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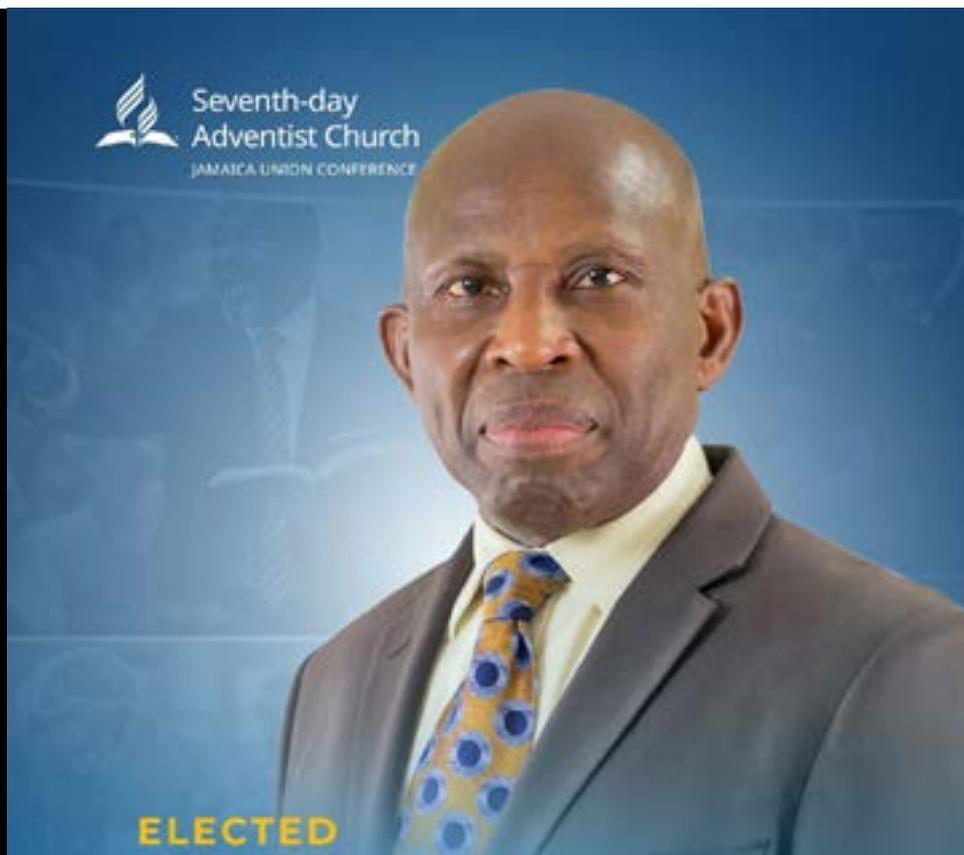
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CHURCH IN
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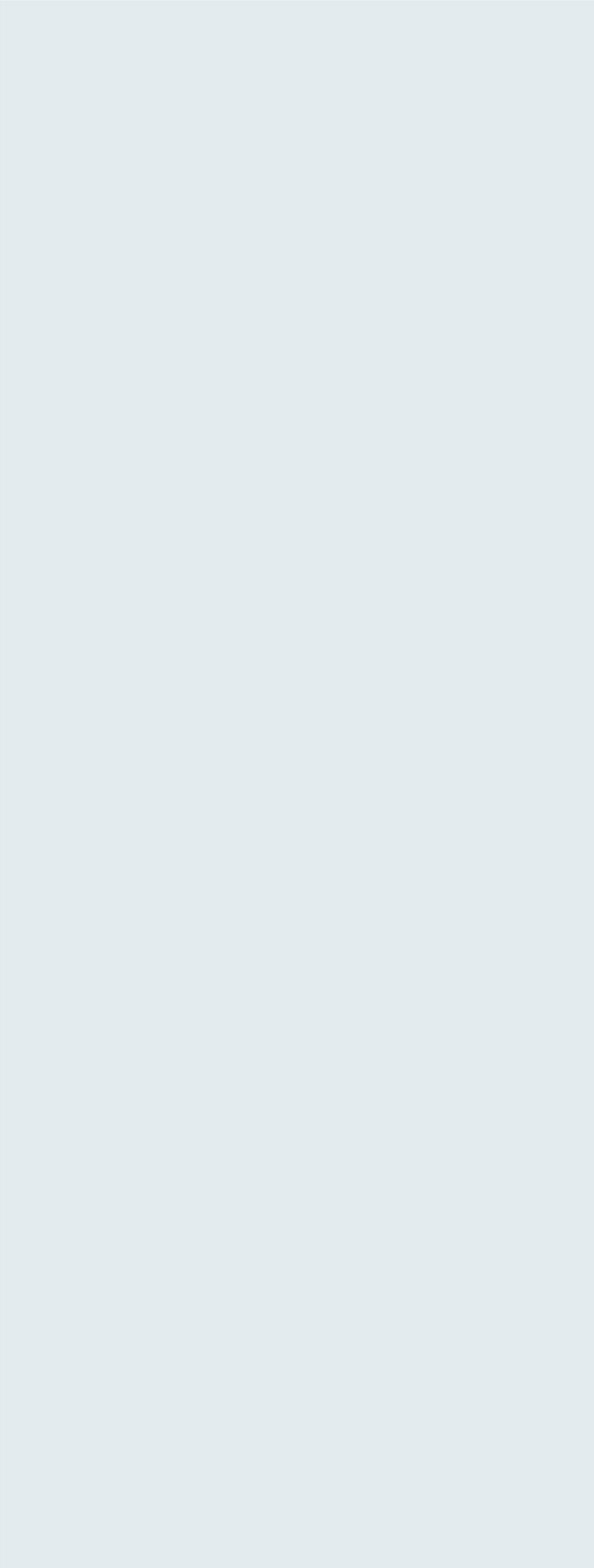


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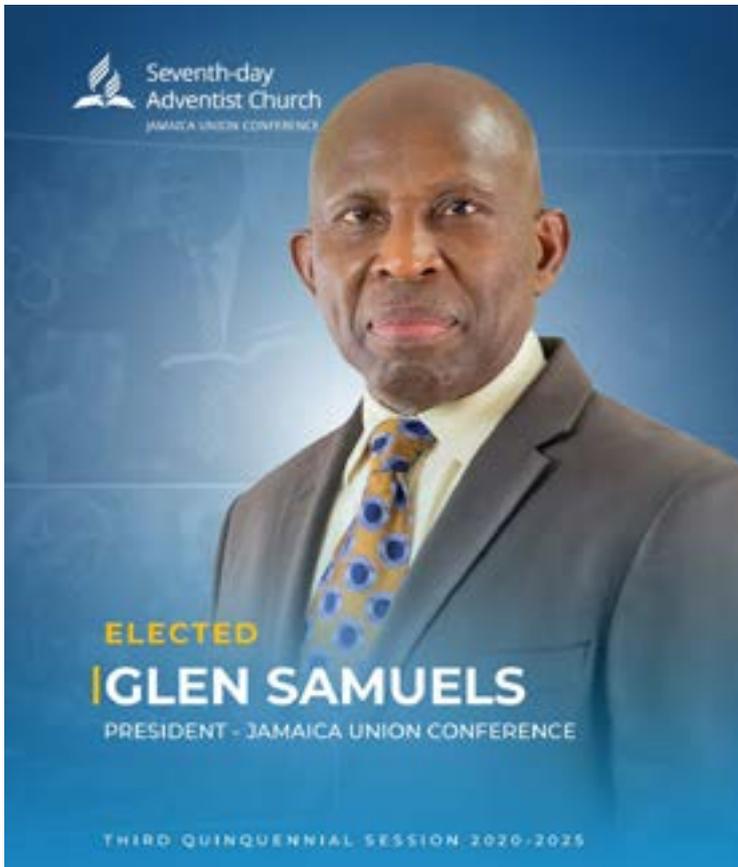
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Pastor Glen Octavius Samuels was elected as President of the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists during its Third Quinquennial Session held on February 17, 2026, at the Mandeville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After being recommended by the nominating committee, his election was ratified by a vote of 113 to 40 by delegates.

