



Northern Caribbean University Announces Appointment of New President



The Board of Governors of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) has announced the appointment of Balvin B. Braham, Ed.D., as the institution's next president, effective Sept. 1, 2026. Dr. Braham brings more than three decades of leadership in higher education, organizational management, and faith-based administration. An experienced executive, educator, pastor, and author, he has built a distinguished record in strategic leadership, institutional development, governance, fundraising, and executive leadership development throughout the Seventh-day Adventist Church across the Inter-American Division (IAD) and beyond.

Balvin B. Braham, currently vice president of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, has been appointed president of Northern Caribbean University. He will assume his new role on Sept. 1, 2026. An alumnus of NCU, Dr. Braham earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Argosy University, a Master of Arts in Religion from Andrews University (AU), and both a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a Diploma in Education from NCU.

Dr. Braham currently serves as a vice president of the IAD, a role he has held since 2022. Since joining the IAD in 2005, he has served as assistant to the IAD president, field secretary, human resources director, and associate youth ministries director, among other key positions. Before his service stint at the IAD, Braham served as president of the West Jamaica Conference, union youth ministries director, conference departmental director, local church pastor, and school principal. Likewise, he helped coordinate the beginnings of the NCU's Western Regional Campus in Montego Bay. Braham has also served as an adjunct lecturer at NCU, AU, and the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary.

His extensive leadership experience includes service on numerous governing boards, including those of educational and healthcare institutions. He was also member of the Inter-American Division Boards of Education and Ministerial and Theological Education, in charge of setting standards in those areas. Throughout his career, Braham has championed strategic planning, organizational governance, and human resource management. At the same time, he has encouraged fundraising initiatives, public-private partnerships, better crisis management practices, and institutional excellence.

Braham has published works on leadership and evangelism and has helped develop leaders throughout the global Adventist Church.

In welcoming Dr. Braham to his new role, Pastor Glen O. Samuels, chairman of the NCU Board of Governors, expressed confidence that Braham's "visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to Christian education, and passion for student success" will guide NCU "into a new era of growth, innovation, and regional impact."

Dr. Braham succeeds Professor Lincoln Edwards, who concluded his tenure as president in May. Northern Caribbean University is a 119-year-old liberal arts institution of higher learning in Jamaica owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church with an enrollment of under 4000 students.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 2026

- 1 Community Literature Distribution (All Churches)
- 1-21 Summer Students Literature Evangelist Program
- 2 Continuation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 2 SBC Youth Sports Day
- 8 AY Bible Connection Finals
- 9 Lay Pulpit Exchange/Graduation of Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 12-15 IAD-ASI Convention
- 15 Men's Rally
- 15 Adventist Education Emphasis Day
- 15 Speech Competition (Bahamas Academy)
- 15 Youth Discipleship Sabbath
- 16 Community Service Back-to-School Giveaway
- 16 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
- 16-22 SBC Lay Campaign
- 20 School Board Meeting
- 22 Youth Day of Fellowship (local church)
- 22 Lay Evangelism Day
- 22 End It Now Emphasis Day
- 23 Back-to-School Boot Camp for Educators
- 29 Youth Leadership Debrief and Reset (local - internal)
- 30 Back-to-School Program
- 30 Children's Health Expo
- 31 Bahamas Academy reopens
- Men's Mission Project to be determined
- Men's Back to School initiative (to be determined)



PUSH ATCU INITIATIVE 2026

- 26-Aug 1 Improved Social and Economic Conditions
- 2-8 Global Digital Evangelism
- 9-15 Northern Caribbean University
- 16-22 EndItNow Weekend
- 23-29 Government and People of the Turks and Caicos Islands
- 30-Sept 5 Lay Evangelism



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume the second Monday in August. For further information, contact Pastor Lynden Williams at lwilliams@sbcadventist.org.bs



BAHAMAS ACADEMY

Bahamas Academy is a Sunday test center for the SAT examination. The next sitting of the SAT examination is August 23, 2026, the registration deadline is August 11, 2026. If you are interested in sitting this examination at Bahamas Academy please contact Mr. D. Calvin (dcalvin@bahamasacademy.org) or Mrs. T. Dixon (tdixon@bahamasacademy.org).



