

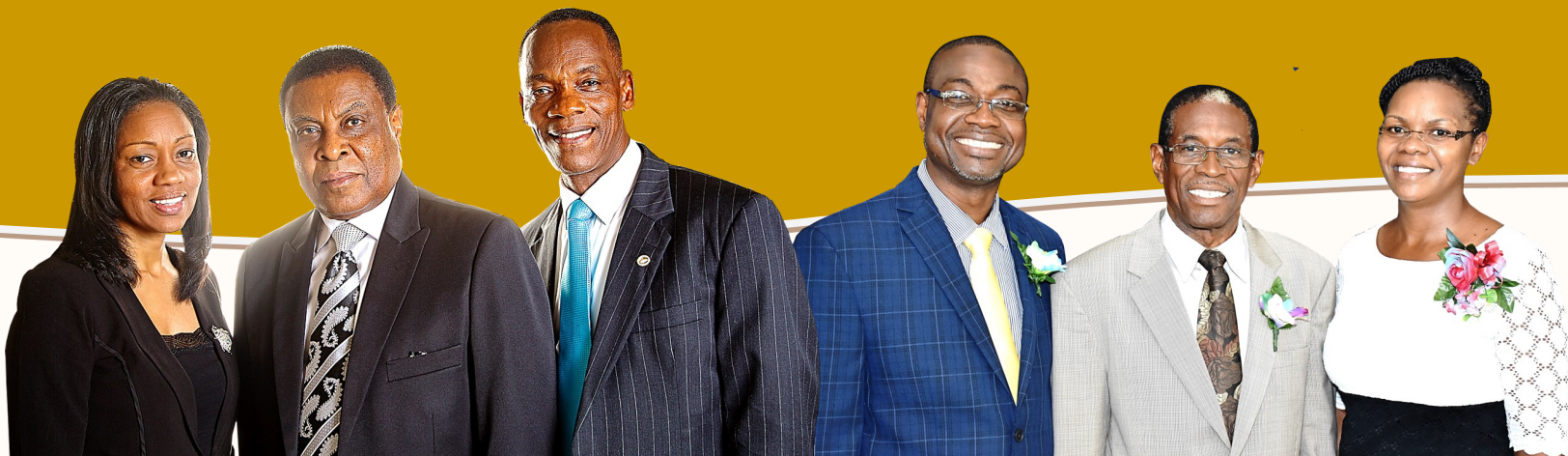
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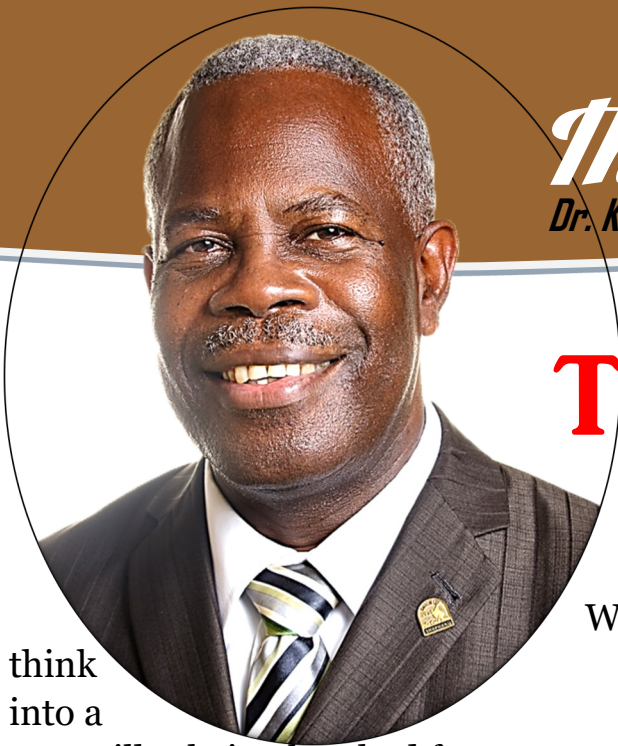
Dr. Syl Saliba, President of the National Alumni Association of America presents cheque as part of their 1 Million Dollars pledge to the Ladies Dormitory project. This was part of the 90th Anniversary celebrations. See pg. 16



Elder Ramchandrar Mohabeer was elected elder of the year 2017 in CARU –see pg. 29.

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TRANSFORMATION: AN INTERNAL MIRACLE!

think into a caterpillar being hatched from an egg. The caterpillar, or what is more scientifically termed a larva, stuffs itself with leaves, growing fatter and longer through a series of molts in which it sheds its skin.

Whenever we talk about transformation we can't help but of the wondrous process by which a caterpillar morphs butterfly. The story usually begins with a very hungry caterpillar, or what is more scientifically termed a larva, stuffs itself with leaves, growing fatter and longer through a series of molts in which it sheds its skin.

One day, the caterpillar stops eating, hangs upside down from a twig or leaf and spins itself a silky cocoon or molts into a shiny chrysalis. Within its protective casing, the caterpillar radically transforms its body, eventually emerging as a butterfly or moth. It is interesting to note that the transformation from a larva to a butterfly takes place internally in a specialized process that can be termed as miraculous.

Similarly, the transformation from a sinner to a saint is a marvelous process and a magnificent proof of grace. Transformation in Christ is a radical reality that occurs under the supervision and execution of the Holy Spirit. It is an internal miracle that the Holy Spirit is always willing and ready to perform in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. This is the experience that we are encouraged to embrace at this time.

The strategic theme "LORD TRANSFORM ME" is an intentional initiative for all leaders and laity of the SDA Church in the Inter-American Division that encourages us to live Christ-like lives, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in harmony with admonition and motivation of Paul in Romans 12:2 which says:

"Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Through a renewal of the mind, we experience reformation in the way we live, interact and serve. Resulting from this renewal, we are able to live as lights and salt in this world

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and influence others through deliberate means to accept Jesus as their Savior and become disciples of Christ.

The mind must be renewed for Him. We must see to it that there is a saving change wrought in us, and that it is continued at all cost and in all circumstances. Conversion, which involves justification (our title for heaven) and sanctification (our fitness for heaven), is the renewing of the mind, a change of the substance and also of the qualities of the soul.

It is the same as making a new heart and a new spirit. There are new dispositions and inclinations, new sympathies and antipathies. The understanding is enlightened, the conscience softened, the thoughts are rectified, the will bowed to the will of God, and the affections are made spiritual and heavenly. The individual is not what he/she was because old things are passed away, all things are become new; he/she acts from new principles, by new rules, with new designs.

The President's Corner

The mind is the acting and ruling part of us so that the renewing of the mind is the renewing of the whole person, for “out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). The process of sanctification which involves dying to self and sin and living righteously with greater intentionality and intensity, is the carrying on of this renewing work, till it is perfected in glory.

The Word of God will be used by the Holy Spirit to perform the internal miracle. Hebrews 4:12 states, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Sister Ellen White confirms, “The word of God—the truth—is the channel through which the Lord manifests His Spirit and power.... When truth becomes the abiding principle in the life, the soul is born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

This new birth is the result of receiving Christ as the Word of God. When by the Holy Spirit divine truths are impressed upon the heart, new conceptions are awakened, and the energies hitherto dormant are aroused to cooperate with God” (AA, 519,520).

This is the transformation, the internal miracle that God wants to work in all of us by the Holy Spirit! **Maranatha!**

Dr. Kern Tobias

GENEROSITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE!

I was privileged to visit the Conyers S.D.A. Church, in Georgia on Sabbath September 16 and was given the opportunity by the Pastor, Shawn Shives to share with the membership about the situation in the Caribbean Islands. I shared the news of the severe destruction that the islands endured during hurricanes Irma, Jose, and Maria.

When Pastor Shives stood up to preach, he encouraged the members to donate to the Caribbean cause even though they had donated substantially to the Texas initiative. As the members left the church, they donated cash and cheques into baskets at all the exit points. When the donations were counted, a total of about 2,500.00 US dollars was collected.

I also met some Caribbean folks at a social function in Atlanta Georgia and told them about the Caribbean crisis. Some of them donated 500.00 US and 1,000.00 TT dollars, with the promise to send more in due course. These are the stories that are being reported throughout the territories. God be praised for the generosity of our brethren and friends.



The members of the Queensboro Temple in Queens NY donated \$1000 for the purchase of a generator for the Agape SDA Church in St Thomas. Pastor Alcock and Head Deacon Green hold offering bowls with contribution.

from the desk

Of the Communication Director

Claudius C. Morgan



In the Bible, *transformation* means “change or renewal from a life that no longer conforms to the ways of the world to one that pleases God” (Romans 12:2). This is accomplished when the mind is renewed and this renewal is an inward spiritual transformation that manifests itself in outward actions. It is of interest to note that the Bible presents the transformed life in Christ as demonstrated through our “bearing fruit in every good work [and] growing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10). Transformation is a relationship with the one who aids your transformation. The relationship involves your letting others know how they too can be transformed.

In addition, evidence of transformation is seen in the way we increasingly replicate the likeness and glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Apostle Paul says, “You are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ” (Romans 8:9). To be considered as children of God, we must be led by the Spirit of God.

And it is through the power of God’s Spirit that Christ lives within us. The transformed life emulates the attitude of the apostle Paul: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

This supremacy of transformation comes from one source. Paul says, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18). In speaking of Jesus, the apostle Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly declared this truth: “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Transformed lives begin with the gospel message of Christ, for in it is the power of God. It is the gospel that brings us salvation: “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith” (Romans 1:16-17).

Through the gospel message of Christ, we learn “to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:22-24). “For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God” (Romans 8:13-14).

Just before he died, the apostle Peter provided us unambiguous instructions on how we are to live out our transformed lives: “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness ... for if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:3-11). Has the transformation begun?

THE TRANSFORMATION HAS BEGUN



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Over 60 years old but blazing the Gospel like a 19 year old. Dr. Clive Dottin was honored and recognized for his sterling contribution to evangelism in the Caribbean Union Conference.. He has been engaged in evangelism every year for over 30 years. He was honored at the Evangelism Council Meeting held at CARU headquarters June 2016.



The North Caribbean Conference recognized Sister Maruca Luis as a Mission ambassador at its last conference session. Her passion for mission allowed her to use her home to minister to the people of her community. . Through the efforts of the cell group ministry of her church, a group of new believers are now worshipping in the area



Evangelist Morgan receives tablet from Dr. Braham of the IAD for baptizing the most souls in the IAD in 2016



“I am absolutely persuaded of the authenticity and prophetic certitude of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the ultimate triumph of Christ and the Remnant. My concerns are: the general complacency of our membership, the casual ministry regard for relevance to our times, the limited engagement of innovation in ministry, and a diminishing passion for mission when it should be highest. Christ must have a plan for the end game. I pray that we will have the spiritual inclination and fortitude, and the strategic agility to move with the Holy Spirit and divine enlightenment.”

