

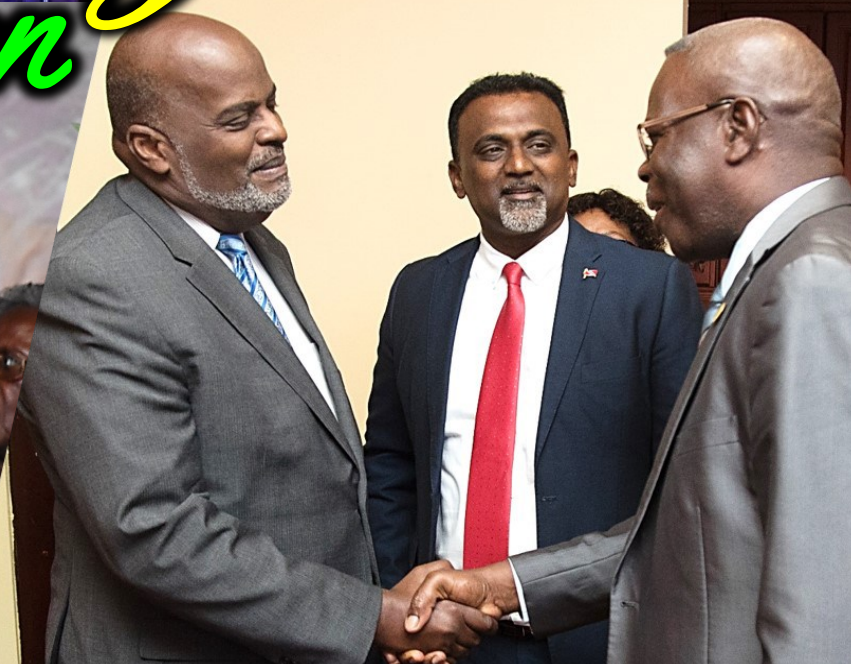
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“This is the happiest day of my life!”

“This is the happiest day of my life!” were the words uttered by Sister Farrel, wife of the calm, steady and unassuming, Pastor Andrew Farrel, at a farewell service planned by the Caribbean Union Conference and staged at the USC Auditorium on May 8th, 2018. In attendance were all the field presidents, administrators and members of the executive committee of the Caribbean Union, office staff of the Caribbean Union, and well wishers.

It was a dinner style retirement filled with much laughter and joy. Pastor Farrel sat on the stage next to his wife, very relaxed. No more traversing the fields within the Caribbean Union, officiating at ordination ceremonies and providing training for the over 300 pastors in the ten fields of the Caribbean Union. No more long days and nights in the interior of Guyana and Suriname. His smile indicated, “I am done. Thank you my God that I am seeing this day.”

One of the most common misconceptions about retirement is that people cannot fill up their days, which leads to unhappiness. Pastor Farrel appeared to have it all planned out; finding time to accomplish all that he wants to without the meetings and preparing reports, sleeping on planes, and everything else that comes with being a soldier on this battle field. In the words of Pastor Johnson Frederick, Secretary of the Caribbean Union, this retiring soldier “epitomizes the finest virtues of a family man and a humble man of God. (more on pages 8 and 9)

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Notice of the 5th Quadrennial Session – Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Fifth (5th) Quadrennial Session of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will take place at the Central SDA Church from Wednesday, April 10 to Saturday April 13, 2019. The first business session will convene at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

The Session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the Administrators of the Conference, Departmental Directors and Auditors.
2. Elect Administrators, Departmental Directors and Executive Committee members.
3. Approve plans and recommendations for the new quadrennium.
4. Review the financial performance of the Conference.
5. Amend constitutional provisions and clauses of the Guyana Conference Constitution as recommended by the delegates in Session.

Richard James, President
Exton Clarke, Executive Secretary

Notice of the 43rd Quadrennial Session – South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given of the Forty third (43rd) quadrennial business session of the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, scheduled for August 7-9, 2019, at the University of the Southern Caribbean. Delegates will receive reports, elect directors and members of the executive committee, submit plans and recommendations and transact any other business as stipulated in the operating policies of the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Session is due to start at 3:00 O'clock in the afternoon at the aforementioned venue.

Leslie Moses, President
Michael Charles, Executive Secretary



The President Writes

CELEBRATING *Transformation*

Dr. Kern Tobias

The story is told of a man who was a skeptic all his life, however, he resolved to read the Bible for an hour every day, even though he had derided it for a long time. “Wife,” he said, as he looked up from his first perusal, “if this book is right we are all wrong!”

He continued his readings for another week. “Wife!” he exclaimed at the end of that time, “if this book is right, we are lost!” He continued reading with more avidity than ever. “Wife!” He said earnestly a few nights later, “if this book is right, we may be saved!” And they were!

The apostle Paul in Romans 12:2 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 revival and reformation in the way we live, interact, and serve. As a result of this renewal, we are able to celebrate God’s powerful intervention in our lives.

The experience of transformation is to be celebrated. The essence of transformation is change from a sinner to a saint, from being carnal to being spiritual, and from being in bondage to Satan to being bonded with the Savior. Change is a constant that is unavoidable and change for the better is undeniable evidence of God’s power in the life of the one who is thus transformed.

What aspect of your transformation are you able to celebrate? I am celebrating transformation as I experience God’s power in my life through the means of my justification. I feel happy to be forgiven from my past sins, elated to receive grace to deal with the power of sin, and hopeful to be freed from the presence of sin.

I am celebrating transformation as God has been using me to preach the gospel to many persons throughout the Caribbean region. I witness the smiles on the faces of those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ. I am still reflecting on the smile of that sister in Plaisance in Guyana, who made a decision to end her common-law (live-in) relationship because of the transformation she experienced in Christ.

If you have experienced change in your life, I challenge you to join me in celebrating transformation!

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President Kern Tobias Receives **CHACONIA SILVER**

On September 24th 2018, Dr. Kern Tobias was awarded the Chaconia Medal (Silver) for Community Service. This was presented to him by Her Excellency, Paula-Mae Weekes, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago at the National Awards ceremony at the National Academy of the Performing Arts in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The Chaconia Medal is the second highest state decoration of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Established in 1969, the medal honours long and meritorious service to promote national welfare or community spirit. It is awarded in three classes: gold, silver and bronze. The medal may only be awarded to ten individuals annually.

Dr. Tobias expressed surprise at being advised that he was to be the recipient of such a prestigious award and felt honored at being the only Tobagonian to receive an award this year. He is from Mason Hall, a very small village in Tobago. Coming from a background of having failed the Common Entrance examination (a national test to indicate the student's readiness for higher learning), later in his life, Dr. Tobias was able to attend university to pursue studies in theology and upon completion of his studies, to function as a minister of the gospel. He presently serves as President of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

"My life's objective has always been service to God and to people," said Dr. Tobias as he expressed gratitude to God for His guidance through his life. To receive recognition for the years of hard work was truly a humbling experience for him.

Dr. Tobias cited his commitment and service to God as being major factors which encouraged him to be a law-abiding citizen and to uphold the standards of the country. "I am at that stage of my life where I am focused to push people to be the best that they can be."

Dr. Kern Tobias has been married to Linda Hislop-Tobias, also of Mason Hall, for the past 36 years and together they have three adult children. We proudly congratulate Dr. Tobias and his family on this significant achievement.

By: Sheryle Liverpool—Administrative Assistant, Communications



from the desk Of the Communication Director

Celebration or celebrations may refer to a party, a social gathering, a festival, a community gathering to celebrate something in particular, the observance of a feast day or holiday, the celebration of the Eucharist. It is usually a happy occasion that is memorable. I have forgotten my birthday once or twice but I have never forgotten my spiritual birthday. April 14th every year is a celebration for me; a celebration of the day that I accepted the SDA message and started my journey from the calypso tent to my comfort zone, the evangelistic tent.

It is under the tent that I have seen the celebrating of transformation. Having baptized over 23,000 persons to the glory of God, I experienced the excitement of seeing multitudes come to Christ again and again.

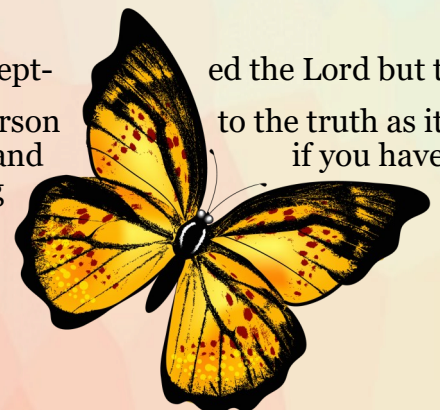
Many of these transformations have stood out in my mind and I use them frequently to aid the transformation of others. I cannot forget this particularly powerful testimony of transformation. She had lived her life in a way she was not proud of, but after her baptism she remained in a love relationship with Jesus and entered the nursing profession. She would call us ever so often and her words echoed her desire for a life companion, "Pastor I need a man!" I would encourage her all the time, "Be patient girl. Take it easy." One day she called and shouted, "I got him Pastor! And he black like you and tall like you and can sing like you!" I had the opportunity to conduct their wedding and at the wedding she walked up to the altar wearing a veil, smiling confidently.



Dr. Claudius C. Morgan

I leaned over and whispered to her, "You are wearing a veil?" and she said, "Pastor since I got baptized I am new." Today, this lady and her husband are active in the church and they continue to celebrate transformation by bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.

This is what *celebrating transformation* is all about. You celebrate the day you accept-
greatest celebration is when through the power of the Holy Spirit you lead a person
in Jesus. If you have experienced the celebrating, then this is no time to stop, and
n't, it is indeed a good time to start. What makes this celebrating most exciting
for me is when I meet someone whom I just can't remember and that person
with much excitement exclaims, "You baptized me and I am still holding on!"



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Ground-breaking ceremony held for the Church at USC

By: USC Communications



Presidents from the fields, Church Pastor, Terry John, 1st Elder of the USC Church, Dr. Sandra Reid-Bernard and CARU Administrators turn the soil in preparation for the construction of the University Church

A significant milestone in the University's history was achieved on July 2, 2018, one day after the 2018 Graduation exercises took place on the USC campus. The age-old dream of erecting a church at USC became a reality when the ground-breaking ceremony for the state-of-the-art church and mission centre took place at approximately 10:00 am.

Attended by Church leaders, USC administrators, faculty, staff, church members and representatives from nearly all the fields within the Caribbean Union Conference of SDA, attendees celebrated the day's arrival.

For years, members of the Caring University Church have worked toward erecting a structure dedicated to the honour and glory of God. The project was made possible through the partial assistance of the World Church's 13th Sabbath offering and donations from church members and other key stakeholders. This support has provided the building project with the resources needed to make substantial progress, but there is still a long way to go.

Dr Hilary Bowman, University President, during his brief remarks at the ceremony mentioned, "This is the time for this church. This is the time; it will happen...Our super goal is to have this church built and dedicated on the 22nd of December, 2019. Let's have the faith."

Speaking briefly at the event, Dr Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union Conference, and Chairman of the USC Board of Trustees brought congratulations to the USC Church leadership for reaching this milestone. His brief message was entitled "Please Build Me a Sanctuary". He noted that God has had a perpetual plan throughout history, a plan that serves as a reminder that God was/is among His people and that plan is a sanctuary.

Following the message from Dr Tobias, the USC Church leadership and USC administration launched a fund-raising campaign that will help garner funds which will be used to further the construction of the building. Pledges were made not only by the various field presidents but also by church members and administrators alike.

One such donor attending the event on July 2nd was USC Church member Cecelia Mahabirsingh. The 75-year-old retired nurse, speaking to the audience shared how she was inspired by the Holy Spirit to give of her best to the completion of the USC Church. She emphasized the number of blessings that were being bestowed on her since her decision to give monthly toward the cause.

A LEGACY OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Pastor Andrew Farrel

By: Pastor Johnson Frederick

Pastor Andrew Farrel began his distinguished service with the SDA Church on September 10th, 1977 with the East Caribbean Conference. He would go on to serve as an intern/district pastor for the next nine years.

