

# ENVISION

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - *Trevor H.C. Baker*

## BAPTISMAL GOALS ACHIEVED

Fifty-nine churches reached or surpassed their baptismal goal set by the Conference for the year 2009. We congratulate the following churches and pastors:

### Churches

Agape  
 Amsterdam  
 Apocalipsis  
 Beacon  
 Berea, Nyack  
 Bethanie French  
 Beth Elohim  
 Bridgeport Tabernacle  
 Brockton Portuguese  
 Calvary, CT  
 Cambridge Hispanic  
 Canarsie  
 Chelsea Hispanic  
 Community  
 Community Tabernacle  
 Coney Island  
 Cornerstone  
 Cornerstone Hispanic  
 Danbury Hispanic  
 East New York  
 El Faro Hispanic  
 Elmont Temple  
 Ephesus  
 Golgotha French  
 Haverhill Hispanic  
 Heritage Nigerian  
 Jamaica Hispanic  
 Jamaica  
 Kerith French  
 Le Phare French  
 Lighthouse Tabernacle  
 Macedonia  
 Mahanaim French  
 Manchester Hispanic  
 Mount Carmel  
 Mount Vernon  
 New Life  
 Oasis de Amor  
 Pioneer Memorial  
 Primera Hispanic  
 Real Truth

### Pastors

Joshua Deonarine  
 Yenci Casildo  
 Carlos Moreta  
 Trevor Stewart  
 Ucall Harris  
 Moise Manigat  
 Jean Jude Lors  
 Alphod Sinclair  
 Afranio Feitosa  
 Ainsworth Morris  
 Hector Ramos  
 Ferron Francis  
 Hector Ramos  
 Nigel Stoddart/Rohan Simpson  
 Roody Auguste  
 Samuel Sampson  
 Calvin Harrison  
 Manuel Medina  
 Migdonio Rojas  
 Sednak Yankson  
 Manuel Medina  
 Willis Reed  
 Dedrick Blue/Jamie Kowlessar  
 Colbert Calixte  
 Domingo Francisco  
 John Jones  
 Javier Alcon  
 Winston Stephenson  
 Jean Monestime  
 Sem Omeler  
 David McKenzie  
 Litchfield Howard  
 Nicodem Myrtill  
 Domingo Francisco  
 Nigel Stoddart  
 Abraham Jules  
 Fitzroy Jackson  
 Migdonio Rojas  
 James Gbolo  
 Ramon Cabrera  
 Ives Roberts

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### Churches

Sharon  
 Shalom  
 Shelter Rock  
 Shiloh, MA  
 Sinai French  
 Sion  
 Smyrna  
 Springfield Hispanic  
 Somerville Portuguese  
 Staten Island  
 Taunton Portuguese  
 Temple Salem  
 Three Angels Hispanic  
 Trinity Temple  
 Uniondale  
 Westbury Hispanic

### Pastors

Courtney Goulding  
 Robert Madden  
 Rupert Young  
 Joseph Aaron  
 Joel Cantave  
 Wilfrid Jean-Louis  
 Gerome Leacock  
 Armando Amadias  
 Eric Conceicao  
 Andrew Philbert  
 Eric Conceicao  
 Yrvain Jean Phillipe  
 Hector Ramos  
 Stanley Dixon  
 Litchfield Howard  
 Javier Alcon

## PASTORS AWARDED

Pastor Armando Amadias, pastor of the Springfield, Esmirna and Hartford Hispanic churches, and Pastor Abraham Jules, pastor of the Mount Vernon Church were the respective recipients of the Northeastern Conference 2009 Pastor of the Year and Evangelist of the Year awards. The Pastor of the year award is given to the pastor who, during the year, best fulfills the expectations of a pastor, and the Evangelist of the year award is given to the pastor who achieves the highest number of baptisms during the year. Pastor Amadias, along with providing excellent pastoral care, led the churches of his district in achieving the assigned goals. Pastor Jules led the Conference in the total number of baptisms with a total of 106. The awards were given at the annual Fall Workers Meeting.



