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## *Spirit of Prophecy Newsletter*

# “A Report of the Director’s First and Historic Anglo-Caribbean Itinerary”

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### The Spirit of Prophecy Newsletter

The *Spirit of Prophecy Newsletter* is a publication dedicated to the promotion of the truth concerning God’s revelation through Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Prophecy. This Newsletter is published by the Ellen G. White SDA Research Centre, NCU, to encourage and equip readers to participate in the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church especially throughout the English-speaking Caribbean.

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February 28-March 8, 2014, was a historic period in the life and work of the Inter-American Division (IAD)-sponsored and Jamaica Union (JAMU)/Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU)/Northern Caribbean University (NCU)-supported Ellen G. White SDA Research Centre which is located here on the main campus of NCU. This makes the Centre here at NCU a member of a global network of similar facilities encompassing both Research Centres and Branch Offices. Such facilities are all supervised by the Board of Trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference (GC) and are to be found in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean.

During the period just mentioned, the Director, for the first time ever, was invited by Pastor Leon Wellington, the SOP Co-ordinator of the IAD, to itinerate with him in four Caribbean countries. And the four Caribbean countries in question all fall within the ambit of the Centre’s larger Anglo-, Franco- and even Nederlanderphone (Dutch-speaking) jurisdiction. The four Anglophone or English-speaking countries visited were Barbados (February 28-March 2), Guyana (March 2-4), Grenada

(March 5-7), and Trinidad (USC—March 7-8). Three other Research Centres are also located within the IAD. They are in Costa Rica, Mexico and Puerto Rico and are meant to serve mostly the Hispanophone or Spanish-speaking Sector of the IAD.

The principal purpose of such a four-country Caribbean itinerary by the Director was to help create a more Pan-Caribbean presence and exert a larger regional influence of the Centre in keeping with its original mandate and mission. In that regard, it is instructive to note, for example, that at its official launch here at NCU in July, 2003, there were representatives not only from the Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference level or from what is now both JAMU and ATCU, its host Unions, but also from the other English-speaking Union from the South which is headquartered in Trinidad, to wit, the Caribbean Union (in the person of the Executive Secretary) and Caribbean Union College (as it then was—now the University of the Southern Caribbean [USC]—in the person of its President).

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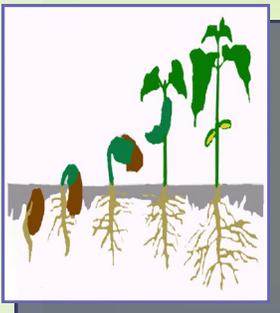
In each of the four countries, the Director’s presentations, along with those of the SOP Co-ordinator of the IAD, were warmly received by clergy and laity alike. This was so whether the meetings were held at the Conference Office (as in Barbados and Grenada), in one of the larger local Churches (as in Guyana and Grenada), at an International Conference Centre (as in Barbados) or on the USC Campus itself (as in Trinidad)--including in what they have come to creatively call their “Tentorium” (a large multi-purpose tent temporarily in use in the wake of an unfortunate fire which gutted the University’s Auditorium some time ago) or even in the spacious and commodious Office of Dr. Clinton Valley, President of USC. It was during the meeting with President Valley and two of his Vice-Presidents, for example, that the idea of establishing a Study Centre at

USC, as an extension of the Research Centre here at NCU, was discussed and decided.

The principal reason for this consistently and overwhelmingly positive response of both clergy and laity alike, is that, in spite of some of those who might have grown somewhat skeptical over the years about the continued role and relevance of the writings of Mrs. White, recent research conducted by the Office of Statistics and Research at the GC has shown that 75% of our members worldwide still believe in, and are endorsers of, the prophetic ministry of Mrs. White as a God-appointed Messenger to the Remnant Church. This statistical finding was repeatedly mentioned by Pastor Andrew Farrell, Ministerial Secretary of the Caribbean Union, who hosted and accompanied us throughout our four-country itinerary.

Via various PowerPoint presentations, followed in each case with an engaging and, sometimes, prolonged Q&A Session, the regional role of the NCU-based Research Centre was consistently emphasized. In addition, the inspiring life and legacy of Mrs. E. G. White as well as how to interpret her voluminous writings and practical counsel spanning some seventy (70) years (1845-1915) were highlighted. Not to be overlooked was the fact that, as Director, I seized the opportunity to display and describe the recently-released and definitive study of Mrs. White in terms of her writings and matters related thereto. Reference here is being made to: Fortin, Denis and Jerry Moon, eds. 2013. *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*. Hagerstown, Maryland: Review and Herald. **(continued on p. 3)**

## For Christian Growth



“The plants and flowers grow not by their own care or anxiety or effort, but by receiving that which God has furnished to minister to their life. The child cannot, by any anxiety or power of its own, add to its stature. No more can you, by anxiety or effort of yourself, secure spiritual growth.”

*Steps to Christ, p. 68*

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*Two of the many churches which the Director photographed during his historic Anglo-Caribbean Itinerary.*

*Left: A refurbished King Street SDA Church, the first church established in Barbados (1891).*

*Right: Central SDA Church, Georgetown, one of the oldest in Guyana.*

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## Proper Dress for Good Health

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“Another evil which custom fosters is the unequal distribution of the clothing, so that while some parts of the body have more than is required, others are insufficiently clad. The feet and limbs, being remote from the vital organs, should be especially guarded from cold by abundant clothing. It is impossible to have health when the extremities are habitually cold; for if there is too little blood in them there will be too much in other portions of the body.

Perfect health requires a

perfect circulation; but this cannot be had while three or four times as much clothing is worn upon the body, where the vital organs are situated, as upon the feet and limbs. Women who are in failing health can do much for themselves by sensible dressing and exercise. When suitably dressed for outdoor enjoyment, let them exercise in the open air, carefully at first, but increasing the amount of exercise as can endure it.” *Ministry of Healing*, p. 293.

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Here are a few pictorial highlights of an itinerary which, it is hoped, will help to inaugurate a long and strong tradition of service throughout the non-Hispanophone Sector of the IAD as a whole:  
Barbados , Guyana, Grenada, Trinidad (University of the Southern Caribbean).

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1. *Pastor Wellington making a presentation in the East Caribbean Conference Office, Barbados. (Front Row) President Danford Francis and Pastor Andrew Farrell listen attentively.*
2. *Pastors attending an SOP Workshop at the Grenada Conference Office.*
3. *Pastor Wellington making a presentation to Pastors, Elders and other church leaders at one of the local churches in Grenada.*
4. *Meeting with Dr Clinton Valley, President of USC, Trinidad.*
5. *A Sabbath SOP Symposium been held at USC for Pastors and other church leaders throughout Trinidad.*

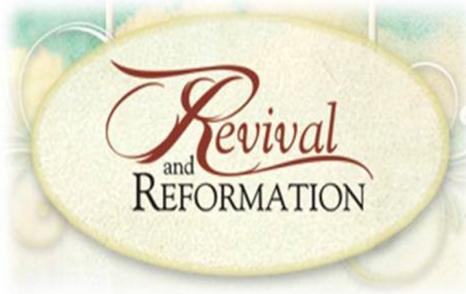
# REVIVAL AND REFORMATION

## The Latter Rain Develops a Christlike Character

At no point in our experience can we dispense with the assistance of that which enables us to make the first start. The blessings received under the former rain are needful to us to the end. . . . As we seek God for the Holy Spirit, it will work in us meekness, humbleness of mind, a conscious dependence upon God for the perfecting latter rain.

The Holy Spirit seeks to abide in each soul. If it is welcomed as an honored guest, those who receive it will be made complete in Christ. The good work begun will be finished; the holy thoughts, heavenly affections, and Christlike actions will take the place of impure thoughts, perverse sentiments, and rebellious acts.

We may have had a measure of the Spirit of God, but by prayer and faith we are continually to seek more of the Spirit. It will never do to cease our efforts. If we do not progress, if we do not place



ourselves in an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain, we shall lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door. . . .

The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.

When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come. Satan can no more hinder a shower of blessing from descending upon God's people than he can close the windows of heaven that rain cannot come upon the earth.

## We Should Pray Earnestly for the Descent of the Holy Spirit

We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the Day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that

time, we need it more today.

The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future, but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it.

The measure of the Holy Spirit we receive will be proportioned to the measure of our desire and the faith exercised for it, and 

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the use we shall make of the light and knowledge that shall be given to us. 

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*“The Holy Spirit seeks to abide in each soul.”— White*

We are not willing enough to trouble the Lord with our petitions, and to ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants us to trouble Him in this matter. He wants us to press our petitions to the throne.

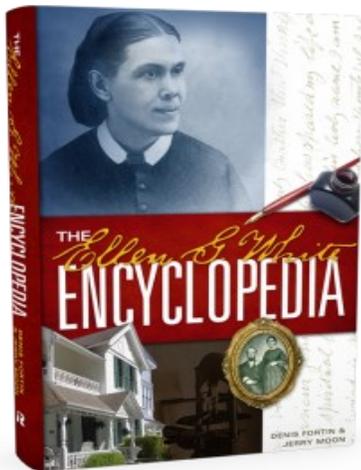
*Last Day Events*, pp. 187-188

## Re-Launch of the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP) Student Club

The Northern Caribbean University (NCU) SOP Student Club, which was started and discontinued some years ago, has as its mission to encourage, lead discussions and do research concerning the Spirit of Prophecy, the Life and Ministry of Ellen G. White, and the history and doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; to engender a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation among its members; and to foster a spirit of service on and off campus.

The Club was re-launched on the 31st of March, 2014, during an inspirational Spirit of Prophecy Chapel Service at NCU. Among others, the NCU Chamber Ensemble and students from the School of Religion and Theology played an active part. Over 100 students signed Commitment Cards indicating their desire to become members of the Club. The first meeting was held on Monday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ellen G. White SDA Research Centre. Dr Yorke, who serves as Chief Sponsor, chaired that meeting. On April 14, Mrs. Dahlia Jackson (Social Work), the newly elected President, chaired the meeting. During the regular Academic Year, meetings will be held at the Centre each Monday at 5:00 p.m.

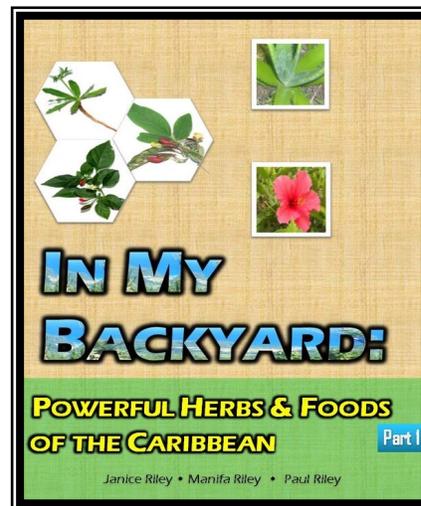
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### Everything about Ellen G. White in one Resource!!!

This masterwork brings together hundreds of articles that describe the people and events in the life of Ellen White, as well as her stand on numerous topics.

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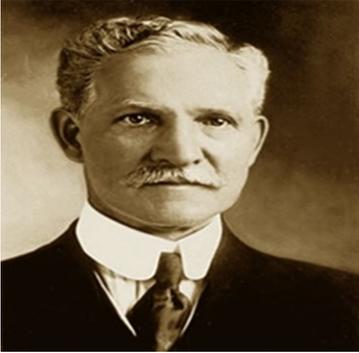
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## PIONEER OF THE MONTH Charles Harriman Jones (1850-1936)



Charles H. Jones was selected by Ellen White as one of the five trustees of her Estate. For more than 50 years, Jones served as Manager, Vice President, and President of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Jones was born December 12, 1850, the sixth of eight brothers and sisters. When he was 14 years old, his father died and Charles had to take the lead in caring for his family. Previous to joining the Review and Herald at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1871, Jones had worked as a state printer in Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1879 he was asked to go to Oakland, California, for six months to assist in the Pacific Press plant that had opened there in 1875. It would turn out that Jones would devote the rest of his life to managing that institution.

Jones directed in the removal of the Press from Oakland to Mountain View, California, in 1904 and retired briefly from the institution but when the building burned to the ground in 1906, he returned as Manager at the urgent request of Ellen White and the Press leaders. In addition to his administrative work, he led in establishing Branch Officers of the Press in England, Canada and in the Canal Zone (Panama).

Jones also took a leading part in the development of Sabbath school work, serving for several years as President of the International Sabbath School Association. He and his wife, Josephine, were prominent in building the missionary ship Pitcairn.

Jones was a close companion of James and Ellen White. In the early days of the church's work in California, the Whites spent much of their time in the Jones' home. When Ellen White relocated to Australia in late 1891, she did not forget her friends back home and wrote these encouraging words to the Joneses when it seemed most needed:

“You, Charles and Josie, have seemed almost like my children. My heart is drawn out in great tenderness and love for you both. I long so much that you shall prosper, both physically and spiritually. Whatever shall come, quietly, firmly put your trust in God. You have had to drink of the bitter cup again and again. But have you not always had the cup of consolation present to you by the One who loves you, who gave his precious life for you?

During my  
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*Jones was a close  
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and I see as never before that I must trust the Lord in the darkness and without a murmur walk with Him wherever He leads the way. I know that Jesus loves you both, and He will teach you, and will guide you in judgment, if you will put your trust in Him. But never withdraw your hand from that of Jesus.”--  
Letter 16a, 1892.



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## Sabbath Programmes at the Research Centre



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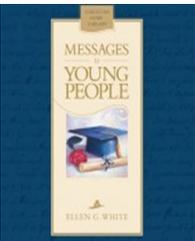
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## Book of the Month

### MESSAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

by Ellen G. White

Several generations of youth have been nourished by this uncompromising call to duty, purity and service. The author who began her ministry when only 17 years of age, invites Seventh-day Adventist youths to examine their reading, dress, music and social life and to disregard cheap amusements that retard spiritual progress. She examines those fundamental traits of character that make for success or failure in the spiritual life, and discusses practical subjects such as home and parents, health, courtship and marriage, and how to recognize true love.



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