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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. EMMANUEL OSEI

Dear Friends,

I greet you in Jesus' name.

The NIIS is once again in the spotlight with Doctors writing to the Prime Minister warning that care is being compromised by poor conditions in hospitals this winter.

I am pleased to tell you that we were blessed to be able to run our Winter Shelter at the Advent Centre under the leadership of Malika Bediako and Godwin Benjamin. The shelter welcomed and broke the 200+ guest barrier. New people came that had never been to the shelter before. The Men's room was full to capacity. We had Pathfinder volunteers from 5 clubs helping us to setup two clothing shops and to make up the bedding packs among other activities. I am hearted by the churches who volunteered their time and energy.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Evangelism Expo last Sunday 7th January. Although down on numbers from the previous year, we still had just under 1000 members attending which has pushed us to reconsider which hall future plenary sessions are held in. It was good to see members turnout for training that helps us to reach out and share the love of Christ with neighbours and members of our local communities. Our keynote speaker Pastor Samuel Telemaque and other plenary participants challenged us to look at the mission of the church.

England is a multi-ethnic, multiracial and a multicultural society. Therefore, we cannot use the evangelistic strategy of the past, we must use a missional approach. Drawing reference from the apostolic church, Pastor Telemaque drew lessons from God working on the mind of

Cornelius and then changing the mind-set of Peter in order to reach the Gentile community. God has many that He has touched in the territory of the SEC and they are just waiting for us to reach out to them. However, we need a change of mind-set. Just as some of the Jewish Christians were not ready to accept the Gentiles unless they were circumcised, Peter was able to help the church move forward in Acts 15 because of the change in his mind-set. Evangelism Expo presentations can be found [here](#).

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Our Vision

Annual Themes

Revival
2016

Restoration
2017

Reclamation
2018

Retention
2019

What we aim to be.....

1

Improving retention of our members

A more nurturing church

2

Each member involved in outreach & mission in local community

A more relevant church

3

Improving quality of the personal & spiritual lives of members & Pastors

A spiritually hungry church

4

Increase tithe & gift aid and support of SEC Missions

A more resourceful church

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

Education

In recent years, we have seen the worrying trend in schools and the teaching profession where religious persuasion has been labelled either homophobic or transphobic which in some instances has led to dismissal. This 'Religious Liberty and the law' symposium 28th January is designed for those working in Education and Parents' Topics to be discussed are crucial in the present climate of education in the UK. See attached poster

Joint SEC Department Day of Fellowship is on the 27th January. The theme #Breaking the trend! will be held at the Rock Tower, Tufnell Park, London. Please save the date! This ticketed Day of fellowship is for everyone to attend. Please see the attached poster for the ticket link.

Break The Silence

The Women's Ministries Department of the South England Conference has produced new resource publication 'Breaking the Silence' on Domestic Abuse. Please contact Pr Maslin Holness here: mholness@secadventist.org.uk for information.

AMR

Dates for the AMR School of Evangelism this quarter is 14th and 28th January, 18th February & 18th March 2018, to be held at London Ghana SDA church, Chadwin Road, Plaistow, E13 8NF, London. Pastor Fergus is asking all AMR coordinators in the churches to attend.

Treasury

This is a reminder as we approach the 2017 Audit, that all church evangelism claims relating to 2017 will need to be submitted to SEC Treasury no later than 18th January. Any claims received after that deadline will be made against your 2018 budget.

Prayer requests.

If you would like us to pray for you please let us know your requests. Please send those to: prayer@secadventist.org.uk

Warmest regards,



Dr Emmanuel Osei
President
South England Conference