When called to the podium, Samuels, in a gesture of humility, stooped to wipe dust from the shoes of his predecessor, Pastor Everett Brown, who in turn laid his hands on Samuel's head in blessing.

"I am just my mother's son," said Pastor Samuels, who often hails his mother's strong, godly influence on his life.

He acknowledged that the work ahead is great, but that God is leading.

"God has his work in his hands. He is in charge of all of us. We commit ourselves to Him to lead a church

in a nation that is yearning for more than what is," he said. He also expressed his need for divine guidance and the church's support.

"I'd like to thank you for your prayers. If you used to pray for Pastor Brown 7 times a day, pray for me 21 times," he requested.

He was congratulated by the President of the Inter-American Division (IAD), Pastor Abner De Los Santos, who committed to working directly with him as he adjusted to his role as union president.

Samuels comes to the role having served as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Jamaica since 2014. During his decades-long pastoral ministry, he has also served as District Pastor, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, Executive Secretary, Ministerial Secretary, and Personal Ministries Director of the West Indies Union Conference, among many other notable roles and achievements.

He is the evangelist for the long-running 'Footprints of Hope' Series, which he has presented locally and internationally. Notably, the Series was conducted as an evangelistic effort for the Inter-American Division from January 15 to February 25, 2022, resulting in the baptism of 4, 213 persons.

On October 19, 2017, he was recognized by the Government of Jamaica and conferred with the Order of Distinction (Officer Class) for outstanding contribution to Religion and Community Service.

Samuels holds a Bachelor of Theology from West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University), and a Master's in Theology from Andrews University, Michigan, USA.

He is supported in ministry by his wife Durcella, and their three beautiful daughters: Gleneika (Faith), Glenadene (Hope), and Glenella (Charity)

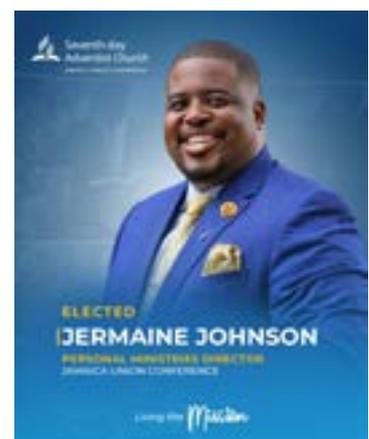
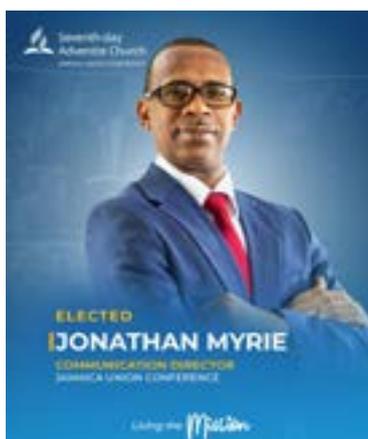
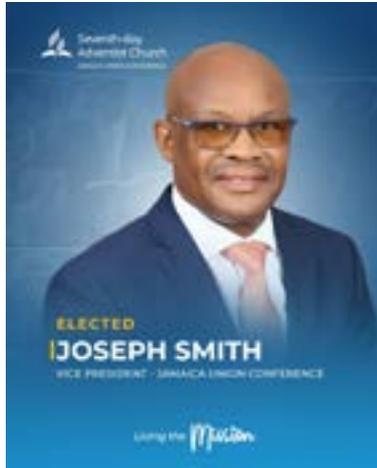
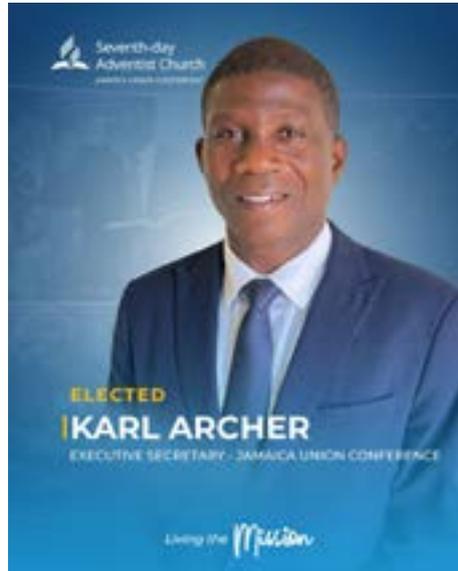
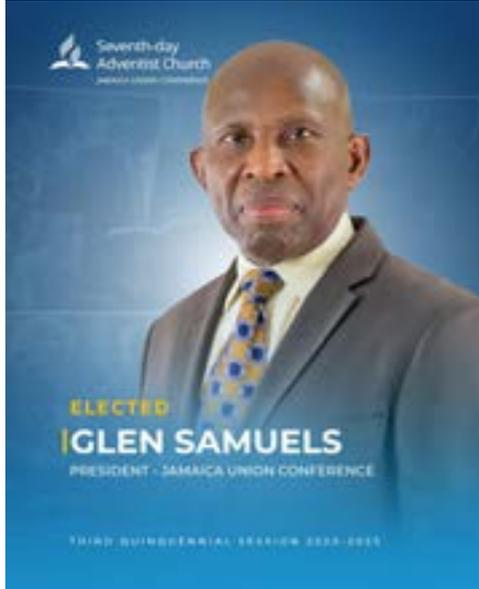
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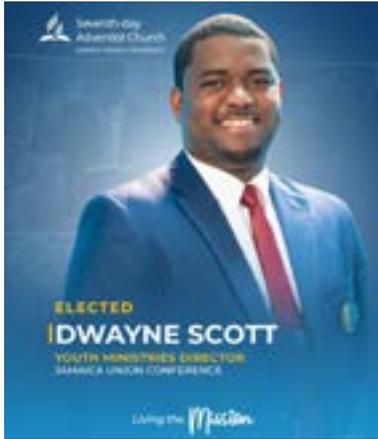
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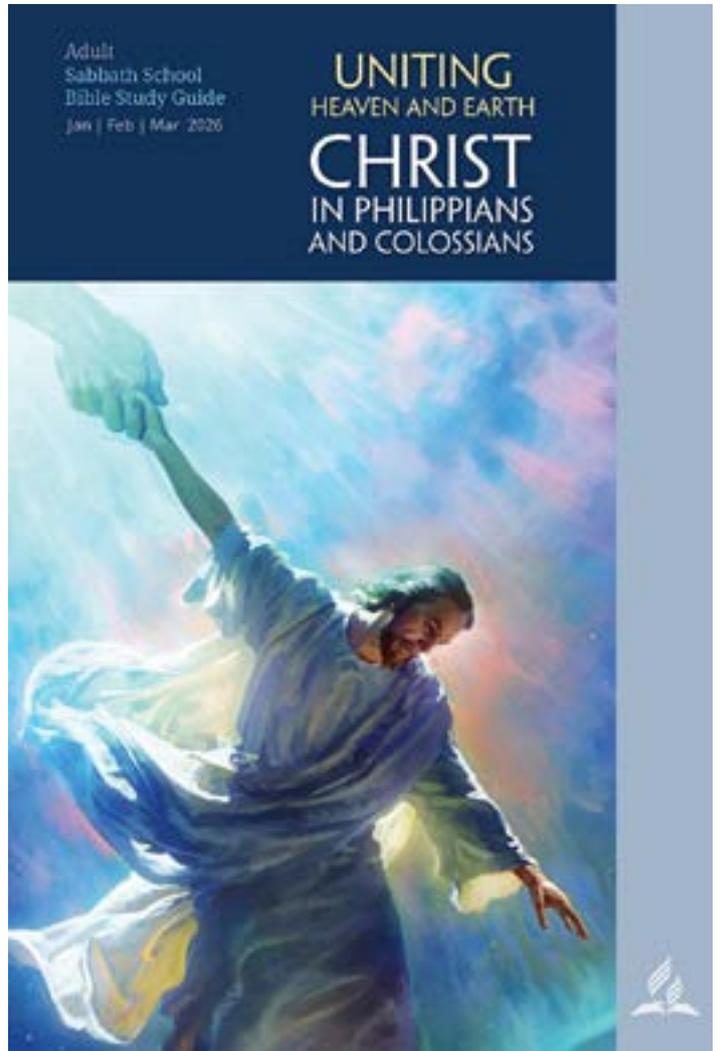
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NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Pastor Brings Cultural Insight to Adventist-Buddhist Relations

