

THE LOGOS



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"Lord Transform Me"

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ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES CONVENTION REPORT



The Inter-American Division Laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) convention

was held in Panama on August 16- 19, 2017 at the luxurious, Hotel RIU Plaza in Panama. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as a large contingent of ASI members and health professionals of the Inter-American Division converged in anticipation of an inspirational convention.

The ASI Bahamas participants consisted of approximately 31 delegates not including the following persons from the Atlantic Union (ATCU) and the South Bahamas Conference (SBC): Dr. Leonard Johnson, president of ATCU; Mrs. Denise Johnson; Pastor Paul Scavella, president of SBC; Mrs. Joan Scavella; Pastor C. Melvin Lewis; Sister Constance Lewis; and Pastor Michael Toote. This body was indeed the largest delegation from The Bahamas to ever attend the Inter-American Division's ASI convention.

The team lead by President Ian Greene anticipated an electrically charged, and eventful experience. They were not disappointed. From the opening ceremony featuring the parade of nations to the closing concert, the convention left no room for idle minds. The delegates enjoyed exciting, interactive and faith-based meetings and seminars. The morning plenaries were spiritually charged. The afternoon seminars were educational. In the evening Marketplace Ministries sessions, the delegates were set on fire to work for the Lord! Each country's delegates rendered exciting reports of their work over the year and shared innovative ideas for the year to come. When the delegates thought they were flying as high as possible with excitement to push forward the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of ASI, the impossible happened as Dr. C. Wesley Knight helped us to soar to new heights on Sabbath morning with an

inspiring message "Don't walk! Run!" With that impetus for service, the delegates thought they got enough energy to go to fields afar, but Elder Knight came back on Sabbath afternoon with another electrifying charge in the closing event.

Fond memories were created when the former Inter-American Division leader, Pastor Leon Wellington passed the torch to Pastor David Daniel. Pastor Wellington gave faithful and untiring service for the past 16 years as Secretary for ASI in the Inter-American. This event was another impressive mark in his retirement as vice president of the IAD. His successor, Pastor Daniels received his mantle with grace and plans to push with even more vigor in the great work of ASI.

The ASI delegation returned from Panama fired up to spread God's love in the marketplace and is prepared to give evidence of their ministry at ASI convention 2018 in Guadeloupe! The leaders have encouraged as many as possible to be a part of this great event. The ASI theme song says:

"There's a place for every worker in the vineyard of the Lord,
Where with all our powers united, we can toil with one accord
There are needy hearts now waiting for the help which we can give
Let us guide them safely onward, let us show them how to live."

Team ASI plans to have a dynamic, spirit filled year in the service of the Lord.

Some of our plans include:

- The implementation of Jr. ASI for Bahamas Academy
- Collegiate ASI
- ASI for retired professionals
- ASI Sabbath
- ASI business fair in November

All workers, professionals and business owners are welcome to be a part of this team. Come and find out how you can share Christ in the marketplace. For further information you may contact President Ian Greene: 556 0492 or Secretary Shandera Smith: 428 4251/ 803 6543 or email shiloh4big@hotmail.com or asibahamas242@gmail.com -Elder Ian Green, ASI President

COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. There will be a very important Community Services meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Living Faith Seventh-day Adventist Church. **All local church departmental leaders are urged to attend.**

2. All community service departments who are planning to sell food during the Community Service and Pathfinders exhibition on Monday, October 9, 2017 are asked to sign up at the conference or indicate by emailing Pastor Craig Williams at craigwilliams1000@hotmail.com.

Additionally, please indicate specific rental supplies (tents, tables and chairs) needed for your church. -Pastor Craig Williams, Coordinator

CHAM DOCTRINAL SEMINAR

-Postponed-

The doctrinal seminar for children and adolescents is postponed until further notice. This is due to the impending hurricane.

Please watch The Logos for details on a new date. -Joan Scavella, Director

PRAYER MINISTRIES

CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

The 3rd Annual SBC Prayer Conference and Retreat will be held in New Providence, Bahamas on February 1 - 4, 2018. Our location will not be the same as previous years. Follow the Logos and other media for information on the new location, payment process, and amenities for the 2018 program. -Sister Ali McIntosh & Elder David Knowles

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

DEPARTMENT

Women's Ministries Weekend of

Discovery

-Family Island Style-

September 22 - 24, 2017

Under the theme "Women of the Word", the women of Cat Island along with Sister Jacqueline Gibson and a team of women from New Providence will converge at the Media Center on Friday evening and at the

Seaview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath morning for a dynamic weekend of prayer, praise, spiritual renewal, and discovery.

On Sabbath afternoon there will be a special focused session for the young ladies of the church and community.

Zone 3 will also do a community out-reach on Sunday morning.

All ladies interested in traveling with the Women's Ministries team to Cat Island are asked to kindly contact Sister Vernita Rahming at 465-4428 or Ingrid Brooks at 341-4021 so that we may plan with you in mind.

Tune In To 88.3 FM

Please continue with us on our remarkable journey by tuning in on 88.3 FM to our programs, *She Speaks* and *Pretty Purse*.

Donation Request

Used, but in good condition devotionals. Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community out-reach projects this year.

Have You Registered Yet?

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. She is a mother and an author and currently serves as the Dean of Women at Oakwood University. She comes to us with a wealth of experience having served for years as an on-air radio host and has a deep love for women and in particular, young women.

Registration is extended to September 20. Fill in your registration form and return to your local leader or to the South Bahamas Conference office. Spaces are filling up!

Please remember that each attendee is responsible for making her hotel reservations and should use the Retreat Code – **WOREAI**.

Lastly, our retreat services are open to all, so let us not keep this good news to ourselves and invite our sisters from other faiths to join us.

-Sister Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

The second *Annual Community Health Fair* will be held at the New Providence Seventh-day Adventist Church tomorrow (Sunday, September 10, 2017) from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Everything is FREE! Blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol screening in

addition to clothing giveaways, prizes/surprises, video (forks and knives), self-defense demonstration, eats, and more! Bring the entire family. There will be special tokens for the first 25 guests. - *Dr. Alvira Higgs, New Providence Seventh-day Church*

AHPA WEEK AND FLOAT PARADE

The Adventist Health Professionals Association will celebrate its First Annual Adventist Health Professionals Association Week with the theme, 'I Choose to Live Healthily,' on September 17 - 24, 2017. Lots of exciting events are planned including a health float parade! Highlights include:

- **Sunday, September 17** - Fun, Run, Walk at 6:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, September 20** - Prayer and Praise Service at the New Providence Seventh-day Church at 7:15 p.m.
- **Sabbath, September 23** - Thanksgiving Service at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church at 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, September 24** - the team will take the message of health throughout the streets of Nassau by way of a *Float Parade*, under the Theme: *I Choose to Live Healthy and I am Committing to this NEW START.*

We are asking All Health Ministry Leaders to join us in presenting this message of health. Stay tuned... it's going be amazingly transforming! The Adventist Health Professionals are excited and are on the move, encouraging all to commit to a healthier way of living. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director*

FUN, RUN, WALK

Let's continue movement! Join us September 10, 2017 at 6:00 a.m. for overall rejuvenation. We start at Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back. We encourage participation from all the churches. At the end of the year, the church with the largest participation will be recognized. Bring along some water and a fruit. -*Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix*

ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for the week, September 10 - 16, 2017 is: **Love for All Members.** -*Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator*

CHAM ART EXHIBITION

October: The second annual CHAM Art Exhibition is coming soon: The theme is "The Refreshing". Start working on your pieces! Exhibits will be on display at the South Bahamas Conference Office. **All entrants will receive a prize.** Each church is encouraged to have at least one entry. The exhibition will be at the South Bahamas Conference Office in October. -*Mrs. Joan M. Scavella, CHAM Director*

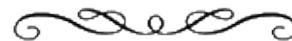
MARANATHA HEALTH SEMINAR SAVE THE DATE!

Natural Remedies Seminar with Valerie Schreiber ND, Lifestyle Educator from Uchee Pines will be held at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church on October 25-29, 2017. Learn the benefits of clay, the danger of EMF coming from cell phones, and how to make your own salves, poultices and formulas. Plan now to be there! For further information, please contact Mrs. Farquharson at 327-3760. -*Mrs. Gayle Farquharson, Health Ministries Leader; Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church*

A TALENT BENEFIT

A Talent Benefit themed "Passion through Praise" will be hosted at the Centreville SDA Church, in Aid of Chile Fernandez's University expenses on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. It will be *a night of music and poetry* and all are invited to attend in support. A special offering will be collected.

(Should impending Hurricane Irma affect us, the event will be postponed.) -*C. Fernandez*



YOUTH TIDBITS CAMPOREE IN OSHKOSH

All pathfinders interested in attending the North American Division Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2019 are advised to call Mr. Patrick Wilson at the conference office. -*Mr. Patrick Wilson, Jr.*

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 AT 7:13 P.M.

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Have a blessed Sabbath!

