

# Seventh Day Baptist World

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## Plans “On Schedule” for SDBWF Brazil Sessions in January 2017 Delegates Named, Observers Invited, Site Secured, Daily Schedule Drafted, ...



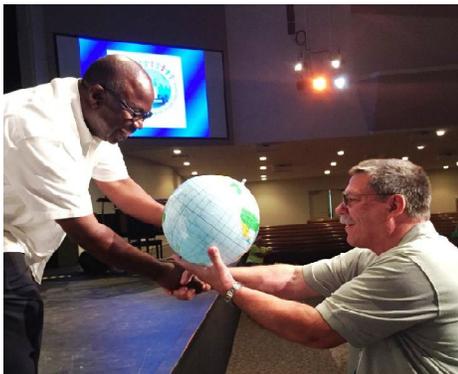
*Chacára Esperança (Hope Farm),  
WF sessions site, is located in  
Borda do Campo, 30 Km (19  
miles) from downtown Curitiba,  
capital of the Brazilian state of  
Parana, population 1,750,500.*

**More than 50 delegates and observers** from all except two member groups have pre-registered to attend the next World Federation session, January 22-28, 2017 in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, according to General Secretary Samuels. Observers will be welcome; daily cost for them for food and lodging at the session venue will be about US\$50.00. Hotels are also available in the area. President Thorngate has drafted the daily schedule of worship, Bible study, seminars and workshops, country reports, business sessions and committees, with time, of course, to celebrate the Federation’s fiftieth anniversary. *(See delegate list on page 3.)*

**Host Committee Chairman**, Douglas Machado, is preparing a special Web site (<http://2017.sdbwf.org>) with information for delegates and observers including details on the city and the sessions site, travel and visa information, daily schedule and notes on presenters, and plans for sight-seeing and visits to area churches. For questions now regarding observer registration, contact the General Secretary.

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## 50th Anniversary Fund Kicked Off--Goal of 1000 SDBs Giving US\$50.00



*General Secretary Samuels pre-  
sents the first of the 500 Semi-  
Centennial inflatable globes  
(already inflated!) to Dean Fox in  
appreciation for his scanning of  
some 200 photographs document-  
ing SDBWF’s 50-year history.*

**Last July, with the Federation’s eighth session** a year and a half away, General Secretary Samuels kicked off a major fund-raising campaign to highlight the 50th anniversary and assure travel funds for at least one delegate from each member group. Treasurer Gavin Fox reports about 100 people have so far accepted the challenge. The \$65,000 balance in the treasury reflects projected goals to date for sessions costs and other projects, but much more is needed especially for delegate travel--the 2016 countdown!

### 50th Anniversary

**Become a Global Semi-Centennial Partner!**

400 inflatable globes remain for the next 400 donors of US\$50 or more. Hold the world in your hands--to locate the countries of our member groups and remind you to pray for them and the 50th Anniversary Sessions.

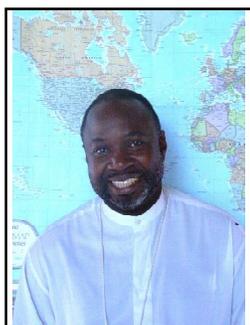




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## General Secretary's Message: **Expand Thinking: Local to Global**



*My enthusiasm is tempered by oppression in many countries*

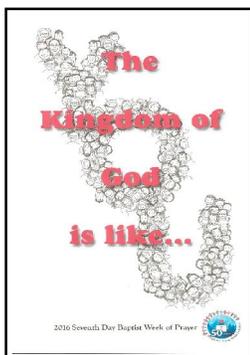
*Help me to pray....*

**In just about a year from now**, the SDB World Federation will gather for its 8<sup>th</sup>. session in its 50-year history. This gathering is scheduled for Brazil. Many tasks will need to be accomplished, many details arranged, and many plans executed between now and then for there to be a smooth and enriching time for all involved. Delegates and observers will travel thousands of miles at significant financial expense to be present in Brazil. So, we request your prayers for those meetings.

**Even as the excitement builds** towards the assembling of Seventh Day Baptist World Federation member conferences, my enthusiasm is tempered by a recent report by an organization called Open Doors. That organization works in the world's most oppressive countries, strengthening Christians to stand strong in the face of persecution, and equipping them to shine Christ's light in these places. Open Doors compiles what they call a World Watch List, which is a ranking of the top 50 countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith. Three SDB World Federation member countries appear on this list: Nigeria at 12, Kenya at 16, and India at 17. In addition, there are at least five other countries where Seventh Day Baptists exist, which show up on the list. We have not heard specifically of Seventh Day Baptists being persecuted in these countries, but it is worthwhile to call our attention to this matter on the world scene.

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## President's Message: **Do Not Worry**



*Around the world, we began 2016 in prayer together. Let us continue praying.*

*“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” (Matthew 6:25-27)*

**On Wednesday of the 2016 Week of Prayer**, I woke up about 4:30 AM. That is not unusual for me, but I was especially busy that week putting the final touches on the 2017 WF Sessions schedule. It was time to contact individual delegates to ask them to be responsible for specific sermons, Bible studies, and seminars. I was getting ready for an online meeting with General Secretary Samuels and apparently was anxious about having everything ready for that meeting. During my morning devotions this scripture from the Monday Week of Prayer devotions came to mind.

**One of the other items on my to-do list** was to write this *SDB World* article. Since God had got my attention about my own anxiety, I thought, “I may not be alone in my worrying.” In our 21<sup>st</sup> century world, with all the turmoil of terror motivated by misguided religiously motivated people,

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*President Thorngate conducts online meeting seeing members on his computer screen.*

## Executive Committee Tries Global Video-Conference Meeting

The first attempt last month to involve all the regional vice presidents, from Australia to Brazil, in one Internet meeting with the core committee in the US was not entirely successful (technical problems yet to solve). But it was a foretaste of future possibilities. Besides reviewing reports and session plans, they voted to recommend approval of the Seventh Day Baptist Uganda Conference application for membership. The hope is that member groups can respond by ballot in time for Uganda to have a representative at the Brazil sessions.

**Uganda's application reports 11 churches and 10 cell groups**, 6 ordained ministers and 3 unordained, 239 members plus many children, and three schools (a junior school, an orphanage/elementary school, and a vocational and high school.) Photos below, taken by Pastor Johnmark Camenga, are from his and Missionary Executive Clint Brown's September 2015 visit. At far left is Uganda Conference General Secretary, Daniel Nsubuga. (*More on Uganda in next issue.*)



### Delegates to 2017 Sessions Named by Member Groups:

**Australia:** Reginald Zink. **Brazil,** Sidnei Grossklaus, Eli Pereira, Joao Teles, Bernardino de Vargas, Jonas Sommer. **Burundi:** Gilbert Nduwayo, Nestor Ntirugirimabazi. **Guyana:** Sherlock Caesar, Kharlyn Henry. **India (Andhra Pradesh):** Paul Chukka. **Jamaica:** Alecia Dunn-Evans, Claudia Ferguson, Devon Levy, Sophia Levy, Naval Harley. **Kenya:** John Masira, Bernard Mose, Dorcas Ochora. **Malawi:** Bright Molande, Canaan Phiri, Patrick Wella. **Netherlands:** Frits Nieuwstraten. **New Zealand:** Ian Ingoe. **Nigeria:** Mark Eferegbo, Osah Frank, Achor Godfrey, Happiness Harry. **Philippines:** Zosimo Marcelo, Al Paypa. **South Africa:** Nyaniso James Siwani. **USA & Canada:** Robert Appel, Justin Camenga, Gavin Fox, Andrew Samuels, Karen Umaña. **Zambia:** Quistin Chalwe, George Muyandula, Mathews Mweleka.

### Expand Thinking: Local to Global, *continued from page 2*

There is an Indian saying, 'Children only throw stones at a ripe mango tree.' And persecuted Christians the world over will often say, 'We are persecuted because we are doing something right, and this persecution shows we are ripe fruit for Christ.' What an incredible attitude! Are you ripe fruit for Christ?

As we expand our thinking, from local to global, I encourage us to pray for Seventh Day Baptists around the world, I encourage us to give to Seventh Day Baptist causes around the world, I encourage us to seek to build and reinforce Seventh Day Baptist relationships around the world. Help me to pray that 2 Corinthians 9:8 will be true for Seventh Day Baptists globally: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."

**Pastor Samuels**

### Do Not Worry, *continued from page 2*

there is plenty to be worried about. Jesus' words provide us some excellent counsel. If we, as Christians, can continue to focus on his teaching about God's spiritual kingdom we don't have to worry. He says God will provide what each of us needs for today. So let us not worry. Let us go about his Kingdom work, today.

**Pastor Dale**

## TIME (Training in Ministry by Extension) Programs Begin in Zambia & Australia



Zambia students attending third set of two TIME seminars, here with New Testament teacher Brent Hannah, (upper left) September 2015.

Initial teachers in the TIME program for training pastors and leaders of the Zambia SDB Conference are six teams of two sent by the SDB Missionary Society over a two-year period, 2015 and 2016. They teach a small class in English and those students then teach the material to regional Conference pastors and leaders in the native languages. Teachers for the first modules in July 2015 were Rev. Gordon Lawton from USA & Canada Conference and Rev. Carlton Ferguson of the Jamaica Conference. Those for Modules 3 and 4, in September, were Rev. Brent Hannah from USA/Canada and Rev. Ian Ingoe from New Zealand. Last month Rev. Matthew Olson and Brother Jon Gerstel, both of USA, taught. Classes so far have been on Biblical Interpretation and Beliefs, Old and New Testament Survey, Church Leadership and Administration and Tithing. The remaining modules are scheduled for April, July, and October 2016.



**Australia Association President, Pastor Gabriel Alegre**, adapted TIME for their pastors and church leaders, making it a self-paced, Internet-based program of 11 6-week modules running between February 2016 and June 2018. Each student receives assistance, feedback, and assessment from one of the Pastors (Jose Alegre, Reginald Zink, Gabriel Alegre). Module topics are SDB Distinctives (History, Polity, Sabbath), God, Bible Interpretation, Biblical Beliefs, Old Testament Survey, Biblical Leadership, Preaching and Worship, Spiritual Maturity, New Testament Survey, and Evangelism.

### IN MEMORIUM: Bettie Pearson (1931-2015)

Bettie Pearson, longtime friend of the SDB World Federation, will be remembered by many delegates and observers as having attended several sessions with her husband David as delegates from the Central Africa or USA & Canada Conferences during their missionary service in Nyasaland/Malawi and later as observers up through 2008. Her husband, Rev. David Pearson, who survives, served as WF President, 1977-79.

## World Federation Member Groups

### Australia Association of SDBs

Karl Rudd, Secretary

### Brazil SDB Conference

Joao Teles, President

### British Conference of SDBs

Owen Lynch, Executive Secretary

### Burundi SDB Conference

Gilbert Nduwayo, General Secretary

### Guyana SDB Conference

Bernice Trotz, General Secretary

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B. Kishor Kumar, Secretary/Treas

### India: Malankara SDB Conf. Kerala

K. S. Thankachan, President

### Jamaica SDB Conference

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### Kenya SDB Conference

Benard Nyakebere Mose, Bishop

### Central Africa Conference (Malawi)

Patrick Wella, General Secretary

### Netherlands Conf. of SDB Churches

Frits Nieuwstraten, Pastor

### New Zealand SDB Churches

### Nigeria Conference of SDBs

Godfrey Achor, Contact Person

### Philippines United SDB Churches

Al Paypa, President

### Poland, Sabbath Day Christian Ch.

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### South Africa SDB Conference

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### USA & Canada SDB Conference

Robert Appel, Executive Director

### Zambia SDB Conference

Questin Chalwe, Gen. Secretary

*Addresses may be requested from the WF General Secretary.*



The SDB World Federation is a volunteer organization funded entirely by contributions from individuals and member groups. Contributions are currently sought to fund the 2017 sessions in Brazil but are welcome for country projects or general operating costs.

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