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VILLAGE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

VILLAGE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 150 YEARS TELLS A STORY

"WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE,
EXCEPT AS WE SHALL FORGET THE WAY THE
LORD HAS LED US, AND HIS TEACHING IN
OUR PAST HISTORY."
- ELLEN G. WHITE, LIFE SKETCHES, P.196

1864 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 2014

*This weekend we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the
founding of our local congregation.
With both joy and pride we look back.
We are glad that you have come to share in the events of
this special weekend. We welcome you warmly and hope
that as you reflect upon the past you will be
challenged to meet the future with courage and
boldness, in the name of Jesus.*



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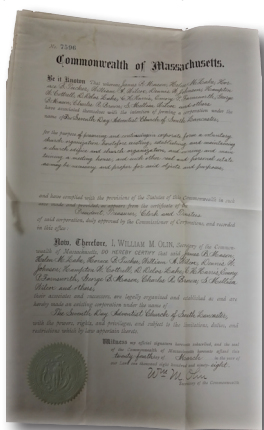


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTH LANCASTER VILLAGE CHURCH

*Composed by Dr. Geraldine Grout
Edited by Mary Roberts*

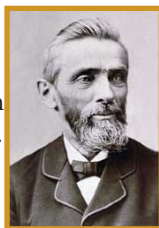


*There were eight charter members:
Stephen N. and his wife Mary How Haskell
Lewis H. and his wife Mary L. Priest
Henry S. and his wife Maria N. Priest
Benjamin F. and his wife Roxie A. Rice*



The forming of a corporation under the name of the Seventh-day Adventist church of South Lancaster, March 24, 1898.

The vision of the pioneers has become the reality of today and the promise of the future. Barely a year after the General Conference was organized on May 20 to 23, 1863, the South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Seventh-day Adventist Church was organized in the home of the Priest family on April 30, 1864, in North Lancaster, by Elder J. N. Loughborough.



Elder J. N. Loughborough Organized Village Church

The infant church met in three places before building a structure as a permanent home for its membership – the Haskell home on Bolton Road, the old Odd Fellows Hall until it was sold in 1869, then to the second floor of an old building owned by Benjamin Rice until 1873 when it was sold after Mr. Rice died. Now the little homeless church was faced with another move, but where to this time? Elder Haskell's carriage



shop was accepted by the group as a sanctuary in which to worship God. But this shop had a destiny also. It was later used as the first home of “That New England School” now South Lancaster Academy.

Here in 1869 the Vigilant Missionary Society was formed by ladies of this church for the purpose of distributing missionary tracts and papers. Ellen and James White visited South Lancaster in 1871 to study this work and were greatly impressed by its organization and effectiveness. They endorsed the plan and recommended that it be followed by other churches. From this society came the foundation of our Church Ministries Department of the General Conference and our local conference Adventist Book Centers.

Here, in 1870, on the edge of South Lancaster was held the first New England camp meeting, and where Ellen

G. White spoke to ten thousand people who eagerly gathered from all over New England to hear her. The pulpit from which she spoke is still in use in our sanctuary today.

Fall of 1877 the decision to erect a suitable church paid for by donations and pledges was made. On March 31, 1878 the name South Lancaster Church was voted and in May 1878, the new church building was dedicated. The 80 members met in this 56 by 32 foot building. Although several additions to this building have been made, the original structure still remains just behind the foyer of the present church.

The first local elder of the church, Elder Haskell, was a very forward-looking man and he stepped out in faith and opened a school for the Christian training of Seventh-day Adventist youth which became Atlantic Union College. This, of course



brought about a larger membership to this church. With the addition of the north wing in 1897, there was ample room for the meetings of the 149 delegates who gathered here from all over the earth for the 33rd General Conference session February 15 to March 7, 1899.

By 1943, the church again was too small to accommodate the growing membership and the west wing was dedicated May 22, 1943, and increased the capacity to nearly 1000. After having two services due to greater increases and after the new college chapel was completed, there was a division of membership into the College and the South Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church, the former with 500 members and the latter with about 60. The college division was organized as a separate group on August 27, 1955, with Gerald H. Minchin, chairman of the college religion department, as the first pastor of that church.

Ten years later, as the church continued to grow, the need for an annex to provide facilities for a youth chapel on what had been the north wing was felt. A major renovation program that changed the appearance of the church both inside and out from the basement to the roof was completed under the direction of Emile S. Johnson in May 1986.

Most recently, the church expanded again and on October 31, 1987, the new wing was dedicated, making the fourth major change or addition to the original building. The new wing includes not only the fellowship hall but also a modern kitchen, four lavatories, six Sabbath school classrooms, a pastor's study, associate pastor's study, and secretary's office. Also included in this project was paving the church parking lot.

During Sabbath Vespers, December 24, 1988, a carillon in honor of Dr.



VILLAGE CHURCH PASTORS



STEPHEN HASKELL
1864-1881



DORES ROBINSON
1881-1885



EMORY FARNSWORTH
1886-1895



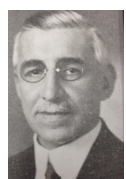
HAMPTON COTTRELL
1893-1895



MILES MATTSON
1895-1908



PRESTON BICKNELL
1908-1913
1916-1929



CHARLES LONGACRE
1914-1916



H. JOSEPH CAPMAN
1929-1933



JAMES SCHULTZ
1933-1936



CLIFTON TAYLOR
1936-1941



ORVILLE WRIGHT
1941-1944



STEPHEN OLNEY
1945-1947



TAYLOR BUNCH
1947-1952



RUSSELL KRICK
1952-1957

Rochelle P. Kilgore, professor emerita of English at Atlantic Union College, was dedicated. Since then the beautiful chimes can be enjoyed several times each day within a radius of at least one-half mile.

“What hath God wrought?” This church has indeed become, by the Providence of God, the focal point of the Adventist Message in the east and undoubtedly is designed to fill an even larger place in the plan of God in the finishing of the Gospel of our generation. Again and again missionaries have been sent from our church to the world. A few of the many missionaries include Elder and Mrs. Dores Robinson, Elder Stephen N. Haskell, Mrs. C. L. Boyd, Carrie Mace, Elder and Mrs. Asa T. Robinson, Robert Beckner, Frederick Lee, Paul Elderidge, Carl Currie, Matthew Curtis, Stacie Rose Dixon, and Matthew Seymour.

The South Lancaster Church is

wealthy in its rich spiritual heritage. It was in this church that Ellen G. White had a vision recorded in Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 114 which focused on the encouragement and instruction of His people. “In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” Life Sketches, page 196.



Dr. Geraldine Grout pictured above with husband, Mr. John Grout, both whom served the Village Church faithfully.

VILLAGE CHURCH PASTORS



RICHARD KNAPP
1957-1962



VANCE LAGRONE
Oct.-Dec. 1962



RUSSELL ADAMS
1963-1966



G. SAMUEL REMICK
1966-1969



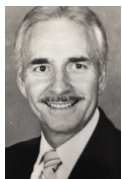
ARDEN MOTE
1969-1973



FRED THOMAS
1973-1974



ARNOLD SWANSON
1974-1976



C. DALE CHAFFEE
1977-1984



LEON STRICKLAND
Jan.-May 1985



THEODORE MODELL
1985-1988



DAVID THOMAS
1989-1995



RAYMOND DANIEL
1995-2001



DAVID DENNIS
2002-2014



JP O'CONNOR
Present

FRIDAY EVENING

APRIL 25, 2014

SOCIAL
6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY VESPERS
7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Praise & Worship

Hunte Praise Team
David & Michelle Hunte, Keren Leonardo

Welcome
Opening Prayer
History Reading

Pastor JP O'Connor
Pastor James Scarborough
Pastor David Dennis

Labors of Love

President, Southern New England Conference

Mr. Ronald Huff
Principal, South Lancaster Academy

Offertory
Instrumental
Special Music

Mr. Jeffrey Lambert
Vice Principal, South Lancaster Academy

Elder Michael Brown
Mrs. Crystal Reid

Sermon

Vocé
Lira Cady
Music Director, South Lancaster Academy

Closing Song
Closing Prayer

Elder Bill Knott
Editor & Publisher, Adventist Review & Adventist World

Hunte Praise Team
Pastor David Thomas



SATURDAY MORNING

APRIL 26, 2014

SABBATH SCHOOL

9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary

Praise & Worship
Welcome & Prayer
General Lesson Study

Mr. Warren & Mrs. Patricia Clarke
Elder Joscelyn Clarke
Pastor John Lomacang
Pastor, Thompsonville Church
Miss Esther Bazile
Pastor John Lomacang

Special Music
Closing Prayer

The children division Sabbath School programs are located on the lower level.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE ALUMINI

10:45 a.m.
Sanctuary

AUC Alumni

Dr. Dwayne Cady
Interim President, Atlantic Union College

Interlude

Prevost Family



SATURDAY MORNING

APRIL 26, 2014

DIVINE WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Praise & Worship

Invitation to Worship

Invocation

Special Music

Pastoral Acknowledgments

Honoring the Faithful

Children's Story

Offertory

Scripture

Introduction of Speaker

Special Music

Sermon

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Organist

The O'Connor Family

Pastor JP O'Connor

Pastor Steven Jencks

Pastor John Lomacang

Pastor, Thompsonville Church

Elder Michael Brown

Pastor David Dennis

President, Southern New England Conference

Mrs. Ani O'Connor

Mr. Tom Murray

Trust Director, Southern New England Conference

Mrs. Crystal Reid

Pastor Brian Burgess

Dr. Donald King

President, Atlantic Union Conference

Pastor John Lomacang

Elder Daniel Jackson

President, North American Division

Pastor Robert Sierra

Pastor JP O'Connor

Mrs. Crystal Reid

Overflow rooms are located in the youth chapel and fellowship hall.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

12:30 p.m.

Chan Shun Dinning Commons





SATURDAY AFTERNOON

APRIL 26, 2014

HERITAGE TOURS

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Heritage Room

THE FUTURE IS NOW

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Video Presentation	Away Back Then
Welcome and Greeting	
Opening Prayer	
Praise & Worship	Every Eye
Special Presentation	The Future is Now!
God calls Young Adults	Mr. Gilberto Caraballo & Ms. Rhyvere Christopher <i>Young Adult Leaders</i>
God calls Youth	Mr. Jethro Jean-Baptiste & Mr. Moses Maxi <i>Youth Leaders</i>
God calls Pathfinders	Lancaster Ambassador Club
God calls Children	Mrs. Guadalupe Montour <i>Children's Ministry Leader</i>
Offering - Investing in our future	Mr. Jonathan Niño
Special Music	Children's Choir
Presenter	Elder Daniel Jackson <i>President, North American Division</i>
Closing Song	Every Eye
Pledge of Commitment	Elder Daniel Jackson
Closing Prayer	Elder Daniel Jackson

Refreshments will be served downstairs in Classroom A.

JOHN LOMACANG IN A VESPERS CONCERT

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Introduction	Mrs. Patricia Clarke
Concert	Pastor John Lomacang <i>Pastor, Thompsonville Church</i>



SPEAKERS



Daniel R. Jackson
*North American Division
President*

Daniel R. Jackson, the president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was elected June 28, 2010, by delegates of the world church at their business session in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jackson was appointed by the church's 246-member Nominating Committee and confirmed by the General Conference Session delegation, which is an international body of 2,410 appointed members and the highest governing body in the church.

Jackson is a native Canadian and, with the exception of five years of service in the Southern Asia Division, has lived and ministered in Canada. He is a graduate of Canadian Union College (now Canadian University College) and Andrews University, from which he holds an M.A. in Religion in Systematic Theology.

During his career, Dan has served the church as a pastor, teacher and administrator. Dan and Donna enjoy the three children and four grandchildren the Lord has given them.



Bill Knott
*Adventist Review & Adventist World
Editor & Publisher*

Bill Knott has been editor and executive publisher of the *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World* since January, 2007. Before his appointment, Bill served as an associate editor for nine years. A pastor for 18 years in both small and large parishes, he ministered in New England, New York, Michigan, and Washington state. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Michigan and a Ph. D. in American Religious History from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Bill is an elder and Sabbath School teacher in his Spencerville, Maryland congregation, and a frequent speaker at conventions, conferences, retreats and campmeetings worldwide. He and his wife, Debby, a specialist in the General Conference Human Relations Department, have two sons in college, Evan and Brady. "These two journals highlight the great depth and breadth of Adventism around the world," Knott says. "It's an amazing privilege to serve an international fellowship of believers eagerly living toward the Second Coming of Jesus."

SPEAKERS

John Lomacang is a native New Yorker and a California resident since 1984. Life dealt John a harsh blow when, at the tender age of 3 months, he was abandoned by his parents. The babysitters where John's parents had left him became a surrogate family and raised him. It was in that home that music became a part of John's life. He played guitar and some piano. In his early teens he became involved in singing for the church prison ministry and later in church.

John received an Associates Degree in Electronics before continuing his education at Oakwood University and Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. Though he is an ordained minister, he has received no formal training in that area. That's another miracle, he says.

"As a young man I heard about the Heritage Singers when I lived in Brooklyn, New York. I would always arrive early for their concerts and sit in the front row, enraptured during their concerts. It was a dream of mine to sing for them, but I never made the first move."

After marriage in 1983, the Lomacangs moved to Orlando, Florida where John became more involved in Christian music. On a Saturday evening, early in 1984, John's mother-in-law purchased a ticket to the Heritage Singers concert. Although I had a concert on that same evening, she insisted that I come to the concert for the second half. 'I already purchased the ticket. You have to come!' That evening the door to the rest of my life opened wide. I had an opportunity to audition for Heritage and the rest is history. I have been singing with them since 1984.

John Lomacang's many gifts were presented on a world stage during the Net '99 satellite series, where he sang nightly for evangelist Doug Batchelor. As a result of this series, John has been receiving calls from all over the world to share his musical gift.



John Lomacang
Pastor of Thompsonville Church





VILLAGE CHURCH PASTORAL & CHURCH STAFF

JP O'Connor
 Michael Brown
 Terry Montoya
 Mary Roberts
 Bob Wilmont
 Myrtle Powell

Pastor
 Head Elder
 Treasurer
 Clerk
 Head Deacon
 Head Deaconess



The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses, income, and transfers between accounts.

The second part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the accounting cycle. It outlines the ten steps involved in the process, from identifying the accounting entity to preparing financial statements. Each step is explained in detail, with examples provided to illustrate the concepts.

The third part of the document focuses on the classification of accounts. It discusses the different types of accounts, such as assets, liabilities, equity, and income, and explains how they are used to record and summarize business transactions. It also covers the rules of debits and credits, which are essential for maintaining the balance of the accounting system.

The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of adjusting entries. It explains how these entries are used to ensure that the financial statements reflect the true financial position of the business at the end of the accounting period. Examples are provided to show how adjusting entries are recorded and how they affect the accounts.

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The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of internal controls. It explains how these controls are used to prevent and detect errors and fraud, and to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the financial information. Examples are provided to show how internal controls are implemented in a business.

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