



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

MAKING DISCIPLES : BUILDING COMMUNITIES



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. EMMANUEL OSEI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Last Sabbath, Pastors Bogdan Dumitru and Gabriel Ciocarlan baptised eleven candidates, with two more voted for future baptism in Romania. I commend our pastors for the excellent work being done and for the baptisms taking place around the conference.

I am also pleased to provide you with an update on the BUC's 'Reflecting Hope' evangelistic initiative, as preparations are now well underway for campaigns at a variety of locations across the Union. During this pilot year, our aim is to learn and evaluate the effectiveness of these meetings, with the hope of refining and then expanding participation in this evangelistic effort over the coming years.

As I have shared with you previously, less than half of the population of the UK now identifies as Christian, according to the 2021 census. This is a concerning trend that we cannot afford to ignore. It is our prayer that the BUC 'Reflecting Hope' evangelistic initiative will provide an opportunity for us to connect the contemporary British mindset with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Several churches within the South England Conference will be taking part this year, and some churches will be starting their Reflecting Hope campaigns this week. Let's remember to pray for

these churches and for the success of the entire initiative. 'Reflecting Hope' is just a small part of the GC's 'Christ for Europe' programme, which has expanded since its launch to include thirty unions, thirty-eight countries, and more than 1,500 sites all over Europe. We praise God for the opportunity to play our part in what has become the most extensive evangelistic outreach project conducted in Europe in the history of the Adventist Church!



SEC MEN'S MINISTRIES RESTORATION MEN'S HEALTH RETREAT - SPACES AVAILABLE! 5-7 MAY 2023

Featuring lifestyle Physician, Dr Chidi Ngwaba. To book contact Alberto Francis on afrancis@secadventist.org.uk or 01923 232728.

Register: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQw1Ai0_rmzUKAwxz1gp5IvrF1K9JMqoWOOiEWrdqldf15xg/viewform

SEC HEALTH AND WELLBEING FEST EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023 - NOON-6PM

A fun day out for all the family, friends and neighbours! Volunteers needed, please contact Amos on 07939 774 439 for details.

SEC-WIDE COMMUNITY SABBATH #2 SABBATH 18 JUNE 2023

We challenge every church within the South England Conference to leave the comfort of their buildings and go out into their communities on our second SEC-wide Community Sabbath!

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SEC CAMP MEETING THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL 24-30 JULY 2023

Camp Meeting 2023 will be a foretaste of heaven where God's children from "every nation, tribe, language and people" come together to hear the everlasting gospel! Poster attached.

To book call: 01553 606000

Email: bookings@hayswoodretreat.com

SEC HEALTH MINISTRIES**APRIL HEALTH CHALLENGE:****30 DAY NO SUGAR/LOW SUGAR**

These monthly health challenges are intended to empower our church members to take simple positive steps to improve their health and experience the world renowned Adventist advantage:

- Encourage church members to cut out all sources of added sugar for 30 days or consume less sugar.
- Suggest gradual weekly reduction until the final week and share tips for making it easier such as drinking more water, eating fruit, etc.
- In the attachments folder is a document with ideas on cutting down sugar in the different meals.
- Also empower people by providing examples of sugar free dessert recipes or puddings to bring to potluck or bring samples for people to try.

Diabetes is the biggest health concern of all governments because of its far reaching consequences and impact on all of the body. It may be helpful to share facts on Diabetes as well during the course of the month and encourage people to take charge of this area of their health.

SEC STEWARDSHIP & COUNSELLING**MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: MANAGING OUR MENTAL HEALTH - LONELINESS****8-12 MAY 2023 - 7PM-8.30PM**

Tune in for nightly conversations exploring topics surrounding emotional, social, situational, chronic and spiritual loneliness.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2376 3710

Passcode: 207830

or **Watch on YouTube:** www.youtube.com/user/secadventist/videos

SEC YOUTH MINISTRIES**SENIOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD****12-14 MAY 2023**

Pastors Anthony Fuller and Micah Campbell will equip Youth and Youth Leaders for effective service.

Register: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/senior-youth-leadership-award-secnec-tickets-566485412117

SEC CHURCH GROWTH**BACK IN TIME AND INTO OUR TIME****SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023**

Travel back in time on a visit to the British Museum with your guides Pastor Wayne Erasmus and Pastor Sinisa Horvat. See attached poster for further details, or contact Mavis Bramble.

ROME & POMPEI: 1ST CENTURY CHURCH AND 21ST CENTURY PEOPLE**25-30 JUNE 2023**

A journey through time and Scripture, visiting ancient and modern Rome to think

about ministry and mission. Secure your place with a non-refundable deposit of £500. See application form for details, or contact Mavis Bramble on 01923 23 27 28 or mbramble@secadventist.org.uk.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

Discovery tool designed to help your members identify their top three spiritual gifts. Please share this great resource with your church members: spiritual-gift.org Each report is unique to the individual and is generated in PDF format which can be emailed to you or saved and printed from the report page upon completion.

SEC TEENS MINISTRY**CAREERS DAY****SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023 - 10AM-4PM**

A student's fair for secondary and sixth form students; featuring speakers from many disciplines answering your questions and sharing their experiences in their fields.

Register: secteens.org/events/careers

SEC EXTREME TEENS CAMP**14-20 AUGUST 2023**

SEC Extreme Teens' Camp has been a life-changing experience for teenagers across the conference. Please share details with the

parents and teens in your congregation. To purchase tickets visit: secteens.org/shop or contact Alberto Francis on 01923 23 27 28 or afrancis@secadventist.org.uk.

SEC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES EMPHASIS DAY: PRAYER, PRAISE & THANKSGIVING****SABBATH 10 JUNE 2023 - 10AM**

Poster attached. Limited spaces, register early to avoid missing out:

www.eventbrite.com/e/469847916767

SEC SABBATH SCHOOL, ADVENTIST**MUSLIM RELATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENTS BUILDING COMMUNITIES FOR ETERNITY RETREAT****16-18 JUNE 2023**

All PARL & AMR leaders, as well as Sabbath School leaders and teachers are invited. See the event poster and application form for further details, or contact Mavis Bramble on mbramble@secadventist.org.uk or 01923 656 513 or 07852 431 066.

SEC FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT**SEC FAMILY CAMP****31 JULY - 6 AUGUST 2023**

Featuring guest speakers, Ruth and Bryan Maxwell. Please contact Milimo Mumbo to register on mmumbo@secadventist.org.uk or 01923 232728.

Venue: Chapel Porth Caravan Site, Cornwall, TR5 ONS

SEC COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA**SEC COMMUNICATOR**

The Spring issue of the Communicator Magazine focuses on the theme 'The Power of Believing.' Please read and share with the members of your congregations:

seccommunicator.org.uk.

LOCAL MEDIA TECHNICIANS PLATFORM

Join a Facebook group where Adventist technicians can connect, exchange ideas, and help each other with technical issues: www.facebook.com/groups/3455977331395335

CORNERSTONE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Please ensure your members are aware of the support available through Cornerstone:

- Call the dedicated listening line from 8am to midnight, seven days a week on 0330 133 2495;
- For counselling appointments, call the office on 0207 723 8050, from 9.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 12 noon on Fridays;
- Email connect@ccscounselling.org.uk;
- Visit our website to chat online and for emotional support resources: ccscounselling.org.uk

CCS is here to support you!

CCS NEEDS YOU! HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Be a mental health first aider
 - Be a listening volunteer
 - Be a CVS rep/mental health champion
 - Donate from as little as £1 a week
 - Be a CCS volunteer counsellor
- Join our vibrant team if you are:
- an addiction therapist
 - a trauma therapist
 - a child and young people therapist
 - a family therapist

HAYS WOOD RETREAT**APRIL NEWSLETTER**

Read all about the latest news and offers from Hay's Wood Retreat in the monthly newsletter.

To book call: 01553 606000

Email: bookings@hayswoodretreat.com

Site Address: Setch Road, Blackborough End, King's Lynn, PE32 1XU.

NEWBOLD COLLEGE**WORSHIP AND MUSIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE****5-13 MAY 2023**

In collaboration with Andrews University, this training is based on a holistic framework that is immersive, practical and theoretical. Master the art of leading Christian worship, and design effective programmes for diverse and contemporary congregations. A 2-day experience is available for those who cannot commit to the full course. For more information visit: www.newbold.ac.uk/academia/worship-leadership

STANBOROUGH PRESS

The MESSENGER

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Adventist households wishing to receive a free printed copy of the Messenger mailed monthly should notify their church clerk and ask to be added to the circulation list; or email: msubs@stanboroughpress.org.uk.

LIFESOURCE CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

@ SEC CAMP MEETING

24-30 JULY 2023

Look out for a wide selection of books, gifts, games and food, as well as on-site embossing. Call 01476 591700 or email sales@stanboroughpress.org.uk for details.

LONDON AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP: HOPE FOR LONDON

SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023 - 10AM-5.30PM

With Dr Abraham J Jules, President of the North-Eastern Conference in the USA.

Venue: The Lighthouse Theatre 262-274 Camberwell Road London SE5 0AY

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laac-day-of-fellowship-hope-for-london-tickets-593667584727>

BUC YOUTH

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP: GOD RESTORES SABBATH 19 AUGUST 2023

With guest speaker Dr Richard D Martin

Venue: Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham

Register: Registration details to follow.

INDEPENDANT SINGLES MINISTRIES

S.A.S.S. WEEKLY ZOOM SCHEDULE

- Prayer Meeting: Thursdays (8pm)
- Social/Quiz Night: Saturdays (9pm)

Register for all events online:

adventistsingleevents.com/events

S.N.A.G.D. CLICK & CONNECT

EVERY FRIDAY - 8PM-10PM

A weekly blend of worship, wisdom and worldwide fellowship for single unmarried Adventists. April is Men's Month and the theme is Moving Mountains. It's Back to Bible study this Friday. Elder Rohan Roach presents 'Nature of Humanity.'

us02web.zoom.us/j/8337107765?pwd=TTMyN0N3cWhqelRCNzNQelhrUGtVZz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 710 7765

Passcode: BLESSED

BRIGHTON, HOVE & WORTHING DISTRICT

VIEWING THE BOOK OF REVELATION THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE

EVERY FRIDAY - 7.30PM-20:45PM

Join this weekly in-depth online study with Pastor Michael Walker.

us02web.zoom.us/j/81207395570

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 0739 5570

Free study outlines on each of the topics in this series are available from the Adventist Discovery Centre:

<http://bit.ly/Revelation22?r=qr>

STANBOROUGH PARK ADVENTIST CHURCH

PARTY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 7 MAY - 1PM-4PM

Featuring bouncy castle, food, stalls, crafts and music. Free admission.

SDA GENERATION X

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP X-PERIENCE: SOVEREIGN - WHO IS YOUR KING?

FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023 - 7.30PM-9PM

Whether you're a royalist or not, join Pastor Ian Sweeney for this reflection on the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Watch on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@sdagenerationx8410/videos

CHISWICK ADVENTIST CHURCH

A CALL FOR PRAYER

MONDAY 8 MAY - 10AM-1PM

Chiswick Family Ministries Department invites you to call on God for our children, parents and families.

Venue: Chiswick Adventist Church, Stamfordbrook Road W6 0XW

STANBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL

THE BIG HELP OUT

MONDAY 8 MAY - 9AM-4PM

We invite you to help us with painting the Boarding School, cleaning & clearing, repairing & restoring. Join us on the day or donate resources (e.g. white paint, cleaning materials, rug doctor hire, etc.) For more details call 01923 673 268 or email

pokelo@stanboroughpark.herts.sch.uk

SEC PRAYER LINE

Join us for a Spirit-filled hour of prayer every morning from 6am.

Dial in (UK): 0330 088 1937

Telephone access code: 619764#

Link: join.freeconferencecall.com/churchh

Online meeting ID: churchh

International dial-in numbers:

fccdl.in/i/churchh

Kind regards,



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President

South England Conference