

ADVENTIST NEWS

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World Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Children's Ministries

Brief history of Children's Ministries in the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

While it is true that Children's Ministries did not become a full-fledged department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists until 1995, the organization shortly after its inception recognized the need to provide special programs, events, and materials for the spiritual growth and development of children.

In 1863, a few members started to produce lessons for children that focused mainly on Bible stories, and by the late 1800's, Sabbath school lesson guides and booklets for Primary, Kindergarten, and Cradle Roll were provided for churches.

Throughout our history as a Church, in fact, for more than 124 years persons were charged with the responsibility for leading Children's Ministry at the local church level, but it was not until the 1987 world advisory that Children's Ministries was named as a part of the Church Ministries Department.

A few years later, the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists appointed its first Leader Mrs. Mary Brennen (deceased) who laid a great foundation for all of her successors to build upon.

Children's Ministries continued to soar.

In 1995 at the 56th Session of the General Conference in Utrecht, Netherlands, the Church Ministries Department was dismantled, and Children's Ministries was voted as a full department of the World Church. One year later, at the Bahamas Conference Session, Dr Cheryl Rolle was elected to serve as the first Children's Ministries Director. Dr. Rolle was followed by Mrs. Rowena Smith, Mrs. Dianne Jones and Mrs. Joan Scavella along with Assistant CHAM Director, Mrs. Cindy Stuart. Our present Director Mrs. Lavern Sturrup carries on the mantle of the Children and Adolescent Ministries (C.H.A.M) Department for the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Our Conference will celebrate 25 years of Children and Adolescent Ministries on Sabbath November 21, 2020 at 11o'clock in a online service with guest speaker from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Dr. Linda Koh, Children and Adolescent Ministries Director. A concert, Apage Praise, will also be held at 4 o'clock on the same online platform.





Mrs. Mary Brennen (deceased) First Children's Ministries

Dr. Cheryl Rolle First C.H.A.M Director Bahamas Conference Present: CHAM Director, Atlantic Caribbean Union



Mrs. Cindy Stuart Assistant C.H.A.M Director South Bahamas Conference



Mrs. Rowena Smith Former C.H.A.M Director South Bahamas Conference



Mrs. Dianne Jones Former C.H.A.M Director South Bahamas Conference



Mrs. Joan Scavella Former C.H.A.M Director South Bahamas Conference







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North Andros Churches Lowe Sound Red Bays Company Central Andros Company

South Andros Churches Kemp's Bay Blessed Hope High Rock New Macedonia Mangrove Cay

Cat Island Churches Seaview Devil's Point

Crooked Island Church

Landrail Point **Eleuthera Churches** Bluff

Gregory Town James Cistern Rock Sound Tarpum Bay

Exuma Churches Mount Thompson Moss Town Rolleville

Long Island Churches Steven's Millerton

Inagua Church Matthew Town

Acklins Church

Lovely Bay

San Salvador Church

Cockburn Town

Everyone is invited to attend the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church this Saturday. Sabbath School (Bible Lesson Study) starts at 9:15 a.m. Divine Worship Service (with the Preaching of the Word) begins at 11:00 a.m. Adventist Youth Hour (one hour before the sunsets on Saturdays). For the church listing, call our Conference Headquarters on Tonique Williams Darling HWY. at (242) 341-4021, or visit the website www.southbahamasconference.org.