

Streams of Light

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BERMUDA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

July 4, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

BERMUDA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the 4th Quadrennial Session of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda on Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. **The Organizing Committee will meet on Sunday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m. and the Nominating Committee will be meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect Officers, Executive, Trustees and Constitution and Bylaws Committees, and Departmental Directors for the ensuing term; to receive reports; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members. Additional delegates are members of the Executive Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Bermuda Conference; members of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Union Conference; all employees holding credentials and licenses issued by the Bermuda Conference; Departmental directors, associate or assistant departmental directors, and members of the General Conference/NAD Executive Committee who may be present. The number of General Conference/NAD delegates shall not exceed 10% of the total number of regular delegates.

Dr. Kenneth Manders, President

W. DeJaun Tull, Secretary

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH OF BERMUDA

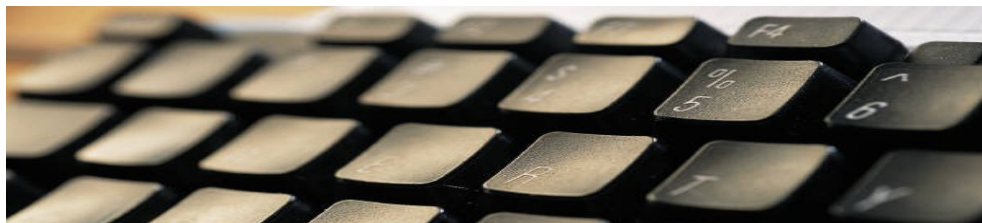
NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Trustees of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Bermuda, a legal corporation, will be held in connection with the Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists at the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church Complex, Hamilton, Bermuda, on **Sunday, September 27, 2026**. The first meeting of the legal corporation will be held **at 11:00 a.m.**

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Delegates to the Conference Session of the Bermuda Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates to the Conference Session of the Bermuda Conference Legal Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

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From the Executive Secretary . . .

On the evening of January 31st of this year, we held a Bermuda Conference Town Hall meeting. We heard presentations from the President referencing what has happened and will be happening in the Bermuda Conference.

Serving as Executive Secretary, I updated the constituents on statistical information, and the fourth quadrennial session preparations and discussed proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Bermuda Conference. In the absence of our Treasurer, due to travels, I highlighted the present Conference finances and trends. The Bermuda Institute reported at a separate Town Hall meeting on February 19th to allow more time to discuss the current state of the school.

We thank the Bermuda Conference membership for their participation over these past four years. Keeping the membership well informed and receiving your recommendations have assisted us in moving forward together.

As mentioned during the annual Town Hall meetings and past *Streams of Light*, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee met 2-3 times a year to conduct its business. The timelines were well articulated to the Bermuda Conference constituents that we hoped to finish our business by

May for a June 2026 final deadline. With the following mid-process deadlines formalized we feel that we have properly completed our business:

First Quarter 2023 - Utilized Town Hall meetings to inform constituents of Committee's process/timeline and that they will have a chance to offer feedback.

2023/2024 - Consulted constituents (church/groups) regarding recommendations. Such feedback was to be received by mid-2024.

First Quarter 2024 - Utilized Town Hall meetings to report on items up for consideration.

Third/Fourth Quarter 2025 - The Committee prepared a draft of initial recommendations to be completed by end of 2025.

First Quarter 2026 - Voted recommendations through the Executive Committee to go forward to the Constituency Session and reported at the Town Hall meeting those recommendations and requested feedback, considered final items as we planned to make the document changes officially available starting in June.

All this was organized and accomplished to minimize discussion on the session floor. Thank you to the Constitution and Bylaws committee members for 2022-2026.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

(All who have served during the quadrennium)

DeJaun Tull, chairperson
Carlyle Simmons
Coggie Gibbons
Craig Tucker
Cratonia Thompson
Dawn Eversley
Debra Goins-Francis
Debra Stevens
Delia Basden
Donovan Tulloch
Fred Swan
Jerome Wilson
Joi Tyrrell
Junior Watts
Keitha Caines
Martin Turgott
Maxanne Anderson Caines
Michael Nisbett
Owen Simons
Samuel Wilson
Simona Mills-Pitcher
Troy Hill
Union Representative

Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The standing constitution and bylaws committee shall include an officer of the Atlantic Union Conference, and shall be chaired by the secretary of the local conference, or his/her designee.

