

South Bahamas Conference

of Seventh-day Adventists

CONVENTION 2023

Theme:

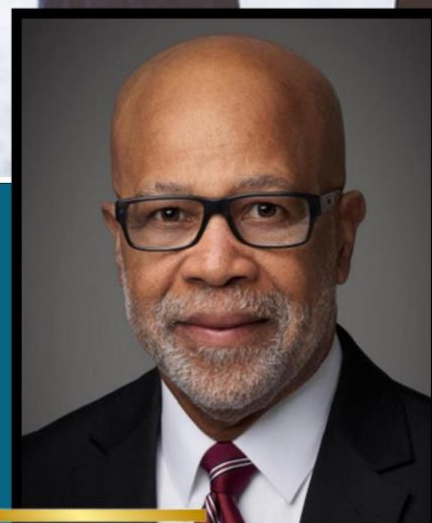
**EMPOWERED BY CHRIST
I WILL GO**

LOCATION: Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
DATE: Friday, May 26, 2023
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: Grand Hyatt Baha Mar
DATE: Sabbath, May 27, 2023
TIME: **9:00 a.m.**

LOCATION: Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
DATE: Sabbath, May 27, 2023
TIME: **5:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
DATE: Sunday, May 28, 2023
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**



DR. R. CLIFFORD JONES

DATE:
May 26 - 28, 2023



GREETINGS!



Pastor Kenny Deveaux
PRESIDENT



Pastor Leonardo Rahming
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Elder Okell Damastus
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Administration of the South Bahamas Conference (SBC) deems it a great honor and pleasure to welcome all of you to Convention 2023.

We have come together at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church and BahaMar Convention Center to join hearts and hands in worship to our Almighty God. As we give praise and adoration to our Creator, we do so because of His steadfast, faithful, and unconditional love as He continues to lead HIS church. Despite Satan's intensified efforts to deceive man regarding creation, we stand firm in our belief that God created the Sabbath for worship. Therefore, we will continue to faithfully serve Him in Spirit and in truth.

Although we as a Conference have experienced challenges over the past few months, we have also been equally blessed. In challenging times, we are comforted by the counsel found in Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known to God." God has blessed this conference tremendously because of you, the membership, who have offered yourselves in service for HIS glory. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you – lay brethren, pastors, and workers - as we look forward to more outreach activities and evangelistic favor throughout our archipelago.

This weekend, we are blessed to have Dr. R. Clifford Jones and his lovely wife, Sis. Elva as our special guests. We welcome them to our hearts and the beautiful shores of our Bahama Islands. We pray that God will use Dr. Jones in a marked and memorable way this weekend as He expounds the word of God.

Resources, information, and inspiration will be provided throughout this weekend to ensure that you leave spiritually uplifted, excited, and ready to "Go" and share the word of God. We pray that God's presence will continue to envelop you, and may the Holy Spirit grant you wisdom and understanding from above.

Welcome, and God Bless!

DR. CLIFFORD JONES

Dr. R. Clifford Jones currently serves as Dean of the School of Theology at Oakwood University, a role he assumed on July 1, 2021, after serving as President of the Lake Region Conference. Before leading the Lake Region Conference, Dr. Jones was the Associate Dean of the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary. Prior to that, he served as Chair of the Christian Ministry Department, and as an Associate Professor and Professor in that department. Because of his deep love for pastoral ministry, while teaching full time at the Seminary, Dr. Jones also served as the senior pastor of the New Life Fellowship on the Andrews campus, and as the senior pastor of the All Nations SDA Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



Before joining the Andrews University faculty, Dr. Jones pastored in the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, distinguishing himself in that field as a pastor/evangelist who planted a church in Brooklyn, New York. He concluded his ministry in the Northeastern Conference by pastoring the two largest African-American congregations in New York City—the Hanson Place SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York, and the Ephesus SDA Church in Harlem, New York. Dr. Jones also served as an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry program at New York Theological Seminary.

Although Dr. Jones received his undergraduate ministerial training at Atlantic Union College, he earned his baccalaureate degree from Fitchburg State University. He graduated with an MA (Religion) from Andrews University, and with a Doctor of Ministry (Pastoral Ministry) from New York Theological Seminary. He earned the Doctor of Philosophy (African American Religious History) from Western Michigan University.

A sought-after presenter in the areas of African American studies, leadership development, and mission and ministry, Dr. Jones is the author of numerous professional and scholarly articles and has contributed chapters to several books. He has edited two books on preaching (Preaching with Power and Preaching with Power II) and is the author of James K. Humphrey and the Sabbath-Day Adventists, an African-American religious history text that examines the break from the Adventist church of one of the most outstanding black pastors in Adventism in the early 20th century.

Dr. Clifford Jones is married to the former Elva A. Williams, a graduate of Atlantic Union College (BA, Elementary Education) and Andrews University (MA, Education), and they are the proud parents of two adult children, Clifford, Jr. and Jewel. Being a servant of God and a friend of people is the enduring passion of Dr. Jones, who has chaired over 30 Doctor of Ministry dissertations and, as a pastor/evangelist, has led hundreds of people to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Jones is excited to be serving in the School of Theology at Oakwood University, where “God, knowledge, and ministry intersect to fulfill Jesus’ mission of hope and wholeness to all the world”. He views preparing the next generation of church leaders to fulfill the Gospel commission in a post-pandemic world as being at once sobering and stimulating.

Friday Evening
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
7:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY
MAY 2023

Prelude.....Pathfinder Band

Theme Song.....Congregation

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Jon Dorsett
Long Island District of Churches

Welcome..... Elder Okell Damastus
Chief Financial Officer

Special Music.....Choeur D' Hommes
Francophone Seventh-day Adventist Church

Greetings & Introductions.....Pastor Leonardo Rahming
Executive Secretary

Offertory.....Elder Anthony Burrows
Stewardship Director

Special Music.....Hillview Sanctuary Choir
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church

Introduction of Speaker.....Pastor Kenny Deveau
President

Praise & Worship.....Convention Praise Team

Message.....Dr. R. Clifford Jones
Dean of the School of Theology, Oakwood University

Theme Song.....Congregation

Benediction.....Sis. Shandera Smith
Health Ministries Director

Postlude.....Pathfinder Band

EMPOWERED BY CHRIST: I WILL GO

Sabbath School
Grand Hyatt Baha Mar
9:00 a.m.

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SABBATH
MAY 2023

Theme Song.....Bahamas Academy Praise Team

Opening Prayer.....Ta’Kell Miller
Grade 7 Student

Welcome.....Luke Kelly
Grade 11 Student

Scripture Reading.....Ryan Ferguson Jr.
Grade 7 Student

Special Music.....Rachel Bain
Grade 9 Student

Mission Spotlight.....Danae Knowles & Jasmin Johnson
Grade 10 Student & Grade 2 Student

Special Music.....Arreo Ferguson
Grade 11 Student

LESSON STUDY PANEL

Mrs. Juliette Sands, Principal
Elder Earl Thomas, Head of Science Department
Elder Carlton Reddock, Head of Vocational Arts Department

Closing Remarks Luke Kelly
Grade 11 Student

Special Music Kaitlyn King & Cataleya Pratt
Grade 3 Student & Grade 4 Student

Personal Ministries..... Pastor Wilson Isnord
Personal Ministries Director

Special Music.....SBC Children’s Choir

EMPOWERED BY CHRIST: I WILL GO

Divine Hour
Grand Hyatt Baha Mar
11:00 a.m.

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SABBATH

MAY 2023

Prelude.....Pathfinder Band

Theme Song.....Congregation

Call to Worship.....Pastor Kareem Black
Bethany & Message of Hope Churches

Opening Prayer.....Sis. Carla Rodgers
Women's Ministries Director

Special Music.....Bro. JoPaul Scavella
Centreville Seventh-day Adventist Church

Welcome & Greetings.....Pastor Leonardo Rahming

Family Island Greetings.....Video Recording

Special Music.....Pathfinder Band

Intercessory Prayer.....Pastor Waldo Casildo-Bennett
Ministerial Director

Special Music.....Convention Choir

Offertory.....(Dr. Floyd Carter).....Elder Okell Damastus

Scripture Reading.....*Jonah 1:1-3* Pastor Lee Burrows
Bro. Lendsky Aritis
Elder Yoangel Lopez

Introduction of Speaker.....Pastor Kenny Deveau

Praise & Worship.....Convention Praise Team

Message.....Dr. R. Clifford Jones

Benediction.....Dr. LaVonda Smith
Vice Principal, Bahamas Academy of Seventh-day Adventists

Postlude.....Pathfinder Band

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Sabbath Evening
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church

AY SERVICE

"ELEVATE MISSION! MEDIA! MENTORSHIP!"

Color Party

AY & Pathfinder Ideals

Opening Prayer

Welcome

South Bahamas Conference Youth Report 2023

Mission Praize Concert

Family Island Greetings - Video Recording

French Master Guide Investiture

Vesper

Closing Prayer

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SABBATH

MAY 2023

5:00 p.m.



Sunday Evening
Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church
7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY
MAY 2023

Recorded Music

Theme Song.....Congregation

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Nikita Thompson
Publishing Ministries Director

Special Music.....SBC Children's Choir

Greetings & Introductions.....Pastor Leonardo Rahming

Offertory.....Pastor Raydel Duffis
Living Faith & La Senda De La Vida Seventh-day Adventist Churches

Special Music.....Mass Reunion Choir

Introduction of Speaker.....Pastor Kenny Deveau

Praise and Worship.....Convention Praise Team

Message.....Dr. R. Clifford Jones

Theme Song.....Congregation

Benediction.....Bro. Miguel Scavella
Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church

EMPOWERED BY CHRIST: I WILL GO

Theme Song

#366 - O WHERE ARE THE REAPERS?

1

**O where are the reapers that garner in
The sheaves of the good from the fields of sin?
With sickles of truth must the work be done,
And no one may rest till the “harvest home.”**

Refrain

**Where are the reapers? O who will come
And share in the glory of the “harvest home”?
O who will help us to garner in
The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?**

2

**The fields all are ripening, and far and wide
The world now is waiting the harvest tide:
But reapers are few, and the work is great,
And much will be lost should the harvest wait.**

3

**So come with your sickles, ye sons of men,
And gather together the golden grain;
Toil on till the Lord of the harvest come,
Then share ye His joy in the “harvest home.”**