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Ordination of Four to the Gospel Ministry

Pastors Lynden O. Williams, Edward St. Fleur, Henry R. Moncur and Ricardo Bain were ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, November 30, at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Lynden O. Williams pastor of the Eleuthera District of Churches is a graduate of West Indies College and is married to Jacqueline (nee Richards). They are the proud parents of one son, Joshua. Pastor Williams began his ministerial career in 1994 as a Bible Instructor with Pastor M. A. Smith at the Centreville Church. He also served Bahamas Academy as a Bible teacher.

In 1996, Pastor Williams was called to serve as a Ministerial Intern in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Upon his return to the Bahamas, he assisted Pastors Clarke and Roach at the Grant's Town, Maranatha and Philadelphia Churches, respectively. Pastor Williams believes that God has a bright future ahead for him, and he is determined to use all of his gifts in service to God.

The second ordained was Pastor Edward St. Fleur. He was born on the island of La Tortue, Haiti, in 1968. In 1981, he migrated to the Bahamas and enrolled in the Hawksbill High School where he graduated in 1985.

In 1993, Pastor St Fleur commenced studies at West Indies College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology in 1997. Since entering the ministry, Pastor St. Fleur has been responsible for raising up two churches, the Bethel and Ebenezer Haitian Churches. At present, he pastors these two along with the Francophone Church.

On July 4, 1999, Pastor St Fleur was joined in marriage to Airlande, nee Choute; they have one daughter. Pastor St Fleur believes God has especially called him to make a difference in the Haitian Community in the Bahamas.

The third ordained was Pastor Henry Roger Moncur. A third generation Seventh-day Adventist. Pastor Moncur was educated within the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. Beginning at Bahamas Academy, he continued at Walla Walla College where he graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. It was while serving as Youth Leader at the Centreville Church that he was encouraged by Pastor M. A. Smith to pursue ministry. In 1998, he complete the Masters of Divinity Degree and returned to the Bahamas where he served as a teacher at the Academy and a Bible Instructor/Intern of the New Providence, Bethany District before being assigned to the Abaco District. Under his dynamic leadership, two companies of believers were formed.

Pastor Moncur is married to Shiann nee Wood, and they are the parents of one daughter, Roganne. Says Pastor Moncur, "I am committed to leading people to Christ."

The fourth ordained was Pastor Ricardo Bain. Born on December 2, 1975, Pastor Bain is also a product of the Adventist educational system. He graduated from Bahamas Academy in 1993 and left for West Indies College in 1994 to pursue theology.

After completing his ministerial training in 1997, he was asked to travel to Inagua to raise up a church. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (10) persons were baptized. Since then he has served as Chaplain and Physical Education Teacher at Bahamas Academy Elementary School and Ministerial Intern at the Grant's Town, Maranatha and Philadelphia Churches.

In July 1999, he was asked to serve as Pastor of the Eight Mile Rock and West End Churches in Grand Bahama.

On December 20, 1998, Pastor Bain was joined in wedlock to Tameka nee Roberts. They are the parents of one son Ricardo Jr.

This ordination service was historical in many ways but especially because four men were being ordained at the same time.

On hand for this service were The President of West Indies Union who preached a powerful message of Admonition and Courage. Dr. W. R. McMillan, who delivered the charge, further challenged the new ordainands. Pastor K. D. Albury, Conference President, welcomed the four into the Ministry. Pastor Glen Samuels, the Ministerial Secretary of the Union issued each of the men ordination certificates, which qualify them for service throughout the world field.

On hand for this occasion were family, well-wishers, church members and friends. All of the ordainands were presented with gifts from the churches and districts in which they serve. -Leo C. Rolle, Ministerial Director

Launching Ceremony for Go One Million

"The Go One Million Integrated Evangelizing Project" was officially launched at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, on Sunday, December 1, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. This evangelistic venture is an initiative of the General Conference in an effort to train, motivate, empower and mobilize one million members in the world church for soul winning. Under the capable leadership of Pastor Doctor Michael D Toote, one hundred persons participated in the training programme in Nassau for the duration of three weeks. These members are equipped to target diverse groups without any barriers of status or class.

Areas of training included Friendship Evangelism, Care Giving Evangelism, Public Evangelism and Intercessory Prayer Evangelism. Facilitators for these potent areas of witnessing were Pastor Michael Smith, Dr John Carey, Pastor Basil Sturup, Pastor Andrew Burrows, Pastor Barrington Brennen and Pastor Michael Toote. The presentation of certificates to the participating members will help to perpetuate the memories of this unique and creative programme.

The evening's exciting function gained its momentum when the sixteen churches in New Providence made their grand entrance in the sanctuary in alphabetical order. They marched with well-crafted, colourful banners, which highlighted their themes. Pastor K D Albury, President for the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in a powerful and energetic presentation, kindled a flame of spiritual trust. We were reassured that there is a place for everybody in the service of witnessing. The congregation was reminded that this programme is not designed for a definite baptism thrust. However, as the gospel is effectively presented, and as we meet the needs of individuals, thousands will respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Doctor Michael Toote, with conviction and energy, admonished us to go to the world's population and present the gospel. The dramatic word "GO" as found in the gospel commission was given an interpretation of "GROW and OVERCOME". A symposium of the churches highlighted their successes in various areas of evangelism. The report was most encouraging, and stirred us to commit to further actions of service.

Pastor Dr Patrick Allen, President of the West Indies Union, gave us a world-view of the Go One Million Programme. The statistical report of the involvement of conferences throughout the West Indies Union was alarming. He strongly emphasized that the entire population of the world must be reached with the gospel. The leadership in the Bahamas Conference was commended for its commitment and dedication to the evangelistic thrust. Bro Joseph Scott was presented as a recording artist from West Jamaica Conference. He wrote the lyrics and music for the Go One Million theme song. The congregation soon was able to sing the song with the spirit and understanding, through his tutorage.

Pastor Glen Samuels, Personal Ministries Director for West Indies Union, (See p. 2)

Visit Of Pastor & Sister Buraka G. Muganda

The Bahamas Conference was favoured this past weekend with a visit of the Youth Director of the General Conference, Pastor Buraka G. Muganda. Pastor Muganda, escorted by his lovely wife Anne, arrived on Wednesday evening when he was escorted to the VIP lounge at Nassau International Airport. There to meet him were Youth Director Pastor E. D. Clarke, Pastor Burrows, and approximately thirty immaculately uniformed Master Guides and youth leaders. The Pathfinder Band provided a trumpet fanfare for the World Youth Director. The following day, Pastor Muganda was joined by his secretary, Sister Maria Dunchie.

On Thursday evening, Pastor Muganda challenged youth leaders gathered at the Hillview Church to encourage our youth to have a committed relationship with God, provide youth programmes that challenge our young people to uphold the standards of Christianity, and to lead the youth in evangelism at every opportunity. He noted that no matter how exciting the programme, if there is no spiritual challenge to evangelise, we have not had fulfilled our mandate of leadership.

Pastor Muganda flew to Freeport, Grand Bahama, on Friday when he was met by Field Secretary Pastor Paul Scavella. There he inspected an honour guard of more than sixty (60) Master Guides, Pathfinders and Adventurers, and invested fifty (50) Pathfinders and Adventurers. Pastor Muganda challenged the church in Freeport to increase in wisdom and stature and favour with God.

On Sabbath, Pastor Muganda gave the sermon at the Grant's Town Church. His message, The Burden of Being Chosen, showed that there is a burden to carry with everything the Lord gives us to do or blesses us with. However, this burden is only to prepare us for further work for God to make us stronger. He encouraged us to have Jesus as our shock absorber, so that when we hit the potholes of this life, the difficulties and burdens, we are able to bounce back and become stronger.

Throughout his visit, Pastor Muganda emphasized the necessity of encouraging our young people to have a committed relationship with God, accompanied by a relentless programme of evangelism. -Audley Mitchell

Session Notice

All Pastors and Church Boards are reminded that the deadline for submitting names of their church delegates for the first quadrennial session of Bahamas conference was Nov. 25. However, to facilitate churches that received their correspondence by mail, the deadline has been extended to Monday, December 9, 2002. Your fullest cooperation is solicited as we have a number of arrangements and information that need to be shared with delegates relative to the session. -Administration

Hillview Dedicates its Newly Installed Baptistry

On Sabbath, Nov. 30, the Hillview Church welcomed the visit of our Conference president, K. D. Albury, as he came to present a timely check to the church from the United Development Fund. Owing to other engagements, Pastor Albury could not stay for the dedication of the church's newly installed baptistry. However, Pastor M. A. Smith, along with first elder Roderick Sands, led the church in an act of dedication, at the end of which four precious souls were baptized. Pastor Smith says that he is grateful to God for the baptistry as it now completes the sanctuary. He envisions that Hillview church will grow because of having the baptistry. To God be the glory! -Public Relations Dept.

Notice of Meeting today

The following persons are kindly asked to meet with Dr. Leonard Johnson today at 4:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Church: Harrold Dorsett, Miriam Knowles, Nelson Bain, Allison Mason, Tony Russell, Freeman Rolle, Tony Burnside, Nelson Dorsett and Barrington Brennen

Francophone Church

The Francophone Church will host a live radio broadcast on ZNS 1 1540, from the church on Balfour Avenue and Exuma Street, Sunday, December 15, 2002, from 7 to 8 p.m. You are cordially invited to tune in. -*Pastor Edward St. Fleur*

Government House Ceremony

Fifteen Bahamians will be honoured as outstanding nation builders, at Government House on Wednesday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m. Among the honourees are Pastor Doctor H. A. Roach and Dr. John Carey. This service will also be aired live on Radio ZNS 1 from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Under the unction of the Holy Spirit, with heart-felt passion, gave the charge. We were counseled to put away self-pride and material prosperity and dispense the gospel with haste. He urged us to become a "preacher nation" as God had intended Israel to be. Without doubt, his presentation was life-changing, filled with enthusiasm and urgency. Our hearts were set aflame to "GO and Overcome" the stronghold of the devil.

Musical selections from the Hillview Sanctuary Choir, Francophone male group, Harold and Carol Dorsette, and Allison Mason spangled the historical occasion. The glory of the Lord is at hand. Therefore, soldiers of Christ must arise, put their armour on, feed His sheep, and tell all nations that Jesus is coming soon. -*Pansy Hamilton Brown*

Education Corner

This is a weekly column sponsored by Bahamas Academy of S.D.A.

December, in the minds of all the children I know, means one thing-CHRISTMAS! And Christmas further means another thing-PRESENTS!

As parents, we too, like to see the look of glee on our children's faces when they open a present to find the doll or the truck they told us they wanted. There is one thing, however, that children of this generation seem to be missing: the joy and pride of owning a gift they have saved all year to purchase!

Do you remember when you were a child? The bicycle you owned was probably bought with your own money, money that you, put aside (maybe in a piggy bank or under the mattress) each month when you received your allowance. Do you remember the sense of pride and accomplishment when you finally had enough money to go to Nassau Bicycle Company (that's the only bicycle shop I remember) and pick out the bike you had your eye on all year? The amazing thing, too, is that the bike lasted you a long time-some of you probably had that bike until you started your first job, or went off to college. Remember how you took good care of that bike, made sure it didn't stay outside to get wet in the rain, or left it in the yard for someone to steal?

Most of today's children will never know that feeling because we buy them everything they ask for. And guess what? They may appear delighted initially upon receiving a toy, but that appreciation is short-lived. My mother used to say by New Year's Day, the thrill of the new toy was gone. Sometimes, the toy was broken by this time, too!

Parents, we lose an opportunity to teach our children a wonderful "life" lesson when we give them everything they ask for in life. We further do them an injustice when we purchase very expensive gifts for them. I believe that some of us who grew up on the "rough side of the mountain" and never had many material things feel that we need to give our children everything we never had as children. So we buy them everything they want (not need). This

creates several problems: (1) children never learn the value of saving money; (2) they don't know what deferred gratification is (the patience involved in waiting for something they want badly); (3) they become selfish and forget to think about the needs of others; and (4) they become very materialistic in their outlook on life.

Why not try something different this Christmas? Encourage your children to purchase (with their own money) a nice gift for a child at one of the children's homes, wrap it in pretty paper, and go with your children to make the delivery before Christmas Day. You may be surprised what this will do for them. It will also create a lasting memory of what it means to give unselfishly to others. After all, isn't that what Christmas is supposed to mean-God unselfishly gave His Son to us, and we have the privilege of eternal life because of his sacrifice!

