

ENVISION

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From The Desk Of The President - *Trevor H.C. Baker*

CONFERENCE SETS 3000 BAPTISM GOAL

The Northeastern Conference Administration has set a goal of 3000 baptisms for the year 2006. As result evangelistic plans have been and are being made to make this goal a reality. Several pastors and churches have made specific plans for some form of evangelistic thrust within the year. Early reports indicate that success is attending the diligent efforts of the pastors and laypersons as we take up the challenge of achieving the goal. We urge every member to commit him or herself to winning at least one individual to Christ in 2006.

CHURCH OPENING

The members of the Providence Hispanic Church in Providence, Rhode Island, opened the doors to their newly constructed church building on Sabbath, July 8, 2006. The grand event brought to an end several years of 'wilderness wandering' for the congregation and resulted in praises of gratitude for God's guidance.

On hand for the celebrative occasion was the Governor of Rhode Island who commended the members for their perseverance in spite of the challenges, and being an instrument for good in the community. Those present from the Northeastern Conference were: Elder Trevor Baker, President; Elder Larry Bailey, Secretary; Elder Ebenezer Agboka, Treasurer; Elder Isaias Rojas, Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries; Elder Daniel Honore, Stewardship Director; and Mr. & Mrs. Roger Holmes.

CVL GETS A NEW RANGER

On July 17, 2006, Mr. Bernard Daisley assumed his duties as Camp Ranger at Camp Victory Lake. He fills the vacancy created when Mr. Nethelbert Blasse who, after 10 years of service, resigned in March, 2006. Mr. Daisley brings a wide experience in building construction, maintenance and supervision. We welcome the Daisley family to our family of workers, and look forward to his joining us in making Camp Victory Lake all it can be.

NEW TREASURER ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITIES

Elder Ebenezer Agboka assumed his duties as Treasurer of the Northeastern Conference on June 1, 2006. He was chosen to be Treasurer after a diligent search and interview process. Elder Agboka comes to the Northeastern Conference from Atlantic Union College where he served as a professor in the Business Department. Prior to his tenure at the college, he served with distinction as the Treasurer of the Ontario Conference in Canada, and before that as an auditor with the General Conference Auditing Services.

We welcome the Agboka family to the Northeastern Conference.

YOUTH DIRECTOR ACCEPTS CALL

Pastor Newton Cleghorne has accepted the invitation of the Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica, West Indies to serve that institution as the Dean of the School of Religion and Theology.

Pastor Cleghorne has faithfully served the Northeastern Conference for seventeen years, ten of which have been as the Director of Youth Ministries. He anticipates taking up his new responsibilities on August 1, 2006. He views this invitation as a call from God to serve young people in a somewhat different arena.

ACADEMY PRINCIPAL NAMED

In a recent meeting of the Conference K-12 Board of Education, Mrs. Marlene Alvarez was chosen to succeed Ms. Beverly Bucknor as Principal of the Northeastern Academy.

This appointment was occasioned by Ms. Bucknor's acceptance of a call to serve the Southeastern California Conference as Associate Superintendent of Education. Mrs. Alvarez, a graduate of Brooklyn College and Andrews University, has been an educator in the Northeastern Conference for 18 years, and for the last 10 years, she has been the Principal of the Hebron Bilingual, Excelsior, and Bethanie elementary schools respectively in Brooklyn, New York.

We wish her every success in this new assignment, and solicit the prayers of the Conference family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Half way into the year, the Northeastern Conference continues to make positive strides towards financial stability. The Tithe and Mission Statement for June 2006, reveals that we are 8.3% ahead of our projected tithe income. The operating gain at the end of May 2006, stood at \$2,759,737, placing the net asset figure at \$4,919,051 for the same period.

Along with the healthier balance sheet, the liquidity ratios continue to show improvement, making it possible for us to meet the short term obligations of the Conference. We continue to remain current with the remittances to the Atlantic Union, and the North American Division as well as with the monthly Bond payments.

JOB OPENINGS

The Conference is seeking to add a full-time person in the Auditing department. Applicants should possess a B.A. degree in Accounting, Finance or a related field. Also required is experience in treasury work and auditing. Relocation to the New York area is necessary, as well as a driver's license and access to an automobile.

There are also part-time positions available in Auditing. A minimum of four years of work experience in Accounting, Accounting control or compliance is required. Relocation is not a requirement, and the work load is approximately eight days per month.

Resumes may be submitted by e-mail to the Treasurer at eagboka@northeastern.org or mailed to Ebenezer Agboka, Treasurer, Northeastern Conference of SDA, 115-50 Merrick Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11434.

YOUTH OLYMPICS CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, July 16, 2006, the Northeastern Conference Youth Department celebrated 25 years of staging the Youth Olympics Program. This year's event was held at the newly renovated Icahn Stadium (formerly Downing Stadium) on Randall's Island, New York City. That was the site of the very first Adventist Youth Olympics. Sharing in this 25 year celebration were Adventist athletes from Canada and the Allegheny West Conference. A very special guest for the celebration was the renowned Canadian Olympic track star, Mr. Ben Johnson who assisted in the awarding of medals. Also present on this occasion was the Conference President, Trevor Baker who began the Youth Olympic Program.

E-CHURCH AWARD GRANTED

The Hanson Place Church of Brooklyn, New York was awarded the North American Division Communication Department's e-church award for the month of June, 2006. This award which is given to churches for outstanding website design and maintenance is the fourth such award that has been given to a church in the Northeastern Conference.

The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian, are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth, or the favor of men. They are those victories that are gained in the audience chambers with God..."
Colporteur Ministry p. 81

