



# PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**DR. EMMANUEL OSEI**

Dear Friends,

I greet you in Jesus' name.

### **Bereavement**

The SEC Office family join with our Executive Secretary Pastor Douglas McCormac in mourning the loss of his father after a two-year battle with illness. The funeral was held this past Wednesday at the Belfast SDA Church. We solicit your prayers for the family as they come to terms with the loss.

### **Report from the SEC Executive Committee Meeting.**

The Executive met on Sunday 14th January. A number of very important and current issues were discussed and decisions taken. An advert was placed for volunteers for Adventist Radio London.

We are pleased to say that a healthy number of applications were received and staff have now been employed. There have been a few hiccups which have delayed the official broadcasting date. The launch of ARL will now coincide with Global Youth day..

We voted through a number of Deployments with Pastors moving districts as well as two new employees. Pastor Matthew Herel has been asked to assume the Chair as Area Coordinator for Area 4 Churches. He takes over from Pastor Israel Williams to whom we express our gratitude for doing an excellent job in that role.

### **Treasury**

Please find attached the latest Statistical Tithe Analysis (to November 2017). We are awaiting submissions from a number of

churches to bring figures up-to-date. I am asking Pastors to work with their Treasurers to submit the latest figures to SEC Treasury at the earliest opportunity.

### **UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS**

The BUC Treasurers Retreat will be soon upon us: 23-25 February 2018. I know there would have been many newly appointed Treasurers in the churches and others making decisions to attend as we write.



This will be an exciting and fun weekend to get to know our treasurers, to train and envisage them for their much-valued work. At our last event, we had over 220 from SEC and 65 from the NEC. Please do not leave it late to book, otherwise you run the risk of disappointment. I am attaching a draft programme for information on the varied sessions.

#### LAAC

I would like to Invite the newly appointed LAAC representatives from the London Churches supported by their Pastors to the first meeting of the New Year and meet the new LAAC team on the 4th of February at the Hyland House School commencing 10.00am.

#### 2018 SEC Calendar of events

The 2018 SEC Calendar of events and a pdf version is now available from my office. Please email [plee@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:plee@secadventist.org.uk) for a copy of the link which should populate in your diary once copied and pasted into your browser .

#### 2018 Camp Meeting

I am attaching the newly revised Camp Meeting booking Form and flyer. 2017 Prices have been held-over for this year. Please note the deadline for early bird bookings is the 31st of March .

#### Health

Our Health Director Dr Chidi will be starting health & wellness sessions at the SEC office for anyone who has questions about their health or treatment which they are engaged in. It is open to anyone, member or non-member and it will be free of charge. It will be on Thursday afternoons starting on 1st February. The advice sessions will be 20mins. This is not intended to replace your regular medical team and it is only for advice, not treatment. For bookings contact: Natalie Bryan: [nbryan@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:nbryan@secadventist.org.uk)

#### Newbold College of Higher Education Offers

Pr Raafat Kamal the TED president has asked me to share four vitally important events which will be taking place on the campus of Newbold College over the next few months. We want to be intentional in identifying candidates and supporting them financially.

1. The College's next all-day Bible Conference is planned for Sabbath, 28 April 2018. The overall theme, The Word, Now! will explore how the Bible can speak to our hearts today. In a new format, the day will begin with short presentations and a keynote address. Parallel interactive workshops will be held in the

afternoon, followed by the traditional Question & Answer panel session.

2. The first intensive of the College's new Doctor of Ministry (promotional flyer attached) programme, offered through Andrews University with a concentration in Multi-ethnic/Multi-cultural Mission and Ministry, takes place on the Newbold campus between 21 May and 6 June 2018. Three further summer intensives of similar length in 2019, 2020 and 2021 will lead to a DMin degree for successful participants.

3. The first of three summer sessions for Newbold's Evangelism and Church Growth Symposium (promotional flyer attached), offered with Pastor Mark and Mrs Ernestine Finley under the auspices of the College's Centre for Lifestyle Development, takes place between 19 and 25 August 2018. This is for lay members, elders, church administrators and pastors alike, and will be followed by two more sessions of similar length at the end of August 2019 and 2020.

4. September 2018 sees the launch of Newbold's new Year in Mission and Service programme, offered in liaison with ADRA and Adventist Frontier Missions. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to obtain a Christian educational experience and to involve themselves in intentional mission and outreach activities.

For more information please contact Principal Dr John Baildam for all queries relating to these four important initiatives. T: +44 (0) 1344 40 7407 W: [www.newbold.ac.uk](http://www.newbold.ac.uk)

#### Prayer requests.

If you would like us to pray for you please let us know your requests. Please send those to:

[prayer@secadventist.org.uk](mailto:prayer@secadventist.org.uk)

Warmest regards,

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