.m.	Light Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Special Program – Old Movies of GBA
	8:30 p.m.	Class Reunions
<b>Sunday:</b>	10:00 a.m.	Annual Alumni Golf Game Pastor Cesar Perozo, Coordinator Call (781) 454-7321 for details
	5:30 p.m.	Supper at the Old Mill Contact Al Deiningner '65 for Reservations at <a href="mailto:Deiningner@juno.com">Deiningner@juno.com</a>

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 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Laurel Oaks School, Hamden, CT  
 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Omega Church, New Haven, CT  
 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Norwich Church, Norwich, CT  
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. New Bedford Church, New Bedford, MA

### Friday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 13

NNEC Women's Retreat, Camp Lawroweld, Weld, ME

### Saturday, Sept. 26 – Orders due Sept. 21

After Sunset Springfield Hispanic Church, Springfield, MA

### Sunday, Sept. 27 – Orders due Sept. 21

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Danbury-Bethel Church, Bethel, CT  
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Waterbury Spanish Church, Waterbury, CT  
 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Hope Church, Bloomfield, CT

### Friday, Oct. 2 – Sunday, Oct. 4 – Orders due Sept. 28

SNEC Women's Retreat, Stamford Hotel & Meeting Center, Stamford, CT

### Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Orders due Oct. 1

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Calais Church, Calais, ME  
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Presque Isle Church, Presque Isle, ME

### Wednesday, Oct. 7 – Orders due Oct. 1

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Oakfield Church, Oakfield, ME  
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lincoln, ME  
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Bangor Church, Bangor, ME

### Sunday, Oct. 11 – Orders due Oct. 5

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Bennington Church, Bennington, VT  
 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Rutland Church, Rutland, VT  
 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Morrisville Church, Morrisville, VT  
 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. St. Johnsbury Church, St. Johnsbury, VT  
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. South Newbury Church, South Newbury, VT

### Thursday, Oct. 15 – Orders due Oct. 9

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Saratoga Springs Church, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Greater Albany Church, Cohoes, NY

### Saturday, Oct. 17 – GO to Grow! – Orders due Oct. 9

After Sunset Cortland Church, Cortland, NY

### Sunday, Oct. 18 – Orders due Oct. 9

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Fulton Church, Fulton, NY  
 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Watertown Church, Watertown, NY  
 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Canton Church, Canton, NY  
 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. High Banks Church, Saranac, NY

### Friday, Oct. 23 – Sunday, Oct. 25 – Orders due Oct. 19

NYC Women's Retreat, Painted Post, NY

### Sunday, Nov. 1 – Orders due Oct. 26

2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Laurel Oaks Fall Festival, Hamden, CT

### Friday, Nov. 6 – Orders due Nov. 2

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Olean Church, Olean, NY  
 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Curriers Church, Arcade, NY

### Saturday, Nov. 7 – GO to Grow Weekend! – Orders due Nov. 2

After Sunset Buffalo Suburban Church, Lancaster, NY

### Sunday, Nov. 8 – Orders due Nov. 2

9:30 – 9:30 a.m. Erie Church, Erie, PA  
 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Jamestown Church, Jamestown, NY  
 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Perrysburg Church, Perrysburg, NY  
 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Batavia Church, Batavia, NY

### Thursday, Nov. 12 – Saturday, Nov. 14 – Orders due Nov. 9

Christmas Open Hours/Pathfinder Derby Weekend  
 Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, NY  
 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12  
 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13  
 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14

### Sunday, November 15 – Orders due Nov.9

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rochester Genesee Park Church, Rochester, NY  
 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. New York Conference Office, Syracuse, NY  
 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Utica Church, Utica, NY

### Holiday Open House – Sunday, Nov.22

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Portland, ME	6:18	6:06	5:54	5:43	5:33
Boston, MA	6:22	6:11	5:59	5:49	5:39
South Lancaster, MA	6:25	6:13	6:01	5:51	5:41
Pittsfield, MA	6:31	6:19	6:08	5:57	5:47
Hartford, CT	6:29	6:17	6:06	5:56	5:46
Providence, RI	6:24	6:12	6:01	5:51	5:41
New York, NY	6:35	6:23	6:13	6:03	5:53
Albany, NY	6:31	6:19	6:08	5:57	5:47
Utica, NY	6:39	6:26	6:15	6:04	5:54
Syracuse, NY	6:42	6:30	6:19	6:08	5:58
Rochester, NY	6:48	6:36	6:24	6:13	6:03
Buffalo, NY	6:53	6:41	6:29	6:19	6:09
Hamilton, Bda	7:00	6:51	6:43	6:35	6:28

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATLANTIC UNION

**Atlantic Union Attorneys Conference**, Oct. 16-17 Stamford, Conn. Speakers: Art Lindsley, Ph.D., vice president of Theological Initiatives, The Institute

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seven great-grandchildren; and 34 nieces and nephews.

**WILLIAMSON, Jr., Chesley A.–85**; b. June 13, 1929, in North Jay, Maine; d. Dec. 13, 2014, in Auburn, Maine. A long-time member of the Auburn church, he is survived by his wife, Barbara Williamson; two children, Gary Williamson and Kathy Grondin (Danny), both of Lewiston, Maine; a sister, Phyllis Brochu of Lisbon, Maine; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES

**HUTCHINS, Donald W.K.–85**; b. Feb. 20, 1930, in Hanover, N.H.; d. June 30, 2015, in Andrews, N.C. He was a member of the Freeport church in Freeport, Maine. Attended Estabrook school in Plainfield, N.H., and graduated from South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College, both in Lancaster, Mass. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps during the Korean conflict. He is survived by four daughters Carol Hooker of Landover Hills, Md., Janis Zachman of Fort Myers, Fla., Elmasue Zylberberg of Sioux City, Iowa, and Eileen Hutchins of Dorchester, Mass.; a brother, Kenneth Hutchins of Loma Linda, Calif.; eight grandchildren;

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## SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

### Alumni Weekend

October 9–11, 2015

Registration will begin at South Lancaster Academy (SLA) on Friday, Oct. 9, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Spaghetti Supper, sponsored by the SLA senior class. The Friday night program at 7:30 p.m. will be a musical event by the SLA choir and the New England Youth Orchestra.

The keynote speaker for the worship service on Sabbath is Linda Mills Farley '65. A luncheon will be held at the Chan Shun Dining Commons, with tickets available in advance or at the door. Please make your meal reservations and purchase your tickets in advance on our website at [www.slaalumni.org](http://www.slaalumni.org) or if you have questions, contact us at [contact-us@slaalumni.org](mailto:contact-us@slaalumni.org).

After lunch at 3:00 p.m. honor classes will have the opportunity to take photos, visit, and update each other. Vespers will be at the Village Church with a musical program, including an original composition by Earl Raney '80.

The Saturday evening program will be a "Back to the '60s" theme with music from the '60s. Alternatively, the traditional basketball game of students vs. alumni for women, followed by the same for men. Make your travel plans to include the Building for Eternity Banquet on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. to get all the information about the SLA building project.

Honor classes are years ending with 5 and 0. We are looking forward to seeing you.



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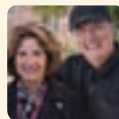
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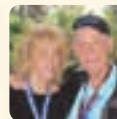
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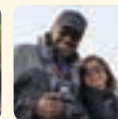
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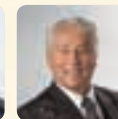
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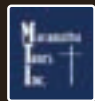


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