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UNION OFFICERS' REPORTS



The Office of the President

Pastor Peter Kerr, President



Pastor Abner De los Santos, Dr. Pierre Caporal, Sister Ivelisse Herrera, and all delegates present at the Third Quinquennial Session of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU), I extend a warm greeting to you in the name of Him who is the great shepherd of His flock.

The period under review, from 2021 to 2025, has been marked by remarkable miracles of God's grace alongside unprecedented challenges. It has been a time of great pain and anguish, yet also a period in which we have witnessed the fulfillment of end-time Bible prophecies like never before. Our hearts are filled with the joy of anticipation for the soon coming of our Lord.

The state of our union during this time has been significantly influenced by several key events and developments, including the following:

PRAYER

Prayer is the breath of the soul and the lifeblood of our union. During these challenging times, we united in prayer, particularly through the ATCU's prayer initiative, Pray Until Something Happens (P.U.S.H.), the Back to the Altar initiative, and the numerous prayer groups in churches and institutions throughout the union. These groups formed a chain of praying believers encircling our union, and we thank God for these faithful intercessors.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Each field within our union conducted quadrennial sessions, resulting in the election of new administrators, departmental directors, and executive committee members who have been called to serve in various leadership roles. We thank God for the dedicated service rendered to His great cause by the men and women who faithfully serve His church.

In 2022, the South Bahamas Conference (SBC) welcomed Elder Okell Damastus as its new treasurer.

We honor Pastor Reinaldo Dracket and his wife, Rose, for their many years of service to God and His church. Pastor Dracket retired as president of the Cayman Islands Conference (CIC) in 2023, and we thank Dr. Ivor Harry for accepting the call to serve as president of that field alongside Pastor Carlton Nyack as executive secretary, Elder John Wesley as treasurer, and Pastor Andrew Campbell as vice president.

Pastor Terry Tanis, the executive secretary of the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC), accepted a call to join our union team at headquarters as the director of Stewardship Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Family Ministries. In response, Pastor Roy Lindsay gladly accepted the call from the executive committee of TCIC to serve as executive secretary.

At its quadrennial session in December 2024, the North Bahamas Conference (NBC) elected Pastor Tanis as their president, succeeding Pastor Eric Dannie Clarke. Pastor Andrew Burrows joined our ATCU team at the head office, taking over from Pastor Terry Tanis. We thank God for all these outstanding servants and the invaluable service they provide to Him.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Novel Coronavirus significantly impacted the state of our union, presenting both challenges and opportunities. We could not escape the economic, social, educational, religious, and psychological hardships faced by individuals and families everywhere. The pandemic caused major disruptions in the delivery of goods and services, leading to job losses and diminished income for many families. It also necessitated the temporary closure of our schools and churches. Tragically, many of our members fell severely ill, and we mourn the loss of some of our finest due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, we must thank God that amidst these challenges, we discovered gifts, abilities, and blessings that many had previously taken for granted. The Lord equipped His people with the necessary skills to utilize various forms of technology and social media platforms for spreading the gospel of Christ and fostering digital discipleship among church members. We had to adapt to online worship services, online schools, virtual board and committee meetings, online evangelistic campaigns, online baby blessings, online baptisms, and even online socials and concerts. Today, we have the ability to reach a global audience with our evangelistic efforts and church services, as nearly every church in our union now livestreams its worship services.

Out of an abundance of caution and with the health and safety of all delegates in mind, our Second Quinquennial Session was held as a virtual event in 2021. God has guided us safely through those difficult times, allowing us to conduct the church's business in person once again.

As we move into the post-COVID-19 season, we give thanks to God for bringing us through those challenging years and for restoring our church attendance and Sabbath School participation patterns to pre-COVID-19 levels for the most part. God continues to remind us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, especially as we draw closer to the day of His coming.

MISSION REFOCUS

In response to the General Conference's call for divisions and unions worldwide to support mission work by adopting a country from the 10/40 Window for special impact, we chose to adopt South Sudan. We engaged in discussions with the South Sudan Union administrators who shared their most pressing needs with us. Last year, in honor of the 150th anniversary of sending the first Adventist missionary overseas, we invited all fields of ATCU to join the union in sponsoring four young people from the South Sudan Union to attend university for four years with the intention that they would return to work for the organization.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism is Jesus' top priority, and the Atlantic Caribbean Union reaffirms its commitment to making evangelism our number one focus as reflected in our mission statement: "Proclaiming Jesus Christ to The Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands."

Increasing the Centennial Harvest

In 2021, we joined all other unions of the Inter-American Division (IAD) in an evangelistic growth initiative themed “Increasing the Centennial Harvest” in preparation for the IAD's Centennial Celebration in 2022.

We embarked on an ambitious adventure in faith in evangelism with the goal of achieving 1,000 baptisms in the first 100 days of 2022. Four regional campaigns were organized across the 24 unions of the division with the Growth Committee for the English-speaking unions chaired by Dr. Samuel Telemaque, Sabbath School director and Missions and Adventist Possibility Ministries coordinator of the IAD. This initiative led to the Footprints of Hope virtual evangelistic campaign, featuring Evangelist Glen Samuels, streaming live from Montego Bay, Jamaica, alongside supporting campaigns across our union and the Belize, Caribbean, and Jamaica Unions.

The Centennial Gospel Caravan, which involved passing the torch virtually from union to union, generated excitement and engagement while fulfilling our mission.

In August 2022, the Centennial Festival of the Laity took place. Dr. Kent Price, assistant to the union president for evangelism and director of the ATCU Ministerial Association, Youth Ministries Department, and Personal Ministries Department, led an energized and highly motivated delegation to Panama City.

The centennial celebrations concluded with a series of evangelistic meetings in the Dominican Republic, complemented by corresponding campaigns in all IAD unions. Representing us as preachers in the Dominican Republic were Pastor Jamal Franklyn and Elder Joshua Lawrence. The grand closing celebrations in Punta Cana recognized hundreds for their outstanding contributions to Christ's mission over the past century. Each union in the division also held services to honor faithful members who dedicated their time, talents, and energy to the growth and development of the work at every level over the last 100 years.

All the Family in Mission and Back to the Altar

In 2023, we focused on conservation and soul-winning, and in 2024, we worked together under the theme “All the Family in Mission.” We witnessed an increase in families reaching out, witnessing to one another, leading each other to Christ in baptism, and engaging in small group settings for family worship and other activities.

We enthusiastically embraced the Back to the Altar initiative, the General Conference's spiritual growth program, which led to a rise in families restoring their broken family altars and coming together for daily worship. Notably, the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference reported a significant increase in the number of weddings conducted.

Our union participated in the All the Family in Mission closing rally held in Portmore, Jamaica, in October 2024. It was a rich and inspiring experience.

Discipleship and Soul-winning Coaching Institute

In 2024, we began earnest preparations for our evangelistic initiative for the first quarter of 2025, the Discipleship and Soul-winning Coaching Institute, coordinated by Dr. Balvin Braham. This initiative was merged with the main stewardship event for the period, the Holy Convocation, in February 2025.

We were honored to have the Belize Union, the Caribbean Union, and the Jamaica Union send preachers and Bible instructors to speak at over 60 preaching sites across our union territory.

As a result of our combined efforts during this period, just under 5,000 souls were baptized. Dr. Kent Price, assistant to the president for Evangelism and Personal Ministries director, will provide a report comparing the soul-winning performances of the four fields within our union.

FINANCES

Despite the significant challenges and disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our God, who is true and faithful to His word and to His church, provided unwavering support for the work across all fields of our union throughout the quinquennium. We witnessed miracle after miracle as we navigated through these difficult and uncertain times. Our union has recorded an 8.56% increase in tithe and an 8.07% increase in offering compared to the previous period. For this and more, we give glory to God on high. Our dedicated and highly respected treasurer will provide further details in his upcoming report.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

We celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our committed departmental directors and their counterparts in the conferences.

Adventist Youth Ministries Department

The Adventist Youth Ministries Department has been one of the most visible forces across our territory, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. Young people, with their talents and expertise in technology and social media, have stepped forward to offer themselves for God's service. Without their contributions, our online worship services and evangelistic programs, online banking systems, and digital disciple-making initiatives would have been significantly more challenging to implement.

It is a joy to witness the youth actively participating in Global Youth Days, distributing the missionary book of the year, shining brightly at the IAD Pathfinder Camporee in Trelawny, Jamaica, conducting evangelistic campaigns, ministering to those in need within their communities, showcasing their musical talents in praise, and taking on critical leadership roles in their churches.

We thank God for the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the life and witness of the church in ATCU.

Education Department

The Education Department was particularly active during this period, engaging in several leadership summits, denominational certification efforts, accreditation visits, and a hybrid teachers' forum as schools transitioned back to pre-COVID-19 conditions.

Ministerial Association

The ongoing certification program for pastors and elders has progressed smoothly, and both pastors and their families have greatly benefited from the annual Week of Prayer for Pastoral Families. In 2024, the Family Ministries Department collaborated with the Ministerial Association for the Ministerial Retreat in Punta Cana where several pastors received well-deserved recognition for their hard work and successes for the Lord over the past five years. We extend our congratulations to Pastor Kevin Danvers for being named the ATCU champion pastor for this period.

Ordination to the Gospel Ministry

We all rejoiced with Pastors Kareem Black, Lee Burrows, Jamal Franklyn, Raydel Duffis, Manasseh Simms, Carlon Nyack, Obed Babb, Andrew Campbell, and Peter Watson on their ordination to the gospel ministry. We thank God for these pastors and their families and for the contributions that they make to the mission.

Health Ministries Department

The Health Ministries director, Mrs. Hazel Fletcher, has been one of the few union directors to provide regular and consistent support for all health initiatives of the division. Over a span of three years, she successfully conducted and completed the Health Promoters Certification programs at Levels 1 and 2. The unwavering focus on healthy living has remained a critical aspect of our fields' operations. Additionally, she has provided exceptional leadership for the IAD's Total Health Movement within our union. We extend our gratitude to our local fields and church directors who have made Adventist Health Ministries visible in their communities through health fairs, the Twelve or Eight Weeks to Wellness program, and other fitness-promoting initiatives.

Family Ministries Department

No institution created by God has faced greater and more persistent attacks than the family. While the department provides the conferences with valuable resources to support this vital ministry, we have also emphasized the importance of family worship and the need to pay careful attention to every interest group within the church and community.

During this period, the department experienced leadership changes, transitioning from Pastor Michael A. Smith to Pastor Terry Tanis and now to Pastor Andrew Burrows. The report that Pastor Burrows will present will highlight some of the exciting developments in this ministry throughout the period.

Women's Ministries Department

We commend the women of our union and their director, Mrs. Arleen Sands, for the wonderful and inspiring Women's Ministries conventions held annually, rotating through the various fields of ATCU. These events have proven to be powerful witnessing tools for God, attracting many women in leadership and from other faiths who thoroughly enjoyed their fellowship with their Adventist sisters.

Children's and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Department

The children of our union are truly the brightest stars among us. Throughout this period, they have been actively involved in powerful preaching, conducting their own evangelistic campaigns with remarkable success in baptisms, and inspiring many others to witness for Jesus. We are witnessing the anointing of the Holy Spirit on our boys and girls, and we are grateful for the dedicated parents and guardians, as well as the CHAM leaders in our conferences and local churches, who invest their time and effort in training these little ones for Jesus. We continue to emphasize the importance of making all Adventist churches child-friendly environments.

Sabbath School Department

This department continues to be the heart of our church in this union. Mrs. Jennifer Kerr has demonstrated her effectiveness as a quiet yet powerful leader, supported consistently by Pastor Samuel Telemaque from the IAD. The department has been actively engaged in workshops and seminars focused on disciple-making, greeting ministry, the Inverse Study Guide, and special events for various interest groups within the church, particularly the Adventist Possibility Ministries. You will find her report to be truly exciting.

ADRA Bahamas

One of the accomplishments that ATCU can be justly proud of is the organization, registration, and certification of ADRA Bahamas under the distinguished leadership of Dr. Henry Moncur. This significant achievement emerged in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. ADRA Bahamas has a compelling report detailing its accomplishments during the short period of its existence. We are also proud of ADRA in the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Together, these organizations, along with the Adventist Community Services, effectively serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in their communities.

This union is currently exploring the possibility of merging ADRA and Adventist Community Services into a single entity in the countries where this is feasible.

Communication and PARL Departments

These departments are among the most critical and essential within our church. Dr. Henry Moncur regularly publishes news reports and updates on the union's website and on Voices, the union's newsletter and TV program.

These departments play a vital role in introducing the church to governments, public officials, and national and international organizations, fostering positive relationships with all people. We advocate for religious freedom both here and around the world, and we are committed to assisting members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who face discrimination or persecution for practicing their faith.

SOME SAD MOMENTS

During this period, we experienced the loss of many faithful church workers and members who have fallen asleep in Christ. Some passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, while others succumbed after brief illnesses or prolonged suffering. They now rest in the Lord, and their works continue to follow them. Today, we honor all the fallen soldiers of the cross—those who died in active service and those who passed during retirement. Each one is precious in His sight. May God continue to comfort their surviving loved ones and grant them the strength to go on until we meet again.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

We thank God for the successes, triumphs, and victories of the past five years. Even during those days and moments when things seemed dark, we knew that God was in control. As Ellen White states, "To outward appearances the enemies of truth were triumphing, God's hand was moving unseen in the darkness."

I express my gratitude to my wife, Jennifer, for her love and support, and I thank God for our happy family: Ava and Mark with their little ones, and Andre and his Arielle with their little one, who bring so much joy to our lives.

I appreciate the leadership of the Inter-American Division and the executive committee for the solid support we have received from them over the years.

I also thank my colleagues in administration, Dr. Cheryl Rolle and Elder Roderick Sands, for being such great team players and for encouraging me to improve in my church leadership role.

Special thanks to our executive committee members for their incredible love and support as well as the wise counsel, careful oversight, and visionary leadership they have provided to our administration.

I am grateful to Pastor Kent Price for the outstanding support he has given as assistant to the president for evangelism. He has been a tremendous asset.

Thank you to all our faithful and committed departmental directors for the unique skills you bring to your work, your support of strategic initiatives, and your great vision for a completed mission.

I also thank our conference leaders and the president of NCU for their excellent leadership in supporting the work in this union. This report is as much theirs as it is mine.

God has blessed us with an amazing office staff: Nydia, our administrative assistant; Charrise, our talented accountant; and John Garcia, our IT coordinator. Thank you all.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our pastors, workers, and members throughout the union for the incredible support you have given to the work of the Lord over the years. Your faithfulness to God is truly appreciated.

Finally, I thank God for you, our faithful brothers and sisters who have agreed to serve as delegates at this session. Thank you for your sacrifice of time and your active engagement in this process. It is your commitment and dedication to Christ and His church that enable us to smoothly conduct the business of His church today.

The Secretariat



Dr. Cheryl Rolle, Executive Secretary

The executive secretary collaborates with the president and treasurer to manage the operations of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU). In this role, the executive secretary directs and coordinates the Secretariat's activities to advance the objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission. This includes providing guidance on denominational policies, statistics, planning, record-keeping, and overall administration.

The Secretariat plays a crucial role in facilitating the mission by collecting and reporting statistics that reflect our progress in fulfilling our mission and achieving goals related to soul-winning and membership growth. This report offers an overview of mission activities, training events, and the union's membership and employee statistics from 2021 to 2024.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

At the end of June 2023, the Secretariat participated in the union-wide online disciple-making training program organized by Dr. Price, union Personal Ministries director. Key to accomplishing the mission is discipling those who have been baptized so that they in turn would become proclaimers of the gospel.

To enable our members to serve as missionaries both within our territory and globally, the union Secretariat has been approved as a service provider for VividFaith, a service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church that connects people with service opportunities all over the world. This designation allows us to welcome volunteers to our territory and facilitates opportunities for individuals from our union to engage in service worldwide. After completing the necessary training, we collaborated with our fields to develop service opportunities on the VividFaith website, providing interested volunteers the chance to come to our union to serve. Additionally, we will encourage people from ATCU to take advantage of opportunities to work anywhere around the globe.

The union, particularly the Secretariat, was delighted to support the North and South Bahamas Conferences during their Mission Refocus weekend in April 2025. They welcomed Pastor Erton Kohler, the then executive secretary of the General Conference (GC), and Pastor Leonard Johnson, the then executive secretary of the Inter-American Division (IAD), to The Bahamas for a weekend dedicated to emphasizing the church's mission. We were grateful for the presence of these leaders from our world church headquarters who inspired us to stay committed to our purpose. We commend the leaders of both conferences for their steadfast dedication to the church's mission and their efforts to encourage members to mobilize with renewed enthusiasm in fulfilling that mission.

SECRETARIAT EVALUATION

If the Secretariat fails to fulfill its responsibilities effectively, the organization’s history may not be preserved properly, and essential information could become inaccessible for reports, decision-making, research, and planning. Therefore, careful attention to the functions of the Secretariat is crucial to the mission.

I am pleased to report that the union Secretariat was evaluated on its stewardship on August 24, 2023, by a 13-member team led by Pastor Gershon Santos, associate secretary of the General Conference, Pastor Claude Richli, former associate secretary of the General Conference, Dr. Leonard Johnson, the then IAD secretary, and Pastor Pedro Iglesias, former associate IAD secretary. Following the visit, the union Secretariat received an excellent approval rating, and we give thanks to the Lord!

TRAINING

To enhance the effectiveness of the Secretariat offices throughout the union, the following seminars and workshops were organized by the union Secretariat during the period under review:

ACMS Training	-	February 9, 2023
Secretariat Council	-	April 16, 2024
Theme	-	Empowered for Effective Service
Leadership Council	-	May 28, 2024
Theme	-	Leaders United in Mission
Secretariat Council	-	March 4 – 5, 2025
Theme	-	Uniting for Excellence

Furthermore, the union Secretariat promoted and supported the involvement of local conference Secretariats in the annual Segment Leadership Development (SeLD) Conference organized by the Inter-American Division (IAD) from 2022 to 2024. The union Secretariat also facilitated participation of the local executive secretaries in the Leadership Development Conferences for current and newly elected leaders hosted by the General Conference in 2023 and 2024.

In addition, the union Secretariat took part in the SeLD conference and gained valuable insights from the professional development opportunities offered by the IAD Secretariat during its councils held in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

OVERVIEW OF CHURCHES AND COMPANIES

Based on the data from 2021 to 2024, we can examine the trends regarding the number of churches and companies in the ATCU.

2021			2022		2023		2024	
Organization	Churches	Companies	Churches	Companies	Churches	Companies	Churches	Companies
CIC	16	1	16	1	16	1	16	1
NBC	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	2
SBC	48	2	49	2	49	2	47	2
TCIC	9	1	10	1	10	1	10	1
ATCU	85	5	87	5	87	5	85	6

The total number of churches in ATCU increased from 85 in 2021 to 87 in 2022, remained at 87 in 2023, and then dropped to 85 in 2024 due to the amalgamation of three churches in the SBC. The total number of companies increased from 5 in 2021 to 6 in 2024.

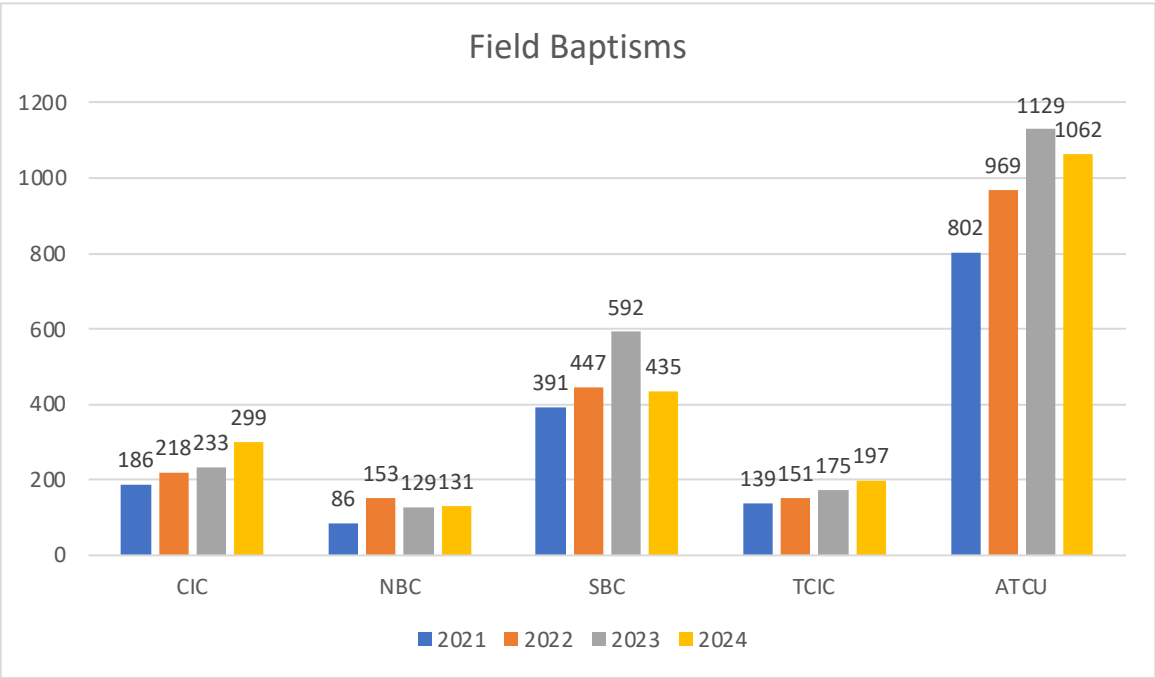
BAPTISMAL STATISTICS

The collection and reporting of statistics are vital functions of the Secretariat. According to the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research (ASTR), statistics provide insights into an organization’s past, present, and future trajectory. They help preserve history, guide future planning, highlight areas of growth, decline, or stagnation in relation to the organization’s goals, and enhance understanding of trends, enabling informed decision-making.

Recognizing the significance of statistics in achieving our objectives, we present the baptismal report of the ATCU for the period from 2021 to 2024.

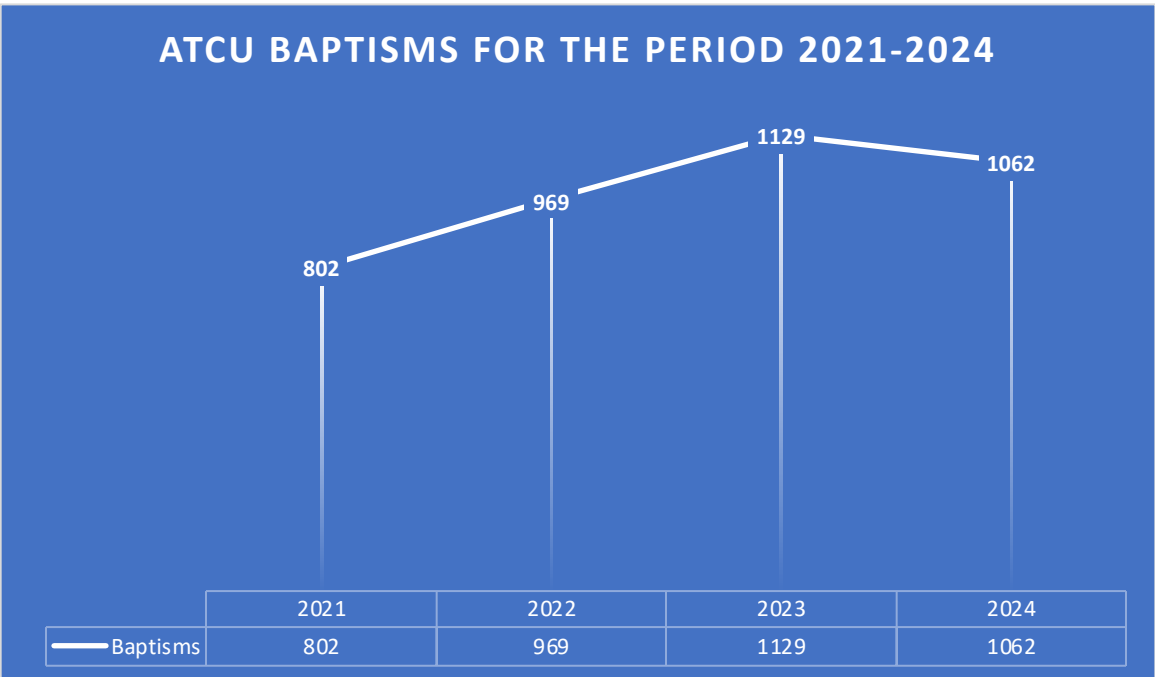
The accompanying chart and bar graph visually represent the soul-winning achievements in each of the four fields of ATCU from 2021 to 2024, all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These visuals provide a clear overview of the progress made in each field during this period, highlighting the impact of spiritual leadership on outreach efforts.

FIELD	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
CIC	186	218	233	299	936
NBC	86	153	129	131	499
SBC	391	447	592	435	1865
TCIC	139	151	175	197	662
ATCU	802	969	1129	1062	3962



CIC experienced a steady increase in baptisms each year, starting with 186 in 2021 and reaching 299 by 2024. TCIC also showed consistent growth, rising from 139 baptisms in 2021 to 197 in 2024, for a total of 662 during this period. NBC saw a significant jump from 86 baptisms in 2021 to 153 in 2022, but then dropped to 129 in 2023, followed by a slight increase to 131 in 2024. Meanwhile, SBC recorded the highest number of baptisms, beginning at 391 in 2021, peaking at 592 in 2023, and then dropping to 435 in 2024.

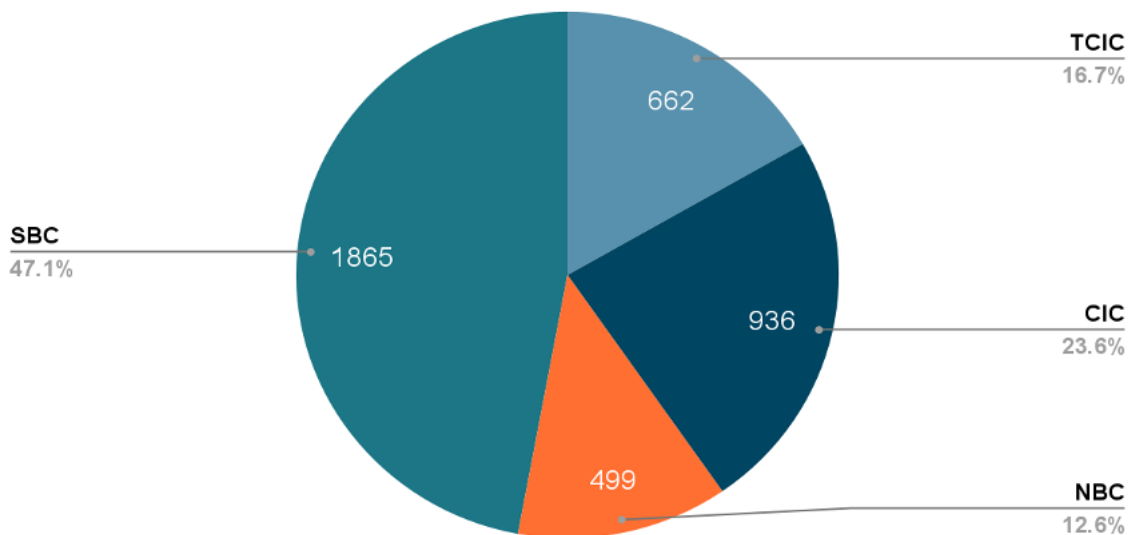
The graph below illustrates the total number of persons baptized in the union from 2021 to 2024. It reveals a steady rise, starting at 802 in 2021 and reaching a peak of 1,129 in 2023, before experiencing a slight decline to 1,062 in 2024. With God's guidance, a total of 3,962 individuals were baptized during this period, and we give all glory to God.



The following pie chart depicts each field's percentage of the total baptisms for the period. SBC, our largest field, contributed 47.1% of the total baptisms, followed by the CIC with 23.6%, the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC) with 16.7%, and then the North Bahamas Conference (NBC) with 12.6%.

Baptisms: 4-year Total

2024, 2023, 2022, & 2021



Total ATCU Baptisms (2021-2024): 3,962

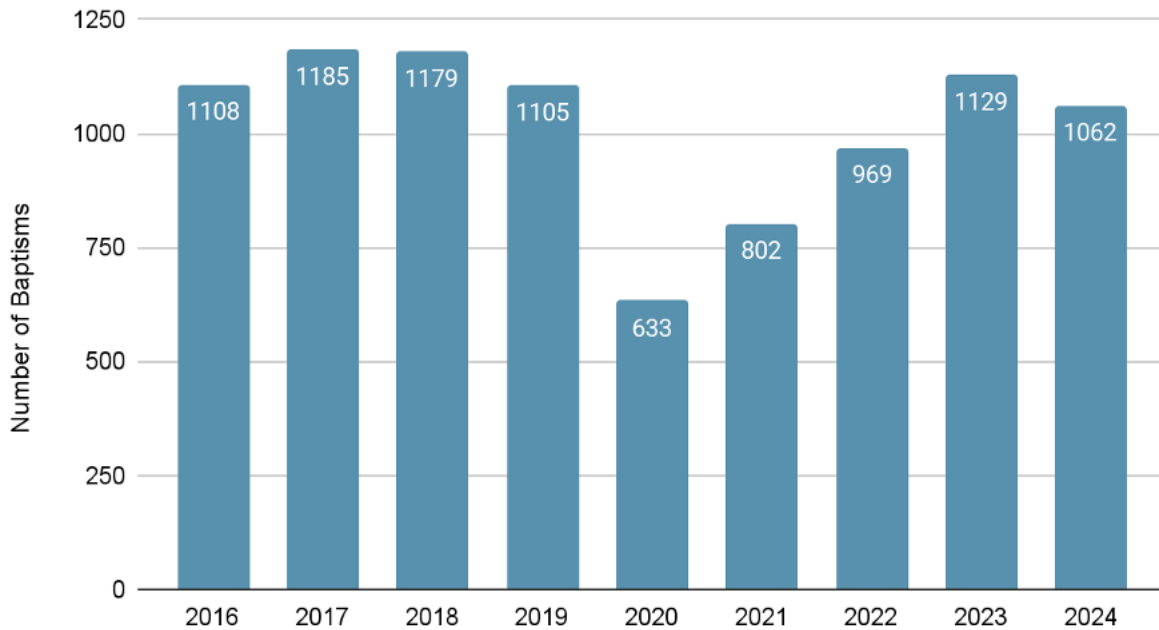
The table below outlines the 5-year goals (2021-2025) for each field, along with the percentage of those goals achieved as of December 2024.

Percentage of 5-year Baptismal Goal Achieved as of 2024

Organization	Goal	2021-2024 Baptisms	Percentage
CIC	1490	936	63%
NBC	1167	499	43%
SBC	4163	1865	45%
TCIC	1180	662	56%
ATCU	8000	3962	50%

The following bar graph presents a historical perspective of the union's baptismal performance from 2016 to 2024. The baptism trends in the ATCU from 2016 to 2024 illustrate a pattern of growth, decline, and recovery. The data reveals that, despite the pandemic's substantial impact, under God's guidance, our union showed resilience and adaptability in its outreach efforts.

ATCU Baptisms for the Period 2016-2024



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

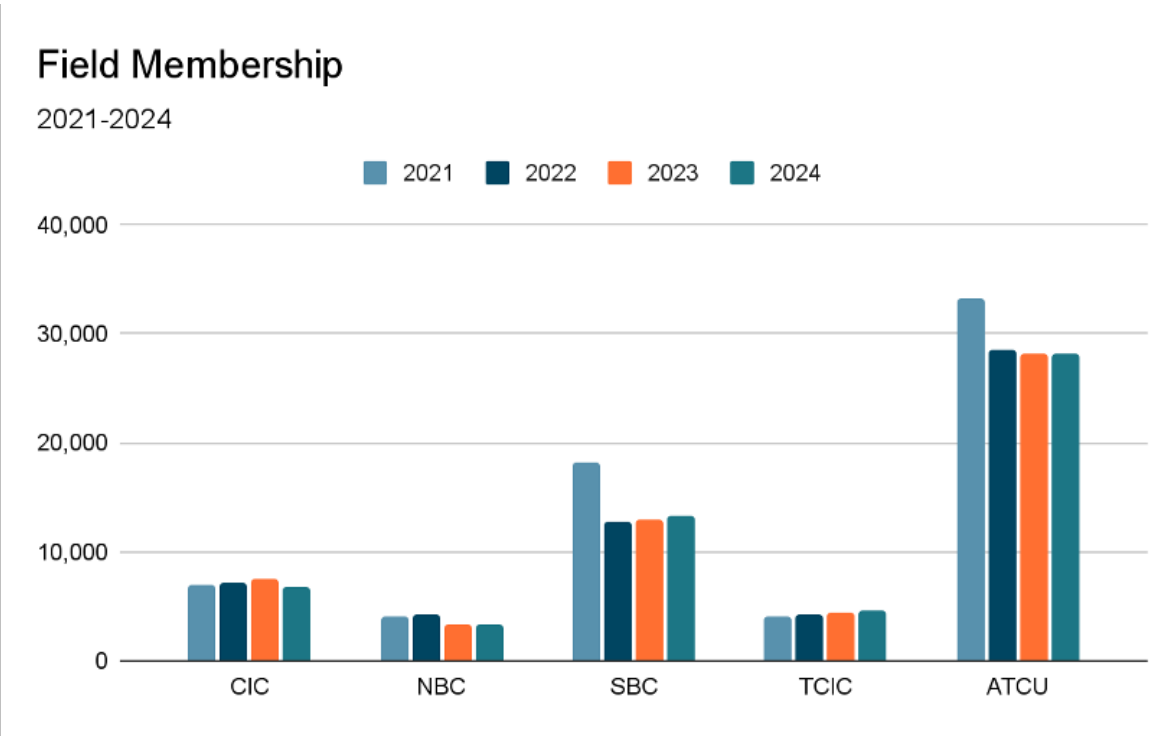
The following table illustrates that at the start of 2021, the union's membership was 32,663. Between 2021 and 2024, the union gained a total of 4,865 members through baptisms, professions of faith, letters of transfer, and other adjustments. However, during the same timeframe, 9,294 members were lost due to letters of transfer, deaths, removals, and being classified as missing, along with adjustments. The majority of these losses stemmed from members being declared missing and adjustments made as local churches conducted redemptive membership reviews to locate absent members. Specifically, 1,514 members were declared missing, and there were 7,031 adjustments. Consequently, by the end of 2024, the union's membership decreased to 28,234, resulting in a net loss of 4,429 members.

Organization	Church Membership at Beginning of 2021	Members Added During 2021-2024					Members Subtracted During 2021-2024					Church Membership at the End of 2024	Net Gain/Loss at the end of 2024	
		Baptisms	Professions of Faith	Letters Received	Adjustments		Letters Granted	Deaths	Dropped	Missing	Adjustments			
Cayman Islands Conference	6712	936	69	117	413	1535	82	90	34	1169	54	1429	6818	106
North Bahamas Conference	4075	499	1	0	4	504	11	21	24	0	1147	1203	3376	-699
South Bahamas Conference	17896	1865	41	155	0	2061	174	193	38	345	5826	6576	13381	-4515
Turks and Caicos Islands Conference	3980	662	4	88	11	765	43	15	24	0	4	86	4659	679
Atlantic Caribbean Union (Total)	32663	3962	115	360	428	4865	310	319	120	1514	7031	9294	28234	-4429

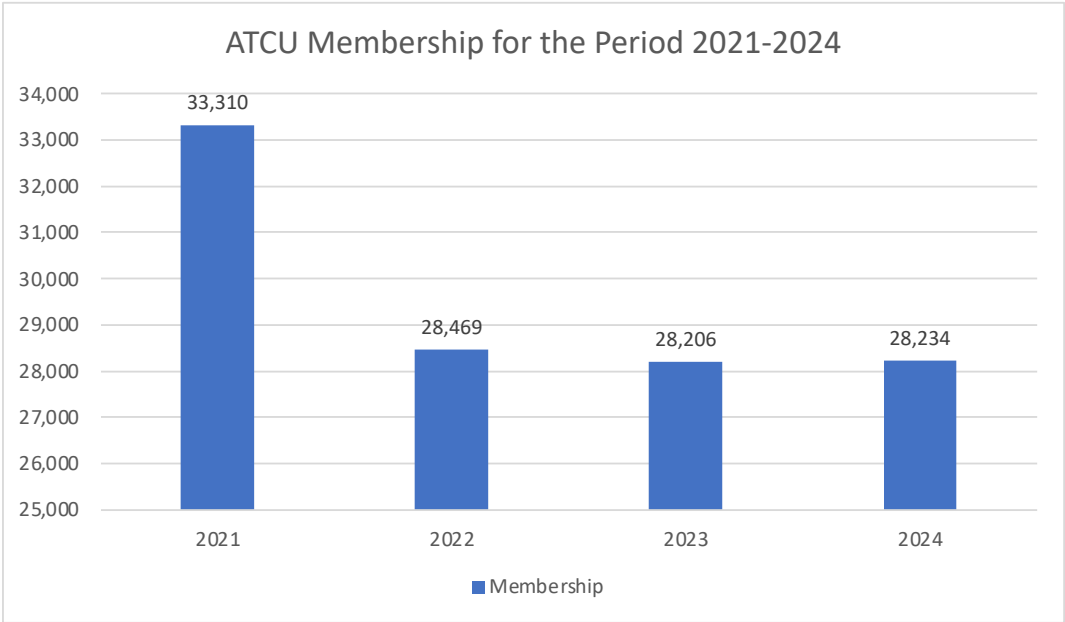
The following chart and graph illustrate the membership trends for each field during the period under review. As a result of the redemptive membership review process, CIC, NBC, and SBC faced significant declines in membership in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. However, NBC rebounded with an increase in membership the following year, while SBC has steadily grown since 2022, reaching 13,381 members in 2024. Meanwhile, TCIC has demonstrated consistent growth, increasing from 4,121 members in 2021 to 4,659 in 2024.

FIELD MEMBERSHIP TRENDS
2021 - 2024

FIELD	2021	2022	2023	2024
CIC	6,913	7,209	7,498	6,818
NBC	4,410	4,280	3,280	3,376
SBC	18,136	12,699	12,972	13,381
TCIC	4,121	4,281	4,456	4,659
ATCU	33,310	28,469	28,206	28,234

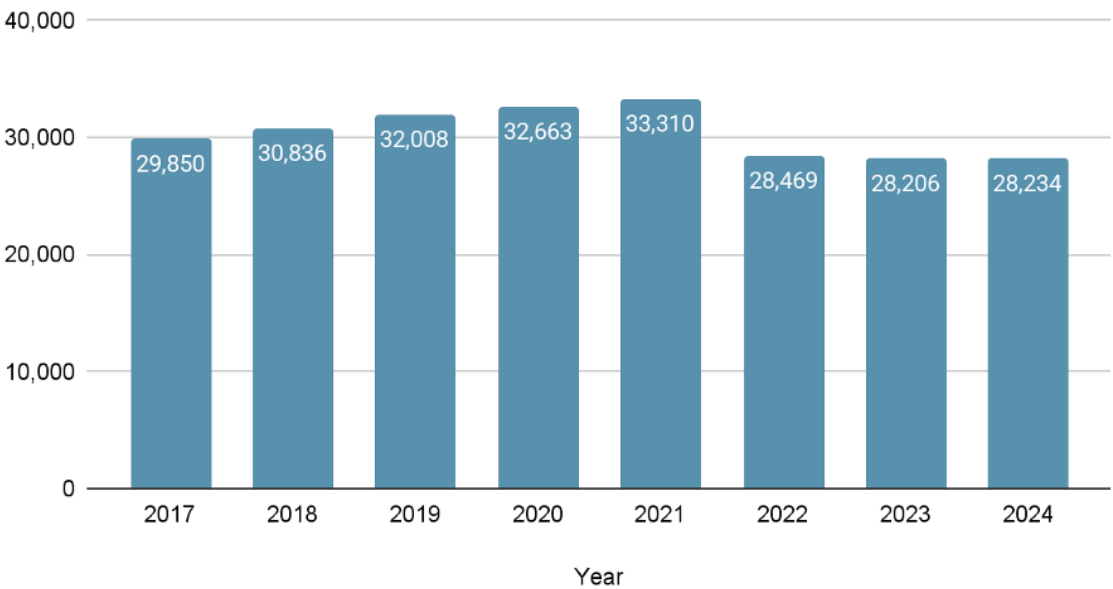


The graph below illustrates the union's membership trends from 2021 to 2024. Overall, ATCU has seen a decline in total membership, largely due to the substantial decreases in SBC and NBC memberships. However, we give God thanks for the years of growth across our fields and for the wisdom to continue developing and implementing strategies that align with GT Ng's, former GC executive secretary, vision to “lose none and disciple all.”



The bar graph below provides a historical overview of membership trends from 2016 to 2024. Notably, membership reached its highest point in 2021, followed by a substantial decline in 2022 that persisted into 2023, largely due to the redemptive membership review process implemented in three fields of the union. However, there was a slight recovery in 2024, with membership rising to 28,234, suggesting a positive trend, although this figure is still below the peak recorded in 2021.

ATCU Membership for the Period 2016-2024



ACMS IMPLEMENTATION

The chart below indicates that by the end of the second quarter of 2025, all of our fields had successfully implemented the ACMS. NBC, SBC, and TCIC are at the forefront, achieving 107%, 95%, and 95% alignment with My Report membership figures, respectively, while CIC has reached 77%.

Organization	Church Membership at the End of Second Quarter 2025	ACMS Membership	% of My Report to ACMS
CIC	7,198	5,576	77%
NBC	3,431	3,455	107%
SBC	13,669	12,996	95%
TCIC	4,844	4,624	95%
ATCU	29,142	26,651	92%

EMPLOYEE DATA

Total Active Employees

The following table displays the total number of active union employees from 2021 to 2024.

YEAR	FULL TIME	PART TIME	CASUAL	TOTAL
2021	221	7	-	228
2022	212	8	-	220
2023	187	11	-	198
2024	189	12	-	201

Credentials and Licenses (2024)

Presented in the next table is the credential and license distribution of the employees within the union's territory as of December 31, 2024. The category with the highest combined total of credentialed and licensed employees is the educators, with a total of 65 employees. Missionaries follow with 47, ministers with 41, administrative ministries with 2, and commissioned ministers with 2.

Org. Entity	Ministerial		Commissioned Minister	Commissioned Ministry of Teaching		Missionary		Administrative Ministries	
	Cred.	Lic.	Credential	Cred.	Lic.	Cred.	Lic.	Cred.	Lic.
ATCU OFFICE	4	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
CIC	10	2	0	6	5	11	5	0	0
NBC	3	0	0	1	4	3	0	1	0
SBC	14	4	0	12	23	8	10	0	0
TCIC	4	0	0	5	9	5	2	1	0
TOTAL	35	6	2	24	41	30	17	2	0

Employees Entering the Employee Benefit Plan

The following details the number and categories of employees who joined the Employee Benefit Plan from 2021 to 2024. A total of 21 individuals entered the plan, including 9 educators, 3 pastors, 6 officers/directors/managers, and 3 support/office staff members.

Field	Category			
	Educators	Pastors	Officers/Directors/Managers	Support/Office Staff
ATCU			1	1
CIC	1	1	2	1
NBC	2		1	
SBC	6	2	2	1
TOTAL	9	3	6	3

Missionaries

The following shows the number of missionaries in our union at the end of 2024.

Category	Number
Inter-union Employees	13
Intra-union Employees	1
Total	14

Inter-union employees are persons who have been called to work in ATCU from another union in the Inter-American Division (IAD). Intra-union employees are those who have been called from one country within the union to serve in another country of the union territory.

Employees Laid to Rest

Sadly, two employees passed away during the period under review: Mrs. Althamae Knowles, a dedicated Bible worker of the South Bahamas Conference, and Mrs. Alison Garcia, vice principal of Bahamas Academy. We continue to pray that their families find comfort in Christ Jesus.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I give thanks to God for empowering His faithful disciples to boldly share His gospel throughout this union. I am especially grateful to my fellow union officers, Pastor Peter Kerr, president, and Elder Roderick Sands, treasurer, for their prayerful support, encouragement, and guidance. I also express my appreciation to Pastor Leonard Johnson, former IAD executive secretary and currently vice president of the GC, for his invaluable advice and assistance as I navigated policy and other Secretariat matters.

I am thankful for the love and support from both former and current office family members: Deena McPhee, Dawne Whyly, Charrise Rahming, Jennifer Kerr, John Garcia, Kent Price, Michael Smith, Henry Moncur III, Terry Tanis, and Andrew Burrows.

Additionally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the former and current conference executive secretaries—Andrew Campbell, Carlon Nyack, Andrew Burrows, Tonia Palmer, Chirrus Isidore, Leonardo Rahming, Terry Tanis, and Roy Lindsay—whose contributions made this report possible. Your unwavering commitment to the Secretariat's work has kept the church focused on its mission.

To the church clerks, your dedication and hard work, particularly with the implementation of the ACMS, are greatly appreciated. Without your efforts, we would lack the information necessary to assess our progress in fulfilling our God-given mission and to plan for the future.

Lastly, I thank my husband, Elder Pedro Rolle, and my children, Pete, Jessica, Heaven, Myesha, and Ryan, for their love, support, and assistance.

As we move into the new quinquennium, may we, as a union, do so fearlessly, allowing Him to lead the way.

The Treasury Department



Elder Roderick Sands, Treasurer

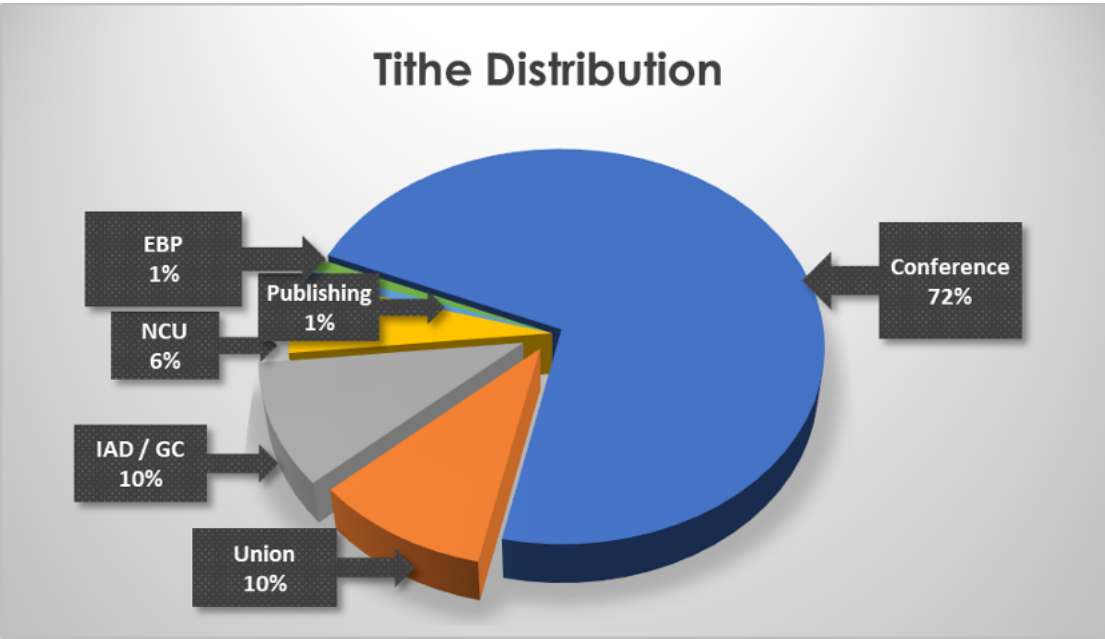
Esteemed delegates and honored guests to the Third Quinquennial Session of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission (ATCU), I extend my warmest greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Over the past years, God has graciously blessed and sustained our union in the proclamation of the gospel across The Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and beyond.

I give glory to God for the great things He has done. His faithful followers have honored Him by returning their tithes and contributing freewill offerings, which have resulted in a significant influx of financial resources into the Treasury Departments of ATCU. As we present our financial stewardship report for 2020 to 2024, I am reminded of the words of the psalmist David in Psalm 118:1: "Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; His mercy endureth forever."

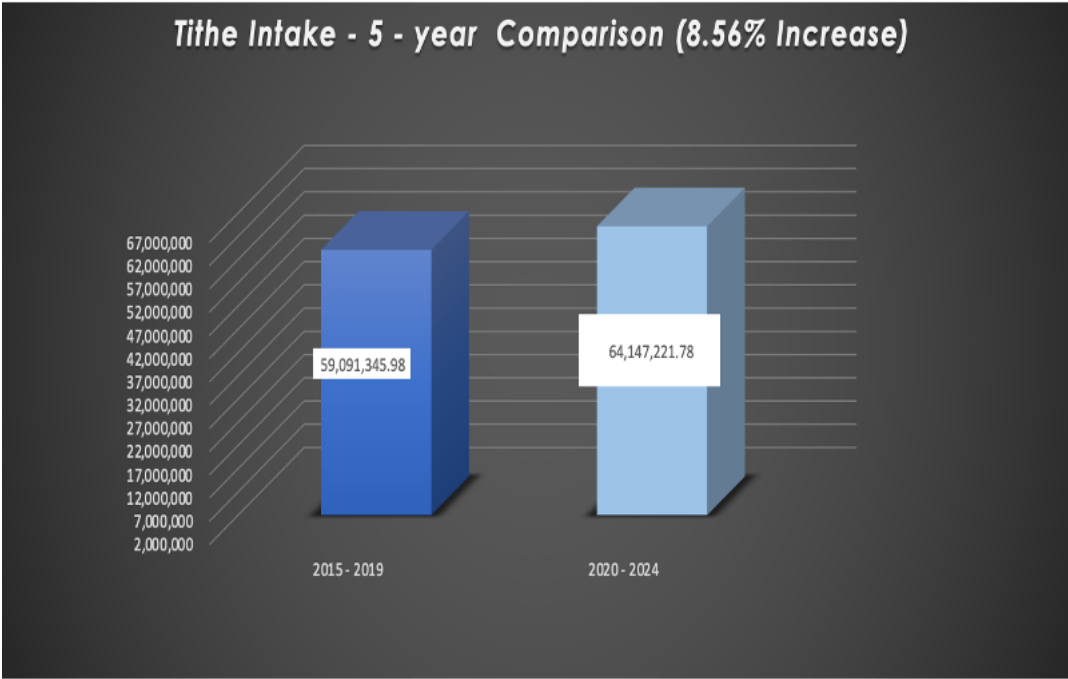
I invite you to join me in reflecting on the reports from the following areas: Tithe, Offering, Ingathering, and Financial Data.

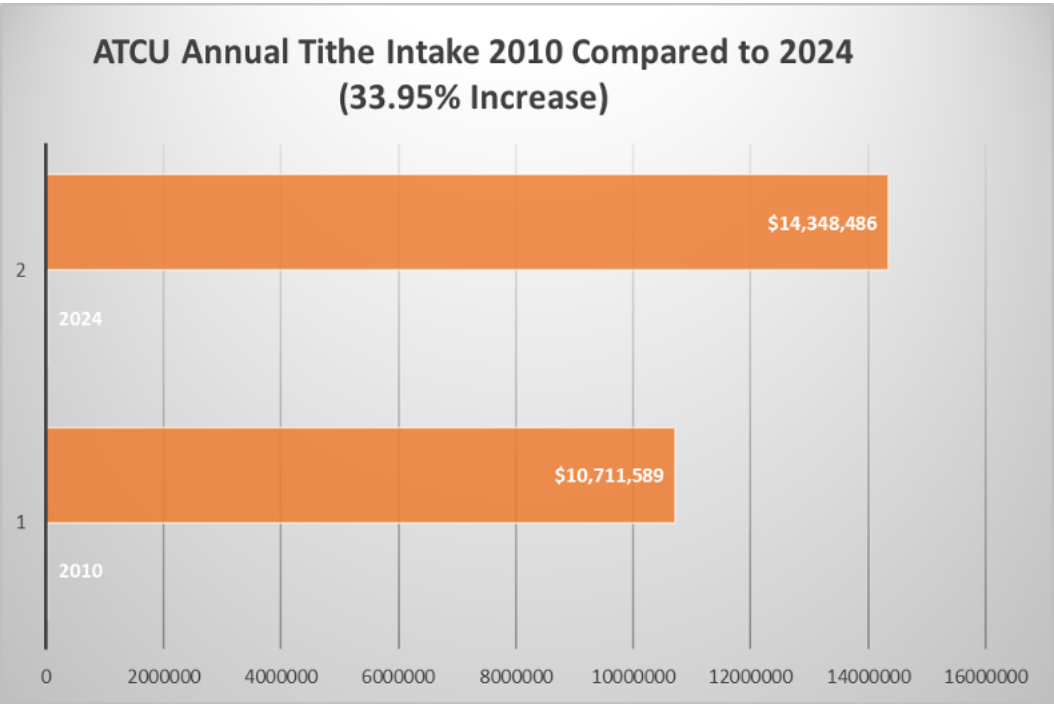
TITHE

Tithe is one-tenth of our income or increase, whether derived from money or products, that we return to God. It is sacred and belongs to Him, the ultimate owner of all our material possessions and lives, as stated in Leviticus 27:30. Returning tithe is a meaningful expression of our relationship with God and reflects our faithfulness to Him. Following, is an overview of how the tithe is allocated when it is returned:

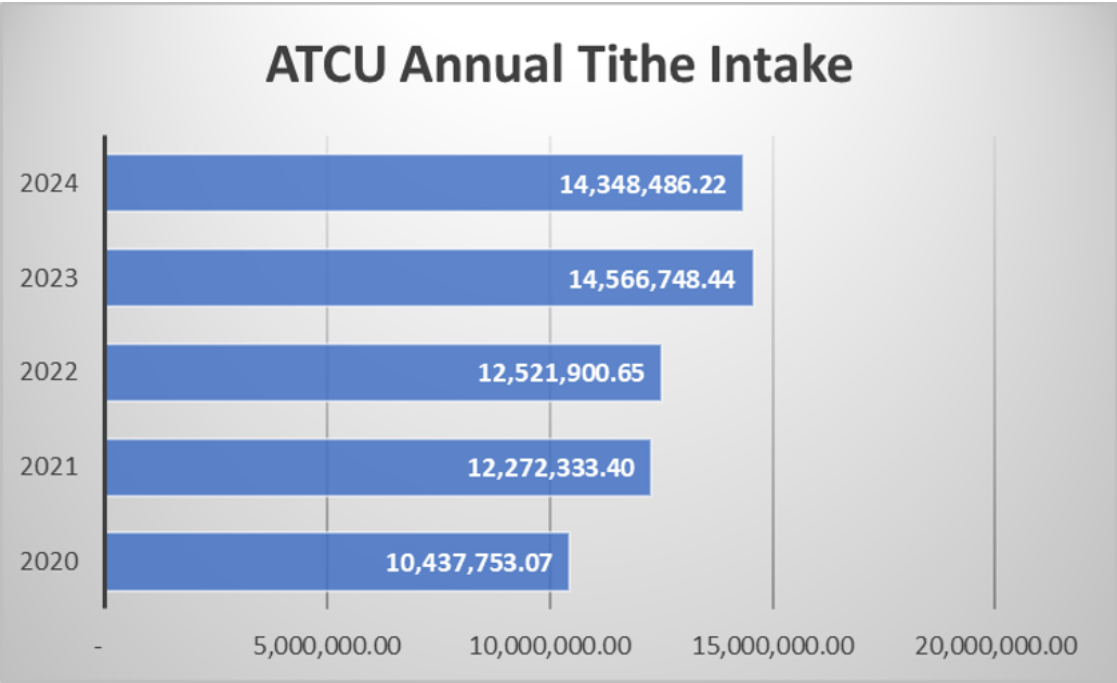


From 2020 to 2024, the total tithe collected in ATCU amounted to \$64,147,221.78 compared to \$59,091,345.26 from 2015 to 2019. This reflects an increase of 8.56% over the previous five-year period.

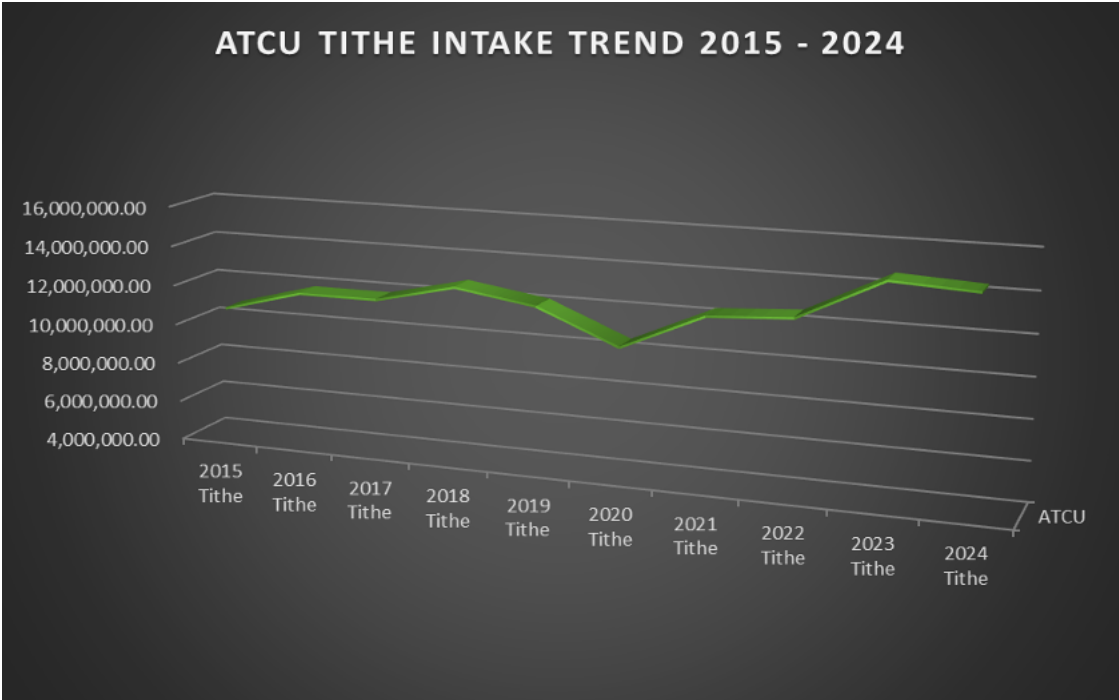




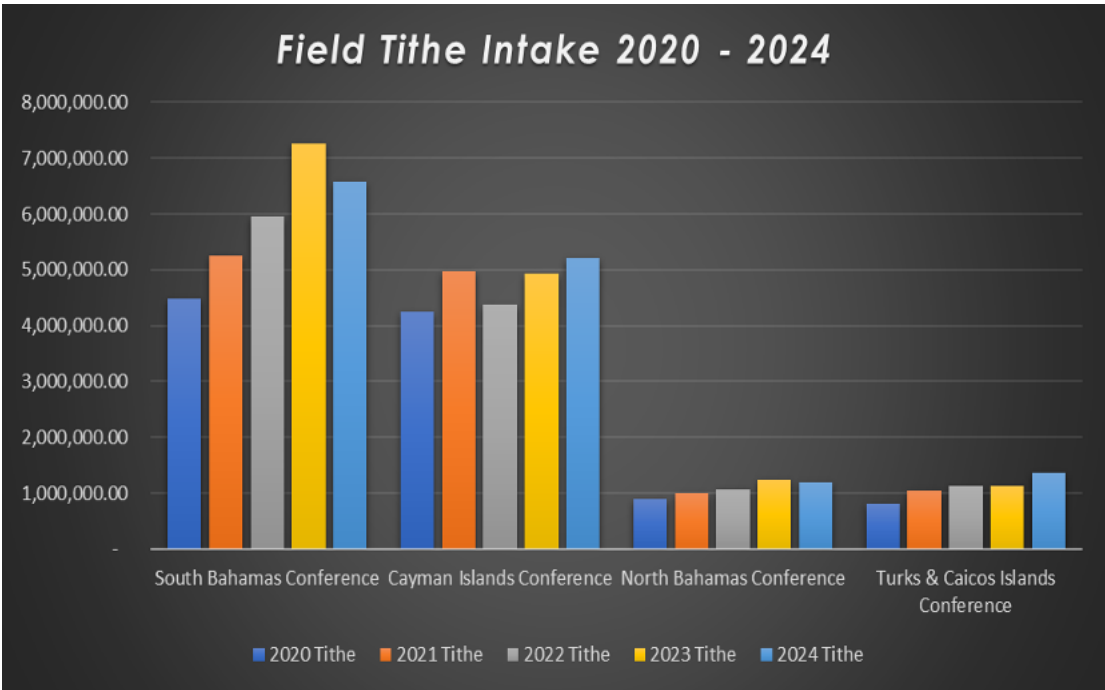
The graph below shows the total tithe collected in ATCU for each year from 2020 to 2024:



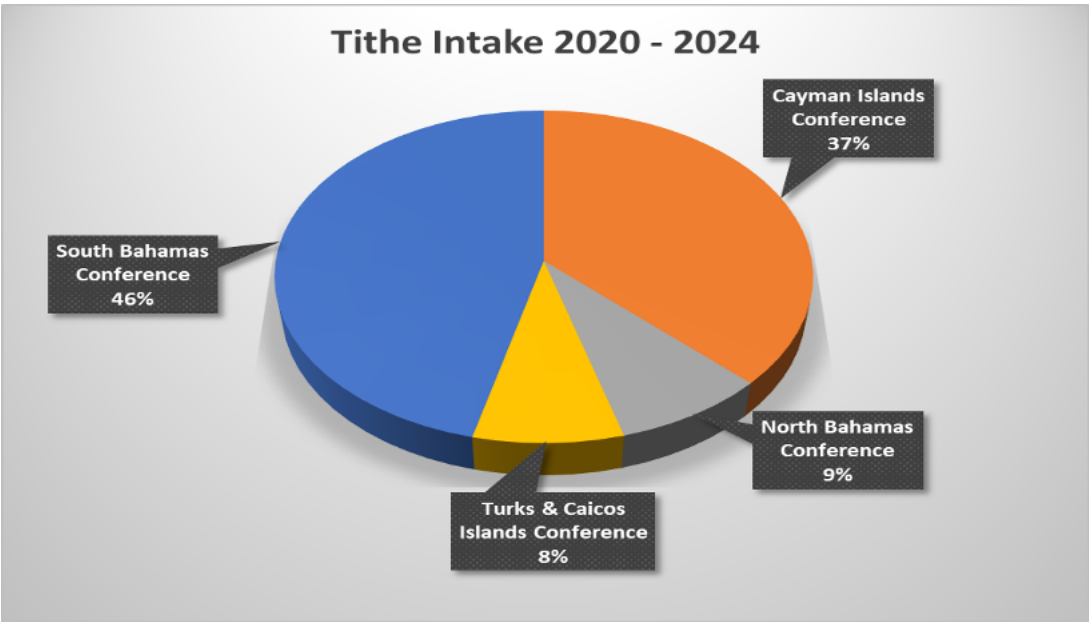
In 2020, tithe collections experienced a decline of 13.75%. However, from 2021 to 2023, there were increases of 17.58%, 2.03%, and 16.33%, respectively. In 2024, there was a slight decrease of 1.50%.



The bar graph below illustrates the tithe intake for each field from 2020 to 2024.



The pie chart below displays the percentage contributions of each field to the total tithe intake from 2020 to 2024.

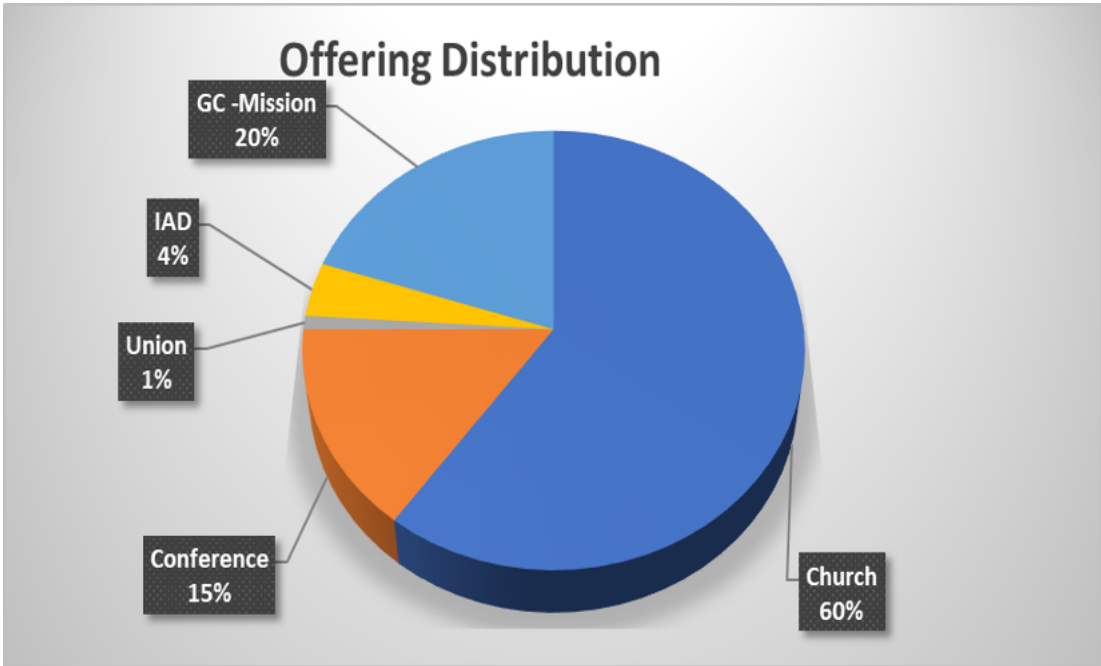


We are pleased to share that, based on unaudited figures, all our fields reported an increase in cumulative tithe intake by the end of August 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.

	TITHE AUGUST		%	ATCU TITHE JAN. - AUG.		%
	2025	2024		2025	2024	
CAYMAN ISLANDS CONFERENCE	423,277.86	496,546.77	-14.76	3,604,695.50	3,428,200.51	5.15
NORTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE	126,391.87	95,228.72	32.72	818,390.88	744,659.10	9.90
SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE	560,976.28	550,380.15	1.93	4,219,749.99	4,200,650.85	0.45
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS CONFERENCE	108,811.55	118,404.37	-8.10	908,275.09	907,290.66	0.11
GRAND TOTAL	1,219,457.56	1,260,560.01	-3.26	9,551,111.46	9,280,801.12	2.91

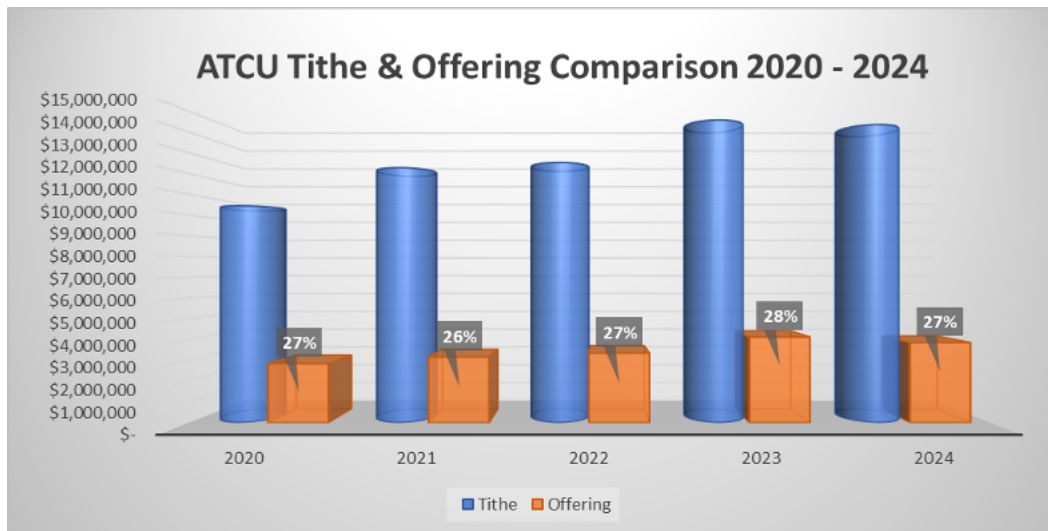
OFFERING

The tithe belongs to God, so we return it to its true Owner. In contrast, offerings are given as a loving response to God's goodness towards us. The offerings received are allocated as outlined below:

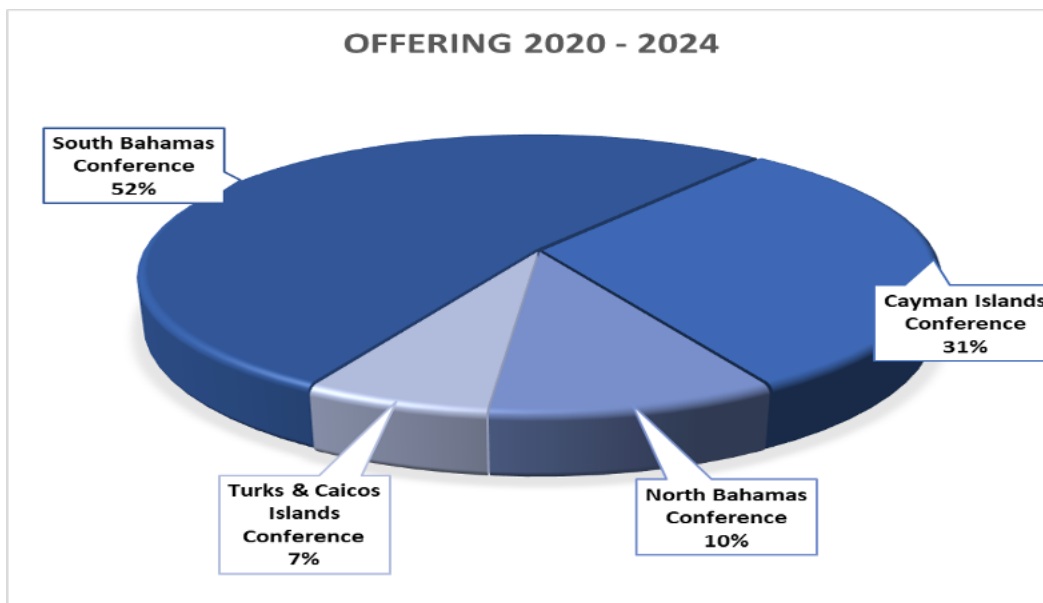


From 2020 to 2024, the total offerings given in ATCU amounted to \$17,335,373.50, representing 27% of the total tithe received. This means that, on average, for every dollar returned in tithe, an additional twenty-seven cents were given as offering.

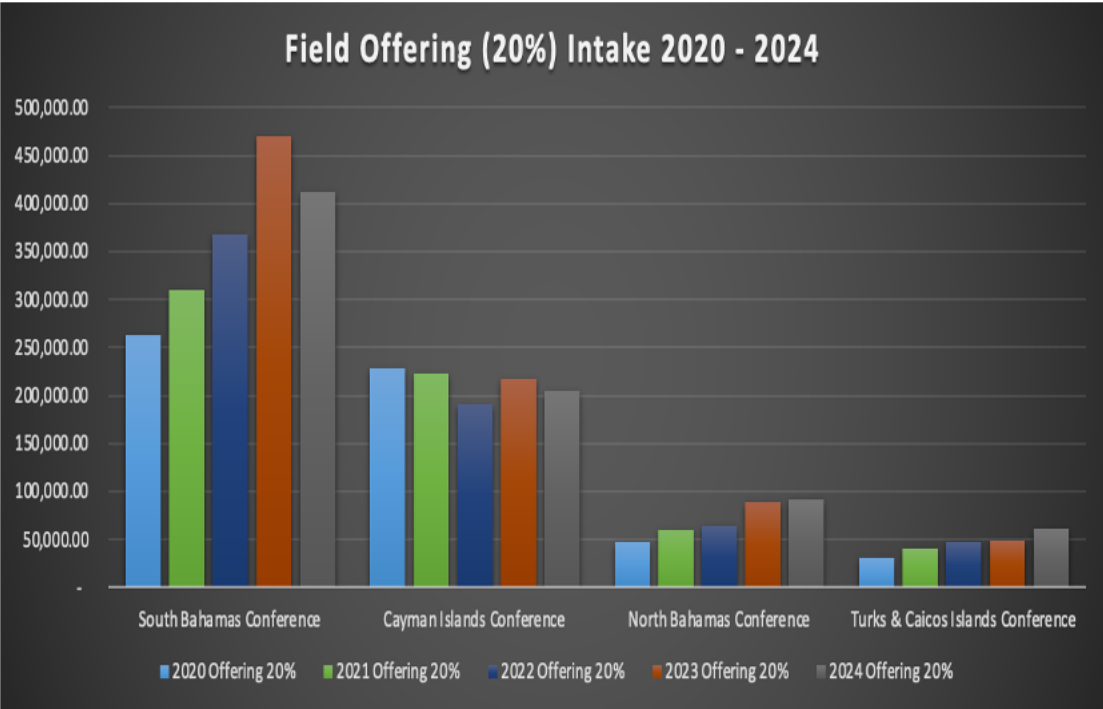
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Tithe	10,437,753.07	12,272,333.40	12,521,900.65	14,566,748.44	14,348,486.22
Offering	2,844,015.80	3,160,614.80	3,350,458.75	4,123,939.30	3,856,344.85
Percentage	27%	26%	27%	28%	27%



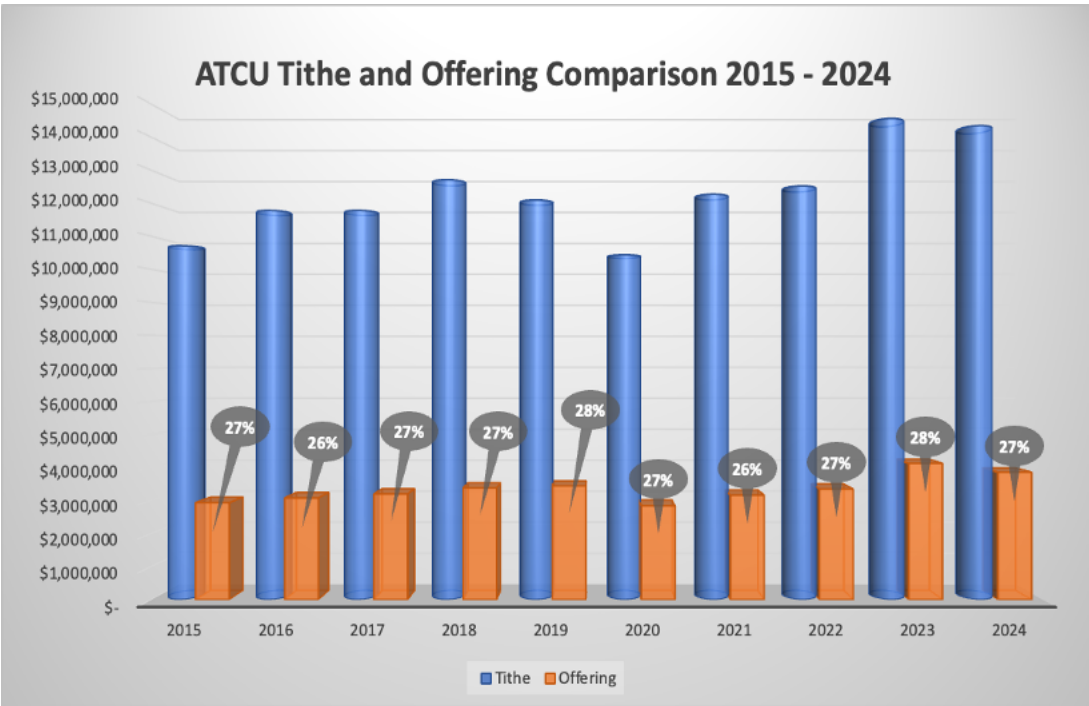
The pie chart below illustrates the percentage contributions of each field to the total offering intake for the quinquennium.



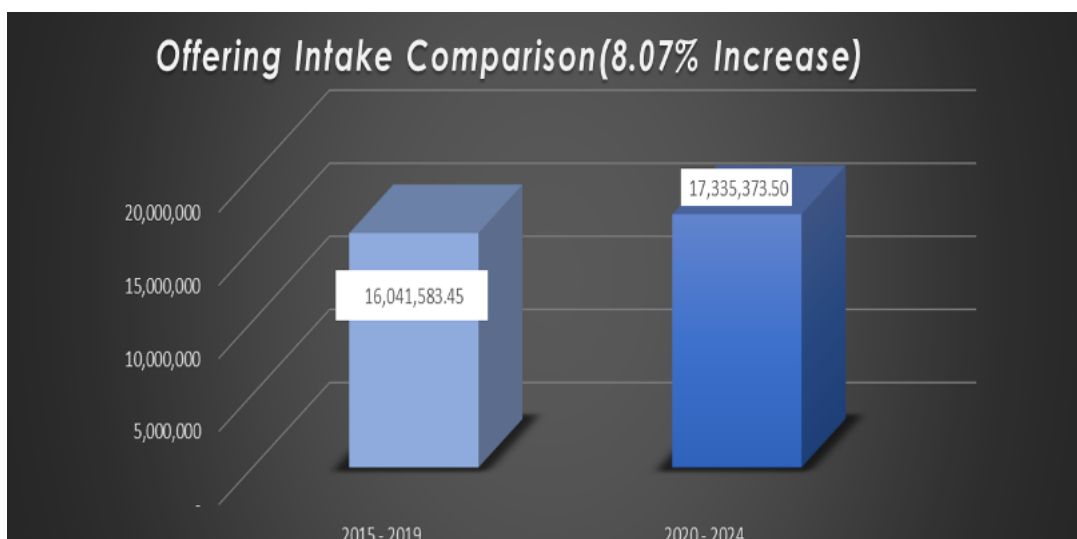
The bar graph below depicts the offering intake (20%) for each field from 2020 to 2024.



The bar graph below illustrates the total tithe and offerings collected in ATCU for each year from 2015 to 2024.



The total offerings collected in ATCU from 2015 to 2019 amounted to \$16,041,583.45, while from 2020 to 2024, the total reached \$17,335,373.50. This reflects an increase of 8.07%.



INGATHERING

The annual ingathering campaign is a key outreach initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church aimed at fulfilling six objectives:

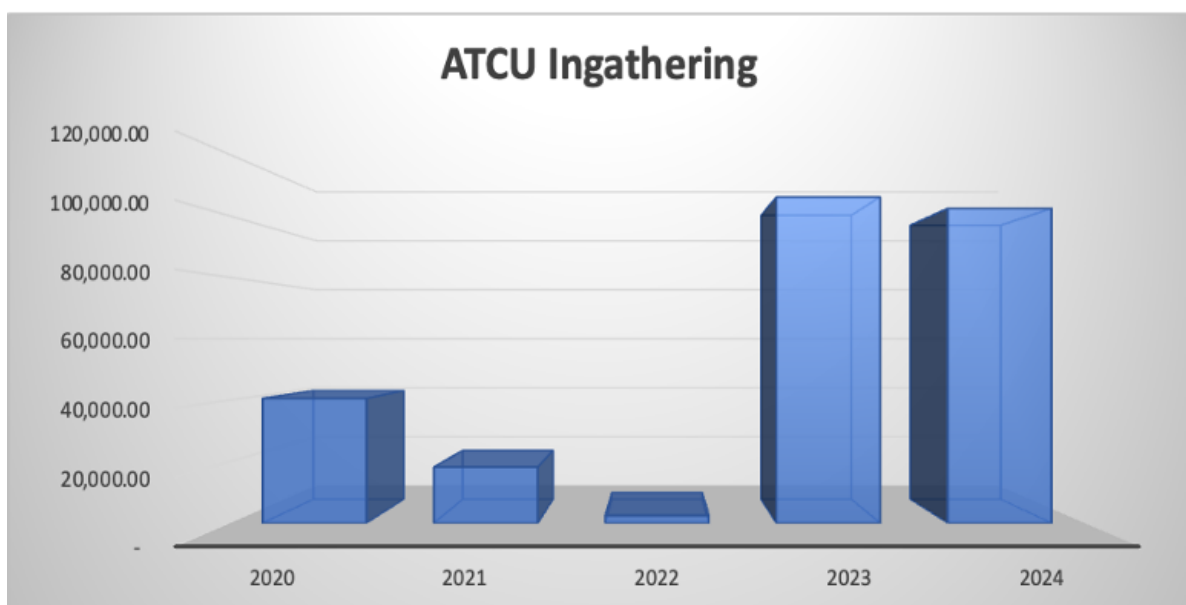
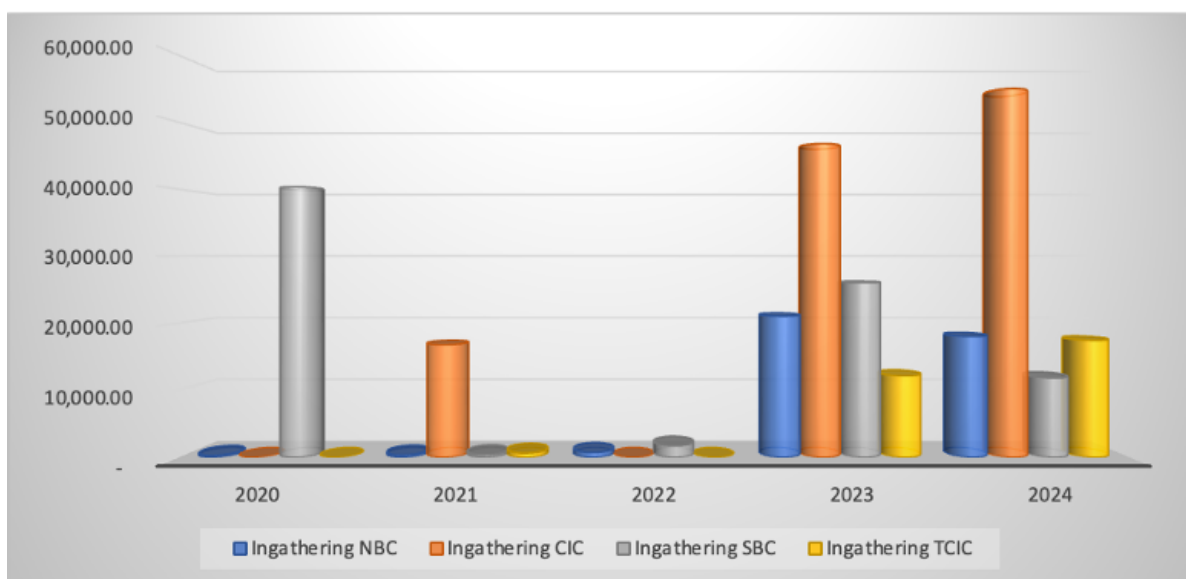
1. To share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible.
 2. To connect with individuals in need of spiritual and material support.
 3. To raise public awareness of the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
 4. To offer opportunities for individuals to enroll in free Bible and health courses.
 5. To leave Christian literature with each person visited.
 6. To provide every individual the chance to contribute his/her time and financial gifts to address human needs, thereby sharing the Biblical message of unwavering hope in God.
- Everyone is invited to participate in this humanitarian and spiritual mission.

Funds raised through the annual ingathering program are allocated as follows:

- Ten percent of all collected funds are sent to the Inter-American Division (IAD) to support the division's disaster relief fund.
- Ninety percent of the basic goal is distributed, with two-thirds remaining in the local field and one-third going to the union.
- Ninety percent of any funds collected above the basic goal are to be distributed to the local church immediately after being deposited in the conference or mission office to be used for the intended purpose.

The funds collected in ATCU from the ingathering campaign from 2020 to 2024 are presented in the table and graphs below:

Ingathering Donations Received					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ingathering NBC	321.84	372.87	790.50	21,094.94	18,040.75
Ingathering CIC	-	16,825.19	-	46,747.94	54,952.53
Ingathering SBC	40,308.72	418.48	1,776.74	26,074.19	11,865.28
Ingathering TCIC	-	680.00	-	12,185.00	17,479.70
	40,630.56	18,296.54	2,567.24	106,102.07	102,338.26

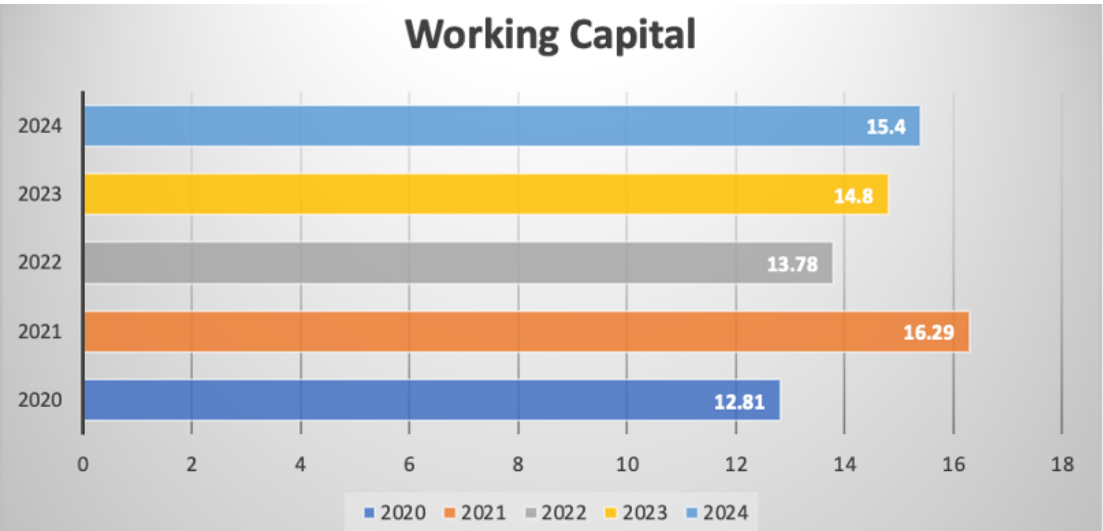


FINANCIAL DATA

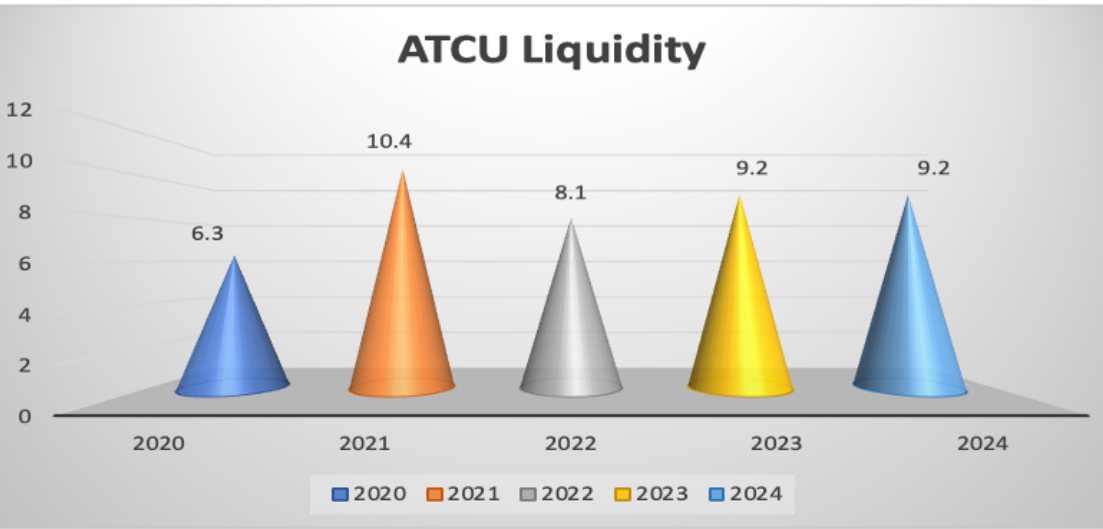
As we reflect on the overall financial position of ATCU since its inception in 2011, we can only say, "To God be the glory!"

Two key indicators of an organization's financial health are its working capital and liquidity. Policy requires that organizations maintain a working capital of at least six months and liquidity of at least three months.

At the end of 2024, the audited figures revealed that ATCU's working capital was at 15.4 months.



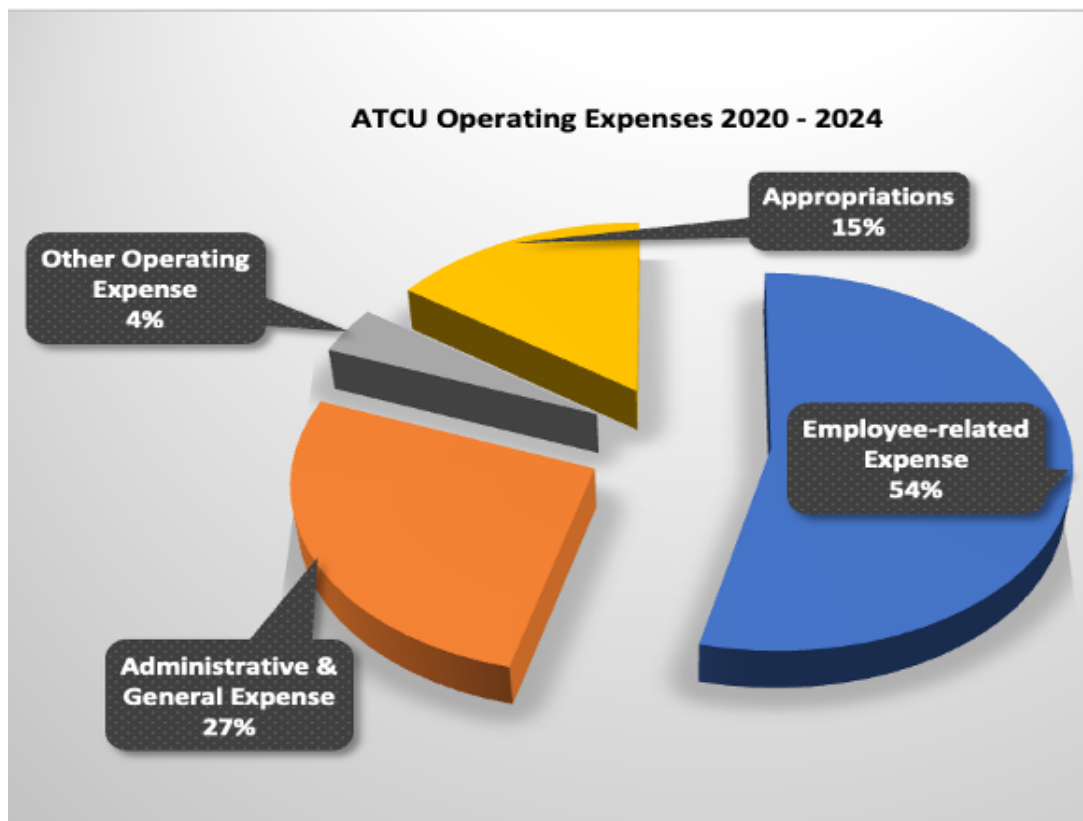
By the end of 2024, the union's liquidity was recorded at 9.2 months. This meant that the union was well-positioned to meet its financial obligations and sustain its operations for a considerable period.



The sources of ATCU's income are as follows:

1. Ten percent gross tithe from the four conferences (less 2% gross ATCU tithe to the General Conference)
2. Appropriation from the Inter-American Division (IAD)
3. Tithe Reversion from the IAD
4. Direct Tithe
5. Non-tithe Income

The use of funds received by ATCU from 2020 to 2024 was as follows:



EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

God has guided and provided for the Atlantic Caribbean Union during the years under review. While I recognize that there are still many financial challenges ahead, I find comfort in knowing that the ultimate Chief Financial Officer, God, is in control of ATCU's finances. If we continue to follow His guidance, we will grow stronger in our mission to share the good news of Jesus.

I am deeply grateful to my treasury staff, Charrise Rahming, and all other union workers for their dedicated service.

To my fellow administrators, Pastor Peter Kerr and Dr. Cheryl Rolle, thank you for your support and assistance to the Treasury Department.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the members of the union Executive and Audit Committees, as well as the field treasurers, whose insights and observations have helped strengthen our financial system.

I am also grateful to the officers of the IAD for their support and counsel throughout the quinquennium.

Lastly, to my wife, Juliette, and my sons, Roderick and James, thank you for your unwavering support.

In conclusion, I give all glory, honor, and praise to God for His continual guidance in ATCU.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Adventist Youth Ministries Department



Pastor Andrew Burrows, Director

Adventist Youth Ministries (AYM) plays a vital role within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Established in 1879 and officially recognized by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC) in 1907, AYM has consistently prioritized the spiritual growth and salvation of young people. This report outlines the achievements of the AYM in the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) from January 2021 to December 2024.

OVERVIEW OF ADVENTIST YOUTH MINISTRIES

Mission

To lead young people into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them embrace His call to discipleship.

Structure

AYM is divided into two broad groups: Junior Youth Ministries (JYM) and Senior Youth Ministries (SYM).

JYM includes Adventurer Ministries (ages 6-9) and Pathfinder Ministries (ages 10-15).

SYM includes the Ambassador Ministries (ages 16-21), Young Adult Ministries (ages 22-30+), and Public Campus Ministries (PCM) for college students on non-Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities.

Below are two (2) tables showing the approximate number of clubs and participants within the ATCU as of December 2024.

Junior Youth Ministries (JYM)

CONFERENCE	ADVENTURER CLUBS	ADVENTURER MEMBERSHIP	PATHFINDER CLUBS	PATHFINDER MEMBERSHIP
CIC	8	115	8	149
NBC	7	60	7	129
SBC	20	185	21	300
TCIC	6	160	7	140
TOTAL	41	520	43	718

Senior Youth Ministries (SYM)

CONFERENCE	AY CLUBS	AY MEMBERSHIP	AMBASSADOR CLUBS	PCM CLUBS
CIC	15	263	0	0
NBC	10	180	0	0
SBC	27	700	1	1
TCIC	7	500	0	0
TOTAL	59	1643	1	1

AMBASSADOR CLUB AND PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES (PCM)

The Ambassador Club and PCM were introduced as part of the global AYM structure in 2001 and 2014, respectively. While the Adventurer, Pathfinder, and Senior Youth Ministries are well-established within AYM, the Ambassador Club and PCM have yet to achieve their intended impact.

Each year, the third weekend in October is designated as PCM weekend. During the period under review, Pastor Jamal Franklyn, the former Adventist Youth Ministries director for the South Bahamas Conference (SBC), along with Chinyere Ijeoma, the PCM coordinator for SBC, organized PCM weekends and special events for university students in the SBC. One notable event took place from October 20 to 22, 2023, when the SBC hosted the PCM weekend at the University of the Bahamas Performing Arts Center, during which officers for the SBC PCM chapter were elected.

MASTER GUIDE INVESTITURE

To effectively lead the Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs, there is an ongoing need for trained and certified Adventist Youth Ministries leaders. Each year, local conference Adventist Youth Ministries directors, with support from the union’s Adventist Youth Ministries director, organize and conduct the Master Guide training course. The curriculum is provided by the Adventist Youth Ministries Department of the General Conference. Below are the numbers of Master Guides who successfully completed the requirements and were invested during 2021 to 2024:

Cayman Islands Conference (CIC)	-	40
South Bahamas Conference (SBC)	-	107
Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCI)	-	17
Total Master Guides Invested	-	164

Currently, there are 51 Master Guides in Training (MGIT) across the four conferences of the union.

LEADERSHIP RESOURCES AND MANUALS

The AY Outfitter Store, accessible at <https://www.gcyouthministries.org/>, serves as a comprehensive platform provided by the General Conference Adventist Youth Ministries Department. Here, users can download digital resource manuals for all areas of AYM. Additionally, the store allows for the ordering of items related to Pathfinder, Adventurer, Master Guides, and Adventist Youth uniforms, all in one convenient location.

During the course of the term, three manuals were produced and distributed throughout the conferences of the ATCU:

- Inter-American Division's Uniform Manual for AYM (digitally)
- Ambassador Club Administrative and Participant Manual (hardcopy)
- Public Campus Ministries Handbook (digitally)

GLOBAL YOUTH DAY

Every year, on the second Sabbath in March, Adventist youth from the ATCU join thousands of their peers worldwide to participate in the annual Global Youth Day. In ATCU, these young people step away from the comfort of traditional Sabbath worship services to engage with their communities, towns, and shopping districts, embodying the hands and feet of Jesus. Some of the projects they undertook included:

- Giving out bread, soup, food items, clothing, and books at churches, homes, hospitals, police stations, and wherever people were found.
- Distributing bottles of water, specially labeled with spiritual messages, to residents and visitors in the main town areas.
- Visiting with and praying for the elderly and those who were ill at home or in the hospital.
- Conducting health screening and donating blood at various sites.
- Providing free dental screening and teeth cleaning in various communities.
- Hosting short spiritual rallies at community parks.
- Facilitating eye screening and the donation of hundreds of reading eyeglasses at various sites

CAMPS AND CAMPOREES

Camps and camporees are essential components of the Pathfinder and Adventurer curriculum. Each conference within the ATCU organizes annual camps in its respective territories.

Cayman Islands Conference

Pathfinder Camps - Champions for Christ (2021), All the Way Up With Jesus (2022),
Pathfinders in Mission (2023), and Live out Loud for Christ (2024)

Adventurer Camp - I Will Go (2021)

North Bahamas Conference (NBC)

Conference camp in Grand Bahama at Grand Bahama Academy (2022)

South Bahamas Conference

Pathfinder Camp - Agents in Action Virtual Camp (2021) and Honor Guard Camporee (2022)

Turks and Caicos Islands Conference

Youth Camp - Camp Flamingo (2022) and Youth in Mission Master Guide Camp (2024)

There were no physical camps held in the various conferences in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the camps above, which were held at the conference level, the Pathfinders, Master Guides, and Adventist Youth Ministries leaders participated in the following camporees:

The ***Fifth Inter-American Division (IAD) Pathfinder Camporee*** was held in Trelawny, Jamaica from April 4 - 9, 2023, under the theme, "Pathfinders in Mission", with 400 participants from ATCU.

During the camporee, three long-serving Pathfinder leaders were recognized for their outstanding work in their local fields: Carla Sue McLaughlin (CIC), Almartha Thomas (TCIC), and C. Melvin Lewis (SBC).

The camporee culminated with a grand investiture service, which was coordinated by the ATCU youth leaders. Ten Pathfinders were invested from the ATCU.

International Pathfinder Camporee held in Gillette, Wyoming, USA, from August 5 - 11, 2024, under the theme, "Believe the Promise", with 70 participants from the ATCU.

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ATCU Pathfinder Camporee scheduled for 2021 was postponed. Now, Pathfinders and Adventist Youth Ministries leaders from ATCU are gearing up for the 2nd Atlantic Caribbean Union Pathfinder Camporee set to take place from April 5 - 12, 2026, in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

YOUTH CONSECRATION SERVICE

On January 6, 2023, Adventist Youth Ministries leaders, Pathfinder directors, Adventurer directors, their assistants, and numerous young people from across the ATCU came together for a joint AYM consecration service.

Coordinated by Dr. Kent Price, the then Adventist Youth Ministries director for the ATCU, this virtual event aimed to renew the commitment of Adventist Youth Ministries leaders for service in ministry and mission throughout 2023.

YOUTH CONGRESS AND CONVENTIONS

Under the theme "Rated R: Resilient, Refocused, and Reconnected," the Cayman Islands Conference held a youth congress from October 18 to 20, 2024, at the Northside Civic Center in Grand Cayman.

Pastor Jermaine Johnson from the Northeast Jamaica Conference served as the speaker for the event, which attracted over 300 young participants.

NATIONAL YOUTH MONTH LAUNCHED IN SBC

On Saturday, October 7, 2023, the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas officially launched the annual National Youth Month during a special Sabbath worship service at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Bahamas Conference. The theme for the event and the subsequent youth month was “YES” (Youth: Excellence is the Standard).

Ms. Sandena Neely, head of the Youth Division in the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture, extended greetings and remarks on behalf of her ministry. Pastor Terry Tanis, ATCU Youth Ministries director at the time, delivered a compelling message during the service. Pastor Jamal Franklyn, the then Adventist Youth Ministries director for the SBC, served as the host.

During the service, Mrs. Glorian Storr, a long-serving Master Guide from the Centerville SDA Church in the SBC, was honored with the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award and served as the patron for that year's National Youth Month. Additionally, nine Master Guides were invested during the service.

ANNUAL BIBLE CONNECTION

A key initiative for the ATCU was participation in the IAD’s Bible Connection, an annual competition designed for both junior and senior youth at the local church, conference/mission, union, and division levels. The objective was to ensure that at least seventy percent of our young people were actively engaged in studying God’s Word. The finals for the Pathfinder and Adventurer categories take place at the conference level, while the youth finals are held at the union level.

The union Bible Connection finals were held in various fields of the union during the past four years:

YEAR	LOCATION OF FINALS	WINNER
2021	Virtual	Joshelyn Wood (SBC)
2022	Virtual	Maygen Daley (SBC)
2023	Nassau, The Bahamas	Astra Bowlin (SBC)
2024	Freeport, The Bahamas	Astra Bowlin (SBC)

Each of the four young persons represented the ATCU at the IAD finals which were held virtually in 2021, in Jamaica in 2022, in Colombia in 2023, and in El Salvador in 2024.

I wish to recognize all the other young people who represented their conferences at the ATCU finals over the past 4 years:

2021 - Olympia Miller (NBC), Ronique Brown (TCIC), and Dreshna James (CIC)

2022 - Michaela Bush (CIC), Vittoria Patrick (NBC), and Ronique Brown (TCIC)

2023 - Dejean Sutherland (CIC), Arimique Sinclair (TCIC), and Angia Russell (NBC)

2024 - Danielle Bailey (CIC), Johnathon Daniel (TCIC), and Katelyn McKinney (NBC)

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS AND EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

Every event, program, and camporee presents an opportunity for our young people to engage actively in the church's mission or to accept Christ as their Lord, thereby fulfilling the AYM's goal of "Salvation and Service." Below is a list of the campaigns and programs that took place in the four fields during the summer months, including their themes, guest speakers, and the number of baptisms recorded during the years under review.

Youth Crusades/ Summer Evangelism

Cayman Islands Conference

2022 - Theme: Building Resilience

Speaker: Markino Fearon, ministerial graduate, Northern Caribbean University

2023 - Theme: The Struggle is Real, But So Is God

Speaker: Pastor Marvin Smith, Youth Ministries Director, Caribbean Union

18 baptisms

North Bahamas Conference

2021 - Theme: Brave Enough (Theme)

Speaker: Pastor Demtri Scavella, Central States Conference

2023 - Theme: Jesus, Our Only Hope

Speaker: Gvenson Ylluste, Ministerial Student, Oakwood University

2024 - Camp Inclusion in conjunction with the Bahamas Disability Association

14 baptisms

South Bahamas Conference

2023 - Theme: Ignite

Speakers: Pastor Jamal Franklyn and Pastor Manasseh Simms, former and current Adventist Youth Ministries directors, respectively

2024 - Theme: Jesus is the Answer

Speaker: Elder Rumeko Young, intern, SBC
17 baptisms

Turks and Caicos Islands Conference

2021 - Theme: Stay Woke

Speaker: Pastor Roy Lindsay, Turks and Caicos Islands Conference

2023 - Theme: Revelation of Hope Beyond

Speaker: Pastor David Campbell, Belize Union

2024 - Theme: TikTok for Jesus

Speakers: Pastor Roy Lindsay; Elder Jermaine Reid, conference Adventist Youth Ministries director; Evens Inelus, area coordinator; and Sabrina Mercy, youth preacher
59 baptisms

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my heartfelt appreciation to the previous AYM directors of the ATCU, Dr. Kent Price and Pastor Terry Tanis, for their leadership of the Adventist Youth Ministries Department during the four years covered in this report.

To my wife, Karen, thank you for your unwavering support. To our children, Zandrea, Talia, and Andreaz, I appreciate you for being a sounding board for ideas related to Adventist Youth Ministries.

I am also grateful to Pastor Al Powell, former Adventist Youth Ministries director for the Inter-American Division, and Cori Villarreal, professional assistant for the Adventist Youth Ministries Department of the IAD, for your guidance at the division level.

To our union administrators—Pastor Peter Kerr, president; Elder Roderick Sands, treasurer; and Dr. Cheryl Rolle, executive secretary—I appreciate your support, counsel, and dedication to the young people of ATCU. Special thanks to Dr. Kent Price, Dr. Henry Moncur, John Garcia, Nydia Whyly, and Charrise Rahming for your assistance whenever needed.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Adventist Youth Ministries directors, assistants, associates, and coordinators of the various conferences for your leadership and direction of AYM in your respective fields:

Cayman Islands Conference

Pastors Andrew Campbell and Carlon Nyack, former Adventist Youth Ministries directors, and Merle Watkins, current Adventist Youth Ministries director

North Bahamas Conference

Pastor Peter Watson, Adventist Youth Ministries director; Dericks Missick, Pathfinder coordinator; and Dillon Hylton, AY coordinator

South Bahamas Conference

Pastor Jamal Franklyn, former Adventist Youth Ministries director, Pastor Manasseh Simms, current Adventist Youth Ministries director, Patrick Wilson Jr., assistant Adventist Youth Ministries director; Pastor Waylon Johnson, assistant Adventist Youth Ministries director; Philippa Rolle and Chiquita Culmer, Pathfinder and Adventurer coordinators, respectively; and Chinyere Ijeoma, PCM coordinator

Turks and Caicos Islands Conference

Jermaine Reid, Adventist Youth Ministries director; Mia Malcom, secretary; Evnas Enelus, assistant Adventist Youth Ministries director; and other coordinators, including Denricka Youth, Michelle Arthur, Sammy Pierre, Abner Vixmer, Almartha Thomas, and Israel Isaacs.

Finally, to our youth: what would AYM be without you? This is your ministry! Everything that has been accomplished was done for you and by you. This is your church, and it values you. God is your God, and He desires for you to be saved for eternity.

Children's and Adolescent Ministries Department

Dr. Cheryl Rolle, Director



The Children's and Adolescent Ministries (CHAM) Department is committed to helping children develop a personal and transformative relationship with Christ while teaching them to actively share their faith as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. To support this mission,

the union CHAM Department provides training, resources, and assistance to field directors, enabling them to work effectively with those who minister to children in local churches.

IN-REACH PROGRAMS

From 2021 to 2024, our CHAM leaders across the union successfully implemented in-reach programs designed to deepen children's and adolescents' love for Jesus and guide them toward a lifelong friendship with Him. These initiatives included retreats, special CHAM emphasis days and weekends, CHAM Sabbaths, child months, CHAM church services, children's stories, poetry festivals, talent shows, concerts, CHAM choirs, Bible studies, and weeks of prayer.

Additionally, we placed a strong focus on the Spirit of Prophecy and stewardship principles, utilizing recommended child-friendly resources such as:

Stewardship Principles: My Place in Space, Walking Toward Canaan to Worship God, and Equipped for Success: A Stewardship Manual for Teens.

Spirit of Prophecy: Steps to Christ.

The highlight of this period was the Olympics series, an initiative from the CHAM Department of the Inter-American Division (IAD). Launched in 2022, this program engaged children and adolescents in a 10-month adventure aimed at developing skills, sharing their faith, and promoting both physical and spiritual well-being. The themes were as follows:

2022: Olympics of Faith

2023: Olympics of Love

2024: Olympics of Hope

2025: Olympics toward Heaven

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Leaders organized various programs to empower children to be witnesses for Christ, including child preacher workshops, children's crusades, community outreach and service projects, food distribution, literature distribution, adoption of children's homes, reading in the park, Global Children's/Youth Day, and Vacation Bible Schools.

Reports revealed that four evangelistic series were conducted by children, with 701 children participating in Vacation Bible Schools, and 229 children baptized during this period. To God be the glory!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

In addition to providing resources and supporting leaders in their in-reach and outreach activities, the union CHAM Department has prioritized the certification of all children's leaders. This initiative equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively guide children in responding to Christ's invitation for a loving relationship and to inspire them to share His love with others.

The leadership certification program consists of an eleven-level course schedule developed by the Children's Ministries Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC). It aims to enhance leadership skills and expand the knowledge base of CHAM leaders and anyone working with children, enabling them to nurture young disciples of Christ. Each level includes seven to nine modules that help participants understand children, grow their faith, organize programs, teach effectively, nurture their development, and address their needs. Reports indicate that thirty-four leaders have successfully completed levels 1 to 5.

Additionally, a leadership council for conference CHAM directors was held on February 13, 2024, featuring special guest presenter Mrs. Debra Henry, CHAM director for the Caribbean Union Conference. Directors also benefited from the Segment Leaders Development (SeLD) conferences organized by the Inter-American Division (IAD) during this review period.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A significant initiative was the development and implementation of a child protection policy in each conference, guided by the Sample Child Protection Plan and Guidelines for Starting Your Protection Plan provided by Adventist Risk Management. I am pleased to report that the majority of our conferences have approved a child protection policy to be implemented in all churches.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my gratitude to Mrs. Edith Ruiz, former IAD CHAM director, and the conference directors: Ms. Melissa Smith (Cayman Islands Conference), Mrs. Linda Wright-Patrick (North Bahamas Conference), Mrs. Kenisha Simms (South Bahamas Conference), and Mrs. Esther Cherizard (Turks and Caicos Islands Conference). Thank you for embracing the sacred responsibility of leading a department dedicated to teaching children and adolescents to love God and be His witnesses.

I also thank our leaders and teachers for their unwavering commitment to reaching the hearts and minds of our young ones. Your efforts in teaching Biblical truths and exemplifying Christ-like behavior are invaluable.

I am profoundly grateful to our union and field leaders, pastors, elders, parents, and members for their support of the numerous initiatives, events, and programs over the years. We could not have achieved this without you.

Finally, I express my heartfelt appreciation for the loving support of my husband, Elder Pedro Rolle, and my children—Pete, Jessica, Heaven, Myesha, and Ryan. I am also thankful for my immediate family and close friends whose unwavering support has been invaluable as I fulfilled my responsibilities.

As we conclude this quinquennium, I pray that we remain steadfast in our mission, ensuring that our children grow to be active, God-fearing members of our church, both now and in adulthood. With God's guidance, let us heed Abraham Lincoln's wisdom and "teach the children so that it will not be necessary to teach the adults."

Communication Department

Dr. Henry Moncur, Director



When Ellen White was told, “You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people,” the blueprint for communication in the Adventist Church was born. From that small beginning, the vision has flourished, and today the vibrant tools of

communication are many for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and inspiring and informing His followers.

The Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) Communication Department exists to inform, inspire, and amplify the voice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout our three-country region through every available medium. We serve the dedicated and skilled communicators in our four conferences in helping local churches meet their goals for nurture and outreach by offering resources, mentoring, and training.

Throughout the quinquennium, the department worked with purpose to amplify the mission of the church through strategic storytelling, digital expansion, media production, and visual identity.

This report reflects our efforts across five core areas—News, Digital Engagement, Media Production, Training, and Corporate Identity—and tells the story of a journey shaped by challenges, momentum, and deep commitment to sharing the gospel across multiple platforms.

TELLING THE STORY: NEWS AND COVERAGE

News remained a central pillar of our communication efforts. Timely, mission-focused coverage of union-wide events and local conference initiatives was prioritized. We published more than 80 stories across websites, social media, and news bulletins, highlighting how God is working through His people across The Bahamas, the Cayman Islands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Each local field was asked to appoint a news correspondent to oversee story development, which strengthened accuracy and consistency and captured more stories from each field.

The continued development of the ATCU *Voices* eNewsletter, distributed monthly, became a key tool for informing and inspiring members while celebrating spiritual growth and service.

A significant achievement was the publication of five articles by the department that were carried by the Inter-American Division (IAD) and the *Adventist Review*. In addition, one article appeared in the *Nassau Guardian* and another, produced as part of the media team during the 62nd General Conference Session in July 2025, was carried by the *Adventist News Network* (ANN).

During this quinquennium, the tone of our news shifted—from reporting events to sharing impact—with a deliberate emphasis on mission, transformation, and hope. These efforts improved transparency, fostered unity, and highlighted the faithfulness of our members, churches, conferences, and institutions.

DIGITAL MINISTRY: ONLINE PLATFORMS AND OUTREACH

The digital transformation accelerated after 2020, and ATCU Communication seized the opportunity. Digital platforms became both our pulpit and our bulletin board to reach members and meet people beyond the sanctuary, and where they are—online.

In 2021, we conducted a full audit and refresh of the union's digital presence. The website was redesigned for easier navigation, faster load times, and included new sections for media resources, articles, and *Voices* eNewsletter sign-ups.

Social media became our primary digital pulpit. Over the quinquennium, our audience grew from fewer than 300 followers to more than 1,100 across Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, with over 35,000 combined views and in excess of 6,700 hours of viewing in over 17 countries. Consistent posting of branded content, hashtags, stories, livestreams, and video interviews significantly expanded our reach.

Recognizing the continued impact of radio, the department partnered with Adventist World Radio (AWR) to establish digital radio stations in three fields, introducing Creole and Spanish programming for two of the stations in addition to providing resources for SBC Word Radio 88.3. We are grateful that AWR has committed to supplying the necessary equipment.

The department also played a key role in the *Footprints of Hope* digital outreach by coordinating communication, equipment, and support across conferences, ensuring all fields had an active online ministry during this historic campaign.

Looking ahead, our goal is to provide digital toolkits, templates, and training to further strengthen digital ministry across the fields.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, MINISTRY: MEDIA PRODUCTION MILESTONES

Video storytelling became a hallmark of ATCU's communication output. From 2021 to 2025, we produced more than 100 original video features and livestreamed programs, training sessions, and departmental events. These included union-wide messages, youth spotlights, Women's Ministries highlights, Health Ministries certifications, and other key programs.

A major success was the ongoing production of *Voices*, a monthly talk-format video series that highlights the stories and ministries shaping lives across the union, featuring administrators, directors, pastors, and lay leaders. The series developed a loyal following and is broadcasted on ATV53, the union's YouTube channel, and the regional streaming platforms of our conferences.

To meet the growing demand for high-quality spiritual content and information, the department upgraded its studio with 3 new 4K cameras, microphones, and production equipment, and upgraded the committee room with a video wall, enhancing meeting effectiveness, supported conference-level media production and streaming, promoted Hope Channel as the official television network for the region, and partnered with Hope Channel Inter-America for content sharing. Work also began on establishing the ATCU Hope Media Center to service our region and provide programming for Hope Channel Inter-America.

Moving forward, we aim to help churches across the union adopt similar production standards and strengthen their capacity for media ministry.

EQUIPPING THE TEAM: TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Recognizing that sustainable communication depends on empowered teams, training became a cornerstone of the strategy. Conferences were equipped to strengthen churches in managing and growing their own media ministries. Regular meetings—both virtual and in-person—were held with communication directors, covering practical skills such as digital storytelling, journalism, livestream production, capacity building, and photography.

Two major training events marked the quinquennium. The first, led by Libna Stevens, IAD assistant Communication director, focused on writing news stories, journalism, and media relations. This training sparked a notable increase in the number of stories submitted from the fields and published on the global stage. The second was cellphone evangelism training with Adventist World Radio. Led by Neville Neviling, training was conducted in each conference. designed to equip members to serve as digital disciples using their phones for evangelism. Mentorship also played a critical role. Local media teams received hands-on coaching in branding, while our WhatsApp-based support group kept directors connected for troubleshooting, updates, and collaboration.

Through these initiatives, more than 300 church members and communicators were trained, fostering confidence, professionalism, and sustainable growth in Media Ministries across our union territory.

DEFINING THE LOOK: CORPORATE IDENTITY AND UNITY

Visual consistency became a defining achievement of this quinquennium. A consistent Christ-centered identity enhances credibility and recognition, and efforts were made to solidify the Seventh-day Adventist brand across all platforms and institutions.

The department launched the official ATCU Brand Training, providing guidance on logo use, fonts, colors, and tone of messaging. Branding consultations were also conducted with conferences to ensure professional and unified representation of the church.

In collaboration with the Secretariat, we developed a Crisis Response Manual to guide public messaging during emergencies, ensuring trust, clarity, and credibility. These efforts unified messaging across the union and projected a clearer, stronger message, strengthening public confidence in our mission.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The progress of the past five years was possible only through strong leadership and collaboration.

I extend heartfelt thanks to the ATCU administration for supporting the vision of communication as ministry. Special appreciation goes to John Garcia, whose dedication and creativity elevated production standards, improved communication systems, empowered our fields, and strengthened the department.

I am also deeply grateful to the Communication directors and associates in the Cayman Islands, North Bahamas, South Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos Islands Conferences. Your commitment, coordination, and storytelling kept communication active and made this truly a union-wide effort.

CONCLUSION

The story of the ATCU Communication Department from 2021 to 2025 is one of growth, collaboration, and mission-minded media. We did not simply keep pace with change—we helped lead it. We adapted quickly, built capacity, and equipped our fields to lead with creativity and conviction.

Most importantly, every story, image, video, and post served as a bridge—connecting leadership, members, and communities, lifting up Jesus and pointing hearts to Him.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to telling the truth in love, with excellence and faith, using every screen, lens, mic, and story for the glory of God.

Education Department

Dr. Cheryl Rolle, Director



The Education Department (ED) of the Atlantic-Caribbean Union (ATCU) remains steadfast in its mission to deliver high-quality Seventh-day Adventist education to all children. Its commitment to transforming lives through Christ-centered education focuses on changing hearts and renewing minds. Here, I would like to share some highlights of our achievements, guided by God, in the areas of Spiritual Nurturing, Professional Development, and Educational Initiatives.

SPIRITUAL NURTURING

During 2021-2024, our dedicated school pastors, teachers, staff, and administrators baptized 114 students, thanks to the implementation of their spiritual master plans and the help of the Holy Spirit. Through biannual weeks of prayer, daily worship, annual prayer days, weekly chapel services, agape feasts, mission trips, Bible study sessions, and the integration of faith with learning, many students committed or recommitted their lives to Christ, supported by the love and care of our educators.

In September 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the union's Education Department initiated an hour of prayer and praise to kick off the new school year for all educational staff. Since then, teachers, staff, and administrators have gathered on Zoom at the start of each school year to magnify the Lord, share testimonies, and seek divine wisdom, guidance, and protection for the year ahead. This event, known as the Oasis of Prayer, has featured worship centered around various themes, including:

2021 - A Virtual Prayer Walk

2023 - Serving from the Heart

(Speaker, Dr. Faye Patterson, Education Director, Inter-American Division)

2024 - The Joy of Abiding in Christ

(Speaker, Pastor Vanessa Hairston, Associate Pastor for Worship, Miami Temple SDA Church, Miami, FL)

2025 - Hearts and Minds United in Christ

(Speaker, Pastor Dwain Esmond, Associate Director/Editor, Ellen G. White Estate Inc.)

ENHANCING TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR QUALITY

Throughout the period under review, a range of professional growth opportunities was organized for teachers and administrators by the union Education Department. These initiatives aimed to inspire participants to emulate the Master Teacher, encourage ongoing exploration of topics of interest and advancements in instructional methods and administrative strategies, enhance their educational knowledge and skills, facilitate idea exchange, and rejuvenate their passion for impactful teaching and effective administration.

Union Professional Development Opportunities

EVENT	DATE(S)	PLACE	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTER(S)	THEME
Leadership Excellence Series	February 15-17, 2021	ZOOM	Principals	Dr. Cheryl Rolle, ATCU education director	Lead. Motivate. Inspire.
	July 14-15, 2021		Vice Principals	Mrs. Desiree Rolle-Forbes, former NBC education director	
	October 19-20, 2021			Dr. Gamaliel Florez, former IAD education director	
	February 28 - March 1, 2022			Elder Roderick Sands, ATCU treasurer	
	July 19-20, 2022			Mr. Anthony Burrows, former SBC and NBC education director	
	February 7-8, 2023			Dr. Leonard Johnson, former IAD executive secretary and current General Conference (GC) vice president	

EVENT	DATE(S)	PLACE	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTER(S)	THEME
Leadership Excellence Series (Cont'd)				Mrs. Carol Nyack, retired principal in the Cayman Islands Mrs. Nelda Drackett, former CIC education director Mrs. Libna Stevens, IAD asst. Communication director Access Accelerator, Client Advisory Service Department, The Bahamas Dr. Yanet Cima, director, Adventist Virtual Library Mrs. Olga Perez, librarian, Adventist Virtual Library Dr. Richard Adderley, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Family Medicine Center, Nassau, Bahamas <i>Devotional Speakers</i> Pastor Peter Kerr, ATCU president Dr. Gamaliel Florez Mrs. Desiree Rolle-Forbes Dr. Kent Price, ATCU director Pastor Kenny Deveaux, SBC president Pastor Terry Tanis, then TCIC executive secretary Pastor Andrew Burrows, then NBC executive secretary Mrs. Celestine Creighton, former principal, Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, FL.	

EVENT	DATE(S)	PLACE	PARTICIPANTS	PRESENTER(S)	THEME/TOPIC
Leadership Summit	February 11-12, 2025	ZOOM	Directors Principals Vice Principals	Ms. Henrena Brunson, director, DEI, Culture, and Talent Development, Bainum Family Foundation Dr. Amy Soper, director, Organizational Learning and Effectiveness, Bainum Family Foundation Mrs. Nydia Whyllly, ATCU associate HR director and VividFaith coordinator Dr. Cheryl Rolle <i>Devotional Speaker</i> Dr. Yanet Cima	Empower. Engage. Excel.
Leadership Summit (Part II)	March 18, 2025	ZOOM	Education Directors Principals Vice Principals Teachers Any other interested school administrator, teacher, and person from the community	Dr. Leroy Hill, director, Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of the West Indies	Leading with AI: AI Sensitization for Academic Leaders

Teachers' Forum

Under the theme "The Adventist Teacher, Chosen for Mission," Seventh-day Adventist educators from the four schools within the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) gathered for the union's quinquennial educational event, the Teachers' Forum, on March 28, 2024.

Traditionally, educators from Bahamas Academy, Cayman Academy, Grand Bahama Academy, and Maranatha Academy would come together in person for professional development and fellowship.

However, due to financial adjustments necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, we adapted our plans for this quinquennium and hosted the event in a hybrid format. Participants connected via Zoom for spiritual renewal and professional enrichment, while each school group also met locally in their respective countries for some fun and relaxation.

The forum was designed to honor the dedicated service of ATCU teachers and to provide opportunities for spiritual rejuvenation, essential professional development, and leisure. It welcomed teachers, school counselors, school pastors, administrators, conference officers, and education directors. The aim of this gathering was to help participants refocus on the sacred mission to which God, through Christ Jesus, has called them.

Dr. Leonard Johnson, the then executive secretary of the Inter-American Division (IAD), served as the devotional speaker, while Dr. John Wesley Taylor V, president of Andrews University, presented on the topic "Essential Elements of the Philosophy of Adventist Education."

SDA Certification

According to the K-12 Educators' Certification Manual from the Education Department of the Atlantic Caribbean Union, all Adventist educators are required to obtain and maintain SDA certification. This certification serves as evidence that the educator is dedicated to the unique mission of educating for eternity. It signifies that the individual is a professional educator, trusted by families to provide a Seventh-day Adventist Christian education for their children and youth. Furthermore, it reflects the educator's commitment to ongoing professional development in knowledge and skills as well as a deepening relationship with Jesus.

Currently, there are four teachers who hold SDA certification, while forty-nine others are in the certification process. We extend our gratitude to Northern Caribbean University and Montemorelos University for offering the core courses necessary to help fulfill the certification requirements.

IAD Training Events

Additionally, the union education director actively encouraged and facilitated the involvement of education directors, teachers, and selected delegates in various initiatives sponsored by the Education Department of the IAD as well as the IAD Leadership Conferences (Segment Leaders Development –SeLD). These initiatives aimed to enhance knowledge and deepen the understanding of the sacred calling to teach and the significance of Adventist education. The initiatives include:

Principal and Vice Principal Certification	- October 5, 2023 to August 2024
Summit of Marketing and Recruitment in Higher Education	- August 2022, 2023, and 2024
Virtual Library Training	- February 2, 2023; March 4, 2024; and March 4 and September 3, 2025
Great Food Council for Cafeteria Personnel	- August 18, 2025
SeLD Conferences	- July 2022, 2023, and 2024

Also, the union education director participated in the following:

Educating for Mission Conference in Peru sponsored by the GC Education Department - August 7-12, 2024

Fulfilling the Mission with Excellence Conference in Miami, FL sponsored by the IAD Education Department - May 3-4, 2025

Conference Initiatives

Mrs. Juliette Sands, education director of the South Bahamas Conference, successfully relaunched the Seventh-day Adventist Educators Association. The association's goal is to promote the professional development of Adventist educators in both Adventist and non-Adventist schools, thereby enhancing their capacity to deliver effective, Christ-centered service.

ACQUAINTING MEMBERS WITH THE IMPERATIVES AND PHILOSOPHY OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST EDUCATION

The union Education Department supplied resources and promotional materials to the local conference Offices of Education for use during the annual education days which emphasize the significance of Adventist education.

Furthermore, the union education director supported field education directors in their initiatives, including education summits aimed at informing and educating church members about Adventist education. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Joan Scavella, education director of the North Bahamas Conference, for successfully organizing the education summit held on June 1, 2025.

COLLABORATING WITH CONFERENCE AND IAD EDUCATION PERSONNEL TO REALIZE DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a Union Education Code

During its mid-year meeting in 2021, the ATCU executive committee voted to adopt the final section of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Education Code, thereby finalizing the document that would govern the union's educational system.

2. Coordinate On-site School Evaluations

The following chart outlines the accreditation periods granted to each high school by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) from 2021 to 2024.

HIGH SCHOOLS		
School	Accreditation Period	Expiration Date
Bahamas Academy	4 years	September 30, 2027
Cayman Academy	3 years	October 31, 2028
Maranatha Academy	3 years	February 26, 2027

Grand Bahama Academy will be visited in 2026.

The chart below shows the accreditation period granted to the elementary schools by the ATCU Board of Education.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS		
School	Accreditation Period	Expiration Date
Bahamas Academy	4 years	September 30, 2027
Cayman Academy	3 years	October 31, 2028

Grand Bahama Academy will be visited in 2026.

3. Assist with the Training of School Boards

Training was done by the union education director for the school board of Cayman Academy on April 8 and 15, 2021.

4. Gather School Statistics

To guide initiatives and track enrollment trends, local field education directors are required to submit annual reports to the union and IAD Departments of Education. The following charts illustrate the enrollment changes in our schools from 2021 to 2024, external examination overall pass percentages, and additional relevant information.

2021 - 2022 CLOSING REPORT						
LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	SDA	NSDA	TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS	NSDA TEACHERS	BAPTISMS
PRE-SCHOOL	107	57	50	9	-	-
PRIMARY	406	208	198	28	-	23
HIGH SCHOOL	795	318	477	58	3	23
TOTALS	1,308	583 (45%)	725 (55%)	95	3	46

2022 - 2023 CLOSING REPORT						
LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	SDA	NSDA	TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS	NSDA TEACHERS	BAPTISMS
PRE-SCHOOL	104	55	49	9	-	-
PRIMARY	357	164	193	26	-	3
HIGH SCHOOL	840	321	519	62	4	24
TOTALS	1,301	540 (42%)	761 (58%)	97	4	27

2023 - 2024 CLOSING REPORT						
LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	SDA	NSDA	TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS	NSDA TEACHERS	BAPTISMS
PRE-SCHOOL	127	57	70	8	-	-
PRIMARY	358	165	193	27	-	-
HIGH SCHOOL	871	319	552	62	4	3
TOTALS	1,356	541 (40%)	815 (60%)	97	4	3

2024 - 2025 CLOSING REPORT						
LEVEL	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS	SDA	NSDA	TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS	NSDA TEACHERS	BAPTISMS
PRE-SCHOOL	102	55	47	8	-	-
PRIMARY	349	143	206	25	-	7
HIGH SCHOOL	872	321	551	63	3	31
TOTALS	1,323	519 (39%)	804 (61%)	96	3	38

The following gives a snapshot of how the union senior high schools performed in the external examinations: Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) and the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC).

School	Year	Overall Pass Percentage
Bahamas Academy (BGCSE)	2021	59.92%
	2022	61.49%
	2023	59.23%
	2024	53.82%
	2025	70.33%
Cayman Academy (CSEC)	2021	87.1%
	2022	80.8%
	2023	91.5%
	2024	90.8%
	2025	93.3%
Grand Bahama Academy (BGCSE)	2021	29.52%
	2022	24.73%
	2023	41%
	2024	45.45%
	2025	56.45%
Maranatha Academy (CSEC)	2021	90%
	2022	100%
	2023	87%
	2024	92%
	2025	93%

CELEBRATIONS

During this period, we celebrated several significant events and achievements, including:

- ◆ A 100% pass rate in Family and Resource Management, Industrial Techniques -Building, Electronic Document Preparation and Management (EDPM), Integrated Science, Music, Principles of Business, and Religious Education at Maranatha Academy during the 2025 CSEC examinations.
- ◆ Jonathan Daniel from Maranatha Academy achieving the highest grade in the Caribbean for the Building Technology examination in the 2025 CSEC sitting.
- ◆ Maranatha Academy securing first place in the Fortis Science Debate Competition during the 2024-2025 school year.
- ◆ The installation of air conditioning in three of the five classrooms located in the auditorium of Maranatha Academy.
- ◆ Zamar Boyd from Bahamas Academy winning first place in the Youth Empowerment Program Speech Competition during the 2024-2025 school year.
- ◆ Bahamas Academy receiving a grant for the installation of solar panels.
- ◆ Cayman Academy's mission trip to Honduras during the 2024-2025 school year.

EDUCATIONAL WORKERS ENTERING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

With heartfelt gratitude, we pay tribute to and express our appreciation for the following educational employees who entered the Employee Benefit Plan during the review period. Their dedicated service will always be remembered.

SCHOOL	EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Bahamas Academy	Stephanie Dawkins (Teacher)	21
	Carol Ann Jackman (Teacher)	22
	Elizabeth Lynes (Teacher)	36
	Valerie Poitier (Teacher)	32
	Joan Scavella (Registrar)	36
	Lynn Smith (Reading Specialist)	35
Cayman Academy	Asha Singh (Teacher)	31
Grand Bahama Academy	Haydn Hanna (Teacher)	40
	Althea Jervis-Bain (Teacher)	39

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES LAID TO REST

Sadly, we laid to rest Mrs. Alison Garcia, vice principal at Bahamas Academy, who passed away on December 27, 2023. She dedicated 27 years of service to the school, and we look forward to the day when we will see her again.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

As I reflect on the past four years, I am filled with gratitude for God's guidance and calming presence. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Faye Patterson, IAD education director, for her unwavering support, advice, and counsel. I also appreciate the encouragement from Pastor Peter Kerr, union president, Elder Roderick Sands, union treasurer, and the members of our office family: Dr. Kent Price, Dr. Henry Moncur, Pastor Andrew Burrows, Charrise Rahming, Dawne Whyly, Jennifer Kerr, Arleen Sands, Hazel Fletcher, and John Garcia.

I express my sincere thanks to both former and current field education directors whose assistance made this report possible: Desiree Rolle-Forbes, Anthony Burrows, Nelda Dracket, Steve Cornwall, Joan Scavella, Juliette Sands, Obed Babb, and Mark Garland. Your steadfast commitment to the principles of Adventist education has been instrumental in helping us fulfill God's vision for His children.

To the members of the ATCU Board of Education, all school board members, and church education secretaries, thank you for your invaluable contributions to the advancement of Adventist education in the Atlantic Caribbean region. I also extend my sincere appreciation to all past and present school administrators, teachers, and staff for your dedication to nurturing students in a loving relationship with Christ.

Lastly, I cherish the loving support of my husband, Elder Pedro Rolle; my children, Pete, Jessica, Heaven, Myesha, and Ryan; my immediate family; and my close friends. They have been my anchor through both turbulent and calm times.

As we look toward the future, may we, as a union, remain steadfast in our commitment to providing quality, Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist education for our children.

Family Ministries Department

Pastor Andrew Burrows, Director



"The overarching objective of Adventist Family Ministries is to strengthen the family as a discipling centre. The family was established by divine creation as the fundamental human institution. It is the primary setting in which values are learned and the capacity

for close relationships with God and with other human beings is developed."

<https://family.adventist.org/ourfamily/>

For the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU), "the Adventist Family Ministries Department (AFMD) seeks to strengthen, inspire hope, and bring healing to marriages, families, and individuals through the abundant love of Jesus Christ." <https://www.atcunion.org/family/>

This report highlights the work of the AFMD within the ATCU during the period from January 2021 to December 2024

THEME FOR THE QUINQUENNium

The strategic focus of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 2020-2025 is "I Will Go!" The Adventist Family Ministries Department has rebranded this theme and, in 2021, produced a resource book titled "I Will Go With My Family" which aligns with the emphasis of Adventist Family Ministries for the same period.

THEMES DURING THE QUINQUENNium

In addition to the aforementioned theme, the AFMD of the General Conference (GC) produces an annual resource manual for pastors, Adventist Family Ministries leaders, and the general membership. The goal is to equip leaders and support families in navigating the various challenges they face both in the church and in the community.

Below are the themes and resource manuals for the four years covered in this report:

2021 Unity in Community

2022 Family Resilience

2023 Family and Mental Health

2024 Understanding Diverse Families

ADVENTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES TRAINING CERTIFICATION

During the review period, the AFMD of the GC conducted the Adventist Family Ministries Certification Training. This program, held via Zoom, was open to participants from the Atlantic Caribbean Union, Caribbean Union, Dutch Caribbean Union, Jamaica Union, and Honduras Union, as well as conference Adventist Family Ministries directors, local church Adventist Family Ministries directors, and other interested church members.

The training program was led by Drs. Willie and Elaine Oliver, directors of the AFMD at the GC, with Pastor Pedro and Mrs. Cecilia Iglesias, the then directors of the AFMD of the Inter-American Division (IAD), serving as facilitators for the event.

The training consisted of levels 1 and 2 with each having 5 modules as listed below.

Level 1: Modules 1-5

1. Biblical and Theological Foundations for Family Ministries
2. Family: Center for Evangelism
3. Families in Society
4. Marriage and Family Dynamics
5. Interpersonal Relationships

Level 1: Modules 6-10

1. Parenting: A Discipleship Model
2. Communication and Managing Conflict in the Family
3. Foundations of Human Sexuality
4. Development of Persons across the Lifespan
5. Family Resources and Resilience

ADVENTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES SPECIAL DAYS

Each year, the AFM designates two special weeks on its calendar.

The first is the Christian Home and Marriage Week which begins on the second Sabbath in February and concludes on the third Sabbath. This week is dedicated to enhancing Christian marriage and parenting. The second is Family Togetherness Week, celebrated during the third week of September.

The AFMDs of the conferences and the local churches took the initiative in planning and hosting these special days. Below are some of the special weeks held:

- Family Togetherness Week of Prayer was held in the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC) during September 5-11, 2021, via the Zoom platform. The theme was "Families United: Breaking Barriers." The guest speaker was Pastor Joel Jump, Adventist Youth Ministries director of the East Jamaica Conference.
- Under the theme "I Will Go With My Family," the TCIC held its Family Ministries Week from February 13 to 20, 2021, via the Zoom platform. The speaker for the week was Dr. Caius Alfred, Adventist Family Ministries director for the St. Lucia Mission.
- On Sabbath, February 17, 2024, Christian Home and Marriage Week concluded with a service at Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North Bahamas Conference (NBC). Pastor Andrew Burrows, the then executive secretary of the NBC, and his wife, Karen Burrows, spoke on the theme "Family Matters."
- A Family Togetherness Week Seminar in the Cayman Islands Conference (CIC) was held from September 3 to 9, 2023. During the weeknights, meetings were conducted by zones at five sites. Heading the list of speakers at the various sites was Pastor Caple Thompson, the then Adventist Family Ministries director of the CIC. Other speakers included Pastor Andrew Campbell, the then conference vice-president; Pastor Carlon Nyack, executive secretary; Pastor Denton McKogg, district pastor; and Elder Osmin Bello, conference accountant. The week concluded with a joint seminar on Sabbath afternoon, September 9, at the Kings Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Shion O'Connor, family counsellor and district pastor, as the speaker.

OTHER ADVENTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES EVENTS

In addition to the special days mentioned above, the AFMDs in the local conferences planned and facilitated other initiatives and events, including

- A Marriage Recommitment Retreat that was held in Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands, from October 20 to 23, 2023. Dr Anthony and Deloris Gordon, retired Adventist Family Ministries & Counselling Services directors of the Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, were the guest speakers. Twenty-five couples participated in the event.
- On the weekend of November 18-19, 2022, Pastor Vandeon Griffin, Adventist Youth Ministries director for the North American Division, and his wife, Kimberly Griffin, were the guest presenters for a weekend of seminars on relationships hosted by the NBC Adventist Family Ministries Department.

FAMILIES IN MISSION WEEKEND SEMINAR

From January 12 to 14, 2024, the AFMD of the South Bahamas Conference (SBC) hosted the Families in Mission Weekend Seminar, featuring a special service at the Centreville Church in Nassau, The Bahamas.

In his keynote address, Dr. Willie Oliver, director of the AFMD at the General Conference, emphasized the importance of family worship and the need to rebuild family altars. He highlighted the protective benefits of family worship and the significance of unity within the family.

Pastor Pedro and Cecilia Iglesias, the then directors of the AFMD of the IAD, delivered impactful messages during the Sabbath morning and afternoon services, encouraging families to “upgrade spiritually for mission.”

Pastor Kenny and Darlene Deveaux, directors of the AFMD for the SBC, welcomed participants to the seminar. The then ATCU AFMD director, Pastor Terry Tanis, commended the organizers for the seminar's timely focus on addressing various family issues.

FAMILY WORSHIP AT VESPERS

As part of the Inter-American Division Centennial celebrations, a special Friday evening vesper service was held on April 15, 2022, for every Adventist home and family throughout the IAD and ATCU. The service began just before sunset and was facilitated via YouTube and Zoom. This celebratory event allowed participants to collectively welcome the Sabbath while seeking God's blessings upon their families, affirming the importance of family. Additionally, families were encouraged to incorporate four activities to enhance their experience of togetherness.

1. A time for worship when families take the time to sing favourite hymns.
2. A time for thanksgiving when those gathered in worship remembered the blessings of God towards the family members and all others a part of the vesper worship experience.
3. A time for consecration when everyone reviews the gifts God has given each family member and renews their vows of consecration to God.
4. A time for prayer when participants take the time to pray for the requests of everyone gathered for the worship.

BACK TO THE ALTAR PRAYER INITIATIVE

At its year-end executive committee meeting held from November 27 to 28, 2022, the ATCU voted to adopt the "Back to the Altar" prayer initiative. According to the IAD webpage, this initiative, which was launched by the world church in 2022, "calls us to return to God as individuals, families, and churches; to restore the family altar by worshipping God in the morning and evening. It is a call to be more devoted to prayer and the worship of God."

ALL THE FAMILY IN MISSION

In October 2023, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the IAD launched the "All the Family in Mission" evangelism focus. The ATCU adopted this initiative during its year-end meetings on November 20-21, 2023. While the initiative emphasizes evangelism, it highlights the integral role families play in the mission.

Throughout the union's territory, members were encouraged to engage in evangelism as family units. Conferences, along with local churches, were assigned goals for the number of family units they would encourage to commit to the mission.

Commitment cards were created in English, Spanish, and French, inviting each family member to pledge their participation in the initiative.

In November 2023, Pastor Peter Kerr, president of ATCU; Dr. Kent Price, ATCU Personal Ministries director; and Pastor Terry Tanis, the then ATCU Adventist Family Ministries director, visited the conferences within the ATCU to promote both the "All the Family in Mission" and "Back to the Altar" initiatives.

In September 2024, the NBC conducted the "All the Family in Mission Gospel Series." Pastor Trever Barnes Jr., pastor of the Northside Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, served as the speaker for the three-week campaign. Both the preparation leading up to the campaign and the actual meetings emphasized family involvement. At the conclusion of the series, 12 individuals were baptized, including two married couples and the spouses of family members.

RESOURCES

Resources, including video and digital promotions as well as planning materials, were made available on the website of the General Conference Adventist Family Ministries Department at <https://family.adventist.org/resources/>

The Adventist Family Ministries Plan Book, an annual resource manual produced by the General Conference Adventist Family Ministries Department, was utilized by local churches worldwide to assist in planning for the special Adventist Family Ministries emphasis weeks and Sabbaths. This plan book is based on the yearly themes previously mentioned. Additionally, a family worship resource book was provided for each of the Family Togetherness weeks of prayer.

2021 Living Fruitful Love

2022 Keys to Healthy Minds: Flourishing Families

2023 Rebuilding the Family Altar

2024 Growing Hearts of Welcome: Understanding Diverse Families

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I extend my appreciation and acknowledge the ATCU AFMD directors and their spouses who have led the department during the four years covered in this report: Pastor Peter and Jennifer Kerr, Pastor Michael and Lynn Smith, and Pastor Terry and Simenthia Tanis.

To the ATCU administrators—Pastor Peter Kerr, Dr. Cheryl Rolle, and Elder Roderick Sands—as well as Pastors Kent Price and Henry Moncur, Elder Arleen Sands, Mrs. Hazel Fletcher, Mrs. Nydia Whyly, Ms. Charisse Rahming, and Elder John Garcia, I express my gratitude for the support and assistance provided to the AFMD and for fostering a family atmosphere within the union.

I am also thankful to Drs. Willie and Elaine Oliver, directors of the AFMD at the GC, and Pastor Pedro and Cecilia Iglesias, former directors of the AFMD at the IAD, for their oversight, advice, and guidance. I appreciate your willingness to travel to various conferences within the ATCU to conduct training and seminars.

To the directors of the AFMD in the local conferences, this ministry cannot function without your leadership. I am grateful to the following directors for their commitment and guidance in the local fields:

Cayman Islands Conference

Pastor Caple and Jennifer Thompson (former) and Pastor Ivor and Marlene Harry (current)

North Bahamas Conference

Pastor Eric and Patrice Clarke (former) and Pastor Terry and Simenthia Tanis (current)

Turks and Caicos Islands Conference

Elder Raphael and Susan Delpeche

South Bahamas Conference

Pastor Kenny and Darlene Deveau

I also express my gratitude to the directors of the AFMDs in the local churches within the ATCU. Your dedication to supporting families is deeply appreciated.

I give thanks to God for my wife, Karen, and our children, Zandrea, Talia, and Andreaz. Thank you, Karen, for partnering with me in this vital ministry.

To all the families within the ATCU, let us continue to work together until we are all part of God's grand family in eternity.

Health Ministries Department



Mrs. Hazel Gordon-Fletcher, Director

OBJECTIVES OF THE HEALTH MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The objectives of the Health Ministries Department are to:

- promote the concept of comprehensive Health Ministries, encompassing mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health
- emulate Christ's method of evangelism
- train members to serve as health missionary volunteers, transforming each church into a holistic community center focused on health and healing.

HEALTH MINISTRIES PROGRAMS

During the period under review, the Health Ministries Departments across the union territory conducted programs such as:

- Health Promoters Training, Levels 1 and 2
- Mental Health Summits
- The Eight Weeks to Wellness
- I Want to Live Healthy
- Health Expos
- Health Tips in Churches
- Group Walks
- Step Challenges
- Cooking Classes

- Health Ministries Week of Prayer at the Beginning of the Year
- Health Week
- Awareness Weeks/Days, such as HIV and Drug Abuse
- Backyard Gardening Promotion
- 7-day Detox Challenges
- First Aid Training
- Annual Children's Health Expo
- Recognition of Nurses and Doctors

Furthermore, the Health Ministries Department collaborated with the Women's Ministries, Personal Ministries, and Adventist Youth Ministries Departments to offer health screenings before and during campaigns. We also partnered with various organizations and hospitals in our community, including the Lions Club and the Cancer Society.

The Adventist Health Professionals Association (AHPA), Bahamas Chapter, remains highly active, hosting a monthly webinar throughout the year.

During this period, Pastor Caple Thompson, the former Health Ministries director of the Cayman Islands Conference (CIC), led two Health Ministries evangelistic series, resulting in the baptism of fifteen individuals.

Each year, the department aimed to achieve its goals by focusing on a different theme, as illustrated below.

2021 - 2022	MAKING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU)	• Health Promoters Certification: Thirty-Five Members Of The Church Were Trained And Certified As Health Providers.
Cayman Islands Conference (CIC)	• Commitment Service For All Health Ministries Leaders And Assistants • Launching Of The Dream App • Weekly Radio Program, 'Healthy Living' • Launching Of I Want To Live Healthy And Move To Live Programs • Mini Expos Conducted By Most Of The Churches • Health Evangelistic Campaign By Pastor Caple Thompson Titled, 'For A Healthier, Happy You.' Ten Persons Were Baptized. • Weekly Health Tips In The Churches
North Bahamas Conference (NBC)	• Annual Trip To Uchee Pines For Medical Missionary Training • Backyard Gardening Training • Vegetarian Cooking Classes • Promotion Of The Dream App

2021 - 2022	MAKING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
South Bahamas Conference (SBC)	• Annual Eight Weeks To Wellness Program, Attracting 75 Members From The Church And Community. • Health Expo With Approximately 330 Attendees. • Recommitment Services • Diabetes Awareness Day Celebration • Lifestyle Awareness Day Celebration • Launching Of The Dream App
Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC)	• I Want To Live Healthy • Group Exercise
2023	ALL THE FAMILY IN MISSION/ONE MILLION AND MORE INITIATIVE
ATCU	• Health Promoters Certification, Level 1. Thirty-Five Persons Were Trained Across The Union
CIC	• Launching Of I Want To Live Healthy And Move To Live • Step Challenges By Most Of The Churches • Weekend Presentations By Janelle Latty-Miller On Mental Health Dubbed, 'Your Mental Health Matters'
NBC	• A Group Of 15 Persons Were Taken To Uchee Pines For On-Hand Medical Missionary Training • Conference-Wide Family Fitness Fun Day With Healthy Breakfast
SBC	• Health Week Of Prayer • Eights Weeks To Wellness With 30 Attendees
TCIC	• NEWSTART Program • Weekly Exercise Classes By Some Churches
2024	TOTAL HEALTH/ONE MILLION AND MORE
ATCU	• Health And Hope Promoters Certification, Level 2. This Program Was The First In Our Region. The Program Covered Lifestyle Diseases And How To Prevent Them. Seventy-Five Persons Graduated From The Program. • The Second Mental Health Summit Was Conducted Over Two Days In The Cayman Islands. It Was Hybrid To Accommodate The Three Territories That Comprise The Union. • Health Ministries Directors From ATCU, CIC, AND TCIC Attended Recovery Training In Jamaica.
CIC	• Workshop Conducted By ATCU Health Ministries Director And The Conference Health Ministries Director • 7-Day Raw Detox Program Which Attracted Over 200 Persons Locally And Abroad • Community And Health Expo • Children's Expo • Launching Of Eight Weeks To Wellness • Health Evangelism Campaign By Pastor Caple Thompson. Five Persons Were Baptized. • One Expo Done At Savannah SDA Church With The CMO Of The Cayman Islands, Dr. Gents, In Attendance. He Commended The Adventist Church For Their Role In Preventative Care.

2024	TOTAL HEALTH/ONE MILLION AND MORE
NBC	• Health Promoters Training • Vegetarian Cooking Class Conducted By The Conference Health Ministries Director With 62 Attendees • Island-Wide Health And Wellness Fair. Four Thousand Persons Were Impacted As They Were Given Eye Care, Dental Care, Cholesterol And Blood Sugar Screening, HBA1C; Health Age Screening, Mental Health Counselling, And Dietary And Gynecological Consultation By The Bethsaida Missionary Team From The USA
SBC	• Participated In The Annual Health Prayer Week Service • Eight Weeks To Wellness Program • Weekend Webinars With World-Renowned Dr. Eddie Ramirez, Titled 'Prioritize Your Health' • APHA Partnered With ATCU Health Ministries Department To Train 70 Medical Missionaries.
TCIC	• Launched Move To Live Program

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my gratitude to the former Health Ministries director of ATCU, Mrs. Annie Kay Price, as well as to the former field directors: Mrs. Nathelyn LaCroix (SBC), Pastor Caple Thompson (CIC), and Mrs. Nora Tyndale (TCIC), for their commitment to the ideals of the Health Ministries Department.

I am thankful for the unwavering support and hard work of my team of field directors: Sashoy Duncan (CIC), Violet Stubbs (NBC), Shandera Smith (SBC), and Interniza McCartney (TCIC). I also owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Franck Génés, the Health Ministries director of the Inter-American Division, for his invaluable guidance.

I deeply appreciate the tremendous support from the ATCU administrators who encouraged me in my role as Health Ministries director.

Finally, to God be the glory for the great things He has done. He has given us the gift of choice. Good health is not a matter of chance but a matter of choice. Our health is our wealth, and God desires for us to be in good health even as our souls prosper.

As Ellen G. White states, "God is the source of life and light and joy to the universe. Like rays of light from the sun, like streams of water bursting from a living spring, blessings flow out from Him to all His creatures" (Steps to Christ, p. 50).

May God empower the Health Ministries Department to be a beacon of light for the ATCU community.

Ministerial Association

Dr. Kent Price, Director



"So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ²shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as

God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:1-3 (ESV)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ministerial Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is dedicated to supporting Jesus Christ's mission and the global church by providing guidance and resources to pastors and their families, local leaders, administrators, departmental directors, and Ministerial Association secretaries within local conferences.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The department recognizes the vital role of local churches in fulfilling Christ's commission and supports pastors through:

- **Spiritual Formation:** Helping pastors grow closer to God and lead spiritually mature congregations.
- **Proclamation:** Training pastors to share the gospel with everyone, regardless of background.
- **Personal Well-being:** Supporting pastors and their families in maintaining healthy, balanced lives.
- **Professional Excellence:** Developing pastoral skills and promoting ministry as a valued profession.
- **Church Vitality:** Assisting pastors in building active, caring, and Christ-centered churches.

SeLD CONFERENCE

The Segment Leadership Development (SeLD) Conference, organized nine years ago by the Inter-American Division, serves as a vital platform for strengthening leadership across all levels of the Church—from pastors and elders to directors, administrators, and engaged members. Designed to foster spiritual depth and leadership excellence, SeLD equips participants with practical tools and insights for effective ministry and organizational growth.

Through interactive learning and presentations from experienced leaders of the General Conference (GC), North American Division, Inter-American Division (IAD), and the unions, the conference promotes collaboration, shared experiences, and a unified vision for mission advancement.

Annually, administrators, pastors, directors, educators, and interested persons from across the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) attended these seminars to be empowered. Participants were encouraged to:

- Reflect deeply on their commitment to God and the Church's mission.
- Cultivate a spiritually grounded approach to leadership that inspires teamwork and forward movement.

PASTORIAD PROGRAM

"Pastoriad" refers to a pastoral dashboard, a digital platform utilized by the IAD Ministerial Association to:

- Track ministerial training progress
- Monitor pastoral assignments and performance
- Coordinate evangelistic campaigns and reporting
- Provide access to resources, sermons, and spiritual development tools

This tool is employed internally by the ATCU and its affiliated conferences for the training and certification of pastors, shepherdesses, elders, deacons, and deaconesses. Since its establishment in 2023, continuous improvements have been made to its features. Currently, approximately 35% of registered leaders of ATCU are actively engaged with the platform, while around 27% have completed training modules to further enhance their ministry.

Special recognition goes to:

- Raydel Duffis, pastor in the South Bahamas Conference (SBC), for a 55.31% participation rate.
- Juan Montano, former pastor in the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC), with 83.19% utilization among district leaders.
- Pastor Steve Cornwall, TCIC president, for using the tool in ministerial meetings.
- Waldo Casildo Bennett, SBC Ministerial Association secretary, and administration for creatively training and certifying elders, deacons, and deaconesses.
- Pastor Ivor Harry, president of the Cayman Islands Conference (CIC), and his team for their spiritual pastoral retreat in Jamaica and for being innovative in recognizing the importance of refocusing the pastoral team for mission.

ALL THE FAMILY IN MISSION

The Personal Ministries Department partnered with the Ministerial Association and the Family Ministries Department to host two weeks of prayer centered on pastoral families which took place in January and February 2024. These gatherings highlighted the importance of spiritual development for pastors and their families.

Special focus areas for spiritual growth included:

- January – Ministerial families and their faith development
- February – Children in pastoral families growing in faith
- February – Youth in pastoral families developing their faith
- February – Couples in pastoral families strengthening their faith
- February – All family members enhancing stewardship in terms of body, time, resources, talents, and gifts.

RESOURCES

Journal for Pastors

All pastors received a monthly edition of The Ministry, International Journal for Pastors, available in both print and digital formats. This publication is designed to support pastors in their spiritual development, enhance their professional capabilities, and facilitate effective ministry within their congregations.

Elder's Digest

Local church elders received the quarterly hard copies of the Elder's Digest. This material includes resources, practical guidance, and information designed to support elders in their work with congregations and ministry within communities.

Ministerial Spouses

Each quarter, ministerial spouses received printed copies of The Journal: A Resource for Ministry Spouses. This publication offers a rich blend of personal testimonies, practical counsel, wellness insights, and global updates—shared by pastors' spouses from around the world to encourage, inform, and uplift.

Special thanks to Jennifer Kerr, ATCU Ministerial Spouse coordinator, for faithfully equipping the local conference Ministerial Spouse coordinators with valuable resources, encouragement, and unwavering support—blessing the spouses of our pastors across the union.

EVANGELISM

Throughout the quinquennium, the Evangelism Department remained committed to its mission of empowering the bold and Spirit-led proclamation of the everlasting gospel. Every initiative and objective was rooted in this divine mandate, making evangelism the focal point of our collective efforts.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Peter Joseph, Pastor Steve Cornwall, and Dr. Shion O'Connor for their pivotal roles in training pastors and ministry leaders through the Footprints of Hope Gospel Explosion (2021-2022) and the Discipleship and Soul Winning Coaching Institute (2024-2025).

We also express our gratitude to Pastors Chirnus Isidore, Kevin Danvers, Roy Lindsay, Nikita Thompson, and Wilson Isnord, as well as Elders Earl Thomas, Caroline Deal, Marvin Green, Joshua Lawrence, Ian Greene, and Dr. Idamae Hanna for their dedicated involvement in equipping the laity for frontline evangelistic ministry through the Global Disciple Evangelistic Training in 2023.

By God’s grace and through the collaborative efforts of pastors and lay members, nearly 5,000 souls have been baptized into the body of Christ. Below is a summary of the yearly baptisms across the union:

Year	Total Baptisms
2021	802
2022	962
2023	1,129
2024	1,062
2025	792 (as of September 2025)

To God be the glory for the harvest of souls and the faithful laborers who made it possible.

2024 MINISTERIAL RETREAT

Held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from September 9 to 11, the 2024 Ministerial Retreat, Convention, and Revival—organized by the IAD—gathered nearly 2,000 pastoral couples for a transformative experience of renewal, learning, and fellowship. Among them were 36 pastoral couples and 6 single pastors from the ATCU, contributing to the event’s rich diversity.

Highlights included Spirit-filled devotions, seminars on ministry and wellness, recreational bonding, and a 5K run promoting health and unity. Centered on the theme “Anointed,” the retreat emphasized spiritual renewal and affirmed the divine calling of pastoral leaders.

A special moment of recognition was given to Pastor Kevin Danvers (CIC) for achieving the highest number of baptisms over four years within the ATCU.

The retreat had a profound impact, enhancing both the ministerial and personal lives of participants while reaffirming their dedication to Christ and His mission.

PASTORAL ORDINATIONS

The following pastors were ordained during the quinquennium:

South Bahamas Conference (SBC) – 2022

- Raydel Duffis
- Lee Burrows
- Kareem Black
- Manasseh Simms
- Jamal Franklyn

North Bahamas Conference (NBC) – 2023

- Peter R. Watson

Cayman Islands Conference (CIC) – 2023

- Carlon Nyack
- Andrew Campbell
- Obed Babb

PASTORS ACHIEVING MORE THAN 50 BAPTISMS ANNUALLY

The table below highlights the number of years each of the following pastors baptized more than fifty individuals annually from 2021 to 2025.

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	Name	Field	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year
1	Kevin Danvers	CIC	✓			
2	Steve Cornwall	TCIC		✓		
3	Peter Joseph	SBC			✓	
4	Kenny Deveau	SBC			✓	
5	Chirnus Isidore	NBC				✓
6	Paul Scavella	SBC				✓
7	Vaughn Henry	CIC				✓
8	France Chambers	CIC				✓
9	Wilson Isnord	SBC				✓

We extend special recognition to the following pastors who have each baptized more than 100 individuals cumulatively for the period 2021 to 2025.

- Ivor Harry (CIC)
- Shion O'Connor (CIC)
- Michael Toote Sr. (SBC)
- Carlon Nyack (CIC)
- Leonardo Rahming (SBC)
- Eric D. Clarke (NBC)
- Roy Lindsay (TCIC)
- Raydel Duffis (SBC)
- Peter Watson (NBC)

RETIREMENT

Between 2021 and 2024, several of our pastors retired from full-time ministry within ATCU. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals for their years of dedicated service:

- Pastor Reinaldo Dracket, former president of the CIC (March 2023)
- Pastor Caple Thompson of the CIC (December 2023)
- Pastor Eric D. Clarke, former president of the NBC (September 2024)
- Dr. Paul Scavella, former president of the SBC (June 2023)
- Dr. Michael Toote of the SBC (September 2024)

CONDOLENCES

During the period under review, we laid to rest the following esteemed leaders in pastoral ministry:

- Pastor Wesley Nyack (CIC -August 11, 2023)
- Pastor Neville Scavella (SBC -October 2022)
- Mrs. Alwhyne Scavella, spouse of Neville Scavella (SBC -February 2025)

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Nyack and Scavella families.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my heartfelt gratitude to my wife and partner in ministry, Alree Price, for her diligent and faithful support as a shepherdess.

I am also thankful for the commitment of the ATCU administration whose wisdom and guidance have been invaluable to the Ministerial Association.

To each local field Ministerial Association secretary—Ivor Harry (CIC), Waldo Casildo Bennett (SBC), Steve Cornwall (TCIC), Terry Tanis(NBC)—and to our union Ministerial Spouse coordinator, Jennifer Kerr, thank you for your dedication to God's calling. I am truly grateful for your efforts in ensuring the effective operation of the Ministerial Association.

A special thank you goes to my predecessor, Pastor Michael Smith, who led with distinction during the first half of the period under review. Your outstanding leadership is greatly appreciated, and I pray for continued blessings upon you and your family.

I also extend my gratitude to Pastor Josney Rodríguez, IAD Ministerial Association secretary, for his invaluable support. Lastly, I give thanks to my Heavenly Father for the gift of life, energy, and the talents bestowed upon me.

Personal Ministries Department



Dr. Kent Price, Director

PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Personal Ministries Department (PMD) is committed to inspiring, motivating, training, and mobilizing all members for active Christian service. The department operates under the belief that the church is organized for service and that every member is called to serve God and others. As Ellen G. White reminds us, “Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver” (The Desire of Ages, p. 195).

The Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual supports this mission, stating, “The church is organized for service, and every member is called to active participation in sharing the gospel and ministering to others” (Church Manual, 19th Edition, p. 78). This guiding principle inspires the ongoing work of the PMD to foster a spirit of unity and commitment among members.

In recognition of this sacred calling, the department has established strategic objectives aligned with the guidance from the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (IAD). The IAD emphasizes that “Every member is called to be a disciple and to make disciples, thus fulfilling the gospel commission in every territory and community we serve.”

To advance this mission, five key priorities have been articulated:

- **To Reach** – The Church engages in outreach through service and communication to connect with others and foster understanding on relevant issues.
- **To Equip** – Members and non-members receive instruction for a better life and preparation for eternal life at the Second Advent.
- **To Rescue** – Clergy and lay members share the gospel to encourage personal acceptance of Jesus and baptism into the Church.
- **To Retain** – Leaders and members support and mentor new believers to strengthen their commitment and ensure lasting membership.
- **To Disciple** – Church programs and activities that support members' growth as committed disciples preparing for Christ's Second Advent.

BAPTISMAL GOALS

At the start of the five-year period, each field leader reviewed and agreed upon the goal for his district.

The table below lists each field's accepted goals for the quinquennium.

Fields	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Totals
South Bahamas Conference (SBC)	600	700	820	965	1,078	4,163
Cayman Islands Conference (CIC)	245	270	295	325	355	1,490
North Bahamas Conference (NBC)	200	210	235	247	275	1,167
Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC)	200	225	245	255	255	1,180
TOTALS	1,245	1,405	1,595	1,792	1,963	8,000

ATCU EVANGELISM ROADMAP AND STRATEGY (2021–2025)

At the year-end meetings of the executive committee of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU), the evangelism strategy is formally approved. Subsequently, each field administration is encouraged to share this strategy with its constituents, ensuring its incorporation into district evangelism plans to achieve the objectives established for the year.

ATLANTIC CARIBBEAN UNION ROADMAP AND STRATEGY

FIRST QUARTER / JANUARY – MARCH

a. PASTORAL CAMPAIGN

SECOND QUARTER / APRIL – JUNE

a. LAITY CAMPAIGN

THIRD QUARTER / JULY – SEPTEMBER

a. YOUTH CAMPAIGN

FOURTH QUARTER / OCTOBER – DECEMBER

a. CHILDREN, WOMEN, HEALTH, OTHERS

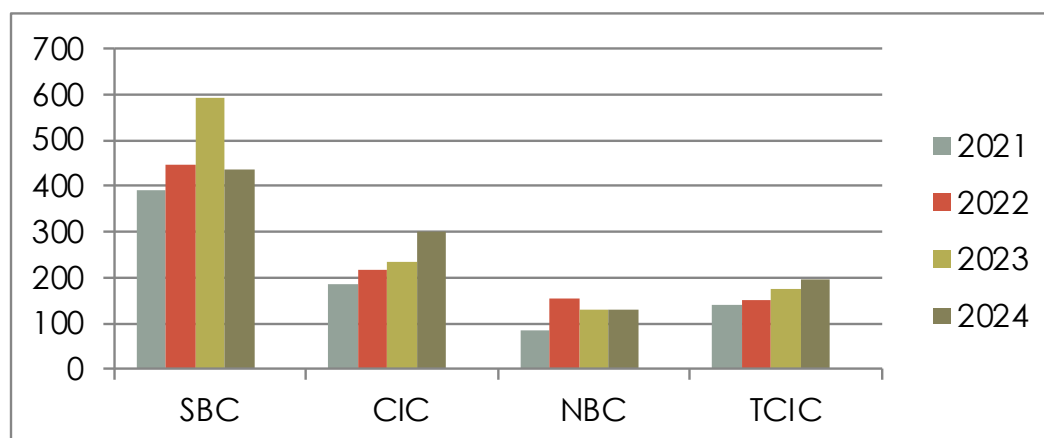


TOTAL NUMBER OF BAPTISMS: FROM 2021 TO 2024

The cumulative total represents the number of individuals who were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church from 2021 to 2024.

YEAR	2021	2022	2023	2024
TOTAL	802	969	1,129	1,062

The following bar chart illustrates the reported baptisms by fields from 2021 to 2024.



The following table compares actual baptisms to goals for each field from 2021 to 2024.

Fields	2021	2022	2023	2024	Totals
SBC					
Goal	600	700	820	965	3,085
Actual	391	447	592	435	1,865
CIC					
Goal	245	270	295	325	1,135
Actual	186	218	233	299	936
NBC					
Goal	200	210	235	247	892
Actual	86	153	129	131	499
TCIC					
Goal	200	225	245	255	925
Actual	139	151	175	197	662

The goal attainment percentages by field for 2021 through 2024 are shown below.

SBC	–	60%
CIC	–	82%
NBC	–	56%
TCIC	–	72%

Below are the details regarding the total union goal achievement from 2021 to 2024.

Total baptismal goal for the union	–	6,037
Total achieved across the union	–	3,962
Percentage of goal achieved	–	66%

Here are the baptismal totals reported by the fields for the period from January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025:

SBC	-	303
CIC	-	190
NBC	-	89
TCIC	-	210

We give thanks to God for the 4,754 individuals who were baptized between 2021 and September 2025.

EVANGELIST GROWTH INITIATIVE (EGI)

We extend our gratitude to our pastors, Personal Ministries directors, and all interested participants for their involvement in the Inter-American Division's 2021 quarterly Evangelist Coaching Forum. This forum included discussions on innovative evangelism approaches, hermeneutics, and strategies for engaging individuals from various social backgrounds. Open to all via Zoom, the program particularly focused on outreach to Catholic communities and effective field preparation.

FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE EVANGELISTIC SERIES

The Footprints of Hope Hybrid Mega Regional Campaign, featuring Pastor Glen O. Samuels, ran from January 8 to February 12, 2022, in the West Jamaica Conference in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Launched in the ATCU territory on September 11, 2021, the Inter-American Division fields shared their campaign plans. IAD regional training and institute consultations took place from November 7 to December 12, 2021. We thank God for the many souls that were baptized.



FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY

The Festival of the Laity took place as a hybrid event from August 4 to 7, 2022, allowing delegates to participate either in Panama or remotely via Zoom. Elder Joshua Lawrence was honored by the IAD during the event. Other attendees included Roderick Sands, Kent Price, Michael McCoy, Terry Tanis, Chirrus Isidore, Marvin Lenox Green, Rascine Smith, Ivanson Rolle, and Kevin Danvers.

LAY FEDERATIONS

The ATCU is dedicated to fostering the establishment of lay federations across its territory. These groups will facilitate collaboration among lay preachers and Bible workers, enabling them to share resources and support the church's mission. The Turks and Caicos Islands Conference has already established a branch, while the Cayman Islands Conference is in the planning stages of forming its own branch.

GLOBAL DISCIPLE-MAKING EVANGELISTIC TRAINING

The union Personal Ministries Department extends its gratitude to everyone who participated in the training event held from June 30 to July 2, 2023, particularly Bible workers, Personal Ministries leaders, and interest coordinators. The event highlighted the five-step growth cycle—Prepare, Plant, Cultivate, Harvest, and Preserve—with a special emphasis on the growth process.



THE ATLANTIC CARIBBEAN UNION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PRESENTS

Global Disciple EVANGELISTIC TRAINING

SOME OF THE PRESENTERS

Dr. Kent Price Ian Green
Earl Thomas Pr. Nikelle Thompson
Pr. Charles Isidore Dr. Idunna Hanna
Pr. Kevin Danvers Joshua Lawrence
Pr. Roy Lindsay Pr. Wilson Isnord
Caroline Deal Marvyn Green

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JUNE 30	JULY 1	JULY 2
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.	8:00 - 7:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

TRAINING FOR LAY ALL PERSONS

Bible workers Personal Ministries Leaders Interest Coordinators

Effective Evangelism from Field Preparation to Preservation

IMPACT INTER-AMERICA EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

During the second quarter of 2023, Impact Inter-America Evangelistic Campaigns were held from April 15 to 22 in Mexico City; Bogota, Colombia; and Kingston, Jamaica.

The following persons participated in the project:

Pastors: Andrew Burrows (NBC), Wilson Isnord (SBC), Roy Lindsay (TCIC), Carlon Nyack (CIC)

Layperson: Rascine Smith (CIC)

ALL THE FAMILY IN MISSION

Under the theme “All the Family in Mission,” the ATCU administration and directors provided guidance and support to the conferences, encouraging each to engage with, study the Bible alongside, and introduce at least one family member, relative, close friend, or colleague to Christ. In 2024, each field tailored this initiative to its specific context, resulting in new conversions and strengthened marital unity.

Additionally, ATCU welcomed Dr. Carlton Byrd and Trevor Barnes, from the North American Division, who participated in the “All the Family in Mission” cultural exchange program. This collaboration significantly contributed to the growth and cohesion of the North Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

GROWING IN FAITH

Various departments—including ASI, Health Ministries, Women's Ministries, Family Ministries, Children's and Adolescent Ministries, and Adventist Youth Ministries—along with institutions organized spiritual activities and community projects. Members across the union actively supported local needs, utilizing their skills to engage with residents and introduce them to Christ.

Programs included:

- Early morning Zoom prayer services
- Hybrid and in-person Bible studies
- Annual community service initiatives
- Health programs across the territory
- School adoptions focusing on children's basic needs
- Soup kitchens, clothing distribution, and humanitarian aid
- Distribution of home-grown fruits and vegetables
- Backyard gardening and healthy cooking workshops

RETENTION SEMINARS (2024)

We extend heartfelt congratulations to Elder Joshua Lawrence and Sister Karen Ferguson for successfully leading the Retention Congress in the Cayman Islands Conference. This impactful two-day event brought together approximately 130 new members and Retention personnel, marking a significant milestone in nurturing church growth and member engagement.

We also commend Pastor Wilson Isnord for facilitating the online Retention Seminar within the South Bahamas Conference. This valuable training session was well received by elders and Personal Ministries leaders, further strengthening the foundation for effective member care and discipleship.

DISCIPLESHIP AND SOUL-WINNING COACHING INSTITUTE

In partnership with the Inter-American Division, the ATCU launched a dynamic six-week evangelistic initiative. The campaign featured four weeks of intensive training and preparation followed by two weeks of concentrated evangelistic outreach.

The effort mobilized:

- 22 visiting evangelists
- 10 strategically placed Bible workers serving across the Caribbean Union, Jamaica Union, and Belize Union
- Administrators, directors, pastors, and members around ATCU, all united in mission and purpose.

The dedication demonstrated by Dr. Balvin Braham, former assistant to the president for Evangelism, ATCU leaders, conference administrators, Personal Ministries directors, pastors, Bible workers, and church members played a critical role in advancing the mission of evangelism and exemplifying the effectiveness of unified efforts within the faith community.

INGATHERING

Goals are essential in every aspect of life, from daily routines to long-term achievements. Without them, progress can stagnate. In church Ingathering campaigns, the most effective objectives focus on reaching lost souls and distributing literature to every home, as highlighted in Counsels on Stewardship, pages 189-190.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the conferences that have participated in the annual autumn Ingathering program each year. We also thank the members who have actively engaged with neighbors, friends, families, and the broader community to share information about the church's initiatives supporting those in need.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Throughout the ATCU, pastors and lay members worked collaboratively and with dedication to achieve their organizational objectives. We are deeply grateful for their efforts which included sharing information and encouraging others to engage in the union's initiatives.

We express our gratitude to the IAD directors, as well as the evangelists and pastors from other regions, for their valuable contributions. Their commitment to this territory has significantly advanced the region's development through their investment of time, skills, and leadership.

Union administrators and staff have provided essential oversight, resources, and ongoing support. Their acknowledgment of the Personal Ministries Department as vital to the organization's goals has fostered continued engagement.

I extend my deepest appreciation to my wife, Alree, for her unwavering support throughout these professional responsibilities.

We recognize that it is through our collective efforts that we continue to make progress in serving communities across the union.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department

Dr. Henry Moncur, Director



Over the past five years, the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Department of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) continued its mandate to uphold religious freedom in defending religious rights in educational and professional environments, regardless of faith

tradition, foster positive church-state relations, and promote Seventh-day Adventist Church values in the public sphere.

The religious liberty environment across our union territory has remained relatively favorable, with entities largely respecting the rights of individuals to practice their faith. Shifts in workplace practices and national governance have the potential to affect members' religious experiences. While no major conflicts required intervention at the union level, the department remained vigilant in monitoring the landscape, supporting the conferences, and preparing to respond where needed.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Throughout the quinquennium, the PARL Department promoted religious liberty both as a core value of the Adventist faith and as a ministry to society. The department supported local conferences by offering guidance on Sabbath accommodations, school-related issues, and general matters affecting religious practice and maintained a presence in the public sphere.

The department focused its efforts on three major areas: engaging with church, civic, and government leaders to promote religious freedom; promoting the observance of Religious Liberty Emphasis Sabbaths in all fields to educate members and build awareness; and representing the Church in the public sphere with integrity.

RESPONSE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the department played a role in helping the Church maintain its witness and operations under public health restrictions. The department worked with fields to ensure approved worship protocols that allowed for safe in-person gatherings while honoring public regulations. These actions helped the Church strike a careful balance between public responsibility and spiritual faithfulness during a time of global uncertainty.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

ATCU's PARL Department maintained an active presence within both regional and global networks. It participated regularly in the Inter-American Division (IAD) PARL Council and contributed to international discussions through the General Conference (GC) World PARL Congress and related regional think tanks.

Collaboration with other unions allowed for the sharing of best practices and monitoring of regional trends in religious liberty. These engagements enriched the department's perspective and ensured that ATCU's approach remained globally informed and contextually relevant.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK AND FUTURE DIRECTION

While the environment for religious liberty across the union territory remains largely positive, the landscape is not without its evolving challenges. A notable concern is the steady rise of secularism which has led to a reduced societal understanding and appreciation for religious freedom. This trend, if left unaddressed, could result in diminished support for faith-based accommodations in workplaces, schools, and public institutions. In this climate, the Church must continue to advocate not only for its own rights but also for the broader principle of liberty of conscience for all.

At the same time, this shifting context presents meaningful opportunities for expanded engagement, education, and innovation. Digital platforms now offer powerful tools for public witness and internal training. The department intends to produce and distribute media content—such as short films and podcasts—that promote the biblical principles of religious liberty. Additionally, a digital training series will be developed to educate members on religious rights and civic responsibilities, empowering them to be informed ambassadors in their communities and workplaces.

Looking ahead, the department will continue to monitor legislative and regulatory developments across the union territory, particularly those related to Sabbath observance, church operations, and religious accommodations in employment. Maintaining strong relationships with government officials and public agencies remains a priority to ensure open lines of communication and awareness of policies that could impact the Church or its members.

To further expand its reach and presence, the department plans to work with conferences to establish a National Religious Liberty Association in each country within the union. These associations will serve as platforms for civic education, interfaith dialogue, and collaborative advocacy. An annual PARL dinner will be introduced to bring together church leaders and civic stakeholders for meaningful dialogue and relationship-building.

Through these strategic efforts, the department aims to strengthen the Church's voice, protect its mission, and promote a culture of freedom and mutual respect across the union.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The work of the past five years could not have been achieved without the unwavering support of the ATCU administration. Their commitment to the principles of religious liberty and their encouragement of this department's mission have been foundational.

Special thanks must also be given to the PARL directors across the local conferences. Their responsiveness, dedication, and consistent efforts have ensured that the message and ministry of religious liberty reached the grassroots level of our union. Through their initiatives—whether organizing Religious Liberty Emphasis Sabbaths, addressing member concerns, or building bridges within their communities—they have upheld and advanced the mission of this department with distinction.

CONCLUSION

The PARL Department of the ATCU remains committed to defending and promoting religious freedom as a divine gift and human right. Over the past five years, we have witnessed God's sustaining hand in preserving peace, providing favor with civic leaders, and allowing us to serve our members without major conflict or crisis.

While the region has been largely stable, the call to remain vigilant, informed, and engaged is as urgent as ever. As we look to the future, we do so with renewed energy and a deepened resolve to be guardians of conscience, advocates for truth, and faithful representatives of Christ's kingdom in the public arena in our union territory and beyond.

Publishing Ministries Department

Pastor Peter Kerr, Director



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLISHING MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

“There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can only be reached by our publications, the books, paper, and tracts filled with Bible truths that the people need.” Colporteur Ministry, p. 4.

“I have been shown that our publications should be printed in different languages and sent to every civilized country, at any cost. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison to the value of souls?... I have been shown that the press is powerful for good or evil. This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can.” Colporteur Ministry, p. 149.

THE IMPACT OF THE PUBLISHING MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Seventh-day Adventist message was introduced to the three countries that make up the Atlantic Caribbean Union by literature evangelists, and look at where we are today!

Our current challenge is to sustain this ministry so that many more people can hear or read the truth, accept it, and be saved.

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

During the period under review, the Publishing Ministries Department of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) organized several recruitment drives, workshops, summits, and advisories across several fields within our union, all aimed at increasing the number of full-time colporteurs as well as part-time literature evangelists, student colporteurs, and colporteur clubs.

In February 2023, a Publishing Ministries Advisory was held in the South Bahamas Conference, featuring Pastor Saul Ortiz, president of the Inter-American Division Publishing Association (IADPA), as the main presenter. This event proved to be highly successful.

In June 2024, we celebrated our union-wide Publishing Ministries Summit in the beautiful Cayman Islands where Pastor Tomas Isaias Espinoza, Publishing Ministries director of the Inter-American Division (IAD), was the guest presenter. Representatives from all fields of ATCU attended this summit which sparked a renewed interest in the Publishing Ministries' work within the Cayman Islands Conference and encouraged young men to respond to God's call to pursue pastoral training. Since then, one attendee has enrolled in a university to prepare for ministry. Let us pray for his success and for many others in our union to follow suit.

In March 2025, a delegation of 18 from the ATCU traveled to Panama City, Panama to participate in the IAD Publishing Ministries Congress. One of the Congress's goals was to emphasize the role of the Publishing Ministries director in the local church. This summit ignited significant interest and commitment among attendees to further advance and grow the ministry within our union.

MISSIONARY BOOKS

Our members have excelled in distributing the various missionary books throughout the review period. We are grateful to God for the enthusiasm and involvement of most of our churches in this vital annual outreach activity. While we may not have been able to attract full-time and part-time literature evangelists, it is evident that the books, tracts, and missionary magazines carrying the gospel message are being widely disseminated across our union territory.

STUDENT COLPORTEURS

We extend our congratulations and gratitude to the fields of our union for their strong support of the Student Colporteur program. Special thanks to the Cayman Islands Conference for facilitating student participation each summer where these students have excelled. We also appreciate the South Bahamas Conference for their encouragement of this program and for motivating even elementary students to get involved.

To attract young people to both canvassing work and pastoral ministry, the ATCU has introduced an incentive plan for students to register as student colporteurs during their summer holidays. Each participant receives a weekly stipend of \$50.00, regardless of whether they make a sale. Students from both the South and North Bahamas Conferences have taken part in this initiative.

STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD

	CONCEPT	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Number of Regular Colporteurs	0	0	0	0	0
2	Number of Occasional Colporteurs	3	5	7	8	12
3	Number of Student Colporteurs	5	5	5	9	6
4	Number of Colporteur Groups	1	2	2	2	2
5	Number of local church Publishing Ministries directors	15	16	17	21	22
6	Purchases per year	7,756.19	6,508.49	10,037.74	18,947.03	200.00
7	% growth in purchase in relation to the previous year					
8	Missionary Book	4,610	20,000	6,940	2,540	2,540
9	Magazine Priorities, Subscriptions (IADPA)	6,240	6,940	6,740	6,740	4,280
10	Magazine, Subscriptions (GEMA)					
11	Number of Persons Baptized				5	

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I acknowledge the hard work of my colleagues in the Publishing Ministries Department who have served our fields diligently during the period:

- Pastor Nikita Thompson, South Bahamas Conference
- Pastor Terry Tanis and now Pastor Steve Cornwall, Turks and Caicos Islands Conference
- Pastor Moises Espinoza and now Pastor Vaughn Henry, Cayman Islands Conference
- Elder Tonia Palmer, North Bahamas Conference

I also extend my gratitude to the members of our union and conferences who have faithfully served on the Publishing Ministries Board, always ready to assist when needed.

A special thanks to Mrs. Nydia Whyllly, administrative assistant, for her invaluable support on every call.

I appreciate my colleagues at union headquarters and express my heartfelt gratitude to my wife, Jennifer, for her unwavering love and support.

Above all, I thank Almighty God without whose grace and mercy we could accomplish nothing.

“The church must give her attention to the canvassing work. This is one way in which she is to shine to the world. God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books.” Colporteur Ministry, pgs. 7 and 8.

Sabbath School Department

Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, Director



In response to the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20 which directs us to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you," the Sabbath School Department has been actively engaged in promoting discipleship and Total Member Involvement during the review period.

Despite the significant challenges posed by COVID-19, our congregations are steadily returning to pre-pandemic attendance levels. Most Sabbath School units are back in operation, and more members are participating in both public and personal evangelism.

TRAINING

Throughout the period under review, we conducted several training seminars and workshops, both online via Zoom and in-person. Notable contributors included Dr. Samuel Telemaque, the Sabbath School director of the Inter-American Division, and Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, the union Sabbath School director. Key events included:

1. Advanced training and certification for signers and interpreters.
2. Training sessions for Sabbath School teachers.
3. A Sabbath School Symposium that focused on improving attendance in the post-COVID-19 era was held in the South Bahamas Conference on New Providence. Several members were recognized for their exceptional contributions that kept their Sabbath Schools active during challenging times.

4. A successful Sabbath School Symposium in the North Bahamas Conference on Grand Bahama, led by Dr. Telemaque, emphasized membership retention. This was followed by training for Sabbath School teachers on Abaco which included a session on how to start a Branch Sabbath School. The Possibility Ministries, which falls under the Sabbath School Department, was also introduced.
5. A Sabbath School Congress in the South Bahamas Conference, featuring Pastor Jim Howard, the General Conference's Sabbath School director, and Dr. Telemaque, focused on membership retention, mission, and effective teaching methods.
6. Training for Creole-speaking Sabbath School members in the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference and the South Bahamas Conference.
7. A significant Sabbath School Summit in the Cayman Islands Conference with Pastor Joseph Reeves, assistant Sabbath School director of the General Conference, and Dr. Telemaque.
8. A special program introduced by the Inter-American Division aimed at increasing interest in the Inverse Bible Study Guide for young adults aged 19-35 was conducted via Zoom every Friday evening. The young adults of the Atlantic Caribbean Union hosted one of these Friday evening programs in March 2025 which was a tremendous success.

During this period, we also recognized the longest-serving and oldest members of the Sabbath School Department from each conference for their years of dedicated service. Their true reward will come from God when we all reach heaven.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my heartfelt gratitude to my colleagues and the conference Sabbath School directors within our union. Special thanks to Mrs. Sonia Malcom from the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference for her dedication and to Mrs. Nelda Drocket who served the Cayman Islands Conference with enthusiasm and creativity until her retirement in 2023. We are grateful for Pastor Maurice Chambers who has since taken on this role with commendable leadership and interpersonal skills.

I also acknowledge Pastor Leonardo Rahming for his exceptional leadership of the South Bahamas Conference Sabbath School Department until Mrs. Juliette Sands was elected as director in 2024. We appreciate Juliette's energy, organizational skills, and expertise. Lastly, I thank Dr. Chirnus Isidore, North Bahamas Conference Sabbath School director, for his dedication and positive attitude, even in challenging times.

Without the unwavering support of my colleagues, our department would not have achieved the success we experienced during these challenging years.

I thank the Lord for His guidance in this department and for enabling me to fulfill my responsibilities. I am especially grateful to my husband, Peter Kerr, for his constant support and encouragement over the past five years.

I extend my thanks to Pastor Jim Howard, Pastor Joseph Reeves, and Dr. Samuel Telemaque for sharing their knowledge and expertise through our seminars and workshops.

I appreciate the prayers and support from the administrators, directors, and office staff of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Nydia Whyllly for her reliable support throughout these years.

Finally, to all our dedicated Sabbath School members, thank you for keeping the university of the church vibrant and thriving. We pray that the Lord continues to guide and direct the Sabbath School in fulfilling the mission He has entrusted to us.

"The Sabbath School is a missionary field, and a much greater missionary spirit should be manifested in this important work than has been shown in the past." (Testimonies on Sabbath School Work, p. 20)

Stewardship Ministries Department

Pastor Andrew Burrows, Director



“The logo for Adventist Stewardship Ministries depicts the two crowns of Jesus. The crown of thorns reminds us that He is our Saviour. The crown of victory (the Kingly Crown) reflects His Lordship in heaven and on earth. With the first crown in mind, we give

ourselves to Him in gratitude. With the second crown in mind, we submit ourselves completely to Him. Stewardship is therefore our rightful response to this Jesus. We give our all in response to His all.” <https://stewardship.adventist.org/>

The Stewardship Ministries Department (SMD) of the Atlantic Caribbean Union (ATCU) provides leadership training and education in stewardship principles for its directors and church members. This report highlights the work of the SMD from January 2021 to December 2024.

GOD FIRST STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK

“God First” serves as the overarching philosophy of the SMD. Building on this theme, the SMD of the General Conference (GC) organizes the God First Stewardship Revival Week. This annual initiative invites the global membership to renew their commitment to God as stewards. This special emphasis week is included in the ATCU calendar of events, and each conference is encouraged to implement it in its local churches.

Throughout the ATCU, Stewardship Revival Weeks were held from late November to early December, culminating on World Stewardship Day which is celebrated on the first Sabbath in December. The SMD of the GC provided resource materials, including sermons, video presentations, promotions, and commitment cards in English, Spanish, French, and other languages for the worldwide church.

All conference and local church SMD leaders have access to these materials for the special week. The prepared content includes seven inspirational messages aligned with the “I Promise Card,” covering the following topics:

- Devotional Life
- Cultivating Relationships
- Health Reform
- Witnessing and Service
- Sabbathkeeping
- Tithing
- Promise (regular and systematic offerings)

I commend the Stewardship Ministries leaders throughout the ATCU for their dedication and intentional efforts in ensuring that this special week is implemented each year in their respective areas.

STEWARDSHIP SABBATHS AND WEEKENDS

In addition to the annual stewardship revival weeks mentioned earlier, conferences and, by extension, local churches were encouraged to incorporate regular stewardship days into their calendars. These stewardship days are typically held once a quarter, providing local churches with the opportunity to share reports, plans, and progress in key areas of stewardship with their members and visitors in a local context.

The ATCU’s mandate is to support local conferences in strengthening their churches. In this regard, during their tenure as ATCU Stewardship Ministries directors, Pastors Michael Smith and Terry Tanis conducted weekend seminars and delivered messages on Stewardship Ministries Sabbaths across several conferences within the union.

Pastor Terry Tanis

- Speaker for the Stewardship Sabbath on September 16, 2023, at the Hillview SDA Church in the South Bahamas Conference (SBC).
- Speaker for the Stewardship Sabbath on August 5, 2023, at the Eight Mile Rock Church in the North Bahamas Conference (NBC).

Pastor Michael Smith

- Presenter for the Empowerment for Enthronement Stewardship Sabbath on October 1, 2022, at the Freeport SDA Church in the NBC.
- Presenter for the Empowerment for Enthronement Stewardship Seminar during October 7-9, 2022, at the Blue Hills SDA Church in the Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC).
- Presenter for the Empowerment for Enthronement Stewardship Seminar during November 18-20, 2022, at the Kings SDA Church in the Cayman Islands Conference (CIC).

IAD STEWARDSHIP SUMMIT

From February 12 to 17, 2023, the Inter-American Division (IAD) held a Stewardship Summit in Cancun, Mexico, for all union Stewardship Ministries directors, union presidents, and union treasurers. Pastor Michael A. Smith, the then ATCU Stewardship Ministries director, attended the event. Under the theme “Stronger and Stronger in the Mission,” the summit aimed to further equip Stewardship Ministries directors so they could effectively facilitate training within their respective union territories.

IAD ONLINE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES CONGRESS

On Sabbath, August 14, 2022, the IAD hosted the “God Will Provide Stewardship Congress” via its webcast and YouTube channels. Elder Paul Douglas, treasurer for the General Conference, and Dr. Benjamin Maxson, former GC Stewardship Ministries director, served as the main presenters. The congress aimed to provide spiritual encouragement and affirm our belief in God’s Word and His ability to provide. Stewardship Ministries leaders and members throughout the ATCU participated in viewing the event online.

IAD STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES SEMINAR

The SBC hosted the IAD Stewardship Seminar on Sabbath, September 3, 2022, with the ATCU serving as the facilitator. The event took place in person at the Grants Town SDA Church and was also available on Zoom for all church officers, local church Stewardship Ministries leaders, and the entire membership. The presenters included Dr. Felix Cortez, associate professor of New Testament Literature at Andrews University, and Dr. Roberto Herrera, IAD Stewardship Ministries director.

STEWARDSHIP HOLY CONVOCATIONS

One of the highly anticipated events during the period under review was the Holy Convocation. A Holy Convocation is a gathering held within a region that brings together all pastors and Stewardship Ministries leaders for the purpose of training and spiritual renewal for both the group and the church members in that area. The final Sabbath of the convocation includes a call to faithful stewardship, utilizing commitment or “Promise Cards.”

This initiative had at least three components:

- Seminars and training
- Visitation of the members in the host territory
- Preaching and teaching during the nightly meetings

Holy Convocation, Guyana

From January 20 to 27, 2024, Stewardship Ministries directors from the various conferences and local churches represented the ATCU at the IAD’s Holy Convocation held in the Guyana Conference. Representing the ATCU were:

- Terry Tanis, the then Stewardship Ministries director, ATCU
- John Wesley, treasurer, CIC
- Andrew Burrows, the then Stewardship Ministries director, NBC
- Charles Stewart, Stewardship Ministries director, Freeport SDA Church, NBC
- Anthony Burrows, the then Stewardship Ministries director, SBC
- Lee Burrows, district pastor, SBC
- Devron Thomas, the then Stewardship Ministries director, TCIC

Under the theme “Processing The Giver Not The Gift,” approximately 45 guest pastors from the Caribbean Union (CARU), along with seven pastors and leaders from the ATCU, were deployed throughout the Guyana Conference to share stewardship principles among the local churches.

One set of resource materials used for the daily seminars and nightly meetings focused on the Seven “Gs” of Stewardship: Godliness, Gratitude, Generosity, Giving, God, God’s Grace, and the Gospel. Upon returning to the ATCU, these resources and additional materials were made available to all elders and Stewardship Ministries leaders.

While the emphasis of the Holy Convocation was on educating and nurturing the members, we give God glory and praise for the 31 individuals who were baptized at the various sites represented by the ATCU pastors.

Holy Convocations Throughout IAD

Similar Holy Convocations were held throughout the IAD. Pastor Michael A. Smith participated in the Stewardship Holy Convocation in the Dominican Republic from September 7 to 11, 2022. The catchphrase during the stewardship impact program was, “We glorify God, We take care of the people, and We manage the church.” Additionally, Pastor Terry Tanis served as one of the guest speakers at the Holy Convocation held in Merida, Mexico, in February 2024.

Holy Convocation in ATCU

During the mid-year executive committee meeting held on May 28, 2024, the ATCU voted to host the IAD Holy Convocation for 2025. Under the theme “Covenant Renewed,” this marked the first time the ATCU hosted a Holy Convocation in its territory. From February 1 to 8, 2025, pastors and Stewardship Ministries leaders from five unions in the IAD—namely the Caribbean, Dutch Caribbean, Jamaica, Panama, and Southeast Mexico Unions—delivered stewardship messages at 21 sites across the four fields of the ATCU. Participating in the event from the IAD were Pastor Leonard A. Johnson, the then executive secretary; Mrs. Ivelisse Herrera, treasurer; and Pastor Roberto Herrera, Stewardship Ministries director.

SABBATH SCHOOL STUDY FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP

The SMD of the ATCU promoted and encouraged the study of the adult Sabbath School Study Guide for the first quarter of 2023. Acknowledging that God is the owner and we are merely managers of His resources, the Sabbath School Study Guide for the Adventist world church specifically focused on the theme “Managing for the Master Until He Comes.” We recognize the significant importance the world church places on this stewardship principle by dedicating an entire quarter to studying these lessons.

TITHE AND OFFERING

Faithfulness in returning tithe and giving offering serves as a key indicator of our understanding of stewardship. We return tithe as a recognition of who God is, and we give offerings in gratitude for all that God has done for us.

The following information indicates the total tithe intake within the union for 2021 to 2024:

Year	Tithe Intake
2021	\$12,272,333.40
2022	\$12,521,900.30
2023	\$14,566,748.44
2024	\$14,348,486.22

The following table shows the tithe intake for each local conference.

Conference	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
CIC	4,970,373.39	4,368,914.94	4,926,521.35	5,200,122.48	23,724,164.82
NBC	991,623.29	1,066,357.46	1,240,950.84	1,200,551.86	5,396,037.90
SBC	5,258,536.42	5,964,343.55	7,263,107.16	6,588,371.74	29,550,537.92
TCIC	1,051,900.30	1,122,284.70	1,136,169.09	1,359,440.14	5,476,481.14
Total	12,272,333.40	12,521,900.65	14,566,748.44	14,348,486.22	64,147,221.78

In addition to the tithe, members were encouraged to contribute a freewill offering which expresses our gratitude for what God has done. The goal for the ATCU and its respective fields is for total offerings to reach at least 30% of the tithe returned. The table below illustrates the total offerings in the ATCU as a percentage of the tithe.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Tithe	\$12,272,333.40	\$12,521,900.30	\$14,566,748.44	\$14,348,486.22	\$64,147,221.78
Offering	\$3,160,614.80	\$3,350,458.75	\$4,123,939.30	\$3,856,344.85	\$17,335,373.50
Percentage	26%	27%	28%	27%	27%

Amidst the challenges faced both globally and locally, particularly during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, we give thanks to God for the faithfulness of each steward.

RESOURCES

Over the past four years, several resources were prepared by the GC and utilized throughout the union, helping the entire membership gain a deeper understanding of stewardship principles. These resources include, but are not limited to, the following:

The Dynamic Steward, a quarterly publication of the SMD of the GC.

The Stewardship Readings for Tithe and Offering which is utilized during the collection of the tithe and offering.

God First Stewardship Videos which are also used to promote the comprehensive giving plan.

The Comprehensive Growth Plan is the stewardship strategy for the IAD. It comprises a sequence of sermons along with discussion questions for use at the local church level.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

We are all stewards of God's resources, and this report is made possible by each of us serving God in our various areas of responsibility. I acknowledge Pastors Michael Smith and Terry Tanis, the ATCU Stewardship Ministries directors who served during this reporting period.

I am grateful for the advice, counsel, and support from our union administrators: Pastor Peter Kerr, president; Dr. Cheryl Rolle, executive secretary; and Elder Roderick Sands, treasurer. I must also recognize the hardworking directors and staff at the union headquarters: Drs. Kent Price and Henry Moncur, Mrs. Arleen Sands, Mrs. Jennifer Kerr, Mrs. Hazel Fletcher, Ms. Charrise Rahming, Mrs. Nydia Whyllly, and Elder John Garcia.

I appreciate the Stewardship Ministries leaders at the wider organization for conducting seminars throughout the ATCU, particularly Dr. Roberto Herrera, the IAD Stewardship Ministries director.

My gratitude also extends to all the Stewardship Ministries directors from the local fields who served at some point during the past four years: Pastors Devron Thomas, Juan Montano, Andrew Campbell, Valentino Campbell, Andrew Burrows, and Chirrus Isidore, as well as Elder Anthony Burrows. To all the Stewardship Ministries leaders at the local churches, thank you for ensuring that the initiatives and philosophy of the SMD are activated and implemented at the local church level.

To my wife, Karen, and our children, Zandrea, Talia, and Andreaz, thank you for your love, support, patience, and encouragement.

To the entire membership of ATCU, thank you for heeding the counsel of the apostle Paul found in 1 Corinthians 4:2: "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (ESV)

Women's Ministries Department

Mrs. Arleen Sands, Director



"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised". – Proverbs 31:30

Fellow delegates, it is with great joy that I present the Women's Ministries Department report for this quinquennium on behalf of the women of the Atlantic Caribbean Union. Under the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, our department has worked joyfully and purposefully under the following themes:

- Rescuing Lives
- Rescuing Your Mission
- Rescuing Your Value for Mission
- Rescued by Jesus for Mission

These themes were designed to inspire women and teen girls to develop a vibrant relationship with Jesus, form spiritually enriching connections, and actively engage in Christian service.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Throughout the period under review, the four fields in our union remained active and committed, faithfully executing the following annual global initiatives:

International Women's Day of Prayer (First Sabbath of March)

Women gathered to strengthen their spiritual bond through prayer breakfasts, consecration services, prayer walks, and other creative prayer experiences.

Women's Ministries Emphasis Day (Second Sabbath of June)

This Sabbath provided women the opportunity to lead worship services and educate the church about the purpose and scope of Women's Ministries. Many fields extended the celebration throughout the weekend, showcasing their passion and commitment.

enditnow Emphasis Day (Fourth Sabbath of August)

This powerful initiative against violence united the entire union in proclaiming one resounding message: "Stop the Violence Now!"

In 2022, with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the union launched the enditnow initiative on a grand scale. A virtual consecration service was held on the Friday evening, featuring greetings from Mrs. Edith Espinoza, former Women's Ministries director of the Inter-American Division, and a stirring message from the late Mrs. Heather-Dawn Small, former Women's Ministries director of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.



On Sabbath morning, the women led services in local churches across the four fields. In the afternoon, simultaneous marches, rallies, and motorcades proclaimed our unified message. The event also included a community service component: distributing hundreds of food packages, school supplies, cooked meals, and hygiene kits with participation from government and civic leaders.

This initiative garnered international attention and was featured in the Adventist Review magazine. The ensuing years featured the following:

2023: Guest speaker Charmaine Emmanuel of St. Lucia led a virtual consecration service, further expanding the initiative's reach and participation.

2024: Each field organized expanded services and impactful community initiatives, including sponsoring school tuition for children in Adventist schools.

MEGA WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024

Approximately 500 women gathered at the Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island, Nassau, The Bahamas, for a grand retreat under the theme ***"Rescuing Your Value for Mission."*** Participants included women from across the union and guests from the United States of America, Canada, and The Bahamas.

Key Highlights of the Retreat

- Guest speaker Jill Morikone of 3ABN delivered four powerful, Spirit-filled messages.
- Opening night featured remarks by Anne-Marie Davis, wife of the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.
- Sabbath greetings were brought by Dr. LaShelle Adderley, president of the Senate of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.
- An awards ceremony honored 20 outstanding women and four members of Girls Empowered for Ministry and Service (GEMS) for excellence in evangelism, community service, leadership, and administration.
- A commemorative cookbook was published in honor of the late Elder Alicia Garland.
- Two baptisms concluded the retreat—glory to God!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LOCAL FIELDS

South Bahamas Conference (SBC)

- Held annual consecration services.
- Produced their second women's devotional, "Women of Faith."
- Conducted local retreats in San Salvador and Long Island.
- Hosted GEMS retreats and annual training workshops.
- Hosted a radio program and conducted cooking classes.
- Conducted impactful enditnow campaigns with participation from government leaders, civic leaders, and interdenominational women's groups.
- Honored 20 women for outstanding service.
- Conducted training seminars in New Providence and the Family Islands.

North Bahamas Conference (NBC)

- Maintained active Women's Ministries in every church.
- Held impactful enditnow programs across Grand Bahama and Abaco.
- Distributed over 690 grocery bags and 25 school bags.
- Hosted a successful 2023 convention themed "Where He Leads, We Will Go" with 12 women traveling from Abaco to attend.
- Conducted training seminars in both islands.
- Sent 116 women to the union retreat at the Atlantis Resort.

Cayman Islands Conference (CIC)

- Prayer emphasized through walks, vigils, and full-day services.
- Annual recognition of outstanding women in several ministry areas.
- Conducted impactful enditnow campaigns with participation from government leaders.
- Hosted high-impact conventions and launched Daughters of the King, a daily devotional blog read by more than 200 women.
- Hosted "Women of the Bible" Bible study series
- Sent 65 women to the union retreat at Atlantis

Turks and Caicos Islands Conference (TCIC)

- Began each year with 40 Days of Prayer Service.
- Conducted annual prayer breakfasts, Women's Ministries Emphasis Day, and enditnow Emphasis Day.
- Organized impactful street evangelism and community service, especially in North Caicos.
- Hosted a Rescue and Reunion Evangelistic Crusade with guest speaker Sis. Regine Pierre Antoine from the U.S.A.
- Sent over 45 women to the union retreat at Atlantis.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

I express my heartfelt gratitude to our faithful God who has sustained and empowered the Women's Ministries Department throughout this quinquennium.

I also thank the administration and staff of the Atlantic Caribbean Union for their unwavering support, and I sincerely acknowledge the foundation laid by my predecessor, Mrs. Denise Johnson.

This report reflects the collective work of a dedicated team of conference Women's Ministries directors: Jacqueline Gibson (SBC 2022), Carla Rogers (SBC 2023 to present), Karen Burrows (NBC 2022-2024), Kathy Forbes (NBC 2025), Sheila Woods (CIC 2022), Corry Chambers (CIC 2022 to present), Beatrice Robinson-Beam (TCIC 2022), and Fredline Jollisaint (TCIC 2023 to present), along with their leaders and teams. Thank you all for your unity, creativity, and unwavering commitment.

To my beloved husband, Benjamin Franklyn Sands, and our children—Jestan, Telesha, Arlete, and Bracquel—thank you for your love, patience, and support throughout my service.

As we look to the future, we remain focused and passionate, remembering that we have been **Rescued by Jesus for Mission**. We are committed to evangelism, community outreach, and nurturing other women into a relationship with Christ.

To God be the glory!



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