Saeng Saengthip named new director of the Center for Adventist-Buddhist Relations.

Seventh-day Adventist pastor Saeng Saengthip was recently appointed director of the Center for Adventist-Buddhist Relations (CABR), one of six Global Mission Centers operated by the Office of Adventist Mission. He replaces the former director, Khamsay Phetchareun, who was elected last December as president of the newly established Northeastern Thailand Region.

Saengthip brings a rich cross-cultural background to the position. Born in Thailand to Laotian parents and raised in a Buddhist family, he is fluent in Laotian, Thai, and English and has extensive experience serving Southeast Asian immigrant and refugee communities in North America and abroad.

Adventist Mission director Gary Krause welcomed the appointment, highlighting Saengthip's personal and professional preparation for the work.

"I'm delighted that Pastor Saeng is joining our Adventist Mission team," Krause said. "His



humility, deep love for people, education, experience, and strong understanding of his cultural heritage uniquely qualify him for this important work."

ChanMin Chung, director of Global Mission Centers, also affirmed the vote.

“Pastor Saengthip has a profound commitment to building meaningful bridges with people shaped by Buddhist worldviews,” Chung said. “His relational approach to ministry and his creativity will be a valuable asset as the Center continues its work.”

Building Relationships Through Community

Saengthip's journey began in Thailand before his family emigrated to the United States when he was 11 years old, eventually settling in Sacramento, California. He first encountered Seventh-day Adventists through friendships formed in his apartment community, and through students from Weimar College (now Weimar University). Saengthip then began attending a church plant affiliated with the Sacramento Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church—now the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At age 13 he attended a Thai church camp at Camp Cedar Falls in southern California, where he decided to follow Jesus and was baptized. He soon became active in the church plant, serving as a youth music leader.

Responding to God's Call

By the age of 18, Saengthip sensed a call to pastoral ministry. Navigating that calling within his close-knit family required patience, prayer, and deep respect for his parents and community. Throughout this period he remained committed to honoring his family while continuing his education and ministry preparation.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Weimar University and later completed a Master of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 2005.

Over time, Saengthip has seen God work quietly and faithfully within his own family, reinforcing his belief in long-term, relational ministry rooted in love and trust.

Experience in Cross-Cultural Mission

Saengthip has served in a variety of ministry settings, particularly among Asian immigrant and refugee communities. His experience includes serving as associate pastor at the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sacramento; church planting among Laotian refugees and immigrants in Michigan; serving as associate director of ASAP Ministries, where he supported frontline workers across Southeast Asia; and most recently pastoring the Laotian Seventh-day Adventist group in Michigan—the only established Laotian Seventh-day Adventist community in the United States.

Reflecting on his new role, Saengthip emphasized the importance of patience, humility, and dependence on God.

“God has taught me that ministry among people of Buddhist backgrounds is deeply relational and often takes time,” he said. “But it can be done. I have seen God do it in my own family—more than once.”

As director of the Center for Adventist-Buddhist Relations, Saengthip will support General Conference division leaders by identifying effective, respectful approaches for engaging people shaped by Buddhist worldviews. The center provides contextualized disciple-making resources, equips workers, and helps identify models for establishing new communities of believers.

For more information, visit the Center for [Adventist-Buddhist Relations website](#).

