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THE WAY FORWARD!

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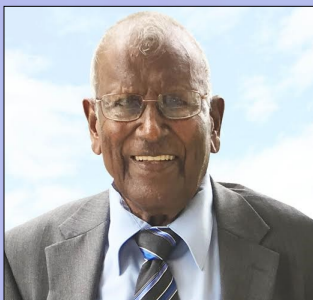


Tia Corbin’s name has been on the tip of everyone’s tongue since her dynamic performance at the recently held School’s Choir Festival. Her rendition of Yolanda Adams’ **That Name**, earned her the awards of **Best Solo Vocalist** and **Best Overall Performance**. 14 year old Tia is a student of the Barbados Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School. See full article next Gleanings.



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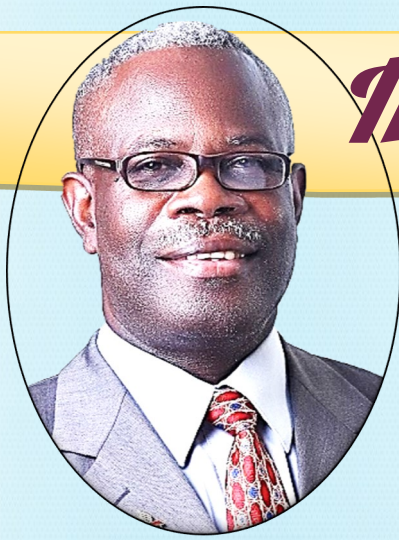


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The President's Corner

THE WAY FORWARD

A CRITICAL STRATEGIC ROADMAP!

Dr. Kern Tobias

Another inspiring Constituency Meeting has ended, another wonderful opportunity to fulfill God's mission has been provided, and a new Quinquennium has begun with the theme "Embracing the Mission: Jesus is Coming!" There was much to reflect upon from the past period and introspect about as we considered what could have been. Now is the time to project into the future with conviction and confidence.

The reason for that confidence is based on the words of Jesus Christ to His disciples in John 14:12-14 which states, "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (NIV).

These words are profound and potent because they challenge our inbuilt limitations and fears. The words of Ellen G. White are pertinent for our consideration. She said, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history" (Life Sketches, page 196).

While the last Quinquennium had three Strategic issues, this current one has five. These issues will provide the roadmap for the achievement of the objectives and goals for the next five years, if Jesus does not come. Our major goal is to encourage all levels of

leadership to motivate and mobilize the membership to experience "Lord Transform Me" (LTM) that will lead to "Total Member Involvement" (TMI). Ultimately, we hope to see 44, 200 new disciples come to Christ and be conserved to be faithful stewards.

The Five Strategic Issues are as follows:

Church Growth and Consolidation

Our main business as a church is "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19,20). Our greatest challenge will be to engage the greater majority of the members in spiritual transformation and total member involvement. Pastors Ashton O'Neil, Claudius Morgan, and Andrew Farrel will lead out in this important initiative.

Financial Viability and Stewardship Fidelity

The reality that the Seventh-day Adventist Church continues to extend itself in so many projects and programs mandates that this strategic issue be given priority. We will like to see all our organizations and institutions in a strong financial position. Elders Bertie Henry and Joel Hazelwood, and Dr. Gandalal Samlalsingh, the new Stewardship Director, will spearhead this issue.

Enhancement of the Statistical Recording and Data Reporting

This issue is added at this time because there

is a large gap between results of the different ministries and the reports that are submitted. This issue will be given special attention by Pastor Johnson Frederick, the new Executive Secretary, and myself. I solicit the cooperation of all leaders and secretaries in order to solve this problem.

Improvement of Pastoral Leadership and Accountability

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a pastor-oriented organization. During this quinquennium, every effort will be employed to improve the performance of our ministers through training, motivational, and transformational initiatives. Pastor Andrew Farrel and I will work with the Field Presidents to accomplish this objective.

Enhancement of Health and Family Life

Our church is blessed to have received from God through the prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White powerful insights and instructions in health and family life. These blessings need to be given a greater emphasis, showing the members how fortunate we are to be so empowered and enriched. Pastors Alexander Isaacs and Andrew Farrel will be key persons to provide the momentum for these emphases.

The way forward looks challenging. However, with God all things are possible. I thank all those who have done their duty faithfully and well in the past. Let us continue to work together to make the 'way forward' a highway of successes and victories.

ULTIMATELY, WE HOPE TO SEE 44,200 NEW DISCIPLES COME TO CHRIST AND ARE CONSERVED TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS.

from the desk

Of the Communication Director

Claudius C. Morgan



—THE WAY FORWARD—

The way forward for anyone who understands the mission of the church is evangelism. It should be given its rightful place and should never be an afterthought. It should assume the highest priority in the Church. A logical question one can ask as we delve into this article, is why should evangelism be one of the highest priorities in the SDA Church? Though the reasons are many, allow me to share seven of them.

Christ commanded it. We typically refer to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 as our evangelistic and disciples-making command. But there are many other places in the New Testament where the priority of evangelism is clearly evident. Christ commanded it. We must do it.

Christ is the only way of salvation. Salvation is exclusive. There is only one way. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'

Christ died for the world. There is a reason John 3:16 is the most familiar and most quoted verse in the history of humanity. Jesus died for the world. He is the only way, and He has provided a way for everyone.

Jesus is coming soon. Because those outside of the church are lost and Jesus is coming again this should motivate us to greater service for our Lord! We should desire that as many as possible join us in being ready "to meet the Lord in the air."

Evangelism unites the church as it tears down the kingdom of darkness. The disciples of Christ had serious issues but when they were in one accord the power came and many were added to the church. In the unity chapter in the New Testament Christ prays, **John 17:15** - "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil."

Churches that are not intentional about evangelism typically are weak in evangelism. Many pastors and church leaders will affirm this article. They will give mental assent to the priority of evangelism, but they do not practice the priority of evangelism in their churches. What are you doing today to make certain evangelism is a priority in your church?

Churches tend to obsess inwardly when they fail to move outwardly. Where has a lot of your church's energy been expended lately? Rancorous business meetings? Expressions of petty church preferences? Worship wars? Power struggles? Those are inward obsessions. Lead your church to an evangelistic priority and watch the focus shift for the better.



Baptism: Tobago, SVG, and Suriname

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NOTICE OF SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Fifth Quadrennial Session of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on **August 9-12, 2017** at Bridgetown, Barbados.

The purpose of these meetings is to receive reports, to elect officers, departmental directors, an executive committee and trustees for the ensuing term, and to transact any other business that may properly come to the delegates in session.

R. Danforth Francis, President
Colin Thorne, Executive Secretary

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NOTICE OF SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Thirteenth Session of the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists takes place in St. Croix at the Peter's Rest Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wednesday, August 16 to Friday August 18, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting is for the transaction of general business of the Conference, to receive reports, to elect officers, departmental directors and the executive committee and to amend the constitution. The first meeting begins at the Peter's Rest Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Silton N. Browne, President
Ammaran Williams, Executive Secretary



2016 Centurians
District Pastors



Pastor Rawl Jackman
179

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.



Pastor Andre Meusa - 159



Pastor Enoch Hamilton - 149



Pastor Jason Thomas - 149



Pastor Claudius Bollers - 122



Pastor Terry John - 121



Pastor Lester Pereira - 114



Pastor Preston Patterson - 112



Pastor Leon Brathwaite - 111



Pastor Kerwin Mitchell - 109



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Pastor Oliver Moore - 101



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Pastor Mark Mc Pherson - 101

"You can lose your MONEY. You can lose your FRIENDS. You can lose your JOB and you can lose your MARRIAGE...and still recover...as long as there is HOPE. Never lose HOPE." John Paul Warren

Jeremiah 17:16

As for me, I have not hastened from joining a pastor to follow thee; neither have I desired the woeful day, thou knowest; that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

The Caribbean union Conference has taken the lead in recognizing the district pastors who baptized more than one hundred in their districts. The IAD has embraced the initiative and is honoring all "centurians" in its 24 Unions.

In 2015, SVG Mission's Pastor Ian Williams led the way with over 200 baptisms. Pastor Rawl Jackman from Guyana who placed second is the leading "centurian" in 2016 with some 179 baptisms.

It is of interest to note that of the 15 pastors who baptized over 100, 14 of them are from the Guyana Conference. Pastor Terry John from St Lucia, the Pastor of the University Church in Trinidad (USC) is the only outsider. It is the first time in the history of the university that the University pastor has led over 100 to Christ in baptism. Pastor John himself conducted a tent crusade on the campus grounds.

In 2015, the year this initiative started, of the 10 pastors baptizing over 100, 7 were from Guyana, 1 from St Lucia Mission, 1 from East Caribbean Conference, and 1 from SVG Mission.



Pastor Rawl Jackman received his CARU trophy from his president, Avert Richard James at the Evangelism summit Guyana.

Pastors at the Summit in Guyana mingle at the end of what was dubbed a great day for evangelism in Guyana.



EAST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE PAGE



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*Dr. Pedro Welch
Chairman of the 125th
Anniversary Committee,
is one of the Elders of the
Breath of Life Church
Barbados*

From l to r— Noel Francis, Everette Howell, Dr. Leon Phillips, Dr. James Daniel, Irwin Phillips, Sylgene Clarke, Dr. Carl Dyal, David Beckles, Danforth Francis and Dr. Colin Thorne. Seated—Dr. Kern Tobias and Dr. David Trim.

On the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the formal organization of the SDA Church in Barbados, a grand celebration in the form of a convention took place on September 17th, 2016 at the Oldbury Camp Site, St Phillip, with the use of the theme: Generation To Generation, The Same Destination.

The anniversary celebrations (1891 -2016) chaired by Dr. Pedro Welch, had as its major objective, 'finding an appropriate way of chronicling the course of history that has led us thus far and to stress the importance of acknowledging the mighty intervention of God in the history of this country.'

The records confirm that in the 1870s, the Seventh Day Adventist Church became a missionary church and by the early 1880s, the advent message began to make its way across the world, finding its place in the Caribbean and, more specifically, to Barbados.

One Barbadian lady, Anna Alleyne, and her friends, thanks to literature sent by her sister who had migrated to British Guiana, accepted the call of God and along with eleven others became charter members of the Bridgetown church, later to be known to all of us as the Kings Street Church. Led by Pastor Dexter Ball, a missionary sent out by the church, who unfortunately died an untimely death in the USA in 1906, the church, formally established in 1891 was led to assume its own place in a Barbadian missionary programme and it was not long before its laymen and women in collaboration with the clergy spread the work to the north, center, west, south and east of this country.

Dr. Pedro Welch submits with profound glee, "We give God the glory for the magnificent effort of the pioneering missionaries, local and overseas-based, which is reflected in the continuing work of the church up to this contemporary period."

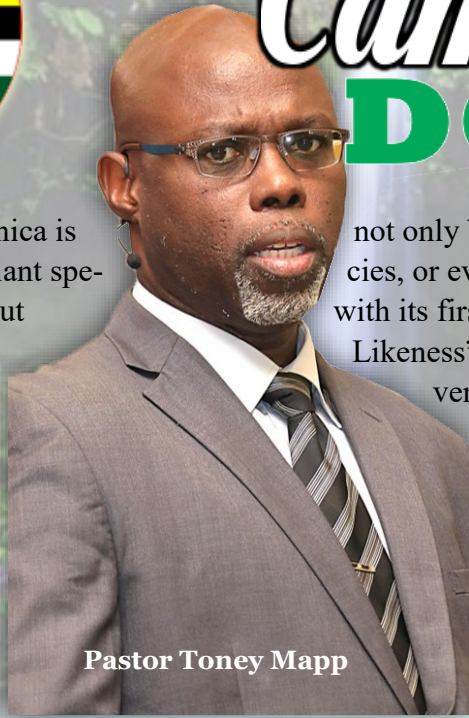
At present there are 57 congregations and a total membership of 19, 436. These congregations are managed by 19 pastors, 90% of whom are natives of the land of flying fish and coco. The leaders of the churches at the time of the celebration are: Pastor Danforth Francis – President, Pastor Colin Thorne – Executive Secretary and Valrica Dottin -Treasurer.



Camp Meeting DOMINICA

The nature Isle of Dominica is land, or home of 1200 plant species, diverse people groups, but “Transformed into His army 24-28, 2017, continents in their attendance, Administration of the

When Pastor Toney Mapp spoke at Camp Meeting 2017, there seemed to be an expectation for change. Mapp spoke the language of the people, “wonderful one individual recommitted his life to Christ through re-baptism.



Pastor Toney Mapp

not only blessed with rainforest that covers two thirds of the island, or even its rivers, lakes, streams, waterfalls, and beautiful with its first Seventh-day Adventist Camp Meeting entitled, “Likeness”. Camp Meeting Dominica 2017, scheduled for February 24-28, 2017, convened with an overwhelming response from the Dominicans and response to the programme presented by the East Caribbean Conference.

Mapp, president of the Tobago Mission and speaker of the camp, stood and expounded on the topic “Lord Transform Me”, there seemed to be a thunderous surge of praise and a yearning and transformation within the lives of many. Pastor Mapp spoke the language of the people by speaking to the hearts of the words of life”. At the conclusion of the Camp Meeting

The president of the East Caribbean Conference was overjoyed by the response and participation of the people of Dominica to Camp Meeting 2017. He was even more elated over the fact that the objectives for the program were realized. We eagerly look forward to Camp Meeting 2018, “to God be the glory great things He has done”.

By Dr. Colin Thorne



Pastor Ricardo Selman, Family Life Director, ECC were among the hundreds in attendance

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Joel James - 59



Ps. Sheldon Brome - 49



Ps. Jason Reid - 30



Ps. Alvin Lucas - 29



Ps. Ernest Pendence - 26

CARU 16TH Quinquennial



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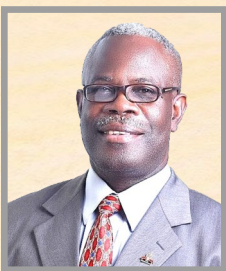
Sheryl Liverpool and Debra Felix were among the hundreds celebrating during the parade of nations.

The 16th Quinquennial session of the Caribbean Union Conference was held at the University of the Southern Caribbean from July 20th to 23rd, 2016. The theme for the session was, **Embracing the Mission; Jesus is Coming**. The session heard reports from the Administration, directors, and institutions of the Caribbean Union which include Davis Memorial and Community Hospitals, Caribbean Health Foods and the University of the Southern Caribbean.

All ten fields in the Union reported on the tremendous blessings and the progress of the work in their respective territory. The reports were impressive and a blessing to the over 230 delegates in attendance.

Dr. Abraham Jules, Pastor of the Community Worship Center SDA Church of Queens NY was the Devotion speaker at the Session.

ELECTED TO SERVE AT THE CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS



President
Dr. Kern Tobias
Re-Elected



Executive Secretary
Johnson Frederick
Elected



Treasurer
Bertie Henry
Re-Elected



Field Secretary
Dr. Clive Dottin
Re-Elected



Assoc. Treasurer
Joel Hazelwood
Re-Elected



Devotion Speaker, Dr. Abraham Jules receives gift from Debra Felix CARU HR Director



Education
Dr. Hilary Bowman
Re-Elected



Ministerial/Family
Andrew Farrell
Re-Elected



Publishing
Judith Smith
Re-Elected



Youth Ministries
Anthony Hall
Re-Elected



Health/ADRA
Alexander Isaacs
Re-Elected



Women/Children
Debra Henry
Re-Elected



Personnel Ministries
Ashton O'Neil
Re-Elected



Communications
Claudius Morgan
Elected



Stewardship
Dr. Gandamal Samlarsingh
Elected



Shepherdess
Linda Tobias
Re-Elected



Caribbean Man - Joel Hazelwood



Administrators making pledge after elected to serve CARU



Dr. Mario stands with his wife Krystal, his fellow ministers, directors and administrators and the administrators of

Dr. Mario Phillip Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

Pastor Mario Nabitney Phillip was ordained to the gospel ministry in a very impressive ordination service held at the Grenville SDA Church in the spice Island, Grenada, on Sabbath 10th December, 2016.

The service was attended by his father, Michael Marks and his adopted mother who flew all the way from Canada. His biological mother is deceased.

His colleagues in ministry in Grenada, ministerial friends from Trinidad, and officials from the Caribbean Union Conference as well as church members from all over Grenada were in attendance. Many know him as a child preacher turned pastor.

Pastor Phillip was challenged by Pastor Johnson Frederick to be a man of the Spirit. Pastor Johnson insisted that “a man of the Spirit must be an excellent pastor, a man who preaches with power not to entertain but to bring about the need for repent-

ance in the lives of the hearers.”

Pastor Phillip and his wife Krystal Bullock-Phillip both hold doctorates. Pastor Phillip has a PhD in New Testament Biblical Studies, with an emphasis in biblical Greek and a double minor in Old Testament and Systematic Theology. Krystal has her PhD in biotechnology.

