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Dear Friends,

It is so heartening and satisfying to hear that initiatives that are undertaken by churches have the kind of effect that we look for. Last week we heard of the work being undertaken by the West Green Road team. This week Pastor Simon Martin shares with us his experience last Sabbath.

'Dear Dr Osei, I was delighted to read in last week's Presidential letter your reminder to us all of the importance of building bridges with our local community through meeting felt needs. As part of our ongoing evangelistic strategy the SEC has set aside this year to widen our relational worlds by reaching out to the local communities of which we are a part to foster relationships and to make our presence known. It is encouraging to hear stories from around the conference where this is taking place. This past Sabbath I had the opportunity to visit with the Bristol South church for the day. As part of the morning service the church had taken the initiative to invite a local community worker to speak to them during their PM spot about some of the projects and opportunities taking place in the local community that the Adventist church could become involved in. This was so refreshing to see. Many of the members expressed their desire to volunteer their time and effort to a number of the projects highlighted, including a community visitation program being run in connection with local GP surgeries. The community worker also stayed on for the worship service and enjoyed lunch with the church afterward! I would like to commend the churches within our conference who are engaging with the local community in such ways. These kinds of connections will bear fruit in years to come.'

Please do think outside of the box in your outreach to friends from the community and allow me to share your efforts with our Pastors and members. I am grateful to the South Bristol Church and Pastor Royston Smith for their tremendous work.

I have notified you of the forthcoming launch of the Adventist Teachers Association and Seminar: Education & Religious Liberty. Education Director, Gina Abbequaye invites you to attend on Sunday 28th May. This is also an opportunity to network with Adventist educators, teachers and teaching assistants working in non-Adventist educational institutions. Speakers include Dr Brighton Kavaloh, BUC Education Director, Kathleen Hanson, SEC Education Director, Gina Abbequaye and NEC Education Sponsor, Emily Tebbs-Ogotu. Please see the attached programme outline and poster.

I hope that you have scheduled Sabbath 8th July in your Church Calendar. Pastor Petras Bahadur will be running an International AMR Coaching Training at Newbold College on that day. He is further requesting the support of 10 SEC Churches where his world leaders can do a Sabbath AMR program on that morning and afternoon. May I encourage churches to liaise with Pastor Fergus to register your interest.

I wanted to draw your attention to one of recent releases by Stanborough Press, Values-Led lives written by retired BUC Ministerial Director Pr Llew Edwards which is our book of the month. We have had a feature in the BUC newsletter and this is proving a real tour-de-force for those who have read it. This book is a great resource for leaders at all levels as a handbook as well as a practical guide for members.

I am pleased to inform you that the company Caribbean Queen will be providing the catering service for SEC Camp Meeting this year; Costs are as follows;

Adult

£90 per adult for the week (including a drink) at Lunch and Dinner, £50 per adult for the weekend (Thursday night to Sunday morning), £15 per adult for Sabbath Lunch and Dinner.

Child

£60 per week for children aged 13 and under, £35 from Thursday to Sunday, and £10 for Sabbath Lunch and Dinner. There will be a number of sundry items for sale, and daily meals can be purchased separately to the Meal Deals. No payments will be taken on Sabbath. All Sabbath lunches must be booked in advance.

We have now released the weekend booking form for those who cannot be with us for the camp meeting week, but can attend on the weekend. If you have not done so, please share the YouTube link with an encouraging word from our 2017 SEC Camp Meeting Speaker and Singing Evangelist Pastor Wintley Phipps. <https://youtu.be/-OM00yNDGAK>
The full week 2017 booking forms with the significant reduction in chalet prices is available from the SEC Website on the Home page and SEC Events.

This week's 60sec News is now online:

<https://youtu.be/sfua9AxQesE>

To download, please use the dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/h20cco9klq53zfa/60sec%20News%20071.mp4?dl=0>

If you have significant stories for next week's edition to share with the constituency please send them to News@secadventist.org.uk

Let us continue to pray for the work of the church, Pastors, spouses and workers who need our prayers in your corporate and personal devotionals.

Warmest regards,



Dr Emmanuel Osei
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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE