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## Lay Evangelism Training Course

Under the theme, "Preparing for Discipleship," lay brethren from churches throughout New Providence met at the Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church last Sabbath for the launch of this year's Lay Evangelism Training Course.

The Lay training programme explores 21st century evangelism strategies founded on Biblical principles. Comprised of two modules over a two-month period, the course offers timely instruction for all persons interested in upgrading and equipping themselves for ministry in the local church.

Commissioned by our Lord to proclaim the everlasting Gospel to every kindred, tongue and people, the Church has a sacred trust to achieve this divine objective through training of the laity on an ongoing basis. Accordingly, principles uncovered in the programme will identify and affirm the giftedness and call to service of every believer, thus counteracting one of Satan's most effective deceptions --that soul-winning and evangelism are the work of the pastor alone.

Additionally, the principles of discipleship receive much treatment throughout the instructional segment in keeping with Matthew 28:19-20, which sets forth teaching, preaching and baptizing as essential ingredients of discipleship.

Attention throughout the course we will also focus on matters such as role clarification in the congregation, spirituality of the individual, Bible study techniques, public campaigns, and how to reach receptive people.

Pastors and churches are encouraged to embrace this opportunity for training of the laity which will inevitably result in our churches growing both quantitatively and qualitatively. Accordingly, E.G. White writes, "Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ when he or she lives." Counsels on Stewardship, p. 18.

Churches are asked to supply the following minimum quota: Grant's Town, Hillview, Centreville (12); New Providence, Maranatha, Johnson Park (10); Good News, Living Faith, Berea (7); Bethel, Francophone, Ebenezer, Ephesus, Philadelphia, Bethany, New Englerston, Breath of Life (5).

Let us endeavour to train for service, then return to share our faith with others, singly, or in groups, privately or by public campaigns. By our lifestyle, let us truly become Disciples of Christ. - Dr. M.D. Toote, Director

### Centreville's Women's Retreat

Excitement filled the air as the women of Centreville converged at the South Ocean Beach and Resort Hotel on Friday afternoon for a retreat that promised to be spiritually-filled. Under the theme "Taking Time to Know Him," the women came with high expectations of achieving a closer walk with God. Sis. Alwhyne Scavella, the Conference Leader of the Women's Ministries Department, officially began the retreat with a powerful mandate outlining the purpose of the Women's Ministry in Today's Church. The women were admonished to take time to know

God. Sis. Claranell Smith walked through the importance of taking time to know God through Prayer. The presence of God permeated the upper room as the women ministered to each other.

Our Sabbath programme was saturated with multiple blessings as Sister Barbara Carey explained that we could not know God if we do not study His Word, which gives us a closer glimpse about Him. We were encouraged to get to know Him through His Word.

Sis. Ann Albury expounded on the concept of God being everywhere, knowing everything, and being able to do anything. This assurance of God's protection for us elevated the trust and faith that are necessary to foster a deeper walk with God. We were all comforted in the fact that because we are God's children He will fulfill His promises to each of us as we claim them.

There were many dynamic speakers, who delivered powerful, spirit-filled messages as the weekend commenced. Our women were blessed as they were ministered to by a group of sisters who had strong experiences that at times moved them to tears as they were shared. Terri R. Dames spoke on "The Art of Mentoring." The women were encouraged to be good examples because they are the main ingredient that God is using to make a difference. Sis. Denise Johnson shared her experiences dealing with Peace, Healing and Forgiveness. She admonished us to let God direct us as we learn how to deal with the anger in our lives. When that is done, true healing takes place and our lives are enriched by it. Sis. Monique Mitchell revealed a number of health issues that affect women. We were admonished to take care of ourselves so that our service to God will be at the highest level. Sis. Elaine Sands revealed a number of pertinent facts that were eye openers for many of us. We were truly astonished and I know that all the ladies are determined to do their part to make our country a better place.

On the closing morning of the retreat, the level of excitement had doubled or tripled. It really cannot be measured accurately. Sis. Ann tearfully shared her personal experiences with us. We then realized that God gives us our experiences so that others can benefit from them. It is not about us; it is for a witness to others.

Sis. Pansy Hamilton-Brown gave us some powerful and motivating advice, which would keep us motivated for the journey of life. We were told to PUSH

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Sis. Alwhyne Scavella closed our first annual retreat with a charge to love God, continue to work for God, study His Word,

pray unceasingly, so that at the end of the journey, you can say that you have fought a good fight, you stayed on Course, and guarded the Faith. Hats off to Sister Lillian Rolle and her associates for a well-organized and spirit-filled weekend. Your sisters were truly blessed!-T.

Dames

### Camp Meeting Mid-year Convention

Beginning June 19 and continuing to June 23, 2002, at the Marshall Road property, the SDA Community will come together in their bi-annual Convention. This year, however, the meetings will be taken to a higher level subscribing to a camp meeting-style arrangement in the great outdoors. Hence, numerous tents will be utilized. Local pastors will preach, and there will be a cafeteria style lunch for an all-day affair on Sabbath, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bahamas Academy Cafeteria has been engaged to provide lunch. As there will be no sale on the Sabbath, it is necessary for all persons desirous of meals to purchase their tickets in advance of the Sabbath. Meal tickets will be available as of June 10 at the school and Conference Office. Sale of tickets for meals will end June 18, 2002. Your fullest cooperation is solicited in order to cater to the needs of persons using this service.

Except for suitable footwear, the Sabbath day service attire will be the usual churchwear. Wednesday, June 19, Camp Meeting will kick off with Pastor Michael A. Smith. Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Michael D. Toote will speak. On Friday, June 21, Dr. Leonard A. Johnson will present the message. A feature of this Camp meeting will be an early morning prayer service at 6:00 with Pastor Jeremiah Duncombe. Sabbath School and the Personal Ministries segments will be coordinated by the Office of Education and the Lay Activities Department. The Divine Hour speaker will be Pastor Burnett Robinson of Miami, Florida.

Following lunch, the afternoon services will kick off at 3:30 with a message from youth director Pastor Eric D. Clarke. At 4:30 Pastor Robinson will give his final message and at 6:30 Pastor Keith D. Albury, our conference president, will give the closing message.

The final event of the day will be a grand social for all commencing at 8:10 p.m.

On Sunday morning beginning at 9 o'clock, Elder C. Melvin Lewis, treasurer, will present the devotional thought (Continued on p. 2)

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for our workshops which will run from 10 a.m. to noon. All are encouraged to adhere to the 3 p's (Pray for the meetings, plead for the Holy Spirit to anoint, and make your presence felt as we fellowship together) in preparation for these camp meetings. Editor

### BA Elementary Graduation

The 2002 Graduation Ceremony for the sixth-grade students of Bahamas Academy Elementary School will be held Sunday, June 9, at 5 p.m. at the Church of God Auditorium, Joe Farrington Road. All parents, friends and supporters of the school are invited to attend. -*Dr. J. Carey, Education Director*

### Meistersingers in Concert

The officers of the Bahamas Conference of SDA proudly present The Meistersingers in concert on Sunday, June 23, 2002, at 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Activities Center, Stapledon Gardens. Tickets are available from members. -*A. Wright*

### Kelly's Retirement Luncheon

The administration and staff of Bahamas Academy Elementary school are sponsoring a retirement luncheon for Mrs. Cinderella Kelly on Thursday, June 13, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the Nassau Marriott Resort, West Bay Street.

Mrs. Kelly devoted 38 years of her life to Christian education in our conference. The lives of hundreds of boys and girls have been enriched by their coming into contact with Mrs. Kelly at Bahamas Academy. Therefore, we are inviting all well-wishers, especially former students, to show appreciation for the contribution Mrs. Kelly has made to Adventist education by attending the luncheon.

Tickets may be obtained from the office at the Elementary school, or from Mary-Ellen Knott at the Conference office.

### 'Adventist Spotlight'

"Adventist Spotlight," which is seen on Cable Bahamas, Channel 12, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, features The Voice of Prophecy Festival Bahamas, with Pastor Lonnie Melashenko, at the Hillview Church. A rebroadcast will be aired on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

### 15th Annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camps

Registration for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Jeff Rodgers Basketball Camps continues at Bahamas Academy Secondary School and at the Adventist National Headquarters Youth Department, Harrold Road. The camps will be held in collaboration with The Bahamas Conference from July 1 to 26, 2002. Please phone 393 3381 or 341 4021 for additional information on this ministry for helping young people develop a balanced Christian lifestyle. Application forms are available.

### SDA Educators' Association Boat Cruise

The SDA Educators' Association is sponsoring a boat cruise Saturday night, June 15, beginning 8 o'clock. The site of departure will be east of the new bridge on Paradise Island. Tickets may be purchased from Dr. Carey at the Conference Office, or from any member of the association.

### Kenya Evangelism

Let us continue to remember our five pastors and lay persons who are currently conducting crusades in Kenya, Africa. -*Administration*

### Community Services Parley

Community Services Parley will be held June 12 to 15, 2002, at the Centreville Church. Registration will begin on Wednesday evening

at 6:30. Topics to be presented are: Spousal/Child Abuse, Pastor Brennen; Drug Dependence/Rehabilitation, Dr. John Carey; Social Welfare Seminar, Mrs. Lorraine Duvalier; HIV Education Workshop, Mrs. Monique Mitchell; and Recovery and Loss Management, Dr. M. D. Toote. Churches are requested to submit their delegates' names by June 10. -*Dr. M. D. Toote*

### Online Adventist Businesses

Online Adventist Business Internet Ministries is asking all Adventist business owners and entrepreneurs to call in their business names, addresses and phone numbers to be placed on the conference website in an online Adventist business directory. Call 361-6355 or e-mail [bbrennen2@coralwave.com](mailto:bbrennen2@coralwave.com)

### Francophone to Hold Creole Classes for Health Professionals

Beginning June, 2002, the Francophone Church will sponsor Creole classes for nurses and other persons in all health-related fields. Please call 362-1031 or 323-6450 to register. -*Pastor Edward St. Fleur*

### Need a Health Vacation?

You are invited to join thousands who have attended the Hergelia, an Adventists' Health Center in Romania. If you suffer from any ailments or disease or just love being pampered and feeling rejuvenated, then call Alvira at 322-8314 to learn more about this 21 days' bargain Health Vacation in Romania July 6 to 27, 2003.

### Collegiate Quarterly

Persons interested in writing for the Collegiate Quarterly for 2003 are asked to contact Curtis Bryan for details at 361-1113.

### Softball Announcement

Due to the poor turnout last Sunday at the opening of the Softball Season, players, coaches and spectators are advised that softball games will resume in two weeks.

Meanwhile, all are reminded to practise regularly. First game will commence promptly June 16, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. Please remember to pray for the league and all its participants. -*Tyrrell Miller, president -361-8306*

### Vegetarian Cooking Classes

Vegetarian Cooking Classes to begin in June 2002. Please call 364-0085 for details

### Candidates for Bachelor's degree Programme Requested

Persons in possession of 30 credits or more and interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in professional management via Nova University may contact 325-6173 for details.

### Long Bay School

Long Bay School in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, is accepting applications from persons wishing to fill high school English language, religious knowledge and Spanish/music teaching posts. Applicants should hold bachelor's degrees and teachers' certificates. For more information, please write to P.O. BOX AB-20377, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, or phone 242-367-2382. *Principal*

### Expression of Thanks

On behalf of my family a special thank you

to all for your prayers and acts of kindness shown toward me during my recent illness. Please continue to lift me up in your prayers as I do the same for you. -*Sis. Lavern Johnson, Centreville Church*

### Conference-wide August Monday Family-Fun Festivities

Persons interested in officiating at the Grand Conference-wide August Monday Family Fun Festivities (Thomas A. Robinson Stadium) are invited to attend a one-hour special preliminary planning meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2002, at 10 a.m. You may also contact Bro. Lester Stuart any time at 302-6029 or 362-2334 or [lester\\_stuart@hotmail.com](mailto:lester_stuart@hotmail.com). -*L. Stuart*

### ASI Adventists Lay Persons Services and Industries Bahamas Chapter

If Christ is the center of your life, then sharing Christ in the marketplace should be a breeze. Join us for ASI general meeting June 9, 2002, at the New Providence church, at 10 a.m. to share, plan and build marketplace ministries for spreading God's message. We are expecting all members, prospective members, Adventists Men Leaders and all other interested persons to attend.

### Prayer Request

Sis. Yvonne McPhee, the daughter of the late Sis. Madge Guillaume, is hospitalized in Miami and is requesting prayers for divine healing. -*M. R. Guillaume*

### Soup Kitchen opened at Good News Church

The Good News Church Community Services department will commence its soup kitchen programme on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will continue the service on the second Tuesday of each month following. -*Lorraine Joseph, CS Leader*

### Youth Ministries

♥All Pathfinder Directors are asked to meet at the Johnson Park Church on Monday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. Camp Activities will be discussed further. -*Barry S. Saunders*

♥Pathfinder Camp will be held June 30 to July 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is in progress at each local church. Deadline for Pathfinder Camp applications to be turned into the Youth Department is June 14, 2002. Quota for each church is 10 Pathfinders.

♥Adventurers' Camp will be held July 7 to 14<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be announced.

♥Youth Crusade/Revival July 28 to August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillview Church.

♥Youth Concert August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillview Church.

### James Cistern to celebrate 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

The James Cistern SDA Church, in Eleuthera, will celebrate its second anniversary June 6 to 8<sup>th</sup>. A grand gospel concert with guest artists "Lifted Voices" will culminate the weekend of activities. -*Pastor L. Williams*

### BA Early Learning Centre

The Bahamas Academy Early Learning Centre is now accepting enrollment applications for K2 to K4 at the centre on Soldier Road. Applications may be collected from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. -*Desiree Brown, Coordinator ELC*

Sun sets next Sabbath at 8:01 p.m.