



Commissioned for Mission



Jesus' profound statement to "make disciples of all nations" in Matthew 28:19-20 should resonate with all of us as Seventh-day Adventists. I want to look at this imperative and why we are **Commissioned for Mission**. Finally, I want us to consider the transformative power of disciple-making and the global scope of this calling.

1. The Great Commission: Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, often called the Great Commission, is a pivotal directive for Seventh-day Adventists. It serves as a rallying cry to actively engage in God's mission, cooperating with Him to reconcile humanity to Himself. To fulfill this mandate, you and I are called to be disciples to share the gospel message and to make disciples who will become followers of Jesus Christ.

2. Spreading the Life-Changing Gospel: The heart of the Great Commission lies in sharing the life-changing power of the gospel. Through this imperative, we are responsible for communicating the good news of salvation and the transformative love of Jesus Christ. By proclaiming His message, we allow others to encounter forgiveness, healing, and restoration found in a relationship with Him.

3. Experiencing the Joy of Transformation: As Seventh-day Adventists, we are "Commissioned for Mission" because of disciple-making's

profound impact. Making disciples allows us to witness the life-transforming work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of others. As we participate in the process of guiding individuals towards Christlikeness, we experience the joy of seeing people grow in their faith, develop spiritual maturity, and impact others in turn.

4. Encountering God's Heart for All Nations: The imperative to make disciples of all nations reflects God's heart for humanity. We are called to embrace a global perspective, recognizing that God desires to reach people from every culture, nation, and background. Through cross-cultural missions, believers actively participate in God's redemptive plan to reconcile people of all nations to Himself.

5. Leaving a Legacy of God's Kingdom: Those "Commissioned for Mission" extend themselves beyond personal salvation. It encompasses the larger vision of building God's Kingdom on earth. As we make disciples, through the leading and power of the Holy Spirit, we contribute to the growth and expansion of the Kingdom, leaving a legacy of transformed lives and communities. This legacy extends through generations, impacting individuals, families, societies, and cultures.

The imperative of making disciples of all nations is a powerful call to action that resonates with us as Seventh-day Adventists.

By embracing this "Commissioned for Mission", theme we as Seventh-day Adventists have the privilege of participating in God's redemptive work, spreading the life-changing gospel, and leaving a legacy of transformed lives and communities.

*-Pastor Leonardo Rahming
South Bahamas Conference Executive Secretary*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY

- 10-20 Ten Days of Prayer
- 20 Men's Power Hour
- 12-14 Family Life Weekend
- 13 Launch of the Lay Certification Evangelism Training
- 13 IAD Launch of the Women's Ministries "Rescuing Values" Program
- 13 IAD Launch of the "Love Olympics" Program
- 13 Health Ministries Emphasis Day
- 15-18 Evangelism and Discipleship Conclave
- 20 Religious Liberty Day
- 19-21 Nassau Convention
- 27 IAD Youth Society – Online
- 27 Baptismal Day/Day of Compassion
- 26-28 Family Island Convention
- 27 Launch of "I WILL GO" Mentoring
- 28 SBC and AHPA Prayer Breakfast



ATCU PUSH INITIATIVE 2024 JANUARY

- Jan 7-13 Family in Mission
- Jan 14-20 Success for the Ten Days of Prayer
- Jan 21-27 Elected Church Officers for 2024
- Jan 28-Feb 3 Commitment to Soul-winning



BIBLE CLASS

Bible Class will resume on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. The topic will be: Understanding Difficult Text Part Two. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: lwiliams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



SoBCRA ANNOUNCEMENT

The South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association will be holding its first meeting for the new year on Thursday, January 25th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The venue is the Philadelphia SDA Church in Elizabeth Estates. All members and those wishing to become members are asked to be present. Members are also encouraged to meet their financial obligations to the association at this event.

Rowena Smith, President



2024 CONVENTION

Convention for the South Bahamas Conference continues Sabbath, January 20, 2024, at 9:15 am at the William Thompson Auditorium under the theme: Commissioned for Mission. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Steven Gates, of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Convention continues Sabbath afternoon at 4:00 pm- 5:30 pm. The convention will conclude on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 9 am at the Hillview church.

On Sabbath January 20th, 2024, the Children and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Department will host the CHAM Convention at the Living Faith Church.

All individuals who attended the Evangelism and Discipleship training with Dr. Peter Roennfeldt are asked to be present during the Convention's sabbath afternoon service for a special presentation.

We are delighted to have representatives of the Northern Caribbean University with us during this convention.

The Family Island Winter Conventions will be held on January 26-28, 2024.



TREASURY TRAINING

There will be a training on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom for all SBC Treasurers. The training will cover Ecclesia7, Financial Reporting, and Control Policies. Please use Zoom Meeting ID: 954 2228 2479 and Passcode: 610953.

*Elder Okell Damastus,
Chief Financial Officer*

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

A special law enforcement and public officers' service will be held at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, February 10th at 11 a.m. All serving and retired law enforcement officers, civil servants, and other public officers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are asked to attend.



2024 CRUSADES

The South Bahamas Conference will be hosting two Spring Evangelistic Series for 2024. The Creole-speaking crusade will be held from February 18th – March 16th 2024. The English-speaking crusade will begin March 31st – April 27th, 2024.



GOSPEL MEDICAL MISSIONARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ASI, AHPA, & Health Ministries

Join us for the Gospel Medical Missionary Certification Program presented by "LIGHT" from Wildwood Institute. This program is sponsored by Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASi), Adventist Health Professionals Association, and Health Ministries Department. The program will be held at the New Englerston Church. The training begins on March 3rd, 2024, and runs through March 30th. Classes will be held on weekdays from 6 pm – 9 pm and on Sundays from 10 am – 5 pm.

Our comprehensive curriculum covers lifestyle principles, common diseases, meal planning, cooking classes, hydrotherapy, and health evangelism. The cost of the program is \$125.00, with an early bird rate of \$100.00 available until February 9th, 2024.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills in a supportive environment.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Convention

As there will be no youth convention, all youth and young adults are asked to worship at the William Thompson Auditorium on Jean Street on Sabbath, January 20th, 2024.

ACLASS Training Report

The Youth and young adults from across the South Bahamas Conference gathered at Living Faith SDA Church for the 6th Annual ACLASS (Adventist Certification & Leadership Assessment). The ACLASS took place on Friday and Sabbath, January 12 and 13, 2024. The leaders participated in seminars on Youth Culture, Needs, and Desires by presenters Chanté Deal, Bradley McPhee Jr., Noelicia, and Jerard Ferguson. The theme for the weekend was: Against Culture!

The youth were challenged to go against the culture of secularism affecting families, marriages, and relationships in 2024. The climax of the ACLASS was a group therapy session with guest Harrison Thompson. Mr. Harrison answered questions submitted by youth anonymously on Singleness and Dating, therapy and trauma, sex and marriage, and parental relationships. He challenged youth to be forgiving and respond differently to their traumas with the knowledge available to them today to live against culture.



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SUNSETS

Saturday, January 27, 2024

@ 5:50 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!