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To: All SEC Pastors and Directors

Dear Friends,

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In the build up to the Genetal Election on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June some hard battles are being fought for the hearts and minds of the electorate on a wide range of issues that affect the everyday lives including the economy, defense, Europe and Brexit and of course immigration. Battle lines are being drawn here while in the United States an Executive order is signed seemingly giving Religious Freedom while seeking to ban and restrict those who are not Christian from entering the country and Russia has officially banned Jehovah's Witnesses. All of the signs are pointing in one direction and that is the soon return of our King Jesus. Let's get ready.

Like me, you will have been horrified at the spate of knife crimes and deaths on the streets of our City. Allow me share my thoughts with you; <https://youtu.be/amdS02990Y4>

Over the last few Quarters, I have been encouraging you and your respective churches to embrace the conference's strategy in approaching the local authority and finding out their needs within their community and where we as a church could make an impact. This is still the 2nd quarter and I would like to encourage those churches who haven't done so to begin prayerfully discussing on their church boards the different ministries based upon what their local authority have said. A simple breakdown would be

- Q1 Introduce yourselves to the local authorities, find out what the challenges are in the community and where it may be possible to help.
- Q2 Prayerfully discuss with your local church boards what the challenges are and decide on what you could tackle. Each church making an impact!
- Q3 Churches engaging with the local authority/community running or assisting in the running of programmes.
- Q4 Opening our church doors to members of the community and being a welcoming place.

I am looking forward to be reporting back to you the outcome of the work that our SEC Churches have been doing to become visible and more relvant to our neighbours and community.

Allow me to also share with you the strategy adopted by Pastor Jude Jeanville and the West Green Road family, which has resulted in 10 Baptisms. I was so impressed that I needed to share this with you;

1. Focus the church on it's Mission; Formulate a church Mission statement.
2. Develop an evangelistic strategy which would include making friends with neighbours in the church's vicinity (not converts). We used potted plants/flowers not tracts!
3. Establish meaningful contact with local organisations and local government agencies. (we need to become known for there are times when consent and support would be

needed to execute our mission)

4. Decide on a specific outreach activity.
5. Consult with the respective conference department i.e. Health, Personal Ministries, Family life Youth, excetera.
6. Communicate the plans in an inspiring an informative way to the church.
7. Bathe the plans in prayer (whole night or half night of prayer)
8. Delegate- use the gifts in the church. Set up sub committees.
9. Meet regularly to pray and fine tune action plan.
10. Execute plans.
11. Evaluate as you go along.
12. Celebrate each department's contribution.
13. Do SWOT analysis. (What we have learned to do and not to do or do differently.)
14. Implement follow up.
15. Give God the glory.

REPEAT CYCLE

Please give this method a try and see what results you may experience. Let us thank God for the baptisms conducted in the Advent Centre, Lewisham and the Hispanic churches.

Pastors, I am attaching the Camp Meeting Chairpersons list outlining the duties and teams that you are assigned to. It is important for you to work within those teams to lend support to your colleagues and to show the Servant heart of a Pastor. This is a working week and all Pastors are expected to attend. Anyone unable to attend will need to seek consent from the President's office for an absence during the period of Camp Meeting.

This coming Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May Dr Kavaloh, Elder Doris D Williams-Charles Diplomat at the St Vincent & Grenadines High Commission and the Religious Liberty Team will be holding a 1-day seminar at the Advent Centre on championing Religious Liberty through the New British bill of Rights Post Brexit Equality Law Framework relating to Religion or Belief. See the attached poster.

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Education Director, Gina Abbequaye invites you to attend the Adventist Teachers Association Seminar: Education & Religious Liberty. This is also an opportunity to network with Adventist educators, teachers and teaching assistants working in non Adventist educational institutions. I ask you to make a special effort to notify all teachers who are members to attend. We were alerted to the fact that while the Government has a duty to inspect schools, it is becoming clear that they have an agenda which is very much against Faith Schools. Being informed is key to addressing some of the challenges to educators, and sharing will allow teachers to look carefully at how we go about meeting discrepancies. Please see the attached poster.

Please put Sabbath 8<sup>th</sup> July in your Church Calendar. Pastor Petras Bahadur will be running an International AMR Coaching Training at Newbold College on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. 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. This day will focus on training needed to achieve the objective of reaching out in a positive way to our Musilim friends and neighbours.

You will be aware that this week 8 – 14th May was designated National Mental Health Awareness Week. Sophia Nicholls the Disabilities Director has included a couple of links that you will find helpful for further information and for a biblical perspective from a resource developer at Through the Roof charity (Christian Disability Charity).

She is keen to hear from you regarding your experiences in this area in your church and local community to know if you have any positive experiences to share about supporting members and community members and to establish good practice in SEC churches to understand better how we can serve our church community;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HCXTYSS>

Mental Awareness week Church Survey [www.surveymonkey.co.uk](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

[https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week?gclid=Cj0KEQjwrsDIBRDX3JCunOrr\\_YYBEiQAifH1Fsyv-Y-LD3qHrX8L8avWNVKNZKrGyZTqHD1Q5wUUvkaAkH58P8HAQ](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week?gclid=Cj0KEQjwrsDIBRDX3JCunOrr_YYBEiQAifH1Fsyv-Y-LD3qHrX8L8avWNVKNZKrGyZTqHD1Q5wUUvkaAkH58P8HAQ)

<http://www.throughtheroof.org/mental-health-gods-way/>

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.

Eminent musician Kendol Bacchus joined North West London during the 3ABN Campaign and worked with Hampstead and a few other North London Churches with Music Evangelism. He has written a 2-part article 'Evangelism & Music' which features in The Messenger, and has also recorded a CD 'Altar Call' which was envisioned to compliment outreach and evangelism specifically. A sample track is attached, and copies are available from my assistant Paul Lee here at this office.

This week's 60sec News is now online:

<https://youtu.be/nTg7TKIsOVw>

To download please click below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rqsu91tso8sea13/60sec%20News%20070.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](mailto:News@secadventist.org.uk)

Let us continue as a church to pray for our Pastors, spouses and workers who need our prayers. Please also remember them in your personal devotionals.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Osei', written in a cursive style.

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President  
SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE