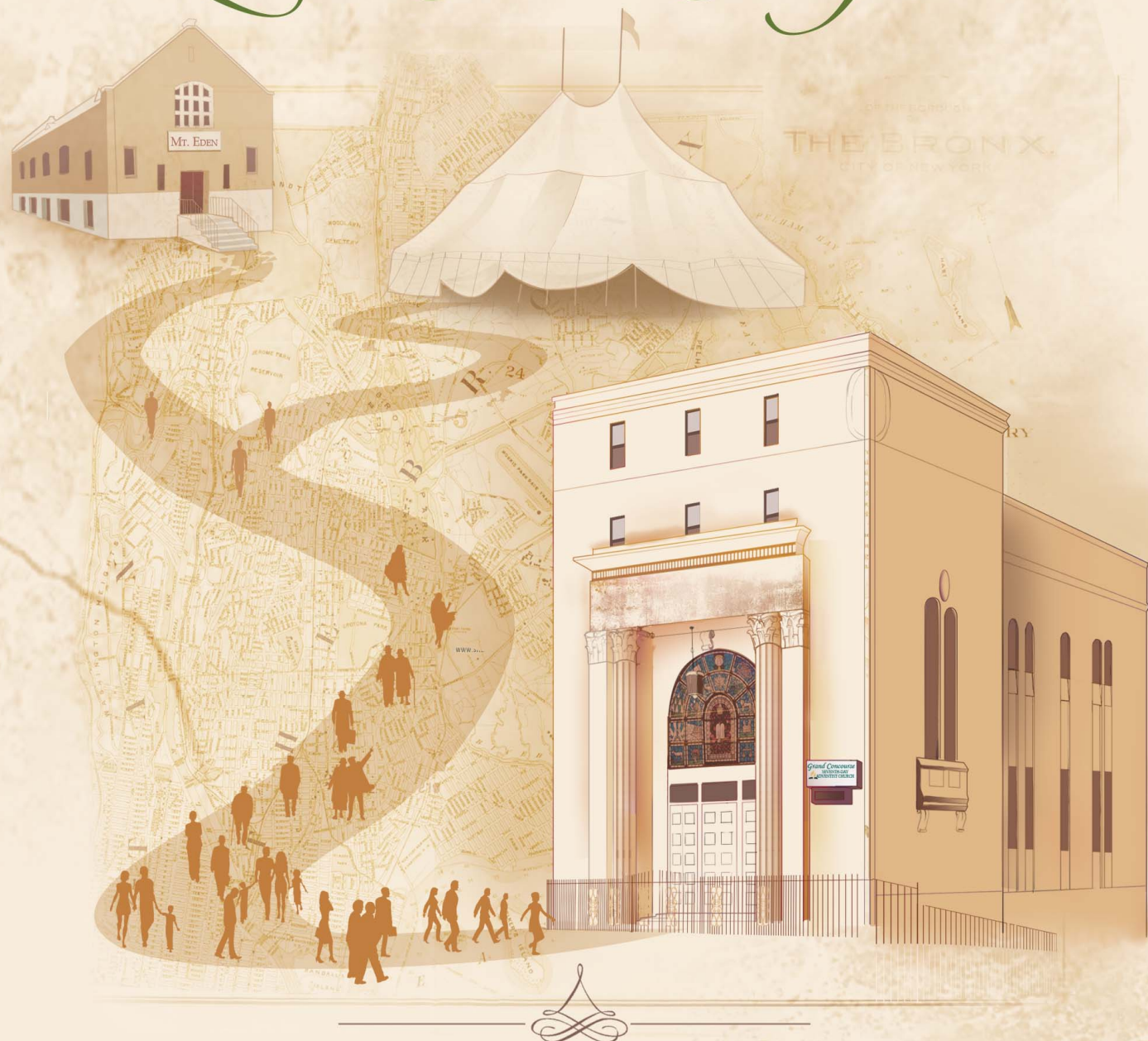


FOUNDERS WEEK

Lest We Forget



OCTOBER 18 TO 25, 2014
GRAND CONCOURSE SDA TEMPLE
1275 GRAND CONCOURSE
BRONX, NY 10456

THE CHURCH AT STUDY
Sabbath School
Sabbath, October 18, 2014 at 9: 15 A.M.
Theme: "These Are They"

Morning Praise	Praise Team
Opening Statement:	Elder Barbara Mitchell
Opening Hymn:	Sis. Carlene Burke #341 "To God Be the Glory"
Scripture Reading:	Sis. Dominique Ellis Psalm 98: 1-4
Prayer:	Sis. Denise Smith
Mission Emphasis:	Our Story
Special Music:	Sis. Marcia Brown Lesson Review-Panel Discussion
Moderator	Panelists
Pastor Desmond Haye	Auburn Nelson Pastor Bancroft Daughma Delroy Daley Ruth Smith Maxroy Mitchell
Welcome:	
Closing Thoughts:	Elder Barbara Mitchell
Musical Finale:	Sis. Jean Brown



Personal Ministries:

Presentations

Divine Worship

Sabbath, October 18, 2014 11:05 A.M.

Prelude	Organist & Pianist
Processional	Choir/Platform
Participants	
We have This Hope	Congregation
Greetings & Parish Notes	Dr. Burnett L. Robinson
ADORATION***	
Call To Worship	Pastor Desmond C. Haye
Affirmation of Faith in the Sabbath	
And the 2 nd Coming	Pastor Desmond C. Haye
Gloria Patri	Congregation
“Glory Be to the Father”	
Invocation	Dr. Trevor Fraser
Hymn of Praise	Sis. Leila Brown
“Crown Him”	
Special Music	GC Temple Choir
EXCELLING IN THE MINISTRY OF GIVING***	
Offertory	Elder Margaret Miller
Offertory Response	Congregation
PREPARATION OF THE HEART***	
The Written Word	Sis. Cynthia Purkiss
Isaiah 43:1-10	
Intercessory Song:	“God is Here” Congregation
Intercessory Prayer	Elder Patricia Thiessen
Prayer Response	Congregation
Children’s Story Time	Sis. Angela Johnson
MINISTRY OF THE WORD***	
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Burnett L. Robinson
Christ in Song	Praise Team
Meditation Song	Sis. Jean Brown
Sermon & Appeal	Dr. Trevor Fraser
“Behold I Do A New Thing”	
Closing Hymn	Bro. Ricardo Stokes
# 633 “When We All Get to Heaven”	
Benediction	Bro. Lloyd Mitchell
Recessional	Choir/Platform
Participants	
Postlude	Organist/Pianist

***** Please remain standing for the recessional and then be seated for a moment of silent prayer. You will be ushered out.**



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

Greater New York
Conference Headquarters

Office of the President

PO Box 5029
7 Shelter Rock Road
Manhasset, NY 11030-9878
Direct Line: (516) 467-5055
Telephone: (516) 627-9350, ext 131
Fax: (516) 365-1646
E-mail: president@gnyc.org



Dear Members of the Grand Concourse Church,

The Administration of Greater New York Conference takes pleasure in congratulating you all on your 42nd Birthday and Founders Week Celebration. The Lord has been good to you over these past years and it is very good that you are taking the time to reflect on His goodness. This moment in history affords you the opportunity to evaluate where you are and cast a vision for the future.

During your 42 years of existence, the Grand Concourse SDA Church has given birth to several congregations and I feel justified in saying that you may be considering more for the future. We as a conference are grateful for the outstanding contribution that this Church has made to our growth and development. The impact that you have made on the current membership and also those who are no longer worshipping at your Church have not gone unnoticed. Your dynamic ministry has impacted the surrounding community in a positive way.

As you look ahead to the future, I pray that the Lord will guide you as you chart the path towards a relevant and continued dynamic ministry. I am confident that with such a strong leadership core you will be able to climb to higher heights for your Master and Lord. We join you in celebration of how God has led you as a Church thus far.

