



## Health Protocols and the Church.



As we are now in the eighth month of this year one may tend to agree with me when I say it has been a year full of necessary and unnecessary challenges.

Through every storm, we have seen the hand of God moving in our lives and the life of this the South Bahamas Conference. COVID-19 has placed an extra burden on our lives as we are now mandated to wear masks in public places, stay away from large gatherings, wash our hands frequently, sanitize often and where possible take the vaccine.

God’s desire is that we be healthy and that our lives reflect the creator God as we live a life of wholistic health. We are also to be good stewards as we do what is possible to protect ourselves and our neighbors from getting this preventable yet deadly virus. Permit me to share with you two passages of scripture that I believe will corroborate what my thoughts are: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” 3John 2

“If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.” - Exodus 15:26.

Finally, allow me to share with you these guidelines from the world of health, The Bahamas Government, and the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. These guidelines will decrease the risk of the transmission of COVID-19.

### Health Laws:

*Nutrition, Exercise, Water, Sunlight, Temperance, Air, Rest, Trust in God.*

“Reform, continual reform, must be kept before the people, and by our example we must enforce our teaching. True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand. It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy the health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind. Men and women must be taught to take a careful view of every habit and every practice, and at once put away those things that cause an unhealthy condition of the body and thus cast a dark shadow over the mind. God

desires His light-bearers ever to keep a high standard before them. By precept and example, they must hold their perfect standard high above Satan's false standard, which, if followed, will lead to misery, degradation, disease, and death for both body and soul. Let those who have obtained a knowledge of how to eat and drink and dress so as to preserve health impart this knowledge to others. Let the poor have the gospel of health preached unto them from a practical point of view, that they may know how to care properly for the body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit.” (*The Health Food Ministry*, pg.37).

### Government Protocols

Effective Monday, July 26th, 2021:

- (a) church meetings must be limited to one (1) hour;
- (b) church gatherings must be limited to 33% of the occupancy capacity of the facility;
- (c) indoor funeral or cremation services are prohibited;
- (d) funeral or cremation services are only permitted outdoors;
- (e) funeral or burial services are permitted only at the graveside;
- (f) funeral, burial, or cremation services are limited to 30 persons, excluding the officiant and funeral workers;
- (g) repasts are not permitted;
- (h) cremation services are permitted outdoors and are limited to one (1) hour.

### Additional Protocols

- (a) all churches must keep a register of all persons attending all in-person services or meetings. This register must be retained for a period of at least six (6) weeks.
- (b) all churches must conduct temperature checks of all persons entering church buildings.
- (c) masks must be worn by persons entering church buildings at all times;
- (d) hand sanitizer dispensers must be placed at all entrances and persons entering must be required to use them before they are seated;
- (e) hand sanitizer and soap dispensers must be filled at all times;
- (f) a distance of at least 6 feet must be maintained between all seated persons;
- (g) microphones, podiums, and lecterns, must be sanitized after each person has used them.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 AUGUST

- 14 Children & Adolescent Ministries Day (churches)
- 13-15 AY Bible Connection Finals #ABC
- 21 Adventurer Bible Connection Finals #PBC  
Adventist Education Day
- 22 C.H.A.M Virtual Training Summit – *K.I.D.S. 101*
- 27-29 Back2School Revival (Joint AY)
- 28 Pathfinder Bible Connection Finals #PBC  
Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day  
Abuse Prevention Day (Enditnow Day)  
Lay Preachers Exchange and Lay Evangelism Emphasis Day

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Evangelistic Campaigns by Children
- 3-5 ALERT (Advanced Leadership Evangelism and Retention Training)
- 4 IWILLGO: “Community School Principal” Local Church  
God Covers Me (WM & CHAM)
- 5 Prayer Meeting (Joint)  
SBC Music Committee Meeting
- 11 Youth Mission Congress #YMC (Family Island)  
Stewardship Day
- 13-17 Pathfinder Week Scarf Challenge Day
- 14 Fathers Take Your Children to School
- 18 World Pathfinder Day #WPD (AM: Local Church)
- 18 Pathfinder Day March (PM: Joint)
- 25 Biblical Symposium & Spirit of Prophecy
- 30 Executive Prayer Meeting
- TBA SBC Youth Choir Re-launch
- TBA Praise & Worship Workshop (proposed)



### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

#### REVISED NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Constituency Meeting of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on August 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, New Providence, The Bahamas.

The Special Constituency Meeting is called to:

1. Vote on one of three proposals in relation to the former Bahamas Academy site.
2. Vote on constitution amendments with respect to online participation in constituency meetings as recommended by the General Conference.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at the constituency meeting.

Registration for all delegates will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church located on #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway.  
-Office of the Secretariat.

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### HAPPENING THIS WEEK STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS PROGRAM

The Inter American Division will be hosting a Stewardship Congress on Sabbath August 14, 2021. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. and the theme is "God will Provide". All members are encouraged to participate in this Congress and receive spiritual encouragement and affirmation of your faith. You can tune in via the Inter-American Division's Facebook and YouTube sites as well as through our local Conference's media platforms. May you be blessed as you share in this experience.  
- Elder Anthony Burrows, Stewardship Director.

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### BAHAMAS ACADEMY REGISTRATION FOR ENTRANCE INTO EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Bahamas Academy's Early Learning Centre has relocated to Marshall Road. Registration is in progress for children ages 3-5 years old.

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**Bahamas Academy's Summer Office Hours** - 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. from Monday-Friday.  
-Mrs. Juliette Sands, Principal, Bahamas Academy.

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### BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 6:30p.m. via Zoom.  
Meeting ID: 915 5872 2673  
Passcode: 592256  
-Pastor Lynden Williams, Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator.

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### CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT K.I.D.S. 101 – KINGDOM INSTRUCTIONS & DEVELOPMENTAL SERIES For Ages 6-15years.

A virtual training summit will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021. Two sessions will be held beginning at 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. & 3:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

**Session One - Presentations**  
10:10 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.  
Topic: 'Kids & Finances' by Michael Toote Jr.  
  
10:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.  
Topic: 'Kids Inspired – Delivering Sermons' by T. Basil Sturupp.

**Session Two - Presentations**  
3:10 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.  
Topic: 'What Can Music Be For You?' by Joshua Stewart.

3:40 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.  
Topic: "The Artist Within" by Richardo Barrett.

Each presentation will be followed by practical interaction and a question & answer period; and all sessions are available to children between the ages 6-15years.

Parents are required to register their children. This free online registration form can be accessed through WhatsApp or messaging from the church's C.H.A.M leader or by logging onto our Conference website.  
--Mrs. Lavern A. Sturupp, Children & Adolescent Ministries Director.

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### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT Devotional Project Update

All submissions have been accepted and are now being edited. Submissions of more than four (4) from an individual will be subject to inclusion by the Women's Ministries Editorial Team.

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### Upcoming Events EndItNow

*BRINGING PEACE HOME:*  
Addressing Youth Violence at the Roots  
August 28, 2021.

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**"God Covers Me"**  
A joint initiative by Women's Ministries and Children & Adolescent Ministries  
September 1, 2021.

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**Remember to Pause & Pray with us  
virtually each Wednesday at noon.**

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### DONATION REQUEST Used, But In

Good Condition Devotionals  
Kindly donate to your local Women's Ministries Leader for distribution during our community outreach projects this year. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at [SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs](mailto:SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org.bs) -- Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.

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### SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT: RE: SUMMER SURGE GUIDELINES

Due to the current summer surge in country, the following guidelines adapted from meetings with the Ministry of Youth are recommended for Club Meetings and AY Services:

**CLUB MEETINGS: ALL** Club face-to-face activities are suspended until further notice.  
Only **VIRTUAL** club activities are permitted!

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**AY SERVICES:** AYS are to be held **VIRTUALLY ONLY**. Additional digital resources will be made available to AY Leaders. Stay tune for our virtual **Youth Forum Series!** Below are a few resources:  
<https://www.waymaker.tv/browse>

<https://www.hopetv.org/shows/inverse>

<https://sabbathprograms.com/adventist-youth-ay>

<https://www.ks-ne.org/ministries/youth-ministries>

**BAND REHEARSALS:** In-person band practices are suspended until further notice.

We are source testing  
<https://jamkazam.com/> app for online practices.

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**SPORTS:** Adventist Track & Field Championship and Basketball League 2021 are suspended until further notice. A *Christmas Sports tournament* is being planned providing conditions improve.

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**SBC BIBLE CONNECTION:** SBCBC Finals 2021 for Adventurers, Pathfinders and Adventist Youth will be held virtually via [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and [www.kahoot.com](http://www.kahoot.com) on August 7, 14 and 21.

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**PATHFINDER WEEK AND PATHFINDER DAY 2021:** will take on a **HYBRID** model. Resources will be sent using [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com) to Pathfinder Directors to assist with advance planning.

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### WHAT WE BELIEVE: BELIEF 18: THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy. This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Her writings speak with prophetic authority and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church. They also make clear that the Bible is the standard by which all teaching and experience must be tested.

**REFERENCES:**  
Num. 12:6; 2 Chron. 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:14-21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 12:17; 19:10; 22:8, 9.

*For more information, visit:*  
<https://www.adventist.org/gift-of-prophecy/>

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