

# THE LOGOS



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## Joint Forum To Address Church Issues

On Sabbath afternoon, September 28, all members are invited to share in a forum at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church to address issues emanating from a special committee appointed by the West Indies Union Executive Committee.

It was on June 5 and 6 of this year when the Issues Committee convened in plenary session to address certain issues troubling the Church in some areas, and made recommendations to the Union Executive Committee. Among the issues the Committee considered were Hat Wearing, Wedding Band for Men, Blessing of Babies born out of Wedlock in the Church and Dead Bodies in the Church. The Committee pointed out "anything which is not scriptural should not be imposed arbitrarily on members nor encouraged in our church." It was explained that "The gospel is the basis on which individuals accept Jesus and become members, and nothing else should be required of them except that which is necessary for their salvation and to ...increase their devotion, reverence, respect and service to Him." The simplicity of the command of Jesus: must be the imperative of the Church 'Come, follow me' in lowly paths of service free."

After critical and prayerful examination, the Committee made its recommendations regarding each issue. However, the Committee noted that "some of these recommendations may seem to go contrary to things you have been practising for a long time, but if there is no real Scriptural basis for such practice we must desist and be true to the principles we believe, that our belief and practice are based on the Bible and the Bible only."

Hence at 4 p.m. on the last Sabbath of this month at Hillview, the Issue Committee's recommendations will be discussed and further evaluated. It is the hope of the local Conference's Administration that all members will report for this forum. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.

*Administration*

**Joint Forum on Church Issues  
September 28, 2002, at Hillview  
Church at 4 p.m.**



**Annual Pathfinder March and  
Rally September 22. (See p.2 for  
details.)**

### College Bound

Are you a 12th-grade student and college bound? Are you one who is interested in attending an Adventist college? Or do you know of persons wanting to know about our Adventist colleges? Then there is an event for you.

It begins this weekend with the arrival of representatives from Northern Caribbean University, South Western University, Oakwood College, Southern College, Atlantic Union College, Union College and Columbia College.

Recruitment officers from these institutions will be available and opened to questions pertaining to their respective institutions this Monday, September 16, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Nassau Marriott Resort, Cable Beach. Additionally, you would be interested to know that scholarship eligibility to these institutions will be discussed.

Once again, we remind you that this fair is not limited to Bahamas Academy students. All interested students and individuals may attend.

Certainly, this is not an event to miss! Who knows, you can be packing with ticket in hands in a few months. See you there! -Denise Johnson, Guiding Counselor, BA

### Education Corner

*This is a weekly feature sponsored by  
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Children need good role models. As their parents, we should be their first and foremost models. Ellen White reminds us that by the age of 4 or 5, a child's personality, self-esteem, and behavioural patterns are pretty well formed.

Our children are not casual observers—they take in everything. They watch everybody, especially their parents. They're like sponges, soaking everything in. Children are listening when we think they're not listening, and they're watching when we think they're not watching.

Our kids need to see consistency in our lives. Dad, if you're a tyrant at home but you put on the mask of a saint at church, your young children won't get upset at you—they'll probably think that your behaviour is perfectly acceptable. Our kids learn from us mostly by our actions. If our words are different from our actions, they will give the most weight to what we do.

We need to be aware of some common, subtle practices within the family that could have dangerous repercussions later on if they're not dealt with now:

- Let's consider the dinner table. What is our conversation like there? Is it spent building up one another or others, or is it a gossip session in which we concentrate on the negatives? If we spend most of our time criticizing others, should we really be surprised when our children do the same?
- If your children question your behaviour and you know you've done wrong, do you get defensive or remark, "When you're an adult, you'll understand better"? Children no longer 'buy' that answer. What's more, their respect for you will diminish if you're not willing to admit you made a mistake.
- Do you allow your children to see you

when you're hurt, or do you try to hide it from them? It is not a sign of weakness to show emotion or hurt.

Honesty, openness, and willingness are crucial to providing the kind of parental example our children will respect and recognize as genuine. When we're honest, open, and willing, our children will see that although we may stumble and sometimes fall, we are seeking God's guidance and doing our best.

### Upcoming Events:

• September 16: Annual College Fair for the secondary division at the Nassau Beach Hotel from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Overseas SDA schools that will be present are: Northern Caribbean University, Oakwood College, Walla Walla College, Union College, Atlantic Union College, Southern Adventist University, and Southwestern Adventist University. Contact our Special Services Unit for further details.

• September 17, Meeting with 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents.

• September 24, Meeting with 9<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents. -Lynn C. Smith, Principal

### Bahamian Called to English and Bahamian Bar

All praise and thanks to God for the success of Sister Sandrena Florvil-Benjamin who has completed another milestone. We congratulate her on her Calls to the English Bar on July 31, 2002 and the Bahamas Bar on September 13, 2002. Sister Benjamin completed at Briley Price and Piyor (BPP) Law School, England, with 95% over her peers.

Sandrena is the daughter of Sister Genovia Florvil of the Grant's Town Church. Her husband, Wilfred Benjamin, along with family and friends rejoices with her. To God be the Glory. May the Lord continue to bless you according to His will. Congratulations! -Joanne Florvil-Lewis

### Harmonious Praise takes Music Ministry to Berrien Springs, Michigan

Group leader Tony Russell of Harmonious Praise is requesting the prayerful support of the SDA community on behalf of the group as they cement plans to travel to Berrien Springs, Michigan, the week of October 3 to 7, 2002.

Pastor Danny Major, who is matriculating at Andrews University in Michigan, will be reuniting with the group to minister the word in songs.

### Volunteer Nurses to Meet

All nurses who have volunteered or would like to volunteer to assist in the Nursing Assistance programme at Bahamas Academy are requested to meet at the secondary division auditorium, on Saturday night, September 14, 2002, at 8:15. If you are unable to attend, please call 341-4021 Ext. 228 -J. Carey

### Kemp's Bay SDA Concert

Kemp's Bay SDA Church will host a gospel concert in aid of the development of the work in Kemp's Bay the 5th of Oct. at H.D. Colburn Gym, Bahamas Academy, on Wulff Road at 8:00 p.m. Family Island style musical renditions, recitals and more will be included.

Guest emcees : Mr. Picewell Forbes and Mr. Wycliffe Miller, both of ZNS. Come and show your support for South Andros. -C. Miller

### South Andros Adventist Development Association

Aim: To win all of South Andros for Christ with our presence and support.

Membership: Open to anyone, group or church interested in the proclamation of the message in South Andros. Election of officers and chapter leaders will be held on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nassau. Listen for more information.

#### Breath of Life SDA Church Calendar

Tonight beginning at 9 o'clock an all-night prayer meeting will be held at the church on Marshall Road.

- Sabbath, September 28 - Youth Super Sabbath
- Sunday, September 29 - Launching of Bible Reader-A-Ton (Annual Bible Marathon)
- October 4-6 Prayer Retreat
- October 18 - Launching of Church Crusade

-Joan Duncombe

#### Adventist Book Centre

The Adventist Book Centre cordially invite you to visit the ABC on a regular basis. A wide variety of books, Bibles, and an assortment of vegetarian products are available during regular business hours Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday's Special – 10% off on all large can goods. In House Special still going on.

● Sabbath School supplies for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are ready for collection. Call us at 341-2429 -Kenny V. A. Deveaux, Manager ABC

#### 'Adventist Spotlight'

"Adventist Spotlight," which is seen on Cable Bahamas, Channel 12, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, features this week Pastor Michael A. Smith of the Hillview Church. A rebroadcast will be aired on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

#### Grand Concert Via Satellite

On Sabbath afternoon September 21, there will be a grand concert via satellite featuring the Heralds. The concert can be viewed at the Johnson Park and Living Faith Churches. It will not be shown on 3ABN. The Heritage Singers will also have a concert on Sabbath afternoon October 5. This concert can also be viewed at the Living Faith and Johnson Park church 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

#### Health Wellness Seminar Coming in November

A Health Wellness Seminar will be conducted in New Providence by Dr. Donald R. Hall November 14 to 16, 2002, at the Nassau Beach Hotel.

Registration for this seminar continues at the Conference office, Ext. 247 and at the Better Living Health Centre, East Street. Cost of seminar will cover training manual, certification, one session of Vegetarian Cuisine Cooking Lessons and Sabbath meal. Deadline for registration is October 31, 2002.

#### Youth Ministries Department The National Pathfinder March

On Sunday, September 22, 2002, beginning at 200 p.m., Pathfinders, Masterguides, Adventurers, Eager Beavers and two lively Pathfinder Marching Bands are expected to

take to the streets of Nassau for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pathfinder Parade and Rally.

