

# THE LOGOS



## Connected: Year of The Pastor

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### YEAR OF THE PASTORAL FAMILY



**C**elebrating the pastor and his work is a major focus throughout the Adventist Church in Inter-America for 2015. This

declaration came as top Inter-American Division (IAD) administrators launched the *Year of the Pastoral Family* during its opening business meetings with a special ordination ceremony carried online on 19 May 2014 from Miami, Florida.

Pastor Hector Sanchez, ministerial secretary for the church in Inter-America, challenged pastors to remain loyal to God and the church. "You are an integral part in motivating and inspiring church members to fulfill the mission of the church," he said.

Adventist World Church President Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson challenged ministers to be shepherds after God's own heart. "You must know your God, keep close to Jesus, experience the Holy Spirit, love God's people, feed the people with the Word and stay close to your family," emphasized Pastor Wilson.

"God has chosen you and wants you to be loyal to Him and to His church," said Pastor Sanchez. "Being a pastor is a lifestyle from the moment God calls you until the moment He calls you to rest, so you must remember that your love for your sheep must be so that when you get down from the pulpit you must know where your sheep are, know where your missing member has gone."

"Our ministers are important," said Pastor Israel Leito, president of the church in Inter-America. "We value them, we take care of them, we appreciate them and we want to encourage our membership across the territory to honor their calling by supporting them and remember that the Lord has called them for a great work." That clear message is what church leaders are expecting would reach the church at all

levels.

Pastor Leito encourages the church to participate in the series of territory-wide events to honor the more than 2,300 pastors across the IAD.

The events include an online week of prayer for the pastoral family, a massive territory-wide ordination service which will be streamed live from the Dominican Republic, and online councils for district pastors.

Dr. Leonard Johnson, Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) president and ministerial secretary, has embarked on an initiative to visit all pastoral families in ATCU. Our conference is committed to doing all to enhance the effectiveness of the pastor during this period to the glory of God. The first workshop was held with the Registrar Department to ensure that all of our pastors are trained and are on the cutting edge. We solicit the support of our membership in partnership with the pastor to live and work in readiness of the Lord's return.

*-Pastor Eric D. Clarke, Ministerial Secretary (Excerpts from: [Interamerica.org](http://Interamerica.org))*

#### ADVENTIST CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The South Bahamas Conference will send all data received from our church clerks to the Atlantic Caribbean Union by the end of January 2015. The union will send that data to the Inter-American Division in February 2015. Training for use of the software on Church Management will take place in March 2015. Your data for the local conference is past due. Kindly send in the required data to the secretariat, so that your church can be in the electronic record of South Bahamas Conference membership. *-Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SBC HEADQUARTERS

##### State of the Conference Service

\*State of the Conference Service will take place at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, January 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Our president, Pastor Paul Scavella will address the constituency. Come and see where God has led us and what He has called us to

accomplish for Him in the ensuing years. On Sunday, January 11, departmental workshops will take place from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Come, bring your praising and learning spirit as we get all fired up for Jesus.

##### Media Night

\*On February 28, 2015, ATV 53 and Word SBC 88.3 FM will be showcasing their operation at the H D Colburn Gymnasium on Wulff Road at 7:00 p.m. You cannot miss this event! Come and meet the faces and voices behind the scenes as we journey into becoming the *leading gospel media house* in the country. We will unveil our new logos for the three media entities: ATV, Word SBC 88.3 FM and the media network which comprises the South Bahamas Adventist News, The Logos, and the SDA Blast. The activities will include a grand old Saturday night march, and food sales by the Pathfinder Band and Bahamas Academy PTA. Order your t-shirt for the event. Encourage a missing member to attend the event and reconnect with Christ. Adventist business persons are encouraged to attend and become sponsors of programmes hosted by the SBC Media House. Should you also need an on-spot promotion at the February 28 event, kindly contact Mrs. Mary Knott at 341-4021 for further details. Come and let's share a wonderful evening together.

##### Back-to-Faith

\*Join the Back-to-Faith Disciple coaching program. We meet this and every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the McKinney/Scavella Leadership Institute located at the GMCI. Each church is asked to send a representative to the meeting.

##### ATV53

\*In January 2015, Hope TV will be viewed on channel 53, while 3ABN will be viewed on channel 653. Hope channel is the official television station of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church. Our delay in ATV53 programming is due to outstanding equipment from Cable Bahamas. Upon its arrival, we will resume airing. Until then, local programs will be uploaded on the conference website.

## **VBA Workdays**

\*The Volunteer Bahamas Adventist (VBA) workdays will be held at the GMCI on January 18, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A special invitation goes out to all Adventist men, master guides, pathfinders and Adventist Community Service persons to participate as we restore and secure the campus.

Our prayer is that we will continue to work together for a glorious future in our conference. -Administration

## **PASSING OF MRS. MARY BRENNEN**

The South Bahamas Conference expresses sadness at the passing of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Catalyn-Brennen after a long illness. She was the wife of Elder Alfred Brennen and the mother of Mrs. Claudia Seymour, Pastor Barrington Brennen, Mrs. Judith Edwards, and Mrs. Ann Albury. She passed peacefully at her home at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. She served the conference at various levels including that of vice principal of Bahamas Academy Elementary. Funeral announcements will come later. -Conference Administration

## **TEN DAYS OF PRAYER**

Are you looking for spiritual growth? Do you desire a more intimate relationship with Christ? Do you need the Holy Spirit to produce fruit in your life? Join the Youth Department of the South Bahamas Conference for 10 Days of Prayer with a special Youth Emphasis beginning Friday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wellington Street. This event will conclude on Sabbath, January 17. There will be special moments for prayer, breaking of the Word, and opportunity for spiritual growth. Join us for a powerful moment as God seeks to pour out His Spirit on us. -Ms. Felecia Datus, Communication Coordinator

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES TRAINING**

All women's ministries leaders and their team members are kindly asked to attend the very important training session at the Hillview Church on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Please also come prepared to choose your regional coordinator. Thanks for your support. -Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

## **ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE**

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for January 11 - 17, 2015 is: **Seeing God's Love in His Word.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

## **BAHAMAS ACADEMY PRESENTS "AGAPE PRAISE"**

The entire conference and community friends are invited to a grand concert, "Agape Praise", at the Church of God Auditorium, Joe Farrington Road on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. This is a major fundraiser to help us to complete our projects. Tickets will be available very soon. It will be a time of praise to the One who created love. So save the date and plan to have a wonderful evening of musical refreshment. -School Administration

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

The Peardale Church Family extends its sincere gratitude to the participants and all who supported through prayer, attendance, and finances at its recent evening of music ministry entitled, 'GOD CAN' in aid of its building project. Because of your support, this assignment was a great success. To God be the glory! -Pastor C. Williams, Sis. D. Johnson and Sis. A. Rolle, Music Coordinator

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*The 8 Weeks to Wellness Program** begins on

Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the GMCI (Old Bahamas Academy Gym), Wulff Road. Join us and learn how to prevent and manage:

hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, cancer, weight gain, stress and much more. A small donation is required. Contact: SBC at 341-4121 or Better Living at 323-5473. Screening and registration is scheduled for Thursday, February 5 at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the GMCI.

**\*Coach Training** All Health Ministries directors, assistants and anyone who would like to assist with coaching at this program are asked to attend an important meeting on Monday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Englerston Church.

**\*All members of the South Bahamas Conference** are invited to attend a prayer breakfast at the New Providence Church on Sunday, February 1 at 7:30 a.m.

## **\*I Want To Live Healthy Training Workshop**

All Health Directors, Assistants and those interested in working in the area of Health Ministries are invited to attend a workshop on health evangelism at the New Providence Church on February 1 at 10:30 a.m. The facilitator is Mrs. Shirlene Henriques, Health Director of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.

## **\*Conference Wide Fun/Run Walk**

Join us on January 12 at 6:00 a.m. as we walk from Goodman's Bay to Sandy Port and back. Your body will appreciate it! Bring along some water and a fruit. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director



## **YOUTH TIDBITS**

1 Timothy 4:12 instructs, "Let no one think slightly of you because you are a young; but in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, be an example for your fellow Christians to imitate." Furthermore, Isaiah 58:12 prophesy that our ancient ruins will be reconstructed; we shall raise up the foundations of many generations; we shall be called the rebuilder of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in.

The time is profitable for all of us as youth to rise to the call of Jesus to salvation and service. For the next strategic period (2015-2020), the youth department of the South Bahamas Conference will execute under the theme, "**We Will Rise Leaving No Youth Behind...Not To Compete but to Complete**". This is a clarion call from God to us as youth to set a standard of righteous living for the world to emulate, while we actively wait the imminent return of Jesus. It is a call for the character of Jesus to be intricately knitted and inextricable bound to our individuality as youth. -(To be continued on Sabbath, January 17)

**\*Training meeting for all youth leaders** will be held at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m.

**\*All youth leaders** in our conference are kindly urged to forward their contacts to: [sbcyouthministries@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcyouthministries@yahoo.com). -Pastor Larry L. Green, Youth Director

## **\*ATCU Youth Camporee**

All pathfinder and youth leaders are asked to send their list of pathfinders who will attend the ATCU youth camporee to: [sbcyouthministries@yahoo.com](mailto:sbcyouthministries@yahoo.com). The camporee will be held on April 5-12, 2015 at Bahamas Academy grounds on Marshall Road.

## **\*Upcoming events for the Youth Department JANUARY**

11 Youth Council Meeting at State of the Conference  
9-17 10 Days of Prayer Youth Emphasis (Grant's Town at 6:30 nightly)  
17 Youth Department launches SBC Choir Fest

## **YOUTH REVIVAL WITH BRENDA WALSH**

You are invited to attend the youth revival at the Real Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Church with Brenda Walsh from Kids' Time (3ABN) on Sabbath, January 10, 2015 (today) at 11:00 a.m. -Pastor Nikita Thompson

**SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH  
JANUARY 17, 2015 AT 5:42 P.M.**

**Website:**

<http://southbahamasconference.org>  
Have a Blessed and Wonderful Sabbath!

