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The week began on Global Youth Day, Sabbath, March 21, with a community outreach initiative in Glendevon. Several church departments collaborated to serve residents through practical acts of kindness. Youth distributed fruit and water, Women’s and Family Ministries provided care items including sanitary products, Children’s and Education departments shared school supplies, and Community Services prepared food packages. In total, approximately 250 items were distributed.

A children’s street meeting also formed part of the outreach, highlighting the involvement of younger members in ministry. The initiative was well received by community members and set the tone for the week’s activities.

On Sunday morning, the youth and Women’s Ministries participated in a joint prayer and fasting session, reinforcing the spiritual foundation of the week’s focus on action rooted in communion with God.

From Sunday to Friday, services were held online via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook,

allowing wider participation. Each evening explored a different aspect of the theme, including Prayer in Action, God’s Revelation in Action, Sabbath School in Action, Mission in Action, Gifts in Action, and Witness in Action.



Members prepare care packages to distribute within the community. ::
Photo credit: Contributed

Sunday’s message, presented by Ashley Brown, emphasized intentional prayer and encouraged participants to rely on God as their first response. On Monday, Oliver Lewis Jr. addressed the challenge of discerning God’s voice amid distraction and urged listeners to remain grounded in Scripture and spiritual discernment. Tuesday’s presentation by

Damalie Williams focused on Sabbath School as a setting for belonging, fellowship, and spiritual growth. On Wednesday, Attila Graham called the youth to live their faith beyond church walls and to see mission as a daily responsibility. Thursday's message by Alray Daley emphasized that each believer has been equipped by God for ministry and service. Friday's presentation by Mallory Pusey focused on Christian witness, including the importance of consistency in conduct, conversation, and digital presence.



A member from the church shares a tract with a young man in the community. :: Photo credit: Contributed

Throughout the week, online participation remained active, with viewers sharing comments, prayer requests, and reflections. Discussion segments and youth-focused features helped participants connect biblical principles to issues affecting young people.

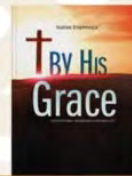
The week concluded on Sabbath, March 28, under the theme "Youth Movement in Action." The closing service, centered on 1 Timothy 4:12, called young people to be examples in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. The final sermon was delivered by Peter-Kay Malcolm, who challenged the youth to approach ministry with purpose, commitment, and visible faith in daily life. Her message emphasized the responsibility of young people to lead by example.

Reflecting on the week, Romaro Black said the experience left a lasting impression on him. "The Glendevon youths are truly an example on the global stage. I've never had this type of experience, so I know others are also blessed."

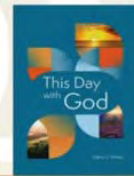
Colleen Bingham, AY leader, also expressed appreciation for the spirit of unity and service displayed throughout the week. "I must say I'm proud to be a part of this group. Let us continue to allow the Lord to lead and direct us as we continue to be His hands and feet."

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

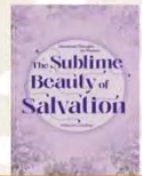
Adults



Evening



Women



Youth



Preschoolers



Children (5-9)



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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The West Jamaica Conference Master Guide Association marked a significant milestone on Sabbath April 4 with its Master Guide Investiture Service, held at Seventh Day Adventist Davis Cove. Photo credit: Contributed.



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As Pastor Earle's vehicle crunched along the rough bypass one Tuesday night while traveling to an evangelistic series, a dog suddenly darted toward his car. Instead of the typical territorial barking expected on a rural road, the animal began to act as a guide.

"Each time the vehicle slowed down while traversing the rough road, the dog waited and then ran ahead as if guiding me," Pastor Earle expressed.

Intrigued and slightly bewildered, he followed the canine navigator. The animal didn't stop until the vehicle was safely back on the direct road leading to the evangelistic tent. The following day, prompted by a sense of divine leading, Pastor Earle returned to the same spot. This time, the dog ignored him, but its presence drew the Pastor's eyes upward to the balcony of a nearby building. Standing there was Dale Blake.

In the conversation that followed, Pastor Earle

discovered that the "guide dog" belonged to Mr. Blake. Seizing the moment, the Pastor invited him to the ongoing evangelistic campaign. To his delight, Mr. Blake accepted.



Brother Dale Blake pictured during a time of earnest worship at the Dalton SDA Church. :: Photo credit: Contributed

Throughout the campaign, led by Evangelist Oneil Brown, Brother Blake became a familiar face in the

crowd. His focused and prayerful demeanor stood out as he absorbed the messages nightly. The turning point came during a powerful appeal when Brother Blake was the very first person to stand and respond to the call, having attended the series for only three days.

“The journey that began with a detour over a hill ended in the waters of baptism,” shared Pastor Earle. On the following Sabbath, Brother Dale Blake was officially baptized and welcomed as the newest member of the Dalton SDA Church. What many saw as a disruptive hurricane and a difficult road turned out to be a divine detour, using a four-legged friend to lead his master to Christ.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dalton | Orlean Earl
April 17, 2026



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NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

At 12, Young Evangelist Leads Others to Baptism in Dominican Republic

Two-year Initiative equips children and adolescents for evangelism across the island.

April 9, 2026 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic | Libna Stevens, Inter-American Division News



Perla Salas, age 12, speaks during her evangelistic series, "Live Without Fear," at Nueva Esperanza Seventh-day Adventist Church in Villa Isabela, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, March 14–21, 2026. [Photo: Courtesy of Dominican Union]

Twelve-year-old Perla Suribell Salas never imagined she would stand before a group of children, adolescents, and adults to share biblical messages—but in March, she did just that, leading an evangelistic small-group campaign that resulted in 12 baptisms.

"I like seeing how God uses me to bless others," Perla said simply.

Her weeklong series, titled "Live Without Fear," was held March 13–21, at her home church, Nueva Esperanza, in Villa Isabela, Puerto Plata. The initiative brought together participants of all ages, with a special emphasis on children and adolescents who had previously received Bible studies.



Perla Salas and part of the group that was baptized at the end of the evangelistic series she conducted recently. [Photo: North Dominican Conference]

Supported by her mother, Elibel Reynoso, her pastor Richard Soto, and members of her local congregation, Perla served as the primary speaker during the meetings. By the end of the campaign, 10 children and 2 adults had committed their lives through baptism.

Her accomplishment was later recognized during a special celebration organized by the North Dominican Conference, where church leaders, district pastors, and invited guests, including representatives from the General Conference and institutions across the Inter-American Division, gathered to mark the impact of the evangelistic initiative.

Perla's story stood out as one of a broader movement taking shape across the Dominican Union.

A Territory-Wide Evangelistic Initiative

The campaign was part of a union-wide evangelistic emphasis which mobilized all local fields across the Dominican Union. Each year, the union selects a territory to receive focused support, and in 2026, the North Dominican Conference served as the epicenter.

Poster announcing Perla Salas as the guest speaker at Centro Comunal Proyecto Ama on Feb. 8, 2026. [Photo: North Dominican Conference]

The initiative followed 40 days of prayer and spiritual preparation, followed by small group meetings and 63 large public campaigns across the territory.

As a result, 1,020 baptisms were recorded, and more than 900,000 people were reached through social media outreach.

President of the Inter-American Division Pastor Abner De Los Santos joined the closing event as the main speaker during a large gathering held March 20–21, where he highlighted the growing involvement of children and youth in

evangelism across the territory.

Pointing to Perla's experience, he emphasized that God is calling and using younger generations in mission. "God wants to use young people and children like her," he said, noting that willingness, not age, is what matters. As he prayed on stage of Perla, he added that when young people step forward, the work advances, affirming that God can use any child or youth committed to serving.



Perla Suribell Salas (center) with new and current members of Nueva Esperanza Seventh-day Adventist Church following her evangelistic series in March 2026. [Photo: Courtesy of Dominican Union]

Training a New Generation for Mission

Perla completed the Evangelistic Training School developed by the Dominican Union's children and adolescents ministries department.

"The program seeks to equip children and adolescents to actively participate in public evangelism," said Kenia Almánzar, the union's children's and adolescents ministries director. "We are not just teaching them, we are preparing them to lead."

Launched in 2024 as part of the quinquennial plan Nehemiah Mission: I Will Go, the program was developed in collaboration with Dominican Adventist University, and offers training in preaching, Bible studies, small group leadership, and spiritual development.

The first cohort included 26 children in 2024, with 23 completing their second year of training in 2025.

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CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

APRIL

1-30 CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Environment

1-30 Stewardship - Emphasis on Talent

2-6 Easter Camp

3 Public Holiday - Good Friday

4 Personal Ministries Day/ Quarterly Day of Prayer

4 Launch of the Church Membership Audit

5 Communion with God - Hour of Prayer

6 Public Holiday - Easter Monday

11 Youth Sabbath/Church Clerk 2nd Sabbath Attendance Count

12 Publishing Sponsor Seminar & Women, Children & Deaconesses
Training

12 - 18 Possibility Ministries Week

14 Executive Committee Meeting

16 Pastor's Quarterly General Meeting

18 Colporteurs Day/ Adventist Possibility Ministries Day

19 - 25 Adventist Education Celebration Week - Education and
Evangelism Week

25 Elders' Baptism & Lay Preachers Mission Baptism Day/ Education
Symposium

26 Mentor Care & Supervision Session

CONFERENCE EVENTS

APRIL

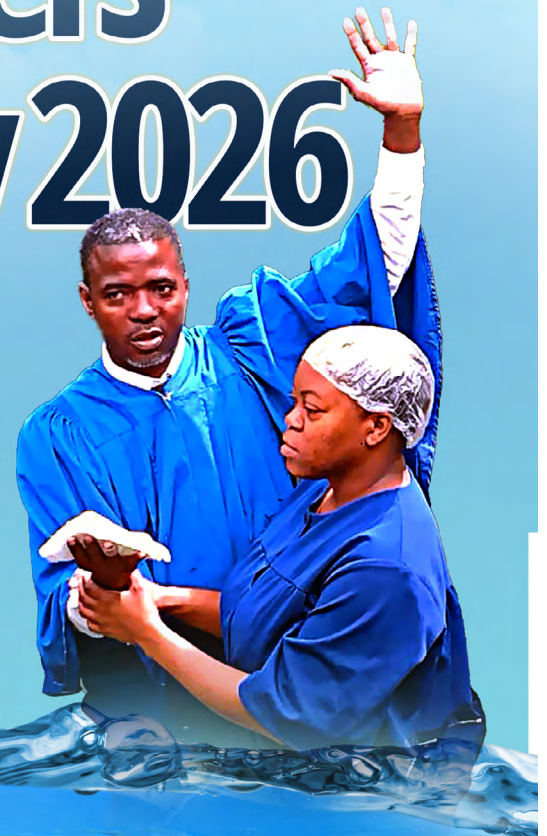


West Jamaica Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

invites **ALL Elders & Lay Preachers**
to active participation in

Church Elders' Baptism Day 2026

**EVERY LAY PREACHER / ELDER
PREPARING 3 CANDIDATES
FOR BAPTISM**



April 25

"May the power of the Holy Ghost fall afresh upon you."

CONFERENCE EVENTS

MAY



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Concert & Extravaganza

Date: **May 10, 2026**

Starting Time: **3 pm**

Seventh-day Adventist Conference Center

Ticket:

- **\$1500** pre-sold • **\$1800** at the gate
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PROCEEDS IN AID OF MOTHERS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE MELISSA

CONFERENCE EVENTS

APRIL



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West Jamaica Conference Mentorship Initiative

Calling all trained EYES mentors
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MENTOR CARE & SUPERVISION SESSION

Sunday, April 26, 2026



Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Session begins at 9:30 a.m.



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CONFERENCE EVENTS

JULY

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

NOTICE THE SEVENTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION FOR WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Notice is hereby given that the **Seventh Quadrennial Session of the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** will be held on **JULY 12 - 13, 2026** at the **Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre, Mt. Salem Road, Montego Bay. St James.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Noel Frazer Auditorium.

