



Overseer's Desk



In this issue of our newsletter we want to briefly highlight our District Conventions. For me, they serve as an excellent precursor to our Regional Convention and for which we remain extremely excited.

Please pray that at our Regional gathering the Spirit will have His way and that we will all leave there challenged and motivated to do more in terms of soul-winning, discipling and church planting.

May we fully realize again how short the time is and may we move with utmost urgency and calculated deliberateness to get the work of the Great Commission done as we are called upon to do. As His redeemed people we have not a moment to waste and we do so keep in mind that so much depends upon the church getting her act together. His Word keeps ringing in our ears

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” Ephesians 5:16. Let us do all the good we can while we can! Let none be idle or lazy when, so much remains left to be done! Let’s get it done!

District Conventions!!

Brooklyn – NY – April 10-12th

Simple Fantastic! Are the words that come to mind! The convention met under the theme “The Legacy Continues,” and was ably moderated by District Overseer, Carlton Walters. Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of this convention was the **March of Churches**, which took place on Sunday afternoon. What a time it was as all the churches, marched to the platform with great excitement and reported the many good things that transpired throughout the year. Each session was interspersed with lively singing, great praise and worship and most of all anointed preaching of the Word. We all left the convention challenged, fired-up and inspired to continue to pass on the legacy, we graciously inherited. For every blessing we give the Almighty genuine praise!



Northern New England – Barre, Vermont

United in "**Fellowship, the Word & Worship,**" best describes the Northern New England District Convention, which



Bishop Jeff Kelly – District Overseer

convened on Saturday April 25th. The Joy of seeing God's people breaking the bread of Life and the natural bread was highlighted by a stirring word by District Overseer Bishop Kelly, in the presence of Regional representatives Ministers Morais and Diane Cassell, Bishop and Lady Greenaway. The saints were blessed to have the closing sermon preached by our Regional Overseer, Bishop Leroy Greenaway. There remains a sense of hope, revival and growth happening in Northern New England, to God Be the Glory!

Capitol & Hudson Valley District

On April 17th & 18th, the saints were blessed to be in convention one more time. This year's convention was held at the Newburgh church. As the saints gathered one could feel the excitement and the spirit of expectancy which filled the room. The theme for this convention was “Compelled to Excel.” From the first session it was evident that this was going to be a great convention. Not only was there great fellowship on the human level, but there were times when it seemed like heaven also came down and communed with each delegate. Every song, presentation and message came forth with special unction. Truly it was a blessed convention, ably moderated and put together by District Overseer, Bishop Tim Scotton.

Jersusalem Avenue – Church Dedication

After many months of prayer, hard work, sacrificial giving, planning and diligent efforts –



the day or rather days of dedication finally arrived. What a weekend it was as the saints and loved ones from all around the Region and other parts came together to celebrate with the saints at Jerusalem Avenue for this milestone achievement. In fact they came from as far away as Jamaica to share in this great occasion. Naturally, a recurrent theme on everyone's lips was "Look What the Lord has done," as many stood in awe and wonder at this magnificent facility.

We were also blessed to have in attendance Bishop Tim Coalter our North America Presbyterian and Dr. Hector and Sister Dolly Ortiz from the Gordon Conwell Consortium. Bishop Coalter blessed the congregation with a challenging word. It was very encouraging to have so many of our pastors, ministers and District Bishops attending the celebrations. At the final dedicatory service, Regional Overseer Bishop Leroy Greenaway brought a very uplifting Word. Throughout the services many gave willingly and sacrificially. For every gift Jerusalem Avenue remains thankful!

Bishop Carlton Chambers, senior pastor and his team must be commended and honored for their excellent work. Ultimately, to the great God Almighty we give all praise, honor and glory!

Massachusetts and Rhode Island

While the saints from the Capital and Hudson Valley District were in Convention, the saints in Massachusetts & Rhode Island were also gathered together that same weekend to have seasons of refreshing from the Lord. They met under the theme "**There is a sound of an abundance of rain.**" Like Elijah many were inspired to feel and see that the long night of drought and barrenness was about to end. The convention was ably moderated by Bishop Enos Gardiner, District Overseer.

Dreams were revived and hope was restored! It just seems like a new day is dawning for this District – a day of revival, renewal and the brethren coming together again to help and encourage each other. There was such



a spirit of rejoicing and celebrating God's goodness especially in the closing session! The saints were in no hurry to rush home as they basked in the glory of God's presence. For a great convention we give God praise!

Gordon Conwell Rally

All roads led to the Saint Albans church as Dr. Hector Ortiz, visited this Region to promote the Master's of Arts Degree from Gordon Conwell University. The session was well attended and resulted in over 40 individuals agreeing to sign up for this program. It is hoped that the school will come to this Region by the Fall. For all those seeking more information, please contact the Regional Office at 518-489-0753. Special thanks to Bishop Ortiz and Sister Dolly for coming to the Northeast Region!



Northeast Regional Convention

Grace Fellowship Church

20 Delatour Road #1, Watervliet, NY 12189

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Mission Breakfast – 7:00 am

Theme: "Transformational Breakthrough through Prayer" Saturday, July 18th - THE DESMOND HOTEL - 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

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COMING SOON

SOPAS – May 18th – 22nd

Jerusalem Avenue Church –

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REGIONAL CONVENTION CHOIR REHEARSALS

Mandatory rehearsals will be held at the district level in May and June 2015. Please see the schedule. Those who commit to participate should be prepared to attend his/her specific district rehearsals and the final consolidated rehearsal.

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Diane Cassell – Regional Music Director