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Dear Elder,

We are now almost one week past Camp Meeting 2017, with the memory of a great speaker/International singing evangelist delivering the Word and mediations. I do hope that your journey back was without incident and that you are still experiencing the mountaintop experience in the prayer & praise service with Pr Carlos Patrick as speaker to the wonderful evening service with Pr Wintley Phipps. Indeed I wish to thank all of our participants who worked hard to make Camp Meeting 2017 a very special and memorable Camp.

In the wake of the unfortunate and sickening terror attack at the Finsbury Park Mosque in which one worshipper died, I have facilitated a meeting with the Imam for this coming Tuesday conveying words of condolences on behalf of the South England Conference to the Imam, the victims of the attack and the worshippers. I will also share with the Imam that as members of a faith community, we do sympathise with the trauma caused by this evil act, and totally condemn any hate crime.

You may also want to know that the Imam has in the past visited one of our churches in London during a community programme and is very familiar with our Community Services Director, Malika Bediako. The victim who died during the attack, will be buried this Friday.

With the Grenfell Tower tragedy and subsequent meetings, let us not forget the victims and those affected. Despite the untold tragedy, a lot of news and actions seems to be about recriminations, and we seem to have moved on from those who are still very much affected including the children. With this in mind our Counselling coordinator, Thembe Masingere, has produced the attached information sheets that can be helpful to families and individuals following the devastating Grenfell Tower tragedy.

I wish to thank all those who contributed financially to the Grenfell Tower tragedy. To date we have collected over £12,800. We will be meeting tomorrow to decide the best way of using the funds to directly support the survivors of this tragedy. I will keep you informed regarding how your finance is used.

Please remember in your prayers Pastors Mike Mbui and Terry Messenger who have both lost family members in the last few weeks.

A number of Seventh day Adventists within the British Isles and including members of the South England Conference Home school their children. Dr Kavaloh has been keeping a keen eye on developments within legislation on things that are likely to affect our church and its members. The Government has made a move to control the registration home schooled children under the Counter-Extremism & Safeguarding Bill under the 'Out-of-

School Education Settings' which is directly aimed at the amount of hours that we teach the bible and faith to our children. Please see the attached Home Education document.

The world renowned Aolians of Oakwood University under the leadership of Jason Max Ferdinand flew into the UK yesterday for an International Singing festival in Wales. While here they will be making an appearance within the SEC on 1 July; Brixton SDA Church Sabbath morning and then in the evening 8.00pm at St Pancras Church, Euston Road, NW1 2BA. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available online at: <https://aeolianslondon.eventbrite.co.uk/>

One of the things that I was able to do at Camp meeting this year was to share some thoughts and a questionnaire on the future of Camp Meeting. Hard copies were made available to campers but we also want to hear from those of you who were unable to attend and including those who chose not to attend. The Camp Meeting survey can be found at;

Main Camp Meeting Survey: - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RSWC2JC>  
Camp Meeting Survey (Youth): - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CampMeeting2017>

Please take the time to introduce the survey to your members. We would like to collate the information by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July in order to plan for Camp Meeting 2018.

We are way past the deadline given to us by the Charity Commissioners for the return of the funds collected for this years' ADRA Appeal. We **MUST** close the chapter for this year as we are in danger of being penalised. Please help us by making sure all documents are in this week.

The very latest date that the ADRA gift boxes for Rwanda can be collected from the ADRA office is 7th of July. Please go to the website and order on line at <http://adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda/>

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

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

Warmest regards



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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE