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Connected: Growing in Christ

"Year of The Pastor"

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GOD'S SERVANT: A WITNESS IN THE WORKPLACE



Wherever God's children find their vocation, it should bring honour to His name! The absence of

professionalism in service minimizes the effective witness of a Christian. The Christian worker promotes law and love as two sides of one coin, it is expected that the out working of this will engender professionalism, or right conduct or behavior. As such, what we promote will actually be seen in our conduct.

The internal acceptance of law and love in the heart by the Holy Spirit must be the experience of employees and volunteers, in order for professionalism to prevail. The heart of the matter is always the matter of the heart. This has to be understood in the light of the great controversy theme. The work of Satan is designed to destroy the internal and public witness of God's people (Revelation 12:17). This is why the Holy Spirit must write the law of God in our hearts as well as spread the love of God in our hearts (Hebrews 8:10-12; Romans 5:5). So, professionalism first comes from the heart when it comes to God's servant in the workplace.

Those who have God's love and God's law in their heart will demonstrate ethical and loving conduct in service. The golden rule requires of us "In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you," will prevail in all interactions (Mathew 7:12). A heart filled with love that is law abiding always makes its professional presence felt.

So, let us now examine a few practical modes of conduct that make the witness of one's service attractive. I begin with being on time." Six days shall thou labor but the seventh day is the Sabbath" (Exodus 20:8-11). Law and love motivate all to put in the time for both work and worship. All will have to give a strict account of our use of time. Work time must be work time, worship time must be worship time, and lunchtime must be lunchtime. In like manner, law and love will motivate one to bring the

brightest smiles, the most healing words and pleasant tones to their place of work. To be grumpy is a bad witness and betrays the high ideals of love and law. Also, appearance speaks loudly about the Christian's standards, as a matter of fact, it tells a lot about who we are and Who we represent. Wearing revealing/comprising clothing must be a no no. Modesty must remain the principle of dress. Law and love motivate one to dress appropriately (1Peter 3:1-7).

Our service, wherever we are stationed, requires reconciliation not assassination (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Love and law motivate one to remain positive and fair in all interactions. Further, accepting personal responsibility for mistakes and avoiding the blame game provide a healing atmosphere for persons to grow in Christ. Note well that law and love shine brightly when workers for God are confidential and would never share confidential information. Moreover, the quality of honesty will be seen as witnesses of Christ refuse to lie. If one is not sick, one will not call in sick. The noble thought would always be, to be at one's post of duty and to extend a helping hand to someone who may need assistance at his/her post.

What motivates one to be professional is a heart of love and law. Finally, Ellen White points out, "All who are working for Him are to labor intelligently, not in a careless, haphazard manner. He would have His work done with faith and exactness, that He may place the seal of His approval upon it" (Christian Service p.73). Whether we find ourselves in secular settings or in the organized work of God, let us labour unto the Almighty Lord. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Executive Secretary

BAHAMAS ACADEMY FULFILLS ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE

Each year Bahamas Academy contributes to the Kingdom building exercise of the South Bahamas Conference. Pastor Paul Scavella, school board chairman, likes to refer to the Academy as the largest active church membership in the conference. The Spring Week of Prayer held March 9-13 highlighted once again their commitment to the growth of that church.

Congratulations are extended to Chaplain Natalie Roberts for her efforts in preparing the campus of over 800 students and staff for this eventful experience. Leading out in the *Chat Room* was Pastor Barrington Brennen who captured the students' minds as he spoke their language. Through the leaders' efforts, seven

students were baptized.

The link below gives details of the messages that Pastor Brennen presented. May God continue to bless the administration, staff, parents, and family members of this noble institution. Link: www.bahamasacademy.org
-Pastor Paul A. Scavella, Chairman; Bahamas Academy School Board

ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE WORLD CHURCH

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015 the World Church commenced 100 days of prayer for the upcoming General Conference Session. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to guide the hearts and minds of our delegates as they do the work of God. This appeal comes from the Revival and Reformation Committee of the General Conference. -Office of the Secretariat, SBC

MEETING OF DIRECTORS, ASSOC. ASSISTANTS, AND COORDINATORS

All directors, associates, assistants, and coordinators of the South Bahamas Conference are urged to attend a most urgent *Strategic Planning* session at the conference office on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. -Pastor Paul Scavella, President

CONFERENCE POETRY FEST

The Poetry Fest of the Children and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Department is open to children ages 5 - 14 in the South Bahamas Conference. **Details:** The theme of each poem should be *Connected and Growing in Christ*. Each entrant must write his/her own poem.

All entries must be submitted to the local church CHAM leaders by April 4, 2015.

There will be a semi-final held at each church/church district. **The semi-final at each church/church district should be completed by April 18, 2015.** From the semi-final, one person from each category will advance to the finals that will be held on May 2, 2015.

The name of the semi-final winner from each category along with the poem should be submitted to the conference director by April 23, 2015.

Categories

Category A - Ages 5-7
Category B - Ages 8-10
Category C - Ages 11-14

Guidelines

All pieces **must** be original.

Children ages 5 - 7 should write a *Limerick*.

Children ages 8-10 should write *Free Verse* (not more than 10 lines).

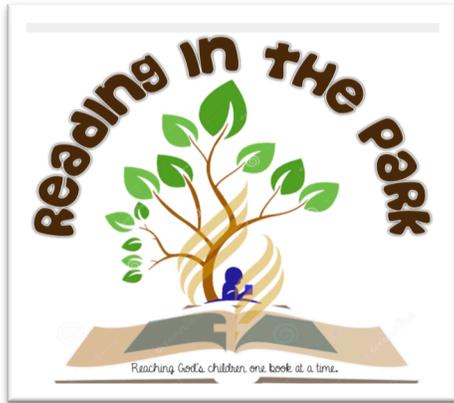
Children and adolescents ages 11-14 should write a *Sonnet*. Get a sample from your CHAM leader. -Mrs. Joan M. Scavella, CHAM Director

FAMILY MINISTRIES

All Family Ministries leaders of our churches are asked to attend a very important meeting at the conference office on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. It is crucial that we meet to prepare for the upcoming events:

- Gifted & Single's Weekend
- Marriage Enhancement Week

-Pastor Peter Joseph, Family Ministries Director



READING IN THE PARK IS FINALLY HERE!

The Children and Adolescent Ministries Department (CHAM) along with all members of the conference will be at the Pinewood Gardens Community Park today at 4:30 p.m. Our Health Ministries department will be there also to do pressure checks and more. Support the children and adolescents of our conference as they seek to reach the hearts of other children by sharing God's love through reading and related activities. -Mrs. Joan Scavella, CHAM Director

CANTATA AT HILLVIEW CHURCH

The pastor, officers and members of the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church invite you to worship with them today at their church on Tonique Williams-Darling Highway. At 11:00 a.m., their sanctuary choir will present a Cantata entitled, "The Easter Story", by Tom Fettke. Come and be blessed. -Elder Anthony Burrows, Choir Director

PASSION OF CHRIST CONCERT AT LA SENDA DE LA VIDA

You are kindly invited to the "Passion of Christ is You" concert on Friday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the La Senda de La Vida Bilingual Company located at the GMCI on Wulff Road. "Estás invitado cordialmente a "La Pasión de Cristo eres Tú" concierto el viernes, 3 de abril, a las 6:30 p.m. en La Senda de la Vida Filial Bilingüe, GMCI, Wulff Road. -Pastor Jamal Franklyn, La Senda de la Vida

CAT ISLAND SDA ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY

Persons wishing to travel to Cat Island on April 3-6, 2015 (Easter Weekend) with the Cat Island SDA Advancement Society are asked to contact Elder Norman Seymour at 457-0067. Tickets should be purchased no later than mid-March. Sky Bahamas is the carrier. -Elder Norman Seymour, Coordinator

SPECIAL INVITATION

You are cordially invited to an evangelistic outreach, under the theme: "Lessons from the 7 Churches Gospel Series" It begins at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15 and will conclude on March 29, 2015 at the New Englerston Seventh-day Adventist Church, East Street (near Cordeaux Avenue).



Come and hear Evangelist Edward St. Fleur expounding on the relevance of the messages of the seven churches for our time! Come one, come all, a blessing awaits you!

TUNE IN FOR WEEKLY UPDATES

ATV 53 is providing the weekly News Update or News Page on the conference's website at www.southbahamasconference.org and also on the South Bahamas Conference Facebook page. We keep you informed with conference news. -Mrs. Lavern Sturup, SBC Media Department

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Life Enrichment Series Health and Wellness Seminar

Join us at the McKinney Scavella Leadership Institute (GMCI-Old Bahamas Academy) on March 28 and every Sabbath morning at 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. for a life-changing program. Topics include, diabetes, lifestyle change, herbs and their uses and much more. This programme runs for 16 weeks.

I Want to Live Healthy

Train the trainer will be held at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. This training is for anyone interested in using a health evangelism tool for outreach. Call 323-0610 to confirm attendance.

I Want to Live Healthy Fun Run Walk

All churches are invited to the I Want to Live Healthy Fun Run Walk on Easter Monday, April 6 at 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. The route is Goodman's Bay to Sandypoint and back. Breakfast goodies will be available at a nominal fee.

Health Ministries Meeting for Church Leaders

A local leaders of the Health Ministries Department are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the New Englerston Church at 6:00 p.m. 8 Weeks to Wellness Graduation You are invited to attend the 8 Weeks to Wellness graduation on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the GMCI.

Save the date

Community Health Expo - April 18th 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Park - Free Screenings, counseling, clothing, shoes and breadbasket give away, and live demos.

Health Impact Day

Health Impact Day is April 18, 2015. On this year we will distribute the Book of the Year. -Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix, Health Ministries Director

PRAISE REUNION IS BACK!

Join *Praise Reunion* in concert at the Evangelistic Temple, Collins Avenue on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The proceeds from the concert will go to Bahamas Academy and the Mary Ingraham Home. Get your tickets from the conference office, Logos Bookstore, or Bahamas Academy (Old Trail and Marshall Roads). -Mr. Nelson Dorsett, Coordinator; Praise Reunion

BROTHERS' LOVE GOSPEL BAND BOAT CRUISE

The Brothers' Love Gospel Band Boat Cruise will leave the Prince George Wharf on Saturday, March 28 at 7:45 p.m. Join this happy band of ministering men for an evening of live music and wholesome family fun. Tickets are available from band members. Proceeds are in aid of the band's music ministry. -Dr. Flloyd Carter, Music Minister; Brothers' Love

ATCU PRAYER INITIATIVE

The prayer focus of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) for March 29 - April 4, 2015 is: *The Need to Acknowledge Sins.* -Pastor Peter Joseph, Prayer Coordinator

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY AT LIVING FAITH

Join the band of Community Service personnel of the Living Faith Church for their Community Service Day on the church grounds on Sunday, April 5, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. -Community Services Department



YOUTH TIDBITS MASTER GUIDE TRAINING

Master Guide training continues each Sunday at 6:00 a.m. at the Hillview Church. -Pastor Larry Green, Youth Ministries Director

SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH APRIL 4, 2015 AT 7:27 P.M.

Website:

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

