



Executive Secretary's Report

Pastor Peter Joseph



Mr. Chairman, representatives of the wider organization, fellow delegates, special guests, fellow workers, brothers and sisters, greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit—Chief Administrator of the church. The responsibility and privilege is mine to report to you the sacred work that has been done in the secretariat during the quadrennium under review. The last four years in the South Bahamas Conference have been fraught with trials and triumphs. Nevertheless, the Conference has made significant progress with the help of the Holy Spirit, and good governance.

THE BEAUTY OF RELATIONSHIPS

The South Bahamas Conference is not a self-contained entity, responsible only to itself, but it's an organization that has wider relationships and accountability. "The South Bahamas Conference is a member unit of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is located in the territory of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists-Inter-American Division. This conference shall pursue the mission of the church in harmony with the doctrines, programs and initiatives adopted and approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial session" (*Constitution of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*, Article III). Hence, all local activities have global implications. At the same time, the regional and global church provide counsel and advise to the local field. Therefore, the work of the secretariat in South Bahamas Conference affects the wider organization. What we do here makes waves throughout the world church.

In the words of Dr. Leonard A. Johnson, "The constitution points out that the Conference is connected to the Union, the Union is connected to the Division, and the Division is connected to the General Conference. Also, the By Laws require that the leadership of the Conference work together with the leadership of the Union" (*The Logos vol. 19, No. 29, July 19, 2014*).

ELEVEN FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARIAT

The office of the secretariat has several important responsibilities:

- * *First*, the office carefully maintains and updates the service record of all employees. This document is indispensable when processing application for sustentation, or retirement benefits for all workers. At this point, all relevant data of employees have been successfully in put into the IAD Employee Register System. As such, all electronic service records have been signed, after consultation with workers.
- * *Second*, the office maintains the official records of church membership. The information about quarterly and yearly baptisms, number of churches and companies provide knowledge about growth, anticipated challenges and decline. At present, the Conference is compliant with Adventist Church Management System. The system focuses on church management and care for the membership. It is an online based program that does not go against the church manual. At the local church level, this will be helpful to motivate churches to ascertain the missing members and report them. The system has categories such as, ***ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN***. Mrs. Bridgette Bastian has given excellent contribution as the Coordinator.
- * *Third*, the office maintains documents of real estate, legal documents and policies, minutes and voted actions of the executive committee.
- * *Fourth*, the office is responsible for the preparation, custody and distribution of executive minutes, as well as crafting official communication relating to actions of the executive committee.
- * *Fifth*, the office serves as the Human Resources Department for the conference. At present, Mrs. Mary Knott gives valuable service as Assistant Human Resources Director. The office relates to lawyers who advocate on behalf of the conference, and ensure that denominational policies and the nation's labor laws are followed.
- * *Sixth*, the matter of licenses and credentials voted by the executive committee are processed through the office of the secretariat.
- * *Seventh*, the office has the responsibility to process all service requests for persons who visit the field to provide service.

- * *Eight*, the office of the secretariat ensures that all workers have adequate insurance.
- * *Ninth*, the office plays an integral role in the planning of conference events. Sister Patrice Williams-Gordon has been brilliant in assisting us in the planning and execution of special events.
- * *Tenth*, the office equips and guides church clerks in the task of preparing statistical reports and other related duties.
- * Eleventh, the constitution and by-laws are the preserve of the secretariat, who through the constitution and by-laws committee has custody of the document for relevant updates that comply with the General Conference model conference constitution. The executive secretary chairs that committee. The document is returned to the constituency via the executive committee, at local conference session.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the life blood of the church. According to **Article II** of the Constitution, “The purpose of this conference is to facilitate the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-12 to all peoples within its territory, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and to unite with His church, and nurturing them in preparation for His soon return.” There are 48 churches and 2 companies. During the period under review, 707 persons were baptized and became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Lay Crusades, Pastoral Crusades, Media, Personal Evangelism and Departmental outreach have contributed to the increase in membership.

The contribution of our conference Bible Workers has been outstanding! We commend Althamae Knowles, Ovil McDonald, and Eugene Antoine for their dedication to this work. In addition to church crusades, we have had two years of Quadrant Crusades. This was done in the spirit of Total Member Involvement and Lord Transform Me. The four that were held earlier this year produced a record-breaking result for this field of 518 baptisms. This exceeded all joints or regional campaigns that we have ever conducted in the history of this field. The participation level of the membership in the series was commendable. Notable evangelists included, Pastor Paul Scavella, Pastor Leonardo Rahming, Pastor Larry Green, Pastor Edward St. Fleur, Pastor Asha Dane-Duncan, Pastor Carl Johnson, Pastor Basil Sturup, and Pastor Peter Joseph who gave the best of their service. One city wide crusade was conducted by the exciting evangelist of the Caribbean Union, Evangelist Claudius Morgan.

BAPTISMS CONDUCTED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS

BAPTISMS CONDUCTED	YEARS	2015	2016	2017	2018
	BAPTISM	674	562	547	707

**SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE
STATISTICAL REPORT
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2017**

**MEMBERS ADDED
DURING THE PERIOD**

**NUMBERS SUBTRACTED
DURING THE PERIOD**

Churches	Companies	Church Membership at Beginning of Period	Baptisms	Profession of Faith	Letters Received	Letters Granted	Deaths	Dropped	Church Membership at the End of Period
48	2	16,427	149	0	1	1	2	0	16,574

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
(ACCORDING TO ISLANDS AND THE RATIO OF ADVENTISTS TO POPULATION)**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP 2017

ISLANDS	POPULATION	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	Ratio of Membership to Population	Churches	Company	School	ABC
Acklins	428	41	1:10	1	-	-	-
Andros	7490	433	1:17	7	1	-	-
Cat Island	1522	34	1:45	2	-	-	-
Exuma	6928	163	1:43	3	-	-	-
Inagua	969	10	1:97	1	-	-	-
Long Island	3094	48	1:64	2	-	-	-
New Providence	278,400	15,579	1:18	26	1	1	1
Mayaguana	259	7	1:37	-	-	-	-
Eleuthera	7999	185	1:43	5	-	-	-
Crooked Island	350	85	1:4	1	-	-	-
San Salvador	930	74	1:13	-	-	-	-

NEW PROVIDENCE		
CHURCH	2017 MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES
Adelaide SDA Church	53	1
Agape SDA Church	314	3
Berea SDA Church	466	4
Bethany SDA Church	300	3
Bethel SDA Church	225	3
Breath of Life SDA Church	520	4
Centerville SDA Church	1,751	13
Ebenezer SDA Church	237	3
Ephesus (Parkgate) SDA Church	230	3
Francophone SDA Church	322	3
Gambier SDA Church	33	1
Good News SDA Church	558	5
Grant's Town SDA Church	2,574	18
Hillview SDA Church	2,191	16
Johnson Park SDA Church	1,020	8
La Senda de la Vida SDA Church	65	1
Living Faith SDA Church	935	7
Maranatha SDA Church	720	6
Message of Hope SDA Church	237	3
New Englerston SDA Church	574	4
New Haven SDA Church	54	1
New Providence SDA Church	1,349	10
Peardale SDA Church	183	2
Philadelphia SDA Church	391	4
Real Harvest SDA Church	194	2
Redemption SDA Church	143	2
TOTALS	15,579	129
CHURCH	2017 MEMBERSHIP	DELEGATES
Acklins & Crooked Island		
Acklins SDA Church	41	1
Crooked Island SDA Church	85	2
Cat Island		
Devil's Point SDA Church	10	1
Seaview SDA Church	24	1
Exuma		
Rolleville SDA Church	52	1

Mt. Thompson SDA Church	61	1
Moss Town SDA Church	50	1
Inagua		
New Life SDA Church	10	1
Long Island		
Millerton SDA Church	16	1
Steven's SDA Church	32	1
North Andros		
Living Hope SDA Church	10	1
Red Bay's SDA Church	17	1
Low Sound SDA Church	95	2
North Eleuthera		
James Cistern SDA Church	4	1
Gregory Town SDA Church	8	1
The Bluff SDA Church	27	1
San Salvador		
Coburn Town	74	1
South Andros		
Kemp's Bay SDA Church	55	1
Blessed Hope SDA Church	32	1
New Macedonia SDA Church	106	2
Mangrove Cay SDA Church	84	2
High Rock SDA Church	34	1
South Eleuthera		
Tarpum Bay SDA Church	55	1
Rock Sound SDA Church	13	1
TOTALS	995	28
Overall Membership Count Noted	16,574	
Total Delegates		157

CENTURIONS (2015 – 2018)

<i>South Bahamas Conference</i> CENTURIONS	Centurions	2015	2016	2017	2018
	Carl Johnson			45	136
	Edward St. Fleur			55	
	Basil Sturup			65	
	Larry Green			88	74
	Asha-Dane Duncan	101	80	90	178
	Paul Scavella		25		100
	Peter Joseph	61	50	60	115
	Mark Ewen	63	67	78	
	Michael Toote				60

GROUND BREAKING, DEDICATION, ORDINATION AND UNENTERED TERRITORY

After many years without Adventist presence, Mayaguana now has seven members. On June 28, 2018, Pastor Nikita Thompson baptized seven persons for the very first time on the Island. Thanks to the pioneering work of Elder Kenneth Williams and his wife, Nicki. Also, the work in Inagua is growing. Recently a building was dedicated to the worship of God. Thanks to the efforts of Elder Winston Ash and his wife, Estherlean Ash. In Nassau, after twelve years of struggle, the Real Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Church broke grounds for their new edifice. Pastors Duncan and Thompson along with local leaders and membership must be commended. Further, the Adelaide Church, after a long and patient process, broke ground for their new edifice. To God be the glory. Pastor Danhugh Gordon, Pastor Michael Toote, Pastor Lynden Williams and members deserve commendation.

On May 18, 2018, Pastor Terry Tanis was ordained to the Gospel ministry. The service was held at the Hillview Church. Representatives from all levels of the church were in attendance.

EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR SERVICE

Professional growth seminars are vital in the quality performance of the staff at Headquarters. Therefore, annual professional growth seminars equip workers to give quality service to the organization. A number of experts, including Marva Farquharson and Marisa Smith presented relevant

and constructive seminars. Also, the SELD Conference provided informative, stimulating and transformational seminars.

The church clerks are critical to successful membership management. In fact, digitizing the membership involves the clerks in a significant manner. Therefore, clerks were exposed to the theology, philosophy and technical aspects of the Adventist Church Management System. The online system has the capacity to do all the functions that clerks do manually. Elder Salazar from Inter-American Division, Pastor Peter Kerr and Dr. Cheryl Rolle of Atlantic Caribbean Union facilitated the workshops and seminars. At this point, South Bahamas Conference has input membership into the system and therefore is compliant with policy. It is expected that all church clerks will use ACMS for managing membership in 2019 and beyond.

The local field secretariat benefited from the expertise of Elder Salazar, Pastor Peter Kerr and Dr. Cheryl Rolle. They equipped office personnel in the areas of record management, statistical report and processing retirement applications. Also, personnel were equipped to do all functions of the ACMS.

The Inter-American Theological Seminary has been playing a critical role in the professional and academic growth of our pastors. At this time, several pastors have enrolled in graduate classes, while some have graduated. In addition, other workers have been doing graduate studies at Northern Caribbean University. Moreover, professional growth seminars and continuing education programs held in this field have ensured that our workers remain on the cutting edge and improve performance and productivity. The Atlantic Caribbean Union, under the leadership of Dr. Leonard A. Johnson, organized Logos software training for pastors and interested lay people to sharpen skills in the study of the Bible, research, and preparation of sermons.

OUR WORKERS WHO RECEIVED SERVICE REQUESTS

NAME	PURPOSE
Pastor Asha-Dane Duncan	Turks & Caicos Conference <i>(Conduct Evangelistic Crusade)</i>
Pastor Jamal Franklyn	North Mexican Church Union <i>(Week of Prayer Speaker)</i>
Pastor Sidney Jon Dorsett	North Bahamas Conference <i>(Youth Evangelism Guest Speaker)</i>
Mrs. Patrice Williams-Gordon	Jamaica Union <i>(Women's Ministries Weekend Guest Speaker)</i>
Pastor Peter Joseph	Caribbean Union Conference <i>(Mega Fest Senior Youth Outreach Speaker)</i>
Ovil McDonald	North Bahamas Conference <i>(Evangelistic Crusade Bible Worker)</i>
Pastor Asha-Dane Duncan	Cayman Islands Conference <i>(Conduct Evangelistic Meetings)</i>
Pastor Peter Joseph	St. Croix, USVI <i>(Conduct Evangelistic Meetings)</i>

SERVICE REQUESTS AND VISITS

NAME	PLACE	PURPOSE
Dr. Martin Hanna	Andrews University	Conduct a Prophecy Seminar
Dr. Raymond Ostrander	Andrews University	Winning Your Marriage Guest Speaker
Dr. Stephen Apola	General Conference	Attend Publishing Weekend
Pastor Levi Johnson	Central Jamaica Conference	Winning Your Marriage Guest Speaker
Dr. Roland Hill	Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, Fredericksburg, VA	Ministerial Conclave Speaker
Pastor Cherise Gardner	Southern California Conference	Bethany Weekend Speaker
Dr. Wesley Knight	Oakwood University	Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Dr. Faz Hosein	University of Southern Caribbean, Trinidad	Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Pastor Vaughn Henry	Cayman Islands Conference	Conduct Evangelistic Meetings (New Providence Church)
Joshua Lawrence	Cayman Islands Conference	Conduct Evangelistic Meetings (New Providence Church)
Dudley Hosein	Jamaica Union	Conduct Health Evangelism Meetings
Pastor Sean Harris	Texas Conference	Conduct Prophecy Seminar (Centreville Church)
Pastor Gilbert Cangy	General Conference	Youth Congress Speaker
Robert Miller	Jamaica	Youth Congress Speaker
Zuki Mxoli	General Conference	Conduct Evangelism Training
Pastor Steve Riley	South Caribbean Conference	Camp Meeting Speaker
Dr. Orlean Brown	Northern Caribbean University	Camp Meeting (Seminar Speaker)
Dr. Loel Caesar	General Conference	Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Pastor Myron Edmonds	Impact Ministries, Glenville Seventh-day Adventist Church	Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Pastor Calvin Watkins	South Atlantic Conference	Camp Meeting Guest Speaker
Pastor Willie S. Lee & Wilma Kirk-Lee	South West Region Conference	Camp Meeting (Seminar Speaker)
Pastor Howard Simon	North Caribbean Conference	Winning Your Marriage Guest Speaker
Dr. Clifford Jones	Lake Region Conference	Guest Preacher (New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church)
Dr. Mansfield Edwards	Ontario Conference	Guest Preacher (New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church)
Dr. Hyvette Williams	Andrews University	Women's Ministries Conference

THE WORKER FORCE RETIREES AND DEATH

CATEGORIES OF WORKERS	NUMBER OF WORKERS
Administrators	3
Departmental Directors	12
District Pastors	26
Ministerial Interns	3
Bible Workers	4
School Staff	74
ABC Personnel	2

The following are lists of all our workers and their status and categories as of October 2018.

NAME	MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS		
	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Barr, Howard	Pastor	35	1
Brennen, Barrington	Pastor	40	5
Campbell, Valentino	Pastor	12	5
Deveaux, Kenny	Pastor	38	5
Dane, Duncan, Asha	Pastor	9	1
Ewen, Mark	Pastor	16	8
Gordon, Danhugh	Pastor	29	10
Green, Larry	Pastor	10	1
Joseph, Peter	Pastor	27	3
Lewis, Melvin	Pastor	41	4
Rahming, Leonardo	Pastor	18	3
Rolle, Leo	Pastor	38	9
Scavella, Paul	Pastor	37	3
St. Fleur, Edward	Pastor	20	6
Sturup, Basil Theodore	Pastor	26	10
Thompson, Nikita	Pastor	11	1
Toote, Michael	Pastor	36	10
Williams, Craig	Pastor	9	11
Williams, Lynden	Pastor	24	-
Tanis, Terry	Pastor	11	5

	MINISTERIAL LICENSE		
	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Black, Kareem	Pastor	2	9
Franklyn, Jamal	Pastor	3	7
Johnson, Carl	Pastor	13	2
Moss, Alvarico	Pastor	5	1
Simms, Manasseh	Pastor	5	1

	MISSIONARY LICENSE		
	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Antoine, Eugene	Bible Worker	6	10
Brooks, Ingrid	Receptionist	20	12
Brown, Dwight	Accountant	2	5
Cash, Charlisa	Chief Accountant	10	8
Dade, Romel	Bible Worker	-	2
Forbes, Dawne	Secretary	4	9
Gordon-Williams, Patrice	Special Events & Planning Coordinator	23	5
Greene, Michelle	Television Coordinator	2	9
Joseph, Michelle	Secretary	4	6
Joseph, Renel	General Worker/Custodian	21	3
Knowles, Althamae	Bible Worker	11	10

McDonald, Ovil	Bible Worker	10	10
Miller, Tanya	Secretary	-	8
Moss, T’Nee	Secretary	2	-
Nomafo, Tania	Cashier	8	10
Sturup, Lavern	Radio Coordinator	7	9
Toote, Michael Jr.	Auditor	1	6
Wilson, Patrick	Technical Media Assistant	1	11

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS

	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Bastian, Bridgette	Administrative Assistant	25	2
Blackmore, Cherry	ABNC Manager	36	5
Bryan, Kimberley	Associate Treasurer	22	2
Humes, Philip	Technical Media Assistant	41	10
Knott, Mary Ellen	Administrative Assistant/HR Director	35	11

COMMISSIONED MINISTRY OF TEACHING CREDENTIALS

	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Burrows, Anthony	Stewardship Director	12	6
Scavella, Joan	Education Director	30	10

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFIED

	POSITION	YEARS	MTHS
Burrows, Lee	Ministerial Intern	2	9
Dorsett, Sydney Jon,	Ministerial Intern	1	4
Davilmar, Johny	Chaplain	-	8
Roberts, Natalie	Ministerial Intern	4	11

Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists
Employee Voted Status As at October 31, 2018

*The worker force of Bahamas Academy of Seventh- day Adventists has a complement
of Seventy-four (74) workers*

	EMPLOYEE	POSITION	YEARS	VOTED STATUS
1	Ash, Sylvia	Teacher	11.2	Teaching Certificate
2	Bailey, Larene	Teacher	14.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
3	Bain, Nelson	Teacher	19.3	Teaching Ministry License
4	Bernard, Alicia	Teacher	16.3	Teaching Ministry Credentials
5	Bethel, Efferim Romanoff	Information Technician	4.2	Missionary License
6	Bethel, Patrice	Café Worker	8.2	Ancillary Worker
7	Bowlin, Violet	Teacher	29.8	Teaching Ministry Credentials
8	Brooks, Solomon	Groundsman	24.9	Ancillary Worker
9	Bullard, Deandra	Teacher	10.2	Teaching Certificate
10	Calvin, Dane	Teacher	5.2	Teaching Ministry Certificate
11	Campbell, Shandle	Business Manager	9	Missionary License
12	Cleare-Wilson, Marissa	Accountant	15.3	Missionary Credentials
13	Cleare, Marcia	Secretary	17.10	Missionary License
14	Collie, Tameka	Teacher	1.2	Teaching Certificate
15	Cooper, Cassandra	Café Worker	7.1	Ancillary Worker
16	Corbin, Pauline	Teacher	1.1	Teaching Certificate
17	Damastus, Alerine	Teacher	13.3	Teaching Certificate
18	Davis, Beverly	Teacher's Aide	13.1	Ancillary Worker
19	Dawkins, Karen	Teacher	1.2	Teacher Certificate
20	Dawkins, Stephanie	Teacher	16.3	Teaching Ministry License
21	Deveaux, Jacquelyn	Café Worker	11.11	Ancillary Worker
22	Dixon, Tamara	Teacher	14.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
23	Exalus, Benita	Teacher	7.3	Teaching Ministry License
24	Fawks, Tamiaka	Teacher	15.10	Teaching Ministry License
25	Forbes, Josette	Teacher	29.7	Teaching Ministry Credentials
26	Fowler, Yvonne	Teacher	21.2	Teaching Ministry License

27	Garcia, Alison	Vice Principal	20.11	Teaching Ministry Credentials
28	Greene, Phyllis	Secretary	7.3	Missionary License
29	Greene Sr., Michelle	Teacher	2 mths	Teaching Certificate
30	Griffin, Valarie	Teacher	9.3	Teaching Ministry Certificate
31	Hanna, Kendria	Teacher	9.1	Teaching Certificate
32	Henry, Eliette	Teacher's Aide	7.3	Ancillary Worker
33	Hepburn, Dellarece Monique	Teacher	25	Teaching Ministry License
34	Humes, Louise	Janitress	2 mths.	Ancillary Worker
35	Jack, Abiola	Teacher	12.2	Teaching Ministry License
36	Jackman, Carol	Teacher	18.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
37	Jacques, Elmore	Vice Principal	38.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
38	Jangham, Divya	Teacher	5.3	Teaching Ministry Certificate
39	Jangam, Santhosh	Teacher	9.10	Teaching Ministry License
40	Josey, Melony	Teacher	15.9	Teaching Ministry Certificate
41	King-Rodrigues Bueno, Nadia	Counselor	7.3	Missionary License
42	Knowles, Armad	Teacher		Teaching Certificate
43	Knowles, Anisia	Teacher	10.2	Teaching Ministry License
44	Knowles, Lathera	Accountant	20.2	Missionary Credentials
45	Lloyd, Gaylene	Teacher	28.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
46	Lynes, Elizabeth	Teacher	31.8	Teaching Ministry License
47	Mackey, Natala	Teacher	2 mths.	Teaching Certificate
48	McBean, Stephen	Teacher	19.1	Teaching Ministry License
49	Moncur, Jennifer	Teacher	27.3	Teaching Ministry License
50	Moxey, Pandora	Teacher	8.12	Teaching Ministry Certificate
51	Munroe, Oreta	Café Worker	15.1	Ancillary Worker
52	Northe, Sheral	Janitress	2.1	Ancillary Worker
53	Orelhomme, Ocknel	Groundsman	14.2	Ancillary Worker
54	Powell, Daviette	Teacher	23.8	Teaching Ministry Credentials
55	Price, Alree	Teacher	28.2	Teaching Ministry License
56	Reddock, Carlton	Teacher	10.2	Teaching Ministry License
57	Roderigues-Bueno, Osvaldo	Teacher	4.2	Teaching Ministry Certificate

58	Roberts, Cynthia	Café Worker	19.3	Ancillary Worker
59	Rolle-Poitier, Valerie	Teacher	26.10	Teaching Ministry License
60	Romer, Edward	Teacher	9.3	Teaching Ministry License
61	Sands, Juliette	Principal	26.7	Teaching Ministry Credentials
62	Scavella, Randrea	Teacher	9.3	Teaching Ministry License
63	Scott, Brenda	Café Matron	20.3	Missionary Credentials
64	Simpson, Rodney	Teacher	4.7	Teaching Ministry Certificate
65	Smith, LaVonda	Senior Mistress	14.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
66	Smith, Marcia	Teacher	16.3	Teaching Ministry Credentials
67	St. Brice, Sharon	Teacher	20.3	Teaching Ministry License
68	Symonette, Winston	Senior Master	18.2	Teaching Ministry Credentials
69	Taylor, Verneka	Teacher	12.2	Teaching Ministry License
70	Thomas, Debra	Teacher	12.2	Teaching Ministry License
71	Thomas, Earl	Teacher	13.2	Teaching Ministry License
72	Tinker, Keisha	Secretary	7.3	Missionary License
73	Toussaint, Alphrancy	Groundsman	19.7	Ancillary Worker
74	Wilmore, Roosevelt	Teacher	15.3	Teaching Ministry License

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a world church, and as such workers choose from time to time to accept employment in different fields. During the period under review, we said good bye to Pastor K. Anson Albury, Pastor Richard Henderson, Lorenzo Rolle, Pastor Dannie Clarke, Silas Neil McKinney, and Mrs. Denise Johnson. Their notable contributions have made an indelible mark on the ministry in South Bahamas Conference. We welcome the employment of Kareem Black, Jon Dorsett, Lee Burrows and Johny Davilmar in the ranks of Pastoral Ministry.

RETIREMENT

During the period under review, Mrs. Curline Forbes, Ms. Iva Musgrove, a Beryl Little, Sirilia Exalus, Orenca Ferril, Margaret Forbes, Rowena Smith and Pastor Wilfred Adderley, retired. These workers have given stellar service to the organization, and we say thanks to them for their contribution to the growth of the church in this conference. They join the family of excellent retirees who include the following: Dr. Ruth White, Alwhyne Scavella, Ruth McKinney, Laura Forbes, Eulease Forbes, Mrs. Joan Duncombe, Mr. Ednal Collie, Lydia Brown, Pastor Neville Scavella, Hermia Brown, Lydia Brown, Pastor Royden Hanna, Dr. Ruby Major, Pastor Jeremiah Duncombe, Ivy Humes, Marion Jennings, Cinderella Kelly, Marie Church-Smith, Dr. Ruth White, Pastor H. A. Roach, and Dr. John Carey. We continue to be grateful for the foundation they built for the present generation.

DEATH OF WORKERS

When we asunder part it brings us inward pain. But we shall still be joining hearts and hope to meet again. Some of the most notable contributors to the work in South Bahamas Conference were taken from us by death. These include Pastor Silas Napoleon McKinney, Mrs. Mae Ward Pratt, Mrs. Maude Moore, Mrs. Madeline Hanna, Mrs. Mavis Deveaux, and Mrs. Mary Brennen. These died during the period under review. We hope to meet them again in the first resurrection. Ellen White reassures us by writing, “In every age the Lord has had his watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work” (*ACTS OF THE APOSTLES*, p. 11).

HISTORY TO REMEMBER

In 2010, the Atlantic Caribbean Union was organized. Dr. Leonard Johnson served as the first President, Pastor Peter Kerr served as Executive Secretary and Elder Roderick Sands served as Treasurer. In August 1, 2018, Dr. Leonard Johnson was called to serve as the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Division. He is the first Bahamian to serve in that capacity. Congratulations are in order. At the same time, Pastor Peter Kerr became president of the Atlantic Caribbean Union. Dr. Cheryl Rolle was voted to serve as Executive Secretary of Atlantic Caribbean Union, and Elder Roderick Sands retained the position of Treasurer. These historic moments show the exciting growth in the Union of which South Bahamas conference is a vital unit.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND GRATITUDE

During the period under review, many have helped me along the way. I am grateful for the invaluable support from Pastor Paul Scavella and Pastor Melvin Lewis. I say thanks to the Executive Committee of South Bahamas Conference and the Atlantic Caribbean Union. The support of Mrs. Bridgette Bastian, Miss T’Nee Moss, Mrs. Mary Knott, Mrs. Tanya Miller, local church clerks and pastors will be long remembered. Thanks for your selfless service. I will be forever grateful to Dr. Leonard Johnson, Pastor Peter Kerr, Dr. Cheryl Rolle and Elder Roderick Sands for guidance and counsel. To Dr. John Carey, Pastor Leo Rolle, Philip Humes, Lavern Sturup, Michelle Greene, Pastor Barrington Brennen, Patrice Williams-Gordon and Patrick Wilson Jr., I say thanks.

My lovely wife Michelle Joseph, and our two handsome sons, Newton and Edmund have been unwavering in their support. We pray together, play together and stay together. Thanks family.

Soon and very soon Jesus will come to take his faithful happy children home. One day the whole world will be enveloped with the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit and the Loud Cry. Let us be ready to go home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even so, come Lord Jesus. May God bless you delegates, and may God bless the South Bahamas Conference.

Notes
