

# ENVISION

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## From The Desk Of The President - Trevor H. C. Baker

### Conference Session Results

On July 25, 2004, the Conference constituency concluded the quadrennial session which was recessed on June 6, 2004, by electing departmental directors and an executive committee to serve the conference for the next four years. The elected departmental directors and their office extensions are listed below (718-291-8006):

Adventist Book Center	Kenneth Scarlett	Ext. 203
Communication/Rel. Liberty	Clement A. Murray	Ext. 241
Community Services/Health	W. Fitzgerald Kerr	Ext. 277
Education	Pollyanna P. Barnes	Ext. 249
FHES/Publishing	Lawrence Brown	Ext. 252
Family Ministries	Jesse Bevel	Ext. 248
Franco-Haitian Services	Jose Joseph	Ext. 254
Hispanic Services	Isaias Rojas	Ext. 235
Ministerial	Rupert Young	Ext. 238
Sabbath School/Per. Min.	Oswald Euell	Ext. 259
Stewardship/Trust Services	Daniel Honore	Ext. 226
Youth Ministries	Newton Cleghorne	Ext. 245
Women's Ministries	Mireille St. Pierre	Ext. 215

### Seven Employees Retire

After many years of dedicated and unstinting service, seven employees retired from the employment of Northeastern Conference. They are:

Lloyd Chung-Teacher  
Benjamin Cummings-Ministerial Dir.  
John & Lee Davis-Assoc. Publ. Dirs.  
Clara Reed-Teacher  
Norman Snipes-Pastor  
Clement Teixeira-Teacher

### 78 NEC Churches Participate in Net Evangelism

A reported 70 churches indicated they would be airing the Net 2004 evangelism service with Elder Walter Pearson during the month of October. An additional eight of our Spanish-speaking churches will be carrying the Spanish Net series in November. We praise God for each evangelistic site, and pray for an abundant harvest of souls for the kingdom.

### Operation Restore Progress Report

We are pleased to report that the *Operation Restore* program is alive and well. As of September 30, 2004, there were 519 faith partners in the program, which represents a total of \$726,600 that has been covenanted, with \$214,000 having been received.

There are 16 more months to achieve the adjusted goal of 17,000 faith partners, each cove-

nanting to contribute \$1,400.00 over two years. The call is for all members and friends of Northeastern Conference to be part of this exciting venture and partnership with God. Contact your pastor for a covenant form, or you may go on the Conference website at: [www.northeastern.org](http://www.northeastern.org) and sign up electronically. You may also download a form or call the office at 718-291-8006, ext. 214, 209, or 242 to receive one by mail.

### Evangelism Updates

During this year of evangelism, several of our pastors and churches accepted the challenge of front-line public evangelism. As a result, the Lord has blessed their efforts, and added approximately 1734 souls through the month of September. A more complete report will follow the Net 2004

series. Pastors reporting 25 or more baptisms through September are:

Winston Stephenson	25
Robert Yee	25
William Felder	26
Ives Roberts	28
Rudolph Peters	29
Paul Blaise	31
David Glover	31
Hector Ramos	31
Jose Joseph	34
Lionel Martell	35
Lawrence Mason	36
Stephen Williams	36
Yvrain Jean-Philippe	37
Valtricts Binns	40
Marcel Wip	46
Melvin Janey	47
Pierre Omeler	47
Carlos Moreto	52
Ramon Cabrera	53
Jose Burroughs	52
Oswald Euell	76
Anthony Usher	51
Leroy Daley	51
Ainsworth Joseph	131

## Other News

**The Shalom church in Waterbury, CT**, recently purchased a church building. We congratulate the Shalom church family and Pastor Charles Creech on this achievement.

**The construction of the Hispanic church in Providence, RI**, is nearing completion, reports Javier Alcon, pastor of the church. After years of worshiping in rented and often inadequate quarters, the congregation is looking forward to its new spacious facility. Construction is slated to be completed mid-November.

**The Bronx church's Discovery Bible School skyrockets** to an all-time 800 enrollees. The school, which began in 2002, gets its students from five sources; namely: 1) Referrals from the Voice of Prophecy Bible School; 2) Quarterly field days conducted by the church; 3) Referrals from penal institutions; 4) Visitors to Sabbath services; and 5) Friends referred by church members. The challenge that confronts the school is finding sufficient individuals to follow up with students who express an interest in committing to the Lord via baptism, says Director Myrtle Pickett.

*Quote: "It is the motive that gives character to our acts, stamping them with ignominy or with high moral worth. Not the great things which every eye sees and tongue praises does God account most precious."*

*Counsels on Stewardship p. 175*

## Pastors in Transit

<u>Pastor</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Manuel Medina	Office	El Faro/Cornerstone Hispanic, Brooklyn, NY
Miguel Calderon	El Faro/Cornerstone Hisp.	Providence/Central Falls, RI/New Bedford, MA
Javier Alcon	Providence	Jamaica/Westbury, LI/Cypress Hills Miss./Brooklyn

## Operation Restore Rallies & Town Hall Meetings

The Conference Administration has scheduled a series of *Operation Restore* area rallies in conjunction with the Town Hall meetings. Following are the planned dates. The venues will be finalized and communicated.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Venue</u>
November 6, 2004	Western New York	Jefferson Avenue
December 4, 2004	Long Island	To Be Announced
January 29, 2005	Brooklyn/Staten Island	To Be Announced
February 19, 2005	Bronx/Manhattan	To Be Announced
March 12, 2005	Massachusetts	To Be Announced
April 23, 2005	Connecticut	To Be Announced
May 14, 2005	Rockland/Westchester	To Be Announced
May 21, 2005	Queens	To Be Announced
June 18, 2005	Hudson Valley/Capital City	To Be Announced

## Special Broadcast

A special worship service was taped by Atlantic Union Media and Three ABN on Sabbath, September 11, 2004, at the Linden church, and will be broadcast on 3ABN Sabbath, December 11, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, December 29, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., all Eastern Time.