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Sketches Special Edition

The first session of the Southeastern Conference was held on June 22, 1980 in the music building of Forest Lake Academy in Forest City, FL. In attendance were 169 regular delegates and 28 delegates at-large, a total of 197 official delegates. During that session the first officers and departmental directors were elected. They were: J.A. Edgecombe (president), D.A. Walker, (secretary-treasurer), O.J. McKinney (departmental director) and G.W. Timpson (departmental director) and the executive committee. The 15 members of the executive committee were: J.A. Edgecombe, D.A. Walker, O.J. McKinney, Mosel Cooper, Godwin Mitchell, W.C. Byrd, Titus Campbell, Jimmie Brown, Ira Harrell, O.H. Paul, H.L. Davis, Keith Dennis, W. L. Taylor, R. R. Brown, and R. Long.

On April 27, 2008, 859 regular delegates and 228 delegates at-large, a total of 1,087 delegates, will convene for the 9th Regular Session of the Southeastern Conference which will be held at the Mt. Calvary SDA church in Tampa.

Thus, I thought that it would be fitting to publish a special session edition of Sketches containing the administrative and departmental reports. In the pages that follow you will have the opportunity to read each of the 15 reports representing the 31 departments and ministries of the Southeastern Conference.

God Bless.

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W.L. Taylor
President

President's Report

I extend a warm welcome to all delegates, guests, and visitors to this Ninth Regular Session of Southeastern Conference. I thank God to be in this noble position of service to the distinguished members of one of the fastest growing conferences in the Division. It is clearly because of the resident talents and commitment to finishing the work of our Lord that we convene this Quadrennial

Session. We came today to give God the praise, honor, and glory, and to review how God has led us over the last four years during which period we celebrated our 25th Anniversary and the 60th Anniversary of Regional Conferences. Let us continue to give God glory today as we affirm His leadership in our Conference.

480-acre Alachua Property

On January 31, 2005, Southeastern Conference took a bold step for present and future collaborative ministries when we voted to purchase a beautiful campsite in North Alachua County. This Estate Ranch is completely fenced with five lovely buildings, including an estate home. Our Camp/Retreat operations and capabilities have become central to our focus of late. Without such rural facilities, many would not enjoy God's nature and appreciate the physical, social, and spiritual advantages and blessings that can only be experienced in a natural environment. *"The Great Teacher brought His hearers in contact with nature, that they might listen to the voice which speaks in all created things; and as their hearts became tender and their minds receptive, he helped them to interpret the spiritual teachings of the scenes upon which their eyes rested."* Education, p. 102.

Our Mission: To bring hope and build faith that promotes harmonious development of educational, emotional, physical, and spiritual betterment in the lives of all people.

Our Vision: A wholesome, integrated Campsite with a purpose-driven focus to enrich and empower lives based on God's powerful promises.

A Master Development Plan has been presented to include the following items:

a) Health and Wellness Center

The health ministry of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists by education, by precept and example, and by making the laws of healthful living understood and accepted - can assist mankind in avoiding those illnesses caused by the violations of health principles. Thus the health ministry may contribute to the avoidance of illness, to the restoration of health here on earth, and to the reconciliation of man to God, which is a preparation for eternal life hereafter.

b) Youth/Pathfinder/Master Guide Camp

"With such an army of youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a risen and soon coming Savior might be given to the world." Education, p. 271. Our understanding of Bible prophecy encourages us to define a special place for developing skills in camping, hiking, tracking, trailing, mapping, and otherwise enjoying skills in preparing for the final crisis.



Vickie Taylor
Administrative Secretary

c) Pavilion/Conference Center-Hotel

"The pure air, the glad sunshine, the flowers and trees, the orchards and vineyards, and outdoor exercise amid these surroundings, are health-giving, life-giving." Ministry of Healing, p. 264.

d) Family/Corporate Retreat Center

"There is no branch of legitimate business for which the Bible does not afford an essential preparation. Its principles of diligence, honesty, thrift, temperance, and purity are the secret of true success." The Adventist Home, p. 391.

The Alachua property is the centerpiece for: Camping, Weddings, Family reunions, Filming Projects, Outdoor School Classes, Evangelism Training Seminars, Annual Camp Meeting Retreats, Nature Trails and Story Boards, Conference and Union Camporees, etc.

With these services we will help our workers, members, and community guard their health and wellbeing by operating at a level of preventing, maintaining, and managing this priceless gift while we engage in camp and fellowship retreats. The reward will be tremendous as these services can aid in lowering frustration, pain, physical.

When the Alachua campsite was purchased it represented the largest financial acquisition in the history of our conference. Southeastern felt it prudent to increase our options regarding rural camping ministries. A plan was presented to raise the total cost plus provide initial development funds. Though many responded, not enough contributions were received to liquidate the mortgage and generate the initial development funds. We still must rally to liquidate the mortgage so development can begin. What wonderful opportunities we have to serve God in His nature and leave such a legacy to those who follow.

It will not be easy and it will require a sacrifice as many of you have already demonstrated. Together, we can do it! Jesus said we should occupy until He comes. He said we should be the head and not the tail. The future is in our hands. Let's move forward!

GOAL: To provide multiple, integrated camping and retreat experiences with God's nature as the backdrop.

Camp Meeting Conference-wide

The 2007 Camp Meeting represented the development of a years-long strategy to transform the old Camp Meeting model into an evangelism event as recommended by the Spirit of Prophecy. Camp Meeting Conference-wide merged with the Joint Leadership Initiative to create an event that all of Southeastern could benefit from. Tradition met innovation. The old system of Camp Meeting programming involved inviting multiplied guests with no unified, joint ministries plan that would systemically combine Conference efforts with those of the local church. This recent initiative unites the Conference under one evangelism banner. The planned annual Camp Meeting **Net Evangelism Reaping Series** provides an opportunity for churches conference-wide to conduct an annual evangelism reaping series. It gives churches the opportunity to invite individuals they have been witnessing to all year long to a 10-day reaping event which has as its goal a Conference-wide baptism service. So, Camp Meeting Conference wide featuring the Net Evangelism Reaping Series is all about the local church community. It insures every church an opportunity to conduct at least one crusade a year. Last year, a young lady cancelled a scheduled abortion after listening to a testimony given during our Camp Meeting Net Evangelism Series. We never know who is listening.

GOAL: *Continue to use Camp Meeting as a Conference-wide Evangelism Reaping Series; Also, to continue to develop SEC media personnel so SEC can produce the entire Camp Meeting Evangelism Reaping Series currently on schedule for 2009.*

1 K in One Day/Joint Leadership

The way we work has changed! Our ministries mission has been refined and refocused. In short, we have been extremely blessed and we are on course and headed in the right direction toward finishing the work.

Even the General Conference is planning adjustments since it realizes that it has not substantively changed its ministry operations since 1901. How many times has the world upgraded its methods in the past 100 years? The truth is we as a church are comfortable with sameness. We are complacent and often oppose change. We profess to be the head and not the tail, yet we often resist needed adjustments which may give more efficiency and effectiveness to our mission. The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the most important assignment ever given to mankind.

The Conference is now implementing a Bible based organizational structure called the *Joint Leadership Initiative*. It combines the tried and proven, hands-on personal ministry methods with media and technology, giving Southeastern a more effective and efficient ministry involvement in the local church communities. It challenges workers and members to organize conferences and churches based on collaboration supported by spiritual gifts, as Jesus intended when He gave the Gospel Commissions. It insists that ministries in the local churches become gift-based. The entire emphasis is on using the biblical method for the Conference and church ministries to collaborate to effectively and efficiently witness to the local church community.

1 K in One Day is an evangelism strategy which grew out of the Joint Leadership Initiative. The initiation of this plan occurred last year when pastors who were at home baptized 165 souls on Camp Meeting Sabbaths during this introduction of this Net Evangelism Reaping Series concept. This year, 2008, all pastors are asked to be in their baptismal pools on **June 21 (2008)** and make that day a Conference-wide baptism day. The goal is to baptize **1 K in One Day!** The minimum goal for churches at that time is at least 5 percent of the current church membership. Between June and December, 2008, churches are asked to baptize at least another 5 percent of their current membership.

With your help, in 2008, we could baptize **1 K in One Day!**

GOAL: *With God's help, continue to implement local Conference and local church ministries collaboration and Conference-wide evangelism events using traditional and media formats.*

Conference Operations

Success doesn't happen overnight; it starts with a mission-driven vision. This includes comprehensive planning for the future. We have carefully addressed evangelism, ministries, operations, development, and programming. Let's recall that at the beginning of this period the Youth Pavilion at Hawthorne was renovated, re-paneled, and air-conditioned for the first time in history. Also during the years 2004 to 2008, baptisms totaled 4,174. During the same period there were 11 church buildings completed and 13 other churches that are nearing completion. Also there were 9 churches purchased and 10 parcels of land purchased for future development.

While some may question whether we can afford the future just before us, the facts suggest that we are headed in the right direction. Four years ago, we had \$200,000.00 in savings. Today we have \$2.2 million in savings. Four years ago our working capital was at 39 percent. Today our working capital is 111 percent. Because of the Joint Leadership Initiative, our Conference budget was completed and voted in the previous December instead of March of the budget year. All these successes have occurred to produce mission-driven efficiency and effectiveness. Together we could accomplish much more.

GOAL: *Manage the Joint Leadership Initiative to continue to increase savings, efficiency and effectiveness in ministries, operations, and worker accountability.*

Media Center

Just as the world has changed over time, the way we work must adjust to that change. The way in which people listen and process information has changed. We must be relevant in order to reach them. Though Ellen White never spoke directly of a Media Center, she did say:

"We must take every justifiable means of bringing the light before the people. Let the press be utilized, and let every advertising agency be employed that will call attention to the work. This should not be regarded as nonessential." Evangelism, p. 130. She also wrote:

*“Truth will be made so prominent that he who runs may read. Means will be devised to reach hearts. **Some of the methods used in this work will be different from the methods used in the work in the past.** But let no one, because of this, block the way by criticism.”* Evangelism, p. 129, 130. Traditional evangelism methods will never be completely put aside. However, there is room for all methods of evangelism.

The astounding reality is that according to Barna Research, many people get their religious information from the Internet and not the traditional church.

The Internet has even superseded television as the media of choice among youth. People are searching for truth! Through Media, people are gathering information quickly. Many are not even going to church. But, they are using media! The Camp Meeting Net Evangelism Reaping Series not only gives opportunity for each church to have an annual evangelism effort, but, also provides opportunity for hundreds of Internet downlinks sites for witnessing opportunities.

Over the last four years Southeastern has recognized this change and sought to place itself in position to collaborate and seamlessly integrate media into ministries operations to save funds and achieve efficiency and effectiveness and also relate to today’s listeners. We have successfully reacted to changes in our ministry environment. We understand the role of the laity. In order to achieve the noble evangelism goals so well within our reach, we have affirmed and involved the laity. We must continue to train and equip members so they could do their part in joint effort with the professional ministry. We are on course. We will remain focused. Together, we will succeed.

GOAL: *Continue to integrate Media in Ministries; Also to use Media and Technology to help decrease travel expenses of office staff.*

Special Thanks

Special thanks goes to the administration, office staff, and ministries leaders, pastors and members for supporting the mission. Also, special thanks go to my administrative secretary, Vicki Taylor for her untiring support.



Hubert J. Morel Jr.
Executive Secretary

Secretary's Report

Distinguished delegates, honored guests, members and friends, I greet you today in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord! It has been my privilege and honor to serve you in this capacity as Executive Secretary. Though these past four years have not been without their challenges, I am, however, grateful to God for His sustaining power. Therefore, it is with gratitude and exuberant joy that I present this report for the office of Secretariat during the past quadrennium.

The office of Secretariat had a unique and distinctive responsibility to gather and chronicle with accuracy the figures and data that emphasizes the successes and gains, the failings and inadequacies of God's people during these last four years, thereby, making this office a vital component to the effectiveness and growth of this great Conference.

In this report I will attempt to give you a snapshot of the growth of our conference based on the reports received from the churches and other sources. The account will show both gains and losses. You will also notice that in spite of the challenges and pitfalls of the economy, we can still offer our praises to God. He has been very good to Southeastern Conference. During this quadrenium 8,173

The following pages will reflect an overview of the past quadrenium:

Mode of Additions					Mode of Deletions						
Bpt.	POF	Ltr. in	Adj.	Tot. Gns	Death	Apt.	Ltr. out	Msg.	Adj.	Tot. Loss	NET Gain
4,174	939	1,768	1,292	8,173	338	380	1,241	164	1,459	3,582	4,591

Churches by Language Groups:

There are three major language groups in Southeastern.

Language	Membership	# of churches	% of Membership
English	22241	88	62%
French/Creole	11587	35	32%
Spanish	2180	14	06%
Total	36008	137	100%

Companies Recognized/organized:

There are 2 English, 4 Spanish and 3 Brazilian companies throughout the Southeastern territory.

Companies
Advent Hope Brazilian SDA Company – Jacksonville
Brazilian SDA Company – Orlando

persons were added to the Conference. 4,174 were baptized, 939 joined by profession of faith, 1,768 transferred by letter and 1,292 adjustments. However, deaths, apostasies, missing, transfers by letter and adjustments totaled 3,582. That reflects a 44 percent loss of the gain, hence an increase of 4,591 persons.

This report has been made possible through the concerted efforts of the committed church clerks who were responsible for sending the data and statistics to our office on a quarterly basis and the pastors who were diligent in their duty by making sure that the information were sent. These facts and figures reflect the commitment and dedication of our pastors, school teachers, Bible instructors, church officers and members filled with the Spirit of God. Through various mechanisms such as, evangelism, reclaiming strategies and other ministries; these individuals took to heart the mission of Jesus Christ and went out and did battle with the enemy of God and grew the Kingdom of God in the process. They have courageously made and impact upon their church, communities and Southeastern Conference.



Priscilla Boone
Administrative Secretary



Iris Muñoz
Membership Clerk

Faith SDA Company – Miami
Hazlehurst Spanish SDA Company – Hazlehurst, GA
New Jerusalem Brazilian SDA Company – Kissimmee
New Life SDA Company – Fort Lauderdale
Port Charlotte Spanish SDA Company – Port Charlotte
24 Elders Spanish SDA Company – Hollywood
The Open Bible Spanish SDA Company – Miami

Membership Distribution:

This breakdown of the churches by membership will give you a picture of the uncompleted task. We have an enormous responsibility and an awesome opportunity to participate in growing the Kingdom of God.

Churches	Membership	Total Membership
17	1 – 50	757
36	51 – 99	2791
29	100 – 199	4030
20	200 – 299	4942
6	300 – 399	1985
9	400 – 499	3950
14	500 – 999	10535
6	1000 – 1500	7018
137		36008

Churches to be Voted into Sisterhood of Churches:

Church	Date organized	Membership	Pastor
Lily Of The Valley SDA Church	2004	46	Jonathan McCottry
Genesis Spanish SDA Church	3/15/08	65	Pablo Soler
Emmanuel Spanish SDA Church	4/12/08	25	Juan Gonzales
Trinite French SDA Church	3/30/08	207	David Noel

Churches Built:

Church	Facility	Pastor
All Nations (Winter Haven)	Church refurbishing in progress	Leonard Newton
Boca Raton Spanish	Building refurbishing completed	Juan Gonzales
Citra	Church construction in progress	Kevin Bryan
Deerfield	Sanctuary/Phase II completed	Keith Dennis
Eden (Ft. Myers)	Church construction in progress	Josue Innocent
Emmanuel Spanish (Tampa)	Sanctuary/Phase I completed	Raul Cruz
Ephese French (Boynton Beach)	Church construction completed	Abner Laurent
Ephesus (West Palm Beach)	Church Refurbished	Gregory Mack
Ephesus (West Palm Beach)	School construction completed	Gregory Mack
Faith (Pt. Charlotte)	Building/Phase II in progress	Harold Brooks

Filipino American (Avon Park)	Church construction in progress	Roldan Mendosa
First (Riviera Beach)	Sanctuary/Phase I & II completed	Garnett Spence
Golden Gates (Naples)	Church Building/Phase I completed	Walter Douglas
Grace Fellowship (Valdosta)	Construction completed	Brian McKinney
Galilee French (Immokalee)	Church construction completed	Job Fleurimond
Hebron French (Miami)	Church refurbishing in progress	Michelin Verne
Mission Station (Homestead)	Church construction in progress	Antwone Mellis
Mt. Calvary (Tampa)	Church construction completed	Patrick Vincent
Mt. Olive (Apopka)	Church construction in progress	Oswald Gordon
Northside (Miami)	Church construction in progress	David McCalla
Pilgrim Spanish (Hialeah)	Church renovation in progress	Alejandro Morgado
Poinciana	Church construction in progress	Maxwell Berkell
Ridge Area (Avon Park)	Church construction in progress	Dion Henry
Tabernacle (Miami)	Church refurbishing in progress	David Peay
Town & Country (Tampa)	Church construction completion	Dolphy Cross

Churches Purchased:

Church	Facility	Pastor
Bethanie French (Tampa)	Purchase church complex	Ronald Baptiste
Elim (St. Petersburg)	Purchase church & school complex	Malcolm White
First University (Tampa)	Purchase church complex	Shimon Taylor
Genesis Spanish (Orlando)	Purchase church complex	Roger Alvarez
Mt. Gilead (Bradenton)	Purchase church complex	Dion Henry
Mt. Olive (Quincy)	Purchase church complex	Caesar Robinson
Perrine (Miami)	Purchase school building	Maxwell Berkell
Salem French (Miami)	Purchase building	David Noel
Ebenezer French (Pompano)	Purchase church complex	Jean-claude Alius

Land Purchased:

Church	Facility	Pastor
Berean (Brunswick)	Parking and future growth	Anslem Paul
Bethel (Cocoa Beach)	Parking and future growth	Richard Dehm
Bethel (Gainesville)	Future church home	Edie Hall
Emmanuel (Deland)	Parking facility	Clarence Richardson
First Coast (Jacksonville)	Future church home	Curtis Powell
Mt. Sinai (Sarasota)	Future church home	Dion Henry
Mt. Zion (Kissimmee)	Parking facility	Maxwell Berkell
Palm Bay	Future church home	Wintley Phipps
Southeastern	Future Campsite	Willie Taylor
Winter Garden Spanish	Church expansion	Reynaldo Ojeda

Church Dedication / Mortgage Burning:

Church	Service	Date	Pastor
Bethel – Cocoa Beach	Mortgage Burning	October 2006	Vincent Dehm
Bethel – Orlando	Mortgage Burning	December 2006	Anthony Smith
Faith – Port Charlotte	Mortgage Burning	September 2007	Harold Brooks
Frostproof Spanish	Mortgage Burning	October 2006	Luis Espinosa
Maranatha - Tallahassee	Mortgage Burning	December 2005	Caesar Robinson
Thonotosassa	Mortgage Burning	February 2006	Theus Young
Westside - Tampa	Mortgage Burning	February 2006	Barry Bonner

New workers added to our staff during the quadrenium:

Name	Category	Position
Kevin Bryan	Regular Worker	Pastor
Daniel Cancelado	Regular Worker	Campground
Erick Charles	Intern	Pastor
Ricardo Daphnis	Intern	Pastor
Vincent Dehm	Intern	Pastor
Walter Douglas	Regular Part-time	Pastor
Paul Goodridge	Regular Worker	Pastor
Ketha Hatcher	Regular Worker	Administrative Assistant
Timothy Henderson	Regular Worker	Pastor
Damarys Ibarra	Regular Worker	Receptionist
Elisabeth Jeanty	Regular Worker	Teacher
Magaly Jeanty	Regular Worker	Teacher
Nicolas Louis	Regular Worker	Pastor
Althea Malone	Regular Worker	Teacher
Patricia Mardy	Regular Worker	Teacher
Brian McKinney	Intern	Pastor
Tiffany Mcnealy	Regular Worker	Teacher
Rolden Mendoza	Regular Part-time	Pastor
Alejandro Morgado	Regular Worker	Pastor
Kircio Motta, Jr.	Intern	Pastor
Iris Munos	Regular Worker	Secretary
Ephraim Murillo	Regular Worker	Associate Treasurer
Leonard Newton	Intern	Pastor
Daniel Olaciregui	Regular Worker	Pastor
Keith Paschal	Regular Worker	Pastor
Cheryl Payne	Regular Worker	Associate Treasurer
Guillermo Rodriguez	Regular Part-time	Pastor
Ronald Rojas	Regular Part-time	Pastor

Patricia Segree	Regular Worker	Teacher
Oros Hunter-Segree	Regular Worker	Teacher
Pablo Soler	Regular Part-time	Pastor
Lolita Stevenson	Regular Worker	Teacher
Winston Taylor	Intern	Pastor
Emmett Thompson	Regular Worker	Campground
Michelin Verne	Regular Worker	Pastor
Patrick Waugh	Regular Part-time	Pastor
Okemus Williams	Regular Worker	Business Intern
Alex Williams	Intern	Pastor

Church Growth During the Quadrennium

Church	Last mem 1-1-04	Bpt	P.O.F	Ltr. In	Adj. Add.	TOT. GNS.	Dth.	Apt.	Ltr. Out	Msg.	Adj. Sbt.	TOT. LOS.	Last men 12-31-07
Maranatha SDA, Apopka, FL	245	43	4	42	25	114	1	18	60	1	7	87	272
Mt. Olive SDA, Apopka, FL	102	8	23	32		63	4	12	15	3	4	38	127
Sheeler Oaks Spanish SDA, Apopka, FL	264		2	20		22			3			3	283
Filipino Amer.Int'l SDA, Avon Park, FL	41	6	2	53		61					2	2	59
Ridge Area SDA, Avon Park, FL	171			7		7			2		2	4	174
Ephesus SDA, Bainbridge, GA	79	2		2	2	6		11	4		2	17	68
Ebenezer SDA, Bartow, FL	14	4				4					3	3	15
Morija Haitian SDA, Belle Glade, FL	76					0						0	76
Trinity Temple SDA, Belle Glade, FL	41					0						0	41
Filiadelfia SDA/ Miami Beach, FL	46					0						0	46
Boca Raton Spanish SDA	45	23	9	27	23	82	2				17	19	108
Bethanie French SDA, Boynton Beach, FL	473				7	7						0	480
Beraca First Haitian SDA, Bradenton, FL	88	40	34	11		85	1	4	6			11	162
Mt. Gilead SDA, Bradenton, FL	53	3				3	1					1	55
Berean SDA, Brunswick, GA	121					0			16	38		54	67
Mt. Pisgah SDA, Carol City, FL	539	70	3	54	45	172	10		54		12	76	635
Citra SDA	19	5				5						0	24
Bethlehem SDA, Clearwater, FL	109	27	1	19		47	1	2	9	13	30	55	101
Clewiston SDA	44				7	7						0	51
Bethel SDA, Cocoa Beach, FL	75	9	1	11		21			4		4	8	88
Ebenezer SDA, Dania, FL	209	4		2		6	1					1	214
Mt. Calvary SDA, Daytona Beach, FL	125					0						0	125
Beer-She'ba French SDA, Deerfield, FL	152	48	8	10	15	81			3			3	230
Deerfield Beach SDA	219	23	2	4	3	32			2		4	6	245
Emmanuel SDA, Deland, FL	97			3		3	1	8	1	14	1	25	75

Church Growth During the Quadrennium

Church	Last mem 1-1-04	Bpt	P.O.F	Ltr. In	Adj. Add.	TOT. GNS.	Dth.	Apt.	Ltr. Out	Msg.	Adj. Sbt.	TOT. LOS.	Last men 12-31-07
Daughter Of Zion SDA, Delray Beach, FL	515	52	4	14	2	72	12		20			32	555
Ephesus French SDA, Delray Beach, FL	276	65	20	2		87		1	2		44	47	316
Trinity Temple SDA, Fitzgerald, GA	90			5	4	9	2		2		1	5	94
Bethel SDA, Florida City, FL	199	29		5	7	41	6	1	6		8	21	219
Bon Samaritain French SDA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	374	87	11	9		107	3	5	29		18	55	426
Lighthouse SDA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	525	73		17	9	99	5	1	23		2	31	593
Mt. Olivet SDA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1047	125		4	38	167	2		6		4	12	1202
New Hope SDA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	221	141	13	4	31	189	1	2	6			9	401
New Life SDA Company/, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	9	6		1	31	38	1		7	3		11	36
Pilgrims Spanish, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	61	10	1	12	4	27			12		2	14	74
Rays of Light SDA, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	101	33	2	6	3	44		25	12		6	43	102
Eden Restaure French SDA, Ft. Myers, FL	177	29	4	26		59	1	5	23		11	40	196
Peniel SDA, Ft. Myers, FL	127	43	1	6		50	4		9		4	17	160
Macedonia SDA, Ft. Pierce, FL	241	27	1	8		36	3		4		96	103	174
Mitspa French SDA, Ft. Pierce, FL	186	45	19			64		4	3		8	15	235
Iglesia Adventista de Frostproof, Frostproof, FL	9	21	41	8	9	79	1	3	2			6	82
Bethel SDA, Gainesville, FL	253	45	4	16		65	4		9		14	27	291
Sychar French SDA, Hallandale Beach, FL	106	6		5	2	13	1		2			3	116
Zion Hill SDA, Hawthorne, FL	94	1		7	23	31	4		4	23	5	36	89
First SDA, Hazlehurst, GA	11	1			1	2	1			1		2	11
Hialeah West Spanish SDA, Hialeah, FL	54	29	19	12	10	70	1	3	10	4	29	47	77
Pilgrims Spanish SDA, Hialeah, FL	633	79	86	43	32	240	13	31	60	21	29	154	719
First Ephesus SDA, Hollywood, FL	118	17	5	6		28	4		7			11	135
Salem French SDA, Homestead, FL	63	2				2					2	2	63
Galilee French SDA, Immokalee, FL	34	3	3		4	10		2	4	2		8	36
Breath Of Life SDA, Jacksonville, FL	150	1		2		3						0	153
Ephesus SDA, Jacksonville, FL	618					0						0	618
First Coast International SDA, Jacksonville, FL	45	13		8		21			6		2	8	58
Southernmost SDA, Key West, FL	37	2		1		3		2			1	3	37
Mt. Zion SDA, Kissimmee, FL	184	30	2	46	7	85	6	2	13		25	46	223
Macedonia SDA, Lake City, FL	62	17	6	1	4	28	3	28	10		4	45	45
Ebenezer French SDA, Lakeworth, FL	151	86	54	7	42	189	1	7	9	6		23	317
Ewing Memorial SDA, Lakeland, FL	120	31		1	1	33	1				2	3	150
Lakeland Spanish SDA, Lakeland, FL	50	4	2	7		13	1		2		4	7	56
Refuge Temple SDA, Lakeland, GA	40					0						0	40
Mt. Pleasant SDA, Leesburg, FL	39	15		20	12	47	4	1	1		6	12	74
Nazareth SDA, Live Oak, FL	26					0						0	26
All Nations SDA, Miami	20		52			52						0	72
Alpha-Agape SDA, Miami	435	5		3	11	19			12			12	442
Beree French SDA, Miami	221	43	15	1		59	2	2	6			10	270

Church Growth During the Quadrennium

Church	Last mem 1-1-04	Bpt	P.O.F	Ltr. In	Adj. Add.	TOT. GNS.	Dth.	Apt.	Ltr. Out	Msg.	Adj. Sbt.	TOT. LOS.	Last men 12-31-07
Bethany SDA, Miami	1111	154	1	1		156	25	2	45			72	1195
Bethel French SDA, Miami	115	5	13		14	32	2	28			30	60	87
Coconut Grove SDA, Miami	83				1	1				1		1	83
Country Garden Sp SDA, Miami	83	13	15	14	6	48		7	14	4		25	106
Cutler Ridge Spanish SDA, Miami	38					0						0	38
El Buen Redil Spanish SDA, Miami	53	3	6	2	1	12	3		4			7	58
Ephese French SDA, Miami	112	25		1	12	38	2		2		2	6	144
Ephesus Spanish SDA, Miami	113		6			6					2	2	117
Faith SDA Company, Miami	55					0						0	55
Antioch (Galilee) French SDA, Miami	19				20	20	1			4		5	34
Hebron French SDA, Miami	289	16	15	2		33	4	8	8	2	3	25	297
Horeb French SDA, Miami	487	76	6	5	10	97	5	4	13		27	49	535
Jerusalem French SDA, Miami	827	166	6	22		194	8	11	20		36	75	946
Lebanon SDA, Miami	145	10	1		10	21	2		6		1	9	157
Mission Station SDA, Miami	37	3		5		8					2	2	43
Northside SDA, Miami	905	5		5	17	27	8	1	20			29	903
Peniel French SDA, Miami	169	41	6		2	49			6		12	18	200
Perrine SDA, Miami	403	33	1	8		42	3		17		5	25	420
Philadelphie French SDA, Miami	332	92	11	6		109	7		12	5		24	417
Shalom French SDA, Miami	76	16	12		37	65	3	1	5		6	15	126
Tabernacle SDA, Miami	835	134	1	8		143	5	2	10		55	72	906
Zion French SDA, Miami	855		1	1	2	4	1		1		1	3	856
Southeastern Conference Church	67					0			2			2	65
Golden Gate SDA, Naples, FL	72	7	11	32		50	1		2		14	17	105
Mahanaim French SDA, Naples, FL	259	52	18	20	18	108	2	21	7		6	36	331
Shiloh SDA, Ocala, FL	381	57	1	16	29	103	1	2	19		6	28	456
Lily of the Valley Company, Opa-Locka, FL	23	26		3	43	72			2		24	26	46
Beracah I French SDA, Orlando, FL	159	94	23	2		119	7		4		1	12	266
Beracah II French SDA, Orlando, FL	579	58	14	13	74	159	2		9		114	125	613
Bethel SDA, Orlando	83	1	2	9	5	17	1	6	5	4		16	84
Genesis Company, Orlando, FL	62	26	30	35	1	92	3		5		6	14	140
Guilgal French SDA, Orlando, FL	786	209	24	33	24	290	6	7	9		44	66	1010
Mt. Sinai SDA, Orlando, FL	1302	54	2	29	1	86	6		58		19	83	1305
North Orlando SDA, Orlando, FL	629	98	5	74	17	194	10		40		5	55	768
Bethany SDA, Palatka, FL	68			3		3	1	3	1		1	6	65
Palm Bay SDA	308	56	22	134	10	222	17		22		8	47	483
Pines SDA, Pembroke Pines, FL	153	28	10	16	24	78			10		1	11	220
Emmanuel SDA, Plant City, FL	96	8		2	12	22	1		3			4	114
Sinai French SDA, Plantation, FL	1092	125	40	6	13	184	11	6	16	2	18	53	1223
Poinciana SDA	75	12		51	40	103	3	1	9			13	165

Church Growth During the Quadrennium

Church	Last mem 1-1-04	Bpt	P.O.F	Ltr. In	Adj. Add.	TOT. GNS.	Dth.	Apt.	Ltr. Out	Msg.	Adj. Sbt.	TOT. LOS.	Last men 12-31-07
Bethlehem French SDA, Pompano Beach, FL	244	53	7	10	45	115	7	2	8		4	21	338
Ebenezer French SDA, Pompano Beach, FL	253	38	18	2		58		3	1		9	13	298
Salem SDA, Pompano Beach, FL	390	17		1		18			17		153	170	238
Bethanie French SDA, Port Charlotte, FL	66	20	8	1		29						0	95
Faith SDA, Port Charlotte, FL	73	32		9		41			6		23	29	85
Port Charlotte Spanish Company	25	1			5	6		1	1			2	29
First SDA, Port St. Lucie, FL	105	59		67	29	155	3	2	25		15	45	215
Mt. Olive SDA, Quincy, FL	41	3	2		1	6	1		1			2	45
Dixie SDA, Quitman, GA	63	2				2	1		2		1	4	61
Bethel French SDA, Riviera Beach, FL	333			4	6	10		3				3	340
First SDA, Riviera Beach, FL	154	48	4	16	2	70	2	4	13		4	23	201
First SDA, Royal Palm Beach, FL	116	39				39			20		3	23	132
Mars Hill, Sanford, FL	171	33	5	15		53	7		6		12	25	199
Mt. Sinai SDA, Sarasota, FL	52	3		1	36	40			2			2	90
Berea SDA, St. Augustine, FL	91	1	2	2	4	9	1	3	4		40	48	52
Elim SDA, St. Petersburg, FL	376	41	1	19	24	85	10	1	18		7	36	425
St. Petersburg Spanish SDA	12	1		2	1	4			1			1	15
Morning Star SDA, Sunrise, FL	56					0						0	56
Fellowship SDA, Tallahassee, FL	53	6	1	14		21			6		9	15	59
Maranatha SDA, Tallahassee, FL	326	37	1	10	1	49	4		17		11	32	343
Bethanie French SDA, Tampa	197	34	11	4	10	59	1	3	7		9	20	236
Emmanuel Spanish SDA, Tampa	120	47	14	29	9	99	1	7	7		34	49	170
First University SDA, Tampa	48	43		8	7	58			5		11	16	90
Mt. Calvary SDA, Tampa	752	120	47	115	26	308	13	52	29		26	120	940
Progress Village SDA, Tampa	245	28	1	32	26	87	5		23		15	43	289
Town And Country SDA, Tampa	65	12		6	26	44	3		3		27	33	76
Westside Community SDA, Tampa	90	2		13		15	1		1		14	16	89
First SDA, Thomasville, GA	202	2		2		4	3		2		114	119	87
Thonotosassa SDA	76	5		6	4	15	1		12		9	22	69
Grace Fellowship SDA, Valdosta, GA	82	22	2		1	25						0	107
Maranatha SDA, Waycross, GA	41	6		5		11	1		1	13	2	17	35
Emmanuel Hispanic Company, West Palm Bch	25		5	1		6		2			4	6	25
Ephesus SDA, West Palm Beach, FL	948	2		3	2	7	3		4			7	948
Shiloh French SDA, West Palm Beach, FL	125				26	26			1			1	150
Winter Garden Spanish SDA	83	16	31	13	15	75	1		14			15	143
All Nations SDA, Winter Haven, FL	39	12	3	2	1	18		3	4		3	10	47
Smyrne Haitian SDA, Winter Haven, FL	24	41	8	1	61	111	1	3	1		8	13	122
Patmos Chapel SDA, Winter Park, FL	814	114	11	187	67	379	8	1	73		28	110	1083
TOTALS	31417	4174	939	1768	1292	8173	338	380	1241	164	1459	3582	36008