Pastor Silton Browne, MA in Religion, served the church from September 1, 1975 to September 30th 2017.

THE FAMILY OF PASTOR SILTON BROWNE WAS THERE AS HE MADE HIS FINAL REPORT AS PRESIDENT OF NCC



Back row L to R—Gwendolyn, Hermenia (spouse of) Herman, Holly (daughter of deceased brother Norbert), Fitzroy (adopted), Ruth (spouse of Haynes). Front row L to R—Alvin (spouse of) Silvia, Velva (eldest), Urbane, Haynes, Silton & Barbara-Gene, Dr. Kern Tobias.

ODE TO A LEADER

By Pastor Royston Philbert—Communication Director NCC

... And when his 42 years of duty had ended, President Silton Nathaniel Browne announced his retirement from active service in the North Caribbean Conference (NCC) of Seventh-day Adventists (SDA). This announcement was made at the last plenary session of the NCC Executive Committee on Monday, June 19, 2017, after it was duly presented to and approved by the Caribbean Union. During his address to the Committee, Pastor Browne expressed his profound thanks to God and the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church for giving him the opportunity to serve the Church he loves, and posited: “It has been a real honor.” Pastor Browne has served the NCC for more than 42 years in various capacities – Pastor, Youth Director, Associate Church Ministries Director, Executive Secretary and President.

Pastor Browne was elected to the presidency at a time when the North Caribbean Conference was on the brink of financial insolvency and over the course of three terms, with a team of committed spirit-led individuals, arrested the financial decline. Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union, stated, “The NCC under Pastor Browne’s visionary leadership is now a stable institution in the Caribbean Union.” Pastor Browne has been an outstanding and courageous leader. He has the rare ability to combine a keen academic intellect with the practical insightfulness necessary for a successful administrator. His passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the SDA Mission as he extended the heart of the NCC, by meeting needs worldwide, inspired leaders and members at all levels of the Church. Thus, the Executive Committee voted to record thanks to President Silton Browne for his years of selfless, sacrificial service rendered to God and the Conference, and chronicled some hallmarks of his presidency:

Under Pastor Browne’s leadership the NCC gave birth to a new and thriving field, the South Leeward Mission (SLM), on March 6, 2011;

During Pastor Browne’s tenure, the NCC modeled proper stewardship of the environment and improved energy use at the NCC Office with the installation of a solar array which reduced the energy bills to negligible amounts;

With Pastor Browne at the helm, the

NCC has given appreciable support to all aspects of Youth Ministry as he maintained his connectedness with his first passion – the youth of the Church—and untiringly supported the young people, especially in the area of kayaking.

On the heels of his announcement, Pastor Browne presented the devotional feature for the final meeting and entitled his musings, Lesson[s] I have Learnt from Life, Ministry and Administration. As his nine (9) valuable reflections resonated with the Committee, the lengthiest provided much food for thought: “Even when one comes to Adventist Administration with basic skills such as organization, integrity and courage, you must grapple with the challenge of finding consensus among administrative colleagues, then consensus among committee members. So the final position determined may not be what the leader envisions or what he may think is the ethical requirement. So a leader must be strong, both to give the best leadership initially, but also be strong enough to bear rejection by team, either because he is wrong, or because the team is too weak to do the right thing.” On behalf of the Committee, Pastor Ammaran Williams, NCC Executive Secretary, summarized the sentiment of all: “At this point in time it is difficult to envisage the NCC without Pastor Browne. We wish him and his family God’s richest blessings as they prepare to transition to a new [pace] of life.”

Pastor Browne in conversation with Sanida McKenzie, (re-elected to serve for yet another term) at the NCC Session held in St Croix August 16th to 20th, 2017



Embracing TRANSFORMATION Through CHRIST



Embracing Transformation through Christ was the theme for the 5th quadrennial Session of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Center in Barbados.

The session was attended by CARU Administrators and Administrators from across our 10 fields. Representing the IAD were Dr. Balvin Braham and Dr. James Daniel.

CARU Communication was present at the session and reports a session that showed a high level of organization. The registration on the first day of the session was almost flawless, the meetings began punctually, transportation from the airport and the different venues of accommodation was on time. We applaud the organizers of the Session.

The most outstanding aspect of the session to CARU Communication was the staging of the convention on the final day of the session. The convention was held at Oldbury, St Phillip on a property of some 23 acres of land owned by the East Caribbean Conference. The children and teenagers were served under the tents and the adults worshipped in the main auditorium built for special conventions and camp meetings. (continued on pg. 10)



Elders Winston Mayers and Dr. Pedro Welch were honored for their outstanding contribution to the work of the Church in Barbados. They are flanked by the President of CARU, Dr. Kern Tobias and Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Development and Training in the IAD, Dr. Balvin Braham.

EMBRACING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH CHRIST

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The Sabbath School and Midday Service held at the main auditorium were exceptional. The praise team and the musicians exhibited beautiful chemistry, the Sabbath School and lesson study were interesting and exciting and the special music rendered was second to none. The Divine Service speaker, Dr. Clifford Jones, President of the Lake Region Conference, took us on a journey that highlighted the life of the Apostle Paul by showing the power and relevance of narrative preaching. It was indeed a great session of the East Caribbean Conference.

The three Administrators were returned for another term but there were many changes in the directorship.

Voted to serve are the following directors:

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| Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Community Services | - Pastor Dayle Haynes |
| Ministerial Secretary/Trust | - Pastor Felix Jack |
| Women, Children and Adolescents | - Sister Andrea Hoyte |
| Youth Director/Chaplaincy | - Pastor Miguel Denny |
| ADRA and Communication Director | - Pastor Colin Thorne |
| Stewardship/Publishing | - Pastor Roosevelt Haynes |
| Education Director | - Sister Daphney Magloire |
| Health Director | - Sister Pricilla Prevost |
| Family Life Director | - Pastor Ricardo Selman |
| Religious Liberty | - Pastor Danforth Francis |
| Director of Public Campus Ministries | - Pastor Alvin Lucas |



Dione Timothy rocked the house with the rendition "We Speak of the Realms of the Blest."

The Executive Committee voted in directors Daphney Magloire and Pricilla Prevost after the session.



From l to r top—Alvin Lucas, Dayle Haynes , Miguel Denny and Andrea Hoyte (bottom) Daphney Magloire, Felix Jack, Pricilla Prevost and Roosevelt Haynes

NCC HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Pastor Desmond James was elected President of the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the 13th Session of that Conference. The session was staged at the Peter's Rest SDA Church from August 16 to 19, 2017.

Pastor James was President of the South Leeward Mission at the time of his recommendation by the nominating committee comprised of 14 persons and chaired by the President of the Caribbean Union Conference, Dr. Kern Tobias. He replaced Pastor Silton Browne who announced his retirement.



With the announced retirement of Pastor Brown, the buzz was in the air – Who will be the next president? It did not take the committee very long to return the name Desmond James to an eager and waiting constituency.

There are many great things one can say about the session but in the eyes of CARU Communication, the preaching, especially the sermons presented by Dr. Lowell Cooper, retired GC Vice President was phenomenal. He delivered his messages in a style and manner that spoke to the heart. He stuck to the theme, was profound with his illustrations, and allowed room for humour.

The theme song, words and music, written by Barbara-Gene Browne, was another of the highlights of the session. Both the melody and the words were, as we say in Caribbean parlance, were “catchy”, and the musicians played it skillfully.

Another major highlight was the praise and worship conducted by the praise team led by Chris Lansiquot-Adeen (if not the best then second to none in the North Caribbean Conference). They were sweet! Voices blended, hands were uplifted as hearts were uplifted, movement was worshipful, souls were evidently touched. The impact was great and magnetic for me in particular, so much so that some of the delegates and I stood after the closing of the service and participated with the “GIRLS OF MELODY”. It was not surprising to see so many cell phones out (including Dr. Cooper’s) recording the praise and worship.

The food was GOOD! Palatable and delicious! Those of us who were there from the Caribbean Union particularly enjoyed it and ensured we were there on time to be transported to breakfast and sped down the steps to get in the line for lunch.

Recorded at the Session was another change in the administration and two changes in the directorship. Pastor Wilmoth James was elected Executive Secretary and Ms. Sanida McKenzie was returned as treasurer. Dr. Henry Peters was returned as Personal Ministries, Sabbath School and Community Services Director, Dr. Vincent A. David was returned as Youth and Chaplaincy Director, Pastor Royston Philbert as Ministerial and Communication. Pastor Hesketh Matthew was elected as Stewardship Director and Sister Linda Ambrose as Women, Children and Adolescents Ministries Director. Pastor Wilmoth James was asked to serve as ADRA Director. The Education, Publishing, Family Life and Health Directors are yet to be announced.



Pastor Wilmoth James and Sanida McKenzie

NCC SESSION IN PICTURES



President James gives an approving smile as he stands with his wife Aline James of 25 years



Pastor Lowell Cooper, retired VP of the General Conference was passionate and profound with his sermons.

ELECTED AT SESSION TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS OF NCC



Sister Linda Ambrose Dr. Henry Peters Ps. Royston Philbert Ps. Hesketh Matthew Dr. Vincent A. David



NCC Praise team from St Croix led by Chris Lansiquot-Adeen - far right.

Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic in Re-opens



Far left Pastor Otis Browne, Far right Pastor Carl Hastings, at his left Pastor Kay White. Center Dr. Bukaris Anugerah and his family.

The Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic in St. Kitts closed its doors to the public in October 2016 after serving the community for more than thirty years. The clinic was well known throughout the island for its excellent and compassionate dental care. This unfortunate decision to close the dental clinic was made after the resident dentist Bob Wohlers and his wife Earlene returned to the United States at the end of their contract. The South Leeward Mission searched tirelessly to secure a new dentist but was unsuccessful. While the dental clinic remained closed clients waited with anticipation for its reopening.

In July 2017, the news that Dr. Bukaris Anugerah would serve as the dentist was an answer to prayer to the community. Dr. Anugerah, his wife Arpa and their son Aaron, arrived on the island on August 8, 2017. They were welcomed at the airport by the then President of the South Leeward Mission, Pastor Desmond James, Island Coordinator, Pastor Kay White, District Pastor, Carl Hastings, and Ministerial Intern, Pastor Otis Browne.