This session is called to:

- ◆ Receive reports from the officers and the various departments.
- ◆ Elect Administrators and Departmental Directors to serve the ensuing term.
- ◆ Consider revisions and changes of the Conference's constitution and by-laws.
- ◆ Discuss and appropriately adopt the strategic plan to guide the activities of the Conference.
- ◆ Transact such other business as may be placed before the delegates

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PERSONAL MINISTRIES

MAY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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LAY WORKERS' & BIBLE WORKERS' FEDERATION RALLY

THEME: **GROUNDING IN THE BIBLE, FOCUSED ON THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE**

MAY
23, 2026

Venue: Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre
Mount Salem Rd, Montego Bay



Guest Presenter
Pr. **Jermaine Johnson**
Personal Ministries Director, JAMU

EXPECTED ATTENDEES:

Personal Ministries Leaders and Secretaries, Lay Preachers, Bible Workers Interest Coordinators and all other Personal Ministries Personnel.

LOCAL EVENTS

JULY



NORWOOD

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Putting
God in the
Midst of
HARVEST 2026

2 Days for Harvest Celebration 2026.

*Friday Evening Online Vesper Service
& Sabbath Celebration*

JULY 10-11

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West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists | ONLINE LIVE WORSHIP Experience

ITS ABOUT TIME

Speaker:
Pastor **Vincent Rose**
President, WJC

Sabbath
April 11, 2026
Starting: 9:30 a.m.

LIVE ON:
WCCN | Facebook | YouTube | BLESS TV

Online Worship Experience || Morning Session || Sabbath, April 4, 2026

West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists | ONLINE LIVE WORSHIP Experience

REST REFLECTION AND RESTORATION

Friday Evening Vesper Service

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GROWING IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

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Hope at the Mercy Seat || Wednesday Night Prayer Service || April 15, 2026

THINK DIFFERENTLY. THINK POSSIBILITY.

Lead with special sensitivity



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Larry R. Evans | 04-05-2024

Great promises in the Bible are often found in names. When God changed a person's name, it was usually to establish a new identity. With the new identity came a new or expanded purpose. This was true for Jacob (Gen. 32:28), Abraham (Gen. 17:5), Sarah (Gen. 17:15), and Paul (Acts 13:9). Today baptism gives each person a new identity and purpose when they are baptized in "the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

In more recent times name changes have also occurred to indicate an expanded or more defined purpose. In 2015 the General Conference Disability Ministries was changed to Special Needs Ministries (SNM) because some were sensitive to being called disabled. Then in 2019, in recognition of an expanded and refocused ministry, SNM became Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM).

What Is in the Name?

The new name purposely focuses on the person's potential rather than what they cannot do or do not have. A statement by Ellen White offers another way of thinking about this ministry. "I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church." She does not stop there, however. She then continues to explain that the purpose of this was "to prove His people and develop their true character."¹ These individuals not only need to be accommodated and included in the activities of the church; they are needed. Jesus saw more than a disability. He could see what they could become and why the

Christian movement would benefit from them. In many ways our ministry "with" individuals who have special needs provides greater opportunities to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's kingdom.

Read the full article here: <https://adventistreview.org/magazine-article/think-differently-think-possibility/>

Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM) is a General Conference-sponsored initiative that focuses on seven groups including those with physical/mobility health and wellness challenges. APM affirms that people go where they are welcomed and stay where they are valued, and that all are gifted, needed, and treasured.

This article illustrates the global Adventist Church's priority of "Increased church member involvement in fellowship and service, both in the church and in the local community" (KPI 6.1). Learn more about the Adventist Church's "I Will Go" Strategic Focus at <https://executivecommittee.adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/IWillGo-booklet-final-digital.pdf>

The original version of this article, by Larry R. Evans, was posted on the Adventist Review site on 04-05-2024 at <https://adventistreview.org/magazine-article/think-differently-think-possibility/>



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