Upcoming Events at Bahamas Academy:

- December 8 & 15: Christmas programs cancelled in both divisions.
- December 9: PTA Meeting in the Elementary Division (7 pm)
- December 10: PTA Meeting in the Secondary Division (7 pm). A special program is planned.
- December 18: Report Card Day in both divisions (9 am - 12 pm; 1 pm - 3 pm). School closes on this date. -*Lynn C. Smith, Principal*

Couples and Singles Photos Needed

Barrington Brennen, webmaster for Adventist Internet Ministries, would like to put your picture on the front page of the conference web site. We are celebrating marriage through weekly photo display, of Adventist married couples. Couples who wish to have their pictures on the web are asked please bring a clear photos, old or new, to the conference headquarters. We will also be celebrating the single life in a few weeks and would like to have clear photos of happy faces of singles individuals to place weekly on the front page of the conference web site. Bring your photo this week.

Adventist Counseling Services If you are in need of advice or your relationship needs healing, call 361 6355 today for professional counseling.

Adventist Christmas Program on NBC

Television December 21 For the second year in a row, the Adventist church in North America is producing a Christmas television program, this year partnering with Florida Hospital. The program will feature Clifton Davis telling the story of the great controversy as well as Christmas music by Jennifer La Mountain, Ray Boltz, the Boys Choir of Harlem and saxophonist Stan Patterson. More information coming soon.

Youth Corner

● All Adventurer Leaders are asked to meet tomorrow, Dec. 8, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Good News Church. -*Rohan Creighton*

●Persons registering for the WIU Master Guides Camporee '03 are requested to attend classes each Sunday from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Hillview Church. Other Master Guides are also invited.

Note of Thanks

Pastor Neville and Mrs. Scavella extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your prayerful support during his surgery and recuperation. Sister Scavella says that he is making good progress. Thank you! - *The Scavella Family*

Women to March Against Violence

In conjunction with the Women's Crisis Center, the women of the Adventist Churches are cordially invited to attend a march against the recent spate of rapes in our country on

Sunday, December 8, 2002, at 3:30 p.m. from the Zion Baptist Church, Shirley Street.

Living Faith Church A. Y. Department

"Help, my family is in trouble!" It's a cry that goes unheard from many of our youth. Are you hurting? Do you know someone who is? There is hope! Join us today, December 7, 2002, at 4 p.m. at the Living Faith Church for our special A Y programme. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Wayne Thompson. Come, let's break the cycle of pain and confusion.

Living Faith Church to Host Classes in Spanish

The Living Faith Church, in its continuing effort to present a balanced programme, is inviting persons interested in learning Spanish as a second language to attend classes at the church continuing Tuesday, December 10, from 7 p.m. Two government-sponsored Spanish-speaking-teachers are volunteering their services. The proposed groups are for ages 8 to 12, and 13 and above. Pastor Sturup says with the FTAA coming on stream within the next three years, this is an excellent opportunity for Adventists to get a head start in knowing a second language.

SDA Educators Association to Meet

The Bahamas Seventh-day Adventist Educators Association will conduct its membership meeting on Saturday, December 7, 2002, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bahamas Academy Secondary School. All members, and those who desire to become members are invited to attend. -*Pansy Hamilton Brown*

ABC Eastern Standard Time Business Hours

The business hours for the Adventist Book Centre are: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon. Call us at 341-2429 -*Kenny V. A. Deveaux, Manager, ABC*

The Triple 'C' Family Plan

Have you registered as yet and become a member of the Triple 'C' Family Plan? The acceptance and implementation of the Triple 'C' Family Plan are projected to bring untold blessings to the church family and to the spread of the gospel. Remember, we need 1,000 persons throughout the Conference signed up before the end of the year in order for the program to be fully implemented. Let us seek together with this Plan the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to pray for and sign up for the Triple 'C' Family Plan.

"WE ARE A FAMILY-TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT."

Check out the new Stewardship and Family Ministries Websites at www.familyministries.gc.adventistst.org and www.Adventiststewardship.com For resources, sermons, information, etc. -*M. A. Smith, Stewardship*

Philadelphia Power Prayer Service

The hour of Power Prayer Service begins at 6 a.m. each Sunday at the Philadelphia Church in Elizabeth Estates. Come join us, and let us intercede on behalf of our families, our churches, our communities and our nation. Persons residing in the east are especially invited. -*P. Gibbs*

Convention Choir Rehearsal

General choir rehearsal for the Convention Choir will be held at the Grant's Town Church, Wellington Street, at the following dates and time: Friday, Jan. 3, 2003 at 7 p.m. Sabbath, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

All Adventist Men are especially invited to participate and attend rehearsals for Convention 2003. -*Nelson J. Bain*

**Sun sets today at 5:20 p.m.
Sun sets next Sabbath at 5:22 p.m.**