In preparation for its grand reopening, the dental clinic has been under renovation for the last three months. The entire structure was refurbished and new dental supplies and equipment were purchased. The new team of workers comprise Dr. Bukaris Anugerah, who is the CEO of the dental clinic, Mrs. Arpa Anugerah, the office Manager, Ms. Davina Slader, the receptionist, and Ms.

LaShera Evans, the dental assistant. Dr. Anugerah, originally from Indonesia, comes to St. Kitts with significant experience, outstanding organizational skills and a great vision for the success of the institution.

The newly renovated clinic officially opened on Monday, September 25, 2017 with a catchphrase, “50 for 50” spreading across the island. The clinic is providing 50% off dental cleaning and oral examinations for its first 50 patients. We solicit the prayers of the Caribbean Union as we continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the St. Kitts Seventh-day Adventist Dental Clinic. Ellen White states on page 515 of the book *Evangelism* that “the gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the word.”

By Pastor Kay White



First Patient- Shorna Jacobs- Martin with the doctor and dental assistant.

Two Hundred and Fourteen (214) Baptized in The Power in the Blood Gospel Extravaganza!

By Shaundel Phillips



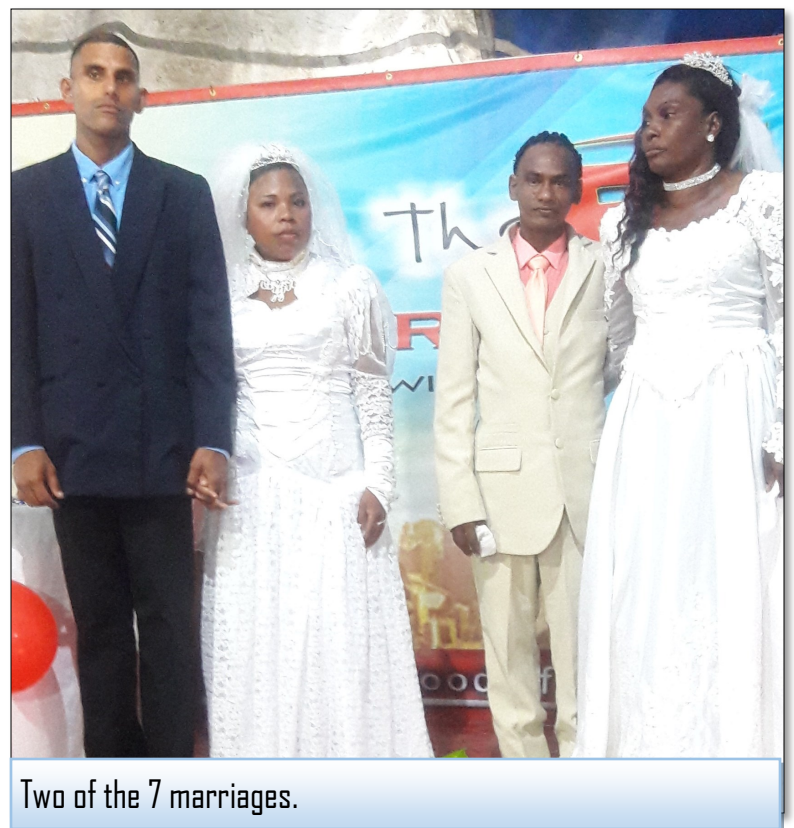
Pastors Glendon Hercules, Lester Periera, Mark Glasgow, Alfred Charles and Hansel Walker Join with evangelist Sherwin White in baptizing 5 of the 214 persons that were baptized.

It was indeed a manifestation of "The Power in the Blood". For five weeks, the community of New Amsterdam experienced a campaign that was ordained by our Heavenly Father and implemented a team of workers led by Pastor Sherwin A. E. White, who successfully executed the mandate bestowed by the Creator.

This year, 2017, marks twenty years since Pastor White accepted the Call of Christ and departed his home district to commence ministerial studies. How fitting was his return to team up with the believers to ransack the kingdom of darkness.

Every night of the "Power in the Blood" gospel extravaganza saw new persons coming to experience the "Blue and White Tent" and leaving transformed by the truths delivered by the evangelist. The messages were timely and catered to the needs of the diverse congregation providing direction for those who needed to be led back into the fold, those who were now being introduced to the Word of God, reminders for those who were living by His Word and encouragement for others to walk in the way of the Lord.

The Bible workers supported ably by Pastor White toiled tirelessly in the fields day by day through the sun and rain inviting all with whom they came into contact from the Upper East Bank to East Canje to be part of the experience. Transportation was provided for persons to travel from all the far-reaching areas to attend and to be transported home after the crusade. The overladen trucks leaving night after night with thirsty souls after the crusade bore testimony to the successes of the combined efforts nightly under the tent and daily in the fields.

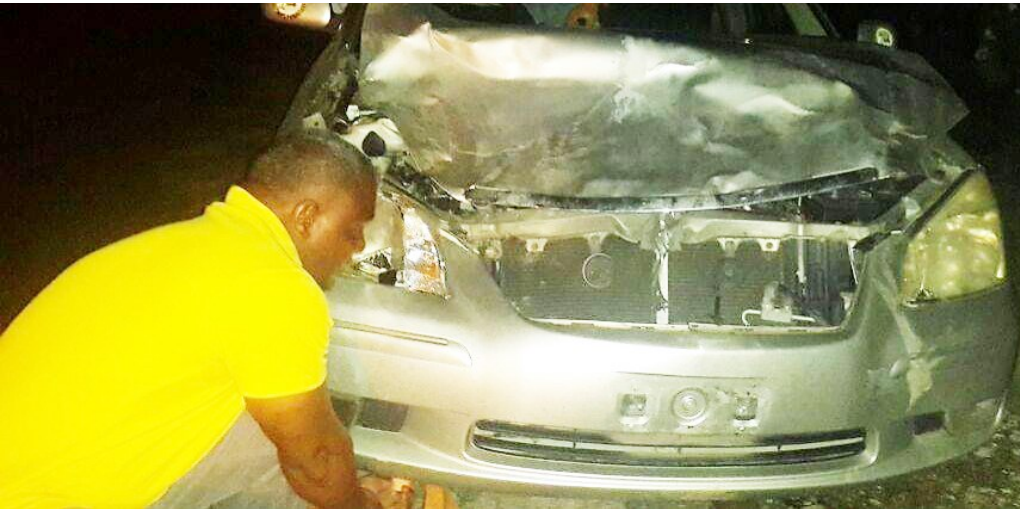


Two of the 7 marriages.

214 Baptized in The Power in the Blood Gospel Extravaganza!

An Assistant pastor of a thriving Pentecostal Ministry surrendered after being faced with the truth in the Adventist message. A self-proclaimed atheist was also baptized at the extravaganza. Other successes included the community outreach where over 50 bags of dry goods and clothing were distributed across the communities. Twenty students who will be commencing secondary school in September received sponsorship, which included school bags with supplies for school. Nine couples were married and gave their lives to God through baptism, thus inflicting upon the satanic kingdom a double punch.

But these successes almost never happened but for the saving grace of the Almighty, where indeed it was proven



By the mercies of God, Evangelist Sherwin White escaped unscathed from an accident, so he could continue to tell the good old gospel story.

President Avert James (as always) was part of the evangelistic activity.

that there is indeed power in the blood and the enemy is no match for our King. The life of our beloved Pastor Sherwin A. E. White was almost snuffed out in the height of the campaign. Despite extensive damage to his vehicle, God delivered Pastor White and another ministerial colleague unscathed. To God be the glory!

The void that will be left after such an awe-inspiring spiritual revival will need to be prayerfully managed as we wrestle not against flesh and blood.

HANDS INTERNATIONAL LENDING A HAND

The village of Sangre Grande became a buzz of unusual medical attention, as more than 1000 constituents during 2 full days in September became beneficiaries of free medical service and advice from health personnel of HANDS International, a Team of US Health and Medical Professionals. Led by Trinidad born Dr. Steve Agard these professionals and helpers included: General Physicians, Gynaecologists, Cardiologists, and Optometrists, Massage Therapists, to name a few. Indeed it was a service that very few could resist.



On the Sangre Grande SDA Church compound Volunteer Medical Professionals screen community members suffering from varied ailments.

Submitted by: Pastor Steve Riley



90th Anniversary



A happy moment. In Photo from l to r—Dr Saliba, Pastor Frederick, Dr Tobias and Pastor Brown at the 1st Sabbath of the 90th Anniversary

Eastern Caribbean Training College, Caribbean Training College, Caribbean Union College were the names of this prestigious learning institution that has shaped the lives of many persons across the Caribbean Union and abroad. The University of the Southern Caribbean, the name given since 2006, became nationally accredited, operating as a major national university.

The Caribbean Training College as it was then called was started in 1927. 2017 ushered in the 90th year of its establishment and this led to the celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the University of the Southern Caribbean.

The celebration began on Friday July 14th with a vesper service and ended on Sunday July 23rd with a dinner at the Hilton. The Sabbath saw two outstanding Alumni presenting the gospel message; Pastor George Bowne and Dr. David Williams.

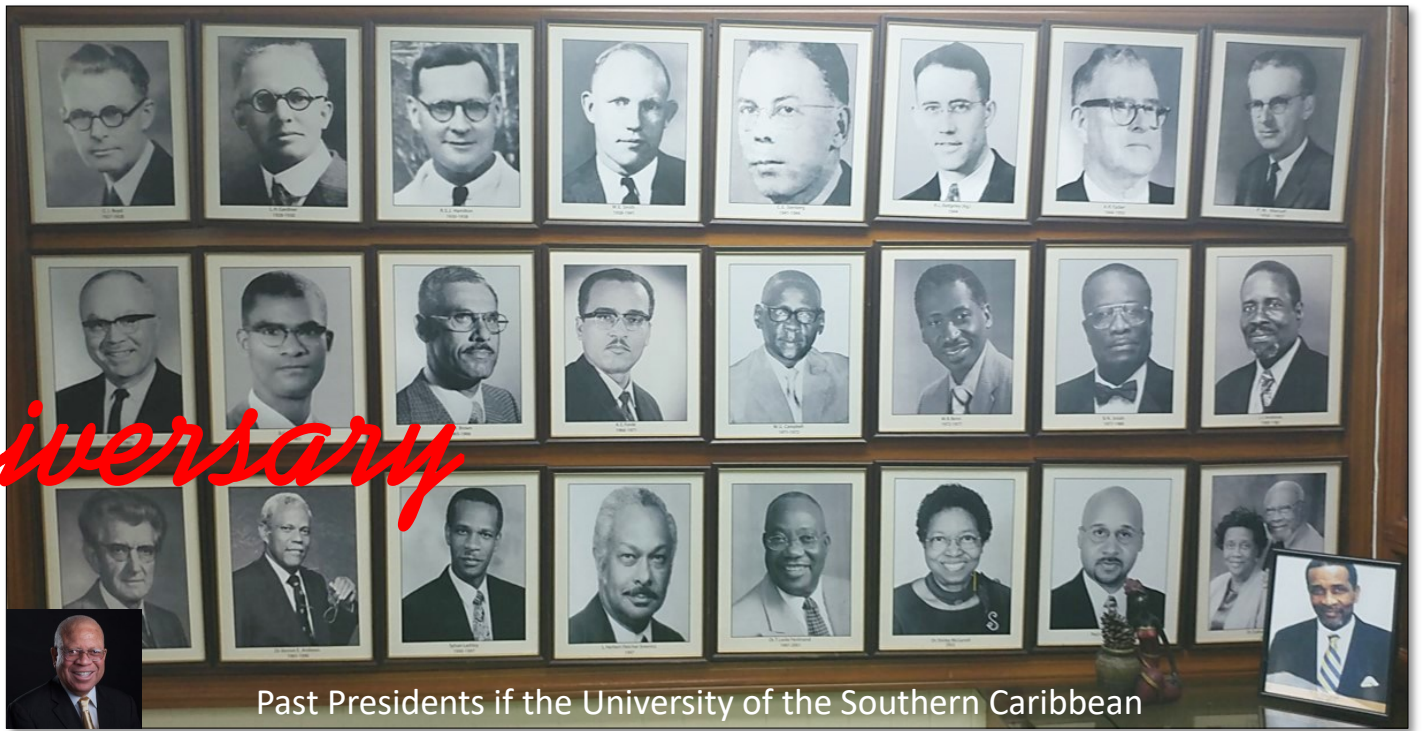
Dr. Phyllis Andrews, the chair of the organizing committee for the 90th Anniversary indicated that there were many good reviews of the 10 days' celebrations. She indicated that people generally enjoyed themselves despite a number of disturbing occurrences. The celebration activities included a grand social at Maracas Bay, a trip to the bird sanctuary, and a thanksgiving and history service with Dr. Glenn Phillips being the main speaker.



From l to r, Renis Gabriel, Pastor Ronald Daniel, VP Academic Administration, Wanda Chestney, Stacy Simmons-Roberts, Carla Copeland-Joseph



90th Anniversary



The car park was filled on Thursday July 20th, the event being the hosting of a big birthday party. Dr. Andrews commented that this was very enjoyable. She also reported that the turnout of alumni was outstanding and that most of them came from North America. There was also a faculty recognition dinner on Thursday 20th July where she believed that the best days during the celebration were the Sabbaths, where laughs, smiles, hugs and fellowship were the order of the two Sabbath days.

The University of the Southern Caribbean cradled in the bosom of the Maracas Valley is the home of over 3000 students. The University's academic offerings are organized into five schools namely: School of Theology and Religion, School of Business, Education and Humanities, Science Technology and Allied Health and School of Social Sciences. Dr. Hilary Bowman is the President of the University.



More than 90% of Pastors and Administrators in this photo are alumni of USC. (Photo taken at the end of ECC Session.)

PRESIDENT MAPP ON FIRE

How do you explain a president leaving the comforts of the office, returning to his village where he grew up, and preaching the word of God with soul-stirring and life-changing power? “It’s a Love Thing.” Pastor Toney Mapp, president of the Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, through the lenses of his own personal experience and testimony, declared the word of God under the 5,200 square feet Canvas Cathedral at Darryl Spring Tobago, under the theme “It’s a Love Thing”. Using a combination of family life concepts, personal testimony, and powerful salvific application, Pastor Mapp won 35 precious souls for the kingdom. The campaign would have positively impacted marital relationships and other interpersonal relationships in general. It is noteworthy that the number of men that gave their hearts to the Lord was significant, representing 46% of the candidates.

The event was a district crusade involving the three Churches of the Central District. Pastor Mapp continues to set the example in ministry with his humble, servant leadership, counselling focused style. May God continue to bless him and his wife, Mrs. Shirley Mapp, as they continue in Team Ministry for the kingdom.

For the year thus far the other major evangelistic events included the following: ASI Convention January 20th–28th with Jeffery Paul Harriotte – 12 baptisms; ASI Crusade May 6th to 20th with Christopher “Forerunner” Hudson of the United States – 23; Near North District Crusade in Mason Hall April 9th – May 6th with Pastor Richard Frederick – 19 Baptisms.

TOBAGO HEALTHSUMMIT 2017

The Health Summit 2017 hosted by the Tobago Mission of SDA from August 20th – 26th 2017 with the theme, “Touching Lives for Greater Health” was a resounding success and was ably supported by the Life and Health Board as well the Adventist Health Professionals Association (AHPA).

It was a summit with a difference commencing with an Expo and Extravaganza at the Market Square on August 20th with various health advocates displaying their health wares and promoting health including a variety of screening. (Continued on Pg. 19)

Submitted by: Lowell Ottley



President Toney Mapp, a graduate of the Class of 1995 from the University of the Southern Caribbean is serving his local field as President for his second term. He exclaimed the joy he felt being under the Evangelistic Tent again.



Tobago Mission President Toney Mapp and CARU Health Director Alexander Isaacs with Dr. Agatha Carrington- Division of Health, Wellness and Family, Tobago House of Assembly; Dr. Naomi Modeste - presenter; and Mrs. Miriam Caesar Moore - Health Director TM

The summit continued on August 21st at the Rovanel Resort and Conference Centre during with renowned presenters such as Dr. Hans Diehl, Dr. Hildemar Dos Santos, Dr. Naomi Modeste, Dr. Sandra Reid, Mrs. Esther Selman and Pastor Anthony Hall along with Eden Lifestyle and local presenters Mr. Wade Franklin and Mr. Ricardo Bobb.

The attendees of over 200 indicated that they benefitted tremendously and commended all the facilitators who presented on health issues including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, nutrition, wellness, physical fitness and mental health.

It is our hope that this would be replicated throughout the Caribbean Union and that God will continue to bless this arm of the Gospel message. The Tobago Mission of SDA thanks all who participated and would continue to promote healthy lifestyle choices.



From l to r—Dr. Hans Diehl, Dr. Ainsley Waldron, Mrs. Theresa Britto-Williams (nurse Tobago) and Mr. Dave Simon (mental health officer Tobago) were all part of the Health Summit. The 3 Tobagonians are members of the Tobago Health Professional Association.

Teachers in SVG Commissioned to the Teaching Ministry of the Church



From l to r Courine Forde, Janelia Bacchus and Janeal Ollivierre

By: Pastor Kerry Kerr

Three teachers from the Richland Park SDA Primary, Bequia SDA Primary and Bequia SDA Secondary Schools were commissioned to the Teaching Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at a very impressive service during a national convention held at the Arnos Vale Playing Field, St Vincent on Sabbath, September 09th 2017.

Courine Forde of the Richland Park Primary School began her teaching ministry at Bequia SDA Primary school in 1994. She was transferred to the Richland Park SDA Primary in September, 1997. She has taught at all grade levels within the primary school system with the exception of Grade 6. Her focus is not only on the academic success of her students but also on their spiritual welfare.

Janelia Bacchus commenced her teaching ministry at the Bequia SDA Primary in 2004 and took a break in 2007 to further her studies. In 2011, she resumed her teaching duties at the same school where she currently teaches Kindergarten and Grade 1. She strongly believes that Adventist Education should help students to enjoy a long, lasting relationship with the Lord.

Janeal Ollivierre taught at the Bequia SDA Secondary School from 2004 to 2007 and upon completion of her under-graduate degree resumed teaching at the said school in 2011. She boldly declares that she loves teaching as it gives her the opportunity to touch the lives of many young people on a daily basis.

Pr. Onesi La Fleur, Vice President of Student Development, and a former Education Director in the Guyana Conference, was the guest speaker for the service of commissioning. **The Caribbean Union's Education Director, Dr. Hilary Bowman was also present to charge the commissioned.**

Services of commissioning are designed to recognize teachers in a similar way ordination recognizes pastors. The credential is granted to teachers who have “shown a lifelong commitment to the ministry of Christian education; have at least six years of successful Adventist teaching experience; exhibit Christian responsibility for nurturing and leading students to Christ; consistently uphold Christ as the focal point of all curriculum and instruction; and demonstrate positive interpersonal relationships” (IAD Working Policy, p 97.)

IN THE OF THE DEVASTATION

The name 'Maria' will be re-Dominica. It will not be be- their daughters that name, but cane that destroyed most of the and bountiful country.

Dominicans woke up on the horror of a different place, an The challenge to respond to the leadership of the State but also Pastors Samuel Telemaque and American Division and Carib-ly, visited the island to provide and psychological support.

Dr. Colin Thorne and Pastor bean Conference visited Domi- fidence that was needed at that Dominica on October 15, the resilience and resourcefulness of the people were evident. The adults were busying themselves with their reconstruction and restoration and the children were enjoying their free time with exercise and exploration.

As I surveyed the territory, I was amazed at the sheer destructiveness of Maria. The entire flora was brutalized. Trees that were not stripped bare, were uprooted. God's wonderful creation was tarnished by demon-like winds. Buildings were totally or partially destroyed, and only those buildings with the requisite stability and strength were spared.



By: Dr. Kern Tobias

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morning of September 20 to the island that was completely defaced. devastation was not just for the for the leadership of the Church. Ashton O'Neil from the Inter- bean Union Conference respective- economic, emotional, spiritual,

Dale Haynes from the East Carib- nica to convey the comfort and con- time. By the time I was able to visit



Photo at top shows Sister Prevost and Pastor Morancie with the distribution team at the Salisbury SDA Church. Photo below shows the devastation of the Roseau SDA Church after the passing of Maria.

Among those buildings that were spared were a few of our church buildings, some public buildings, buildings of other religious organizations, private houses, and as a testament of the ADRA's quest to achieve quality, the three multipurpose buildings that were erected recently, were unscathed.

The local, regional, and international arms of the church have been very proactive and the immediate and ultimate resourcing and rebuilding processes are already activated. For instance, the Salisbury SDA Church is the center for the distribution of the supplies that are donated by the caring donors. The operation there was well organized and effectively executed. Sister Pricilla Prevost and her team must be highly commended.

A taskforce comprising of church leaders and skills persons has been formed to champion the rebuilding of homes and churches in the various communities. My visit to Dominica gave me a bird's eye view of the awful reality there. However, I am comforted by the assurance that God will never take His eyes off His children.



Task force meeting at the Dublanc SDA Church

Isaiah affirms, "Sing, O heavens! Be joyful O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you" (49: 13-15 NKJV). **DOMINICA, THOUGH DEVASTATED, WILL DOMINATE AGAIN!**



The Grenada Mission sent relief to Dominica via a 20 foot Container. President Dr. Clinton Lewis poses with a smile of approval before closing the container.

TAKEN FROM PASTOR KIRK THOMAS' FACEBOOK PAGE

Hooray! Praise the Lord family, friends and brethren! We have now finished packing a 45 foot container bound for the Island of Dominica. Let me say thanks to Sister Elsie staple and the team at the Willesden SDA Church for leading this initiative; Sister Florence Allen and UGAG; The Trans-European Division; BUC; SEC; the North Wembley SDA Church team; the West Kilburn SDA Church team; the South Hall SDA Church team; Pastors Wilfred Blake, Kwesi Moore, Sophia Pert and Mike Hamilton; Bro. Murray and team that cooked and provided refreshments; community members who helped and the countless others who volunteered most of their day to help. On behalf of the people of Dominica I say a massive thank you. God has taken note and will bless you.



Pastor Kirk Thomas PM Director of the TUD also a son of the Caribbean Union stands with some of the helpers and contributors of the 45 foot container sent to Dominica.

SLM ADVENTIST COMMUNITY MOVES INTO ACTION



The company ONDECK Antigua volunteered their vessel "Spirit of Juno" to carry relief items from the Adventist Community in Antigua to Dominica free of charge.

ADRA TT SENDS 2.5 MILLION IN SUPPLIES TO DOMINICA



ADRA Director SCC, Pastor Immanuel Peters assists in packing barrels for Dominica



Elder...in delight shows the contribution he and his family is making to aid the brethren in Dominica.

BRIDGETOWN SDA SCHOOL STUDENT EXCELS

Similar to scores of other notable singers, Tia started her singing at home. Then, upon entering primary school she began singing in a more formal way as she participated in the choir at the Bridgetown SDA Primary school and at her church, the Grape Hall SDA church. Her musical development experienced a major shift, however, when she placed 1st in the Biennial Schools' Music Festival hosted by the Barbados Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation. The festival was held between January and March, 2017.

Timid, impressionable and apprehensive (Tia), she was unsure as to whether she wanted to register for the solo category of the festival. It took healthy amounts of coaxing and encouragement from her mother Mrs. Renee Corbin, and her music teacher Dr. Eldon Blackman, for her to settle into the idea of participating in the music festival. Once Tia decided that she would participate, it was 'forward ever, backward never'. Yes, she still had nervous moments along the way, but with prayer and support from her family, she tried, improved and achieved (Tia). Having cemented her spot in the semi-finals of the festival with her presentation of Via Dolorosa, made popular by Sandi Patty, she stepped into the finals and ultimately the winners' row with her presentation of That Name, made popular by Yolanda Adams.

Now that the music festival is in her rear view mirror and as she begins the 4th form leg of her student career, Tia turns her attention, in a more focused way, towards being successful in her Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) classes at the Barbados SDA Secondary School. However, her focus on her academic success has not pushed her music development aside. Included in her prizes was a year of vocal training with one of Barbados' premier vocal coaches, Ms. Norma Bowen, a solo performance with the Barbados National Youth Orchestra and the opportunity to record an original composition.

What is to be noted is that through her training at home and the support of her mother, Tia has made a conscious decision to use her talent solely in the service of her Lord

and Saviour. Although she is considering pursuing a full time career that combines law and psychology, she plans to keep her musical life alive. Never one to boast of her accomplishments or her abilities, Tia remains humble and willing to be used by God however He sees fit. We wish her all the best in her endeavors.

By Dr. Eldon Blackman



Tia and her music teacher Dr. Blackman



AFTER 50+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Cecil Iroa Cummins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Lamonte Cummins was born December 22nd 1947 at Leslie, Castries, St Lucia. His parents, residents of Barbados, served as missionaries in St Lucia.

His teaching career began at the Turner's Hall Primary School and Hillaby Mixed School respectively from 1964 to 1966. He joined the staff at the Barbados SDA Secondary School from 1966 until his retirement

During his tenure at the Barbados SDA Secondary School he served as a teacher of History and Physical Education. He headed the Arts and General Studies Department, functioned as Business Manager, Deputy Principal and Principal in 2003.

Dr. Cummins pursued post graduate studies in Education at the UWI Cave Hill Campus, West Indies College now NCU and Andrews University where he graduated with a M.A, ED.S and Ph.D respectively. At the tertiary level Dr. Cummins was a lecturer in the USC Certification Programme in Barbados, St Vincent and Dominica. He was the local supervisor and Tutor, Distance Education Centre, U.W.I. Cave Hill. He served as a lecturer in Education Management and Supervision in the Certificate in Education Programme at Erdiston Teacher's Training College.

In addition to his educational achievements he served his church in various aspects. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the East Caribbean Conference of SDA, First Elder of the Belleplaine SDA Church, he was founding Elder of the Welchman Hall and Mount Zion SDA churches respectively and is currently the First Elder of his home church, The Mount Hillaby SDA Church.

He is married to the former Annette Peterin, a retired

During his tenure at the Barbados SDA Secondary School he served as a teacher of History and Physical Education. He headed the Arts and General Studies Department, functioned as Business Manager, Deputy Principal and Principal in 2003.



Dr. Cecil Cummins

Public School Teacher of Home Economics. They are the parents of 3 adult children, Ryan, Managing/ Director of Fulcrum Medical Laboratory, Florida; Neil, social Worker in Chicago and Shane, Regional Manager, Royal Bank, Barbados.

CALLED TO THE BAR



LeRosie T. Rose-Ann Richardson was called to the bar on Tuesday 24th October 2017. She is the daughter of two of the most faithful SDA parents I have ever met; Rosie and Leroy (Thom) Richardson. Her parents are Community Services Director and Head Deacon of the Kingstown SDA Church respectively. She said this of her parents in her maiden speech. "I am most grateful to my parents, Leroy and Rosemarie Richardson, who have always been a tower of strength and support for me. It was my parents who always reminded me that although we were not as fortunate as others, I could achieve anything.

The success story of another young lawyer, Jason Haynes will be covered in the next edition of the Gleanings.



NEW DEAN OF MEN AT TIMOTHY S. GREAVES HALL



Dean Mc Pherson welcomed to the job by VP Onesi Lafleur

There were many noble men who served the University as Dean of Men: Hillman St Brice, Elroy Ogarro, Leon Phillip, Carl Spencer, Jansen Trotman, Cleophas J. Quashie, just to name a few. Of this list, some have retired, one is deceased, and many are out there still active in the master's service.

The new dean has created history by being the youngest Dean of Men on the campus. He is in charge of the Timothy S. Greaves hall.

With just 6 years of ministry under his belt, the smiling Dean is ready for the job. Among a field of 12 applicants he was the successful one and has been working with the 109 men in the dorm for just over a month.

Interestingly, he was one of our 15 "centurians" of district pastors in 2016 baptizing 101 persons to the glory of God. Pastor Mark McPherson who last served the Guyana Conference in the Bartica/Essequibo District of 8 churches is married to the adorable Janel Mc Pherson and they are the parents of 3-year-old Jomeri.

CARU Communication sat with him and he gleefully summited that in his new job there are elements of pastoral ministry: "Praying with the men and advising them in biblical matters." When asked if it were a difficult decision to give up the pastorate in Guyana, Pastor

McPherson said, "It was! At first I thought it would not have been that difficult, but our greatest difficulty was to leave home and family, adapting to a new culture."

Dean McPherson is looking forward to beginning his Masters program. His plan is to work in the office of the Dean of Men at Timothy S. Greaves for a minimum of 6 years. He was welcomed on the job by his immediate boss, Grace Jacott, Director of Resident life and Student Housing, and Onesi Lafleur, the Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management.



Annette Allen is the New Principal at the Barbados Secondary School. She replaced Dr. Cecil Cummins who retired after 50 years of service. See full story next Gleanings.

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WINDOWS TO INVESTMENTS

A presentation of the CARU Revolving Fund (CURF)

Q. What Is The Caribbean Union Revolving Fund? (CURF)

A. The C.U.R.F. is a financial program operated by the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is designed to benefit our churches and institutions through investment opportunities and loan availability.

Q. What Is The Philosophy Of C.U.R.F.

A. The C.U.R.F. is similar to the pooled income fund concept. Churches and institutions invest their monies at competitive interest rates. This investment assists in making capital available for loans to build churches, health/educational facilities and other denominational institutions. It also helps to advance the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Caribbean Union.

Q. How Much do You Need to Start Your Investment in CURF?

A. Churches/Institutions investing in the C.U.R.F. must start with a minimum deposit of one thousand United States Dollars (\$1,000.00US) or it's equivalent based on your territory.

Q. Can You Continue to Add to The Initial Investment?

A. YES! Investors are encouraged to add to their initial investment in the following ways: (1) Periodic Lump-sum deposits or (2) Small monthly/quarterly deposits.

Q. Can I Withdraw From C.U.R.F. Before the Date of Maturity of My Investment?

A. Yes! Investors are encouraged to allow their deposits to grow and multiply by reinvesting mature investments. However if it becomes necessary to withdraw from the fund before the maturity date, investors will be permitted to do so.

Q. What is the Penalty for Withdrawing From C.U.R.F. Before the Date Of Maturity?

A. Investors are encouraged to allow their investments to grow and multiply by reinvesting mature investments. However if it becomes necessary to withdraw from the fund before the maturity date the penalty will be the deduction of the interest for the last three months.

Q. How Is Interest Calculated In The C.U.R.F?

A. Interest in the C.U.R.F. is calculated on the basis of compound interest and is reported on a quarterly basis. (continued on Pg. 27)



Elder Joel Hazelwood MBA, Associate Treasurer of CARU is the CURF Director.



Community Hospital—Trinidad. A CURF funded project. Inset is Dr. Richard Spann Administrator of the Hospital.

Q. What Interest Rate is the C.U.R.F. Offering Investors?

A. The CURF will always be offering an interest rate that is competitive with the present financial market.

Presently (2017) the interest rate offered to investors is 4% per annum, at compound interest.

The interest rate offered to borrowers is presently 7.5% per annum, on a reducing balance.

Q. Where is the C.U.R.F. Investing its Income to Ensure its Viability?

A. While we may have to invest some capital in the external market to ensure the payment of interest to investors, the Board of Directors is very careful to invest in operations that reflect the high moral standards of the Church.



Q. Where Is C.U.R.F. Making Investments To Ensure Its Ability To Pay Interest?

A. Let us not lose sight of the main purpose of the fund. The fund was designed to build a financial capital in the Caribbean Union. It will provide a fair interest to investors while making loans available to churches and institutions at low interest rates, thus building up the kingdom of God.

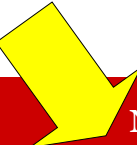
Q. How Can the Local Church Become an Investor in the CURF

A. The leadership of the local Church must contact the office of the local Conference or Mission who will guide them accordingly.

Q. Who are the managers of the CURF?

A. The Revolving Fund is managed by a thirteen-member board of directors elected by the Caribbean Union Conference Executive Committee to serve for three years. These individuals are chosen from across the Caribbean Union territory, and are qualified and competent in the various specialties necessary for the efficient management of the Fund. The present members of the board are as follows:

Elder Bertie Henry, Chairperson, Treasurer of the Caribbean Union Conference; Pastor Johnson Frederick, Vice Chairperson, Executive Secretary of the Caribbean Union Conference; Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union Conference; Peter Whitehall, Economist, Deputy Director – Barbados Central Bank, Chairman of the Investment Committee, Chairman of the Island Development Council of the SDA Churches in Barbados; Elder Joel Hazelwood, Secretary, Director of the CURF; Mahase Ragoonath, Entrepreneur, Businessman; Hadyen Gadsby, Corporate attorney; J.D. Sellier & Co., The Fund’s legal counsel; Brian Jones, Vice President for Marketing of Mega Insurance; Sharon St. Hilaire - Neverson, Corporate Banker at Royal Bank of Trinidad and Tobago; Teel-baney Singh, Revolving Fund coordinator of the South Caribbean Conference; Don Gonzales, Internal Auditor, Atlantic LPG; Zita Lewis; and Gandadal Samlalsingh, Stewardship, Planned Giving and Trust Director, Caribbean Union Conference. There are also two Revolving Fund coordinators of all the fields of the Caribbean Union Conference on a rotating basis.



NB. Your participation provides you with the greatest opportunity to make a significant difference in the growth and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Caribbean Union territory. It is a win-win deal! The rates of return on your money are greater than what you can get from most commercial banks and extremely competitive with other financial institutions. You will also have the personal satisfaction of knowing that the money is used to advance the mission of the church and to build better churches, universities, hospitals and other institutions, in the shortest possible time.

Brief History of the Barbuda SDA Church

The Advent message in Barbuda was first proclaimed in 1955 by Irisdeen Francis a Bible Worker from Barbados who served as the lone Bible worker in Barbuda. Between the years 1956 to 1962 the work was left vacant.

It was in the year 1963 from Antigua were stationed the principal of the Holy King along with his family souls to Christ, and it went message took work and dedication the established with these Harris, Irisdeen Francis, John Hopkins and no physical church normally conducted at the



Dr. Kern Tobias with some of the members of the Barbuda SDA Family. Pastor Prince Harris and his family are standing at the left of Dr. Tobias

that Cardinal King and family tioned in Barbuda to serve as Trinity Primary School. Mr. King had a passion for leading and it was at this time that the advent message took flight. Through their hard work the first Sabbath school was established with a score of members namely, Mable Cardinal and Sylvanie King, Ivey Josiah. Since there was no physical church, worship was normally conducted at the King's residence.

In 1965 the Kings returned to Antigua and Gladwin Harris continued the work. As a result of their dedication three persons were baptized in All Saints in Antigua by Pastor Premdas.

In January of 1980, the executive committee of the Youth association of district one comprising of the churches St. Johns, Potters, Pigotts, New Winthropes and Cedar Grove along with the evangelism secretary Bro. Easton O'Garro, recommended that an evangelistic campaign be planned for Barbuda with the intention of establishing a church on the island. Bro O'Garro and a group of young people went to Barbuda in late July of 1980, pitched a tent, and conducted a few weeks of nightly evangelistic meetings. As a result of their labor of love, six precious souls were added to the church.

Consequently, a company was started and the members met in the Society Building until they were able to build a church. Brother Norman Beazer was charged with the responsibility of leading the new company.

In 1986 the members in Barbuda finally got a dedicated sanctuary for worship. It was dedicated under the leadership of Pastor B.N. Josiah of the North Caribbean Conference.

The Barbuda S.D.A church continued to be the beacon on the small island of Barbuda proclaiming the everlasting gospel.

Submitted by: Dr. Mark Brathwaite

Barbuda SDA Church membership information:

1. Total Membership: 58 members
2. Active membership: 39 members
3. Inactive membership: 19 members

Barbuda SDA Church before and after the Hurricane

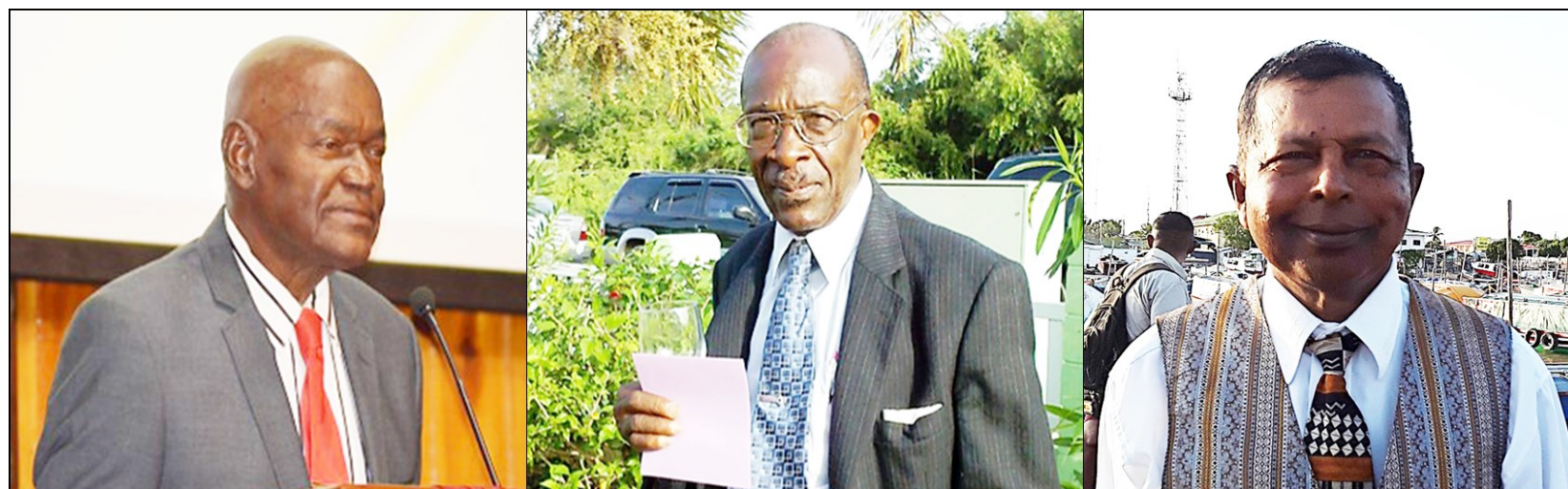


LONGEST SERVING ELDERS OF THE CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE



A fine group of long serving elders was prepared and from the Joseph Griffin, who has been serving as an elder for the past 59 years was selected to represent the Caribbean Union at the Inter-American Division's program. The Ministerial Department continues to congratulate and appreciate the service of these distinguished gentlemen.

From the Desk of the Family Life and Ministerial Director



From l to r - Elders Joseph Griffin, Lennie E. Josiah and Mohabir Ramchandar

Joseph Griffin was ordained as an elder in 1958 and the now 83 year old, has been serving for the past 59 years. He presently serves as an elder at the Shiloh SDA Church on St. Thomas, North Caribbean Conference.

Bro. Griffin is known as the Elder's Elder, and has supported and worked in many evangelistic crusades on the island.

His greatest desire is to see Jesus for himself; and whether his days be many or few, he will continue to serve the Lord to the best of his ability.

Lennie E. Josiah of Old Road, Antigua and Barbuda is the longest serving elder in South Leeward Mission. He was born on June 21, 1937 and in 1958, at age 21 he was elected as an elder where he has served diligently and faithfully for the past 58 years. He has developed a passion for the work of God and over the years has become an effective teacher of the word of God.

Mohabir Ramchandar, together with his family was baptized and subsequently accepted into the mem-

bership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on 30th September 1968.

He was elected "Elder-in-training" in 1970, a role which he viewed as "absolute service to God". He was ordained as Elder in 1972 by Pastor Hilton Garnett, a former president of the Guyana Conference. Elder Mohabir served as Head Elder for 47 years, and today, he still serves his church as Elder – providing guidance and mentorship to younger Elders.

Arthur McKnight was born on March 17, 1934, and grew up as a Catholic until at the age of twenty-five he was baptized on June 26, 1959. McKnight, was the first in his family to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Arthur has held every office in the local church at Newlands, and has always had a passion, seeking to use his giftedness to advance God's cause. At the age of eighty-two he still functions as an Elder at the Newlands Church, and is well respected in the area. He sees it as a privilege to be a part of this great work in proclaiming God's word.

WOMENS MINISTERIES ACTIVITIES

One Outstanding Community focused activity of this department is the Abuse Prevention Day known as the “END-IT-NOW” day. This day is observed annually on the last Sabbath of August. This year the women of the church took the opportunity to partner with other Ministries to declare publicly that “ADVENTISTS SAY NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE”. (continued below)



From the Desk of the Women, Children and Adolescents Director CARU

Another new, invaluable and practical tool for ministering to women is the Emotional Wellness Program entitled “Thinking Well, Living Well”. Some of our fields have already conducted the seminars and participants have testified of its potency. The pictures coming out of South Leeward Mission give you an idea of the scope of this resource.

The “GIRLS OF EXCELLENCE AND MORAL STANDARDS” program is gaining momentum in the fields around the Union. In Grenada, over 150 young ladies ages 13 to 18 years, gathered at the Mt. Rose SDA School for a weekend retreat from July 21st to 23rd. Our young ladies are truly the “GEMS of God’s heart”. let us cherish them.



