



PENTECOSTAL PASTOR BAPTIZED



Former Pastor Dr. Carol Phillips, from the People's Cathedral in Barbados is now a baptized Seventh-day Adventist. She was baptized at the Old Bury site by Dr. Colin Thorne. She attended the meetings nightly and challenged God in some subject areas where she needed clarity. As she spoke to the evangelist, she exclaimed, "Every night I attended, God answered my questions on every theological subject area.

Dr. Carol Phillips being baptized by Dr. Colin Thorne, Executive Secretary of the East Caribbean Conference with headquarters in Barbados.

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Notice of the 5th Quadrennial Session Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given of the Fifth (5th) quadrennial business session of the Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, scheduled for November 20-23, 2019, at the Scarborough Seventh-day Adventist Church. 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 Tobago Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. The Session is due to start at three in the afternoon at the aforementioned venue.

Toney Mapp, President

**Martin Cunningham,
Executive Secretary**



Pastor Edison Williams receives his ordination certificate from Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union who delivered the ordination sermon. See pages 18 and 19

Seven Pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath August 24th. It was an impressive ceremony attended by many members of the pastoral districts. Here in this photo Pastor Edison Williams, all smiles receives his certificate from Dr. Kern Tobias.

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IMPACT NCC— March 6th to 14th, 2020

Impact NCC will become the third impact staged by the Caribbean Union. The first was in Guyana where over 1400 persons were baptized and the second was held in Suriname where some 425 persons were baptized at the end of the impact.

In Guyana we held evangelistic campaigns at 50 sites for eight days, while in Suriname we staged 20 campaigns. Both programs were deemed as very successful and rewarding.

The impact moves into its third year to the North Caribbean Conference. While Guyana and Suriname are single land masses, the NCC impact will be held in eight (8) islands as indicated in the diagram on right of this page. In addition, meetings will be conducted in five (5) Spanish and one (1) French group. Six island conventions will be held. The speakers are as follows:

1. St Maarten – Dr. Elie Henry
2. Tortola – Dr. Kern Tobias
3. St Croix – Balvin Braham
4. St Thomas – Anthony Hall
5. Anguilla – Johnson Frederick
6. St Eustatius – Hayden Lorde
7. Virgin Gorda – Ashton O Niel

The NCC in preparation for this Union program staged their own program baptizing just under 300 persons. CARU's goal for this impact is 450 baptisms.

Site	Preachers
<i>St Croix:</i>	
Peter's Rest/Christiansted	Balvin Braham
Faith and Bethel	Brent St Jean
Central and Hope	Marvin Smith
Spanish Congregations	
<i>St Thomas:</i>	
Philadelphia	Anthony Hall
Shiloh	Clive Dottin
City/Maranatha	Bertie and Debra Henry
French	David Daniel
Agape	Roger Stephen
Spanish Congregation	
<i>St Johns</i>	
	Inskip Richards
<i>Tortola:</i>	
Carrot Bay	Kenan Cain
Sweet Redemptive/Road Town	Carolyn Brandon
East End, Purcell, Maranatha and	
Belle Vue	Carson Greene
Spanish Congregation	
<i>Virgin Gorda:</i>	
	Ashton O Neil
<i>St Maarten:</i>	
Phillipsburg	Eugene Benjamin
Cole Bay/St. Peters	Clinton Lewis
Good News/Ephesus	Samuel Telemaque
French	Elie Henry
Spanish Groups	
<i>Anguilla:</i>	
Mt Fortune and New Life	Johnson Frederick
Long bay and South Hill	Colin Thorne
Spanish Group	
<i>St Eustatius:</i>	
	Hayden Lorde



The President Writes



Dr. Kern Tobias

TRANSFORMATION: A SEMBLANCE OF SPRING!

Spring is a season overflowing with symbolism. It is a transitional time of the year, when the cold and dark dwindle away and the rains of rebirth fall upon the earth. The light begins to shine brightly once more, animals emerge from hibernation, and plants and flowers “spring” into bloom. At this time of year, everything enters a state of renewal.

The season of spring is built upon the development of new skills and habits, the acquisition of knowledge, and a deeper level of self-understanding. Spring is a time for dynamic thinking, learning and opportunity. It often triggers excitement, anticipation and a sense of purpose and direction.

The Christian experience is comparable to the spring season. That marvelous and miraculous experience is called transformation. This experience is a catalyst that encourages us to live Christ-like lives, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul notes in Titus 3:5, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”

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As we consider the philosophical spring season that encompasses transformation, we can forget the things that are behind and press forward to a more glorious future of beauty and blessings.

Ellen White comments on this experience of transformation and confirms its renewing nature. “The work of transformation from unholiness to holiness is a continuous one. Day by day God labors for man’s sanctification, and man is to cooperate with Him, putting forth persevering efforts in the cultivation of right habits.

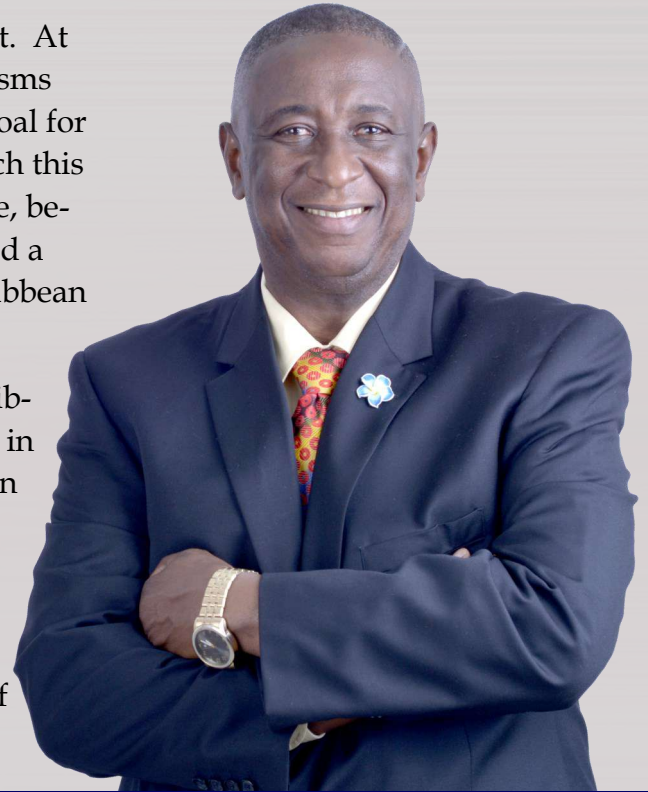
He is to add grace to grace; and as he thus works on the plan of addition, God works for him on the plan of multiplication. Our Saviour is always ready to hear and answer the prayer of the contrite heart, and grace and peace are multiplied to His faithful ones. Gladly He grants them the blessings they need in their struggle against the evils that beset them” (Reflecting Christ, p. 315).



Communication Director Writes

This blessed Union of ours is filled with evangelistic excitement. At the end of this year, we should have added another 8,000 baptisms giving us a total for this quadrennium of 30,000+ souls. Our goal for the quadrennium is 40,400. It does not appear that we will reach this goal assigned to us by the IAD but we can still smile and rejoice, because at the end of the quadrennium we would have established a record of achieving the most baptisms in the history of the Caribbean Union.

For this year the South Caribbean Conference and the East Caribbean Conference have added significantly to the total baptisms in our Union. Both fields have baptized over 50 percent more than their reported baptisms over the past three years. Guyana still leads in total baptisms but the positive growth in all our fields is evidence that evangelism is soaring high. We give God praise that evangelistic pastoral involvement is a reality. We are seeking now to double the lay involvement. For example, if we have 200 pastoral crusades, we should stage 400 lay cru-



Dr. Claudius Morgan

The Administrators of our Union must be applauded for their evangelistic approach. Not only are they supporting evangelism and soul winning, they themselves are involved. Pastors Henry and Johnson added to the church in evangelistic programs this year, and as busy as our president is, he participated in Impact Guyana, baptizing some 20 persons. With their involvement, who can stop us? Who can stand in our way?

CARU's dream and motivation is to see all our pastors (administrators and directors as well) become directly involved in evangelism. The Evangelism Department is available to help. Requests can be made for the sermons and we will provide them and the training as well. Get the ladies and youth of our churches involved. People are searching for the truth and the blessed Holy Spirit is doing His assigned work. Dr. Carol Phillips of the People's Cathedral in Barbados heard the voice of the Holy Spirit but it took the campaign at Old Bury Barbados to bring her over the line. Her decision angered the religious leaders in Barbados but it brought joy to the heart of God.

Pastor Josney Rodriguez, Ministerial Secretary for the church in Inter-America had this to say, "Our church culture needs to change. It's all about going back to the basics and focusing our attention on engaging the membership in *evangelism* and discipleship. That will only be possible as the pastors and elders unite across the more than 22,000 congregations in Inter-America to involve each member in fulfilling the mission."

LET'S GO CARIBBEAN UNION! Caribbean Union – Moving Forward!!



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CAB – A Transformational Event



In Attendance at The Celebration Awards Banquet

The Celebration Awards Banquet was an exciting event for all present. This celebratory event was organized by the Caribbean Union in recognition of the outstanding district pastors in evangelism from each field within the Union, the pastor/evangelists who baptized more than one hundred and the evangelists who baptized over one hundred last year.

Present at the event from the IAD was Dr. Balvin Braham, Assistant to the President for Evangelism and from the Caribbean Union, President Kern Tobias and Treasurer Pastor Bertie Henry. Also in attendance from the Union were pastors Ashton O Neil—Personal Ministries Director, Ammaran Williams— Ministerial and Family Life Director, Clive Dottin—Field Secretary and Claudius Morgan—Assistant to the President for Evangelism. The three Administrators of the Guyana Conference who attended were President Exton Clarke, Secretary Jumoul Sancho and Treasurer Rovena Harrinauth. President Roger Stephens of the St Lucia Mission and Dr. Carson Greene from the South Leeward Conference were attendees as well.

In his address to the over 60 persons in attendance, Dr. Balvin Braham congratulated the Caribbean Union for staging the first event of its kind in the Inter-American Division; a celebration for outstanding evangelists. He exclaimed that the Caribbean Union is one of those power house unions in our division territory that makes it happen. In addressing the outstanding evangelists, Dr. Braham declared, followed by resounding applause, “You have made yourself, you have made your family, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Caribbean Union, in the Inter-American Division and the global church proud.” He concluded by saying, “You have made the kingdom of God proud.”

Dr. Tobias, in his address welcomed those who attended the celebrations, applauded the choice of venue and complimented Sister Sheryle and her team. He exclaimed, “The location highlights the significance.”

The program booklet carried messages by Dr. Balvin Braham, Dr. Kern Tobias, Dr. Claudius Morgan and Pastor Exton Clarke. Pastor Clarke in his address stated, “Permit me to applaud this noble initiative, the Celebration and Awards Banquet planned and executed by the Caribbean Union Evangelism Council under the visionary leadership of Dr. Claudius Morgan. This is indeed a proud day for our Union as we witness a renewed and intentional plan to motivate and equip our pastors to pursue excellence in their evangelistic endeavors.”



HONORING OUR OUTSTANDING EVANGELISTS

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Dr. Morgan in his address, printed in the program booklet, stated, “At the end of this year we should have baptized over 30,000 persons as members of the SDA Church. The goal given to us by the Division is 40,400. We committed ourselves to the goal at the Jordan River at the beginning of the quinquennium and by the time it ends, we should be very close to realizing this goal.”

The pastors receiving awards from each field were as follows: East Caribbean Conference, **Sheldon Brome**, Guyana Conference, **Kevon James**, Grenada Conference, **Bernard Lyons** (absent), North Caribbean Conference, **Marco Salas** (absent), St Lucia Mission, **Nick Vitalis** (absent), South Leeward Conference, **Kay White**, SVG Mission, **Keith McDonald**, Tobago Mission, **Lowell Ottley** (absent), Suriname Mission, **David Daniels** and South Caribbean Conference, **Nigel Walcott**.

Eighteen pastors from the Guyana Conference were awarded for baptizing over 100. They are as follows: **Kevon James 513**, **Claudius Bollers 326**, **Dwayne Daniels 220**, **Rawl Jackman 192**, **Andre Williams 180**, **Michael Charles 175**, **Leon Brathwaite 156**, **Fitzroy Sealy 154**, **Noel Schultz 137**, **Preston Patterson 133**, **Bennett Bascome 115**, **Andre Meusa 115**, **Lester Pereira 110**, **Martin Babb 109**, **Carolyn Brandon 103**, **Clinton Savory 102**, **Andrew Chichester 100**, and **Trevor Tobin 100**.

Eight evangelists were also recognized for baptizing over 100 persons in 2018. They are Anthony Hall, Brent St Jean, Joel James, Clive Dottin, Sherwin White, Carson Greene, Kishford Frank and Inskip Richards who led the way with over 200 baptisms.

The program received thumbs up from all in attendance. Congratulations to Sister Sheryle Liverpool, the secretary to the Director for Evangelism. Much of its success must be attributed to her professional touch.



Honored for outstanding baptismal results from L to R: Inskip Richards SCC, Dr. Carson Greene SLC and Rawl Jackman, formerly Guyana Conference now ECC.

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Dr. and Sister Lewis after his re-election

PRESIDENT CLINTON RETURNS FOR A RECORD FIFTH TERM

Born in Sunset City, Victoria, St Marks, Grenada in the year nineteen hundred and something, Clinton Lewis, now Dr. Clinton Lewis has been re-elected to the Office of President of the Grenada Conference, for a record fifth time.

Not only is the Doc an outstanding administrator but he is an excellent evangelist with a unique and endearing style who has baptized thousands and leads his pastors and lay preachers in aggressive evangelism.

Evidence of aggressive evangelism in his field shows an increase of over 5000 members in 18 years in the 133 square mile Isle of Spice, Grenada – July 2001, there were 9,212, members. Presently membership stands at 14,629. Congregations in 2001 were 35. There are presently 51.

Dr. Lewis, who sees himself as a successful fisherman who fishes in his spare time as a hobby holds a doctorate in Ministry with emphasis in Missions from the Andrews University Theological Seminary. CARU sees him as a supportive administrator who, because of his love for evangelism sends his pastors and lay preachers afield to conduct evangelism. For the IAD Lord Transform Me Evangelistic program in the Bahamas, the Grenada Conference sent 5 preachers (the most of any field in the Union) . Joel Sharpe and Theresa Panchoo (lay preachers) and Pastors, Dr. Clinton Lewis, Bernard Lyons and Jamie Gordon were the attendees.

The professor (taught many of our pastors at the masters level) who got baptized at age 23 has been married to the endearing Femma Lewis for 39 years. They have 3 adult children: Sheriba, Merlika and Tinisha, all graduates of USC. He was proud to proclaim that the Grenada Conference for the past 18 years has a liquidity of over 100%.

Photo shows Dr. Clinton Lewis seated 2nd from right. He was one of the 20 preachers who participated in Impact Suriname. Seated are from L to R Dr. Henry Peters, Dr. Carson Greene, Dr. Clinton Lewis and Pastor Bertie Henry.





Administrators: From L to R Pastor Oliver Scott, Dr. Clinton Lewis and Bro. Islam Joseph

FIFTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION OF GRENADA CONFERENCE OF SDA

By Oliver Scott—Communication Director

Grenada Conference of SDA held its Quadrennial Session on Wednesday, 24 to Friday 26 July, 2019. This session was preceded by prayers and much preparation. It was convened at St. George's SDA Church. After registration and supper, we had our opening ceremony which included a powerful message by Dr. James Daniel, Vice-President of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference of SDA. Present at the Session were the administrators of the Caribbean Union Conference of SDA and representatives of the Union Fields. The Session was declared open by Dr. Clinton Lewis, President of Grenada Conference of SDA, who also gave a sterling President's Report.

God has indeed accomplished great things within the Grenada Conference of SDA. In light of this, we affirm the words of E.G. White as we anticipate another quadrennium. She states, " We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history" (Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, 196).

The opening night's experience was indeed a blessing. It paved the way for a wonderful session in general. The devotional periods facilitated by retired Union Executive Secretary, Pastor Cyril Horrel were, enriching, enlightening and spiritually refreshing.

The delegates gave relevant feedback to the secretary's, treasurer's, auditor's and departmental reports. The Organizing and Nominating Committees did their work respectively and the following administrators and directors were chosen to serve the conference for the next quadrennium:

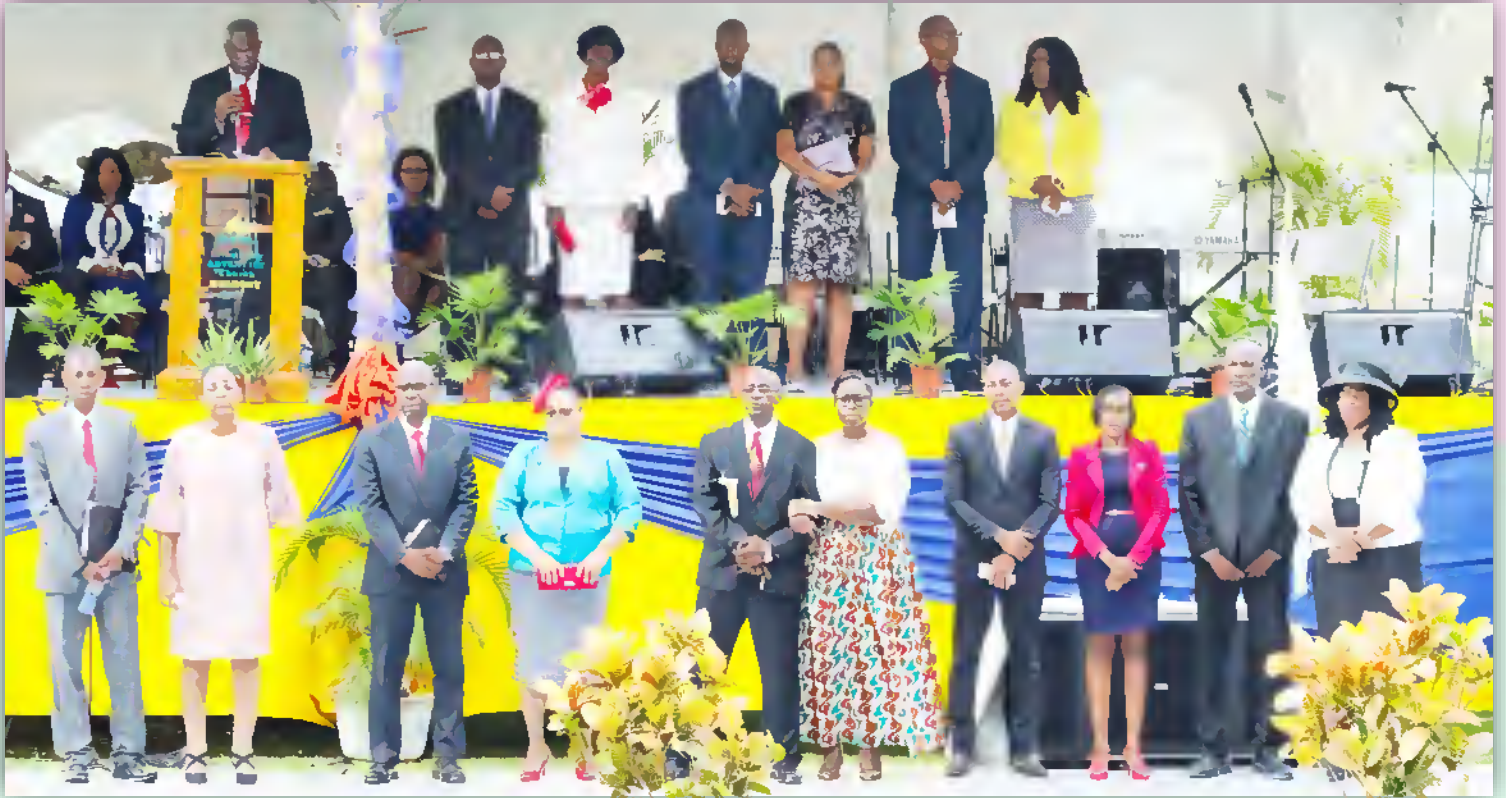
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“REVIVED, MISSION DRIVEN, AWAITING JESUS’ RETURN”

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Administrators and Directors and their spouses presented by Dr. Kern Tobias President of CARU.

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Administrators

President: Dr. Clinton Lewis

Executive Secretary: Pastor Oliver Scott

Treasurer: Brother Anslem Joseph

Departmental Directors

1. Ministerial Secretary, and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director: Pastor Enoch Isaac
2. Personal Ministries, Community Services and Sabbath School Director: Pastor Elvis Hillaire
3. Women Ministries, and Children and Adolescent Ministries Director: Sister Glenda Bowen
4. Adventist Youth Ministries Director: Pastor Bernard Lyons
5. Health Ministries, Stewardship, and Planned Giving and Trust Services Director: Pastor Edward Guillaume
6. Communication Director: Pastor Oliver Scott

On the Sabbath of that week the conference constituency gathered at the national Cricket Stadium for a convention. Another powerful sermon was delivered by Pastor Horrel. The newly elected Conference Administration was presented and the afternoon saw the installation of the newly elected officers, directors, executive committee, and constitution and by-laws committee. The installation sermon was effectively delivered by Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union Conference of SDA. God be praised for His presence and guidance at the 5th Quadrennial Session of Grenada Conference of SDA.



Pastor Moses Elected To Lead the Members of SCC for a Second Term

Pastor Leslie Moses was elected for a second term, as president of the South Caribbean Conference. The last person to be returned for a second term was Pastor Errol Mitchell who served for some 12 years and is now retired. Kern Tobias served two terms but not consecutively and Cyril Horrell, who was called to serve the Caribbean Union as Executive Secretary served for over two years .



Pastors Leslie Moses

Pastor Moses previously served as Family Life Director and Executive Secretary. An outstanding preacher and an evangelist in his own right, the president is a mover and shaker. A powerful person

who initiates events and influences people. CARU is expecting another exciting term for Pastor Moses in building up the Kingdom of God in the South Caribbean Conference. Pastor Moses is married to Debra Moses for over 30 years and this ministerial family has two sons and one daughter. Pastor Moses also served for many years as an adjunct professor at CUC, now University of the Southern Caribbean.



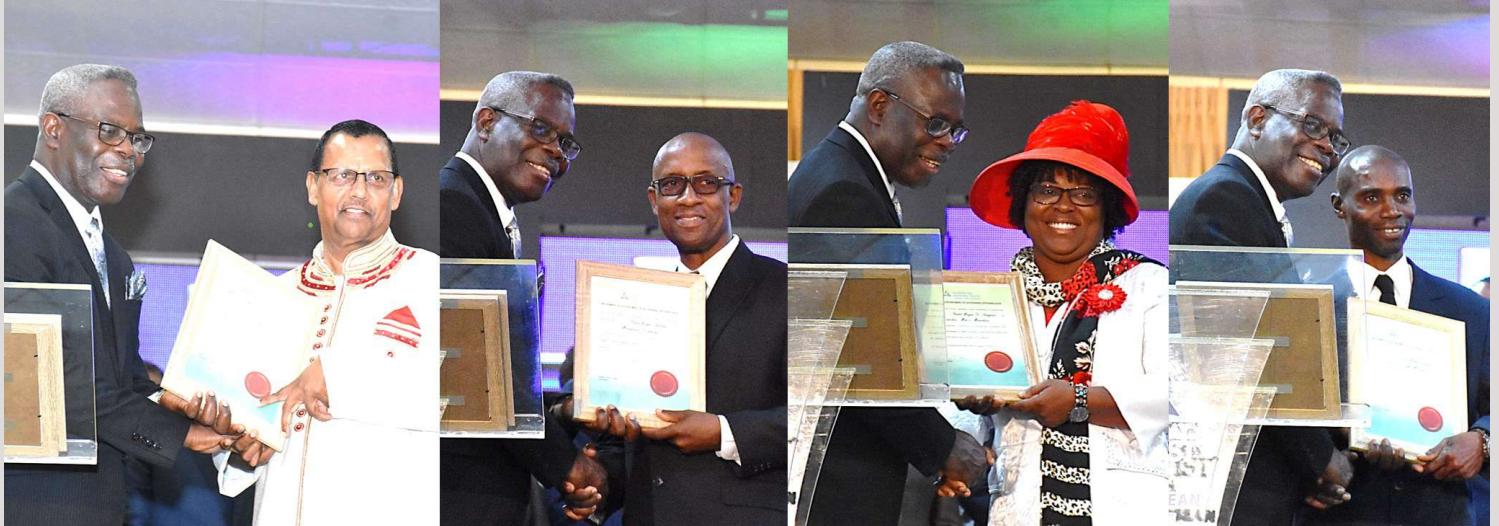
Administration of the South Caribbean Conference for the next four years. From left to right - Executive Secretary Sam Barber and his wife, President Leslie Moses and his wife Debra and Treasurer Dr. Yvette Peters and her husband Pastor Linmanuel Peters.



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OVER 300 DELEGATES ATTENDED 43RD SESSION OF THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE

By: Steve Riley



Directors receiving their instrument of appointment from Dr. Kern Tobias. From l to r Tilbani Singh Stewardship Director; Wayne Andrews Ministerial, Ardalene Bess, former Publishing Director and Wayne Jeffery, Youth Director.

The 43rd Session of the South Caribbean Conference took place August 7 – 9, at the University of the Southern Caribbean, (USC). Well over 300 delegates participated in making this occasion another historic one for this Conference of over 160 congregations. Dr. James Daniel represented the Inter American Division and set the tone for the week with his devotional presentation which followed a gala celebratory opening on Wednesday evening. Pastor Andy Manzano, lecturer in the Department of Theology at USC, challenged the delegates to keep focused on the session theme **We Have This Hope, Jesus is Coming** with the words, “We don’t have time for that.”

Pastor Debleaire Snell of South Central Conference, USA, was the feature speaker for this three day event as well as the convention that followed. In keeping with the theme, his Sabbath message, Hold On, Your Change is Coming, proved quite timely.

Newly re-elected President, Pastor Leslie Moses along with Pastor Paul Philbert, who was returned for a second term as Secretary, and Dr. Yvette Peters, the second woman ever to be elected as Treasurer received the mandate to function as the Ad-

ministration for the next quadrennium. It was during the afternoon of the convention that they all welcomed seven pastors into the ordained ministerial fraternity: Pastors Damieon Lewis, Kishford Frank, Brian De Freitas, Evrod Jones, Edison Williams, Lester Joseph and Vaughn Joshua.



The dependable, communication specialist, Sheldon Moore of SCC, on the job.



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OVER 650 BAPTIZED

By: Dr. Janice Thorne

From May 15th, the Oldbury Campsite was transformed into a lighthouse, whose beacon penetrated barriers, defying the laws of physics, to reach all parts of the earth. The light source was being transmitted via the effervescent Evangelist Claudius Morgan. This evangelistic effort not only utilized what was tested and tried but explored the cutting edge of technology to increase its reach. East Carib Conference identified themselves as path makers by connecting in real-time to places far beyond our territory even as far as New Zealand. This was the first time that a crusade was held in one spot and downlinked to all the churches in its territory in real-time. There were many naysayers who took pains to point out the many ways it could fail and why it would never be a success, but God, as usual,

showed up right on time. The young people, a major accessory, exhibited their giftedness in the area of technology and enthusiastically lent their expertise to the process.

Needless to say, Evangelist Morgan was again at the top of his game as he endeavoured to launch an attack on the devil's territory to increase the army of Christ. Those in attendance were so empowered that they responded like the woman at the well where they went out and called all to come and not only see but hear a man. *(Continued on page 16)*

Hundreds attended nightly. This call to the altar by Evangelist Claudius Morgan, shows a section of the large attendance.



Sweet Music was one of the many highlights at the #GNGM Crusade. Musicians included Shawn Mayers on keyboard, Mike Sealy on guitar, Joel Thomas on bass, Asher Maynard on drums, Jeromy Thomas on organ and Colin Thorne Jr. on saxophone



FIRST EVER CONFERENCE- WIDE CRUSADE



Photos show—First Elder of the New Church, Elder David Bushell and his wife, Pastor Dayle Haynes interviewing Dr. Carol Phillips and Elder Ken Reeves; members of the praise team in action during one of the baptisms.

Some nights the evangelist was concerned about the turn out due to the inclement weather but Barbadians did not allow the rain nor the mud to deter them. Additionally, the internet proved to be useful in spreading the gospel. The link was shared and people were viewing from all over the world nightly. As a result, many individuals were able to allow God to break their shackles of sin as they surrendered to their Saviour and Redeemer. Pastors from non-Adventist denominations were also drawn to the services and one such pastor who manages a radio station and used it to broadcast the messages live every night surrendered and was baptized.

Additionally, there were baptisms at the down-link sites and the main site on Sabbaths. A pool was prepared which allowed those who repented of their sins to go from the altar to the watery grave of baptism. As a result at the conclusion of this evangelistic series, 643 individuals across the sites were baptized and today, a vibrant church has been planted at Oldbury, keeping the gospel ablaze. To God be the glory!



Dr. Colin Thorne, Secretary of the Conference and Crusade Manager gives gift to one of the many visitors who attended.



Pastor Guno Emmanuelson Secretary of the Suriname Mission reads profiles of the ordinands. From l to r are Pastor David Daniel and his wife Gilma EmileDaniel. (Pastor Daniel holds his son, Josiah Paul Daniel), Pastor Rodney E. Blomhof and his wife Della Samuel-Blomhof

SURINAME MISSION ORDAINS TWO PASTORS

Two pastors and their lovely spouses were ordained to the Sacred Gospel Ministry in the Suriname Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. The ordination service took place in the Central Church on August 17, 2019 and started with a musical prelude of the Young Working Christian – Adventist drum band. The office workers, podium personnel, the candidates for pastoral ordination and the shepherdesses solemnly entered the church. Pastor Kern Tobias, Pastor Bertie Henry and his wife, Pastor Lloyd Jacott and Administrators of the Suriname Mission were some of the representatives of the church at Union and Mission level. Dr. Kern Tobias emphasized the role of successful leadership, first in the family and then in the church admonishing the candidates for ordination that they cannot be successful leaders in church if they can't lead their own families to Christ, emphasizing as well that this goes for all leaders at all levels of the church since our first missionary field is our family. The Executive Secretary of the Mission, Pastor Guno Emanuelson read the biographies of both pastors to be ordained and the President of the Mission, Pastor Edward Blackman, charged them with a special ministerial charge. The ordination prayer was done by Pastor Bertie Henry.

Pastor Rodney E. Blomhof and his wife Della Samuel-Blomhof from St. Lucia accepted the call of the Lord to serve Him and His church. Pastor Blomhof graduated in May 2013 and officially entered into ministry on February 1 2013. He is working as a District Pastor, serving the Carmel SDA Church and the God Soldiers group. He is also the Youth Director of the Suriname Mission and has led many to Christ baptizing over 165 precious souls. Currently, he is working towards completing his Doctoral degree in Child Guidance and Counseling. (Continued on Page 20)

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Ordained in SCC

Ordinands and their wives, flanked by IAD official, James Dunbar, Union President Kern Tobias, and his wife Linda Tobias (R), Union Ministerial Director, Ammaran Williams, and President Leslie Moses and his wife, from the South Caribbean Conference (CC).

To conclude what had been an eventful 46th Session of the South Caribbean Conference was the joyful and impressive ceremony for the ordination of seven ministerial workers. It was held in the afternoon of the final day of the session at the CSC Auditorium.

The attendance included 600 new representatives from all seven pastoral districts enjoying the event as their pastor was ordained to full gospel ministry. The excitement for one of the pastors in particular was palpable as his members gave him a rousing and standing ovation as he ascended the platform with his adorable wife, all smiles.

President of the Caribbean Union, Dr. Kern Tobias in his presentation, PERTINENT PERSPECTIVES FROM THE LIFE OF PAUL, exclaimed that “the apostle Paul was an incredible person with interesting perspectives that have enhanced the quality of the life of the church. He grew to be a man of firm convictions and a fiery temperament.”



Dr. Tobias, fired up and in full gear.

Dr. Tobias related that Paul had a colored past. Though religious, he was ruthless. Though a religious leader, he was legalistic and lethal.

In applying this to the congregation and the seven ordinands, he insisted, “Each one of us has had a past that we are certainly not proud of. In fact, many persons may be aware of our failures and foibles, our frustrations and fears, and these can be weights that are holding us back, hitting us hard, shutting us down, or showing us up. (Continued on Page 19)

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Left to Right, top to Bottom— Pastor and Mrs. De Freitas, Pastor and Mrs. Edison Williams, Pastor and Mrs. Damieon Lewis, Pastor and Mrs. Vaughn Joshua, Pastor and Mrs. Lester Joseph, Pastor and Mrs. Evrod Jones, and Pastor and Mrs. Kishford Frank

ORDINATION—NOT A RIGHT BUT A PRIVILEGE

As the ordinands and congregation listened (Both Adventist and non Adventist), Dr. Tobias with hand lifted and eyes focused on the congregation insisted, “Your being ordained today is not about you, but about Jesus Christ who rescues, restores, and retains us to be authentic and authoritative. Always remember from whence you have come, especially in dealing with human weaknesses and wrongs.” He ended by giving Paul’s Prescription: 2 Corinthians 11: 23-28; 1 Timothy. 3:1-7.

1. Consider it a privilege to be called to be a minister and to be ordained today.
2. Ministry will of necessity involve hardships and even hard knocks.
3. For Christ’s sake develop a character like His, improve your giftedness and guard your reputation.
4. Be temperate as a minister and a model for the people of God.
5. Make your family your first church.
6. Demonstrate your experience and competence as a true shepherd.
7. Incarnate Christ to your community. Live a clean life, let your lessons be clear, and your love be consistent.

Ordained to the gospel ministry with a grand total of 2041 baptisms are Brian De Freitas - 200, Kishford Frank - 600, Evrod Jones - 201, Lester Joseph - 400, Vaughn Joshua - 235, Damieon Lewis - 265, and Edison Williams - 140.



The attendance showed the high appreciation the members have for their pastors.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ON THE MOVE IN TOBAGO

The Education Department of the Tobago Mission has made academic excellence in a spiritually charged environment the focus, in a more rigorous way, for the last three years. A number of initiatives have been undertaken to prime our five schools for even greater academic success. Among the initiatives, a Science mentorship program was arranged for our secondary school (Harmon School of SDA) where successful Science teachers from various high schools were used to share best practices; give guidance on managing the syllabus in a timely manner' and monitor the progress of the subject areas. Another focus was the training of principals. Principals were developed professionally in areas like clinical supervision, developing positive school climates, strategic planning and in the use of instructional improvement planning. More than the aforementioned, the education department hosted its first ever, spiritual development session. This initiative saw our schools meeting in one space, and banding together in prayer and fruit fasting. We sought the Lord for ideas and answers to the various challenges that each school was experiencing. A major focus was that of realizing academic excellence. This year



Education Director Tobago Mission, Jamilia Nicholls

God proved Himself to us and the reality of His miraculous power was manifested through the following:

1. Three of our four primary schools had improved national means at the Secondary Entrance Assessment Examination (exam taken to move to the secondary level).
2. North Regional SDA Primary School was the second highest performing school on the island of Tobago at the Secondary Entrance Assessment Examination. *(Continued on Page 38)*

SURINAME MISSION ORDAINS TWO PASTORS

Pastor David Daniel and his wife Gilma Emile-Daniel, from St. Lucia, also accepted the call of the Lord to serve Him and His church. They have been blessed with a budding evangelist, Josiah Paul Daniel. Josiah is two (2) years young and already loves singing and preaching. Pastor Daniel graduated in the year 2010 and began his ministry in St. Lucia on October 13, 2010. On June 5, 2017, Pastor Daniel and family left Saint Lucia to commence service in Suriname and he is pastoring in his childhood church Bethuel. Pastor Daniel serves three (3) congregations (Galilee, Bethuel and Moria) and also serves as the Family Life, Men's Ministries', Stewardship and Trust Services Director of the Suriname Mission. To date, through his ministry, he has baptized over 200 souls. Pastor Daniel is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology with emphasis in Leadership with the Inter-American Theological Seminary.

After the official ordination service there was an opportunity for the constituency of the church to congratulate the newly ordained pastors in the multi-purpose hall of the Suriname Mission Office. We thank God for using these servants in His vineyard and we pray that they continue to be faithful to God, their family and the mission of the church.



PENTECOSTAL PASTOR BECOMES SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Dr. Carol Phillips, a Pentecostal for over 40 years and a former pastor of the People's Cathedral, is now a member of the Good News SDA Church situated presently at Oldbury Barbados. She was baptized by Pastor Colin Thorne at the Good News Gospel Explosion Crusade, sponsored jointly by the East Caribbean Conference and the Caribbean Union.

She preached her first sermon as a member of the Good News Community on Sunday 6th September 2019. Here is a bio of Dr. Phillip.



Dr. Carol Phillips welcomed by Pastors Thorne and Morgan after her baptism.

Dr. Carol Phillips is the Chairman/CEO of NBG Productions/NGTV/NBG Radio -a Barbadian based media group. She is Deputy President, Caribbean Creative Cluster (C3) - an organization which represents and promotes the creative industry and is also the President of Family Co Operative Credit Union. Additionally, she is the Deputy President of The WISH Center -a charity set up for women in need, Deputy President of United Caribbean Trust which focuses on missions and amp; education in Africa and the Caribbean, Treasurer of The Global Network for Cultural Transformation.

A synopsis of the past twenty five (25) years would include the pioneering of CITA RADIO 90.1 FM as General Manager; starting a school for teenage drug addicts as part of Teen Challenge; administering People's Cathedral Primary School and designing & amp; implementing the Disaster Management protocol for the Church, School and Radio Station.



Dr. Carol was the Director of Operation Mobilization-Barbados, pioneering the work in Grenada after Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and has been featured in several magazines for her work there. As Operations Director of Hardwood Housing, she implemented the systems and procedures and managed the daily flow of operations. She is a published author and songwriter, with several of her plays being staged and is frequently invited to speak in North America and around the Caribbean. Currently the Senior Pastor of Truth in Love Ministries- a member church of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies, having attended WIST 2000-2004 and being ordained in 2005. She holds an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from International Theological Seminary of California. *(Continued on page 39)*

Dr. Phillips a member of the prayer warrior group at the crusade leads a visitor to the altar who was baptized.



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SVG MISSION WELCOMES PASTOR ALFRED CHARLES & FAMILY



Pastor Alfred Charles and Family flanked by President, Pastor Dermoth Baptiste and Ministerial Secretary, Pastor Shane Franklyn.

The SVG Mission is pleased to announce that Pastor Alfred Charles has been named Pastor of the Northern Grenadines effective in a full-time capacity as of September 1, 2019. As district Pastor, Pastor Charles will provide supervision and oversight for the members and community of the island of Bequia. SVG Mission President, Pastor Dermoth Baptiste, commented on Pastor Charles' new installation: "I am thrilled with Pastor Charles' call and excited for the future of the SVG Mission as we embrace a bold vision for transforming pastoral ministry in Bequia. I cannot think of a more capable and visionary pastoral family to lead the way at this time."

On Sabbath 31st August in a simple yet delightful ceremony, the brethren on the Island of Bequia welcomed a new Pastorate. Pastor Ian Williams, the interim pastor, passed the torch of leadership and responsibility to the new incoming pastoral family. Pastor Alfred Charles and family served the Guyana Conference for nine years before accepting the call to serve in the SVG Mission.

Pastor Charles spent most of his childhood in Vriesland, West Bank Demerara, Guyana.

He graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1999 and joined the teaching service in October 1999 until December 2005. He completed Teachers' training at Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE) (2000 to 2003) as best graduating student. He then answered the call to ministry and completed a Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Magna Cum Laude, at the University of the Southern Caribbean (2006 to 2010).

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ELDER LYNCH ROGERS HERALDED AS A VETERAN NCC LEADER



Elder Lynch Levi Rogers is all smiles at the receiving his plaques from President Desmond James. His wife Genevieve Elaine Rogers of 60 years celebrates the moment.

With a tenure of more than half of a century, the service years of Elder Lynch Rogers were saluted by his local conference, the North Caribbean Conference, as well as the wider organization, the Caribbean Union Conference. Elder Lynch Rogers, who serves the City Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church on St. Thomas, received a special award for being the longest-serving elder in the Conference with 56 years of unbroken service to the SDA Church.

In the 1950s, Brother Lynch Levi Rogers left Anguilla for the shores of St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. He transferred his membership from the Mount Fortune SDA Church in Anguilla to the St. Thomas SDA Church, thus named as it was the only SDA Church on the island at that time. In 1963 Brother Rogers was asked to serve as an elder and, in addition to holding other offices in the church, has continued to serve on the Board of Elders - never wavering from the responsibilities of that position.

Elder Rogers' dedication to the work of the Lord and thorough sermon preparation are evident in his ministry. His spiritual and time-sensitive sermons are presented in a manner that even young members can understand. Elder Roger's sense of humor is usually subtly weaved into his presentations.

Both the President, Dr. Kern Tobias, and the Ministerial Secretary, Pastor Ammaran Williams, of the Caribbean Union Conference sent commendations to Elder Rogers for his dedicated service. Dr. Kern Tobias penned: *Elder Rogers, your longevity, loyalty, love, and life-lessons are legacies that cannot be denied. You have used your gifts to glorify God and build up His Church, and you have been given the extra strength to persist in this great work. I pray that God will keep you faithful until you see Him face to face.*

In an emotional response to the showers of appreciation Elder Rogers expressed that the kind gestures were a blessing, "The thoughts and gift were quite unique and lovely. I have served this church for 56 years and I have proven God time and time again. This is not my Church - it really belongs to God and I am only here to do His work."



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Montserrat Welcomes Pastor Nixon Louis and Family

By: Hazel D. Adams Riley

Pastor Nixon Louis and his family became the newest addition to the pastoral family of the South Leeward Conference. The pastoral district became vacant after the inaugural session of the South Leeward Conference in May 2019. The pastor who preceded him on the island of Montserrat was Pastor Sherwin White. Pastor Sherwin White served on Montserrat for four years.

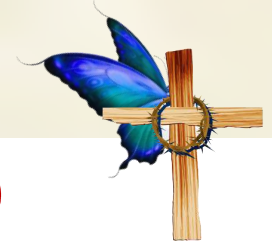
After waiting for over two months, the brethren finally got their new pastor - Olveston, Montserrat (August 22, 2019). Sabbath August 17th was a day of celebration on Montserrat as the Montserrat Seventh-day Adventist family formally welcomed Pastor Nixon Louis and family at a joint island Convention held at the New Ebenezer SDA Church. The Installation Service which marked the start of a new chapter in the history of the Montserrat district, was presided over by President Dr. Carson Greene who was accompanied by his wife, Sis Greene, the coordinator for Pastors' spouses.

Pastor Louis arrived on island on Sunday 11th accompanied by his wife Sis Lydia M Edwin Louis and their children Leela (16 years old) and Nathan (10 years old). He was met on arrival at the Little Bay Ferry terminal by a large group of members, a gesture which he later admitted was unexpected and the first in his ministry.

Pastor and Sister Louis are from the island of St. Lucia and had been ministering on the island of St. Vincent, when he received the call from the South Leeward Conference to serve in Montserrat; a call which was embraced by the whole family. He has ministered in several districts since his graduation from the University of the Southern Caribbean in 2010 and was ordained to the gospel ministry in July 2018. They take over the ministry from Pastor Sherwin A.E. White and Sis Donna White, who have been transferred to Antigua.



Photos show Pastor Louis and family surrounded by members of the church. President Carson Green and his wife Michelle Greene stand at the left and invited guest speaker, Andy Manzano at left. Photo at right shows Pastor Nixon Louis giving response.



PASTOR NIXON LOUIS TAKES UP NEW CHALLENGE



Following his installation Pastor Louis delivered a powerful introductory message captioned “The Agenda of God” based on Luke 9:28 – 30. Pastor Louis boldly declared that “the Agenda of God is People.” He challenged the church to be a people of action, to go where they are needed, where the action is; to make people their agenda. He called the church to action as he invited all to join in singing hymn #359, Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling.

As resident pastor on Montserrat, Pastor Louis will be responsible for four congregations [two churches, one company and one group on island -New Ebenezer, New Carmel, New Life and New Love (a Spanish speaking congregation)]. He will also be expected to impact the lives of others in the community, both adults and children.

Within hours of his installation, Pastor Louis was on Sunday August 18th, a panelist on the radio program Signs of the Time, aired on Radio Montserrat every Sunday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventists. He was interviewed the following Monday, by Keyola Greene, a News Reporter at Radio Montserrat, .

Pastor Louis who has committed to leading the congregations in their preparation for the soon coming of Christ, has met with the Elders and will shortly meet with his Boards to strategize for the completion of the work on Montserrat.

Dr. Carson Green prays for the new Minister and his family now serving on the island of Montserrat.



Sister Nixon welcomed by the wife of the President of SLC, Michelle Green.



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Pastor Alfred and Family welcomed by the first Elder of the Port Elizabeth SDA Church and Principal of the Bequia Adventist Secondary School, Morie Hercules

Pastor Alfred Charles, and His Family Welcomed to Ministry on the Grenadine Island of Bequia.

Pastor Charles pledged his love to Andrea Andrika Jarvis on December 23, 2012. Together they are parents of two girls, Ariel Angelique Charles born on October 25th 2013 and Aria Annalisa Charles born May 23, 2019.

Pastor Charles is a very intelligent and spiritual servant of God who enjoys swimming, building things and has a love for baking. He is entering final year of a Masters of Theology degree with emphasis in Leadership and Administration.

During the Divine service, the new pastor and his family were introduced by the President and Ministerial Secretary and they were welcomed by the principals of the Bequia SDA Secondary & Primary Schools. As a token of friendship, one student brought a gift for Ariel, who will be heading to Primary school for the first time at the Bequia SDA Primary School.

Pastor Charles led the congregation in search of commitment during his delivery of the Word. He challenged them to be READY, R: Renew their mind, E: Examine their weight, A: Aim for heaven and don't look back, D: Do the will of God, Y: Yearn for righteousness.

The Administration and staff, together with all the members of the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission, take the opportunity to welcome Pastor Alfred Charles, his wife Andrea, and two beautiful children Ariel and Aria to the ministry in Bequia.



FIRST EVER CONFERENCE-WIDE CRUSADE



From left to right: the outstanding praise team in action, Pastors Carl Williams and Mike Glasgow baptize a couple in the pool, and President R. Danforth Francis (far left) the initiator and inventor of the #CNCM 2019 amongst the crowd of attendees.

The vision of President R. Danforth Francis - to impact each church in the East Caribbean Conference simultaneously by the same evangelist via live streaming - became a reality through the dedication of Conference personnel and over 260 volunteers in the various churches across the Conference.

Prior to the crusade, two (2) workshops were conducted which provided hands-on interaction with media equipment to interested members. The response was very good.

The realities of streaming an entire night's programme to a regional audience brought expected and unexpected technical challenges during the initial teething period. However, these soon gave way to reports of clear audio as well as video and comments of satisfaction and appreciation as the nightly messages reached the intended audiences. The whole experience created the environment for developing technical skills, engendering excitement and a sense of togetherness.

Our hearts soar with joy at the lingering effects of this Gospel Explosion as souls continue to give their lives over to the Master. It was the first ever Conference-wide crusade that included the Islands of Dominica and Barbados



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Photo at left shows Pastor Thomas Rose and his family and photo at right shows Pastor Rose being welcomed to the NCC family by President Desmond James.

A Warm Welcome Home: St. Croix District #2 Welcomes New Pastoral Family to NCC

By: Royston Philbert—Communication Director NCC

The North Caribbean Conference (NCC) of Seventh-day Adventists is excited to announce the recent arrival of a new pastor and his family to the island of St. Croix in the U. S. Virgin Islands. Pastor Thomas Rose, originally from Jamaica, comes to the NCC from his pastoral ministry based in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Members of District #2 on St. Croix, which include the constituencies of Hope and Central Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Churches, met together on the Sabbath, following the Fourth of July holiday, to celebrate the arrival of the new pastor and his family.

Members from both congregations came together to participate in and celebrate the much-anticipated installation of Pastor Rose, under the theme, “Inspired to Care, Commissioned to Share, and Empowered through Prayer.” After the official litany and installation prayer, Pastor Rose shared a powerful message, titled, “The Name and the Covenant.” The service was solemn, yet spirited.

Pastor Desmond James, President of the Conference and pastoral supervisor since 2017, expressed, “We are deeply saddened and shocked by the death of Pastor Alicea. A genuine, kind-hearted and always-smiling servant of the Church. His pastoral and administrative leadership enhanced the steady growth and expansion of the Church during the years he served. He was a mentor, a good teacher and an exceptional leader. This is a big loss for the Church in the Conference and we are praying for his wife Sarai and his family during this sad time. Let us cling to God’s faithful promise that we will see him again when the Lord returns.”

“Even in the midst of so many challenges facing the church territory, such as losing so many leaders and members, I did not hear Pastor Alicea utter a negative comment or complaint about the challenges facing his ministry,” said Pastor Wilmoth James, Secretary of the Conference.

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Elder Selwyn Jones receives plaque from Karen Charles. His wife of 55 years, Mercelle Jones looks on.

KINGSTOWN SDA CHURCH CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

Submitted by: Marie Rogers

Reaching back into the past and forging continuity in the future aptly describes the Kingstown Seventh-day Adventist Church's 65th anniversary celebration. The celebration commemorates the transfer of ownership from the Kirk Church of Scotland in 1954 to the Kingstown Seventh-day Adventist Church after years of shared space.

The emphasis of the celebration, however, was not only the transition of the ownership of the building, but the spiritual growth and development of the congregants shepherded by the various pastors under the Master Shepherd, Jesus Christ himself.

The atmosphere of the planned convocations was charged with spiritual excitement from the beginning to the end. Undoubtedly, the Holy Spirit's inspiration was evident from the worship experiences spanning the celebrations. Hymns such as "Just over the mountain in the Promised Land"; "They come from the East and West"; and "Holy Day Jehovah Rest", reminiscent of the past, were sung with congregational gusto.

The history of the Church's spiritual journey was presented by the youthful Sabbath School Superintendent, Sis Kenna Shotte, with the portrayal of those who passed through its halls under the theme, "The Pilgrims' Journey". This certainly awoke nostalgia in past worshippers who now continue their worship in other sister churches, while affording current worshippers a glimpse of the spiritual health of their predecessors. Pastor Karlson Samuel brought the spiritual curtain down on that Sabbath with a soul searching message.

July 27th was another memorable day in the lives of the worshippers when former Pastor of the congregation, Pastor Henry Snagg, Executive Secretary of the Mission, presented the mid-day message captioned, "Footprints in the sand". Veteran Sabbath School Superintendent Sharon Caesar led out during Sabbath School hours and worshippers were reminded by both pastor and superintendent of the sacrifice others had made to maintain the purity of the word and admonished the congregation to focus their worship on Christ and Christ alone.



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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES EPHESUS SDA CHURCH'S RISE FROM HURRICANE RUBBLE



President of CARU is flanked by President of NCC, Pastor Desmond James and Island Coordinator Pastor Vashni Cuvalay. Photo on right shows President of Parliament, Sarah Wescott and Wycliff Smith, Minister of Education, Culture and Sports for the island, attending the dedication ceremony.

On Sunday June 2, 2019, nearly 21 months after the original church building was destroyed by a hurricane, the reconstructed Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church opened its doors to members and friends, on the island of St. Maarten.

More than 300 members were seated in the newly refurbished church building for the rededication service, which was led by Pastor Desmond James, the President of the North Caribbean Conference. "We all know what happened here two years ago and rebuilding a church is like rebuilding a nation," said Pastor Desmond James. "What's more, for us it means that the Church of God is taking a new step to continue the mission we have here on this island. We want to take this opportunity to thank the pastor and all volunteers for the work they have done. We want the church to represent the best we can give to God. It's something to be proud of. Well done!"

The President of the Caribbean Union Conference, Dr. Kern Tobias, shared this significant moment with members and delivered the sermon: "This rededication brings glory and honour to God for His goodness to us all. It is another occasion for praising Gods' name." Using 1 Chronicles 9: 10-14 as the text for exposition, Dr. Tobias encouraged the members to let the edifice bring praise to God, because what they accomplished came through Him.

On September 4, 2017, infamous Category 5 Hurricane Irma caused such widespread destruction on St. Maarten, many buildings suffered structural damage. As members sifted through the rubble of what was once their church, they struggled with a sense of hopelessness.

Immediately after the hurricane, members were first housed at the Philipsburg SDA Church. Pastor Kumal Smith, who leads the Ephesus SDA Church, commented, "We worshipped at Philipsburg SDA Church for three months. They received us with open arms and we enjoyed the joint fellowship. But, there is no place like home so we decided to pitch the tent. It was where we had started and so we were familiar with the challenges but we wanted to be together as a church." He further mused, "During the reconstruction phase, the church received lots of volunteer help.



HISTORIC AND LONG AWAITED DAY!

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In addition to congregational members, attendees included community guests and NCC administrators. The NCC President, and former Pastor of Central Church, Pastor Desmond James, commended the ministerial experience and skill sets of the new minister, “Pastor Rose has a rich repertoire of skills which includes a rich diversity of ministerial skill sets. For example, teacher, counselor, and chaplain. He has served the ministry and work of the church in a number of diverse contexts. We have a lot of expectations for him.” President James believes that Pastor Rose will be able to demonstrate effective leadership and bring comprehensive and transformative ministry to the Central and Hope SDA Churches, on the island of St. Croix. Another former pastor of Central, retired Pastor Maurice Andrews, remarked that, “Pastor Rose is very dynamic, and appears to be pastorally gifted.” He believes that he will make a good shepherd of the flock, and hopes that the congregation will be supportive of the new pastor to make his ministry effective. He believes that he is off to a good start and hopes that this positive trend and spiritual tone will continue.

The current pastoral intern in District #2, Pastor Timothy Leito, commented that the day was

quite historic and long-awaited. He believes that the mentorship of the new senior pastor will have a positive impact on his own ministry, and take it to a different level. He believes that Pastor Rose will be a good teacher that can continue to train him and assist him in further developing his pastoral skills. Although the past six months without a senior pastor have been difficult and challenging for the young pastoral intern, he shared, “I will always cherish the moments that I had with the Central and Hope SDA Churches. I pray that I’ve been a blessing to them, because they have been a blessing to me.”



A smiling welcome to Pastor Thomas Rose

EPHESUS RECONSTRUCTED

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The funny thing with money is that it seems a lot until you start to spend it. We are thankful to the members who used their gifts and talents freely for the rebuilding of the sanctuary. Although they often cried out about feeling tired, they did not relax their efforts. I commend them highly.” He shared that individuals, who were paid for their daily labors, volunteered their time late into the nights and on weekends. The culinary experts encouraged the laborers with nutritious and delicious meals.

The Church’s First Elder, Shanka Serrant and his team painstakingly guided the reconstruction process and although the project experienced setbacks, the church can now celebrate the rededication of its sanctuary. The Ephesus SDA Church originated from the “MARANATHA CRUSADE” held by Evangelist Roosevelt Daniels in January, 1993. The church was dedicated on October 28, 2001, by Pastor John Josiah, a former president of the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

“It’s been a blessing for me to see the Ephesus Church completed,” said Dr. Henry Peters, a former pastor of the congregation during its original construction. “It’s just amazing to see the commitment of the members. It’s very meaningful to see what a legacy they are leaving for the next generation.”



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New SDA congregation in Barbados.

By: Ricardo Leacock, Elder Barbados



Responding to the Appeal to be baptized. Over 700 persons were baptized in Barbados and Dominica

After five weeks of intense preaching and witnessing by Evangelist Dr. Claudius Morgan at Oldbury, St. Phillip, Barbados, a new congregation called the 'Good News Community SDA Church' was formed comprising hundreds of souls that were baptized including former Pentecostal Pastor, Dr. Carol Philips. The leadership team consists of Pastor Carl Dyal, who is the Senior Pastor, along with Pastors Alvin Lucas and Dayle Haynes. Elder David Bushell is the Elder of the congregation. The Good News Ministries 2019 campaign was planned and executed under the leadership of President of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor Danforth Francis along with Dr. Colin Thorne who was the crusade manager, and a team of dedicated soldiers who were on the battlefield for the Lord. The crusade which began on May 19th and concluded on Sabbath June 22nd, attracted thousands of members and visitors each night to the physical sites and live streaming. Since the new congregation was formed, they continue to add members to their church with regular baptisms and also welcome a number of visitors during

their church services as they encourage others to meet Jesus Christ.



One of the many young singers, Renee Simone St. John from East Point Church Barbados.



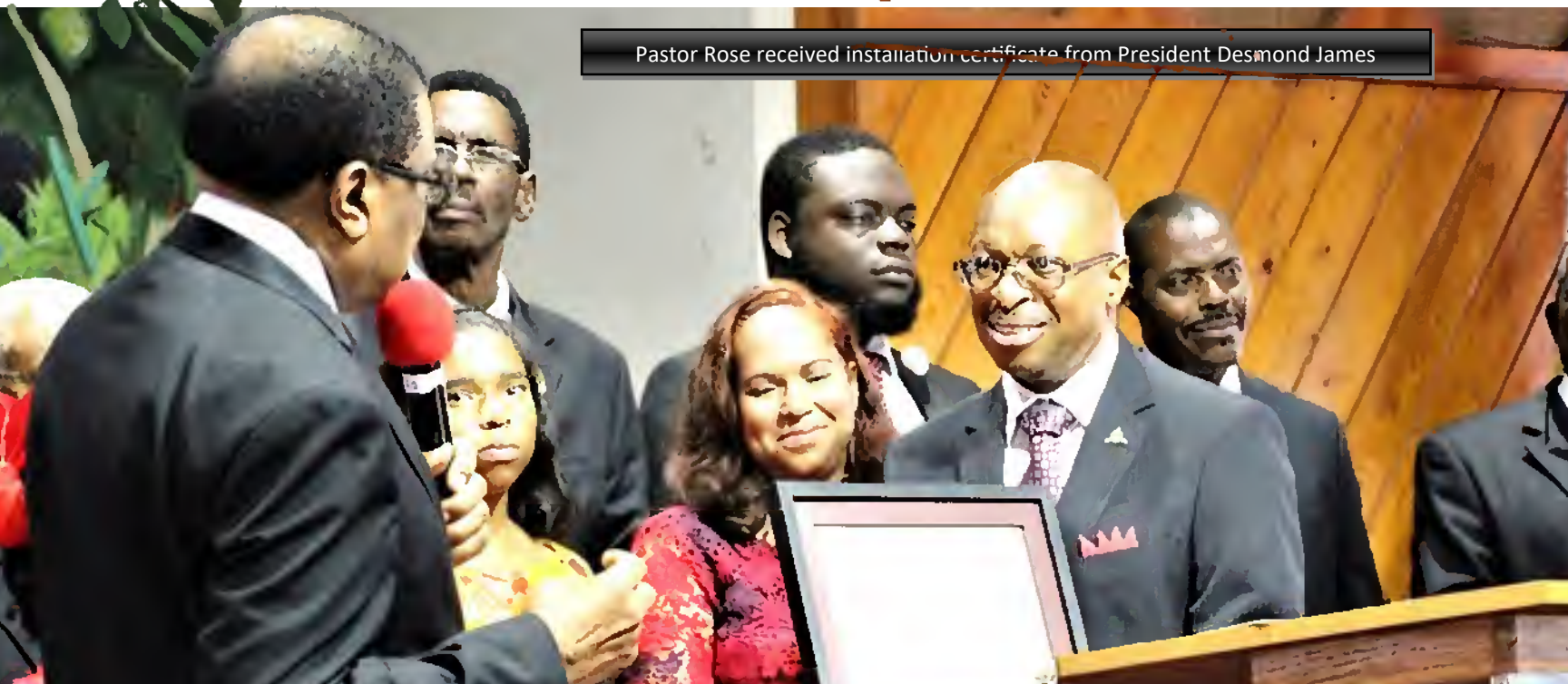
“THE RECEPTION WAS AWESOME”

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Central elder, Bro. David Alexander, Sr., shared that he enjoyed the installation service, and that the expectations for the pastor's ministry and service are positive. Head elder at Hope, Bro. Reynold Phillip, said that he had a wonderful experience, and that the pastor's presentation was unique in bringing the district together. The elder hopes that the churches will be able to continue along this path. He emphasized that “the message was uniting, and the recommitment made is needed. We need a revival and this is the beginning.” Similarly, Bro. Clement Languedoc, deacon at Hope, shared that the district has been without a senior pastor for a long time. He believes that the new pastor will “put the church together to finish the work.”