On June 1st, 1987, Pastor Farrel proceeded on study leave and returned to the employ of the East Caribbean Conference on August 1st, 1992, when he briefly served as district pastor until December 1st of the same year.

He was called to serve as Ministerial Secretary and Family Life Director on December 2, 1992, a post he held until July 31, 2001, a period of 8.7 years, when he received the coveted opportunity to serve with the Caribbean Union Conference. He was elected as the Ministerial Secretary and also served as assistant Family Life Director from August 1, 2001 to August 31, 2005, a period of four years.

On September 1, 2005, he retained the post of ministerial secretary, and assumed full responsibility for Family Ministries, until March 31, 2018 when he voluntarily ended his tenure as an active employee of the Caribbean Union Conference, and retired gracefully. Pastor Farrel gave dedicated and distinguished service to the Church for a total of 38 years.

Pastor Andrew Farrel epitomizes a man and a humble man of God. He toiled with diligence and purposeful determination for an entire generation of ministers before whom he modelled true servant leadership, non par-



the finest virtues of a family man. He served without fanfare, recognition, but instead he modelled true servant leadership, non par-

The one whose legacy we celebrate is a beautiful soul, a tender human being, a human being with a soul, as the saying goes. He will go down into the annals of Adventist history as a humble servant who inflicted no harm with intent and harbored malice toward none.

I personally benefited from the service of this man of God. In my embryonic years as a pastor in my home country, he nurtured me as a shepherd would gently care for his flock. I was privileged to have him visit my home and bless my son as we offered him to God 22 years ago.

Pastor and Mrs. Farrel, I believe, qualify to feel that sense of fulfillment and quiet joy as they look back over their life of service and their life with each other, and walk into a secure future with God. Go forward with God, my friend and mentor. Plumb the depths of satisfaction of a career of service well nurtured and lived.



Three of the field Presidents at the retirement function. L to R—Leslie Moses, Desmond James and Clinton Lewis

Pastor Farrel responds

It is a humbling experience, to acknowledge that God has chosen you to be a part of the ministry of reconciliation, and tonight like Paul in 1 Timothy 1:12, I want to thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me in the ministry.

To me, working with and for God is a glorious experience. It was certainly a joy following his leads over the past 38 years. And I have said to the Lord, "If you call me again, I will do it again without any reservation."

Thanks to the Caribbean Union for the opportunity to serve your fields and special thanks to the east Caribbean Conference for my humble beginning in Dominica in 1977.

Thanks to my administrative freedom to do my this retirement function hospitality and social certainly a great way to say ends for the opportunity the service rendered.

Thanks to my administrative thanks to my ministerial ministries directors and dinators. You were the certainly appreciate your port to ministry. Sister the work you are doing for the pastors' spouses and children.



President presents plaque to Pastor Farrel

trators who gave me work, and for planning along with the Union's committee. This is certainly thank you on both given to serve and for

trative assistants, secretaries, family men's ministries co-ordinator in my sail and I commitment and support. Tobias, I thank you for

To my colleagues, you were certainly an inspiration and motivation. Thank you for the challenge to be productive and to be a better director. To my wife Gene who stood by me during my 25 years as a director. Thank you! I know this was not a fly by night or easy experience for you, and I deeply appreciate your sacrifice. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your support in our ministry.

I believe the best years for ministry, be it pastoral, family life, children's or men's ministries are yet to come. There are new vistas ahead and still new horizons to be conquered. This will not be accomplished without challenges but challenges are not a threat to God. He is bigger than any challenge.

The future of the Caribbean Union is bright amid the predicted gloom and doom of global warming, economic down-turn and spiritual lukewarmness. The good news is we know how it is going to end; so we have nothing to fear, "except we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teachings in or past history." (Life sketches p. 96) Maranatha! God bless CARU!



Carol Joshua, one of Pastor Farrel's former administrative assistants is flanked by the Farrels. Elder Adrian Dennis, CARU's Accountant, making his contribution to sister Farrel

ORDAINED TO SERVE

By: Kerry Kerr

Ordination symbolizes several things. Chief among them are (1) God's call and empowerment to ministry (2) the candidate's commitment of himself to the ministry in the will of God, and (3) the church's approval of the candidate for this ministry. This ceremony is an act of approval. It is an acknowledgement that God has bestowed certain gifts and has called the individual to service. Ordination does not impart any rights or qualifications that God has not already bestowed.

On Sabbath 21st July, 2018, the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission through the auspices of the Caribbean Union held a service of ordination where two ministers: Pastor Karlson Samuel, and Pastor Nixon Louis were welcomed into full gospel ministry. The service was held at the Richland Park Seventh-day Adventist Church and began at 3:30 p.m. In attendance were the President of the Caribbean Union, Dr. Kern Tobias; his wife and Shepherdess Coordinator, Linda Tobias; and the new CARU Ministerial and Family Life Director, Pastor Ammaran Williams who incidentally is a native of Bequia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

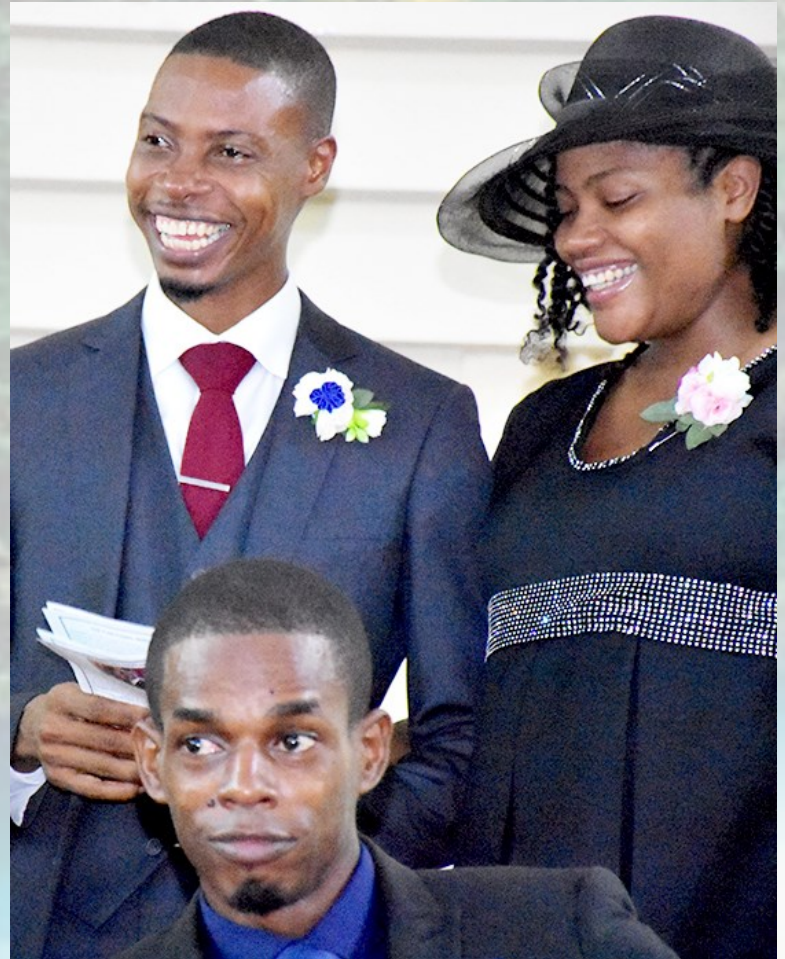
Dr. Tobias issued a spirit-filled word titled "Lesson from the Peter Files", where he challenged the ordinands to overcome their fleshly instincts and take on the full spiritual covering offered through the blood of Jesus. A significant feature in the ceremony was the official welcome into gospel ministry offered to the wives of the pastors; Sis. Lydia Louis and Dr. Sheshana Samuel. This presentation, tasked to Sis. Linda Tobias was thoughtful, and dealt with the reality of being a minister's wife.

PASTOR KARLSON SAMUEL

Pastor Karlson Samuel began his internship on the 1st March, 2008 in the Central District under the supervision of Pastor Terence Haynes, and was then transferred to the Marriaqua District under the supervision of Pastor Dermoth Baptiste. Following his internship, he was appointed District Pastor of the Southern Grenadines where he served for three years. In 2013 he was transferred to the Eastern District where he ministered as district pastor and as Publishing Director to the SVG Mission. In 2017, he was reassigned to the Central District where he currently serves the congregations of Ottley Hall, Maranatha, and Kingstown as district pastor and the Mission as

Publishing Director.

In his years of ministry Pastor Samuel has aggressively marshalled his evangelistic forces into enemy lines through many soul-winning initiatives, in the process reducing the prospects for hell and thereby robbing the hell fires of over 400 persons through baptism and faith in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pastor Karlson is ably supported by his wife Dr. Sheshana Samuel.



A happy moment for Pastor Karlson Samuel and his wife Dr. Sheshana Samuel along with his escort Dwayne Holder

PASTOR NIXON LOUIS

Pastor Nixon Louis began his internship in late 2010 in the Eastern District under the supervision of Pastor Claudius Morgan, and was subsequently transferred to the South Windward District, under the supervision of Pastor Exton Clarke. During this period he became an associate pastor of the district. Later, upon completing his term of internship, he was appointed to his first pastoral district in the Southern Grenadines.

PASTOR NIXON LOUIS

This was followed by a further assignment to the North Leeward District. In February 2017 he was assigned to the Central Windward District, where he currently serves the congregations of Covenant (South Rivers), Ebenezer (Colonaire), Georgetown, and Orange Hill.

Pastor Louis loves evangelism and as a good pastor should, has marshalled his evangelistic troops in several soul-winning initiatives. His crusades against enemy forces have led 225 persons to the Lord in baptism.

This is the third ordination service of pastors to be conducted by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission. The Administration and Staff of the SVG Mission wishes the best for the newly ordained pastors as they continue to ring the bell of glory.



Sister Rhonda Morgan holds Sister Lydia Louis in a congratulatory embrace.



A happy moment indeed! The smiles say it all! Dr. Tobias and his wife Linda pose with the ordinands.

L to R—Pastor and Sister Samuel and Pastor and Sister Louis

Ordination does not impart any rights or qualifications that God has not already bestowed.

NEW MINISTERIAL SECRETARY



His first assignment as Ministerial Secretary at the ordination service of SVG Mission pastors Karlson Samuel and Nixon Louis

Thirty eight unbroken years of service in the SDA church in the Caribbean. Pastor Ammaran Williams has served the church as teacher, district pastor, director and administrator. His assignment before being elected as Family Life, Men's Ministries and Ministerial Director of the Caribbean Union was the district pastor of the Central and Hope SDA Churches in St Croix.

Born on the beautiful island of Bequia in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Pastor Williams entered the work of the SDA church in 1980 as a school teacher at the Bequia SDA Secondary School where he taught mainly science subjects. He left for CUC in 1982 and graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. On his return the St. Vincent, he serves as an intern pastor to Pastor Kenneth John in the Marriaqua District for 3 months. He held his first crusade during that short stint at the Yambou SDA Church baptizing 36 persons.

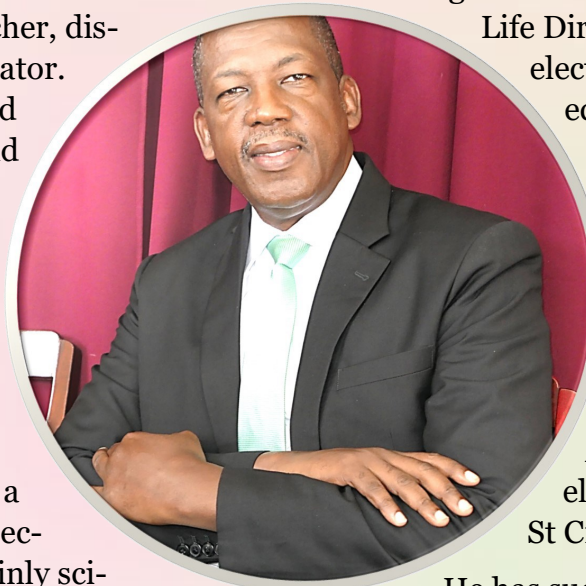
In 1990 he was transferred to Barbados and that same year he enrolled in the Andrews University Masters program where he graduated in 1992 with a MA in Counselling and Development Psychology.