Women's Ministries Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day was observed by many churches on Aug. 26th. A joint contingent participated in an "End-it-Now" march through the streets of Linden, Guyana.

CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MINISTRY

The Grenada Conference held its first National Scriptural Elocution program. Children from the age of 3 years to 15 years were challenged to memorize specific passages of scripture. One hundred and seventy eight children and adolescents participated in the finals. Each participant received a certificate of participation and a gift. “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22: 6.).

The Vacation Bible School is a traditional summer activity in our churches and has been used successfully over the years. Many churches have invested in this endeavour, thus raising the quality and effectiveness of this ministry initiative. Featured in this article are some of the innovative programs from the Guyana Conference and the South Caribbean Conference.



Couples Retreat 2017 in Isadou

This year the Family Life Department of the Suriname Mission organized a Couples Retreat in the Interior in one of its beautiful and exotic resorts named ISADOU.

This trip over land and water was patronized by more than 20 couples who were all blessed by the wisdom and experience provided by God through Dr. Carson Green and his lovely wife. Traveling to the Isadou resort is approximately 150 km on land and about 30 to 45 minutes over water. The President of the Suriname Mission who also functions as the Family Life Director, reported that the couples had a very exciting and adventurous time on this trip and are looking forward to the next retreat.

The Family Life Director also stated that Dr. Green was at his best during this retreat when he gave presentations about love phases, intimacy, core values, forgiveness etc. to the couples. There were also some lively discussions on how marriages can still survive through difficult times. He is counting on all these couples to use every tool given to make their marriages exceptional through the strength given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Sergio Pollard



President of the Suriname Mission, Pastor Edward Blackman and Dr. Carson Greene from the SLM one of the presenters at the retreat.

FOUNDATION BENEFITS FROM INGATHERING FUNDS



PM Director of the Suriname Mission, Pastor Felix Boyce handing over the donation for the Kennedy Foundation. The Kennedy Foundation deals with handicapped Children in Suriname and was chosen by the Church to be the recipient of the Ingathering contribution in 2017.

JOINT COMMUNITY SERVICES RETREAT



Participants at the retreat held at the Mountain View Adventist Academy

On Aug 11-18 the Grenada Conference and the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission held a joint community services retreat at the Mountain View Adventist Academy, St. Vincent under the theme: Transformed to Serve. Over eighty persons from Grenada joined their counterparts in St. Vincent for a week long spiritual renewal and fellowship. In attendance were Pastor Ashton O’Neil, the Caribbean Union Community Services director, Pastor Ian Williams, Community Services director of SVG Mission, Dr. Mario Phillip, Community Services director, Grenada Conference, Pastor Henry Snagg, executive secretary of the SVG Mission, several local directors and pastors of the SVG Mission. The devotional and feature presenter was Pastor Nieve George, Chaplain of the Ad

ventist Community Hospital, Trinidad. His devotionals and empowerment sessions carried the attendees into the throne room of God. Many have attested to the transformation that began in their lives as a result. The week was filled with lectures and opportunities for fellowship and recreation. The attendees embarked on community visits, and also engaged in evangelistic endeavors. One noteworthy experience was the clearing of a drain en route to the school that was blocked for nearly 18 years. The residents and parliamentary representative of the area expressed their appreciation to the community services members for successfully clearing the waterway. The members all left the retreat revived, motivated, and most importantly, Transformed to Serve.

By: Dr. Mario Phillip—Communication Director

The ladies who run things!!



Field Treasurers from Left to right— Krysta, Kerene, Allena, Sanida, Vanessa, Rosemarie and Valrica

A FAITH PROJECT: MISSION BOAT FOR SERVICE

The Bartica Essequibo District of Seventh-day Adventists is comprised of eight (8) congregations, five of which are accessible by boat. This posed a number of challenges for members and leaders. There was inadequate transportation to take persons to programs such as conventions, members were often late for worship, and most of all, the gospel could not be readily taken to other riverian communities.



Submitted by: Pastor Mark McPherson,

The District Elders Council saw the need to venture out in a *Faith Project*, the building of a district speedboat. Though it hadn't the financial strength, the council held fast to Paul's counsel in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." This vision was shared with the entire district and together the members and leaders prayed, embracing our district theme for the year, "Praying times for praying people".

With enthusiasm and unwavering perseverance, the council moved forward with the building of a 7ft x 21ft shed boat. This effort taught us many lessons among which is; "You will never loose when you join your sincere effort with God's awesome power." Members contributed their all - monies, effort, time, and dedication. In the end the boat was completed.

Now, an engine was needed to power the vessel. Again God worked on the hearts of his people and we received a monetary gift that was sufficient to purchase a 225 HP engine. Sadly, the donor of this very generous gift died before the conclusion of the project. We pray that God's blessings remain with this family as they continue to trust Him. This vessel, "Second Advent" was dedicated by Pastor Richard Avert James, President of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on 12th February, 2017 at the Kartabo SDA Church. We extend special thanks to God, and the leaders and members of the Bartica Essequibo District for making this Faith Project, "Second Advent", a reality and a testimony. Indeed, God is able!

Reynold Philip, a native of Dominica has made a significant contribution to the life of the Seventh-day Adventist church on St. Croix. Reynold is an ordained elder and presently serves as First Elder of the Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is a gifted leader who carries a good name both inside and outside the church. He has served his church as lay evangelist, baptizing souls and influencing his friends to join the church. He spends time coaching sports teams and individuals for the better. Elder Reynold Philip was recognized at the last session of the North Caribbean Conference as a Missionary Ambassador.



130 YEARS; 130 BOOKS

Submitted by: Barbara Savory



Seen in the photograph of the presentation of the book to Ms. Emily King are CARU Administrators; Executive Secretary Guyana Conference, Exton Clarke; President Dermoth Baptiste SVG Mission; Dr Hilary Bowman Education Director and President USC; Presidents Mapp and Francis (partly hidden); and staff of the Library.

It is 130 years since the Adventist Church has been established in Guyana, and the conference collaborated with the Caribbean Union headquarters to make a donation of 130 books to the National Library in continued efforts to positively impact society. Valuing GY\$144,000, the publications were presented to Ms Emily King, Chief Librarian, as a part of activities that were planned to mark the conference's anniversary celebrations.

The executive committee of the Caribbean Union had convened this year's mid-year meetings in Guyana in honour of this signal juncture in the history of Adventism in the country. It was during this time that the donations were made. President of the Union, Dr Kern Tobias, made the presentation on June 1 while noting that the gesture is evidence of the potency of the Church.

The publications span areas such as health, family life, religion, and moral guidance while catering for children, youth, and adult audiences. Secretary of the conference, Pastor Exton Clarke, expressed that, "We trust ... these books of various subjects will be used in a way to bring light, knowledge and encouragement to the people of our country. ... We believe that reading and information is one of the things that will help people to make better decisions [and] the 130 books will bring light and knowledge and increase the capacity, particularly of the young people to make intelligent decisions."

Undoubtedly, the initiative puts another spin on the concept of being lights upon a hill; for our books certainly reach corners and spread light in a way that is sometimes never achieved through personal contact.

In her response to the gesture, Ms King remarked, "We hope that our users would appreciate and put to good use the materials you have donated."

JUBILEE CELEBRANTS

By: Steve Riley



The Cleveland Temple SDA Church located in Belmont, Port of Spain celebrated its 50th anniversary since its inception in 1967. This congregation came into being as a result of the largest evangelistic crusade conducted in the twin island at the time by the late E. E. Cleveland who served in the General Conference Ministerial Association and from whom the church derived its name. Key note speakers for this five-day celebration which took place on the compound May 3-7, included former pastors, Wayne Sampson, Robert Liverpool and President Leslie Moses (currently serving as Conference President). Specially invited for the occasion was former Union President, Dr. Peter J. Prime.

Dr. Peter J. Prime



Pastor Steve Riley, Pastor Mt. D'Or SDA

Also joining the Jubilee celebrants was the Mt. D'Or SDA Church which had its humble beginnings in 1967 under the roof of one of its ardent and revered pioneers, Wellington Franklin (now deceased). During the celebration the church was pleased to honour his 95 year old wife, Eliza Franklin, who currently resides in the very house on Fourth Drive, Mt D'Or Road where the church had its inception. It should be noted Silk Cotton Drive (as it is otherwise called) is also the very street on which the current pastor, Steve Riley grew up and currently resides. Pastor Riley also enjoyed his very own Jubilee celebration earlier in February of this year.

He, together with former Assistant Pastor, Dr. James Yansen and President Leslie Moses completed the cadre of speakers for this gala occasion under the theme, Commemorating the Past, Celebrating the Present and Contemplating the Future.



Part of the large crowd that attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Pastors Andy Manzano and Robert Liverpool were in attendance as well. Dr. Robert Liverpool served as a Pastor at the Cleveland Temple SDA Church.

IN THE EYE OF THE DEVASTATION IN THE NORTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE



Pastor Alexander Isaacs, MPH, MCHES
ADRA and Health Director CARU

Irma, a category five hurricane and considered the most powerful hurricane ever to be recorded over the Atlantic Ocean, made landfall on north-east Caribbean islands during the early hours of 6 September, 2017, causing catastrophic damage in Barbuda, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, St. Martin, the United States Virgin Islands, and other islands in the Eastern Caribbean Sea.

On the morning, after Irma's passage, residents in the affected islands woke up to the stark realities of the damage that she had caused. Many house roofs were blown off or severely damaged; several SDA Churches lost their roofs or were otherwise demolished or severely damaged; the majority of our SDA schools were severely damaged (in many cases destruction of roofing and, to a lesser extent, structural damage); Community centres and government buildings were destroyed; vehicles were upturned and smashed against one another destroying windshields, doors, windows, bumpers and other vehicular parts. Yachts were upturned and transported from one location and dumped in another. Trees were stripped of their barks and leaves, uprooted, and flung in different directions. In the aftermath of the hurricane, only debarked trees that were stripped of their leaves remained standing in whatever forests were to be found on the islands; electricity was knocked out in most of the islands and there is no guarantee that regular electricity

services will be restored soon. Some islands will have to wait for longer periods before electricity is restored. The regular water supply was interrupted on most islands; airports became inoperable; roads were made impassable due to debris and fallen trees; flooding was pervasive in many islands and covered large areas.

Following on the heels of Irma was another category five hurricane -Maria. Maria also caused major damage on the island of St Croix as well as other islands previously affected by Hurricane Irma. Like Irma, Maria knocked out electricity and Internet services. The three SDA schools on the island of St Croix suffered major damage. The roof of the SDA School on the island of St. Thomas was also severely damaged rendering the school uninhabitable.

