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36TH REGULAR CONSTITUENCY MEETING RESULTS FOR NNEC



L – R Don King, Atlantic Union President, Mike Ortel, NNEC President, Lynn Ortel, NNEC Communication, Randee Reynolds, NNEC Treasurer, Leon Thomassian, Atlantic Union Treasurer, Trudy Wright, NNEC Education, Harry Sabnani, NNEC Youth Ministries, Arnold Schnell, NNEC Executive Secretary, Atlantic Union Executive Secretary, Carlyle C. Simmons
Photo taken by Ednor Davison, Atlantic Union Communicaiton

The thirty-sixth constituency session of the Northern New England Conference met on the campus of Pine Tree Academy on October 31, 2010. The following are some highlights:

1. Welcome of the Dover Indonesian Church into the sisterhood of churches
2. Reports presented from administration, department heads, and auditors, academy principals and Parkview Adventist Medical Center
3. Approval to move ahead with phasing construction for the new Conference Office and Heritage Center on land in Freeport, Maine, purchased from Pine Tree Academy
4. Policy developed for a church to become company status
5. NNEC officers and department heads were elected:

Mike Ortel, *President*
Arnold Schnell, *Executive Secretary*
Randee Reynolds, *Treasurer*
Lynn Ortel, *Communication*
Trudy Wright, *Education*
Harry Sabnani, *Youth Ministries*
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Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6:14-15 NIV

NNEC

Camp Meeting

June 24-July 2, 2011

May Camp Meeting be another step in your journey for...



SOME PRESENTERS:

June 24 – 25 - DEDRICK BLUE, Senior pastor of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Harlem, NY.

June 26 – 30 - DICK STENBAKKEN brings Bible character to life with researched detail and realistic costuming in first person biblical narrative.

July 1 – 2 - STEPEHN BOHR - Director of *Secrets Unsealed* and Senior pastor of the Fresno Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fresno, CA.

June 27 - RON WILLIAMS - Prison Ministry.

July 1 - PAUL BRANTLEY - Director of Assessment at the General Conference.



God Our Loves Uniqueness

Three-year-old Jonathon suddenly folded his arms across his chest, abruptly turned his little body toward the opened garage door and determinedly marched around the parked car to the kitchen door of his home. Jonathon was clearly upset. He was sending a message.

His neighbor friend, Kaitlin, had come to play in his yard at his invitation. It was her turn to ride the scooter. He had been riding it for several minutes. She had been riding another toy. The time had come to switch. Kaitlin positioned herself on the scooter, gained her balance and began the fun. Jonathon must have thought that her 8-second ride was long enough. When the adults confirmed that it was still Kaitlin's turn on the scooter, little Jonathon protested. His reaction sent a clear message: "life isn't going my way; I'm bailing out."

Fast forward a few decades. Church business decisions, our spouse's choices, our co-workers or friends at school say or do something different than the way we think life ought to go. We react by bailing out and throwing an adult temper tantrum. "It's my way or the highway!" I am not talking about moral issues of right and wrong and standing up for what is right. I am talking about personal preferences, styles of worship, ways in which each of us relate to our God. Sometimes it seems like we want new and old members to be "more like me" than more like God!

Maybe we forget that God created each one of us differently—like the individual snowflakes whose designs are not duplicated. What glory do we bring to God when each of us experiences the truth? "God desires that our praise shall ascend to Him marked by our own individuality." *Desire of Ages*, p. 347

Maybe we have never fully understood that God longs to take residence in our hearts for our benefit as we glorify Him. Sometimes we think we are God and all things in life have to go our way. There is no or little room for individuality. We stifle the very existence of God from the hearts of fellow believers when we are so dogmatic and we horribly misrepresent God.

Let's pray that none of us in NNEC stomps off when life doesn't go our way. Instead, let us "reason together" as the Scriptures invite. Let NNEC show the world that we are His disciples because we love one another. We get along. We have fun together. We reflect the diversity of God's creation because of respect, honor and cooperation.

Poor Jonathon missed out on fun with his friend. He was miserable, isolated and lonely--all because life hadn't gone his way. How about us? Let us not forsake fellowship and friendship with fellow believers and community because those people don't do things "my way."

Lynn Ortel, Editor



Pastor Arnold Schnell

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TRUST SERVICES DIRECTOR



Northern New England Conference welcomes Arnold Schnell as executive secretary. Pastor Schnell fills the position previously held by Dr. Merlin Knowles, who accepted the invitation of the Montana executive committee to

serve as president of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Schnell has also assumed the responsibilities appointed him by the NNEC Executive Committee on Sunday, December 5, 2010, in the capacity of Trust Director. He replaces Merlin Knowles, who has served in that post since January, 2005. Schnell's duties will include, but are not limited to, assisting NNEC church members come to an understanding of the process of estate planning specific to their individual needs and drafting needed documentation. Anyone who currently has documentation on file with this office or those desiring the services offered may contact Schnell at their convenience. All inquiries and services are held in strict confidence; no fees are charged for services rendered when followed under the guidelines of this office.

Schnell has served as pastor for 18 years in Wyoming, Kansas, Tennessee, and Maine. In 1985 he completed his Masters of Divinity degree from Andrews University. He was director at Glacier View Ranch in the Rocky Mountain Conference and director of Cohutta Springs Conference Center in the Georgia Cumberland Conference. He served as principal at Enterprise Academy in Kansas and interim principal of Georgia Cumberland Academy in Georgia.

His wife, Susan, a registered nurse, joins him in team ministry as an instructor for Kids in Discipleship. She is involved in giving personal Bible studies and providing meals at the homeless shelter.

The Schnells have two sons. Eric, a certified public accountant, and his wife, Katie, a nurse practitioner, live in Calhoun, Georgia. They are expecting their first child in June. Ben, a trained pastor, is serving as Bible worker in Portland, Maine, at the White Memorial Church.

Schnell, most recently served as pastor of the Bangor and Dexter, Maine churches.

Lynn Ortel, Editor

WHY?

Yesterday, December 5, 2011, I chaired the K-12 Board held in our conference office. As Trudy Wright and I led out with the meeting, we, along with the 14 members, heard miracle after miracle of God's blessings. Let me share a few:

1. Enrollment is up 68 students.
2. Two schools have re-opened: Saco, ME – Florence M. Lombard Seventh-day Adventist School and Manchester, NH Kellogg Christian Seventh-day Adventist School.
3. School debts are diminishing.
4. Three of our church schools have miraculously acquired new buildings: St. Johnsbury Caledonia Christian School, Dixfield Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School and W. Lebanon Estabrook Seventh-day Adventist School.

“Why?” you ask. The Bible and Ellen White state it this way:

- Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us... Ephesians 3:20
- But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
- “Prayer moves the arm of omnipotence” – *Christ's Object Lessons* p. 172
- “It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask” – *Great Controversy* p. 525

Mike Ortel, *President*



CONSTITUENCY...

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6. New Executive Committee Members:

Administration (Ex-officio)

Mike Ortel, *President*
Arnold Schnell, *Executive Secretary*
Ranee Reynolds, *Treasurer*

State of MAINE

Dr. Stephen Boyd, *Lay Member*
David Fernald, Jr., *Lay Member (Under 30)*
Leilani Gepford, *Teacher*
Mark Harris, *Pastor*
Fred Hellenberg, *Lay Member*
Terri Neil, *Lay Member*
Ernie Yap, *Lay Member*

State of NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dr. Jerry Barcelow, *Lay Member*
Manon McMahon, *Lay Member*
Dr. Jay Neil Sr., *Lay Member*
Leon Twitchell, *Pastor*

State of VERMONT

Lisa Comeau, *Lay Member*
Larry Farley, *Lay Member*
Robert Smith III, *Teacher*

7. New Article and Bylaws Committee:

From Maine:

Sandra Bent
Chrissie Decker
Ed Dunlap
David Perkins
Trudy Wright

From New Hampshire:

Robert McMurray
Alfred (Bob) Williams

From Vermont:

Arnet Mathers
Lowell Trecartin

Winter Camp
Camp Lawroweld
February 11 – 13, 2011
Guest
Pastor Brad Hyden
Christian Fellowship, Cross Country Skiing,
Skating, Sledding, Food, Fun
and lots more!
Price: \$35 per person if post-marked
by Feb. 4th. After February 4th \$50.
Hope to see you there!
For more information and registration go on line to
www.lawroweld.org or call 207-797-3760 ext. 15.

Maine

CAMDEN

Remembering 1844: History and Heritage

Sabbath, October 23, was a high Sabbath at the Camden Adventist church. We celebrated the history of William Miller, remembering October 22, 1844. Friday night we sang old Adventist hymns, read some stories and newspaper articles, and shared pictures that showed the local history of William Miller holding tent revivals on the lawn overlooking the Camden Harbor. James and Ellen White also held meetings and came often to encourage believers in these coastal towns.

