

Adventist News

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CONVENTION IN NEW PROVIDENCE



snakes. Satan's purpose is to kill and destroy! We left the service determined to avoid the venomous fangs of the evil one.

Convention concluded with the exegesis of St. Luke 13:10-11 by Pastor Israel Leito, president of the Inter-American Division of the General Conference. We were advised to meet people where they are without discrimination. The people responded with joy to the message and left edified and equipped to do service for God.

Winter Convention 2011 has stirred God's people to do His will. By His Grace we will engage in service for Christ as we launch three campaigns in New Providence during February 19 - March 19, 2011. God has truly blessed His people!

Under the theme "By His Grace", Winter Convention in The Bahamas Conference during January 12 - 15, was a feast of melodious music, soul-searching messages and sweet fellowship!

Each evening the waiting congregation received blessings on a smorgasbord of praise and thanksgiving. On the opening night, special greetings came from our government leaders, the Hon. Desmond Bannister, Minis-

ter of Education and the Rt. Hon. Perry Christie, leader of the Opposition.

Pastor Paul Scavella, president of Bahamas Conference of S.D.A., opened convention with a powerful sermon entitled, "Who Am I? As he expounded Isaiah 58 he called the worshippers to take delight in approaching God. The congregants were urged to define their purpose on earth. Pastor Scavella called us to reflect Christ in our relationships

- to be restorers and repairers of broken lives.

In the second sermon, Elder C. Melvin Lewis, treasurer of Bahamas Conference declared the omnipotence of God in allowing Peter to walk on water (Matthew 14:29). He charged the church to fulfill the mission to which God calls us.

The Conference secretary, Pastor Peter Joseph craftily presented the many approaches of Satan through vivid images of

ACUM Breaks Ground for New Headquarters

The leadership of the newly organized Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission (ACUM) broke ground for the construction of their headquarters at Bethany



Cove, Westridge Estates in Nassau, Bahamas. The ceremony to mark this historic occasion took place on Sunday, January 16, 2011.

According to the chief architect of the building, Lionel Johnson Jr., the three-story building, which will be located opposite the Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, will occupy approximately 5,500 sq. ft. and is designed to fit into the Bahamian Islands context while also proclaiming the presence of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"It is a blend of traditional vernacular styles with an infusion of classical elements," said Johnson. "It is designed to be both visible and recognizable as a symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in The Bahamas." The building, which is expected to cost approximately US\$700,000.00, would have

been far more expensive if it were not for the many members who have so far given their support with time, talent, and financial resources.

"It is amazing to see the number of members who have volunteered and have committed to give support to the construction of our headquarters," said Pastor Leonard Johnson, President of ACUM. "I express deep gratitude to those who came to assist us voluntarily even when we did not ask them to. This tells me that the true Spirit of Christ is still at work in the hearts and minds of individuals who see the need to build up God's kingdom." Said Johnson, "As young persons in the Seventh-day Adventist Church we long for opportunities to be of service to a church that we owe so much to. Hence when such an opportunity

arose, it was with a feeling of humility and yet trepidation that the design work on the New Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission Building began with input from the Union, Bethany Church members, builders, and Adrian Rollins."

Pastor Israel Leito, President of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, who did the devotion at the ceremony challenged the leadership of the Union to finish the new building in time for the Division's year-end meetings scheduled for October 31 - November 3, 2011 in Nassau, Bahamas.

Inter-American Division officials along with Union, Conference, Field and Institution officials, and local church leaders participated in the groundbreaking exercise which was directed by Pastor Leonard Johnson.

ADVENTISTS MAKING THE MARK



The Soaring Orators of Johnson Park Toastmasters Club is a Seventh-day Adventist

Club established in 2008 to provide an environment for Adventists to sharpen their professional and leadership skills. Chartered by a group of forward-thinking Johnson Park members, the Club boasts a membership of persons from 9 different S.D.A. churches. The Club is open to all Seventh-day Adventists age 18 and above - and yes, there are persons in our Club along the age spectrum.

The Soaring Orators meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. for an hour to an hour and a half in the Fellowship Hall of the Johnson Park S.D.A. Church, Farrington Road. There is a different and exciting theme each week. It is invigorating and creates the urge to become an orator par excellence! Come, visit the Club. With the reputation of being "leader amongst leaders" in the Toastmasters' Clubs in Nassau, a high level of camaraderie and quality of our meetings is maintained.

It is more than a speech club! Learn proper meeting procedures. Improve your confidence level. Develop and sharpen leadership skills in church and in the work place. Expand your business and social networks locally and internationally. Take advantage of travel opportunities. You are guaranteed personal and professional growth!

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MAMA EVELYN CELEBRATES



The family and friends of Evelyn Anita Gibson-Lopez, (Mama) the matriarch of the Gibson/Lopez clan from south Long Island and the oldest surviving member of the Stevens, Long Island con-

gregation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in The Bahamas, gathered in an intimate setting on Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to her and to celebrate her as she advances toward her 100-year milestone. Born to Charles and Eliza Gibson of Turnbull, Long Island more than ninety years ago, Mama is sister to seven siblings, mother of ten, grand mother of more than fifty and a great-grandmother of dozens. She was the blushing bride of Bertram Lopez who predeceased her more than fifty years, leaving her to single-handedly provide for and raise her family

which included her mother-in-law and later her grand parents and her parents.

Mama was lauded for the many virtues she passed on to her offspring, unselfish contribution to her community, her unwavering faith and stellar leadership in the Adventist fellowship and contributions to building The Bahamas both in a personal capacity and through the positive impacts of her children and their offspring.

Among those toasting the occasion and paying tribute to her were Pastor Leonard Johnson, President of the Atlantic

Caribbean Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists; Pastors Paul Scavella, and Peter Joseph, President and Secretary of The Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Pastor Wilfred Adderley, adopted son; Pastor Valentino Campbell, grandson and shepherd of the SDA flock in Crooked Island and Acklins district; other members of her immediate and extended family, and a circle of friends and well wishers. The occasion was a moving experience for Mama who quietly acknowledged the accolades.

NEW PROGRAMME FOR ATV53



On February 6, 2011, the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission (ACUM) will begin broadcasting its weekly programme,

VOICES. This broadcast will showcase notes of interest from

The Bahamas, Cayman and Turks and Caicos Islands. Tune in from

The Station for your Inspiration

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Berea
Blue Hill Road South
341 1607

Bethany
John F. Kennedy

Bethel
Marshall Road

Breath of Life
Marshall Road
341 8686

Centreville
5th Terrace
325 3097

Ebenezer
Fox Hill

Francophone
Balfour Ave
323 6405

Gambier
Gambier Village

Good News
Flamingo Gardens
341 4162

Grant's Town
Wellington Street
323 6326

Hillview
Harold Road
361 8683

Johnson Park
Farrington Road
323 6096

Johnson Road
Company
Johnson Rd. Fox Hill

Living Faith
Old Trail Road
394 4077

Maranatha
Prince Charles Drive
324 5454

Message of Hope
Wulff Road

New Englerston
East Street
322 1926

New Providence
Soldier Road
393 6197

Parkgate
Parkgate Road
393 6032

Peardale
Peardale Road

Philadelphia
Elizabeth Estates
364 5556

Real Harvest
Pinewood Gardens
393 6197

Redemption
Wulff Road

FAMILY ISLAND CHURCHES

North Andros Churches

Lowe Sound
Red Bays Company
Central Andros
Company

South Andros Churches

Kemp's Bay
Blessed Hope
High Rock
New Macedonia

Cat Island Churches

Seaview
Devil's Point
Crooked Island Church

Landrail Point
Eleuthera Churches

Bluff
Gregory Town
James Cistern
Rock Sound
Tarpum Bay

Exuma Churches

Mount Thompson
Moss Town

Long Island Churches

Stevens
Millerton

San Salvador Church

Cockburn Town
Inagua Church

Matthew Town
Acklins Church

Lovely Bay

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Everyone is invited to attend the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church this Saturday. Sabbath School Starts at 9:15 a.m. Divine service begins at 11 a.m. For the church listing call the Conference office at 341-4021, or visit the website www.bahamasconference.org. Come and see what blessings the Lord has in store for you.

Watch Adventist Spotlight
Fridays between 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Repeat Broadcast Saturday 2:00 PM to 3:30 P.M. Channel 53, Cable Bahamas

Watch Adventists Speak
Sundays at 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Channel 53, Cable Bahamas

Watch 3ABN
Christian Television
Channel 53, Cable Bahamas

Watch Hope TV
24/7 Christian Television
Channel 653, Cable Bahamas