This committee shall consist of fifteen (15) members, the majority of whom are lay persons who hold membership within the Bermuda Conference. Each organized church of the Bermuda Conference, up to a maximum of thirteen (13) churches, shall be represented on this committee.

This committee shall function between the regularly scheduled constituency meetings and shall submit its reports and detailed recommendations through the Conference executive committee to the next regular constituency meeting.

As we enter the Constituency Session season, please keep the delegate representatives of the Bermuda Conference in your prayers, that God will guide and be with us throughout.



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A Call to 40 Days of Prayer and Preparation

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we prepare for the upcoming Bermuda Conference 4th Quadrennial Session, we recognize that the decisions before us are far more than administrative. They are spiritual. The future direction of God's work in Bermuda will be influenced by the choices made by His people, and therefore we desire to approach this sacred responsibility under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

For this reason, we are pleased to include in your delegate package a copy of the **40-Day Devotional: *The Nature and Ministry of the Holy Spirit***. We warmly invite every member to join in this spiritual journey **starting today**, that we would have the mind of Christ in all our decisions and we request our delegates to continue in this devotional journey from **August 19 through September 27**, asking God to prepare our hearts and minds and, above all, to confirm for us those whom He desires to lead His work (Officers, Committee members, Departmental Directors). We invite all to continue praying throughout the whole process.

In a manuscript read before the delegates of the General Conference on **May 30, 1909**, Ellen G. White wrote:

"God would have His people an understanding people. He has so arranged matters that chosen men shall go as delegates to our conferences. These men are to be tried and proved. They are to be trustworthy men. The choosing of delegates to attend our conferences is an important matter. These men are to lay the plans that shall be followed in the advancement of the work; and therefore they are to be men of understanding, able to reason from cause to effect.

"From these scriptures (Exodus 18:13-16, Acts 1:21-26) we learn that the Lord has certain men to fill certain positions. God will teach His people to move carefully and to make wise choice of men who will not betray sacred trusts. If in Christ's day the believers needed to be guarded in their choice of men for positions of responsibility, we who are living in this time certainly need to move with great discretion. **We are to present every case before God and in earnest prayer ask Him to choose for us.**"

What a solemn and inspiring reminder that our confidence must never rest in human wisdom but in the leading of God.

Our prayer is that this devotional experience will unite us as delegates in seeking God's will rather than our own preferences. As we daily open His Word and spend time in prayer, may the Holy Spirit shape our hearts, deepen our love for Christ, and give us spiritual discernment for the work before us.

We are also reminded of this encouraging promise:

"The baptism of the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost will lead to a revival of true religion and the performance of many wonderful works" - *Selected Messages*, Bk 2, p. 57.

How wonderful it would be if our Conference Session were remembered not simply for the business that was conducted, but for the presence of God that was experienced. May it become a modern-day Pentecost, where hearts are united, lives are transformed, and God's perfect will is clearly revealed as He leads His Church into the future.

And one day, because we faithfully sought His will here on earth (through PRAYER and HIS WORD), we will no longer say we are **"Almost Home."** Instead, with joy unspeakable, we will stand together in His presence and declare, **"We are Home!"**

While every delegate will receive a copy of the devotion as part of the delegate package, limited additional copies of the devotional will be available for the church through the **Adventist Book Center (ABC)**. We encourage delegates to invite their churches, families, and friends to participate so that together, as a Conference family, we may seek the Lord with one heart and one purpose.

Thank you for accepting the sacred responsibility of praying and for those serving as a delegate. Again, please join us in praying each day starting today and again from **August 19 to September 27**, asking simply:

"God, choose for us."

