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Dear Elder,

The one thing that we do hold dear in the sanctity of life. We are perhaps perplexed by those who seek to steal and destroy, and such was the case this week when evil raised its ugly head through the bombing of a concert and the senseless deaths of 23 people including that of the bomber. On behalf of the South England Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the families and people of Manchester who have experienced such a cowardly act that has left many families and friends grieving over the loss of loved ones. Our prayers and thoughts are with everyone affected in this tragedy and the South England Conference would support any action taken by our North England Conference counterparts to be helpful to the victims and people of Manchester.

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of former SEC worker Vivienne Evers on 18 May 2017. Vivienne was an active member of the Stanborough Park church and in September 2001 Vivian moved to the South England Conference as a secretary, a role she continued until retirement in March 2010. Vivienne's funeral will take place on Tuesday 6 June at 11:00am at the Stanborough Park church.

The Annual ADRA Appeal ended on the 9th of April (16th of April in London) and we have asked all the agents to report back to ADRA by the end of May. We are hopeful to have a good return but I know that many churches still have outstanding funds and reports to submit. I hope to give you a final report in July.

However, the total raised (by the 24th of May) from the door-to-door collection in 2017 is: **£112,465** (total raised in 2016 was £182,400)

Total achieved by today is: **£373,270**. We will only be able to split this by conference or mission once all the reports have come in from the agents.

Has your church ordered ADRA gift boxes for Rwanda yet? The first 1,275 boxes have been ordered. Only 4,725 remaining! Information about this project that will support children in the Kiziba refugee camp in Rwanda are available online including a video. Please go to the website and order on line at <http://adra.org.uk/projects/rwanda/> Please order before the 7th of July. Over a third of the nearly 20,000 people in this camp are Seventh-day Adventist with their large churches serving the community.

I'm excited to let you know that Pastor Sorin Petrof reported that this past Sabbath together with Alex Mareniuc they had a joint baptism with all three Romanian churches of 16 new people, most of them without any Adventist background. All heaven rejoices in the reaping of precious souls for the Kingdom. Please join with me in praying for these additions and their new walk!

Continuing with the challenge of interacting with the community, I am happy to share with you the work of the Dagenham Church under the leadership of Pastor Hezron Otiemo Adingo. Please allow the attached report to encourage you and your respective churches to reach out. May God continue to bless the work of His saints.

Please find attached an introductory letter from Pr. Juan Carlos Patrick - Teens Director. I am also copying to you details of the forthcoming Teens programmes for the rest of the year. I am sure that you can appreciate that incumbents always have challenges when stepping into the shoes of their predecessor. To this end we are appealing for minibus drivers for the following two programmes. Without volunteer drivers the programmes will not be able to proceed. Please contact Pr Patrick as soon as possible, if you can help.

- Extreme Teens Camp –21 -27 August
- Students Camp - 17 -21 July 2017

This coming Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May is the launch of the Adventist Teachers Association and Seminar: Education & Religious Liberty. Education Director, Gina Abbequaye invites you to attend. 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-Ogutuu. Please see the attached programme outline.

The GC AMR International Coaching Training week takes place from 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Delegates for the course will be sent out to different churches to do a coaching training day at different churches on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. There are 3 spaces left, so if there are any churches that would like the AMR leaders to attend their church on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, please contact Vanessa Dawson, AMR secretary at the SEC office. The day will consist of preaching and afternoon studies about AMR.

Caribbean Queen catering company 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.**

**Please look out for menus and costs on the Camp meeting section of the SEC Website.**

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/esgSNaeACTE>

To download, please use the dropbox link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/uypwudrv04mhfro/60sec%20News%20072.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 to pray for the work of the church, Pastors, spouses and workers who need our prayers in your corporate and personal devotionals.

Warmest regards,



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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE