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"Lord Transform Me"

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THE LAITY IN EDUCATION



In a global context, the laity by far is the largest provider of education in the home, church, school (inclusive of tertiary institutions) and society at large. Hence, the laity has a high calling to a solemn and awesome responsibility. They should ensure that they understand by what definition they are to employ this education. Ellen G White in her book on Education defined Education as, "The harmonious development of all the faculties - a full and adequate preparation for this life and the eternal life. It is the early years in the home and in the formal school work that the mind develops... a pattern of living is established and character is formed".

By this very definition of E. G. White, the home is rendered as the first level of education. Researchers are finding out more and more that from conception the mother contributes to the well being of that child in the prenatal stages which has implications on the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual growth of the post-natal child. Hence, the lay mothers must live a very temperate life during pregnancy. Once the child enters the world, it is anticipated that his lay father and mother are well prepared to receive him or her and thus begin their formal training. The father who is the head provider and priest of the home must lead as Christ leads the church. The children should have a sense of well-being and security in the home. By the love shown for each other and the demonstration of the true character of Christ, the children will have no alternative but to emulate their lay parents in righteous living.

When the children of these lay parents matriculate from preschool to lower primary they will be catered to by lay teachers who must be patient, caring and understanding, for it is in these formative years complemented by the home training that the pattern of living is established and the character formed. This fact is corroborated by research. Such training, prepares the child for secondary and post secondary education. No wonder the Pen Of Inspiration puts it this way, "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness - godlikeness - is the goal to be reached. Before the student there

is opened a path of continual progress. He has an object to achieve, a standard to attain that includes everything good, and pure, and noble. He will advance as fast and as far as possible in every branch of true knowledge. But his efforts will be directed to objects much higher than mere selfish and temporal interests as the heavens are higher than the earth.' (Ellen White Source and Aim of True Education, p. 19)

Annually, there is an appeal for lay brothers and sisters to send their children to Bahamas Academy Pre, Primary and Secondary Schools. You may ask the question why? The answer is God has provided Bahamas Academy as an agency to aid parents in the work of education. The clarion call therefore, goes out to all lay workers of Bahamas Academy to 'be the sermon' for all the children that they will interact with. I call upon all lay workers within and without our Seventh-day Adventist system of education, including the Sabbath School teachers, who are caretakers in the largest school, to recognize that "the strongest argument of the gospel is a lovable Christian" (Last Day Events p. 101). As laymen and women, we need to support our academy as we set our eyes upon the prize, Jesus Christ our Saviour, with whom we will be reunited, understanding that 'the work of education and redemption are one.' -Dr. Willard Barr, Elder; La Senda de la Vida Seventh-day Adventist Church

-ASI CONVENTION 2017-

All persons who are interested in traveling to the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention on August 16 - 20, 2017 are asked to contact Pastor C. Melvin Lewis, Treasurer at 341-4021, or Elder Ian Greene ASI president at 556-0492 or 601-4393. -Elder Ian Greene, President; ASI

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, July 16 - 22, 2017 is: **Countries of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.** -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Health Directors for ASI

All Adventist Health Professionals and Health Directors/Assistants who are interested in traveling to Panama for the Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Convention on August 14 - 21, 2017 may contact Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix at lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com or 323-0610.



The Health Ministries Department will be the co-host of the event. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix

FREE WEEKLY EXERCISE SESSIONS

All persons who registered with the Healthy Bahamas Coalition Weight Loss and Fitness Challenge are invited to be a part of the weekly exercise sessions which will be held at Arawak Cay every Sunday from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. All are welcomed to be a part, whether you are registered or not. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

HEALTH MINISTRIES PULPIT EXCHANGE

The Health Ministries Department will engage in pulpit exchange today in the following churches on the theme, Transformed to Serve. See schedule below:

CHURCH	SPEAKER
Grant's Town	Dr. Alpheus Allick
Bethany	Dr. Ida Hanna
Maranatha	Ms. Shandera Smith
New Englerston	Dr. Monique Mitchell
New Providence	Mrs. Serkeitha Meadows
Adelaide	Ms. Rose Cooper
Philadelphia	Ms. Andrea Lynden
Breath of Life	Dr. Anthony Frankson
Gambier	Ms. Shante LaCroix
Hillview	Dr. Alvira Higgs
Agape	Ms. Donna Moss
Message of Hope	Mrs. Justina Knowles

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT Second Quarter

Save The Date!



Under the theme, "Fulfilling My Purpose", the South Bahamas Conference will be hosting the

Atlantic Caribbean Union's (ATCU) Retreat at the Melia Resort, on October 20-22, 2017 with guest speaker, Linda Anderson.

Deadline Extended

Ladies, the deadline for the early bird special has been extended to July 31 to accommodate some of our sisters from the other fields. Kindly note that this is the **final** extension and that the new rate takes effect on August 1, 2017 so kindly ensure that your registration forms are filled in and returned to your local leader or to the South Bahamas Conference office. Please also remember that registration remains open only until August 31, 2017. Each attendee is responsible for making her hotel reservations and should use the Retreat Code - **WOREAI**

THIRD QUARTER AT A GLANCE

July - September Zone 3 Out-reach
July - Visit to Cancer Society
August - Visit to Female inmates of Her Majesty's Prison
September - Women of the Word Weekend Revival - Cat Island
September - Transformation through Service – Women's Weekend - Inagua
Stay tuned for specific dates for these events.
-Sister Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists is looking for hardworking, dedicated leaders to fill the following positions in the 2017 - 2018 school year:

- Technical Drawing Teacher
- Bible Teacher
- Primary School Teacher

MINIMUM CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- Be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- A Bachelor's degree
- A minimum of two years' teaching experience.
- Understands and is committed to the distinctive qualities of the Seventh-day Adventist education.

Candidates may download the application form from the conference website at southbahamasconference.org and submit the completed application form along with copies of professional degrees and resume to THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, 135 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, Bahamas or mail the completed application form, copies of professional degrees and resume to THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, P.O. Box N 356, Nassau, Bahamas no later than **August 11, 2017**.

The search committee reserves the right to reject the application of any or all applicants. -Office of Education

A GREAT EVENT FOR THE SUMMER

Do you love health, nature, and biblical history? If so, there is an event for you on August 6, 2017! Call Voneil Smith at 324-1551 for more details. -Elder Lukandah Gardiner, South Andros

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

You are invited to attend the *Book Signing Event* of Dr. Elliston Rahming. The event will be held at Bookworld and Stationers on Mackey Street on July 27 and 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Rahming is the author of the book, Greatest Blacks Ever: Top 100 Blacks Who Changed The World For Peace, Progress, Prosperity, Pleasure. Inspire and give your child the gift of knowledge about the top 100 global achievers. -Mrs. Michelle Stubbs

CHAM UPDATES

Month of July: Vacation Bible School/Experience
Our CHAM leaders and assistants are planning for VBX!

September 10: CHAM Doctrinal Seminar
-Mrs. Joan M. Scavella, CHAM Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY AT NEW PROVIDENCE

The Community Services Department of the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting you to share in their Community Services Day Program on Sabbath, July 22, 2017 and on Sunday, July 23, 2017. There will be free giveaway of clothing and soup. Invite a friend, bring a friend, and let's have a grand time. -Maureen Reid, Community Services Leader



PARL DIRECTORS

All Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) directors are reminded of the Legal Symposium in Hollywood, Florida on August 21, 2017. All Adventist lawyers are invited to participate. For additional information, visit: [//www.irla.org/world-congress](http://www.irla.org/world-congress), or contact Pastor Paul Scavella, PARL director at 341-4021. -Pastor Paul Scavella

YOUTH TIDBITS

Bible Connection formerly Bible Boom: The books that will be covered are:

Daniel 1-6, (Adventurers)
Daniel 1-8 (Pathfinders)
Daniel, Hosea, Joel, and the book, Patriarchs and Prophets - Chapter 39-44 (AY).
Save the Date: The youth award banquet is scheduled for December 17, 2017. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

CAMPOREE IN OSHKOSH

All pathfinders interested in attending the North American Division Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2019 are advised to call the conference office and speak with Mr. Patrick Wilson. He has information to share with you on the registration fee. -Mr. Patrick Wilson

CAMP 242

Camp 242 and More began on July 3, and will end on July 28, 2017 Activities start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. For further

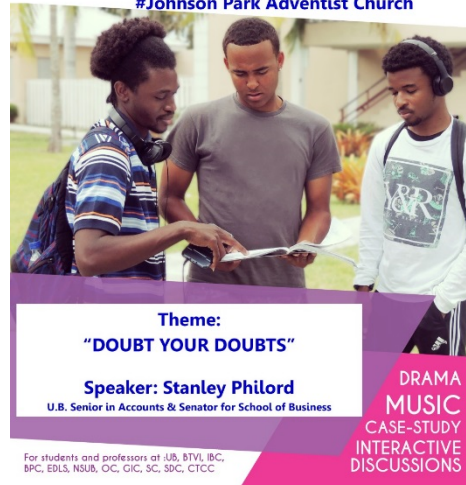
information feel free to contact Mr. Jennings at 422-4834. -Mr. Seanray Jennings

YOUTH CONGRESS IN GERMANY

If you are interested in attending Youth Congress in Germany on July 29 - August 4, 2018, give your name to your local youth leader. -Director Patrick Wilson



PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES
SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
#P. C. M. Day #Sabbath, July 22 11AM
#Johnson Park Adventist Church



4th Public Campus Ministry Forum:

July 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Johnson Park Adventist Church
Theme: Friends with Benefits - Does a Relationship Have an Expiration Date?

Public Campus Ministry App:



Download the free android app: GOW BAHAMAS.

Get a daily Bible verse related to university and college careers.

Share with your classmates, professors and friends.

#You are a PCM Ambassador -Pastor Jamal Franklyn, Public Campus Ministries Coordinator

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
JULY 22, 2017 AT 8:00 P.M.

Conference website:
<http://southbahamasconference.org>
Email: logos@sbcadventist.com
Telephone: 341-4021
Have a blessed Sabbath!