May God bless you!

Your Brother in Christ,

Dr. G. Earl Knight, D. Min
President - 10.18.2014

To the Founders of the Grand Concourse S.D.A Church.

“We have come this far by faith!” Congratulations to our founders and pioneers. Forty-two years later we have maintained your legacy of love and fellowship. May God continue to remain with us through the rest of the journey. God is and will be with us throughout the journey “Lest we Forget”.

**From the Sabbath School Department
Sis. Carlene Burke**

Congratulations
to the Grand Concourse
S.D.A. Church on your
Founders weekend.

From the Golden Agers.

Lets' strive for the high calling of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ; our obtainment of mastery depends on our efforts. A crown awaits us in glory.

From the Fundraising Committee

To the Founders and Pioneers/seed
members of the Grand Concourse
Church.

As we celebrate this milestone let's
remember that He who began this great
work will be faithful to complete it.

**From Publishing Ministry, Josephine
Allsop & Iulienne Louissaint**

“Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty”.
As we reflect on how the Lord has led the Grand
Concourse Church to this point, we are confident that
with God's help it will continue to be a place where the
spirit of the Lord brings liberty.

**Gary Mitchell & Josephine Allsop
Religious Liberty**



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

Grand Concourse SDA Temple

1275 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10452
Telephone: 718-681-2232
Fax: 718-588-8832
Website: www.grandconcourse.org

*Dr. Burnett L. Robinson, Senior Pastor
Desmond C. Haye, Associate Pastor*



Greetings in the name of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Milestones are worth celebrating and history is worth preserving. Today we celebrate a rich history and the promise of a brilliant future. God has blessed us and is continuing to lead us forward. As we remember the cherished deeds of the past, let us not lose sight of the brilliant vision for tomorrow. Let us not forget the sacrifice, the ministry and faith of our founding fathers and let's perpetuate their legacy.

This is forty-two years of service and there are many measurable indicators to really show that the Ministry of this church in this community has had significant impact. Were it not for this lighthouse many souls would have run aground. We thank the Lord for churches planted, for people helped, for the impact and holistic ministry to the greater Bronx community.

Thanks to the indefatigable band of Pastors, Elders, Officers and Self-sacrificing members who have all bonded and banded together to make the Grand Concourse Church a visible symbol of salvation and hope. There is yet more land to be conquered and so together we move forward under the Captaincy of Prince Emanuel. Together we move forward always remembering that teamwork makes the dream work.

“And hitherto my Lord has led,
Today He guides each step I tread,
And soon in Heav'n it will be said,
Jesus led me all the way”

Your Chief Servant,

Dr. B. L. Robinson

Senior Pastor



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

Grand Concourse SDA Temple

1275 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10452
Telephone: 718-681-2232
Fax: 718-588-8832
Website: www.grandconcourse.org

Dr. Burnett L. Robinson, Senior Pastor
Desmond C. Haye, Associate Pastor



Dear Church Family:

Happy Birthday! Happy Founders Week! As we celebrate our first Founders Week here at Grand Concourse Seventh-day Adventist Temple, we are thankful for God's leading. Sister Haye and I thought of a passage in Deuteronomy 6: 12 which states, "Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt..." The people of God are cautioned not to forget the Lord's leading in their lives. It is against this background that we reflect on our history for, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." It is our joy to celebrate with you under the theme, "Lest We Forget." We salute this great church on its 42nd year of existence. We pray that as we move into the future, we will do so with courage. Remember, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

We pray that the Lord will push back the horizons of our hopes, and push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

Yours in Ministry,

Pastor & Sister
Desmond C. Haye

Congratulations are in order to the Grand Concourse Church family
on their Founders' Week.

Forty two years of reflections on how God has led His people to
this great historical milestone that we are proud of. May we
continue to be a beacon of light on this corner of the vineyard.

Grand Concourse Board of Deacons



Congratulations Grand Concourse. For 42 years you have been a pillar
of support in this community.

“The church triumphant is alive and well”.

Submitted with love from the Children's Ministries Department

Leader Sis. Angella Johnson

Elder Barbara Mitchell



Robert Kennedy, STM; Ed.D; PhD

Dr. D. Robert Kennedy has served the Seventh-day Adventist church in various capacities for the last 44 years. Dr. Kennedy is a graduate of West Indies College now Northern Caribbean University, Columbia University, Andrews University in MI, McGill University in Montreal and Greenwich University, Hawaii. He has also served as a professor of Religion and Theology at Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts. He has also served as adjunct professor for a number of Graduate Schools and seminaries, including: The SDA Theological Seminary, at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan; Union University in Cincinnati, Ohio; Trinity Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana, Northwest University, and Greenwich School of Theology, in England.

Dr. Kennedy has authored nine (9) books. He has written chapters for another four books, contributed to several journals and magazines, and writes a weekly column called "From the Pastor's Heart," for the Local Talk Newspaper. His 44 years in ministry can be divided into four significant phases, namely: pastoring, teaching, administration and workshop training in the areas of Stewardship, Leadership and Evangelism. Dr. Kennedy is a global leader and has travelled and taught on several continents and is a sought after speaker and teacher.

Dr. D. Robert Kennedy and his lovely wife, Dr. S. June Kennedy, are celebrating 42 years of marriage this year. Together they have three sons who were nurtured through the Christian faith education and have remained faithful in the church. The Kennedys cherish their three daughters-in-law and six fantastic grandchildren whom they love dearly. Dr. D. Robert Kennedy has enjoyed every aspect of his ministry. He uses prayer as the frontal attack agency of his ministry. He loves life and learning. He enjoys playing the piano, is now learning the trumpet and sings with his church choir. He likes to try at different languages and still wishes to be proficient in Spanish and French.

Dr. Kennedy still considers one of his most memorable ministry experiences as pastoring at the Grand Concourse Temple. This was the starting point of his 34 years of ministry practice in North America. He believes life is to be lived to its fullest in service to humanity with absolute trust in God.

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF GRAND CONCOURSE
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

To contain over forty-two years of vibrant history in a page or two is rather difficult. However, it is far from difficult to trace and acknowledge God's goodness and leadership through every day of those years.

It was the year 1972 that a group of God's children realized the anticipated exodus from Mt. Eden Seventh day -Adventist church, a small building at 1682 Morris Avenue to the new spacious church home here at 1275 Grand Concourse. The move was necessitated by the tremendous growth in membership making the small building no longer adequate to house the members. In addition, there was a steady increase in the arrival of Seventh- day Adventists from the Caribbean to the area. Prior to the actual move to the new building, a successful evangelistic series was held on Morris Avenue with the late Pastor O. U. Holness as the evangelist.

Instrumental in the search and acquisition of this building were Pastor Riley, then president of The Greater New York Conference, Pastor O.U. Holness and some enthusiastic ardent members.

One outstanding, hard working member who was committed to making the purchase a reality was Bro. Audley Fothergill. He worked feverishly and kept the saints focused on the mission. Other pivotal members included Noel Ashley, Vida Reynolds, Bro.Webb, Peggy Nicholas to name a few. The saints were in full support of the plan and the hands of God were clearly seen as He guided them in the search. The hard work and prayers of all resulted in the purchase of this edifice – now a “place beautiful for situation.” The purchase reinforced in the believers the text “With God All Things are Possible.” Approximately 160 members made the move from Mt. Eden to Grand Concourse, formerly Temple Adath Israel a Jewish synagogue. The new name became Grand Concourse Seventh-day Adventist Temple.

Not long after the move, The Tabernacle of Joy Company was formed and later was established as a church as a result of a series of meetings led by Pastor Holness and Pastor Trevor Frazer. Pastor Holness retired in 1976 due to ill health.

Pastor Trevor Fraser succeeded him as the young senior pastor. He served faithfully until 1979 and the spiritual and numeric growth remained steady.

Pastor George Huggins succeeded Pastor Fraser and served as senior pastor for one year. He was succeeded by Pastor D. Robert Kennedy who took the helm on October 15, 1980. Pastors Willie Oliver, Allan Hay and Hugh Maynard-Reid served as associate pastors with Pastor Kennedy. Amid the challenges, growth continued and major improvements were done on the physical structure affording the opportunity to realize the mortgage burning and the dedication of the building September 16-18, 1983. And all declared, TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!! Pastor Kennedy was succeeded by Pastor Linford Martin in 1985 and his associates were Pastors Charles Anderson and Andrew Hospedales.

In 1988 Pastor Roy Gordon took up the mantle and Pastors Andrew Hospedales, Ivan Plummer and Bancroft Daughma served as associates. During this period The First Ghana Company was organized as an outgrowth of the congregation.

In 1990 Dr. Alanzo Smith took up the mantle and served faithfully for over seven years. Pastors Canute Birch and James Patterson served as associates with Elder Roy Bowen as Bible Worker. The New Life church was planted as a result of the evangelistic series led by Dr. Alanzo Smith and his team.

In 1998, Dr. Steve D. Cassimy succeeded Dr. Smith and served for over nine years. The associate pastors during this period were Pastors James Patterson, Rohann Wellington, Shane Vidal and Kevin Brown. Again evangelism continued to be the focus. The first ever joint English and Spanish series was held leading to the birth of the All Nations Company, now an organized church.

Dr. Cassimy was succeeded by Pastor Allan Hay who “returned home” and took up the mantle as senior pastor on June 1, 2007. Grand Concourse welcomed him back as the birth place of his ministry in North America. Assisted by Pastor Desta Zabolotney with Elder Garfield Thomas as Bible Worker, evangelism and caring for the flock remained the foci of the team. Pastor Zabolotney was called to pastor a district and Pastor Julian Jones - Campbell, the first female pastor in GNYC was welcomed as the new associate.

In December of 2011, after serving with distinction she was called to pastor a district. Pastor Desmond Haye succeeded Pastor Julian Jones-Campbell in April 2012. Pastor Desmond Haye served as the evangelist for the 2012, summer evangelistic series and continues to be a dedicated minister to the people.

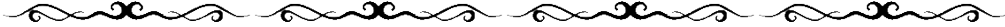
After approximately seven years of ministry at Grand Concourse, Pastor Allan Hay retired from active ministry.

Dr. Burnett Robinson succeeded Pastor Hay and was welcomed to the church on September 1, 2013 and God is still leading His people through His servants.

Each Pastor has brought his /her unique experiences to their ministry here but each has demonstrated the common threads of evangelism, commitment to caring for the flock, serving mankind and ultimately serving the Almighty.

On this day as we pause to honor our Founders Pioneers and Leaders, may we never forget their sacrifices and hard work in providing the foundation, holding up the pillars and continually building columns to keep this as a place of worship for all people. May each one seek to emulate the founders in building for this generation and generations to come.

We will always thank God for them and the vision they had. We will speak of them always – LEST WE FORGET!!!



Deut. 6:10-12 - 10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not.

¹¹ And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

¹² Then beware **lest thou forget** the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.



Dr. Trevor H. Fraser is Director for the Masters in Arts in Pastoral Studies and associate professor in the School of Religion at Oakwood University. He has served as Director of Adult and Continuing Education, Director of Enrollment Management, and Assistant to the President and Vice-President for Student Services. Under his leadership the enrollment at Oakwood University increased significantly.

Dr Trevor Fraser received his B.A. from Atlantic Union College, Masters of Divinity from Andrews University and Doctor of Ministry from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Trevor H. Fraser has been the recipient of numerous awards as a pastor and as a school administrator.

Dr. Trevor Fraser and his wife Dr. Edith C. Fraser have written numerous journal articles and have recently completed a book entitled '**Saving Marriages by Applying Biblical Wisdom.**' The Frasers are committed to marital success in the lives of people in the African Diaspora and the wider Christian church. Dr. Trevor Fraser has been married to this beautiful woman for over 45 years. The Frasers have served as family life facilitators, counselors and presenters for 37 years.

The Frasers are the proud parents of two adult children and their spouses and two grand children Gabriel, 8 and Soraya Solle a years old, Dr. Kiesha Fraser-Doh, is an Assistant professor of emergency medicine at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and Dr. Trevor Vincent Fraser, a Dentist in Burtonsville, Maryland.

While serving at Grand Concourse Temple and North Bronx SDA church the Frasers enjoyed a rich and challenging ministry. There was never an uneventful period but each challenge made them spiritually stronger and prepared them for greater ministry.” Serving at Grand Concourse was a tremendous blessing. It was out of this church that Tabernacle of Joy was birthed at the end of a successful evangelistic series of meetings. I will always be appreciative of how supportive this church was to a fledging pastor at the beginning of my ministry. I grew out of this experience and I always speak fondly of how Grand Concourse Temple blessed Edith and me. You will always have an exceptional place in our hearts. We congratulate you on reaching 42 years as a light house on this corner. Along with you, Edith and I salute the Founders and pioneers of this great church”.



Dr. Hugh Maynard Reid, D.MIN, BCC, CASAC, is the Director of Pastoral Care in the North Brooklyn Health Network of Health and Hospital Corporation. Dr. Maynard – Reid also serves on the Ethics Committee of The Empire State Stem Cell Board.

Dr. Hugh Maynard – Reid loves God and considers himself a servant of the people. He along with his beautiful wife Joy are the proud parents of two adult children, Fahine and Andrew. As a minister of the gospel he delights in witnessing to others through practical examples.

Dr. Hugh Maynard –Reid served as an associate pastor here at Grand Concourse Temple where he endeared himself to the members by his humility and his sense of humor. He is truly a” servant of God and a friend to man.”

SOME OF THOSE WHO REMAIN (THE REMNANT)



~~~~~

#### **A FEW OF OUR FIRST OFFICERS**

The First Head Elder - Cyrus Wedderburn

The First Head Deacon -Wilfred Snape

The First Head Deaconess - Nerissa Wedderburn

The First Treasurer - Keith Bennett, Sr.

The First Sabbath School Superintendents - Audley Fothergill & Sis. Snape

The First Female Elder - Joyce Wilks

The First AY Leaders - Sis. Robinson and Neville Campbell

**THROUGH THE AGES, GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A PEOPLE!**

*God has always had a people! Some have been great stalwarts leading as Moses did, while others have been faithful Aaron” holding up the prophet’s hand.” Together the work has been progressing.*

*Below is a list of few of those who God used as Founders and supporters of this great church.*

*Audley Fothergill (D) Ida Crawford(D) Cyrus Wedderburn (D), Nerissa Wedderburn (D) Neville Downer (D), Keith Bennett Sr. (D) Rosalee Ashley (D), Noel Ashley (D) Olga West,(D) Peggy Nicholas(D) Vida Reynolds(D) Bro. Webb(D), Beryl Parkins (D).*

*Minna Evans, Alveda Johnson, Pearl Newnis, Pearl Downer, Pearl Thompson, Cleveland Garnett, Beverly Garnett , Cynthia Gayle, William Gayle , Peter Thompson, Madge Thompson, Carol Carter- White, Delroy Daley, Ruth White, Kenneth Binns and Daphne Binns,*

*Forty two years later, there remains a remnant of those who transitioned from Mt Eden to Grand Concourse and are still calling this place their church home.*

*Veronica Henry, Grace Purrier, Neville Campbell, Joyce Wilks, Leila Brown, William James, Cynthia Purkiss, Grace Dinnall-Stephens, Marjorie Campbell, Phyllis Spencer, Lloyd Mitchell, Maxroy Mitchell, Gloria Stephens, Ruth Smith, Othniel Stephens, Auburn Nelson, Barbara Mitchell, Mavis Garrick, Andrea Stephens-Edmonds, Jackie Fraser, Barbara Fraser, Owen Williams Sr., Miriam Nicholas, Margaret Brown and Kay Pearce.*

- **(D)** *Deceased*

### **Families for Prayer:**

Heather Scott & family  
Sheryl Simpson & family  
Jacqueline Sinclair &  
family  
Bernard Small & family  
Charles Spence & family

### **Birthdays**

*Andre Coppin  
Stacy Ann-Haye  
Papoose Johnson  
Julienne Louissant*

**Thought:** “Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun causes ice to melt, kindness chases misunderstanding, distrust and hostility.

**Submitted by Hospitality Department**

### **Planning Committee**



As the Chair of the Founder's Week planning committee, I'd like to thank all the members who gave of their time, talent and resources so unflinchingly to make the program a reality. Thanks to Pastors Robinson and Haye for their support and guidance.. Thanks to our Guest Speakers Drs. Fraser, Maynard-Reid and Kennedy for accepting the call to minister to us during this week. Thanks to you the church family for your support and to everyone who helped to make the celebration a blessing. We look forward to the day when all of God's children throughout all ages will gather together and join as we worship Him our Founder, Redeemer and the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Until then, let us be faithful.

Elder Barbara Mitchell  
Committee Chair

## *This we believe:*

- ❖ In a personal God. *Hebrews 1:1-3*
- ❖ In Jesus Christ, as divine Son of God and as our Saviour. *John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 7:25*
- ❖ In the Holy Spirit, the divine Comforter. *John 15:26*
- ❖ In regeneration and the new birth, through the acceptance of the gospel. *John 3:1-7; II Cor. 5:17*
- ❖ That the Bible is the inspired Word of God. *II Tim.3:16, 17*
- ❖ That the second coming of Christ is very near. That it will be literal, personal, and visible to all. *John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Matthew 24:30.*
- ❖ That man by nature is mortal. *Job 4:17; I Timothy 6:15, 16*
- ❖ That immortality and eternal life are the gifts of God and are received only through Christ. *Romans 6:23*
- ❖ That the dead are in an unconscious state. *Eccl. 9:5; John 11:11-14*
- ❖ That there will be a resurrection of the dead. *I Thess. 4:16, 17*
- ❖ That the wicked will not burn eternally, but will be burned up. *Mal. 4:1-3*
- ❖ That righteousness comes by faith, not by works. *Romans 4:3-5; Ephesians 2:8, 9*
- ❖ That Salvation comes as a gift of God and is not received through any merit of the sinner's. *Ephesians 2:8*
- ❖ That the law of the Ten Commandments is the standard of righteousness by which all will be judged and which all Christians are commanded to obey. *James 2:10-12; Exodus 20:3-17*
- ❖ That the original seventh-day Sabbath has never been changed by divine authority and therefore all Christians are under obligation to keep it holy. *Gen. 2:2, 3; Luke 23:54-56*
- ❖ In baptism by immersion. *Mark 1:9, 10; Romans 6:3-5*
- ❖ In the ordinances of humility and the Lord's Supper. *John 13:4-17; I Cor. 11:23-26*
- ❖ In the gift of the Spirit, including the Spirit of Prophecy. *Eph. 4:8-11; Rev. 12:17; Rev.19:10*
- ❖ In discarding unhealthful practices, such as the use of intoxicants, tobacco, unclean meats, etc. *Prov. 23:29-32; I Cor. 3:16, 17; Deut. 14:3-20;*

### **Mission Statement:**

The Grand Concourse Seventh-day Adventist Temple exists to make disciples of all people, communicating the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14: 6-12, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior, while developing an authentic Biblical community where the worship of God, and loving relationships are central in preparation for the second advent (John 17:20-23, Acts 2:42-47).