Before accepting the appointment to serve the Caribbean Union during their mid-year meetings in May 2018, he had served the North Caribbean Conference for 22 years. He served in St. Thomas USVI for most

of his years in The North Caribbean Conference before being called to serve as Ministerial and Family Life Director in 2011 and in 2013 was elected to serve the Conference as Executive Secretary and Family Life director.

He is married to the former Ann Mc Kenzie for 23 years and they share the joy of three beautiful daughters. Amelle, who is presently a medical student (graduated with BSC in Biology), Anjeness and Amrael who are in elementary and mid-school at the St Croix SDA Secondary School.

He has succeeded Pastor Andrew Farrell who retired in May this year.



Pastor Williams and his family

DEDICATED FOR LIFE

By: Barbara Savory



From L to R—Pastors Leon Brathwaite, Andrew Chichester, Osley Edwards and Rawl Jackman

Eight pastors were consecrated to the Gospel ministry in the Guyana Conference in what may be the largest ordination service in the Union, on July 28, 2018. The celebrated and momentous occasion attracted the attendance of Guyanese and friends from the diaspora in the United States of America, Europe, and the Caribbean. Notably, the president, assistant to the president, and ministerial secretary of the Caribbean Union, Dr. Kern Tobias, Dr. Claudius Morgan, and Pastor Ammaran Williams respectively, were in attendance.

In addressing the packed congregation at Central Church, the traditional venue for ministerial ordinations, Dr. Tobias reminded the ordinands that rather than a rite to exalt one over the other, ordination is more “a chance given by God to see what we are made of.” He further admonished them through “Lessons from the Peter Files” drawn from 1 Peter 5 to be prepared to partake in Christ’s suffering; spend time with Him and be transformed; demonstrate the necessary expertise in feeding the flock; be dutiful in management, balancing personal ministry and preaching so as not to become irrelevant; and meet God’s expectations.



From L to R—Pastors Mark Mc Pherson, Vishnu Persad, Ryan St. Hill and Reuben Stuger

Leon Nathaniel Braithwaite

Leon Braithwaite was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of nine. He grew into an active soldier for the Lord and was invited to become a Bible worker in 2010. Three years later, after a commendable tenure, Leon was asked to serve as a pastor.

Pastor Leon Braithwaite is a committed family man with a passion for prayer, an exceptional love for evangelism, and a deep yearning to see revival and reformation in all of his churches. He is supported in ministry by his wife, Patricia, and their four children: Shamar, Shammah, Shakinah and Shiloh.

Through Pastor Leon Nathaniel Braithwaite, God has brought 487 souls into His kingdom.

Pastor Andrew Reginald Chichester

Andrew Chichester was baptised through a public evangelistic campaign in 1990. He was employed in 2006 as a Bible worker, and was called the following year to serve as a pastor. His burning desire to be adequately equipped for the Master’s service led him to register as a theology student at the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) in September 2009. He graduated from USC in 2013 and returned home to continue serving. Presently, he is pursuing a master’s degree in pastoral leadership at the Inter American Theological Seminary (IATS), USC Campus.

Thus far, Pastor Chichester has, by God's grace, seen over 600 persons baptized through his ministry.

He is happily married to the beautiful Cherlyn Chichester, a prayerful and supportive companion in ministry. Together, they share three (3) children: Melody Ashsima, Samuel Andrew, and Shemuel Asiel.

Pastor Osley Floyd Edwards

Osley Edwards was baptized in 1994, and soon became active in his home church. In November 2000, at a relatively young age, he was employed as a Bible worker with the Guyana Conference, and with the conviction that God was calling him to the Gospel ministry, he began reading for a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology in 2005 at the then Caribbean Union College, now USC. He completed his Bachelor of Arts with a minor in psychology in 2010.

Osley joined the pastoral team in the Guyana Conference in 2010. Later he successfully pursued a master's degree in Christian Ministry with emphasis in leadership and teaching. His companion and support in ministry is his wife, Marissa.

Pastor Osley Edwards has been used by God to lead approximately 400 persons to baptism during his pastoral ministry.

Pastor Rawl Elbert Jackman

An ambitious teenager, Rawl Jackman gave up his dreams of becoming a professional football player, "to join the army of the Lord" in 1992.

Some years later, Rawl enrolled in the theology program at the University of the Southern Caribbean and graduated in 2009. He returned home and joined the ministerial workforce of the conference in September, 2009.

There is no doubt that Pastor Jackman has a love for evangelism and has been blessed with the gift of preaching. He has been used by God to lead approximately 1,215 persons into a relationship with Jesus, and has been recognized for his evangelistic exploits both at home and by the Union.

Pastor Mark Andrew McPherson

While serving as a teacher, Mark McPherson felt a distinct call to the Gospel ministry. He left off teaching to enroll in the theology program at the University of the Southern Caribbean and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2011.

He joined the ministerial workforce of the Guyana Conference that very year. After six years of service, Pastor McPherson received a call to serve the University of the Southern Caribbean as the Dean of Men, at the Timothy

Greaves Residence Hall. He accepted after much prayer and was accompanied by his wife, Jenel and his son, Jomari Andrew.

Pastor Mark McPherson has been used by God to lead over 500 persons to baptism and discipleship.

Pastor Vishnu David Persad

Pastor Persad was baptized in 2001. Three years later, he attended the Caribbean Union College in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology, and upon the completion of his studies, he returned to Tobago where he commenced ministerial duties with the Mission on August 1, 2008. The following year, he was asked to serve as the assistant publishing director. Later he received a call to serve as the associate publishing director of the Guyana Conference; he accepted and assumed responsibilities in January 2012.

The literature evangelism work in the Guyana Conference has grown exponentially under his leadership. Even though Pastor Persad had not pastored a church for over six years because of the time he has to devote to recruiting and training literature evangelists throughout the 83,000 square miles of Guyana, he has still managed to conduct a number of public campaigns.

Pastor Persad's ministry has seen 235 persons baptized through the personal Bible studies and 13 crusades and revivals he has conducted. He presently has a burden for church planting and reaching different people groups. He is supported by his wife, Andrea.



Pastor Rawl Jackman is embraced by his escort Pastor Onesi La Fleur - VP at the University of the Southern Caribbean



The Central SDA Church was filled with many enthusiastic supporters

Pastor Ryan Anthony St. Hill

In 1999, Ryan St Hill was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Following a growing conviction of being called to the Gospel ministry, Ryan entered the then Caribbean Union College, later to become the University of the Southern Caribbean to commence studies in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. He graduated in May 2006. Ryan joined the Guyana Conference's ministerial fraternity later that year.

Pastor Ryan St. Hill, who has a great love for evangelism, has, by God's grace, led over 700 persons to Jesus through baptism. He serves surrounded by his wife, Petal, and their two children, Elemiah Michael Ritchie St. Hill and Mesha Shamayah St. Hill.

Pastor Reuben Rodney Stuger

Reuben Stuger was baptized at age 17. It was in 1979 during the inaugural Festival of the Laity in Barbados that he became convinced that the Lord was calling him to pastoral ministry. In the following year, the conference asked him to join its pastoral staff as a lay pastor, and three years later, he commenced studies at

Caribbean Union College. He graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Theology degree.

Reuben was married to the late Patricia Stuger, and is now again happily married to Patricia Welsh. He is the father of five adult children: Luetta, Melissa, Odesia, Roslyn, and Reuben Jr., and also the proud grandfather of 12.

Pastor Stuger is a dedicated worker with a keen interest in family life, education, and counselling. He has been used by God to lead over 400 souls to the foot of the cross.

We salute these eight men for answering the call of lifetime commitment to the service of the Lord. Let us pray that God will continue to bless them and their families, and that he will keep them steadfast in the path to which he has called them.

Dr. Preston Patterson, Pastor Avert James, Dr. Kern Tobias and Pastor Ammaran Williams enjoy the moment as the profiles are being read.



GRADUATION EXERCISES

Return to the USC Campus



Graduation Sunday. Kerron Hislop, coordinator of the music department and conductor of the university choir and orchestra and Nasha Modeste-James, instructor in the School of Social Sciences.

By: USC Communication

On the final day of the 2018 Graduation exercises, five hundred and eighty-two students from the University's five schools and across its various campuses received their USC degrees.

The academic processions which took place in the newly constructed university auditorium brought scores of parents, supporters and well-wishers to the university's Maracas Valley campus to witness the momentous occasion on July 1, 2018.

Graduands from the USC School of Business and the School of Science, Technology and Allied Health walked the stage during the morning Commencement ceremony which began at 9:00 am. The keynote address for this ceremony was delivered by Dr. Richard Hart, President of Loma Linda University. Dr. Hart's message sought to inspire graduands to live out their best lives and pursue a passion.

Among the many admonitions given to the Class of 2018 by Dr. Hart was the importance of being a great leader, dealing with failure and gaining wisdom.

Graduands from the School of Education and Humanities, the School of Social Sciences and the School of Theology and Religion walked the stage during the evening's Commencement ceremony which took place at 2:30 pm. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Walter B.T. Douglas, retired founder and director for

the Center of Diversity at Andrews University. In his address, Dr. Douglas honoured his sister for her selfless decision to drop out of College in order for him to continue his education at the Caribbean Union College now USC. He boasted that his foundation was framed at this campus.

Using the class motto and aim, Dr. Douglas brought graduands into a deeper thinking about the role that they are now tasked with as they represent their aim and motto in the world: "Advancing Ever, Impacting Always" and "Created to Conquer, Molded to Endure".

"Are you prepared to pay the cost of your discipleship? How do you plan to live out the content of your aim and motto?" he asked.

This year, Dr. Douglas was the honorary degree recipient during the morning's graduation ceremony. This accolade was bestowed on him for his continued dedication to Christian education, the University of the Southern Caribbean and the world at large. He was awarded Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa. At the evening Commencement ceremony, Dr. Gordon O. Martinborough was the recipient of an honorary degree; Doctor of Divinity, bestowed on him for his dedication to the church and to Christian education.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Return to the USC Campus

Present at the event was the Honorable Michael S. Brown, Minister of Education of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. Minister Brown attended the Commencement exercises in support of the first cohort of graduates from Antigua who successfully completed a Bachelors in Special Education through an MOU signed with USC and the Antiguan Government under the previous administration. He spoke to the audience expressing his delight for the group of 12 graduands.

Also, among the graduands was the Charles family; a father, mother and their two sons who all graduated with honours from USC. This significant accomplishment was highlighted by Dr. Hilary Bowman, University President, during his promulgation address. "I believe that USC is the only Caribbean university where a family of five could attend without the necessary funds and graduate as a family of four with one still a student at the university..." he said.

In his address, Dr. Bowman also pointed out several new developments toward which the University is working; among them, discussions with the renowned Johns Hopkins University, USA, to form an academic alliance to offer the Nurse Practitioner's Program which would lead to the DNP (Doctor in Nurse Practice) and allow Caribbean Nurses to Practice Nursing beyond the level of a registered nurse.

The graduation exercises were held on campus for the first time in six years since a fire in 2012 ravished the University's then auditorium. This was made possible due to a monumental drive spearheaded by the University's administration and stakeholders. The University offers over 45 undergraduate and graduate degree programs across several disciplines and boasts of a diverse student, faculty and staff body.



Dr. Hilary Bowman championed the cause in preparing the auditorium for the graduation exercises.

Pastor Martinborough, former president of the Caribbean Union, was awarded an honorary doctorate from the university on the Sunday of the graduation exercises.



CARU HAS NEW SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTOR



Sister Felix is congratulated by outgoing Sabbath School Director, Ashton O Neil and IAD Sabbath School Director, Samuel Telemaque

Debra Felix is one of CARU's professional ladies. She always seeks to carry herself that way. She is caring, humble, generous, very helpful and a spiritual giant. As the saying goes, she was "born in the church," and has attended the Stanmore Avenue congregation from birth to the present, holding various offices. She is presently the assistant church clerk.

Debra Felix joined the CARU staff in 2003, after serving at the Community Hospital. She worked with Pastor Andrew Farrel for two years as administrative assistant and with Nevlyn Friday for many years as her administrative assistant. Before serving as the Human Resource Director for CARU, she worked as personnel officer.

At the mid-year committee meeting of the Caribbean Union, May 9th, 2018, Sister Felix was elected as the new Sabbath School Director. She has replaced pastor Ashton O Neil, who now serves and the Personal Ministries, Community Services and Special Needs Director.

No stranger to this department, Sister Felix's involvement in Sabbath School spans decades in the Stanmore Avenue church in Port of Spain. She knows what drives the Sabbath School and is committed to moving this department in the Union in a new direction, not forgetting the old paths.

In sending his congratulations, Pastor Samuel Telemaque, IAD Sabbath School Director said, "She is a strategic thinker, who anticipates success and works towards it. She knows herself, has confidence in herself and most of all she has confidence in God. She is a tremendous team player but one of her greatest qualities is humility. She will bring a new perspective to the work as she works closely with her directors to ensure that the members are nurtured and disciplined. Her vision is to disciple four groups of people: active members, new members, former members and prospective members.

We congratulate Ms. Debra Felix and know that she will bring a wealth of experience and creativity to the Sabbath School department.

SURINAME IMPACT 2019
March 25 to April 6

20 Sites
20 Preachers



SURINAME MISSION HAS NEW TREASURER

The Suriname Mission of Seventh-day Adventists has a new treasurer. He has a degree in business administration with an emphasis on accounting. James Ronald Newland, 42, a graduate of the Universidad Adventista de Centro America, assumed his position as treasurer after being elected at the CARU mid-year meetings in 2018.

Before his election to the office of treasurer, Vanessa Hoepel Dekker, served the mission in that capacity from July 2011 to December 31, 2017. In the interim before the election of Mr. Newland, Mr. Melvin Roseval (Son of pastor Reinier Roseval, now deceased), a business consultant in Suriname, served the mission as treasurer.

Mr. Roseval was thanked and appreciated at the last executive meeting of the Caribbean Union held at the University of the Southern Caribbean. He was congratulated by the treasurer of CARU for doing a great job as interim treasurer of the Suriname Mission.

Mr. Newland formerly served the Bonaire and Curacao conference as cashier.



Above Mr. James Newland. Below Mr. Roseval is appreciated by CARU's treasurer and HR director.

NEW APPOINTMENT AT USC

The University of the Southern Caribbean has appointed alumnus, Dr. Leon C. Wilson to the position of Provost. In this capacity, Dr. Wilson will be responsible for the academic affairs of the University in addition to its day-to-day operations.

The Guyanese-born educator and ground-breaking researcher brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, having last served as the Provost of the Alabama State University, USA, from 2013, and as Interim-President of the same University in 2016/2017, until his resignation in 2018.



Dr. Leon C. Wilson

Dr. Leon C. Wilson received his M.A. (1986) and Ph.D. (1989) in Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, majoring in social psychology, with a minor in social organization and significant advanced training in statistics. He also holds an M.A. in Religion and Counseling from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA, and a Bachelor of Theology from Caribbean Union College (now University of the Southern Caribbean), Trinidad.

Wilson regularly contributes to and presents at national and international conferences and is the recipient of several research, teaching, mentoring and civic awards. *By: USC Communication*

ASI 2000 & Beyond

IMPACT TOBAGO 2018

“RANSOMED AND REDEEMED; LIVING ON ASSIGNMENT”

The Tobago Mission of SDA was blessed with the presence of the ASI Missionaries on yet another occasion, after their first visit in 2011. A total of 110 Missionaries from Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana and the United States of America, in addition to local youth and coordinators, launched out on Sunday 29th July in seven (7) three-week evangelistic events.

Under the caption “Ransomed and Redeemed: Living on Assignment”, two tent and five church sites brought the power of the Gospel to the hearts and homes of many in Tobago. In Lambeau with Pastor Leslie Butcher, North West District with Pastor Nicole English-Newsam, Canaan and Bon Accord with Pastor Paul McKenzie, Moriah with Pastor Richard Frederick, Castara with Pastor Earl Edwards and Good News with Pastor Ein Kirk and Elder Diamond Andrews, the Gospel was proclaimed.

The number of souls gleaned for the Kingdom totaled 58, despite the tests experienced by the indomitable Mrs. Marvalee Franklyn and her dedicated team. Commendations must be expressed for the commitment and work of Pastor Richard Frederick and the Moriah Tent Crusade site that realized 24 of the total number of baptisms.

In addition to the nightly crusades, the missionaries also engaged in a number of community projects selected by personnel at the sites. These included the painting of park benches and tree planting in a park in the Good News area, the building of steps and a porch for the elderly in North West and Castara areas, the painting of a Nursery school by Team Lambeau, the extension of a house for a family of 4 by Team Moriah and work on the ASI Tobago Media Centre in the Canaan area. A group of young men under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Joseph Mahadeo took a program entitled “Freedom in Jesus” to the Prison, inspiring the prisoners.

We thank our covenant keeping God for the opportunities to serve that ASI Mission 2000 & Beyond has afforded the children and youth of the Inter American Division. To God be the Glory!

By: Lowell Ottley



Pastor Nicola English, a product of ASI 2000 & Beyond baptizing one of the 58 persons that were baptized



Elder Diamond Andrews, president of ASI Tobago and one of the evangelistic gurus in Tobago making sure the baptismal service meets his professional criteria.

CARU EVANGELISM

From all reports, Impact Guyana moved from the shores of mainland Guyana to the many islands within the Caribbean Union. Pastoral evangelism is on the rise and the evangelism department is moving towards the exposure of the pastors who exhibit the gift of evangelism. The intention is to keep the evangelistic fire burning from the bottom up. The gift of evangelism is a gift that has to be nurtured and used. Evangelists must be given exposure and the opportunity to improve and advance their evangelistic gifts. In short, the evangelist must be frequently on the front line. You can lose it if you don't use it!

In light of this intention and purpose, CARU has engaged seven of our outstanding evangelists this year: One Union director, two district pastors, two directors and two lay preachers. Pastors Joel James and Jumoul Sancho preached in St Vincent. Together they baptized 120 persons. A new congregation was started as a result of pastor's Sancho's crusade.

Pastor Brent St. Jean preached in Tobago and baptized 70 persons and pastor Sigmund Wiggins preached in St Lucia baptizing 66 persons. Dr. Gandamal Samlalsingh and lay preacher Hayden Lorde preached in Grenada and together they led over 40 persons to the foot of the cross. Lay evangelist Raeburn Nelson in Antigua baptized 50 persons.

These results are a clear indication of the intentions of the Evangelism Council, and from all indications, the evangelists noted above did an excellent job under the direction of the Holy Spirit. CARU will continue the exposure of our gifted men and women in evangelism.

It is our intention to sponsor the campaigns of five of the young gifted evangelists in the South Caribbean Conference in 2019. We want these young pastors to experience success and motivate the many other pastors who are not engaging in active evangelism. We cannot allow evangelism to be a by-product in the SDA Church and even if one does not possess the gift of

evangelism, one can receive it from the Giver of gifts! The Bible states in **1 Corinthians 12:31**, "But covet earnestly the best gifts." To covet signifies to desire earnestly. It is a disposition towards heavenly things that is highly laudable. Whatever conviction one might hold, the Apostle Paul admonishes in **2 Timothy 4:5**, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."



Above - Pastor Jamoul Sancho Below. – Evangelist Hayden Lorde and those who were baptized in his crusade



St. Lucia Mission Has New Leader



President Roger Stephen moments after his election to the office of President surrounded by CARU President Dr. Tobias and former President of the St Lucia Mission Pastor Johnson Frederick.

Pastor Roger Stephen, a graduate of the Class of 2006 from the University of the Southern Caribbean is the new president of the St Lucia Mission. He was elected on May 16th, 2018 at the Caribbean Union mid-year committee meetings held at the University of the Southern Caribbean.

Before he was assigned to his first district (Micoud District) he was sent on special commission to work with the over 120 new converts who had been baptized in a crusade conducted by pastor Johnson Frederick. Pastor Stephen is another president who loves evangelism; an administrator who moves from the chair, desk, and paper work to the tent, lighting the tent with the glory and majesty of God. He has baptized some 1100 persons to the glory of God.

Before his ascension to the highest office in the St Lucia Mission, he served as the Executive Secretary and before that position, served as the Youth, Chaplaincy and Religious Liberty Director.

This humble Christian pastor in reporting to CARU communications said, "My passion as a president is to see God's people experience a revival and reformation that will give them the passion for Christ and His church. I desire to see God's people return to their first love when we had an enthusiasm for the Lord's work and a longing for His soon return. I have a passion to see a coming together of the clergy and laity as we marshal our forces against the kingdom of darkness. I be-

lieve if St. Lucia returns to those days of love for Christ and His church, many of our challenges will be a thing of the past. I pray that God's Spirit will be poured out upon us as we prepare for the Lord's Second Coming.

Pastor Stephen has been married for the past 21 years to the adorable Priscilla Stephen. She serves as the principal of Eucharist SDA Primary School.



Rosemarie Desir now serves as Treasurer and Executive Secretary

MR. PRESIDENT SIR!



Dr. Robert Liverpool flanked by Pastors Johnson Frederick and Michael Charles

CARU Communications caught up with Dr. Robert Liverpool at the SeLD Conference in Miami with all the smiles and laughter of a happy man on a new job. He was chatting with two executive secretaries; Johnson Frederick from CARU and Michael Charles from SCC.

The University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) bade farewell to Dr. Robert Liverpool, VP for Administration, as he accepted the call to the Haitian Union as President of the University Adventiste of Haiti.

During his tenure at USC, Dr. Liverpool also held several other positions namely, VP for Student Services, VP for Marketing, and Assistant to the President and was at the forefront of many of the major projects there including the women's dorm and new auditorium. Dr. Liverpool also served the South Caribbean Conference in the capacity of Executive Secretary, Ministerial Secretary and pastor.

He sees this move, language barrier notwithstanding, as an opportunity to utilize the skills and knowledge acquired over the years to greatly assist the brethren there and to enhance the quality of education being offered by the University in Haiti. He solicits prayers on his family's behalf as they venture into this mission field. Dr. Robert Liverpool is married to Sheryle Liverpool and they have three children: Nathan, Nicholas and Naomi.

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ASI 2000 and Beyond missionaries receive tokens and gifts for their unwavering dedication and spirit -filled 3 week campaign at the Good News Site

Adventist Lay Leaders Charged to Reach Across Cultural Divides

By: Royston Philbert

Inter-America's first Festival of Cross-Cultural Mission Conference challenged more than 600 Seventh-day Adventist lay preachers, church planters and pastors to step out of their comfort zones and embrace the cross-cultural mission to all people groups.

"You came from different corners and countries of the Caribbean and beyond to be enriched by the experience of so many, on how you can better share the good news," said Pastor Elie Henry, president of the church in Inter-America as he addressed the congregation on that weekend. The four-day training event was conducted at the Southern Caribbean University in Maracas, Trinidad, Aug. 8-11, 2018.

The Cross-Cultural Mission Conference, themed "Celebrating the Past: Reaching All the Peoples for Christ" provided a forum for IAD front-line missionaries and volunteers to share creative ideas, encourage one another, and identify resources for achieving the common goal of reaching all the people in the territory.

Over the years, evangelism in the IAD territory has been restricted to working among those of similar ethnicity, said Pastor Samuel Telemaque, director of the Office of Adventist Mission for the church in Inter-America and main organizer of the event. "The reality is that people from different cultures, ethnicities and languages are now living in close proximity to each other and church members need cross-cultural competencies to appropriately share Christ with their neighbours from different cultures."