On the island of Tortola, five hundred (500) families received food hampers through ADRA. ADRA is currently partnering with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and some other NGO's to provide food vouchers, treated mosquito nets, tarpaulins, hygiene kits, and an Education Support Response program for school children between ages 3 to 8 who are out of school because of severe damage caused to school buildings.

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Bishop Mario and his team of Volunteers



On Friday September 28, 2017 the Grenada Conference of SDA shipped a forty foot container destined for the hurricane ravaged Tortola. The container was packed with relief items covering a wide variety of commodities. The container arrives in Tortola on Tuesday Oct 3

In St Maarten, the response has been the provision of hot meals on a daily basis to more than 375 residents on the island. The North Caribbean Conference also provided food supplies and water to the islands within their territory that were affected by Hurricane Irma.

In Anguilla, ADRA provided 500 families with food hampers and there are plans to start a hot meal program in one or two of our churches on the island.

The newly elected officers of the North Caribbean Conference - Pastor Desmond James (President), Pastor Wilmoth James (Secretary), and Sis Sanida McKenzie (Treasurer), accompanied by the Caribbean Union ADRA Director, recently visited the affected islands. During their visit, they got a first-hand view of the situation on the ground, implemented or consolidated ongoing relief activities, pledged further relief/support, and encouraged the SDA membership to remain strong in these challenging situations.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church and its relief arm, ADRA, deem it a privilege to be meaningfully involved in the relief activities in the affected islands of the Caribbean Union Conference in the wake of hurricanes Irma and Maria.



The ADRA team with CARU ADRA Director, Alexander Isaacs, Pastor Vashni Cuvalay Pastor on St Maarten and the Administration of the North Caribbean Conference during their visit to the island after the passing of the storm that ravaged the beautiful tourist destination of St Maarten.



Portable toilets and water tank donated by ADRA to the Government and people of Tortola. Tortola has an SDA membership of some 1600 worshipping in 7 congregations. Pictured here are the Administration of NCC and CARU ADRA Director.

CARU CENTURIANS IN 2017

CARU has set an evangelistic record this year with 6 of its outstanding Evangelists baptizing over 100 persons. Leading the way is Pastor Marvin Smith with 248 baptisms followed by Pastor Sherwin White with 214. Pastors Matison Preville, Roger Stephen, Inskip Richards and Claudius Morgan baptized over 100 persons. The stage is set for many more of our young evangelists to taste evangelistic success. The Evangelism Council is extremely delighted about this feat and congratulates the “centurians” who will be recognized at the Evangelism Council Meeting November 5th 2017.



Pastor Smith, Youth Director of the Guyana Conference, preaching up a storm at the Evangelism Summit held in Balandra Trinidad 2016

ERIC FEBUARY: THE STUDENT WHO ACHIEVED 20 PASSES AT CSEC

*By: Pastor Terry John
VP for Spiritual Dev. USC*

Beyond Excellence toward the Light! In September 2016, Guyanese born and Vincentian bred Eric Febuary took flight to begin his sojourn at the University of the Southern Caribbean. Desmond and Tricheal Febuary ensured that their son received the benefit of value consensus from home, church and school. This conviction has caused Eric to matriculate through Richland Park SDA Primary School and Mountain View Adventist Academy prior to his enrolment at USC. The blessing of God, commitment of parents, support of teachers and the diligence of this stellar student resulted in the illustrious achievement of 20 CSEC passes with 17 grade 1's and 3 grade 2s, setting the benchmark as the most excellent performance in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Indeed Eric Febuary is an apt ambassador for Adventist Education.

After prayerful parental contemplation and personal apprehension of all the jeopardies that may attend a 16 year old overseas in a university environment, Eric rose to the challenge based upon his family's faith that "The steps of the righteous are ordered by God" Psalm 37:23. While a level of independence was eagerly anticipated, Eric recounts the anxiety of having to subsist for the first time without parental supervision and admits he experienced challenges in learning how to regulate his life. Eric claims that this exposure has caused him to learn from his mistakes and to become more responsible with time, money, nutrition, friends and most importantly, his relationship with God. Eric says, "I am learning every day how to balance my social, academic, physical and spiritual life."

Eric's Childhood dream has been to become a medical doctor. Four years ago God expanded that vision with a call to Gospel Ministry while on an ASI Mission Trip for children. Today, Eric Febuary is a second year double major in Biology and Theology focused upon being an instrument in the Master's hands to marry medicine with ministry.



Eric Febuary gives a smile of approval on the Campus of USC

102 PERSONS BAPTIZED

By Roger Stephen

Pastor Roger Stephen answered the call to be the Lord's mouth-piece at the "Christ Our Only Hope" Gospel Explosion 2017 from March 26th – April 29th, 2017 which resulted in a five week battle on enemy territory. The enemy's first attack was on the tent. After the laborious effort of the lay brethren to pitch the tent in the scorching sun, they awoke to the news the following day that the tent ropes had been compromised the same evening and the tent thrown down to the ground. With renewed zeal and a greater passion, the lay brethren came the following evening and erected again the canvas cathedral which would serve as the sanctuary for the next five weeks for the salvation of God's people.



Pastor Roger Stephen Executive Secretary

The hand of God kept the rain away every evening as He spared us from being soaked under the deteriorating overhead canvas. We experienced the Power of God as He delivered many from the bondage of the enemy and set them free from sin and vice. Among the many who were set free was a young man who was a drug addict and the ridicule of his community. The Lord transformed his life during this crusade and he became a soloist in the crusade immediately after his baptism.

We praise God for the Power of His Holy Spirit and the relevance of the Word in these last days. It was certainly a delight to see One Hundred and Two (102) souls say yes to Jesus and go all the way in the watery grave of baptism. I thank God for the support of the President, Pastor Biscette, the Pastors and Directors and lay soldiers for laboring so hard in depopulating the kingdom of darkness and leading souls to the Lord's kingdom. **MARANATHA**



Pastor Roger Stephen with some of the candidates on the beach dressed and ready to be plunged in Jesus' name.

A MIRACLE CRUSADE

Gospel Explosion 2017 was held in the Dennery District of SDA on the island of St Lucia from July 23rd to September 2nd. Four churches came together and conducted a prayer crusade which yielded 112 souls. The crusade was held in the hurricane season but God protected us from rain and high winds.

We experienced many miracles. At the Sabbath Celebrations amid the heat of the sun, God's presence created a cloud that shaded the tent and kept us cool.

The final Sabbath during baptism we saw another miracle where God took over the crusade and when we thought that baptism was over the Holy Spirit moved through the audience and kept moving people for baptism from 1pm to almost 3 pm. So we give God praise for all he has done through Pastor Matison Preville, Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Development and Training.

By: Pastor Matison Preville

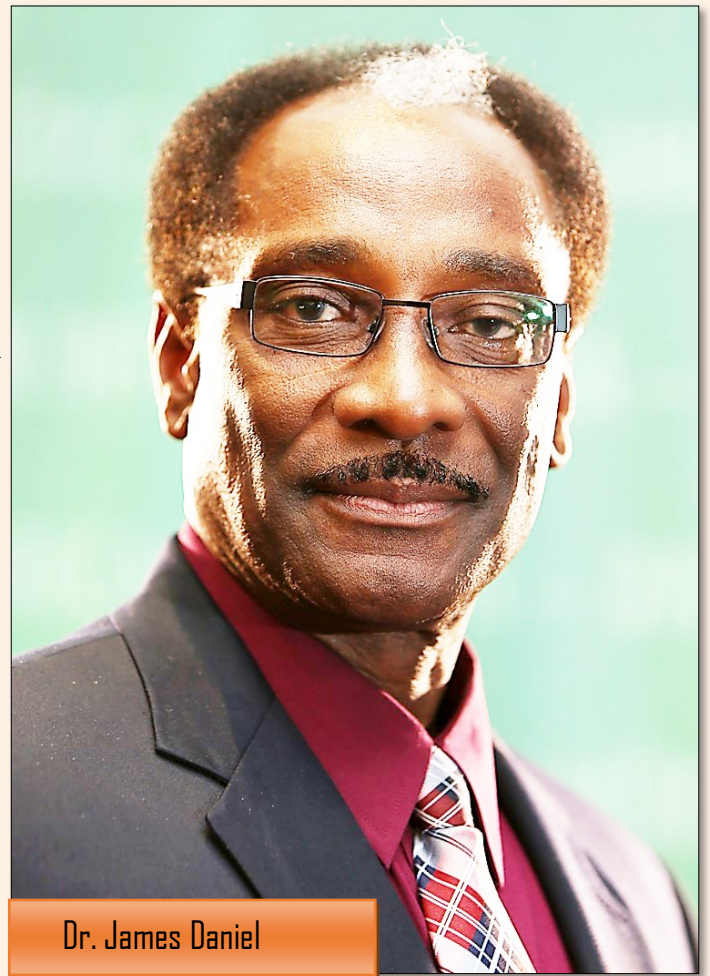
DR. JAMES DANIEL

VP IAD

Dr. James F Daniel, former President of the East Caribbean Conference and a past Director of Communication and Stewardship Ministries of the Caribbean Union has been elected to replace Dr. Leon Wellington as Vice-President of the Inter American Division (IAD). Before his election to the office of Vice President, Pastor Daniel served the IAD as Field Secretary. He continues to serve as Director of Planned Giving and Trust Services, and Associate Director of Stewardship Ministries. Recently added to his portfolio are the following: Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Secretary of ASI - IAD, and Coordinator of Spirit of Prophecy.

Dr. James Daniel is the brother of Dr. Eugene Daniel, former President of the Caribbean Union (CARU). He is an eloquent and engaging speaker; an evangelist in his own right having conducted crusades in St Lucia, St Vincent and Barbados while he served as Executive Secretary of the East Caribbean Conference. One can recall the 214 person baptized in the La Croix Crusade in St. Vincent. The tent was packed every night and the people standing on the outside could have filled another tent.

Dr. Daniel, a son of the Caribbean Union and an astute negotiator, is an asset to the Inter-American Division. He is married to the endearing Margaret Daniel and they have two young adult sons. The Communication Department of the Caribbean Union extends heartiest congratulations to Dr. James Daniel.



Dr. James Daniel



The North Caribbean Conference has a pastoral staff of 25 Pastors. This photo taken after the convention that culminated the 13th session of the NCC shows current ministerial staff, retired pastors, IAD representative and CARU Administrators.