May the Holy Spirit guide every prayer, every conversation, every decision, and every vote, so that Christ alone will be honored.

Blessings,



Pastor W. DeJaun Tull
Executive Secretary

Please pray for the following persons who will be serving as delegates and delegates-at-large for the 4th Quadrennial Session that will be held on Sunday, September 27 2026:

Devonshire (18)

Ernie Lewin, Shirlene Nisbett, Mitchell Trott, Shani Smith, Wanda Francis, NyQuiLL Lambert, Daron Raynor, Michael Smith, Romona Douglas, Larry Hodge, Mervyn VanPutten, Debra-Lee Robinson, Alethea White, Paul Carr, Gillian Freelove-Jones, Michelle Barnett, Cynthia Swan, Anna Pennyman

Hamilton (38)

Andrea DeSouza, Angela Bean, Ardeen Williams, Carlita O'Brien, Chanel Bean, Corville Hylton, Deborah Thomas-Gilkes, Dennis O'Brien, Dilveon Bramwell, Eloise Symonds, Garth Dixon, Jamal Albuoy, James Kelly, Keisha Brown-Dixon, Kelly Tucker, Kerry-Ann Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Kiara Somner, Kimberley Doyley-Fox, Kymn Astwood, Lorenzo Burch, Lorine Holder, Malachi Omollo, Michael Spenser, Onesimus Nzabalinda, Patrick Monteiro, Paula Fough, Rochelle Ming, Rose James, Shanna-Lee Burch, Sharmaine Spenser, Shurnette Caines, Simari-Lee Burch, Stanley James, Stefan Simons, Steve Doyling, Steven Holdipp, Troy Dean

Midland Heights (15)

Judith Brooks, Georgeatte Crane, Georgina Dill, Troy Dill, Mellonie Furbert, Cynthia Ganpot, Stephanie Hendrickson, Gaynelle Hollis, Paul Minks-Cole, Lorna Smith, Michael Smith, Vanessa Steede, St. Omer Valasse, Dawnelle Walker, Marlene Warren

Pembroke (11)

Corliss Burgess, Willis Ebbin, Anthony Fubler, Dwayne Hill, Kent Laws, (Keron) Martell Mullings, Dorea Richards, Derrick Smith, Valincia Swann-Vallis, Richard Allan Vallis, Tanya Warner

Restoration Ministries (11)

Desirae Simons, Daryl Hinkson, Pauletta Francis, Regina Ferguson, Levohn Ferguson, Rendell Metellus, Racquel Kerr, Ricky Braithwaite, Willie Ferguson, Cratonia Thompson, Dennis Lister, Jr.

Rockaway (5)

Michelle Raynor, Edwin Smith, Henry Gibbons, Larry Stevens, Arnold Astwood

Somerset (16)

Kirk Richards, Kevin Burgess, Albert Ratteray, Henry Young, Lazeka Richards, June Dill, Keva Carter, Neville Greene, Asia Daniels, Alison Roberts, Rosemary Tyrrell, Marilyn Simmons, Alethia Gooden-Young, Estrick Ferguson, Evandre Smith, Vickie Richardson-Grimes

Southampton (23)

Sheila Holder, Sherman Swan, Raymond Tucker, Karen McCottry, Gerritt Harvey, Nikita Euler, Charles Webbe, Mark Andrew, Thomas Smith, Samuel Wilson, Rosamund Gibbons, Kathleen Allers, Rovenia Tull, Eric Bean, Chris Wright, Jackie Hamilton, Sophia Hamilton, Shannon James, Tsehai Tear, William Tull, Theresa Wright, Stacy Hill, Elizabeth Ray

St. David's (5)

Judy Lamb, Ann Pitcher, Calvin Wade, Calvin White, Debra White

St. George's (12)

Sandra Brangman, Helen Fabian, Pam Ingham, Carol Ming, Sacora Nearon, Kendra-Lee Pearman, Laurie Simons, Tandi Simons, Tammy Smith, Warren Smith, Elizabeth Stovell, Micah Straw