The conference was timed to coincide with the Festival of the Laity hosted by the Caribbean Union Conference for more than 500 of its lay preachers. The festival, held every five years, seeks to inspire and celebrate the work of the laity involved in evangelism across the English

Caribbean countries and islands. (Cont. on pg.25)



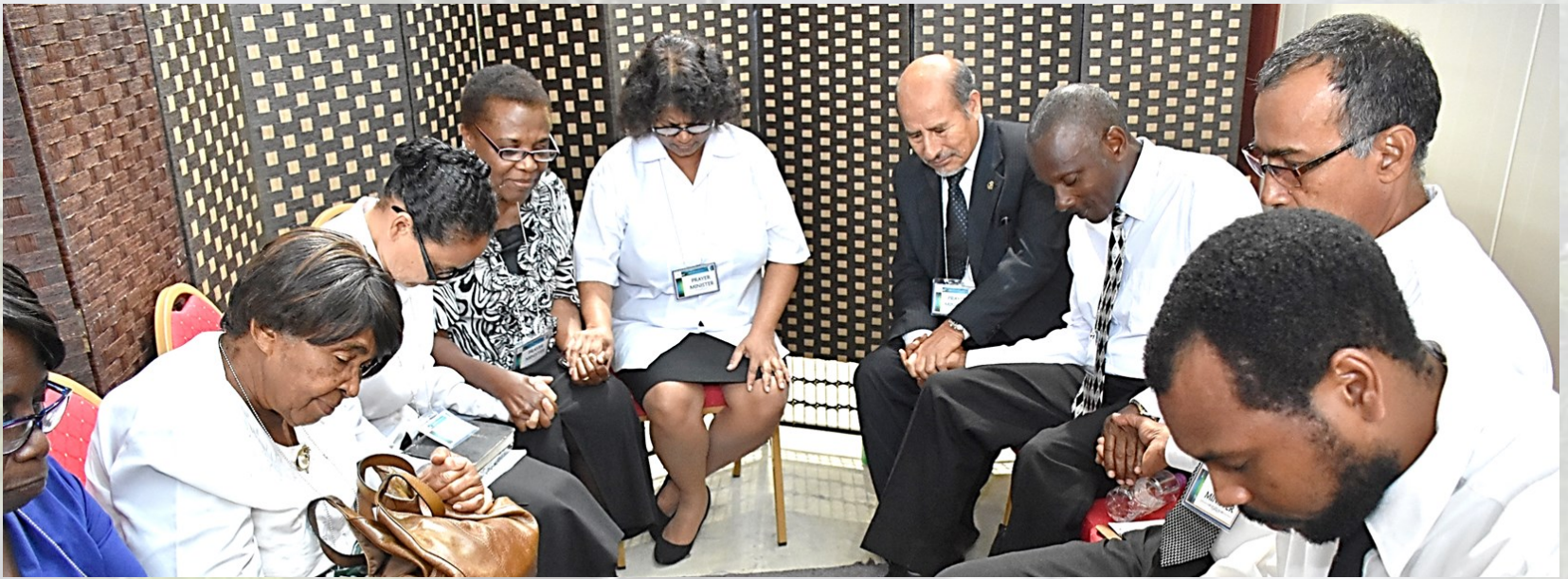
The champions of the festival: Dr. Clive Dottin and Pastors Samuel Telemaque and Ashton O Neil



Guyanese Amerindian couple Kelly and Marien Krammer thrill the audience with song



Demonstrating the effectiveness of Small Groups in the Spanish Unions



Some called it “the boiling room”, others dubbed it “the engine room”. Whatever the label, these prayer warriors were fully engaged in praying for the success of the Festival of Laity and Cross-Cultural Mission

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More than 20 speakers and evangelism experts from the Adventist World Church, Andrews University, North American Division and Inter-American Division, gave presentations and seminars on cross-cultural missions, methods for sharing Christ with Muslims, how to plant churches in cities and rural communities, how to advocate for and innovate change in different cultures, how to fund and operate centers of influence, how to integrate social science with mission, and how to design relevant ministries for urban dwellers, among other initiatives.

“We believe that it could be disastrous for us as a church to remain silent in not reaching the peoples of our region,” said Pastor Kern Tobias, president of the church in the Caribbean Union. “It’s about keeping before us the principles and purpose for mission fulfilment.” If the church is not careful, said Tobias, it could lose its mission, “so targeting all the people in all our communities

is important to the fulfilment of the mission.”

It was all about creating a major shift in the thinking of all the delegates, said Pastor Telemaque of the historic conference. “The diversity of ethnicity, languages, cultures, and nationalities challenged old assumptions and created a new worldview of God’s mission. We modelled the change we wanted to see.”

Lay delegates and church leaders were challenged to engage in a form of cross-cultural mission as well as train others in a six-month, one-year, or two-year impact in their respective regions.

The results should enable leaders to pioneer planting 300 new churches throughout the Inter-American Division in 2019, Telemaque said.

By: Royston Philbert— NCC, Communication Director



The translators played a crucial role during the festival. We applaud them for their commitment

IAD President Dr. Elie Henry Makes First Presidential Visit to the Caribbean Union

By: Pastor Royston Philbert

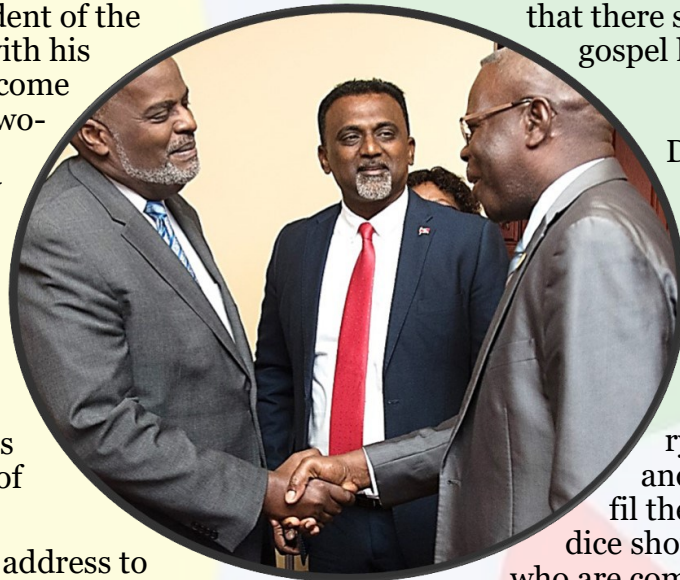
At the Piarco International Airport's VIP Lounge, top Seventh-day Adventist leaders in Trinidad and Tobago greeted Dr. Elie Henry, president of the church in Inter-America along with his wife, offering them a special welcome to the Caribbean territory. The two-day pastoral visit marked Dr. Henry's first visit to the territory since he assumed office on August 1.

"You have come home," said Pastor Kern Tobias, president of the church in the Caribbean Union. "We are waiting in eager anticipation to hear an illustrious man of God who is also a friend of the Caribbean Union."

Dr. Henry's visit includes a final address to the more than 600 delegates attending the Festival of Cross-cultural Mission being held this week on campus of the University of the Southern Caribbean.

"It is wonderful to be here," said Dr. Henry, as he commented that it was his first meeting where the entire Division will be represented in the event. "This is the most diverse Division and coming here means that I am meeting the entire church."

Commenting on the significance of the Festival of Missions, Dr. Henry said: "For us in the IAD we believe that there should be no barriers because the gospel has to go everywhere."



Dr. Henry will address an audience of some 2,500 church members during the Sabbath message where lay delegates from dozens of countries will be charged to continue reaching more communities with the gospel message.

"Now is the time," said Henry. "We need to cross all borders and boundaries made by men to fulfil the mission, for no culture or prejudice should stand in the way of people who are committed to the cause of God and are willing to be used by the Holy Spirit."

Wives of CARU's three administrators stand with President of the IAD wife (far left). President Henry is flanked by Dr. Tobias and Pierre Caporal, President of the Haitian Union, the largest Union in the division.



"This is the most diverse Division and coming here means that I am meeting the entire church."

De Good News Gospel Explosion at Linden, Guyana

By: Feigel Niles



Over 600 baptized

On Friday, 7th September, 2018, The Good News Gospel Explosion Evangelistic series commenced in the mining town of Linden Guyana, which is located sixty five miles up the Demerara River. The opening ceremony began with a parade from the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Silver City Ball Field. After the Salute, the Regional Chairman of Linden, Pastor Renis Morian gave some brief remarks as well as the President of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor Richard James. The campaign was declared open by the President of the Caribbean Union, Dr. Kern Tobias who also brought greetings from the Union.

At a time when the Linden community has been faced with many social issues, our Evangelist, Dr. Claudius Morgan who hails from the beautiful island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was warmly welcomed to our town. Pastor Morgan's first message was captioned 'The Oil Factor'.



One of the more than 20 couples

A light moment under the tent in celebration of Evangelist Morgan's 150th evangelistic campaign.



150 THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

The five weeks of meetings were indeed a blessing to not just the visitors but also to members who shared their sentiments. It commenced nightly with lusty singing followed by the preliminaries. Our theme and prayer songs respectively, 'I Don't Want to be Left Out' and the 'Power of Love' set the atmosphere to receive the word of God which was presented in a dynamic way.

Special Features

It is often said that success is not about the amount of money you make, but the difference you make in people's lives. Hence some special features were included: baby dedication, anointing service, free weddings, Good News Rising Star Competition for Visitors (1st, 2nd and 3rd place were awarded), Mr. / Mrs. Magnetic for persons who brought the most visitors (1st, 2nd and 3rd place were awarded).

Additionally, there was the Good News 24 hr Boutique (over 4000 pieces of clothing were distributed). Fifty one food hampers were distributed to needy persons in the community as well as envelopes containing (\$25.00 USD). Colour Nights featured the best dressed persons in green, yellow, black, red, pink, white, blue and Back in Time dress.

On the third Sabbath afternoon members assembled with plaque cards and handbills for a grand motorcade from Milease Hide Out to the crusade tent. This effort saw a significant increase in the campaign's attendance. The curtains of the Good news Gospel Explosion came down on Sabbath, 14th October. Over 620 precious souls were added to God's Kingdom. This campaign was very significant to Evangelist Morgan as this was his 150th evangelistic effort.

We were blessed to have Pastor Morgan's family for the weekend's grand celebration. The team members for the first Children Church within the Caribbean Union that

will be established shortly were introduced to everyone as Pastor Morgan charged them to be committed to the task that lies ahead. This was followed by a special candle light ceremony for all members and a grand social to conclude the day's activities.

To God be the Glory! Great things He hath done!



Evangelist Morgan waits patiently for the moving of the Spirit on men, women and children.

Excellent pastoral staff. From L to R—Pastors Hamilton, Bollers, Swaving, Glasgow, Wellington, Williams, Roach and James



SLM EVANGELISM

By: Dr. Mark Brathwaite



Couple being baptized at Dr. Brathwaite's Crusade

The Executive Committee of the South Leeward Mission voted on a program for a series of evangelistic campaigns for the Field during the period March to July, 2018. In all, seven campaigns were conducted featuring evangelists from the local field as well as from the region.

The South Leeward Mission comprises the islands of Antigua & Barbuda, St. Kitts & Nevis and Montserrat. Antigua ran four campaigns covering the four zones; North, West, East and Central. St. Kitts, Nevis and Montserrat ran single campaigns in each island.

Antigua's North Zone featured Evangelist Dr. Carson Greene, president of the South Leeward Mission who presented the adult version of the series and Dr. Eulalie Semper, the Mission's Education director, who presented the children's version. The North Zone comprises of St. John's, Villa, New Winthorpes, Cedar Grove, The More Sure Word of Prophecy, Clare Hall, Pigotts, and Potters S.D.A. Churches.

The campaign ran from March 25 – April 21, 2018 and was captioned Welcome to the Joy, Health and Happiness Extravaganza. Dr. Greene broke the Word to the adult group beginning with health nuggets which were craftily transferred to spiritual applications. The evangelist captivated the waiting crowd with powerful biblical preaching. Persons who attended indicated that the evangelist was powerful and that his messages were indeed life-changing.

Dr. Eulalie Semper, under the children's tent, a few yards away, captured the attention of the 100 plus children every night. This was "Welcome to the Joy!" - the kids version. Dr. Semper and her team spoke to children ages 13 and under. The children's tent was filled with the excitement of young people who came from all over the island, particularly the North Zone, to enjoy the activities that were aimed at introducing them to Jesus.