## **BRONX CHURCH GETS NEW PASTOR**

On Sabbath, October 10, 2009, Pastor Kendall Guy was installed as the pastor of the Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church. He succeeds Pastor James Clarke who accepted a call to pastor in the Pennsylvania Conference. Pastor Guy's assignment to the Bronx is notable in as much as he now pastors a church that was once pastored by his father, the late John F. Guy. We welcome Pastor Guy and his family back to the Northeastern Conference after ten years of pastoral ministry in the Southern and Northern California Conferences.

## **THREE CHURCHES RETIRE MORTGAGES**

The year 2009 was a year which saw three churches within the Conference retire their mortgage obligations. The First Nigerian Church of Brooklyn, New York, under the leadership of Pastor Richard Calhoun celebrated that momentous event on Sabbath, October 3. The First Rochester Spanish Church with Pastor Josue Cruz followed suit on Sabbath October 10, and the Morija French Church, pastored by Pastor Jose Joseph, rejoiced in the same accomplishment on Sabbath, December 12. The Morija Church, on that occasion, also officially opened and dedicated their newly

renovated and expanded church facilities. Officers of the Conference were present and participated in each celebration.

## **SHEPHERDESSES HOLD RETREAT**

On the weekend of November 13 - 14, 2009, the NEC Shepherdess Club under the direction of its President, Mrs. Alfreda Blue, held its annual retreat at the Water's Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook, CT. Approximately 55 of the ministers' wives were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the inspiration and fellowship that was afforded.

The guest presenters for the retreat were Janice Browne, former First Lady of the South Central Conference and Stephanie Weems, a nurse practitioner in Huntsville Alabama.

## **"GOOD HEALTH BROOKLYN" DAY**

The Brooklyn Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. Marlvig Charlet, celebrated "Good Health Brooklyn" Day on December 5, 2009. "Good Health Brooklyn" is a health related program initiated through the Brooklyn Office of Minority Health. Their goal is to collaborate with houses of worship to

educate congregations and communities on the importance of healthful living and the Brooklyn Temple church is in partnership with Good Health Brooklyn in educating the community in regards to good health.

The day focused on Diabetes, Hypertension, H.I.V. and healthful foods and diet and proved to be a very powerful and successful outreach to the community.

Celebrating the event with the church were Congressman Edolphus Towns; Borough President, Marty Markowitz; Councilman, Albert Vann; and Keith Carr, Project Manager for Good Health Brooklyn, and brother of gospel singer, Kurt Carr. Dr. Rawle Philbert, Chairman for Dental and Oral Surgery, Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, NY, was the Speaker for the Divine Worship hour and Poly Cornelius was the presenter in the afternoon meeting.

## **EVENTS OF THE HORIZON**

- ◆ **Annual Church Clerks and Treasurers Training Seminar -- February 5 - 7, 2010, Stamford, CT**
- ◆ **Annual Departmental Officers Training -- February 14 - 17, 2010, Albany, NY**

## **FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK**

The year 2009 has presented tremendous financial challenges for Northeastern Conference -- that is its constituent churches, schools and entire membership. Some members have had to make a choice between groceries and gas. However, despite the challenges, our church members have remained faithful in supporting the Lord's cause both financially and in soul winning endeavors.

As a result, our tithe receipts have far exceeded our projections. At the end of November 2009, our tithe figure of \$33,489,254.51 was 4.93% above expectations and 2.53% over actual figures for the same period last year.

What a mighty God we serve. The Northeastern Conference Administration in concert with the Stewardship Department has declared the months of November and December 2009 to be: "SQUARE UP WITH GOD" months." During this time all are encouraged to make everything right with God. This will be our part of the bargain because God has already squared up with us.

It should be noted that of the tithes received at the conference office, a total of 26% goes to support God's work at the Atlantic Union Conference and around the world. Let us continue to be faithful in tithes and offerings, for in so doing, we

place ourselves in position to receive the promised blessings of the Lord.

**TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY AND PRAISE!**

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



*During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely:*

*Thank you and best wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year*