



## WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH?



Is it the pastor? Church leaders? Church members?

These people all play a vital role in the church and the life of the church's ministry. Their leadership is needed and useful.

But the ultimate authority of the church is Jesus Christ, who is the cornerstone of the church.

*"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11, ESV)*

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22, ESV).*

In the New Testament, Jesus established the church. The apostles were given a place of leadership and authority.

*"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11, 12, ESV).*

Jesus is the foundation of the church. Any church not built on the Lord, and following His Word, is not Christ's church. Furthermore, any church or building not established by the Lord is built in vain. The people's labor is for nothing.

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalm 127:1, ESV).*

However, God wants to teach us about loving leadership as well. That's why He sends the Holy Spirit to us, who gives us spiritual

gifts we can use for the building up of His Church.

The early church recognized the need for this leadership among their community to further the gospel commission. Prayerfully, they made the decision to delegate various ministry jobs to members of the church with such gifts (Acts 6:1-6).

The early church grew and so did its organization. But the authority of the church and church leaders always remained in Jesus Christ.

*"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world" (James 1:27, ESV).*

### THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST.

The church as a community of believers is described as the body of Christ. This beautiful metaphor illustrates the diversity of Jesus' worldwide community of followers. It also shows how each member of the church is important.

Each Christian has a role to play in God's work. Everyone has been given unique talents and special gifts they can use in their own ministry.

If the church is the body of Christ, we see that Jesus is the head and each believer is a different member of the body.

*"And he is the head of the body, the church..." (Colossians 1:18, ESV).*

*"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ... Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually" (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27, NKJV).*

*"From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:16, ESV).*

*"For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body" (1 Corinthians 12:14, 15, ESV).*

Just as the body needs each organ to survive, each part of the Body of Christ is essential as well. This is to illustrate that every person, no matter their gifts or talents, is valuable and has a purpose in the Church.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

- Week of Prayer
- 5-12 Diabetes Awareness Week
- 13-19 E-Youth Week of Prayer
- 19 International Men's Day (IMD)
- 19 Children's Day (Divine Services)
- 19 (Afternoon) Agape Praise
- 20 Music Ministries
- 26 Monthly Baptism Day
- 26 Adventist Men Day
- 27 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



### HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND Notice of the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the **Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church, #134 Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas on Sunday, November 13, 2022, and Monday, November 14, 2022.**

Online registration will commence at **10:00 a.m. via the Conference's website on Monday, October 31, 2022, and will continue until 12:00 noon on Friday, November 11, 2022.**

This session is called to:

1. Receive reports from the officers, departmental directors, and auditor.
2. Elect officers, departmental directors, and executive committee members for the next quadrennium.
3. Elect officers of the South Bahamas Conference Corporation.
4. Consider and vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
5. Transact such other business as shall be properly brought to the meeting.

All duly appointed delegates are invited to be present at this conference session.

By order,  
Leonardo D. K. Rahming, (Pastor)  
Executive Secretary.



**ADVENTIST LAYMEN'S SERVICES & INDUSTRIES | ASI & ADVENTIST HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION**

*Presents its Health Fair*  
November 20, 2022

At Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road.  
9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m

This is a FREE community event, designed to promote & encourage healthy lifestyle.

**Services offered:**

- Dental services
- Eye services
- Blood glucose testing
- Blood pressure testing
- Weight and BMI checks
- Health talks

*"Don't meet me there, beat me there!"*

- Mr. Kevin Sterling  
VP Communications, ASI.

**CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT MINISTRIES | C.H.A.M**

**November 19 – Annual Children's Day**  
(Individual Churches – A.M)

**Agape Praise Concert – 4:00p.m** at the Grant's Town Church.

Come join us as our children from within our Conference sing about the goodness of God. All are invited to attend.

-Mrs. Lavern Sturup, Director,  
Children & Adolescent Ministries.



**Adventist Health Professionals Association | AHPA**

Vespers Service Friday November 18, 2022  
Time: 7:30p.m

Guest Presenter: Elder Kevin Sterling  
Topic: 'Where He Leads Me I Will Go'

Zoom: ID: 6456731650

Passcode: IWILLGO

- Mrs. Justina Knowles.



**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT "The Pink Impact" Cancer Awareness Initiatives Individual Churches**

**Remember to Pause & Pray with us in your virtual space each Wednesday at noon.**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions or need additional information on any of our initiatives, kindly email us at [SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org](mailto:SBCwomensministries@sbcadventist.org).  
**bs** --Mrs. Jacqueline Gibson, Women's Ministries Director.



**PRAYER MINISTRIES**

**40 Days of Prayer for the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference**

Every member of the South Bahamas Conference is invited to participate in 40 days of prayer for the Sixth Quadrennial Session (November 13-14, 2022), as we seek to elect Conference leaders for the next 4 years. We commenced Day 1 - October 6 and will continue through to Day 40 - November 14. For the first 30 days we will have individual

persons/churches/groups praying. For the last 10 days will hold joint SBC prayer sessions via Zoom inclusive of Week of Prayer (more details to come). Let's join in United Prayer! It works! See prayer focus points for the first 10 days on the Conference website.

- Sister Joan Rahming, Prayer Ministries.



**RETIREES' ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTICE**

A general meeting of the Retirees' Association is scheduled to be held on Thursday 17, November 2022 at 11:00a.m at the Philadelphia Church, Elizabeth Estates.

At this meeting, the elections of new officers will take place. All members are encouraged to attend and to be financially current in order to participate in the voting process for the new officers. - Sis. Esther E. Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer.



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**SUNSETS**  
**Saturday November 19, 2022**  
**@5:20p.m.**

*Have a Happy Sabbath!*