On Sabbath the Brunswick Beacon Pathfinders shared a 50 minute re-enactment of William Miller, how he

went from being a Deist to preaching the soon-coming of Jesus. They dressed

Pathfinders putting on William Miller skit.



in period clothing and used sound effects from the different “scenes” of William Miller’s life. More importantly, they showed how William Miller wrestled with God’s calling, finally listened to God’s voice, and followed it.

Pastor Cornell Preda spoke about our waiting for Jesus to come today and compared our experience to William Miller’s day. He shared how the media had depicted that movement.

After a delightful potluck with some types of food that were eaten in those days, a large group climbed the Millerite Cliffs, a bare rock high up near Maiden’s Cliff in Camden. A local historian, Rosey Garey, told what

Millerite Cliffs in Camden, Maine. The Brunswick Beacon Pathfinders, visitors, and members climbed to a spot where the Millerites waited for Jesus to come.



it was like on that day when in eagerness they ran up the hill anticipating Christ’s return. Then she shared about the bitterness and questions that followed.

It was a thought-provoking day, one that made us reflect, think, and search our hearts, while we anticipate the soon-coming of our Savior.



Pastor and Gabriella Preda dressed in period clothing.

Lanita Medina

Communication Correspondent

Below is the first response from our request for stories about “Let’s Honor Our Members.” Editor

DEXTER

We’re Thankful for June!

June O’Roak was born October 14, 1920, to John and Ida McGraw in East Corinth, Maine. In 1940, her mother and Aunt Harriet led her to Jesus and she accepted Him into her life. She attended the Bangor Church and was active in many ways.

June has a beautiful singing voice and has used it to glorify the Lord for the seventy years she has known Him. She sang special music for the pastors’ evangelistic meetings in St. Cloud, Florida.

She has been a member of several churches: Bangor, Norridgewock, Wa-



June O’Roak

terville, Stoneham, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Florida, and now Dexter, Maine.

June has a wonderful ministry in the church. She calls everyone she knows that has a birthday and sings happy birthday to them. She also calls anyone who is sick and prays for them.

On October 14th, her church family gave her a birthday party to celebrate 90 years of a very active life. She was blessed the next day by a party from her nieces, too.

June is much loved by everyone who knows her. "I am so happy with blessings and the love of those who care," stated O'Roak, "And I am looking forward to the coming of Jesus."

Colleen Giles

Communication Correspondent

SOUTH BERWICK FELLOWSHIP

Fishers of Men

It is said that everyone has a ministry and the church needs them all to flourish. Irene Ryder of Sanford, Maine has one of these unique talents that she brings to the South Berwick Fellowship. Irene makes decorative fish out of DVDs, which is a reminder of our DVD ministry. We will be giving these DVD fish to those who start up a DVD ministry in their church.



Irene Ryder

Recently, NNEC President, Mike Ortel, was presented with one of Irene's special gifts. It is displayed in his office in Portland.



Sheryl Hersom, Mike Ortel, John Hersom

Jesus said we are to be fishers of men. As we go forward with this additional evangelism outreach, let's catch some fish for the Kingdom!

John Hersom

Communication Correspondent

SOUTH BERWICK FELLOWSHIP

What do Gideons and Adventists Have in Common? A real love for Jesus

The South Berwick Fellowship has made real friendships with the Gideons over the past five years. Their ministry includes a world-wide work to give Bibles especially to young people. *The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the evangelical church and is the



Joe Lipsey, Sheryl Hersom, John Hersom

oldest association of Christian businessmen and professional men in the United States of America.

This year Joe

Lipsey, one of the senior members of the New Hampshire chapter, presented one of his written works to Sheryl and John Hersom. His ministry has touched many lives.

May we build bridges and see the love that many Christians, like the Gideons, have for Jesus.

John Hersom

Lay-Pastor

*information taken from <http://www.gideons.org/AboutUs/OurHistory.aspx>

THREE ANGELS COMMUNITY

Baptism in Whiting

Debbie Moores gave her heart to Jesus, and became a member of the Three Angels church in Whiting, Maine. Debbie was a faithful student during her baptismal studies, and is very eager to learn more. She looks forward to helping in the church.



Wayne Jones Jr., Debbie Moores, Allen Duenas

Pami Duenas

Communication Correspondent

New Hampshire News

MANCHESTER AND NASHUA Churches Unite in Celebration

Last August, the Manchester and Nashua churches united to celebrate the reopening of the Kellogg Christian School and to kick off a ten-week evangelistic series which started in Manchester and ended at the Nashua church.

Charles Haugabrooks and Michael Andrews, two fantastic musicians, put on an awesome concert to help in the celebration and to kick off this outreach program. Pastor Behrmann led out in the meetings.

In October, the meetings ended at the Nashua church with another great concert with Ullanda Innocent Palmer.

The churches experienced twelve baptisms and one Profession of Faith with many more scheduled for baptism in the future. *(See images below and to right)*

Carl Behrmann
Pastor



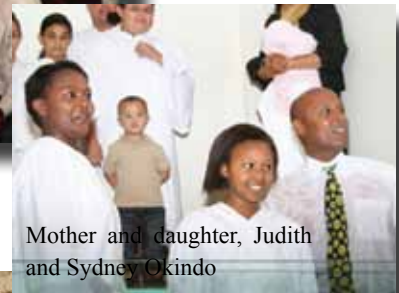
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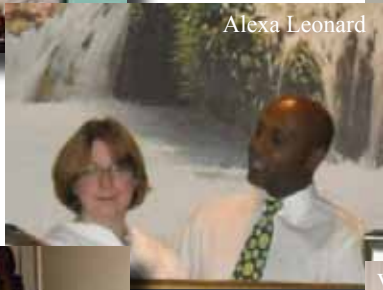
Mother and daughter, Judith and Sydney Okindo



Amanda Garcia



Marilyn Matias



Alexa Leonard



Shaina McMahon



Carlos Lopez



Victoria Croteau, Profession of Faith



Cristina Morales



Yonalys Garcia

DERRY CHURCH

Derry Update

The Derry Church has had a busy season. Our three newest members have started Friday evening vespers. It is well attended and those attending receive many blessings.

L - R - Kenna Leach, Matthew Richards, Chris Giddinge



These same three young people recently led out in our church service. Chris Giddinge had the scripture reading and pastoral prayer. Kenna Leach made the offering call. Matthew Richards gave the sermon "Wash Me Clean," a soul-stirring story of his own experiences.

Chef Mark Anthony of 3ABN TV recently shared his story "From Vegas to Victory." The next day, he put on a vegetarian/vegan cooking show.


This fall we were honored to have Pastor Merlin and Cheryl Knowles for our sermon. In the afternoon they presented a very interesting and educational topic "Growing Healthy Relationships."

Rhoda Watson




Communication Correspondent

Northern New England Conference

Music Clinic 2011
MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2011



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<p>CLINICIANS</p> <p>BAND Giovanni Santos</p> <p>CHOIR Jonathan Wall</p> <p>YOUTH CHOIR Doris Krueger</p> <p>STRINGS Jennifer Penner</p> <p>PIANO Kristjon Imperio</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKER Trevor Schlisner Principal, Riverview Memorial School</p> <p>HOSTED BY Pine Tree Academy Freeport, Maine</p> <p>FINAL PIANO APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1, 2011</p> <p>FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL OTHERS MARCH 1, 2011</p>
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For applications or additional information, please contact the
NNEC Education Department at 207-797-3760, ext. 13
or visit us at www.nnec.org

PORTSMOUTH

A Blessing from God

My son, Rusty, and I attended this year's Family Camp Weekend at Camp Lawroweld. It truly was a blessing from the Lord.

Sabbath morning started with a fantastic breakfast, which prepared us physically for an amazing Spirit-led message given by Pastor Greg Carter. It was a perfect message for both the children and parents.

Sabbath afternoon there were a variety of options. My son and I decided to join a hike with a group led by conference executive secretary, Merlin Knowles. Though the hike was tough, it was well worth the reward to see God's beautiful creation surrounding us as we reached



the peak. Rusty even made friends with executive secretary Knowles and kept him company during the journey down the mountain, or should I say talked his ear off?

Fireside vespers Sabbath evening was led by Pastor Carter, and there were marshmallows for the kids to cook over the fire. Once again he provided a perfect message with a good lesson that kept the children's attention. That evening as my son and I prayed before bed, he thanked God for the wonderful weekend he was having with his mommy.

Sunday was yet another beautiful day blessed by God. Rusty and I went for a boat ride, canoeing, biking, and played basketball. He got to ride a horse and went swimming, and then the day ended with a hilarious talent show.

I found such peace in the entire weekend; I felt closer to God and enjoyed the quality time with my son. Although unknown to us, God had intended this weekend to be especially for Rusty and me.

I want to thank everyone who is involved in making Family Camp Weekend such a success. There are no words to explain my gratitude to all those involved. It was a weekend I will never forget.

Michele Cook

Communication Correspondent

Believe in the Impossible

Dear Readers,

You probably have heard about or seen on our website information regarding the story of Zane Wetzel, who was badly burned by being electrocuted on the job. His wife, Courtney Hartin Wetzel, taught our Teen Tract at several women's ministry fall retreats. Please read their story below, and see how God works to make us believe in the impossible. ~ Editor

Three weeks ago I wouldn't have thought it possible that my husband's life could be almost taken from him. I would have rendered it absurd to think that he could be involved in such an unusual and tragic accident. No wife ever imagines that they'll be the one rushing to the hospital and pleading with God for their husband's life. We hear about these things in the news; we see tragedy afar off. But rarely does it truly touch us. Rarely does it grip your soul and shake your entire existence. In our minds, we simply render such hurt and loss impossible.

Zane, my husband, always believed in the impossible. If you were blessed enough to know him, you knew that it was because of his faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our God is well acquainted with impossibilities. After all, He's walked on water and raised the dead... what else can't He do? But sometimes we forget just how possible He makes things. Sometimes our faith is lacking and we don't truly believe that our God can move mountains. Sometimes it takes a situation like this to make us believe again. Let me share with you some of the "impossibilities" that have strengthened my faith over the last few weeks.

When the electricity arced out from the substation disconnect, it made contact with the rail of the scissor lift Zane was on rather than with Zane's body. Direct contact with 69,000 volts would have killed him instantly. His neck, chest, arms, back, and abdomen all suffered 3rd degree burns. His face only sustained minor 2nd degree burns along the jaw line, ear and a tiny bit on his nose. His face will heal and look entirely normal. No one can explain how his face was protected.

His hands are just as miraculous. They were not burned nearly as severely as his arms. We are being told that they will heal on their own, without grafting. That, of course, is huge because grafts would make it much harder to regain full use of them.

At the time of the accident, my dad was only a parking lot away and was able to be with Zane immediately. My mom was working in the Emergency Department at a hospital she only works per diem. The fact that she was there when he came in is miraculous. I was working directly across the street from the hospital. Dad picked

me up and we were also there within minutes. Because Mom was on duty, she was able to get me in Zane's room before they sedated him and he was able to tell me he loved me. God worked out each and every detail.

There are two commercial flights out of our small town that go to Boston each day. We had just enough time to run home, grab clothes, and catch the last flight out. We got to Boston at the same time Zane did.

My uncle was in Boston's Logan Airport waiting on a flight that was delayed by 35 minutes when he got a text from family telling him what happened. Even though he couldn't reach us because we were in the air, he postponed his flight and was going to head to the hospital. For some reason, he stayed at the airport, and when we landed, he was there to pick us up. Had his flight not been delayed, he would have been on his way to Memphis.

Several financial miracles have taken place that allowed family members to be able to get here.

On Thursday night/early Friday morning (the 14th and 15th of October), we were told that Zane had ARDS. I didn't know it at the time, but this is often fatal. By the time Saturday rolled around, Zane had improved drastically, and the ARDS was no longer a threat.

Also on those horrible nights, Zane's lungs were in extremely fragile condition and had started to fill with fluid. A chest tube was placed. By Friday evening, the fluid was receding and shortly thereafter, they removed the chest tube. We've been told by nurses that they can't believe how quickly he bounced back from that night.

Several veteran nurses told us that they've never seen a neck graft look as good and heal as fast as Zane's has.

We were told that it would be 30 days before we would be able to communicate with Zane at all. On day 13 he talked, responded to a question, and told me he loved me.

So, tell me what's impossible and I'll tell you how my God made it possible. Tell me one thing God can't or failed to do, and I'll tell you three things that He can and HAS done. Often our lack of faith limits the miracles that we're able to see. We get blinded by realities and logic. But, how sweet it is when our eyes of faith are opened and we truly see God work! NOTHING is impossible for Him.

God has been working miracles in Zane's body. We continue to believe and trust that our heavenly Father will bring him through this healthy and strong. We are so thankful for everyone's prayers and support. We know that prayer is powerful and we praise God for the lives that have been touched by Zane's story.

Submitted by Courtney Wetzel.

For updates on Zane, visit www.projectprettyblog.com.



Prayer has always been an important part of the atmosphere at Camp Lawroweld. The serenity of the setting lends itself to prayerful moments with our Creator. Now more than ever we will be able to enjoy a spot that has been set aside as “holy ground,” a place to go deeper in our relationship with Jesus through prayer.

Several years ago the Lord laid this dream on our hearts to build a place of prayer on the campus of Camp Lawroweld. When God gives a plan He also provides the resources, and that He did! As Pastor Harry Sabnani and Kelly Veillieux, Prayer Ministries Leader, shared this dream with the folks at the 2009 Spring Prayer Retreat, the Lord was already moving on the heart of Alex Cochran. Later that weekend, Cochran

volunteered his labor to build the chapel. He is a very talented carpenter who has a passion to share his talents to the glory of God.

It was clear that God was moving this project forward when, in less than two months, all the monies were raised to complete the building. Cochran and his brother, Jared, cleared the spot. They took the very trees from that spot home to his mill. Over the winter, the bark was peeled and finished, and the trees were turned into beautiful beams to be used for the post-and-beam-style construction. Many of the finishing touches of the interior are handmade from the trees that once stood on that spot.



Alex and Karena

Cochran’s wife, Karena, also helped with this project in many ways. She composed the writing of the dedication plaque, and spent many hours in prayer asking God to give her just the right words that would create a snapshot of the heart of God in this project. As you read the dedication plaque you will see that God answered her prayer:

Our power and influence here on earth begins and ends with the amount of prayer we cover our journeys with, thus we have named this chapel...

The Alpha and Omega Prayer Chapel
Dedicated to the Youth
of Camp Lawroweld and the Northern New England Conference

In loving memory of Nathan Stoll (1988 – 2010) and Jayde Cochran (1993 – 2001)
 and all our children who are asleep in Christ

“...verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3

“...the very children will be moved upon by the Spirit of God, and will go forth proclaiming the truth for this time.” E. G. White (*Selected Writings* p. 66)

In God’s forgiveness and grace and with His Power, every day is a new beginning. Each day we have the opportunity to begin anew, grow in our relationship with God, and impact the world around us for Him and His coming Kingdom. As we remember Nathan and Jayde, we realize that any day could be the last earthly day for any one of us, our family members, friends or neighbors. Is there someone you know or may meet who needs to know Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, today? Each day is an opportunity to make sure that we do not let anyone reach their end without knowing The Beginning.

As you look across the campus to the new prayer chapel you will see three crosses. Although not part of the construction plan, it was clearly part of God’s plan. It is a constant reminder of His love and gift to us.

Be sure to visit the prayer chapel on every trip to Camp Lawroweld. You will be truly blessed.

Kelly Veillieux
 Prayer Ministries Leader



Alex and Jared

Adventurer Fun Day 2010

“Where is your Treasure?” With those words our Adventurer Fun Day began on Sunday, September 19, at Winslow Park and Campground in Freeport, Maine. It began with a treasure hunt through the woods with Melitta to find clues... then treasures.

What kind of treasures did the Adventurers find in the woods? One treasure was a set of beautiful white feathers which went with the verse “He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge.” Each treasure had a Bible verse to go with it, making each ‘special find’ meaningful to their lives today.

Then we went to find the “Pearl of Great Price.” Wendy Williams had real pearls in the Oyster shells for the kids to open and discover, along with illustrations and lessons from the pearl. In the cove by the sand was buried a GIANT treasure chest, and many tiny treasure chests. Our next “adventure” had a treasure map with items to find that led to the REAL treasure.

What might that BEST of ALL treasures be? The kids and adults ran from one end of the beach to the other, looking for clues to lead them to the real treasure. After digging and finding their tiny treasure chests, they eagerly opened them. They found a little black Bible with special promise verses - the ones we had used all throughout the day. In fact, if you go visit the beach, you might find some treasure chests, because we never did find them all!

Our day ended with special games that also went along with the Greatest Treasure. Then there were the “good-byes” and the “see-you-all-at-Spring-Escape-in-May!” as we waved good-bye to the last Adventurer. We felt spiritually blessed.

