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To: All SEC Lay Leaders, Elders and Communication secretaries

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Dear Friends,

The past months have been particularly unsettling for us as a conference. The Executive Committee has met many times and sacrificed several hours as it wrestled with the leadership challenges of the SEC. A decision was finally arrived at on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April when I received a telephone call from Pastor Ian Sweeny, our BUC President, inviting me to serve as President of the SEC.

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr Richard de Lisser; his wife, Joanne and son Akala for their valuable contribution to the mission of the church in the SEC. Pastor de Lisser was duly elected as SEC President in September 2015. Very soon after, the new administration came up with an excellent strategic plan with the theme Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere. An emphasis was placed on Revival for 2016, Restoration for 2017, Reclamation for 2018 and Retention for 2019. Please be aware that I will be championing this plan and building on the good work began by Pastor de Lisser.

Some of you may have received a letter by Pastor de Lisser last week. Even though we will not be able to do everything written therein, my Directors are together with me as we seek to execute only those ideas that will enhance the mission of the church. Please join with me as we pray for the Lord's leading and anointing on Pastor de Lisser's reassignment.

I share with you the following message: <https://youtu.be/3jEkClftCoQ>

Last Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, the Brixton Church hosted a meeting for those who wished to be actively involved in the response to the Government's consultation on the Proposed Counter - Extremism and Safe Guarding Bill and the recent Casey Review. The final letter which was part-formulated and supported by Barristers for the purpose of sending to your local Member of Parliament, was shared. The letter itself will be posted to the SEC Website under PARL (Public Affairs and Religious Liberty). As this is a public consultation, this is our opportunity to have our voice heard. We do not however, have time on our side. In the absence of an actual date, Sajid Javid Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, made it clear that the consultation would conclude in the 'Spring' which is where we are now. I am urging Pastors and Elders to fully engage with this consultation. For further information, please contact Pastor Kavaloh at the following email address: [bkavaloh@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:bkavaloh@secadventist.org.uk)

There are still a few spaces remaining for the Mission Possible 5 conference in Israel this year; 2-11 June 2017 led by Pastor Simon Martin. Please contact Mavis Bramble here at the SEC if you are interested in attending. Book now to avoid disappointment.

The 2017 booking forms for the 2017 SEC Camp Meeting (19-25 June) with the significant reduction in chalet prices is available from the SEC Website on the Home page and SEC Events. Speakers include Singing Evangelist Pastor Wintley Phipps as our Commitment speaker; Dr Daniel Duda as our Bible Study Speaker; Dr Chidi Ngwaba: Health Director; Youth Speakers: Pastor Paul Graham and Dean Culinane; Teens Speaker and Prayer & Praise Speaker: Pastor Carlos Patrick and Juniors Speaker: Pastor Karyle Barnes Jr. Camp Meeting 2017 promises to be a spiritual feast. I encourage you to join us

### **Diary Dates**

1. Asylum, a play by Mark Grey, tells the story of three women's journey from brokenness & emotional turmoil back to healing and restoration. This is an evangelistic tool for members to invite friends and family to see the play. Dates: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
2. [ADRA Fun Run](#). Walk, Run, Jog, get involved. [Click here for Sponsorship Forms](#). Thanks for helping ADRA to make a change. Time: 10:00 - 14:00. Venue: Crystal Palace Park, Penge, London, SE20 8DT.
3. Easy Sew - sewing classes in association with the Community Services Department at Balham is available for anyone who is interested in learning to sew; Sunday classes are for the church: 21 May, 4, 18 June, 2 July and the Tuesday classes for the local community: 13, 27 June, 4, 11, 18 July.
4. SEC AMR relations have planned a retreat for this coming weekend 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April. You will be aware of the sensitivities for this area of the vineyard. Please keep Pastor Fergus and his team in your prayers.

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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 Pastors, spouses and workers who need our prayers. Please remember them in your devotionals.

Warmest regards,



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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE