



Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

May 20, 2008

Dear Music Director

Here are two exciting events in which your church choirs are invited to participate.

- 1. Hymn Festival 2008.** *Sabbath, June 28, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. Hillview Church (to conclude convention).* Each group of choirs will be given two hymns to sing during the festival. Notice the enclosed list of churches and selected hymns. We would like the group of choirs listed together to perform as one choir. The leaders of these choirs will select a conductor for the group. Do encourage youth participation. We are hoping the group conductor will arrange for a joint group rehearsal to prepare for this occasion. The group of choirs is designed to provide full participation in the festival. For coordination, each group of choirs is assigned a number as indicated on the enclosed list and will sit in the designated area at the Hillview Church. The Hymn Festival is designed to promote the use of the Adventist Hymnal, introduce new hymns for worship, and demonstrate the use of the hymnal for specials and other occasions. We look forward to your participation.
- 2. The Handel's Messiah.** On Sunday, December 14, 2008, all Adventist choirs in The Bahamas Conference will come together to perform The Handel's Messiah (Parts 1 & 2) to raise funds for the new Bahamas Academy. We would like your senior and youth choirs and other interested persons to be involved. The name of the Conference choir will be The Adventist National Chorale. The conductor will be Annette Dorsett assisted by Randolph Humes. All choir members are asked to be at the first rehearsal on Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 4:45 p.m. at the Hillview Church. This first rehearsal is to be a pleasurable event when we will sing as many as we can and introduce the leaders, musicians, and other plans. Choir members are encouraged to bring their Handel's Messiah book if they have one. We will also seek to have books on sale and CDs of each part to assist in personal rehearsal. Sectional rehearsals will continue every Sunday, at 5:00 p.m. at Hillview (men) and Living Faith Churches (women). We are hoping to have the Bahamas Concert Orchestra accompany the Chorale.

We look forward to having your church participate in these exciting events.

Sincerely

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Chair, Music Standards Committee

Songs for Hymn Festival

The following groups of church choirs will make up one choir

1. Centreville, Parkgate, Peardale: **Hymns 165, 81**

2. Grant's Town, Adelaide, Berea Good News: **Hymns 407, 9**

3. Hillview, Breath of Life, Bethany: **Hymns 313, 244**

4. Maranatha, Johnson Road, Philadelphia: **Hymns 3, 339**

5. Living Faith, Message of Hope, Redemption: **Hymns 171, 513**

6. Gambier, Johnson Park, New Englerston, New Providence, Real Harvest: **Hymns 398, 536**

7. Adventist National Youth Choir: **86**

8. Francophone, Ebenezer, Bethel: *Two hymns from the French Hymnal*

All choirs will sing together: 214 *Theme Song*, 351, 335

Soloists will sing: 298, 460, 480, 427

All choirs must be seated by 4:40 p.m.