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Greetings, New York Conference family! I pray that the new year finds you well and blessed.

*The following is a conference update:*

## **Pentecost 2025 follow up**

Last year was a banner year for our Division, Union and our Conference as we had more churches and members engaged in evangelism than previously. Forty seven of our 69 churches engaged in evangelistic efforts and it resulted in more decisions made for eternity. On average we see 180-200 baptisms and transfers into our conference per year. The last two years we have been seeing decisions for Jesus in the range of 300 or more. It's not about numbers, it's about people. However, the increase in additions to the conference family tell us that the Spirit is still moving on hearts, and also that time is short. This year we are looking to continue pushing ourselves to do more in the area of active soul winning. Here are several examples of this.

**Camp Meeting** - The weeknights of Camp Meeting and the last weekend will be promoted throughout the Union Springs and Auburn, NY area as an evangelistic meeting. We will have a speaker from Amazing Facts that will be presenting and we want to encourage all of you to bring a friend for the week. We ask all of our church boards to consider sponsoring at least one non-baptized person from your church/ community to come to camp meeting for the series. It will be one of the best investments you will ever make.

**Try Jesus New York Podcast** - Try Jesus Auburn is a podcast that was started two years ago with the intent to create an authentic, conversation based podcast discussing local community events and news through the lens of a biblical worldview. The podcast was marketed directly to the local town residents of Auburn, NY through YouTube and other social media platforms. The intent was to present the local pastor as a local 'influencer' and to share Adventist, Bible truth through the means of conversation instead of preaching. We have seen some good results and are now ready to expand the podcast. Beginning February 1st, we will be changing over the podcast to 'Try Jesus New York'. Our podcast will grow to four pastors using a similar format. The cities that we will be promoting the podcast/pastor in will be Auburn, Buffalo, Elmira and Syracuse. We ask for your help by subscribing to the podcast and becoming a 'Digital Missionary' by sharing the link to our episodes on your own email/ social media channels. The cast of pastors will rotate to include other pastors as we get rolling. Please share this information with everyone you know.

**Capital District Evangelism Effort** - In October of this year, we will be having a series of meetings in the capital district with several of our churches having simultaneous programs running. We will have a closing meeting in mid-October in

which our Atlantic Union President, Dr. Abraham Jules, will be speaking. This meeting will be streamed and translated into ten different languages. This series is a direct result of financial support from the Atlantic Union. Our leaders at the Atlantic Union have made the support and funding of evangelism in all of our conferences a top priority. And I'd like to thank the Union administration for their support of our conference.

**Evangelism Certificate Program** - The Atlantic Union is running a certification program for those looking to learn how to be more effective at evangelism. If you can dedicate **two hours every Sunday morning in the month of February**, you could experience some great training from some of the most successful soul winners in our church. Take a look at the flyer and **use the QR code, shown in the yellow circle, to register as this is the only way for you to get enrolled and invited to the training.** Once again, thanks to the Atlantic Union, Dr. Abraham Jules, Dr. David McKenzie, and Elder Tom Murray for your dedication to the cause of Christ.



The flyer is for the Atlantic Union Certification Program, specifically for the Atlantic Union Conference Virtual School of Evangelism 2026. It features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left is the Atlantic Union logo, a circular emblem with three wavy lines. To its right, the title 'ATLANTIC UNION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM' is in white, followed by 'ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM 2026' in yellow. Below this, a tagline reads 'EVERY CONFERENCE. EVERY CHURCH. EVERY MEMBER. ALL HANDS ON DISCIPLESHIP. ALL HEARTS ON EVANGELISM.' On the right side, there are two small logos: 'MISSION & EVANGELISM' and 'ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE UNITED WE WILL GO'. A row of eight headshots of speakers is displayed in the middle, with their names listed below: Dr. Clifford Jones, Dr. Carlton Byrd, Dr. Hyveth Williams, Pr. John Bradshaw, Dr. Daniel Ebenezer, Pr. R.J. Gamboa, Dr. Jose Cortez Jr., and Dr. Marquis Johns. Below the headshots, the text 'FEATURED PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:' is followed by a list of topics: 'From Clicks to Converts: Winning Souls in the Digital Age', 'Preach to Reach: Crafting Sermons That Transform Lives', 'Church Growth & Revitalization: Breaking the Plateau', 'Church Without Walls: How Community Ministry Opens Doors for the Gospel', 'Evangelism in the Secular & Post-Christian World', and 'One Church, Many Cultures: Reaching the Nations in Your Neighborhood', with 'AND MUCH MORE' at the end. A yellow circle highlights a QR code on the left, with a yellow arrow pointing to it from the right. To the right of the QR code, the text 'REGISTER HERE' is written in white, followed by 'SCAN OR VISIT' and 'TO REGISTER'. Below this, the website URL 'HTTPS://WWW.AUCEVANGELISM.ORG/EVENT-DETAILS/AUC-VIRTUAL-SCHOOL-OF-EVANGELISM-2026' is provided. To the right of the QR code, the text 'TRAINING DATES: FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15 & 22' is displayed in white, followed by 'TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00 NOON (EST)'. On the far right, the Zoom logo is shown with the word 'WEBINAR' below it. At the bottom, a row of eight headshots of speakers is displayed, with their names listed below: Dr. Clifford Jones, Dr. Carlton Byrd, Dr. Hyveth Williams, Pr. John Bradshaw, Dr. Daniel Ebenezer, Pr. R.J. Gamboa, Dr. Jose Cortez Jr., and Dr. Marquis Johns.

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## Safety & Security

My friends we live in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile. At the time of this writing, it was reported that a church was the scene of a protest in Minnesota. Protesters were disrupting, screaming, yelling... there were children, elderly people there... there are some who are concerned about these types of things spreading.

Please be aware of the following:

### ***New York Penal law 240.12***

#### ***S 240.21 Disruption, or disturbance of religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service.***

*A person is guilty of disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service when he or she makes unreasonable noise or disturbance while at a lawfully assembled religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service, or within three hundred feet thereof, with intent to cause annoyance or alarm or recklessly creating a risk thereof.*

#### ***Disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service is a 'Class A' misdemeanor.***

**NY Conference Zero Tolerance Policy** - This policy, which was voted by the Executive Committee states that anyone displaying disruptive or threatening behavior has to be told to leave the premises immediately.

**WE DO NOT ASK THEM TO STAY, THEY MUST LEAVE!.**

**IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY THE AUTHORITIES MUST BE CALLED.**

According to our voted policy, that individual is not allowed to return on church premises until they have a private meeting with the pastor to discuss the issue and reasons for such behavior. This policy was voted because we felt that our primary responsibility beyond sharing the gospel, is to keep our members safe. Safety is first and foremost. In today's environment problems can escalate quickly. So please make the safety of your church members and visitors a priority. And once that is done we can address any issues/concerns that people have.

Please be aware that the church is private property. Though it is open to the public we can choose what we allow on our property. Protesting, rioting, threatening or disruptive behavior is illegal according to New York law and prohibited according to our internal voted policy.

Thank you for your support of the mission and support of this administration through your prayers and work. May God continue to bless and lead us until He returns in the clouds of glory.

*New York Conference Administration*