President Greene and Dr. Eulalie Semper teamed up together for a successful campaign

Evangelistic Wave Rolls across the South Leeward Mission

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Evangelist Raeburn Nelson stands with the candidates to be baptized at the end of his campaign.

As you passed by the tent in the evenings, you could feel the electricity and excitement of the children as they were locked into activities. Using their hands and their imaginations, the children were able to create and celebrate their gifts each evening. At the end of both campaigns, 97 persons were baptized.

During the period March 28 – April 21, excitement was in the air as the West Zone of the Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Antigua, which include Grays Farm, Tindall, Bible Speaks, Bendals, Jennings, Bolans, Urlings and Old Road, kicked off with the Experience of a Lifetime Crusade by Evangelist Holford Brown. Pastor Brown made the message so clear that persons under the tent were riveted to the evangelist as he declared God's word with power and clarity. As a matter of fact, amens could be heard coming from a house on the other side of the road. We give thanks for the 28 persons who were baptized in this crusade.

The Central Zone began the Thus Says the Lord Crusade on May 6, 2018, with Evangelist Raeburn Nelson, from the spice island of Grenada. Seven churches - New Bethel, Joyful Way, All Saints, New Maranatha, Gideon (Seaview Farm), Buckleys, and John Hughes - under the banner of Prince Emanuel, put on the whole armour as they prepared to do battle, a spiritual warfare.

For four weeks, the Word of God was expounded with boldness and clarity as Evangelist Nelson allowed the Holy Spirit to use him in such a way that even the small-

est child could understand the messages being presented from the Bible night after night. As a result, 50 precious souls accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. We thank God for how He has blessed us. We can only imagine the great joy in Heaven.



The angels rejoice over one but the lay evangelist Raeburn Nelson baptized 50

On April 29, 2018, the East Zone which comprises of Parham, Pares, Seaglans, Willikies, Bethesda, Newfield and Freetown, came together at the Newfield Football Field for the grand opening of the Family Rescue Bible Seminars. The rescue team - Pastors Mark Braithwaite, Laurence Challenger and Theodore Smith - were ready to set things in motion as members and visitors poured into the tent. The yellow and white tentorium was bursting at its seams, as the members of the zone and the visitors waited eagerly for the opening message - Secrets for a Happy Family in Antigua. The evangelist was none other than Dr. Mark Braithwaite who serves as the Ministerial Secretary, Family Life and Communication director of the South Leeward Mission. Before proclaiming the Word of God, Dr. Braithwaite gave timely and informative tips on how to maintain a healthy and happy family. This was done nightly, and the congregation appreciated and enjoyed his vibrant and "exciting" presentations.

Some of the topics included:

How to say I love you

How to manage stress & enjoy inner peace

What you need to know about sex

Why is there so much conflict?

Ways to handle conflict.

The Family Life tips were practical and welcome, the sermons were powerful and clear, the atmosphere was warm and friendly and it was a fun crusade.

At the end of the three-week crusade 34 persons were baptized.

We now leave the shores of Antigua and move across the waters to St. Kitts, where the Good News Gospel Explosion with Pastor Evangelist Claudius Morgan was conducted. From the very first night, Greenland's Park and the communities surrounding Basseterre were bombarded with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as Evangelist Morgan preached on topics such as "Was Jesus Married to Mary Magdalene?" "Written but Where?" and "Love Will Find A Way!" The audience was captivated by the depth of knowledge, charisma, charm and power with which the evangelist preached. The impact was so great that night after night members and guests alike had to be seated by 7:30 as there were usually no seats left for those who came after. Something new and exciting was happening every night. If it was not the impacting preaching, it was the health checks, or the boutique, or the concerts or the various color nights or gift nights that kept the audience invested and left them with a desire for more.

What a joy, that after five weeks of a life-changing and transformational experience, 132 precious souls were baptized to the honor and glory of God, and are now living victorious and enriching lives for God.

Nevis was next on the SLM's evangelism stops. On June 10th the team of the Power in the Blood Gospel Extravaganza commenced the onslaught on the kingdom of darkness. Fulfilling the role of power forward was Evangelist Sherwin AE. White. He was ably assisted by a team of professionals across the spectrum of management, music and public address system, video and live streaming, ushering and hospitality and working in the trenches, pastors and Bible Workers along with prayer warriors.



Evangelist Sherwin White in action under the tent in Nevis

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Pastor and candidates to be baptized at the waterfront in Monserrat

What was advertised and was meant to be a four-week crusade evolved into a five-week success. The total number of persons saved during this campaign came to a figure of 102. One hundred individuals were baptized at the regular crusade baptisms while two were baptized in a somewhat unconventional manner - one who was leaving to attend camp was baptized on a Sunday, and the other on the final Saturday night. Yes, you read correctly! Saturday night. Praise be to God for the wonders He has wrought.

Finally we go to Montserrat, Sabbath April 7th, where they came from the North and South to hear the clarion call of the energetic Evangelist Pastor Kendol Doyle under the brand new, big, yellow and white tent near the Government Headquarters, Brades, Montserrat, in the Victory in Christ through Prayer and Deliverance Campaign.

'Better than Usain Bolt' was the message on the opening night. It had the crowd mesmerized as they waited to see where the evangelist was going. The phrase, "Stay with me, I am going someplace," became the signal to hang on to every word, as the congregation watched truth after truth unfold nightly.

During the three-week campaign, 17 precious souls were baptized, and several others were expected to surrender at a later date. Many faced challenges, including relationship problems and also hard times due to economic challenges on the island. Evangelist Doyle was ably assisted in his visitation by resident Pastor Sherwin White and visiting Bible workers, Pastors Otis Brown of St. Kitts and Tedson Allen of Antigua. The crusade team on island also gave valuable support.

In total, 460 persons were baptized and added to the church. The evangelists all had challenges. One campaign began without electricity from the local grid; another had to compete with horns blaring from a political meeting close by. Others faced issues of poor preparation prior to the beginning of the campaigns. These challenges only served to highlight God's power to make stumbling blocks stepping stones to glory. The South Leeward Mission celebrates God's goodness in allowing us to be partakers in the work of adding souls to the kingdom.



Wedding held at the Basseterre SDA Church. In photo couple flanked by Evangelist Morgan and Crusade Manager Carl Hastings.

REFINING US

A marital relationship can be an extremely fulfilling union. The joys, laughter, disappointments and arguments experienced, if dealt with assertively, enrich the lives of the spouses. The Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists recognizes that God's ideal for our marriages can be achieved through incessant prayer and by implementing Godly principles.

On August 3 and 4, 2018, the Family Ministries Department of our mission hosted a Couples' Conference themed, "Refining Us". It began with a "Kiddush", the Jewish welcoming of the Sabbath, on Friday evening at the Mt. St. George SDA church. Seventy couples from across the island, all adorned in white, blended their voices in praise to the Almighty Creator. The experience was not only beautiful, but it was uplifting and awe filled. Mrs. Tricia Bocage-Sobers, the representative from the Tobago House of Assembly's Division of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour shared high commendations for the initiative and acknowledged the great need that our society has for fostering family life. Pastor Toney Mapp, President of the Tobago Mission soared to great heights during his presentation on cementing our marriages

through Prayer: "Oh, that mud!"

On Sabbath, we gathered at the Rovanel's Resort & Conference Centre in Crown Point, where riveting presentations by Pastor Ammaran Williams, Family Ministries Director of the Caribbean Union, Pastor Clyde Thomas, former President of the Tobago Mission and Family Life guru, Dr. Verlyn Bobb-Lewis, Education Specialist and Dr. Kerly-Ann Tobias-Joseph medical doctor each captivated the audience in their unique styles and content. Topics such as Divorce is not an Option, Getting there Together, The Intimacy Conspiracy and Wowing the Senses, brought tremendous insight to couples on how to enhance their relationships. Several prizes were distributed to the longest married and youngest married couples and warm recognition was given to the three non-SDA couples in attendance.

During the afternoon session, flames were rekindled with 'Cupcakes of Love' which honoured all couples present for their years of marriage. A delightful toast and consecratory prayer were offered by our president, Pastor Toney Mapp. Couples then sealed their love for each other with a kiss.



President Tony Mapp and his wife and the many couples who attended the couples conference

CHURCH BUILDING COMPLETED AND DEDICATED AFTER 16 YEARS



NCC Administrators and Church pastor Earl Esdale, stand at the entrance of the church.

After sixteen years of labor, members of the St. Peter's Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church, in St. Maarten, are rejoicing that their church building is completed and has been dedicated to the glory of God.

Pastor Desmond James, President of North Caribbean Conference (NCC) of Seventh-day Adventists, gave special remarks during the Service of Dedication on Sunday August 5, 2018. In his message, Pastor James commended the church family for its sacrificial service and thanked the church pastor, Earl Esdaile, and the congregation for "a job well-done." Pastor James expressed admiration for the aesthetics of the church and reminded over 300 members and attendees to remain committed to the mission: "This is God's house and we are His people. Know who you are. Know why you exist. Know your name and let [your] light shine in this community, because God is a God who keeps promises. He will never fail to keep His promise of seeing you thrive as a beacon in the community."

During his remarks, Pastor Earl Esdaile said that he considered the completion of the church building as, "a parent seeing a child growing up from birth [into] a mature and responsible adult." He added, "Though it was a challenging journey, the project brought the community and church members together." He pointed out that the building was financed almost entirely from the sacrificial giving of the members and is dedicated debt-free.

The service was attended by former members and pastors of the St. Peter's SDA Church, as well as a former president of the NCC, Pastor John Josiah. He congratulated the members on what he deemed, "a fantastic job" after the church's first group of believers initially came together 19 years ago, following a crusade conducted by Evangelist Roosevelt Daniel. "You are a lighthouse well-

placed in this community," Pastor Josiah commented. "I am here because my heart is with you." The former pastors included Vashni Cuvalay and Haldaine Greaves. Haldaine Greaves encouraged the church to, "never turn back but keep going forward," during his address in the Sabbath worship service.

Congratulatory remarks from the government were brought by the Honorable Wycliffe Smith, Minister of Education, who challenged the congregation to, "let the church be a place where members and the community can find hope and forgiveness."

In addition to congratulations, the church received monetary gifts and recognized members who were instrumental in building the church. "I never knew that I would live to see this day," said Marcus Johnson. "God has given us the strength to serve and we are happy to be in his service." Johnson and his wife were among those recognized for their contribution to the building of the church. Elder Joseph Gumbs, a longstanding charter member of the church, stunned the audience as he related the church's journey of faith over the years. Gumbs recalled that the group was first established in March 20, 1999. They achieved "company" status in 2007 and attained "church" status in 2010.

The new sanctuary, which seats 300 people, is a two-story building equipped with a kitchen on the first floor, a state-of-the-art audiovisual system and an artistically appealing baptismal pool. Now the newest building on the island, members see it as a comfortable home for celebrating God's love.

The service culminated with Pastor Desmond James unveiling the structure's cornerstone, alongside Pastor Earl Esdaile. Pastor Wilmoth James, Executive Secretary of the NCC, offered the prayer of dedication.



Debbie Spooner - 5 years of service, Margaret Ramsarran - 30 years of service and Melanie Rodgers - 11 years of service

OUR ESTEEMED FEMALE PASTORS IN CARU

Does God have a role for women in Ministry? Every honest person will answer in the affirmative, YES!

In the Caribbean Union of SDA we have many women fulfilling their role in ministry as elders, song service leaders, treasurers, superintendents, coordinators and directors. Some are outstanding lay evangelists as well, adding many to the church of the living God. Indeed God has a role for women in ministry.

The matter of our female pastors being ordained is another issue that this article does not intend to discuss fully. There has been too much discussion but the writer of this article is in no way against our esteemed female pastors being ordained and holds the view that women, even though they are unique as creatures, are equals as humans.

I have read that women should not be pastors or elders, because that will place them in a leadership role over men. (1 Timothy 2:11-14; 1 Corinthians 14:34, 35). I don't see it in that light. What I do know is that there is no scriptural precedent that forbids women from serving as worship leaders, youth ministers, or children's directors. Aren't men involved in the same ministries?