Under the theme "Trendsetters," pathfinders will march in the formation of their individual churches from Windsor Park to Clifford Park (Fort Charlotte), demonstrating that there is a healthy alternative to the many ills that plague our society.

In view of this, all churches are invited to prepare banners portraying the essence of the theme "Trendsetters" as a healthy alternative. Churches are encouraged to turn out in full force as we will be marching by churches. Those without uniforms may march in Pathfinder T-shirts or churches' colours following the last uniform group.

The following uniform table shows the minimum numbers suggested for each church:

	Uniforms	T-shirts
Berea	40	50
Bethany	30	50
Bethel	10	50
Breath of Life	30	50
Centreville	100	100
Ephesus	10	20
Ebenezer	10	50
Francophone	30	70
Good News	30	70
Grant's Town	100	100
Hillview	100	100
Johnson Park	50	50
Living Faith	50	50
Maranatha	40	50
New Englerston	40	50
New Providence	40	60
Philadelphia	20	30

There will be a Pathfinder Council meeting on Monday, September 23, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. at the Johnson Park Church.

All Masterguides planning to attend West Indies Union Camporee 2003, in Nassau, April 13 to 20, 2003, are asked to register with the Youth Department now! It is imperative that you register at this time. Deposits are required. Kindly come by the Youth Department or call for information at Ext. 245.

● Persons interested in attending Masterguides classes are asked to submit their names to the youth secretary at 341-4021 Ext. 245

Youth Forum continues Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church. Young people are especially invited.

Material available – Masterguides and Pathfinders materials are now in stock at the Conference Office

Projections for the remainder of the year –  
 ~ Bible Bowl ~ Speech Contest  
 ~ Week of Prayer ~ Visit from World Youth Director Dr. Baraka Mugande

#### Health Extravaganza 2002

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Extravaganza for Better Living will be held at the Mall at Marathon Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 8:00 p.m. Come and get your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screened. Test-taste delicious vegetarian dishes and drinks. Participate in aerobics and relax with a soothing chair massage after watching the

cooking and hydrotherapy demonstrations. You will never be the same! Don't forget to tune in at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, to 'You and Your Money on ZNS T.V. 11

#### Masterguides Needed!

Do you want to learn how to do chair massage and participate in the Health Extravaganza? Classes will begin at the New Englerston Church on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1 to 2 p.m. To participate call Ida at 323-5473 or Sonia at 324-1067.

#### Vegetarian Dishes Needed

In conjunction with the Health Extravaganza, a test-taste of vegetarian dishes will be available, persons are invited to participate in this community project. Call Marlene at 364-0085 to volunteer. -Idamae Hanna

#### Community Services/Pathfinder Expo 2002

Plans are underway for the Community Services/Pathfinder Expo October 13, 2002. Churches are encouraged to call in their orders for tents, tables, etc. as soon as possible at 341-4021, Ext. 245.

#### Centreville's Lay Revival Continues

The Centreville SDA Church continues its revival meetings under the theme "Lift Him Up". Speakers are evangelists Yvon Cherenfant and Howard Knowles. Meetings are held nightly, except Thursday and Saturday, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Services continue to September 15, 2002. All are invited to attend. -Pansy Hamilton-Brown

#### Conference Calendar

- Departmental Meeting - Sept. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at headquarters.
- Ministers' Meeting (New Providence only) - Sept. 18 at 8:30 a.m. at headquarters.
- Joint Forum on Church Issues will be held Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. at the Hillview Church
- Dedication of the Living Faith Church, October 27, 2002, at 3 p.m.

#### Radio Talk Shows

Tower 104.5, With B-Man and Marlene McKinney, Monday mornings 6:30 to 7:00. Turning Point Ministries, 1540 A.M., Sundays 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Alvira Higgs, 1240 A.M., Wednesday mornings at 9:15.

#### Attention Church Clerks

All Church Clerks are kindly asked to contact the Secretariat Department at the Conference at 341-4021/2 Ext 242.

#### Oakwood College Graduates Asked to Meet

A special meeting for all graduates of Oakwood College will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Conference Office. Dr. Cox and Mrs. Joyce Smith will be in attendance.

#### Apartment Available

A furnished, one-bed-room apartment is available for rent in the eastern region of New Providence. Call 364-0438 for details.

Sun sets today at 7:19 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 7:10 p.m.