Warwick (12)

Millard Bean, Hutson Carter, Darrell Vickers, Donnette Browne, Davidson Bishop, David Goulbourne, Dawn Holdipp, Marcia Spencer, Lynne Wade, Carol Seymour, Eileen Rodriguez, Julie Richardson

Delegates-at-Large

Aaron Spencer, Alyson Thompson, Anthony Smith, Apryl Tuzo, Aretha Showers, Beresford Richardson, Bermuda Institute Principal, Brian Holdipp, Carl MacKenzie, Carlyle Simmons, Carolina Carter, Carolyn James, Coggie Gibbons, Craig Tucker, Damon Hendrickson, Dana Lightbourne, Dawn Eversley, Dawn Kirk, Debra Stevens, DeJaun Tull, Delano Bulford, Delia Basden, Desmond Greyson, Donnisha Murray, Dora Baker, Doris Foley, Dwayne Burgess, Dwayne Foster, Dwayne S. Caines, Elicia Albuoy, Elizabeth Knight, Ernestine DeGraff, Gina Richardson, Gladstone Eve, Gladwin Benjamin, Hector Quinones, Jermaine Richardson, Joan Goulbourne, JoAnna Mills, Joi Tyrrell, Joseph Smith, Josonne Smith, June Todd, Junior Watts, Juvan Gaitor, Karen Blankenfeldt-Tucker, Kenneth Manders, Kenneth Simons, Kevin Murray, Kim Ming Simons, Kirk Johnson, Kristina Dickinson, LaGregg Smith, LaMel Burch, Leonard Gibbons, Leslie Holder, Jr., Loida Ratteray, Lois Tucker, Maria Packwood, Martin Turgott, Maxanne Anderson-Caines, Mazina Nisbett, Merdene Blake, Michael Nisbett, Michael Simmons, Michelle Hill, Newbold Smith, Norma-Lynn Showers, Owen Simons, Paul Simons, Pauline DeShield, Rhoda Musson, Richard Martin, Ricardo Clarke, Rohan Davis, Rollin Nathan, Roseanne Russell, Roslyn Amory, Roslyn Francis, Saw Tun, Sheena Smith, Sheena Tulloch, Sheridan Ming, Sherma Webbe Clarke, Sonia Dawes, Sonia Stevens, Sonya Richardson, Steven Ingham, T. LaToya Tull, Tammy Robinson, Tracey Richardson, Troy Hill, Velvet Scott, Wendy Warren, William Johansen

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES:

Abraham Jules, David McKenzie, Thomas Murray

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE:

Jorge A. Ramirez

If anyone would like to receive information regarding the 2026 Constituency documents:

- Past Streams of Light articles (September 2022-July 2026)
- 2022 Constitution and Bylaws
- Report of the Minutes and Actions of the 3rd Quadrennial Session
- Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws
- Bermuda Conference 2022 Employee Manual
- SDA Church Manual
- 2026 Conference Calendar
- Video information about how constituency meetings work within the Seventh-day Adventist church https://player.vimeo.com/video/278024033?app_id=122963&wmode=opaque
- Video information on how our Church Structure works https://player.vimeo.com/video/277481706?app_id=122963&wmode=opaque
- Other updated information

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PREPARATION FOR THE ORGANIZING AND NOMINATING COMMITTEES

The **organizing committee** will meet on **Sunday, July 12, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church and the **nominating committee** will be meet on **Sunday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The organizing committee shall elect a nominating committee, constitution and bylaws committee and other committees as may be necessary.

The nominating committee shall nominate, and the constituency shall elect the Bermuda Conference administrators, the executive committee, the board of trustees, departmental directors and associate departmental directors, and other committees as may be necessary.



THE BERMUDA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY SYMPOSIUM

JULY 24-25

FRIDAY
EVENING
7:00 P.M.

SABBATH
DIVINE
WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

SABBATH
AFTERNOON
6:30 P.M.



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