After the empowering church service, community guests, members, and administrators assembled together for an old-fashioned church potluck. It was clear that the fellowship was as good as the food. The arrival of the new pastor to the district coincided with his youngest daughter's 10th birthday. The church family had a special birthday cake prepared for her, and the church family sang happy birthday to her. So far, his daughter, Gabriella, said that this is one of the best birthdays that she has ever had. She is also looking forward to trying all the new local foods on the island. Additionally, Pastor Rose's lovely wife of 20 years, Opal, remarked that the welcome that her family received to the island by the church members and administrators was “overwhelming, warm and welcoming.” She believes that if the welcome that her family received at the airport is any indication, she's certain that they will enjoy their time on St. Croix and as part of the NCC family. She believes that anywhere her family goes, they are able to serve God as a team, and are able to participate in God's ministry. She is very excited about the opportunity to serve God in a new place, with new people. The warmth and camaraderie demonstrated by the Adventist community here has made the transition seamless.

Pastor Rose shared that his first visit to island was special, but now it's extra special because his family is with him. He said, “The reception was awesome, and allows me to look forward to serving people. It makes a difference when one is warmly welcomed. For a pastoral family, it encourages you to fit right in.” He shared that this was the best and warmest transition that he and his family have ever had. Pastor Rose said that as long as his family is comfortable, he doesn't have to worry. He can just focus on doing God's work and doing it well. He said that “the NCC family is doing it right and if any worker is treated this way, they will definitely give their best to the field.”



Pastor Rose received installation certificate from President Desmond James



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CITY CHURCH IN SVG CELEBRATES

“The Church in Retrospect, Forging Forward” was the theme for Sabbath August 10th. On this Sabbath, long serving members with continued membership in the Kingstown SDA Church of 50 years and over were recognized, and did they turn up in their numbers! They were escorted by loved ones, the Church Clerk and in some instances Pastors, to receive their token of appreciation. Among those recognized were Sisters Dulcina Pinder, Lucina Hewitt, Rosalind Pinder, Roxanne Pinder, Isabel Simmons, Jackie Pinder, Annis Chapman, Joan Clarke, Desiree Jackson, Marcelle Walker, Monica Rose, Jean and Patricia Williams, Yvonne Soleyn, Gwenneth Fraser. Also, Brothers Glenroy Providence, and Ron Jones and Elders Joanne Peters, Harold Fraser, Glen Gooding, Glenford Stewart, and Gideon Soleyn. The sermon this Sabbath, “Sustained by Omnipotence”, was a call to spiritual consciousness.

The Advent Youth Department under its leader Johann Stewart hosted a concert drawing the youths of other sister churches who joined in the celebration signaling that they were more than ready to carry the torch of their predecessors.

The spiritual icing for the celebration was the week of revival commencing 11th to 17th August captioned “Glory to God”, by Pastor Steve Phillips, former Pastor of the congregation who presently resides in Canada. Members were overjoyed when he paused from his busy schedule to celebrate the occasion with this beloved congregation. Worshippers were held spellbound by sermons preached by him night after night contrasting modernism and social trends that are threatening true worship.

Sermons such as “Moved by Compassion” challenged members who were apt to teach and capable of teaching but were sitting down in the pews idle because of lack of compassion for the broken in society. “Surviving a Hostile Church Environment in the 21st Century” and “Triumph Concealed in Apparent Defeat” reminded worshippers that they had more to fear from within the Church than outside of the Church by those whom the devil will use as he did in Jesus’ time. He then reassured them that according to Prophecy and because of what Christ did at Calvary, the Church is destined to certain triumph and he admonished

worshippers to triumph with it.

Past Pastors of the Kingstown congregation and their wives who were honoured during the celebrations on the closing day of the Revival were Pastor and Sis. Nigel DeRoche, Pastor and Sis. Andrew Farrel, Pastor and Sis. Henry Snagg, Evangelist Claudius Morgan and Sis. Morgan, Pastor and Sis. Steve Phillips and current Pastor, Karlson Samuel and Sis. Samuel. Elder Selwyn Jones was specially honoured as father of the congregation.

Special thanks to Dr. Kathian Hackshaw, Chairperson of the 65th Anniversary Committee, who worked tirelessly with her committee Members to guarantee the success of the celebrations.



Pastor Steve Phillips, Anniversary Revival Speaker now serves as a Pastor in Canada



INTERVIEW WITH EVANGELIST ROGER ALLEYNE OF THE TOBAGO MISSION

1. **Can you give us a brief summary of the basis for your conviction that God has called you to be an evangelist for Him?**

My conviction started when I was attending Scarborough Secondary School when the Lord visited me in a dream and it grew as the years passed by. But I also believe my preparation started as a child growing up in the Methodist Church in Charlotteville, Tobago where my grandmother laid the foundation of the fear of God in my life. After my baptism in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Moriah as a young man my conviction grew deeper and stronger. Following through with my conviction, years later, I attended the University of the Southern Caribbean and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 2017. As I study my Bible daily and preach the word of God He is confirming me in my new found joy.

2. **What were your evangelistic goals as you ended 2018?**

My goal through prayer was to lead 50 souls to the Lord through his Holy Spirit. It was my New Years resolution because in 2018 I asked God to use me to lead 25 souls to him. He (God) gave two times the amount and more - surpassing my request. So I doubled the request for 2019 and so far God has already surpassed it! Praise Him!

3. **How did you go about planning for your first crusade in 2019?**

My first crusade in 2019 was in Woodlands Moriah. Crusade Theme - The Final Scenes of Earth's History. Date: March 24 - April 13, 2019.

Moriah being my spiritual birthplace, I was beaming with excitement to share the word of God. I studied harder, prayed more, visited the people, visited the Church as often as possible, communicated with the team, advertised on the radio and loud speaker through the village. Having grown up there I understood the culture of the people which

helped me to preach within their context and setting.

4. **What is the best thing that happened to you in this first crusade?**

To see Mr. Allan John who has been a Pentecostal for almost 50 years give his life to the Lord was a blessing to me. The Lord spoke to him in a dream that he should keep the Sabbath and affirmed it through this text in His word: Hebrews 4: 9-11

Mr. John walked into the Moriah Seventh-day Adventist Church and started keeping the Sabbath and got baptized in the crusade along with his wife and granddaughter. My mother, who lives in the village but is not a Seventh-day Adventist, along with my brother and sisters visited the crusade very often, that too was JOY to me. I know that the seed has been sown and pray that one day she too would be a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. *(More Next Gleanings)*



Evangelist Roger Alleyne



SVG's Pathfinder band on the move during the 69th year celebration ceremony.

SIXTY NINE YEARS OF PATHFINDERING IN SVG

The National Uniform Council of the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission was happy to celebrate Pathfinder Day 2019, celebrated with other Adventist organizations around the world in commemorating the 69th anniversary of Pathfinding during September 15-22, 2019.

Together with club directors they planned a week of activities.

Pastor Anthony Hall, Youth Director of the Caribbean Union (CARU) and guest speaker for Sabbath's Service, challenged the Pathfinders as individuals and the Pathfinder organization in general to remember that they were created with a purpose.

The week's activities began with street meetings all across the SVG Mission as districts came together to have street evangelistic meetings with the Pathfinders leading out.

On Thursday 19th, Pathfinders and other uniform personnel were given the opportunity to wear their uniform to school or work as a means of promoting the message of pathfinding. Later that afternoon they joined together for a grand march and rally through the streets of Kingstown.

The highlight on Sabbath was the investiture service, and pathfinder public speaking Challenge.

Forty-one adventurers, pathfinders, and master guides who successfully completed the course requirements for the various classes of study

were invested.

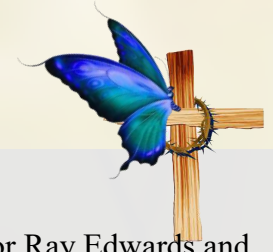
Youth Ministries Director Pastor Brent St. Jean apologized for the rescheduling of the Pathfinder fair from Sunday 22nd September to Sunday 6th October but this shift did not dampen in any way the excitement of the pathfinders as they anticipated participation in that upcoming activity.



At top: Youth Director, Brent St. Jean inspects the pathfinders, who stand at attention as he passes.

Below: Invested pathfinders are pinned.

The JOY of Transformation



Pastor Ray Edwards and his wife, Dalice. His five children were part of the celebration. From L to R—Zaraen, Ahchen, Avyel, Shekorah, and Daseph.



Two Interns to Join NCC Pastoral Ministry By Royston Philbert

The North Caribbean Conference (NCC) of Seventh-day Adventists (SDA) announced that Pastor Kendrick A. Glasgow Jr. and Pastor Ray L. Edwards will begin their pastoral internships on September 1, 2019.

The NCC Ministerial Association is pleased to welcome Pastor Glasgow to pastoral ministry on St. Thomas. Pastor Glasgow was born on St. Thomas and grew up on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) where he attended the BVI Seventh-day Adventist School and was a member of the East End SDA Church. He is a product of Adventist Christian Education and graduated with a degree in Theology from Oakwood University in May, 2019. He testified that pursuing his undergraduate degree increased his faith in Jesus Christ and his love for the Church. As a result, he is confident that God's plan for his life entails pastoral ministry and teaching. His mission statement is, *Reveal, Resemble and Reflect The Character of Jesus Christ.*

Pastor Glasgow understands the importance of hard work and possesses the innate abilities to work with others and, most importantly, to take care of members. Among the gifts that God has blessed him with are pastoral care, preaching, teaching, music and effectively working with others. He is a reliable, honest and hardworking individual who believes in giving his best. He has actively led a congregation through a three-week evangelistic campaign and experienced the joy of seeing individuals accept Christ. He has also shared in the devotional ministry at the NCC Senior Youth Camp. Pastor Glasgow is dedicated and passionate about the salvation of souls. He is a team player and a wonderful Christian - we expect him to make a significant contribution to ministry. Pastor Glasgow has been assigned to District #3, St. Thomas (Shiloh and New Horizon congregations), under the mentorship of Pastor Noel James.

The NCC Ministerial Association is also delighted to welcome Pastor Edwards into the ranks of ministry on Tortola. The members look forward to embracing their new intern, who is expected to arrive on the island long in advance of the September 1st assignment date. Pastor Edwards is a long-standing, dedicated and successful lay evangelist who is well-known throughout the NCC territory for his unwavering confidence in God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He holds degrees from the University of the Southern Caribbean and the University of the West Indies in Chemistry and Physics. Pastor Edwards also earned a Masters of Divinity Degree at Andrews University.



NCC Administration Welcomes New Pastoral Interns

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Pastor Kendrick A. Glasgow Jr.

Pastor Edwards was born on the island of St. Kitts and is a second-generation Seventh-day Adventist, with wide experience in Adventist ministry. Among his several engagements, he has served as Adventist Youth Leader, First Elder and Lay Activities Leader at congregations with which he has been associated. He has successfully served in several evangelistic efforts as a Bible Worker, Lay Pastor and Assistant Pastor in Florida, Michigan, New York, New England and Pennsylvania. While serving as a teacher at the St. Croix Seventh-day Adventist School in 2019, Pastor Edwards accepted the call to active pastoral ministry in the North Caribbean Conference. Pastor Edwards and his wife Dalice, who is also an educator, have been happily married for 24 years and are proud parents of five gifted children. Pastor Edwards is assigned to District #1, Tortola (Road Town and Sweet Redemptive congregations), under the mentorship of Pastor Sylvester Williams.

The Administration and leadership of the North Caribbean Conference welcome these interns into ministry. We praise God for their dedication and humility in offering themselves to God for service and pray that God would grant them the empowerment needed for effective ministry.



Certificate presented to Kemuel George From Education Director, Jamilia Nicholls

Christian Education on the Move in the Tobago Mission

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4. Harmon School of SDA excelled at the 2019 CSEC Examination. Their 90.5% overall pass rate performance caught the attention of the Chief Secretary (also the Secretary for Education) of the Tobago House of Assembly, the honourable Mr. Kelvin Charles, who visited the school in person on September 3, 2019, to congratulate and motivate the staff and the present form five students. This performance was a 22.5% increase from the last year's overall pass rate and a 51% improvement in the percentage of students who received five or more passes (inclusive of mathematics and English).

We, the Education Department of the Tobago Mission, continue to thank God for the success He has granted us and we are definitely going to persist in our pursuit of excellence, since we believe that God's schools are to be "the head and not the tail, above only and not beneath" (Deuteronomy 28:13). We have some areas to continue working on but what is truly heart warming and positive is the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the 70 teachers/staff members, the supervisor, the resource teacher, and the administrative assistant. They are all geared up to achieve the ultimate feat, academic excellence while creating Christian citizens. After all, isn't this what Christian Education is all about!



PENTECOSTAL PASTOR JOINS THE SDA CHURCH

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Dr. Carol has been recognized for her work in the community by the Governments of St. Kitts/Nevis, where she was presented to HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edingborough. Barbados - for Carrying Out the Promise - a program that built houses for the elderly; Grenada- for service to the country in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan (2004).

Personally, she is the mother of three and grandmother of five.

Experience:

- Present - President of Family Co-Operative Credit Union Limited.
- Present – Director Women’s Inner Healing Center (WISH).
- Present – Deputy Chair – United Caribbean Trust.

SDA SCHOOL IS BACK AFTER 41 YEARS

The Seventh-day Adventist Academy with 6 classrooms to accommodate 120 students was officially opened on September 3, 2018.

It started with an enrollment of 31 students comprising of 3 classes - K4, K5 and Grade 1.

Shepherdess, Cecile Thomas, a retired Headmistress, volunteered her service for 1 year as Principal managing a staff of three teachers, an administrative assistant and a janitor.

The academic year 2019/2020 has an enrollment of 86 students who have necessitated the introduction of a K3 and Grade 2 classes and additional staff of 2 teachers and a teacher aid.



Teacher Samanta Brandon stands with 3 students.

CARU Attends Joint Publishing Congress

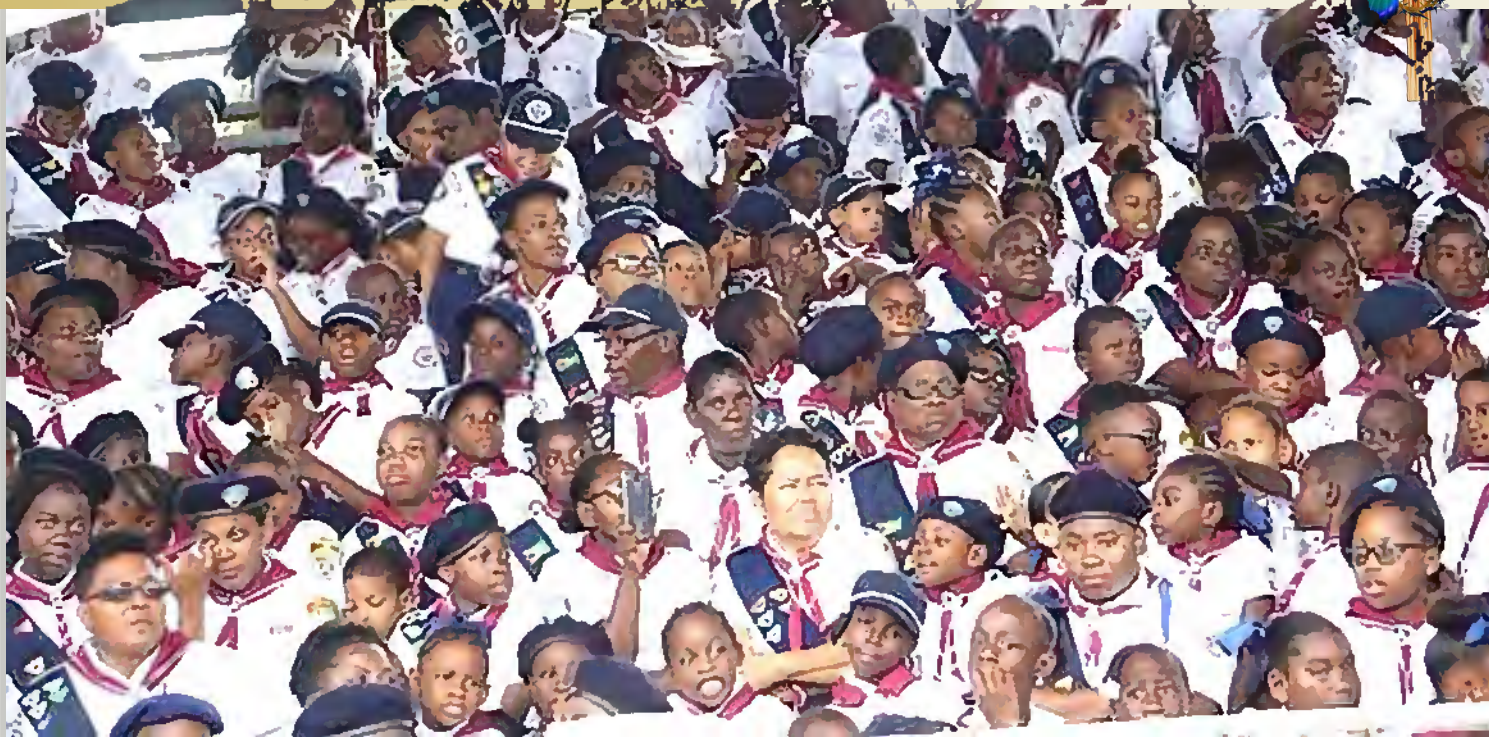
Literature evangelists and administrators numbering 72 persons in total, travelled from across the Caribbean islands to attend the first Joint LE Congress with Jamaica Union and hosted by the Cayman Conference.

This historic event was held from August 26-28, 2019 at the Caribbean Resort Hotel (formally Hilton Hotel). The theme “Cast Down the Deep” encouraged LEs in their work, to launch out to the deep, and reminded them that they were to be fishers of men.

(Full story and photos next Gleanings)



CARU’s Judy Smith holds banner representing fields of the Caribbean Union.



Hundreds of Adventures were invested at the 65th Pathfinding Anniversary

HISTORIC INVESTITURE AT 65TH PATHFINDER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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The investiture programme recognizes those who have completed their pathfinder classwork, inspires others to become involved and informs the church and community of what the Pathfinder Club is all about.

Being invested were some 1,200 Adventurers and leaders, 1,700 Pathfinders and officers, and over 90 Masterguides who came from 148 clubs and 17 Youth Federations.

“Purpose determines how people live in society; how they respond to needs; how they respond to challenges; and what influences their actions and activities. We are of the conviction that our young people, as long as they are connected with God, will allow him to plant that purpose in their lives. The Pathfinder programme helps to inspire young people to realize that purpose,” President of the Guyana Conference of SDA, Pastor Exton Clarke expressed.

One of the biggest pillars of Pathfinding is service. It enables youths to be involved in community outreaches, clean-up exercises, food distribution and other community-related interactions. *(Continued on inside back page)*



Participating in the historic investiture service from l to r - Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Karen Cummings, Youth Director, Pastor Marvin Smith and President of the Guyana Conference, Pastor Exton Clarke