February 16, 2026 | Silver Spring, Maryland, United States | Gina Wahlen, Adventist Mission

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CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

FEBRUARY

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|------|---|-------|---|
| 1-28 | CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Exercise | 15-21 | Christian Home and Marriage Week |
| 1-28 | Stewardship - Emphasis on Man as Manager | 17-18 | Jamaica Union Conference Session |
| 1 | Parish Connect - St. Elizabeth | 18 | Public Holiday - Ash Wednesday |
| 1 | Launch of Parish-based EYEs Mentorship Training Series | 21 | Operation Family First, Living the Mission Baptism Day |
| 1 | Communion with God - Hour of Prayer | 21 | Elders' Appreciation Day/ Elders' Certification |
| 7 | Community Services Day | 22 | Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders & Pastors' Workshop - St. James |
| 7 | Lay Preachers & Bible Workers' Federation Rally - St. Elizabeth | 22 | Prayer Breakfast - Security Forces |
| 8 | Online Trust Services Workshop | 28 | Convention - Westmoreland |
| 8 | Parish Connect - Westmoreland | 28 | UNASSIGNED (other parishes) |
| 10 | Executive Committee Meeting | | |
| 14 | Church Clerk 7th Sabbath Attendance Count | | |
| 14 | UNASSIGNED | | |
| 15 | Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders & Pastors' Workshop - Hanover | | |
| 15 | Online Child Preacher's Training | | |
| 15 | Parish Connect - Hanover | | |
| 15 | Pastors & Elders Mission Seminar - Westmoreland | | |

CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATION FAMILY FIRST

GRAND BAPTISM DAY

SABBATH

FEB 21, 2026

**EVERY FAMILY TO CELEBRATE AT LEAST
ONE FROM EACH FAMILY IN BAPTISM**

CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE
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WORKSHOP**

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VENUE:

West Jamaica Conference Center,

STARTING: 9:00 AM

CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATION FAMILY FIRST
Church Officers Reaping Initiative(CORI)/CELP

40 DAYS OF PRAYER & Witnessing

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 21, 2026

-  Each church member should choose seven (7) non-Seventhday Adventist family members to fervently pray for each day.
-  Each department should be assigned a special day to give leadership.
-  Each church member should earnestly work to lead at least one family member to Christ in baptism and nurture.
-  Recommended prayer times: **6 a.m. | 12 P.M. | 6 p.m.**
(Participants may choose other convenient prayer times.)
-  The grand baptism day for every family to celebrate at least one from each family is **February 21, 2026.**

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CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



West Jamaica Conference
invites you to

Latter Rain Mission Convention 2026

Theme: GROUNDED IN THE BIBLE, FOCUSED ON
THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE

Starting @: 9:15 a.m.

CONVENTION SITES:

February
28

WESTMORELAND

Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Footprints
Westmoreland

March
7

ST. ELIZABETH

Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Santa-Cruz
Main Street, Santa Cruz
St. Elizabeth

March
14

HANOVER

Seventh-day Adventist, Lucea
Lucea, Hanover

March
28

ST. JAMES

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MARCH 21ST, 2026



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@ 9:00 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

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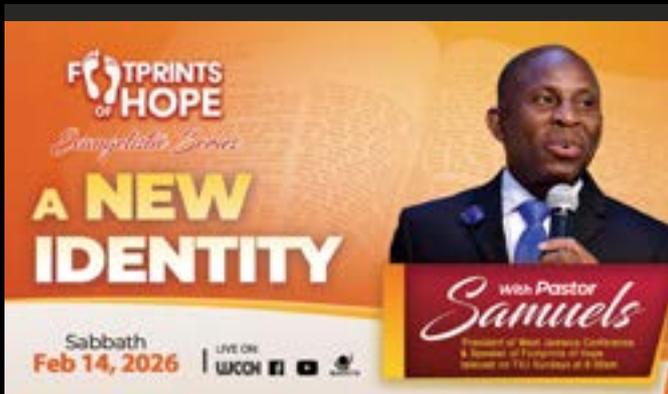