Our team prays that each Adventurer will remember what they learned and carry it in their hearts as they grow in Jesus. We felt spiritually blessed.

Our team would like to encourage *each* family that has a child between the ages of 6 and 10 to join us for these yearly activities. You do not have to belong to a club to participate. If you are interested in starting an Adventurer club, please call Melitta Verrill at 207-795-0949. We will train you, share ideas with you, help you get started, and visit your church/club. We are here to serve God’s children. Please allow us to help you!

Thank you for sharing your precious children with us.

Debbie, Diane, Lanita, Melitta, Paula, Wendy,
Adventurer Leaders



Women's Ministries Presents

Relational First Aid

~ Becoming Good Samaritans ~

This resource is for women in ministry, who are called by God to share His touch with those whose hearts are heavy with life's challenges. Learn and experience relational care skills to minister effectively in your church and community.

For: Women in local church ministry

Where: Lynn Ortel's Home

When: March 11-12, 2011

FMI: Email jsaavedra@nnec.org

Cost: Manual - \$15 (Pre-paid)



Pre-registration required. There is limited overnight accommodation available Friday night only at the Ortel home. A list of area hotels is also available. For information only call 207-797-3760 ext. 15. Directions emailed after registration is received.

Limited to 25 women

Visit our website at <http://women.nnec.org> for updates and more information.

NNEC Food Pantry

We praise God for another NNEC food pantry in addition to the ones in Portland, Whiting, and Woodstock. If your church hosts a food pantry, please let us know.

Harrison Seventh-day
Adventist Food Pantry

2 Naples Road
Harrison, ME 04040

Contact person: Barbara Merrill
(H) 207.585.9137
(C) 207.712.1384

Assistant: Imelda Arris
(H) 207.583.4855
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Northern New England Conference

Art Clinic 2011

February 3-5, 2011

Leaders for a New World

~ Program ~

Friday, February 4
Vespers - 6:30pm

Sabbath, February 5
Sabbath School - 9:50am
Church Service - 11:15am
Visual Presentation - 2:15pm
Worship - 3:00pm

Speaker

Pastor Greg Carlson
NNEC Northern Vermont District

Art Gallery
Open During
Sabbath

Hosted by ~ Central Vermont Academy, Barre, Vermont
Application deadline ~ January 11, 2011

For applications or further information, please contact the
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Northern New England Conference
Invites You To

MEN'S MINISTRY RALLY

March 5, 2011
9:30 a.m.

at the

Manchester SDA Church

37 Back River Road, Bedford, NH 03110

With

Pastor Carl Behrmann

Come and enjoy a time of encouragement and
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Calendar of Events

January

- 1 **Happy New Year**
- 8 **Rhoda Ringerring Concert Pianist**
Mt. View Church – Vernon, VT
- 14 **Gleaner Deadline**
March 2011 Issue
- 17 **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
NNEC Office Closed
- 21 - 23 **Adventurer & Pathfinder Leadership**
Location to be announced
- 23 – 25 **Pastors' Meeting**
NNEC - Portland, ME

February

- 1 **CoNNEction Deadline**
March/April 2011 Issue
- 3 – 5 **NNEC Art Clinic**
Central Vermont Academy
- 4 - 6 **God Encounters**
Atlantic Union
- 11 **Gleaner Deadline**
April 2011 Issue
- 11 – 13 **Winter Camp**
Camp Lawroweld

- 12 **Lloyd Millican in Concert**
Mt. View Church – Vernon, VT

- 19 **Southern Pathfinder Bible Bowl**
Concord, NH

March

- 5 **Men's Ministry Rally**
Location to be announced

- 11 **Gleaner Deadline**
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- 11 – 12 **Women's Ministry Leadership**
"Relational First Aid" – Falmouth, ME

- 12 - 13 **Pathfinder Northern Bible Bowl**
Bangor SDA Church

- 13 **K-12 – 9:00 am**
NNEC – Portland, ME

- 13 **Executive Committee Mtg – 11:00 am**
NNEC – Portland, ME

- 26 **Communication Sabbath**
Falmouth, ME

- 31 – 4/2 **NNEC Music Clinic**
Pine Tree Academy



thank you!!

Family campers donated the money for a new triple-door refrigerator at Camp Lawroweld. The old one, which was over 70 years old, died right after Blind Camp.

Judy Sabnani,
Camp Lawroweld