

THE LOGOS



Connected: Scatter to Gather

“Lord Transform Me”

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LORD TRANSFORM ME



The official launch of the *Lord Transform Me* division initiative takes place today (April 16) in Venezuela. The delegation of this historic conclave includes our union president, Dr. Leonard Johnson. The intent to internalize this initiative is the prayerful position taken by our division. For each member to realize the transformation, his/her will must be lost in God's. What an amazing change, it will be when all God's people are gathered around His throne! It can become possible if the “old man” of sin is exchanged for the likeness of Christ.

Lord Transform Me is an intentional effort of the employees and laity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Inter-American Division to live Christ-like lives, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in harmony with Romans 12:2, “Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God”. The Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists has recommended a strategic plan for the period 2015 - 2020 on the theme, *Lord Transform Me*. The excerpt below will outline the mission, vision statement, values and strategic imperatives that will encourage and strengthen our church during the period.

Mission Statement

To glorify God, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit, lead every convert to experience a personal and transforming relationship with Christ, enabling the believer to become a disciple in sharing the everlasting Gospel with everyone.

Vision Statement

Every member of the body of Christ living in readiness for the Kingdom of God.

Our Values

Integrity
Unity
Respect
Glory to God
Lifestyle
Excellence and Humility
Compassion
Fairness
Commitment

Strategic Imperatives

Our strategic imperatives are the areas of growth needs that must be addressed in our churches and institutions to strengthen the spiritual life of the members, engage all members in service to fulfill the mission of the organization and win souls for Christ, and coordinate ministries and departmental approaches to influence the faithfulness of all members.

In contemplation of this initiative, each member is reminded to look at his or her own heart and ask the question, “Canst thou thy servant see thyself, while lifting others toward thee?” Ponder this thought and always with a contrite heart daily beckon thy thoughts on high. -Editor & Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK ATLANTIC CARIBBEAN UNION

-SYMPOSIUM-

On May 25, 2016, the Atlantic Caribbean Union Symposium (joint) will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church. All churches will be involved in this activity and our Lord Transform Me coordinator, Pastor Peter Joseph will give further details on the churches' involvement. Each pastor and his district will present his baptismal goal to the Lord and seek the transforming power of Christ to achieve that goal.

-CAMP MEETING-

Yes, Camp Meeting is almost here again! It will be on June 12-18, 2016. It is going to be exciting inspiring and encouraging. Under the theme, *Scatter to Gather*, the conference will be called to allow the Lord to transform us, as each member focuses on total membership involvement. Churches are asked to get their church colors, banners, and get involved in this mighty movement of God.

Scatter to Gather embraces the mission of the church to go into all the world, to come out of the four walls and to reach people where they are. Go into all the world, beginning with our family members, backslidden members, then to our neighbors, and our enemies. Scatter the word like leaves of autumn. Jesus is coming soon! Do the work of an evangelist. GO, GO, GO!

Check your conference website every day for new and exciting updates. Our weekend speaker will be Dr. C. Wesley Knight, professor of Theology at Oakwood University.

Workshops and devotional moments will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed by a one-hour workshop and then culminate with the worship

service that will conclude by 9 o'clock each night. Supper will be provided between 5:30 - 6:00 o'clock each evening at a nominal cost.

On Friday, June 17, the service will convene at the Melia Resort. There will be two services on Sabbath morning. The children will worship at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church while the youth and adults will be at the Melia Resort. I implore you to pray now for a revival to break forth over the course of these services. God's power will be manifested in a marked way upon His church! -Pastor Paul Scavella

BREATH OF LIFE TO EXPLORE THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church will begin three weeks of evangelism exploring the Book of Revelation. The evangelism effort begins on April 16 (tonight) and ends on May 7, 2016 at Marshall Road (adjacent to Bahamas Academy). Meetings will run nightly at 7 o'clock, except Monday and Thursday evenings. You are invited to spend the next three weeks with us searching the scripture. You will not regret this powerful experience in Christ! -Pastor Lynden Williams, *Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist Church*

NORTHERN CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY

-Executive Career Opportunity-

The Board of Governors and the Presidential Search Committee of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) invite applications from qualified professionals for the position of President. The President of NCU is the Chief Executive Officer of the institution. The ideal candidate should be a proven, outstanding leader who can articulate a compelling vision for excellence in academia with robust emphasis on the principles of Christian education, and give witness to these non-negotiable commitments in his or her professional and Christian life. Ideally, the candidate should be available for appointment effective July 1, 2016. Additional information on preparing a successful application can be found on the NCU Presidential Search Website: <http://presidentsearch.ncu.edu.jm/> -Northern Caribbean University

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

-North Bahamas Conference-

The prayer focus of our union, the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for April 17 - 23, 2016 is: **Grand Bahama Academy in The North Bahamas Conference**. Join the entire union in prayer. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

RETIREMENT SEMINAR

The South Bahamas Conference Retirement Seminar previously scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 has been postponed to Sunday, April 17, 2016. The seminar will be held at the Bahamas Academy Boardroom on Marshall Road at 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Workers with invitation letters are asked to take note and make adjustments accordingly. You don't want to miss this informative seminar. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary

SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

Here is an update on the annual SINGLE AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE. All singles, including divorcees, widows, and widowers, but not excluding other singles, will convene at the Super Clubs Breezes on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of worship, fellowship, and seminars. All day Sunday will be fun and games at super Club Breezes. Friday evening event is free. To get the cost of the all-day fun and games, please call the South Bahamas Conference Office at 341-4021. The fun day starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Singles, let's plan for the EXPERIENCE. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries

FAMILY ISLAND HEALTH RETREAT

All health professionals and persons who are interested in being a part of a health retreat on June 2 - 5 are asked to contact Sister LaCroix at 323-0610.

JOINT EMOTIONAL WELLNESS PROGRAMME/DISCUSSION

-Save The Date-

You are invited to join Health Ministries on Friday, May 20th for an Emotional Wellness Program/Discussion. You do not want to miss this! -Dr. Monique Mitchell

SBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES -2nd Quarter At a Glance-

April 2016

- 24 Hillview WM - Beauty of Empowerment 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
24 Bethany WM - Financial Freedom Forum 5:00 p.m.

May 2016

- 1 GEMS Presents -Purity of Mind- 5:00 p.m. Venue to be announced.

June 2016

- 4 WM - Zone 2 Community Out-reach 6:00 p.m.
11 Women's Ministries & GEMS Emphasis Day
12 WM - SBC Leaders Empowerment Summit (inclusive of Leaders from Family Islands) 10:00 - 12:30 p.m.

BEREA TO HOST WELLNESS SEMINAR

The Health Ministries Department of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting the *I Want to Be Healthy Wellness Seminar* on March 30, 2016 to May 18, 2016. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church. Registration is Free! Come join us and develop a new habit every week. To register, call 362-1258 or 341-1607. -Dr. Monique Mitchell, Health Ministries Director; Berea

CHAM ART EXHIBITION

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department will have its Art Exhibition in September 2016. Your local Cham leaders will share information on location and logistics in the first week of May. We encourage all interested children and adolescents to start thinking about this alternate way of expression. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Director

LIVE RADIO CHURCH BROADCASTS

WORD SBC 88.3FM will have its LIVE radio church broadcasts on the 1st Sabbath of each month. The schedule of upcoming church broadcasts is below:

May 7 Redemption

June 4 Centreville

WORD SBC 88.3FM can be accessed with the TUNE IN app on your cellphones/computers and on www.southbahamasconference.com. -Mrs. Lavern Sturrrup, Radio Coordinator

WORD SBC TO HOST MEDIA-A-THON

The Media Department of the South Bahamas Conference will hold its first media-a-thon on May 23-27 2016. The radio station is seeking to make remarkable inroads in updating their equipment and operation. We will partner with our members and the community in order to realize some of our goals. -Pastor Paul Scavella, Communication Director

NOTE OF THANKS

-Children and Adolescent Ministries-

A profound *'thank you'* to all who ably assisted and supported the Children and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Campaign that was held on March 27 - April 2, 2016. God used His children in the proclamation of the gospel and it went with clarity and conviction!

Included in the many persons who made the campaign a success are: Our CHAM leaders and assistants, Pastors Leonardo Rahming, Asha-Dane Duncan, Jamal Franklyn, officers of the conference, officers and members of the New Providence Church, musicians, parents, and our darling children and adolescents.

Ten precious souls were baptized as a result of this effort. To God be the glory! -Sisters Joan Scavella & Bridgette Bastian, CHAM Director & Assistant Director

NOTE OF THANKS

-Delores Thompson-

Sister Delores Thompson of the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church expresses profound gratitude to the conference for the outpouring of love demonstrated at her daughter's passing. Her family joins her in expressing special thanks to the pastors who participated in the funeral and also to the members who offered their support in tangible ways. -Sister Delores Thompson

BROTHERS LOVE GOSPEL BOAT CRUISE

-Save the Date-

Worship and fellowship on the waves! Yes, Brothers Love will host another "gospel hour" on the sea on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Get on board *The Lucayan Lady* at 8:00 p.m. The boat leaves at 8:30 p.m. sharp from the Kelly's Dock, Bay Street (East of East Street). Share in this spiritual retreat with "Brothers Love

Gospel Band". Healthy Bahamian Dishes will be available at a nominal cost. For additional information on tickets, you may contact Mr. Randy Forbes at 322-3315 or the other members of Brothers Love. -Mr. Randy Forbes, Brothers Love

THE LOGOS HAS AN EMAIL ADDRESS

All information for *The Logos* should be emailed to: logos@sbcadventist.com. Kindly adhere to this request. -Editor

CHAM LEADERS AND ASSISTANT LEADERS TO MEET

All leaders in the Children and Adolescent Ministries department of our churches are asked to attend a special meeting at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. We will meet for one and a half hours. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

EDUCATION SECRETARIES

-Meeting for 2nd Quarter-

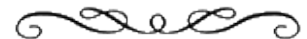
There will be a meeting for all Education Secretaries at the South Bahamas Conference Office on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. We will meet for one hour. Please be prompt in attendance. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, Education Director

HILLVIEW WM HOSTS TEA PARTY

You are invited to a *Spring Tea Party* with the Women's Ministries Department of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church at Casa la Mare' on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. For additional information, kindly email logos@sbcadventist.com. -Sister Domico Davis, WM Director; Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The technical courses at BTVI will start this month! Drop off your completed application form to Brother Basil Neely at the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 17, 2016 between 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Brother Neely will be there! -Elder Patrick Wilson, Message of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church



YOUTH TIDBITS

The Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to **Unshackled In Jesus Experience**. The series started on Saturday April 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and continues for another two weeks. Come for a divine encounter in the word of God with singing, praying, and so much more. Your chains will fall off. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

APRIL 23, 2016 AT 7:36 P.M.

Website:

<http://southbahamasconference.org>

Email: logos@sbcadventist.com

Have a Blessed Sabbath!

