



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT - "Relax, Release, Restore, Together"



The SBC Women Ministries Retreat held in San Salvador, Bahamas, from 6th - 9th October 2023, was a resounding success through the grace and mercies of God. The Retreat brought together approximately 101 women from throughout the South Bahamas Conference. Under the theme, "**Relax, Release, Restore, Together,**" this Retreat encapsulated the spirit of the event as participants came together for a weekend filled with spiritual rejuvenation, fellowship, and personal growth.

Apart from the ladies from the host island of San Salvador, women from other family islands of the Bahamas, including New Providence, Long Island, Eleuthera, North Andros, South Andros, and Grand Bahama, came together to make this Retreat a genuinely diverse and enriching experience. The unity among these women was evident throughout the weekend and fostered a sense of togetherness and sisterhood.

A highlight of the Retreat was the dynamic messages delivered by Arleen Sands, Women's Ministries Director for the Atlantic Caribbean Union. These messages inspired participants to embrace relaxation, release their burdens, and seek restoration.

The Retreat also featured a variety of exciting programs, including an Ole Time Gospel Concert for the Friday evening vesper service. Heather-Dawn Small, General Conference Women's Ministries Director led out in a Virtual Bible Art Journaling Workshop for the Sabbath afternoon service. Participants were also

engaged in an inspiring early-morning Prayer Activity, which culminated with a powerful charge by Sheena Johnson. Additionally, participants shared their Angel Stories of the Goodness of God in an "On Da Porch" Session.

These activities allowed participants to take an introspective look at their spiritual lives and helped them gain many valuable insights into their spiritual growth and self-care. The various programs throughout the Retreat were filled with lively testimonies that touched the hearts of many.

The fellowship during mealtime fostered camaraderie and provided opportunities for women to connect throughout the weekend. The fellowship extended beyond formal sessions, as attendees built lasting relationships during casual gatherings such as the island tour and beach/pool picnics.

The retreat was an enriching, rewarding, and spiritually fulfilling event. We thank God for traveling mercies, and for providing this opportunity for the women from our various Bahamian islands to unite, relax, release, and restore their spirits. An extraordinary thanks is extended to our Retreat Coordinator, Darlene Deveaux, and her dynamic team of ladies for an excellent job in making this Retreat an unforgettable experience. We are also grateful to Arleen Sands, Heather-Dawn Small, and Sheena Johnson for their inspiring presentations.

Thanks to all attendees, especially our non-Adventist visitors, who traveled to San Salvador. Special thanks are also extended to Michelle Williams and her team from the Riding Rock Resort and Marina, and the owners and staff of Hanna House, Sands Hotel, and Sugarloaf Beach Cottage for the accommodations. We praise God for our wonderful sisters from the Cockburn Town SDA church led by Elders Michelle Williams and Karen Hepburn, for their incredible hospitality during the weekend. This Retreat served as a testament to the strength and resilience of the SBC women of faith who are united in prayer, purpose, and passion.

-Sis. Carla Rodgers

South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries Director



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 20 – 22 Public Campus Ministries Weekend #PCM
- 21 Men's Power Hour (MPH)
- 25 Continuing Education Recognition and Certification Day
- 26 Executive Committee Meeting
- 28 ATCU End of "The Olympics of Love" Program
- 28 Creation Sabbath
- 28 Baptism Sabbath
- 28 Youth Rescue Project



BIBLE CLASS

The South Bahamas Conference Bible Class resumes online and at the Maranatha Church on Sunday, October 22, 2023, under the theme, Focus on Revelation. For further information contact Pastor Lynden Williams: williams@sbcadventist.org.bs or 803-9793.



INAGUA DISTRICT

Funding for the Pastors Residence in Inagua

The membership of the New Life Church is small and transitory. Therefore, to grow the work we need a stationary person there which will require a residence. Thus, we are building a Pastor's residence. Brothers and sisters, New Life Church, is seeking your assistance in the construction of this residence. Your help is desperately needed. Funds can be sent to the South Bahamas Conference by the online giving portal or to New Life Church's account at BOB # 1611350004323.