Cindie Simmons-Lee - 22 years of service.

F. B. Meyer (8 April 1847 – 28 March 1929), a Baptist pastor and evangelist in England involved in ministry and inner city mission said, "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and that the taller we grew in Christian character the more easily we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower." Remember, it was Mary Magdalene—who was content to kneel at Jesus' feet—who was also honored to be the first to see the Lord after His resurrection and share that good news with others (John 20:17).



Roslyn Fartan - 4 years of service, Kay White - 11 years of service and Carol Forteau - 10 years of service

In the Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists, we have eleven female pastors who as far as CARU Communications is concerned are doing a great job. They are from the South Leeward Mission, Pastors Cindie Simmons-Lee, Melanie Rodgers and Kay White, who serve their field as district pastors. Pastor Kay White, who serves as the coordinator of the work in St Kitts, has been voted Pastor of the Year in 2015. From East Caribbean Conference there is Debbie Spooner who once served as manager of the ABC in Barbados and now serves as chaplain of SDA Schools in Barbados and a district pastor. Nicola English-Newsam, an outstanding sought-after preacher, serves the Tobago Mission as a district pastor. The Guyana conference has two female pastors: Pastor Margaret Ram-sarran who served the Guyana Conference as treasurer for 19 years and is now the Sabbath School Director and Director of Hindu and Muslim Ministries, and Pastor Carolyn Brandon who is the district pastor of the West Bank Demerara District, and one of the baptismal 'centurians' on the list in 2017.

The South Caribbean Conference has three female pastors: Kestlyn Harrow, who now serves the University of the Southern Caribbean as a theology professor; Roslyn Farfan, serving the South Caribbean Conference as the Director of Women and Children Ministries; and Carol Forteau, a district pastor. Pastor Claudette Andrews from the North Caribbean Conference is now retired but served the church with distinction as the Director of Women, Children and Adolescence for over 12 years.



Claudette Andrews about to be embraced by ECC President Danforth Francis, served the church for over 12 years.



**From L to R—Pastors
Nicola English 8 years of
service, Kestlyn Harrow 8
years of service and
Carolyn Brandon 5 years**

Whether they are ordained or commissioned (Kay White, Claudette Andrews and Margaret Ramsarran were commissioned by the Caribbean Union), they will continue to work and impact their field. What women have to offer the church is invaluable. There is no way to measure the impact that a wise, fruitful woman can have on the people around her and on the organization that she serves.

It is my honest belief that the female pastors in the Caribbean Union, are not striving for power and position but that their motivation is to serve. Let us work along with them and give them all the support we can. Pastors, you are not alone. You have support from many of your colleagues in the Caribbean Union.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST STUDENT SHINES AT CSEC

By Iris Mounsey & Kerry Kerr

Mountain View Adventist Academy returned passes of 84.67% and Bequia SDA Secondary passes of 74.71% to capture the 5th and 10th positions respectively in performances among the 26 Secondary Schools in the State. All hail to Mountain View Adventist Academy for producing the student with the best results nationally. **Kyle Da Silva** sat 16 subjects and passed all 16, achieving the stellar record of 15 grade ones and 1 grade two. Congratulations to Kyle and to his parents for such an outstanding and remarkable achievement.

This is the third time since St. Vincent and the Grenadines became a Mission that Mountain View has produced the top student performer nationally and the school has also set a new, historic record with its best performance of 84.67% passes. When we consider that most of the “cream of the crop students” from Adventist or non-Adventist homes do not make SDA schools their first choice, and the remedial work that has to be done in a number of cases by our dedicated, hard-working teachers, it makes this year’s results even more significant and satisfying.

Brief Biography of KYLE DA SILVA

Kyle Da Silva, student of Mountain View Adventist Academy, achieved the coveted position of being the CSEC 2018 Top Performer for St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Da Silva sat a total of 16 subjects attaining Grade One passes in 15 and one Grade 2 pass.



Quite predictably, in the Mountain View Adventist Academy Graduation Exercises 2018, he had featured as Valedictorian, winning awards in Ad. Math, Math, English A, Geography, Spanish, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Information Technology. In January 2017, Da Silva led both of his school’s teams competing in Mobile Application Category and in the Idea Category to first place in the NTRC I2 Secondary School Competition. Regionally, he emerged as 2017 winner of The OECS – ECCB Essay Writing Competition for Secondary Schools.

Da Silva looks forward to specializing in science at the St. Vincent Community College as preparation for a career as a medical doctor and a specialist in Radiology.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Kyle on an excellent performance and we wish God’s richest blessings upon all his endeavours.

BEYOND CHALK AND TALK: RENEW, RETOOL, RECHARGE - TEACHERS' RETREAT 2018



SVG Mission Education Director, Dermoth Baptiste and Sister Baptiste at far right. Others in photo from L to R— Pastor Henry Snagg, Dr. McKenzie and Pastor and Sister Ian Williams

Adventist Education involves an outstanding system of schools that began in 1872 and has grown to be the second largest educational system worldwide among Christian Denominations. In St. Vincent & the Grenadines there are a total of five schools - three primary schools and two secondary schools - owned and run by the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Over the period August 22nd to 27th all teaching and administrative staff of all schools were given the opportunity to re-ignite their passion for teaching and learning and for refreshing themselves in the fundamentals of good educational practice at a retreat in Bequia. There, surrounded by the pristine environment of De-Reef, located at Lower Bay, Bequia, and away from the cares and concerns of daily life, colleagues were able to interact with one another in differing situations.

Invited to make presentations were:

<i>Dr. David McKenzie</i>	- Youth Director, Atlantic Union Conference
<i>Dr. Hilary Bowman</i>	- Education Director, CARU & President, USC
<i>Mrs. Jessica Cunningham</i>	- Associate Education Director, CARU
<i>Hon. Debra Charles</i>	- Parliamentary Secretary, Min. of Education
<i>Mrs. Morine Williams</i>	- Permanent Secretary, Min. of Education
<i>Ms. Beverly Neptune</i>	- Chief Education Officer, Min. of Education
<i>Mrs. Iris Mounsey</i>	- Retired Educator
<i>Pastor Bertie Henry</i>	- Treasurer, CARU

Administrators of the SVG Mission and Pastor Shane Franklyn also attended.

The Retreat was not just a workshop, though participants did benefit greatly from conversations about one another's experiences and the developmental presentations explained/recounted by the guest presenters. We believed that the social aspect of interacting so closely with one another would provide moral support as staffs discovered that their goals and aspirations are the same and they shared ideas on best practices over the period of time.

We believe that the work of true education is to equip students to think and to act with breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions. We believe that each student has a special purpose and that we must strive to provide every opportunity for their spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth. Our mission is to inspire them to develop a relationship with Jesus, love learning, respect others, and develop a character in the likeness of their Creator. *By: Kerry Kerr.*

Reflections On The Christ For The Crisis 2018 Campaign.



The praise team was top class as the evangelist made the appeal



Evangelist Inskip Richards on fire

The city of Port of Spain in Trinidad was under siege through a series of gun-related homicides. The leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church there had choices to make. Will they cower in a shell of self-preservation or will they take the fight to the host of darkness marching under the blood stained banner of Prince Emmanuel? This was the response of the leaders and members of the North North West and North West Zones, which encompass the Port of Spain area.

It was decided that there would be a full onslaught to bring souls from the brink of darkness but many challenges lay ahead. One such was that the newly acquired tent which was pitched in the Queen's Park Savannah, next to the superstructure of the North Stand had to be relocated. Shockingly this news was delivered on the morning of Tuesday, April 24th. Plans had been afoot to have the tent completed for a rehearsal on Wednesday April 25th. However with dogged determination the dismantling and repositioning of the tent took place on the night of Wednesday April 25th and by 10:30 pm on Thursday 26th April, the tent had been relocated and outfitted, ready to begin this very important soul winning event.

The Queen's Park Savannah was set ablaze with the series *Christ For The Crisis* and for a period of four weeks beginning April 27th 2018, veteran evangelist, Pastor Inskip Richards, delivered what SCC President, Pastor Leslie Moses declared was Richards' best and most inspired preaching to date. In fact, Trinidad and Tobago's major social "hot-topics" of crime, corruption, economic recession and the passing of laws relating to the legalizing of homosexual practices became a critical platform from which the evangelist mounted persuasive Christ-centered solutions.

Just weeks before, this same venue had been host to the annual carnival celebrations where thousands reveled to the road-

march tune "Soca Kingdom". The hit song basically embodies the belief that carnival is an escape from life's stresses with the lyrical mantra being "this is the kingdom" of which to be a part. In response, it was shown that the location was the best option for Christ's Kingdom, with the staging of a successful and spirit-filled nationwide camp meeting earlier in March which was swiftly followed by the meetings of April to May. It was mentioned that the "Saviour's Kingdom had replaced Soca Kingdom."

Christ for the Crisis also featured an unchurched programme format, use of innovative signage, active social media and live-streaming, prizes of electronic devices as well as traditional books and Bibles, free clothing boutique, night-time pool baptisms, Mother's Day concert, steelband music, nightly food hamper distributions, along with a well-rehearsed band/praise team, well-ordered support teams (ushers, registration, health, safety, prayer, hospitality, audio-visual), and the best of the talent from the two participating zones, all under a brand-new tentorium pitched on a dust and mud-free environment. At the end of the campaign God's people led an important stance for the Saviour's Kingdom and were celebrating the working of the Lord which resulted in the baptism of over 150 precious souls.

Reflections by Pastor Lyndon Lewis, Campaign Manager and Eshuan Arjoon, host of Christ For The Crisis 2018.

TRUMPETS BLAST - RESTORE 100



Hands of fellowship in the Beetham. Dr. Clive Dottin inset

By: Tabitha de Leon-David

Don't go there; You can't make a difference; No land for a church; Too much violence; You ever heard about Hell Yard?; Dangerous! Dangerous! Dangerous! These are some of the wonderful topics preached by the flamboyant and effervescent Dr. Clive Dottin.

The pessimists, antagonists and the fearfulists were intimidated by the giants in the Beetham Gardens land. Before the TRUMPETS BLAST – RESTORE 100 began, there was a murder in Hell Yard which we have since renamed JERUSALEM YARD. The first week the police shot and killed a man – this created an uproar that took the nation by storm. Bullets flying and gospel exploding.

The Laventille District initiative was spearheaded by Pastor Nigel Caleb Joshua Walcott who went into forbidden territory and took Beetham Gardens by storm. Evangelist Clive “Volcano” Dottin decided to accept this missiological church-planting challenge. The BLAST-OFF was Sunday 11th September 2018 at 6:30pm. The venue was the Community Centre perched on the borderline.

But the best was yet to come. The Community Centre is actually on the border-line. On the East you have ISIS, in the West you have Rasta City. Jump high, jump low on opening night, there was greater power than the nuclear bomb. The Topic? God's Plan for Beetham. Evangelist Dottin declared that God had unconditional love for Beetham and that before the residents were born, God planned RESTORE 100 for Beetham.

The Mary Magdalene of the area gave her heart to Jesus. One young man who was shot several times in five [5] months, gave his heart to Christ and was baptized. One youth who was stabbed just before the crusade started, gave his heart to Christ and wants to become a doctor – missionary doctor if you please.

The weekend of the first Sabbath celebration, we had to move to the Maranatha Church. However, 10 souls gave their hearts to Jesus. The next Sabbath we had 7 jewels for the kingdom, and the last Sabbath, 23 new ambassadors plunged into the watery grave of baptism. In total, there were 40 new soldiers in the army of Jesus.

The nation was shocked when a famous gay transvestite dancer announced that he was giving up that lifestyle and getting baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He has turned out to be a rich, baritone singer. Hallelujah! This four [4] weeks of soul-stirring preaching, dynamic music, Holy-Ghost inspired Bible work, an atomic bomb cluster of Prayer Warriors all produced 40 souls for the kingdom of Jesus. This is a ministry designated to reach, rescue and adopt 100 souls. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

New Workers at CARU

The Caribbean Union welcomed four new members of staff in the persons of Mrs. Avril Henry-John who will be serving as Administrative Assistant in the Women's and Children's Department as well as the Health Ministries and ADRA Departments. Mrs. John is the wife of Pastor Terry John, VP for Spiritual Development at the University of the Southern Caribbean. Before accepting this position at the Union she worked as a School Guidance Counsellor in Trinidad and St. Lucia.

Ms. Nedra Edwards is the new receptionist. She brings a wealth of experience to this position having served at both the Community Hospital and the University of the Southern Caribbean. Her charm and good-natured spirit can only enhance the operations at the Caribbean Union.

Mrs. Gail Smith who now serves as the Administrative Assistant to Pastor Johnson Frederick, worked at the South Caribbean Conference as secretary in the education and communication department and the secretariat. Before working at the SCC, she was a bank clerical assistant at the Republic Bank. She worked with SCC from 2012 to 2017 and began at CARU February 2018. A member of the Aranguez SDA Church, she is the Sabbath School superintendent and education secretary.

Mrs. Pauline Frederick before coming to CARU served as Principal of the Eucharist SDA Primary School after teaching for over 15 years within the SDA education system. Pauline holds a BSc in Education and is married to one of the powerful preachers in the Caribbean Union, former President of the St Lucia Mission and now Executive Secretary of CARU.

We welcome them all and wish them God's blessings.



From the top: Sisters Avril Henry-John with Director Debbie Henry, Nedra Edwards, Gail Smith, and at left Pauline Frederick

IMPACT NCC

In preparation for CARU NCC impact in 2020, the North Caribbean Conference is doing a dry run conference wide next year, 2019. Pastor Hesketh Matthew, Assistant to the President of the illustrious Conference is the mastermind behind this grand and explosive event.

The event called the **NCC LTM EVANGELISTIC EXPLOSION 2019** is carded for February 15th to March 2nd, 2019.

There is an estimated 27 sites with a goal of 12 baptisms per site.

Pastor Matthew says, “The mission holds a threefold emphasis: **Disciple Making, Baptizing and Teaching.**”

“This evangelism explosion will be a compact engagement of Laity and Clergy giving expression of God's impression, and inviting individuals to experience the transforming power of Jesus in their lives while developing their skills for greater evangelistic engagement. The North Caribbean Conference Evangelism Explosion to be executed in 2019 also serves as a precursor to the Caribbean Union Evangelism Impact North Caribbean .”

East Regional Crusade “The Days of Elijah”

The Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists acknowledges the power and authority of Elijah in the life and ministry of the Youth Director of the St Vincent Mission, Pastor Brent St. Jean. The four-week evangelistic event began on July 20th and culminated on August 18th, with the ten Churches from the Mid and Far East Districts, at the Renaissance Settlement in the Village of Roxborough.

With the support of Pastors Reynold Thomas and Winston King the message of a crucified, buried and risen Saviour was declared night after night in a style that was appropriate to the ‘Country’ brethren, since the Evangelist grew up in the ‘Country’ of Dominica. The creativity of the Evangelist was manifested in his powerful preaching that was interspersed with singing and superb storytelling, through his captivating voice.

There were some challenges that presented themselves,

By: Lowell Ottley



Pastor Hesketh Matthew

including the weather, but that did not prevent the tents being packed during the latter weeks of the event. After the final call was made a total of sixty-two (62) individuals gave their hearts to Jesus. To God be the glory.

Special thanks to Pastor Brent St. Jean and his family for gracing Tobago with their presence and ministry. Special thanks also to the Caribbean Union for assigning such a powerful evangelist to the Tobago Mission.



Evangelist Brent in action under the tent Lowmans St

Antigua's Prime Minister Calls on the S.D.A. Church to Assist with Combating the Scourge of NCD's

By: Dr. Mark Brathwaite

A community has been molded by its messages, touched by its various ministries, countless students have been educated through its institutions, and the health of the nation has been positively serviced through its positive impacts on health and wellness.

Under the theme, "Looking Back, Pressing Forward", the Seventh-day Adventist church in Antigua is celebrating 130 years of Adventism on the island. The earliest records available reveal that in December 1888 a colporteur named William Arnold visited the island with the Seventh-day Adventist message. From these early beginnings the movement has mushroomed into a significant organization which today celebrates 31 congregations, one early childhood education development center, two primary schools, one secondary school, one satellite extension campus of the University of the Southern Caribbean, one radio station, one senior citizens' home, one campsite, a credit union and over 11,000 members in a population of approximately 90,000 people.

President of the South Leeward Mission, Dr. Carson Greene, indicates that, our theme "Looking Back, Pressing Forward" is quite fitting. As we look back, we know that we did not get here by our own strength. As we look back, we see clearly that God has indeed led. As we look back we see imperfections and failures but we also see God's mercies and grace towards us. As we look back we are reminded that we have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way God has led us in the past."

The 130 years anniversary celebrations began officially on Sabbath, October 20, 2018 at the Gilberts Estate, which is a 14 acre property partly owned by the church. The official opening ceremony saw the presence of the Governor General of Antigua/Barbuda, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams along with the Prime Minister, the Honorable Gaston Browne.

During his brief congratulatory remarks, His Excellency, Sir Rodney Williams, congratulated the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its sterling contributions to Antigua through the production of teachers and musicians.

The Governor General went on to commend the church for its health message. He stated, "As you recount the positive results of the healthy life-style practices of the early founders and members, there is more than sufficient evidence to declare the effectiveness of such a way of life."

The Honorable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister, also offered congratulatory remarks and indicated that in his estimation, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as a religious organization, has made the most significant contribution to the economic development of the nation.

Prime Minister Browne also made a significant appeal to the church leadership to assist in combating the scourge of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). He said that the Adventist church members are strong proponents for a healthier lifestyle and they could play an integral role in the public education process.



Above - The Hon. PM of Antigua and Barbuda. Below - The 130th anniversary children choir participating during the opening ceremony



130 YEARS OF ADVENTISM IN ANTIGUA



By: Dr. Mark Brathwaite

“Seventh-day Adventism places restrictions on consuming meat or flesh foods. Flesh food is injurious to health and whatever affects the body has a corresponding effect on the mind and the soul. Those are the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Your [positioning] for a wellness culture will lead to a reduction in the number of those who lose limbs by amputation and who suffer an early death,” Browne said.

Non-communicable diseases, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), are mainly cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks and stroke, cancer, respiratory diseases and asthma. The WHO says NCD’s kill 41 million people each year, equivalent to 71 percent of all global deaths. For Antigua and Barbuda, diabetes is one of the main diseases plaguing nationals.

The government is currently adopting proactive approaches to tackle the problem, and one of those methods is taxing sugary beverages and incentivizing the use of nutritional foods.

In response to the Prime Minister’s call, Mrs. Silvia Ham-Ying, Health Ministries director of the South Leeward Mission, indicated that addressing and battling NCD’s is one of the objectives of her department. “We can target the community and also our members in the battle against NCD’s,” she said. “What may be effective is to develop active groups in each community where the church serves that would focus on educating the community about healthy living,” Ham-Ying said. There is a significant need for persons to “do good health and not just hear about good health.” Mrs. Ham-Ying was here addressing a negative practice where large numbers of the population appear to regularly check their health statuses but apparently fail to adopt healthy practices that could improve their situations. This is evident in the number of persons who expire as a result of an NCD.

The activities of the 130th anniversary celebrations continued the following day Sunday, October 21st, 2018 with a grand health fair at the Gilberts Estate. Mrs. Ham-Ying indicates that approximately 239 persons benefitted from specialized services such as prostate exams, PAP smears, breast examinations, vision checks, and regular services such as blood pressure and cholesterol checks and Body Mass Index (BMI) calculations.

The 130th anniversary celebrations in Antigua/Barbuda continued for the entire week with mini exhibitions, nightly meetings, a circumnavigation cruise around Antigua, and a convention and final gala banquet on Saturday October 27, 2018.



Dr. Greene and his wife giving remarks during the opening ceremony



President Greene escorts the Governor General to his seat at the opening ceremony



Dr. Dias a volunteer , ophthalmologists examining bro Johnathan Rogers during the health fair.

CARU BAPTISMAL RESULTS

August 31st, 2018

Conference/Mission	Baptismal Goal 2018	Number of baptisms as of August 31, 2018
East Caribbean Conference	700	323
Grenada Conference	425	217
Guyana Conference	3100	2,588
North Caribbean Conference	400	162
South Caribbean Conference	1200	509
South Leeward Mission	370	457
St Lucia Mission	635	311
SVG Mission	425	329
Suriname Mission	200	62
Tobago Mission	250	257
Total:	7705	5215

The Guyana Conference is leading in baptismal results even though they have not bypassed their goal. When the Linden results are added they will be way over their goal. We applaud the South Leeward Mission and the Tobago Mission for bypassing their goal before the year ends. This is indeed commendable. We await the final baptismal results in 2018 and will publish those in our next edition of the Gleanings.

Let us be aware that while as a Church we struggle with retention and it seems like the struggle will intensify in these days of Elijah, that fact should not be used as an excuse to cease evangelizing. We have said again and again that we cannot conserve what we don't have and if in a worst case scenario, after baptizing 100 we lose 40, we still have 60 members to be nurtured, valued and preserved for eternity! We have to make a more deliberate and concerted effort at conservation and the record shows that we have put systems in place. Some have worked well and others will have to be reassessed but the church must roll on evangelistically.

We believe that the sobering statistics from the GC and the recent reports in the mainstream media predicting the decline of Christianity should be a wake up call for all our leaders in the Caribbean Union. We have to be more intentional in getting our pastors to focus on proclamation, conservation, and reclamation. We need to experience in our Union, churches that are nurturing, more relevant, spiritually hungry and more resourceful.

We must focus on everyone, especially the age group 18-35, called the millennials. People must feel valued and appreciated and our leaders must see the importance of getting them involved. CARU is serious about public evangelism. We will continue to honor our outstanding pastors and lay preachers who do well in evangelism. We are moving in the right direction and the administration of the Union is on board as we forge ahead, adding to our churches, motivating our membership and increasing the income with the tithes and offerings that these new believers will commit to giving. *By: CARU Communications.*

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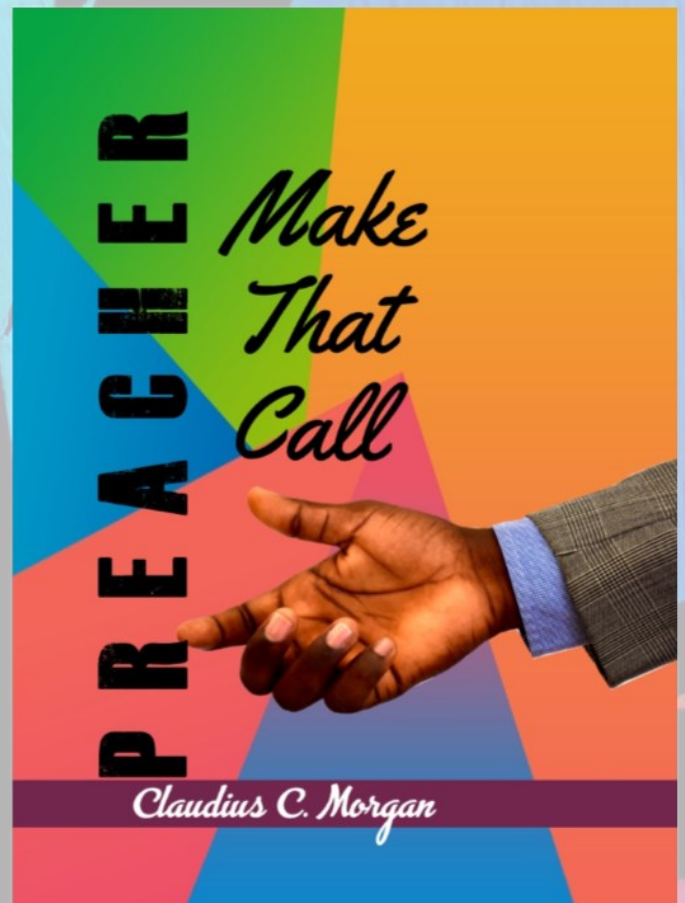
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