

# THE LOGOS



“People of Hope”

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## WITNESSING IN THE BAHAMAS CONFERENCE

Seventh-day Adventists in the Bahamas Conference do exceptionally more to keep the church relevant than many are willing to accept. Without the enthusiastic involvement of these church members in the work of mission, the church as an institution would have lost its reason for existence. Our membership understands that the goal is always MISSION. Is it any wonder that hundreds of people every year come to a saving knowledge of Jesus and are baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church?

More than just preaching sermons or investing money, hundreds of lay members, trained in the school of Evangelism, conduct Bible studies and visit homes throughout the Bahamas. Many of the Bible studies take place not just in homes, but on parks, on the streets, and even in the malls during lunch hour. A number of our Adventist business owners take time to conduct Bible study at their business sites.

I am excited about the impact of small group ministries in many of our churches. We have seen numerous baptisms and increased visitor attendance due to the active small group ministries. These evangelistic small groups that meet in homes during the week are augmented by the Sabbath School action units. It is reported that over one hundred evangelistic small groups have been organized across the conference. We need more.

Every week personal testimonies by our members in their communities create desires in the hearts of listeners for similar experiences. This is so easy that all must become involved in sharing their personal testimony to non-believers. This involves three elements: 1. Your life before conversion; 2. How you gave your life to Christ; and 3. What Jesus means to you at present.



Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director, Bahamas Conference

Health Evangelism is active and effective in our field. Whether it is Eight Weeks to Wellness, health seminars, workshops or health crusades, we are seeking out people where they are. The Word preached in the pulpit is the beginning. "There are multitudes that will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them." Christian Service, p. 121

The activities of Community Services have served well to break down barriers and make the gospel non-threatening. Churches have been meeting the temporal necessities of the needy and also relieving their physical wants and suffering. This demonstration of empathy and compassion for both Christians and non-Christians is a powerful argument in favor of Christianity.

Public evangelism and nurturing are integrally a part of the church's witness. Through evangelistic meetings, large groups of people have received doctrinal instructions and as a result made responsible decisions to join the church. As a matter of fact the conference is nearing 600 baptisms for 2010. Moreover, through mentorship, spiritual guardianship, skills training, fellowship, worship, and further study, new believers have experienced effective nurturing. It is encouraging to see the new believers bringing their family members to church. This is evidence of effective nurturing.

Finally, on Sabbath, August 7, the lay preachers will engage in Lay Pulpit exchange. These lay preachers who have been involved in soul-winning will preach the Word for a witness. During the last three years, hundreds have been led to Christ through lay preaching. In addition, on that Sabbath we will engage in a special emphasis on proclaiming the Second Coming of Christ throughout our field.

In Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 19, Ellen White's counsel is timely. She says, "In a special sense, Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers....They have been given work of most solemn import - the proclamation of the first, second, and third

angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing to absorb their attention." Be faithful to duty! -Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director

### LAY PULPIT EXCHANGE

The annual Lay Pulpit Exchange will be held on Sabbath, August 7. The speakers are listed below. Information on the speakers for the Family Island churches will be communicated by the relevant church pastors. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Ministerial Director

### CHURCH SPEAKER

Adelaide -Mark Knowles  
Berea -Marva Farquharson  
Bethany -Michael McCoy  
Bethel -Jean Kerein  
Breath of Life -Rudolph Rahming  
Centreville -Elgin Hepburn  
Ebenezer -Michael E. Turner  
Francophone -Joseph Charitable  
Gambier -Elvardo Perpall  
Good News -Kenneth Williams  
Grant's Town -Carolyn Hanna (8:00 A.M.)  
Grant's Town -Harvey Braithwaite (11:00 A.M.)  
Hillview -David Knowles  
Johnson Park -Gladstone Moss  
Johnson Road -Marvin Smith  
Living Faith -Earl Thomas  
Maranatha -Roderick Rolle  
Message of Hope -Audley Mitchell  
New Englerston -Patrick Sands  
New Providence -Joseph Knowles  
Parkgate -Herbert Williams  
Peardale -Willy Dorcil  
Philadelphia -William Griffin  
Real Harvest -Ian Miller  
Redemption -Andrew Hanna

### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Conference officers and workers offer deepest sympathy to Glorian Storr, a dedicated worker at the Mary Ingraham Home and faithful camp nurse for many years, on the loss of her son, Brunell who was a member of the Meistersingers. Our prayers are with her and her family as they mourn his passing. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. at the Centreville church. -Administration

## 120 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR ACUM

There will be a joint meeting on Wednesday, September 1 at the Hillview church at 7:15 P.M. to launch the "120 Days of Prayer for ACUM". -Office of the Secretariat

## PRAYER MINISTRY MEETING

All prayer coordinators and persons involved in prayer ministry (which includes all members) are invited to the next special one-hour meeting of praying and sharing at the Hillview church on Sunday, August 8 at 6:00 A.M. Plan now to be a part of this special service. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Ministry Coordinator

## SDA BURIAL SOCIETY

Members of the SDA Burial Society are advised that a society meeting will be held on Monday, August 9 at 7:30 P.M. at the Grant's Town church annex. Members can become financial. Persons wishing to join the Society are welcome. -Elder Henry Moncur

## CHURCH CLERKS' REPORTS

All church clerks are asked to submit, via email or phone, to the Office of the Secretariat, Bahamas Conference, the total membership of their local church as of July 26, 2010. All reports should be sent on or before August 4. -Office of the Secretariat

## ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER

The Adventist Book and Nutrition Center (ABNC) invites you to stop by and browse the store. There is a wide selection of books on sale at 20% discount. A further discount of 25% is available on supplements and other health and nutrition items. The store is open Sundays from 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; Monday to Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; and on Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you do not see what you want, tell us! Our telephone number is 341-2429. -Cherry Blackmore, ABNC Manager

## VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASSES

A health seminar and vegetarian cooking classes will be held from August 8 to August 14 at the Philadelphia Church, Nevis Way, Elizabeth Estates. For more information, please contact Shandera Smith at 322-4642. Application forms are available at the Conference Office, Healthy Lifestyle on East Street and Better Living Deli on Balfour

Avenue. -Shandera Smith, Health Ministries Director

## BA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOB APPLICATION

Applications are being accepted for the position of Technical Drawing and Graphical Communication teacher. Applicants should have a BA degree and a teacher's certificate with a minimum of two years' teaching experience. Interested persons may obtain applications from the school on Wulff Road or the Office of Education at the Conference Office on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. Completed applications with all the relevant documents must be submitted by Friday, August 6 to the Office of Education. -Dr. Cheryl Rolle, Education Director

### NEW STUDENT

#### REGISTRATION AT BA

Applications are being accepted now from students wishing to enter K2 through grade 10 at Bahamas Academy. Application forms may be collected from any division of the Academy and from the Office of Education at the Conference Office. -Anthony Burrows, Principal

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH REVIVAL AT JP

Today, youth ministerial student, Nathalee Fredricks of Oakwood University and a member of the Johnson Park church, will conclude a youth revival at the church on Farrington Road. All are invited to attend.

### YOUTH EVANGELISTIC SERIES

For one week only, the Bethany, Redemption, and Peardale churches will host a Youth Evangelistic Series (YES) from Sunday, August 22 through Sabbath, August 28. Meetings begin at 7:00 nightly except on Sabbath. The theme is SUBMERGED, and the guest evangelist is Pastor Donald Rolle of Tabernacle of Praise, St. Louis, Missouri. Save the date and see you there. -YES Team

### PATHFINDER CAMP

Pathfinder camp ends tomorrow. Parents are asked to pick up their children by 10:00 A.M. Please be on time.

## FAMILY AND SPORTS DAY

Family and Sports Day will be held on Monday, August 2 beginning at 10:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre. There will be an entrance fee of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

## IAD PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

The third Inter-American Division Camporee which will be held in Mexico City during April 17-24, 2011 is less than a year away. It is IMPORTANT that all Pathfinders and Master Guides planning to attend observe the deadline for ticket purchase which is August, 2010. All funds are to be submitted to the treasury department of the Conference. All registration forms must be signed by the local church Pathfinder director.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family & Sports Day** - August 2 at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre.

**60th Anniversary of Pathfinding (Worldwide Celebrations)** - September 17-19.

**Conference Youth Retreat** - October 29 - 31 in Central Andros.

**National Youth Month** - October

**Youth Week** - December 5 - 12

**Youth Banquet** - December 12

### HOUR OF GOSPEL MUSIC

Today from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., the hour of gospel music will take place at the Mary Ingraham Home with the Bethel church. Next Sabbath, August 7, the Breath of Life church is scheduled.

### SUN SETS TODAY

AT 7:55 P.M.

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH,  
AUGUST 7 AT 7:51 P.M.

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