-Missionary Elder Winston Ash



HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Health Ministries Department and the Adventist Health Professionals Association will conduct a Health Screening Training (weight, height, BMI, waist circumference, foot screening, blood pressure, blood cholesterol & cholesterol assessments) and a Food Handler's Course on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 9 a.m. Persons serving on Fellowship Committees are especially invited to attend. A First Aid, AED, and CPR Course will be conducted on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 9 a.m. The venue for both events is Bahamas Academy, Marshall Road. These trainings are available to all interested persons. To register and for more information see your Health Ministries Leader or call 428-4251.

- Shandera Smith
Health Ministries Director



MUSIC MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENT:

Choir workshop with Bishop Trent Davis. Thursday, November 9 to Sabbath, November 11, 2023, at the Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- Annette Dorsett
Music Ministries Director



SBC RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Members of the South Bahamas Conference Retirees' Association are planning to travel to Eleuthera from October 27 - 30, 2023. We are collecting items for care/food packages for the elderly in Eleuthera. Items can be given to Rowena Smith and Dr. John Carey or dropped off at the conference office by October 18th. Thank you for your support.

- Rowena Smith
President



MEN'S MINISTRIES EVENTS

Calling all Men and boys to join us for the October edition of SBC Men's Ministries **Power Hour** at 6:00 AM on October 21st. Share the link and invite a friend. A blessing awaits you! Men's Power Hour is held on the third Sabbath of every month on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 936 6757 8924
Passcode: 663401

Save the date. SBC Men's Convention will be held on November 24 and 25, 2023. All men of SBC are asked to prepare themselves for this major event where we will gather and hear powerful presentations, dynamic preaching, and informative and interactive breakout equipping sessions. You don't want to miss it.

-Michael McCoy
SBC Men's Ministries Coordinator



CREATION SABBATH WEEKEND

A Faith and Science Weekend is scheduled for October 26-28, 2023, in Nassau. The weekend begins with a lecture on Thursday evening October 26th at the University of The Bahamas at 6:00 p.m. The weekend will conclude with a Creation Sabbath Celebration.

Sabbath Services' Schedule:

8 a.m.-Grant's Town S.D.A. Church

Topic: At Dawn, We Slept

9:45 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church (Sabbath School)

Topic: Real Faith vs. Blind Faith

11:00 a.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church (Divine Worship)

Topic: When the Impossible Has Been Eliminated

4:30 p.m.-Hillview S.D.A. Church

Topic: God Invented Science

The featured speaker will be Dr. Major Coleman.



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCM Weekend Announcement

Join us for an exciting Youth Weekend put on by the Public Campus Ministries (PCM) UB Chapter on October 20-21. This year, PCM is under the theme "My Circle of Influence."

Weekend Events:

Friday Evening @ 7 p.m.: A Bible Study on Zoom with Turning the Pages by Keturah and Kaitlyn Forbes under the theme "My Circle of Influence."

Zoom ID: 872 6185 3500

Passcode: ZYPe5t.

Saturday Afternoon @ 5 p.m.: AY at UB in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) with vibrant speakers Scharlee Thompson,

Chinyere Ijeoma, Nathan McPhee, and Michael Toote Jr. In addition, we will be blessed by the musical talents of numerous youths from several churches.

Saturday Night @8p.m.: SOCIAL at Grant's Town S.D.A Church. Be prepared to have Christian fun, build community, and make connections. Come and support our various Pathfinder Clubs who will be selling refreshments as they make plans to attend NAD Camporee 2024 in Gillette Wyoming.

-Maygen Daley
Social Events Officer, PCM



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SUNSETS

Saturday, October 28, 2023

@ 6:32 p.m.

Have a Happy Sabbath!