



Think Differently. Think Possibility - Possibility Ministries Day



Great promises in the Bible are often found in names. When God changed a person's name, it was usually to establish a new identity. With the new identity came a new or expanded purpose. This was true for Jacob (Gen. 32:28), Abraham (Gen. 17:5), Sarah (Gen. 17:15), and Paul (Acts 13:9). Today baptism gives each person a new identity and purpose when they are baptized in "the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

In 2015 the General Conference Disability Ministries was changed to Special Needs Ministries (SNM) because some were sensitive to being called disabled. Then in 2019, in recognition of an expanded and refocused ministry, SNM became Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM). What Is in the Name?

The new name purposely focuses on the person's potential rather than what they cannot do or do not have. A statement by Ellen White offers another way of thinking about this ministry. "I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church." She does not stop there, however. She then continues to explain that the purpose of this was "to prove His people and develop their true character." Jesus saw more than a disability. He could see what they could become and why the Christian movement would benefit from them. In many ways, our ministry "with" individuals who have special needs provides greater opportunities to deepen

our understanding of the nature of God's kingdom.

The new name, Adventist Possibility Ministries, while not denying the reality of disabilities, opens the door to exploring the possibilities and strengths that these individuals bring to God's mission. A fundamental principle is the belief that "all are gifted, needed, and treasured!"

Invest in people. People stay where they feel valued. For Jesus, the person mattered first regardless of scheduling issues, prevailing societal stigmas, or inconvenient requests.

Visualize a new future. All too often we are ready to write the "conclusion" to someone's life when God is ready to add new chapters. Seeing beyond where the person is at the moment is a cherished leadership gift of the Holy Spirit.

Respect. Words and actions of affirmation are long-lasting.

Socialize. While general socializing can be helpful, Jesus mingled "as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. People with disabilities often feel isolated. Invitations to dinner or a drive to a special place can make a huge difference. Unless there is a sense of belonging, membership seldom holds those with disabilities in church fellowship.

Provide opportunities. Possibility leaders provide challenging opportunities. Jesus did this when He said simply, "Rise, take up your bed and walk" (John 5:8), and later said to take up your "cross and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24). Giving challenging opportunities encourages them to stretch and develop the potential God has given them.

Be an example. Nothing speaks as much to others as the leader being seen showing genuine care.

Everyone wants their life to matter. No one is insignificant, though many feel they are.

Possibility thinking seeks to bring a unique meaning and purpose to individuals who have felt hopeless for far too long. It is an extension of the ministry of Jesus.

*Adapted article by Larry R. Evans
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 13-19 Evangelistic Literature Concentration Week
- 13-20 Family in Mission Evangelism Week
- 17-22 Adventist Education Week
- 19-21 Possibility Ministries Festival
- 20 Colporteurs Day
- 20 Possibility Ministries Day
- 20 Men's Power Hour (MPH)
- 21 Men's Health Focus
- 24 Administrative Assistants Day
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26-27 Children's Workshop and Concert
- 29 Children's Workshop and Concert
- 27 Baptismal Day/Day of Compassion
- 27 CHAM Leadership Training
- 27 Full Circle
- 29 Hymn Fest
- 30 Children and Adolescent Ministries Emphasis (Green/Hope Day)



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024

APRIL

- Mar 31-Apr 6 "All the Family in Mission" Baptism Day
- 7-13 The Men of Our Church and Nation
- 14-20 The Great Controversy Distribution Project
- 21- 27 New Believers



BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class this Sunday, April 21st, 2024. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs.



2024 CRUSADE

The second evangelistic series of the South Bahamas Conference will conclude on

April 27th, under the theme, Jesus is the Answer. Thursday and Saturday nights are off. The speaker is Pastor Steven Gates of the Southeastern Conference in Florida.



CRUSADE STREAMING

The Sabbath Service will be broadcast to the YouTube site of churches in our conference.



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for the joint Crusade Choir will be held at 5:00 pm at the New Providence Church. All are asked to be present.

-Annette Dorsett, SBC Music Coordinator



SBC CHAM CHOIR

There will be no children's choir practice until further notice.



SOBCRA

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Please contact SOBCRA officers for venue information. All members and those wishing to become members are asked to be present.

-Rowena Smith, President



NORTH CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY NCU Alumni and Friends

You are invited to join us for the Northern Caribbean University International Development Foundation (NCUIDF) Inaugural Impact Celebration, April 28, 2024. This landmark event will be held at

the Atrium (Sligo Church) Washington Adventist University campus and streamed live to the Atlantic Caribbean Union conference room in Nassau, Bahamas. The event will begin with a reception at five o'clock in the afternoon followed by a Celebration at six o'clock.

From its inception in 1907, Northern Caribbean University (NCU) provided opportunities for students with ability but little or no resources to access tertiary education. Thousands of people from the Caribbean, North, Central, and South America, Africa, and the United Kingdom have acquired an education at NCU and have gone to serve around the world.

To sustain its mission, NCU needs a pool of funds to bolster robust information technology, replace aging infrastructure with state-of-the-art climate-friendly labs, modern residence halls, and other upscale facilities, and retain and hire expert faculty.

NCUIDF is a 501 (c) (3) organization, established as NCU's major fundraising arm, working on its behalf to support the needs of students. Please partner with us in this project by purchasing a dinner ticket for \$100.00 or donating \$100.00 or more. Please call Pastor Manasseh Simms (809-5082) or Dr. John Carey (557-2037) for instructions regarding payment.

*Leadership Team
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ASI CONVENTION 2024

The Inter-American Division's ASI convention will be held at the Riu Plaza in Panama with guest speaker Pastor Debleaire Snell from Oakwood University from August 14-17. All persons interested in going are asked to call 556 0492 or email the Bahamas ASI Chapter at asibahamas242@gmail.com

UBUNTU CHOIR OF BURMAN UNIVERSITY

In celebrating 5 years of music making, The Ubuntu choir of Burman University will be traveling to The Bahamas this spring. There will be a special pre-Mother's Day concert at the Hillview Adventist Church on May 11th, 2024, beginning at 7 pm. The concert admission is free, but persons are encouraged to bring a generous donation.



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SUNSETS NEXT SABBATH
Saturday, April 27, 2024
@ 7:38 p.m.
Have a Happy Sabbath!