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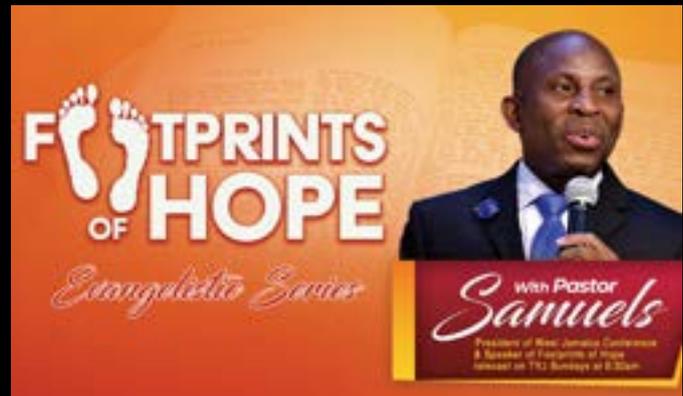
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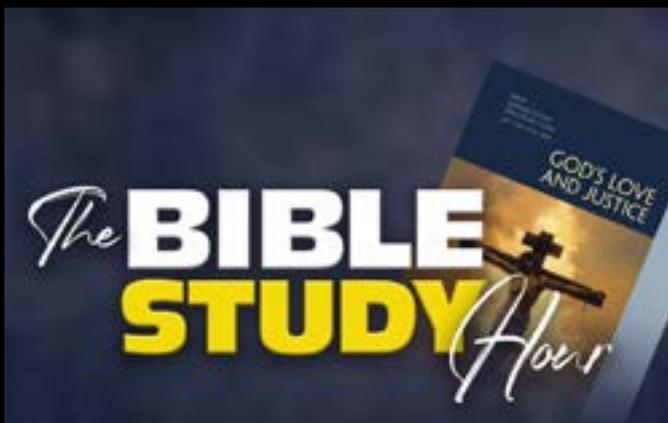
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Online Worship Experience || Morning Session || Sabbath, February 14, 2026



Footprints of Hope | with Pastor Glen O. Samuels



Bible Study Hour || 1st Quarter || Lesson 8 February 21, 2026



Stewardship 360 || Playlist || 2026

THE TIME IS NOW

FOCUS ON THE MISSION



The prophet foretold a different kind of crisis. “Behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord God, ‘that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord’ ” (Amos 8:11). This message describes our time. Voices are multiplying, yet the art of listening is fading. Information is increasing, but wisdom remains rare. Humanity has a deep hunger for meaning, peace, and truth.

Reliable statistics reveal this spiritual emptiness. The World Health Organization reports that one in six people worldwide experience loneliness, causing measurable harm to health and well-being. The United Nations notes a historic level of forced displacement, with more than 117 million people displaced by mid-2025.[1] Yet a remarkable opportunity lies before us. Wycliffe Global Alliance states that as of August 1, 2025, 544 of the world’s 7,396 living languages still await the start of Bible translation.[2] In recent years both progress and needs have grown rapidly. The world is hungry. The table is being set.

Mission answers this famine. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds

from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Faith grows through hearing the Word (see Rom. 10:17). The everlasting gospel is for “every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Rev. 14:6). Where uncertainty arises, identity must remain strong. Where pain spreads, compassion must act. Where confusion rules, Scripture must speak. Therefore, we press on—grounded in the Bible and focused on the mission.

The counsel is clear and urgent. “A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.”[3] Revival is not a flash of emotion. It has Scripture at its center, Christ exalted in all things, prayer sustained, and witnessing taking place with intentionality. It is households opening the Bible daily, congregations becoming disciple-making communities, and leaders aligning time and resources with the Great Commission.

Never forget that the final message is a revelation of God’s heart. “The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love.”[4] A starving world doesn’t need louder noise—it needs the clear, gracious, and transforming truth of Jesus lived and proclaimed. Let us meet this opportunity with open Bibles, kneeling hearts, serving hands, and voices that invite every person to the Bread of Life. “The entrance of Your words gives light” (Ps. 119:130).

February 11, 2026 | Silver Spring, Maryland, United States | Erton C. Köhler, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for Adventist Review

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