Dr. Phillip serves the Grenada mission as Director of Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Community Services and Communication. Krystal and Mario are the proud parents of Kairos (2-years old) and Kardia (1-year-old).

“A man of the Spirit must be an excellent Pastor”



Dr. Mario Phillip and his wife Dr. Krystal Phillip along with Pastor Farrell and his father Michael Marks

Grenada Conference Appoints New Treasurer

The Grenada Conference has recently appointed Mrs. Allena Peters as the new treasurer for the rest of the quadrennium. Mrs Peters previously served as accountant for the IADPA bookstore. She comes into the position with a keen sense of God's leading in her life, and his promise to enable those whom He calls. She replaces Mr. Donald Modeste who served as treasurer for 15 years. He was called to serve the world church at the Inter-America Division as the Sunplus coordinator for the English and French territories. The conference registers its gratitude to elder Modeste for the sterling contribution he made to the work in the Grenada Conference, and wishes him God's continued blessings as he moves unto higher service.



New Conference Treasurer Mrs. Allena Peters

Evangelistic Campaign Yields Double for the Kingdom

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Grenada was the recipient of a property bequeathed by the late Mary Edwards. Mary was a prominent leader in the Baptist faith, who after incessant work by the pastor and members of the Victoria SDA church, made a commitment in her heart to follow Christ and decided to start attending the Victoria SDA church. Prior to her death sister Mary Edwards left her property, which included a church and house to the custody of the Grenada Conference. An Adventist church will soon be started in the area of Waltham, St. Mark's. To God be the Glory! *Articles contributed By Dr. Mario Phillip*



Property left for the proclamation of the gospel

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps Desmond St. Louis - 39



Ps Jason Charles - 39



Ps Malan Peters - 35



Ps Jamie Gordon - 34



Ps Enoch Isaac - 33



RETIREMENT SERVICE FOR FIVE STALWARTS IN THE LORDS SERVICE



L to R—Phillip Bowman, Winston James, Stephanie Pollard and Shelly King

A simple valedictory ceremony was conducted to mark the retirement of five stalwarts of the Guyana Conference family.

Uzel Anderson

Uzel has the distinction of serving the Guyana Conference for twenty-four (24) years as assistant auditor. However, her long walk with the organisation as an employee began way back in 1974 when she joined the staff of the Davis Memorial Hospital as an accounts clerk. She also served at the office as a cashier. At the time of her retirement, she was notably the longest serving member of our conference family with a total of **forty (40) years' service**.

Pastor Philip Bowman

Alexander Philip Hubert Bowman, known to most as Philip Bowman, served the Guyana Conference meritoriously for **thirty-five (35) years**. Pastor Bowman laboured both in the extensive fields of Guyana and at the head office: he officiated as a district pastor for over eighteen years; he led the conference as president for two terms; and he served as director of the stewardship and family life departments. Pastor Bowman is well-known for his passion for the prudent management for God's resources and for his love for weddings and healthy family relationships.

Winston James

Winston James began his invaluable tenure with the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a teacher of the Bethany Adventist School which he served as head master until the

church lost its schools to the government in 1976. In more recent years, he served the conference in various other capacities: auditor, treasurer, director of the stewardship, communication, education, trust services departments, and even as a district pastor in times when the conference had experienced a shortage of clergymen. He gave a total of **thirty (30) years of service** to the church.

Stephanie Pollard

Motivated for mission, Stephanie Pollard began to independently conduct Bible studies in her neighbourhood in the late 1980's. The leadership of the conference, upon observing her passion, offered her the opportunity of becoming a Bible Worker with the church and soon she was receiving a salary to do what she had been doing freely for years just out of the love of it. Propelled by a love for sharing God's word, Stephanie Pollard worked fervently and faithfully as a Bible Instructor with the Guyana Conference for a total of **twenty-five (25) years**.

Shelly King

Shelly King joined the conference family in 2002. Just after one year, it became necessary for her to leave, but she returned six years later in 2007 and faithfully served as secretary to the treasurer until the time of her retirement. She has dedicated a total of **ten (10) years** of her life in sterling, committed service to the Guyana Conference.

By Barbara Savory - Communication Director

Sincere gratitude is extended to each of these men and women for their dedicated and sacrificial service to the constituency of the Guyana Conference and the work of our Lord.

130 Years - This Far by Faith



A Booth in the Adventist Village



One of the Floats

“We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in His holy word.... Oh, praise him for the victories He has won!” This was the song that reverberated throughout the crowds that gathered to mark 130 years of organized Adventism in Guyana, and it truly reflects the hearts of the constituents of the conference at this juncture of their experience.

This year marks 130 years since the first Adventist church was established in Guyana. In fact, Guyana’s celebration is the commemoration of the birth of Adventism in the Inter-American Division as well, for Guyana is the first territory in this region to record the establishment of a Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Reminiscence on the past should not only make our current existence more meaningful, but also help to secure us a more glorious future, advised Dr. James Yansen, featured anniversary celebrations speaker. He was preaching in the hearing of hundreds who gathered to launch the celebratory activities.

Eight days of concentrated activities were planned as the Guyana Conference celebrates under the theme, **“Motivated by our History; Pursuing our Destiny”**. Some of the events for the eight days of celebration and reflection included a massive float, uniform parade and motorcade through the streets in the city, an all-week exhibition of a huge Adventist Village at the National Exhibition Centre, a week of revival at which Dr. Jansen spoke, and a national convention on Sabbath, March 25, 2017.

The week was geared toward showcasing Adventism to the public, promoting faith consolidation among the membership, reflecting on God’s leading in the past, and thanking him for his manifold blessings.

The observance of 130th anniversary activities continues throughout the year since an exact date in 1887 has never been identified with the birth of Central Church.

By Barbara Savory - Communication Director

Top 5 outstanding district pastors in baptism, 2016



Rawl Jackman 179



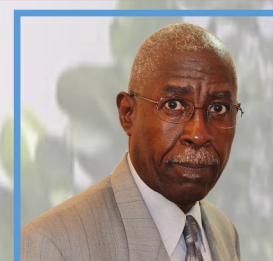
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Prayer café

A vision from God--A Service to the Community



Evangelist Mil Robinson interceding on the behalf of a member of the church who came to the café' for prayer

On Monday, January 17, 2016, a prayer café was opened on the island of St. Thomas to serve the needs of the community. The prayer café is headed by Sister Mil Robinson who sees the café as a welcome service to a community that is in dire need of prayer. This need was reflected in comments made by the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands in February, 2015: "Homicides are taking place in broad daylight, they're occurring around our schools and these acts are becoming more and more distressing to the community - and in short somewhat more blatant and bold in the broad daylight."

Sister Robinson has been among the leading lay female evangelists in the Caribbean Union and has hosted evangelistic crusades throughout the Caribbean, North America and Europe. She attributes her success to the power of prayer and her dependence on divine providence: "As a church, we have somewhat departed from the central focus on prayer in our carrying the message of hope to a desperate and dying world." Sister Robinson feels that God has inspired her to carry such a message and remarked, "Evil lurks at the doorstep of many, but God is able to do all things."

The café is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Pastor Glendon Cross

who ministers on St. Thomas applauded the efforts of Sister Robinson: "She is presently the prayer coordinator for her local church and she never ceases to impress upon those who come close to her the need to make prayer the center of their lives. We need to reach a stage where we put prayer at the top of the agenda. In so doing, not just each church but each building will become a House of Prayer." Sister Mil, as she is affectionately known, has enlisted the support of members of her prayer group who ably assist the project.



Evangelist Mil Robinson is the leading female evangelist in the Caribbean Union baptizing over 5000 persons.

ADVENTIST ELECTED TO HIGH OFFICE IN THE BVI



A courtesy call was made at the office of the newly elected Deputy Governor of the BVI by leaders of the SDA Church. Hon. Rosalie Adams a member of the Carrot Bay SDA Church became the first Seventh-day Adventist to become Deputy Governor. She was appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II through the secretary of state for the Foreign Commonwealth Affairs. She held the office of Women's Ministries Director of her church at the time of the appointment. The Seventh-day Adventist community on Tortola, Virgin Gorda and Anegada in the British Virgin Islands, is comprised of eight congregations and is engaged in neighborhood ministry coordinated by the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In the photo: L to R - Pastor Howard Simon, Dr. Kern Tobias, Mrs. Rosalie Adams and Pastor Silton Browne.



The St. Thomas/St John SDA School has for the 3rd year running received the award for the best private elementary school in St Thomas. The award is given by the Virgin Island Daily News who asked people to vote the best primary school on the Island. The SDA School took the honors 2015, 2016 and this year, 2017. There are some 10 primary schools on the Island of St Thomas. The photo shows principal, Dr. Brown, teachers, students and the certificates received from the Virgin Islands Daily News. Paulette Wade, Media Consultant for the Virgin Islands Daily News which conferred the honor, said they were pleased for the Adventist population: "It is good advertisement for the Adventist School. When people are looking around they now know where to go."

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Jerry Languedoc - 62



Ps. Glendon Cross - 59



Ps. Wilmoth James - 51



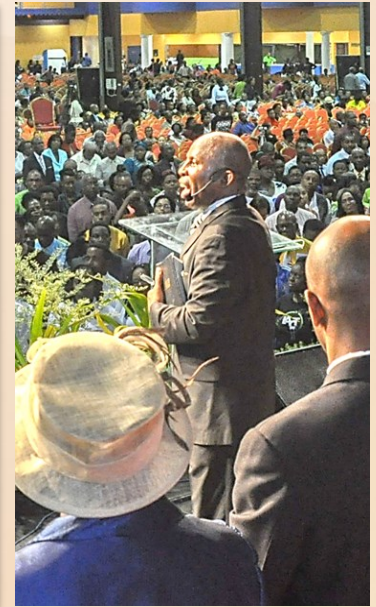
Wynfield Ambrose - 50



Marcos Salas Nunez - 47



Administrators of SCC and CARU stand with presenters at Camp Meeting venue USC.



Glen Samuels Devotional Speaker



Camp Meeting 2016 got underway on Sabbath July 30 at the University of the Southern Caribbean for seven full days of activities which included daily lifestyle seminars and kid features. These seminars culminated on August 6 at a grand convention at the Center of Excellence in Macoya, Trinidad. Several scholars from the Biblical Research Institute visited the South Caribbean Conference during this period attracting many members, visitors and guests from across Trinidad. These scholars included Dr. Angel Rodriguez, former Director of the Biblical Research Institute, Dr. Elias De Souza current Director of the Biblical Research Institute, Dr. Artur Stele,

General Vice-President of the General Conference and Dr. Felix Cortez, President of the Adventist Theological Seminary. Also in attendance with presentations customized to address the needs of the youth was Dr. William Lee, the host of 'For Guys Only' a program aired on 3ABN's Dare To Dream. President of the West Jamaica Conference, Glen O. Samuels, was invited to be the featured devotional speaker for this occasion.

Booths showcasing various gifts and ministries of the church were on daily display to encourage individuals to connect with the mission of the church. The address by Honorable Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Community Development, Culture and Arts, to open the proceedings of the week proved rather significant as it highlighted the need for the church to remain connected with its community.

The celebrations came to a fitting climax on Sunday August 7th as the national constituency converged and reconnected at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium, in Marabella, Trinidad, for the annual Fun and Fellowship Sports Day. In the end, the ambience was set as a mix multitude *assembled themselves together* socially, intellectually, physically and spiritually during Camp Meeting 2016. It is safe to say then that the South Caribbean Conference at Camp Meeting 2016 *got connected*...

By Steve Riley



Evangelism SUMMIT TRINIDAD



Praying for the latter rain as soldiers of the cross prepare for an evangelistic explosion in the SCC in 2017 and beyond.

The South Caribbean Conference in prayerful response to the direction of the Holy Spirit commenced 2017 with an Evangelism Summit for the Pastors, Religious Educators, Directors and other associated categories of the conference on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th January, 2017. One of the objectives of this Evangelism Summit was to commence 2017 with a workforce energized and equipped for the fulfilment of the “Great Commission”.

A number of topics were expounded upon during the summit and the transformation being effected upon the minds of the attendees was visible. God used his “earthly vessels” to bless and share on *Perspective of Public Evangelism* by Ps. Inskip Richards – Evangelism Director, SCC, *The Laity and Evangelism - Putting it in Context* by Ps. Durwin P. Clarke - Personal Ministries and Community Services Director, SCC, and *the Lord Transform Initiative* was brought to life through the presentation by Pastor Ashton O’Neil, Personal Ministries Director,

CARU. Pastor Michael Phillips, Field Secretary, SCC reminded attendees that success cannot be obtained without *Field Preparation*. Pastor Claudius Morgan, Assistant to the President and Communication Director, CARU presented very pertinent information on the topic *Traditional Evangelism Preaching Techniques and Making Appeals*.

One of the Highlights of this Summit was the timely devotional presentations by Dr. Kern Tobias, President of CARU and former Evangelist Roosevelt Daniels who was specially invited to this equipping programme. His well-researched and clearly articulated presentations on *Public Preaching & Prophecy* was a double blessing to all in attendance who were clearly left wanting more.

There were 58 and 66 Pastors, Religious Educators, Directors and other participants in attendance respectively for the two days.

INSKIP RICHARDS (Pastor)
Evangelism Director

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Terry John - 121



Ps. Nigel Walcott - 54



Dr. Ray Walker - 51



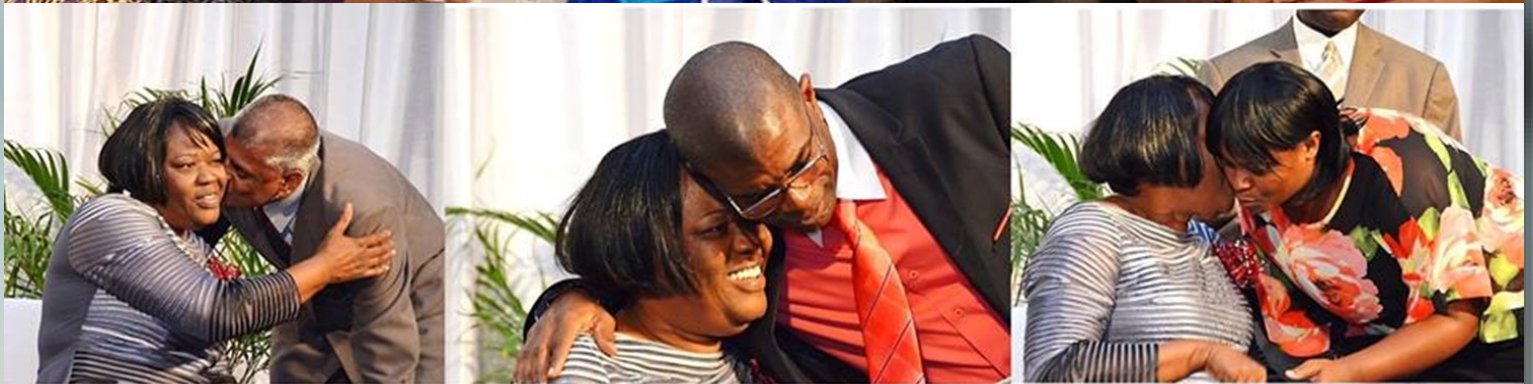
Ps. Kurt Thomas - 45



Ps. St Hugh Henry - 44

“Makes YOU want To RETIRE!”

The retirement dinner held for Juliana Chunisingh who gave 28 years of service, Pastor Claudette Andrews, 25 years of service and Pastor Cyril Horrell, 52 years of service was an awesome event. With just under 100 persons in attendance profiles were given of each retiree and gifts galore were presented. The Steel Pan, the violin and sweet voices contributed to the splendor of the occasion. As Dr. Clive Dottin the master of ceremonies declared, "It makes you want to retire." Congrats to Debra Felix and Sheryl Liverpool and the many others who made the evening a wonderful and unforgettable experience.



Pastor Cyril Horrell receives gift from his Secretary, Marie Lawrence while his wife Allison is elated and Pastor Claudette Andrews acknowledges commendation and accepts gifts.

Winner! BibleBoom



2016



A proud and happy Zharia stands with CARU representatives and representatives from the South Caribbean Conference.

18 year old Zharia Kirk of the South Caribbean Conference of SDA, Trinidad - an active member of the Mayaro S.D.A church in South Trinidad was declared the winner of the Caribbean Union Conference's Bible Boom, 2016 Moses Award. She won with a total of 500 points in 6:31 minutes. Ashnie Binda of Suriname was second with 485 points in 9:32 minutes, while Liverson Sandy of Antigua, one of only two males in the contest was third with 480 points in 6:47. minutes. Liverson led for most of the Boom having the most points after 18 questions and again after 36 questions but fell short after Kirk who was fourth after 36 questions surged in the last 19 questions to capture the 2016 title.

We desire less murders while we increase indiscipline.

It is clear that part of our crime problem revolves around our addiction to irresponsibility. Our economy is on the decline but we want salary increases. We produce less but we demand more. We wish morality without spirituality. We desire less murders while we increase indiscipline. We demand right conduct from our children while we curse our neighbours. We nourish abuse in our homes while we are shocked when our children join gangs. Therefore we are prepared to compromise with gang leaders and thugs who are part of the narco-underground economy. Let us destroy our denial and face reality.

356,976 views on the Union FB page.

Dr. Clive Dottin



Profound



ORDINATION OF PASTOR THEODORE SMITH

Pastor Theodore Smith, Antiguan by birth was ordained on Sabbath, December 3rd at the St John's SDA Church. He has served the church for just over 9 years in over 4 districts. He is married to Sonia Andrea Coggin of Barbados, who like her husband has a BA in Theology (emphasis health). The union has produced two beautiful children, Sothea, 7 and Theandre, 5. The Service was attended by pastors and their spouses, the administration and their spouses and 4 Union representatives: Dr. Tobias

and Pastors Frederick, Farrell and Morgan. The sermon whose theme was about the shepherd and the sheep was powerfully presented by the President of the Union, Dr Kern Tobias. In his address to the ordinands he observed that "Pastor Smith appears to be a humble servant who has no rank and God is able to use him. The couple was escorted by Pastor Carson Greene and his wife.

"Pastor Smith appears to be a humble servant who has no rank and God is able to use him."



Pastor Theodore and his wife flanked by the presidents of the Union and South Leeward Mission



Sister Smith welcomed by the wives of the Presidents, Linda Tobias and Aline James



The constituency came out in full support of the humble and hardworking Man of God

NEW TREASURER AT THE SOUTH LEEWARD MISSION

Krysta Moore is the new treasurer of the South Leeward Mission of SDA. She has replaced Dr. Carson Greene. Sister Moore has served in the children's department of her church and as Mission Accountant from 2011 to July 2016 when she was elected at the 16th Quinquennial Session of the Caribbean Union Conference. Re-elected to serve at CARU Session is Pastor Desmond James as President and Dr. Carson Green as Executive Secretary.

Krystal is married to Gladstone Moore and they are the proud parents of 2 children; Amaya 8, and Ayden 5.



Krysta Moore



Elected to serve SLM for the next quadrennium for L to R Dr. Carson Green, Pastor Desmond James and Mrs. Krysta Moore.



Some of the ladies of SLM: Sydanny David, Administrative Assistant to the President; Cindy Greenway, Secretary Ministerial and Communication; Latoya Pelle, Receptionist and Angeli Nicolas, Accountant.



Visiting the 2nd Advent Radio Station with Communication Director of the Mission, Mark Brathwaite. The station celebrated its 8th anniversary on February 1st, 2017

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Shewin White - 47



Ps. Orville Joseph - 40



Ps. Chalvar Henry—28



Ps. Kay White— 24



Ps. Amory Walker- 24



ELECTED TO SERVE



President Alexander Biscette, Executive Secretary Roger Stephen and Treasurer Rose Marie Desir

Pastor Alexander Biscette, graduate of the class of 1994 from the then Caribbean Union College now USC, is the 3rd president of the St Lucia Mission. He was elected at the 16 Quinquennial session of the Caribbean Union in July 2016. Pastor Biscette who previously served in several offices including Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Community Services, Stewardship, Ministerial, and Executive Secretary is the newest president in a field of 5 conferences and 5 missions. He has replaced Pastor Johnson Frederick, who was elected Executive Secretary of the Caribbean Union.

Pastor Roger Stephen, who served as Youth/Chaplaincy, PAL, and Religious Liberty Director is the new Executive Secretary of the Mission. He was replaced as Youth Director by Rod Rene and then Quidley Morris who is presently serving as Youth/Chaplaincy and religious Director. Rose Marie Desir was re-elected as the Treasurer of the Mission.

The St Lucia Mission, once part of the East Caribbean Conference was established 18 years ago as a Mission (*inaugural Session January 1999*) and now boasts a membership of 23,649 worshipping in 51 congregations. The Mission manages 4 schools; **3 primary schools and 1 newly refurbished secondary school**. Pastors Livingstone Aaron and Johnson Frederick served as president of that field for 7 and 10 years respectively.



Pastor Johnson and Pauline Frederick



A view of the newly refurbished St Lucia Adventist Academy.

LIFE LINE CENTER - A BLESSING IN THE CITY

The City of Castries faces a myriad of challenges including gun violence, numerous murders, unemployment and other ills. It has proven difficult for the Seventh-day Adventist church to significantly impact the city and make a meaningful and tangible contribution to the lives of people. Simply praying and hoping that these issues will disappear just will not work. Simply preaching doctrines will not work either because people want to know that we care before they can hear what we know. On October 7, 2016, **Lifeline Centre** was officially opened in the city of Castries to address the felt needs of individuals and to provide much-needed services to members of the public and more specifically, residents of inner-city communities: New Village, Wilton's Yard and Grass Street. These three communities have proven to be troubled areas in the City.

The opening ceremony was attended by Hon. Sarah Flood Beaubrun, Parliamentary Representative for Castries; Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, Director of Human Services; and Mr. Ulumpus Frederick who represented the Hon. Lenard Montoute, along with the Administrators of the Saint Lucia Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. These individuals welcomed the church's contribution in helping to be part of the solution in addressing the social ills in the city.

To date Lifeline Centre offers the following Ser-

vices: Lifestyle Consultations, Basic Health Checks, Counselling services, Massage services, After School Program, Homework Assistance, Lifestyle Education, Diabetes Management and Prevention Seminars, Sewing classes and at least one community out-reach program every quarter.

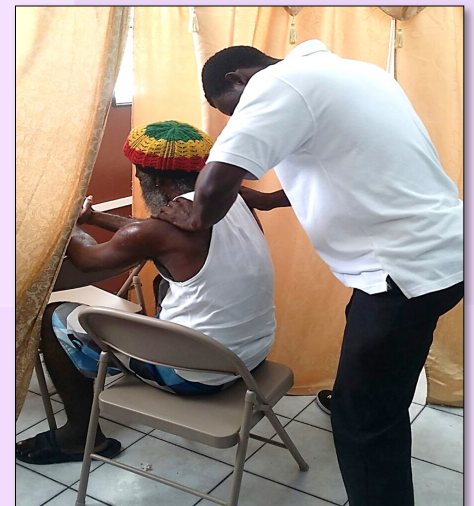
The following is a brief report of the number of individuals who have accessed the services that Lifeline Centre offers from October to December 2016: Massage- 57, Counselling- 14, Basic Health Checks- 21, Lifestyle Consultation- 5, Diabetes Management and Prevention- 34, Hypertension Seminars- 5, After School Program and Homework Assistance- 20. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!



Life Hope Center Committee. Pastor Lucius Phillip Personal Ministries and Communication Director of the St. Lucia Mission is the coordinator of the Life Hope Center



Activities at the Center—After School Program and Massaging.



Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Alfred Joseph - 95



Ps. Franklyn Bray - 73



Ps. Caius Alfred - 62
23



Ps. Gerald Christophe - 39



Ps. Quildley Morris - 38



SVG Mission Administrators Re-elected



Pastor Dermoth Baptiste, the 1st President of the SVG Mission was re-elected to serve the 42 congregations on the Islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines as the president for the next four years—2016 to 2020. Pastor Baptiste, former Vice President and Stewardship Director of the Caribbean Union and Executive Secretary of the East Caribbean Conference is a senior statesman who has served the church faithfully over the years. With his portfolio as President which is so demanding, he also holds the position of Education Director of the Mission.

Pastor Henry Snagg, a contemporary of Pastor Dermoth Baptiste was also re-elected as the Executive Secretary of the Mission. Before returning to his

hometown, he served the University of the Southern Caribbean as Senior Pastor of the University Church and VP for Religious Development.

Elder Rohand Charles, the man with an endearing and captivating personality was re-elected the treasurer of the SVG Mission. Elder Charles, before commencing service with the church worked with the National Commercial Bank as Junior Auditor and Financial Officer and most recently he served the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission as Accountant.

The SVG Mission, once part of East Caribbean Conference, was organized in November 2011 and is the newest field in the Caribbean Union Conference.



SVG Mission delegation at the 16th Quinquennial session of the Caribbean Union

SVG MISSION DIRECTORS ELECTED

The 1st Quadrennial Session of the SVG Mission concluded with a National Convention at the Arnos Vale Playing Field. Dr. Abraham Jules the devotional speaker during the week, preached to the saints in the morning and Dr. Kern Tobias, President of CARU preached in the afternoon. The session heard reports from the administration and directors of the mission. The Amazing Grace SDA Church was accepted into the fellowship of churches as the 42nd congregation of the Mission. This congregation was established in October of 2013 after a crusade in Arnos Vale.

Re-elected to serve the Mission for the next 4 years are Pastor Ian Williams in Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, and Community Services, and Alene Thomas as Director of Women and Children and Family Life.

Brent St Jean was elected Youth Ministries Director and Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Training and Development. Pastor Brent is one of the outstanding evangelists in the Caribbean Union adding over 2000 persons to the church in the Caribbean.

In the post Session meeting of the Executive Committee of the SVG Mission, held December 08-09 and in compliance with the Operational Policy of the SVG Mission, 2016-2020, the following appointments were made to complete the full list of

Directors and Executive Committee Members of the SVG Mission of SDA for the new Quadrennium, 2016 – 2020:

Pastor Dermoth Baptiste **Education**, Pastor Brent St Jean **Campus Ministries**, Ian Williams **Special Needs**, Terence Haynes **Stewardship, PARL, Spirit of Prophecy Director** Shane Franklyn (Director/Pastor) **Ministerial**, Kerry Kerr (Director/Pastor) **Communication**, Karlson Samuel (Director/Pastor) **Publishing and** Kim Ackie, **Auditor**.



President Beverly Regisford– Henry and Treasurer Margaret Clarke from the Vincentian Adventist American Association flew from New York to attend the 1st Quadrennial Session of the SVG Mission.

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps Nigel Deroche - 51



Ps Sigmund Wiggins - 48



Ps. Sylvan Samuel - 39
25



Ps. Kenan Cain - 37



Ps. Brent St. Jean - 35

COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

A success

The Communication Department of the Caribbean Union conducted a successful workshop under the theme “**COMMUNICATION IS EVERYTHING**” for all the Communication Directors of the 10 fields in the Caribbean Union. It was hosted at USC on Wednesday 18th and at the Union Office on Thursday 19th January. Also in attendance was the Communication Director of the IAD Abel Marquez, who gave us insight into the IAD Communication Strategic Issues. He highlighted the Four Platforms in Communication: (1) Corporate (2) Media (3) Digital and (4) News/Journalism. Presentations were also given by Byron Hunte (Making the Best of Your Web Page Issues), Royston Philbert (Copyright Issues), Sheldon Moore (Videography), Garnet Joseph (Photography) and Claudius Morgan

(Does Social Media have the Power to Change the World?).

Dr. Kern Tobias and Pastor Johnson Frederick were also there to support the initiative. Our devotional speakers were Pastor Royston Philbert and Dr. Mario Phillip. Sheryl Liverpool, secretary to the Communications department was chairperson.

The workshop was conducted to review every aspect of communication and from all reports it was a grand effort where participants experienced warm and inviting comradery. If there is one thing we learnt, it is that communication is no one person. We are all gifted in different areas and we must use our gifts to help one another as we make a statement for communication across the Union Field.



Abel Marquez presents on Hope Channel in the IAD



Sheldon receives a gift of thanks from Secretary Sheryl Liverpool



CARU Staff was present



Communication Directors, Pastor Theodore Jaria, former Director, Abel Marquez, Sheryl Liverpool, Byron Hunte, and USC Communication team.



Dr. Tobias addresses the Communication Directors commending Pastors Philbert and Braithwaite for their initiative

Pentecostal PASTOR BAPTIZED



Dr. Henry Peters stands with Pastor Harrigan and another candidate, after their baptism on Sunday March 12th.

Pastor James Harrigan of the No Walls Pentecostal Church, a church of some 48 members was baptized at the conclusion of the Hope for Today's Crisis Crusade held by Dr. Henry Peters on the Island of Anguilla. The gleanings has learnt that he was convicted about the Sabbath and made a decision to be baptized but not before he had a chance to go to his congregation on Sunday March 12 and let them know of his decision.

After addressing his congregation, he left and was taken to the waters to be baptized. He was added to the 68 persons who were baptized at the end of a 5 weeks evangelistic campaign under the yellow and white tent in The Valley, Anguilla. Pastor Peters, a seasoned evangelist who has a DMin in Evangelism and Church Growth, echoed his voice like a trumpet and preached without fear or favour, warning the audience that the God of love is also a God of wrath. He has in his 32 years as an evangelist baptized over 5000 persons.

NEW CONGREGATION FOR ST MAARTEN



Over 120 persons attended this Sabbath as the new congregation of the Good News SDA Church, met for the 2nd Sabbath after the completion of the crusade. The new congregation was started after the Good News Gospel Explosion Evangelistic Campaign was held in St Maarten from February 28 to March 4th. Over 160 persons were baptized. The Administration of the North Caribbean Conference after much consultation with the pastors on the Island gave the green light for the new congregation to be established. Pastors Vashni Cuvalay and his associate Pastor Kumal Smith are the ones given the mandate along with a team of lay professionals to manage the new congregation. This is the 4th crusade that Evangelist Claudius Morgan has conducted in the North Caribbean Conference, during the past four years. *Pastors Smith and Cuvalay inset*



Construction of New Office Building Begins



President Edward Blackman along with former president, Johan Roseval, laid the first block for the construction of the new Mission Office, on February 6th, 2017. The block laying ceremony began with an inspiring speech by past president, Pastor Johan Roseval.

A representative of the Ministry for Religious Groups was present and gave a motivational speech inspiring the SDA churches in Suriname to go forward and build this new Mission Office which will become a blessing to the Surinamese community.

There were more than 3 top news teams to film and photograph this happening.

The mission office consists of 1 storage room, 1 library, 10 offices, 1 multi functional room (for receptions etc.), 1 kitchen, 1 audio room, 1 archive room (for records and files), secretarial room, printing/publishing room and 1 conference room. The total cost is approximately US\$500 000. The building is expected to be completed in September 2017.



3D projection of the new office building .

ADMINISTRATORS RE-ELECTED



The three administrators of the Suriname Mission were re-elected to serve the mission for the next four years. Here they stand together on the site of the New Mission office after the block laying ceremony. President Edward Blackman is at the far left and executive Secretary Guno Emalueson is at the far right. The youngest treasurer in our Union, Vanessa Hoepel, is flanked by her fellow administrators. The Suriname Mission has been in existence for over 120 years.

YOUTH CARAVAN

The first ever Youth Caravan in Suriname was first introduced in the Erowarte church, that is in one of the Amerindian villages near the eastern border of Suriname and is a program set up especially for churches in our Mission who do not have an active or growing youth department. In this case we went with a number of 120 youth members from various churches to spend the weekend from Sabbath morning until Sunday at noon. We had a wonderful Divine service that was about 'self worth'. In the afternoon we had AY in two different ways. One was giving out tracts in the area with the drum band leading and secondly with an AY interactive program that was about 'How the youth members should handle their sexuality'.

Top 3 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps. Guno Emanuelson - 30



Ps. Edward Blackman - 21
29



Ps. Chester Hinds - 11



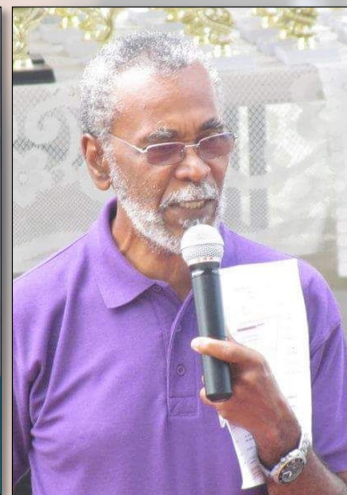
ASI Tobago Constructs New Wing



ASI Tobago, the leading Adventist Laymen Services Industries in the Caribbean Union has risen to the challenge in the refurbishing of the Scarborough SDA Primary School. The project began in the month of July 2015 and was completed for the new school term in September, 2016. The ASI under the leadership of Elder Diamond Andrew, first elder of the Good News SDA Church in Tobago, built a new wing, consisting of 3 classrooms upstairs and 2 downstairs.

The ASI members along with church members, parents, pastors and teachers all participated in the refurbishing of the school. Over TT \$725,000 was spent on the project. Financial contributions came from the ASI, Tobago Mission of SDA, Division of Education, churches, hardware stores and individuals. The facilities installed in the new wing were contributed by the Republic Bank. The bank also provided air-conditioning, painting and tiling.

The school is located at Rockly Vale, Scarborough, Tobago. The school was started in 1942 and is celebrating 75 years of existence. There is a staff of 16 teachers and 264 students. Janette Moore-James (Ag) is the school's principal.

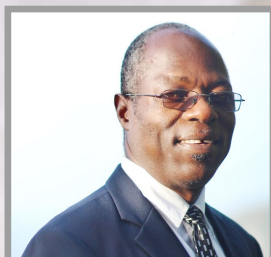


Education Director Sister Jamila Nicholls & Eld. Diamond Andrew ASI President

Top 5 outstanding district Pastors in baptism, 2016



Ps Lennon Robley - 97



Ps Ein Kirk - 73



Ps. Paul Mc Kenzie - 32
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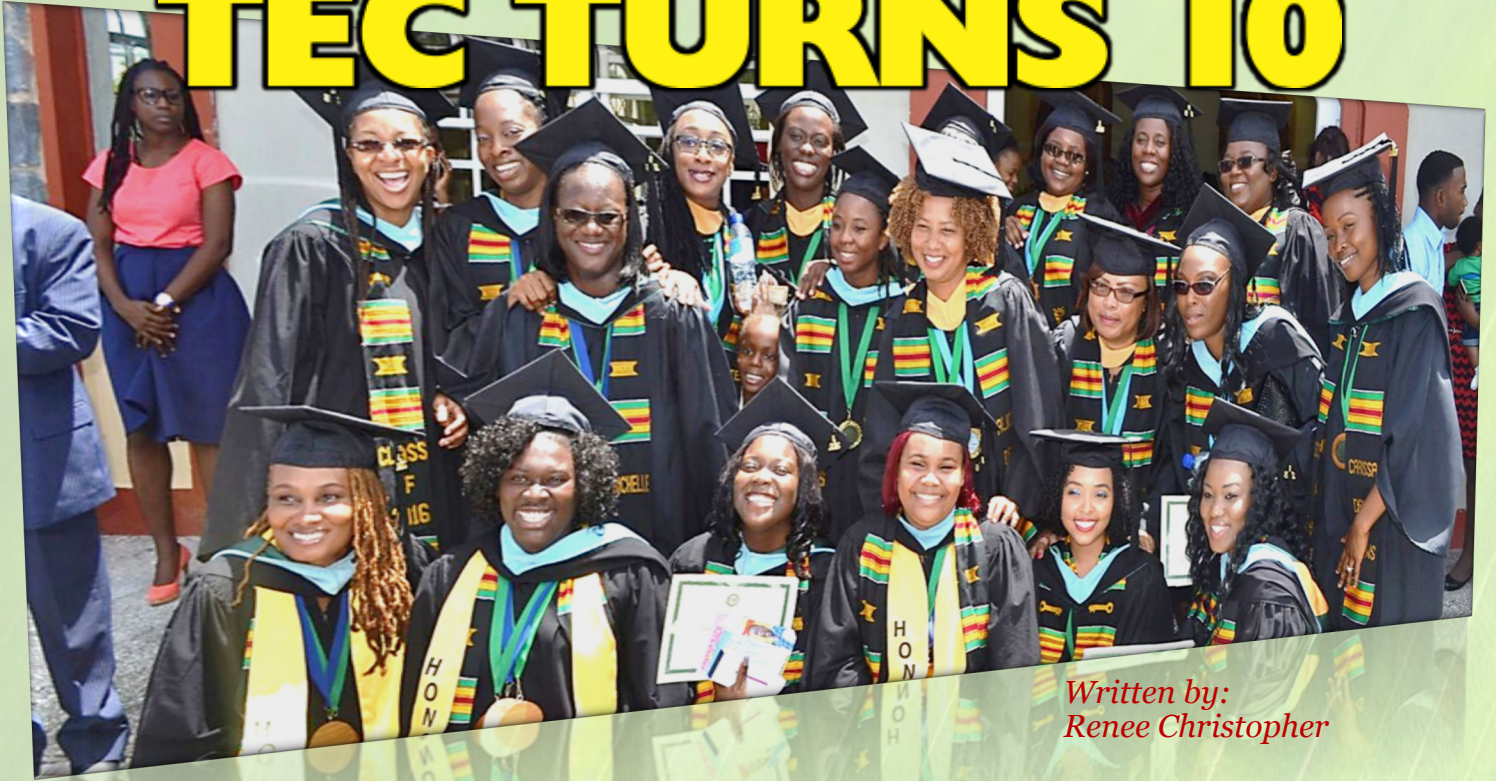


Ps Lowell Ottley - 31



Ps. Nicola Newsam - 25

TEC TURNS 10



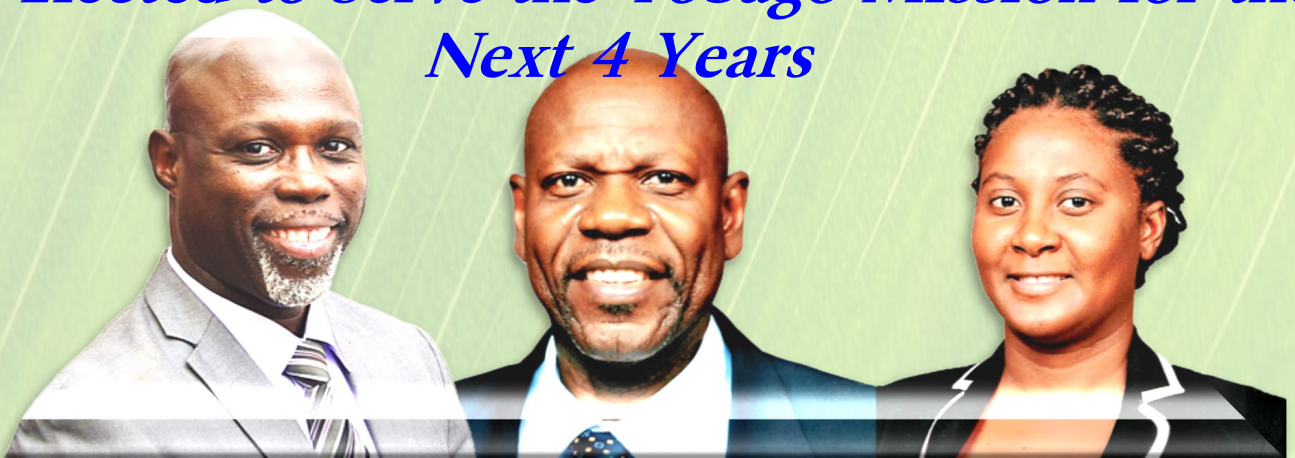
*Written by:
Renee Christopher*

The University of the Southern Caribbean, with its main campus situated in Maracas Valley, St Joseph, Trinidad, operates Extension Campuses in South Trinidad, Tobago, Guyana, Barbados, St. Lucia, and Antigua, where citizens can pursue various degrees.

On Sabbath June 4th, 2016, celebrations were high and rightly in order, as the faculty, staff and students of the Tobago Extension Campus (TEC) of the University of the Southern Caribbean celebrated 10 years of existence in Tobago. To celebrate this momentous occasion, a double blessing was bestowed as the largest group of TEC graduates, 50 persons to be exact, were conferred with their Bachelors Degrees at the 2016 graduation exercises on May 22nd 2016. As a result of this, our Thanksgiving Service not only highlighted God's goodness to us over the past ten years but also allowed us to celebrate our most recent graduates. During the service our 2016 graduates were presented with a Certificate of Congratulations and cloaked with their Kente cloths (an authentic African sash that has become part of the USC graduation tradition). The graduates were also presented with the book "Roadmap to Life", sponsored by the Tobago Mission of SDA and the first ever USC Watches. In addition to what may seem to be an already overflowing cup of blessings, was the induction of the new Director for the Tobago Extension Campus, Mrs Vernris Simon Frederick.

In attendance were representatives from the Tobago Mission of S.D.A., past coordinators and Directors of the Tobago Extension Campus, and members of the University's Alumni Association. Pastor Lowell Ottley, a dedicated and illustrious alumnus of the University of the Southern Caribbean, was the one appointed to deliver God's message at this celebratory event.

Re-Elected to Serve the Tobago Mission for the Next 4 Years



President: Toney Mapp

Secretary: Martin Cunningham

Treasurer: Kerene Horsford-Nero



UNIVERSITY BOARD

Elects President and Vice Presidents



Dr. Bowman sits at his desk at USC

Dr. Hilary Bowman who proudly celebrates more than four decades of successful service in the field of education with over thirty years in denominational service with the SDA Church is the new President of the University of the Southern Caribbean. He has replaced Dr. Sylvan Lashley who was acting President of the University up to November, 2016.

Dr. Bowman, a Vincentian by birth, holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Policy from the Union Institute and University Cincinnati, Ohio (1999). He was appointed high school principal of the Mountain View Adventist Academy in 1984 after graduating with a B.A. magna cum laude in Education and History from Caribbean Union College. Prior to this, as a trained teacher, with an AA degree from the University of the West Indies, he began his employment with the SDA Church as a high school teacher.

In addition to his role at the University, Dr. Bowman has oversight of the Caribbean Union’s education system and its 52 schools. He has been married to Verina Bowman nee Bacchus for 41 years. They are the proud parents of two adult children, Dr. Kurt Bowman and Karen Swan and have three beautiful grand children.

Also elected to serve for the next five years are: Wanda Chesney—VP Academic Administration; Prakash Ramoutar—VP Finance; Pastor Onesi La Fleur—VP Student Development and Pastor Terry John VP for Spiritual Development and Senior Pastor of the University Church.

Several persons have served as presidents of the then CUC and now USC: Dr. Vernon Andrews, Dr. Sylvan Lashley, Dr. Herbert Fletcher (Interim), Dr. T Leslie Ferdinand; Dr. Shirley Mc Garrell, Paul Van Puten, Dr. Esther Simmons, Dr. Trevor Gardner and Dr. Clinton A. Valley

“From 1927 when this institution was known as the Eastern Caribbean Training School, to 2006 when the title “University of the Southern Caribbean” was conferred by the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT), this institution has undergone significant development and continually seeks to fulfil its mission of becoming an academy fit for God’s approval through intellectual, spiritual, social and cultural development.”



Sister Jessica Cunningham new Asst. Education Director of CARU. Elected to assist Dr. Bowman with the Caribbean Union Education System. She still holds her previously elected position as Education Director of the South Caribbean Conference.

Vice Presidents USC ; from l to r Wanda Chesney from Guyana, Prakash Ramoutar from Trinidad, Onesi La Fleur from Guyana and Terry John from St Lucia.



CEDAR HALL DEMOLISHED

Mega Church to be built



Now you see it!

Legendary Cedar Hall, former men's residence hall, and home of the "noble Spartans" among others, made way for a 1700 seat church, on New Year's Day, 2017.

This represents the first stage in the church building process. The fully furnished sanctuary, overlooking the Maracas Royal Road, will house a Children's Ministries division, Sabbath School and Welfare Ministries sections, fellowship hall and offices, as well as a mission and community outreach center.

"We are going to recap and recover the very essence of Christian education, which is harmonious development of the mental, physical and spiritual powers," says former president and Cedar Hall Dean of men, Dr. Vernon Andrews. Andrews highlights that "for generations of alumni, its demolition will be a bitter sweet event. However, for aesthetic and safety reasons, its demolition has become inevitable."

Mr. Ernesto Samuel, class of 1981, President and CEO Pharmaceuticals Labs, New York, spoke of his time spent in Cedar Hall. "Cedar Hall represents the home of thousands of dreams and aspirations. As a group we learned to survive, be content and excel; regardless of situations and conditions. The bonds of friendship formed at Cedar Hall, are as strong as the number of years Cedar Hall stood tall and strong. "I'm happy, not so much for the coming down," states Pastor Ronald Daniel, "but for the whole part of the history and more so, I'm all excited about the church. Cedar Hall coming down is making room for the church."

Sister A. Murray, wife of Pastor Hartwell Murray, looks forward, hoping for "more spirituality; especially on campus."

Sister Cynthia Ward views this step as "a wonderful and exciting event...God grant that the reality will be soon with us and we'll be in our new church."

By: Andrea S. Cato



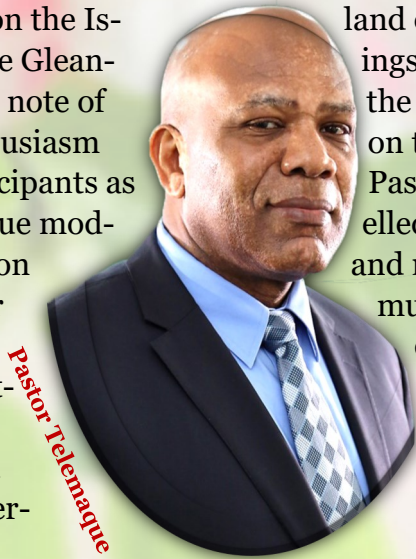
Now you don't!

ACADEMICS AT USC

School of Business
School of Education and Human Sciences
School of Humanities
School of Nursing and Allied Health
School of Science and Technology
School of Social Sciences
School of Theology & Religion
Research and Innovation
MBA courses
The Language Centre

SABBATH SCHOOL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Pastor Samuel Telemaque inspired the over 100 persons in attendance at a Basic Sabbath School Certification program held at the Kingstown SDA Church on the Island of St Vincent. The Gleaner took note of the excitement and enthusiasm of the participants as Pastor Telemaque modeled interaction as a teacher or her highlight-teacher understand the week Sabbath afternoon section and deepen his/her understanding by reading each day's lesson (The teacher and God). Then the teacher must make an outline of the lesson (The teacher and the text). Thirdly the teacher must reflect on the outline of



Pastor Telemaque

the excitement on the faces of Pastor Telemaque modeled by using and role play how must teach his class. He noted that the teacher must understand the scripture for the week under the

the lesson (The teacher and himself/herself) and finally the teacher must teach the lesson on Sabbath (The teacher and the students). He insisted that the teacher who talks during the entire class did not fulfill his/her duty of studying the lesson on a daily basis.

A document that was handed out to the Sabbath School personnel in attendance shows, **the method of teaching, the art of asking good questions, the qualities of effective questions and functions of illustrations.** Pastor Telemaque noted of the three methods of teaching: Lecture, Discussion and Interactive, the interactive method is best for teaching the Sabbath School Class.

The program spanned a three day period, Friday March 17th to Sunday March 19th. In attendance were the administrators of the SVG Mission, Directors and Pastors, superintendents and teachers, Pastor Ashton O Neil, Sabbath School Director of CARU and Debbie Ferreira, The Sabbath School Director of the South Caribbean Conference.



Sabbath School Personnel from the Evesham and Carrier SDA Churches pose with certificates.

Elder Minerva Glasgow and Pastor Telemaque smile for the photographer



(L) President Baptiste presents Certificate to Rudolph Charles, father of Pastor Sylvan Samuel and (R) Pastor Ashton O Neil presents to veteran Sabbath School Superintendent, Esther Edward



GUYANA CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 130 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS!

Dr. Kern Tobias, President!

The Guyana Conference of S.D.A. celebrated one week of festivities using the theme “Motivated by our History, Pursuing our Destiny.” This was a well-organized and professionally executed series of activities at the S.D.A. Village at the Sophia National Exhibition Centre. It was a joy to see hundreds of members and visitors visiting the booths and enjoying the free medical services, collecting the supplies of the Church and purchasing spiritual and temporal resources from the many providers.

The nightly Revival Services were inspiring, insightful, and soul-stirring. The congregational singing and special music were heavenly. The drama entitled “It’s too late to apologize” was true to life, as it highlighted the brokenness in family relationships, and the power of the gospel to transform lives. Dr. James Yansen was awesome as he declared the word of God nightly with boldness.

The Sabbath Convention was a sight to behold! The people came from every part of the country and displayed their varied colors, cultures, and cuisine. Pastor Leon Wellington, Vice President of the IAD, presented a powerful sermon, entitled “Our Song of Redemption” which was filled with hope and joy. The Award Ceremony in the afternoon, when 130 outstanding Awardees were recognized, was a fitting climax to a wonderful week of celebrations. We await a greater celebration in Heaven with the King of Kings!



Brother Cyril Persuad honored as an honorary Masterguide. Hugged by Pastor Clarke.

President Avert James bestows awards on Former President, Phillip Bowman, who served as President of the Guyana Conference for some eight years.



MVAA Students bags 20 subjects in CSEC Exams

See full story and an interview with Eric next Gleanings



Eric Febuary with his mother Tricheal Febuary, former Principal, Tony Olivier (behind) Ramesh Outar assistant principal, at left and present principal of MVAA Gabriel Bowman at right. Eric is now a student at USC, pursuing a degree in theology. His father Desmond Febuary teaches maths at the MVAA.

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- Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resource Management.
- Bachelor of Business Administration Hospitality and Tourism Management.
- Bachelor of Science in Economics.
- Bachelor of Science Accounting.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS—Graduate

- Master of Business Administration with emphasis in Human Resource Management
- Master of Business Administration with emphasis in Health Care Administration.
- Master of Business Administration with emphasis in Economics and Finance.
- Master of Business Administration with emphasis in Finance and Accounting.
- Master of Business Administration with emphasis in Marketing.

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