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Atlantic Caribbean Union Women's Ministries Department is calling all women to be a part of their 2027 Devotional Book. Interested individuals are asked to email their stories and testimonies to 2027Devotional@atcunion.org on or before August 31, 2026.



BETHEL CHURCH

All are invited to Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church evangelistic campaign entitled "Voice of Youth" under the theme: "Jesus, Our Only Hope." The campaign will run until August 16, 2026.



BEREA CHURCH VBS

Saddle up for VBS Cactusville at Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church! All children ages 4 to 15 are invited to join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School from August 10th through August 15th. The program runs daily from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.



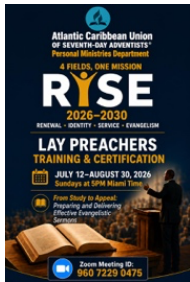
JOHNSON PARK CHURCH

Join the Johnson Park CHAM department for an exciting week of fun, faith, friends, and unforgettable adventures. Cactusville, Vacation Bible School will be held August 3 through 7, 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. All children ages 3 to 15 are invited to attend.



PERSONAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Personal Ministries Department of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists invites all members to participate in the Lay Preachers Training and Certification series, themed "4 Fields, One Mission: RISE 2026-2030." This online training program, which began July 12, will continue every Sunday at 5:00 pm until August 30, 2026.



YOUTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

Speech Competition

The South Bahamas Conference Youth Ministries Department invites youth across the conference to participate in "Voices Unlocked: Speaking Faith, Courage, and Mission," a youth showcase and speech competition scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Grant's Town Seventh-day Adventist Church. Participants will compete across three age groups: Adventurers ages five to nine will speak on "My Favorite Bible Hero," Pathfinders ages ten to fifteen will share "What Daniel Teaches Youth Today," and Adventist Youth ages sixteen to thirty will present on "Mission Beyond the Walls of the Church."



Youth Sports Day

The annual Sports Day, originally scheduled for August 2, 2026, has been postponed. A new date for the event will be announced soon, so stay tuned for updates!



ENDITNOW CAMPAIGN

End It Now Emphasis Day will be held globally on August 22, 2026. The year's theme is Moved with Compassion. Let us learn how we can be more compassionate, more proactive, more helpful, and more like Jesus. For additional information, contact your local church's women's ministry leader.



ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

ASI Bahamas is inviting all to the 2026 Inter-American Division's ASI Convention in Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic, August 12-19, 2026. For more information call 556-0492 or 428-4251.



NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH 50TH Anniversary

Join the New Providence Church as its members celebrate a monumental milestone: the church's 50th anniversary, under the theme, 'Celebrating God's Faithfulness: We Press On.' The week of celebration kicks off Wednesday, September 9th through Sunday, September 13th, 2026, with a lineup of dynamic guest speakers throughout the week, including Pastor Waldo Casildo Bennett, Dr. Roger Moncur, Dr. Peter Joseph and Dr. Leonard Johnson!

Cultural Festival

The New Providence Seventh-Day Adventist Church warmly invites you, your family, and your friends to our 50th Anniversary Cultural Festival on Sunday, August 30, 2026, starting at 12:00 pm. Come celebrate 50 years of faith, fellowship, and Caribbean heritage! The festival will feature the rich flavors and vibrant cultures of The Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Guyana, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, and surrounding islands.

Summer Basketball Tournament

Get Ready for Game Time! Join us on the New Providence Church grounds for an exciting series of events running from August 8 to August 29, 2026, starting each evening at 8:30 pm. Come out to cheer

on and support our participating teams: Community, Grant's Town, Maranatha, and New Providence.



BAHAMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND

Alumni Weekend will be held from October 30 to November 1, 2026. Come and enjoy a weekend of memories, Bahamas Academy style!



SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Sabbath School Department is excited to present Friendship Sabbath on September 26, 2026. This special day is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to Sabbath School as we come together to share Jesus. Mark your calendars, invite someone close to you, and join us to experience the love of Christ together!



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH

Saturday, August 08, 2026

@ 7:50 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath