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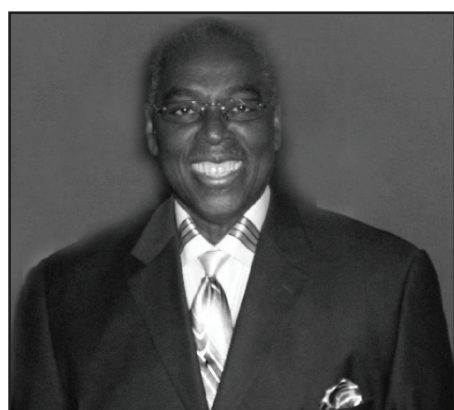
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GOD'S TRUTH IS MARCHING ON

Excerpt from A Partial History of Seventh-day Adventism in The Bahamas by Elder Freeman Duncanson



Elder Freeman Duncanson

More than 30 years ago, hundreds of bicycles, horse-drawn carriages, and drays were used for public transportation. Now, there are thousands of motorcars, vans and taxicabs on our streets. The hotels were five-star accommodations for the rich and famous who came to vacation in The Bahamas. Today, the capital and many of our Family Islands provide numerous top-notch accommodations for millions of tourists and businessmen who visit our Island Paradise daily. The population of The Bahamas has exploded from approximately 168,000 in 1970

to around 342,000, presently. Banks and Trust Companies dominate the financial landscape; and the cost of living has increased tremendously.

The good news of Seventh-day Adventism did not remain in the New England States. It eventually found its way into the islands of The Bahamas in November 1893. Sixteen years later, Pastor W. J. Swarney, the first ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister came to labor in The Bahamas. The Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists as it was known then, was inaugurated under the Southeastern Union Conference. In 1911, the first Gospel Crusade was conducted in the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall on Meeting Street. Pastor W. J. Swarney officiated, and the effort resulted in the formation of the first Seventh-day Adventist congregation, with a membership of 56 including 35 Sabbath School members.

The members worshipped for several years in the Elks Lodge Hall. In 1913, Pastor J. H. Smith arrived on the scene and with a mere one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in hand, he built the first Sev-

enth-day Adventist Church, which was a small wooden structure situated on Shirley Street, opposite Sears Road. The building was completed in 1914; however, the little white wooden structure was completely destroyed by a most devastating hurricane in 1929. The hurricane proved to be a blessing in disguise, as financial assistance from the General Conference (Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church), and the Inter-American Division (Regional Headquarters) financed the erection of a new stone structure, thereafter referred to as the "Shirley Street Seventh-day Adventist Church". After the hurricane, the congregation worshipped in the Bahamas Academy auditorium until a new building was constructed. The church later relocated to Centreville and has been worshipping at the present location on Fifth Terrace for 50 years!

In 1914, there was one Seventh-day Adventist Church in The Bahamas, with a membership of fewer than 90 persons. Today, there are 24 churches in New Providence alone; and

31 churches in the Family Islands; being overseen by 24 Pastors in the South Bahamas Conference. There are 7 pastors in the North Bahamas Conference; thereby making a total of 55 churches with 31 pastors. The total membership currently stands at approximately 19,700, falling under 3 conferences and 1 mission, all within the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission, headquartered in the capital, Nassau, Bahamas.

Currently, the worldwide membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church stands at 16 million.



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CHURCHES IN NASSAU

- Adelaide**
Carmichael Road
- 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**
Steven's
Millerton
- San Salvador Church**
Cockburn Town
- Inagua Church**
Matthew Town
- Acklins Church**
Lovely Bay

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MEISTERSINGERS TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK

By Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright



Tiboris, who has more than 1,050 concerts, primarily at New York's most revered venues: Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Avery Fisher Hall and

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was recognized by an authority in the world of music.

This year's performance will be under the direction of famed British composer/conductor, John Rutter, composer for the music for Prince William's Royal Wedding in April of this year. The joint chorus will be accompanied by 'The New England Symphony Orchestra'.

The programme will consist of mostly Rutter's compositions, Ralf Vaughn Williams and selections from Handel's Messiah.

The performance will be held on Sunday, November 27th. The choir is led by founding director, Audrey Dean-Wright.



Mrs. Audrey Dean-Wright

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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.

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