Pastors Ordained:

2004	Shimon Taylor Dion Henry Anthony Smith C. Wesley Knight
2005	None
2006	None
2007	Harold Brooks

Retired Employees

During this quadrennium the following individuals were able to retire after years of faithful service to God and Southeastern:

Retiree	Position Held	Year
Jeanty Arisme	Associate Publishing Director	2008
Eunice Alexander	Teacher	2006
Earl K. Davis	Teacher	2007
Cleveland Holness	Pastor	2004
Marian Joseph	Teacher	2004
Carrie Kelly	Teacher	2004
Oster H. Paul	Pastor	2005
Calvin Robinson	Pastor	2006
Janice Williams	Teacher	2005
Ronald Williams	Teacher	2005

Fallen Warriors since the Last Session:

Milton M. Young	Pastor
Vashti Waugh	Bible Instructor
James Edgcombe, Sr	Former SEC President
Musette Gardner	Teacher

In retrospect of the successes of this past quadrennium, I am keenly aware that none of this accomplishment would be possible without the inspiration, guidance, and direction of Jesus Christ. I am therefore, honored to express my gratitude to Him for all He has done. I am also reminded that none of the progress that has been made would have been possible without the faithful efforts of the local church clerks. To them I express my sincere appreciation. To each departmental director, pastor, teacher, Bible worker, literature evangelist, office secretary and all other workers, I am deeply grateful to have had the privilege of serving and working with you in this capacity.

To the North American Division Representatives, I thank you for being reliable and good resource persons to the Office of the Secretariat. To Dr. Ron Smith, executive secretary of the Southern Union and Elder Ward Sumpter former executive secretary of the Southern Union and the other Southern Union officers (Elder Gordon Retzer, president, Elder Randy Robinson, treasurer and Elder Tom Evans former treasurer), thank you for your counsel and support. To my fellow Southeastern Conference officers Elder Willie Taylor,

Personnel:

Ordained Ministers	78
Licensed Ministers	16
Adm. Ministries Credential	3
Adm. Ministries License	1
Credentialed Missionaries	11
Licensed Missionaries	5
Com. Ministry of Teaching Credential	22
Com. Ministry of Teaching License	17
Ministry of Teaching License	14
Literature Evangelist	2
Total	169

president and Gwendolyn Parker, treasurer, I express my deep and sincere appreciation for having had the privilege of working with you these past four years. To the members of the Executive Committee, thank you for your work and for representing the Conference well. To the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I thank you for your dedication and for accomplishing the work assigned.

The efficiency of the day-to-day operation of my office is largely due to the coordinated services of my administrative assistant, Priscilla Boone and my membership secretary, Iris Muños. I want to thank them both for their commitment and dedication in making the office of Secretariat run with top-notch performance. I would be remiss if I did not say a word of appreciation to my former administrative assistant, Rochelle Fox and my former membership secretary, Janice Greene; I thank them for their excellent work over the years.

To my wife Raquel, and my children, Hubert, III (Trey) and Harrison, I express heartfelt appreciation for the support, encouragement, patience, understanding and honesty you have shared with me regarding my work in this office. I am eternally grateful to you.

Finally, you, the constituents of this great conference; I thank you from the depth of my heart for the privilege and opportunity you gave to me to serve you in this capacity.

Again, I say thank you.

Conclusion

In Luke 19:13, we are reminded to occupy till He returns. My prayer and hope is that when He does return He will say to each of us here today, "Well done thou good and faithful servant...enter thou in to the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21

May we continue to grow in the grace of God and keep our minds and hearts focus on Jesus Christ and His soon return Maranatha!

Respectfully Submitted,

Hubert J. Morel Jr.



Gwendolyn Parker
Treasurer



Carol Smith
Administrative Secretary

Treasurer's Report

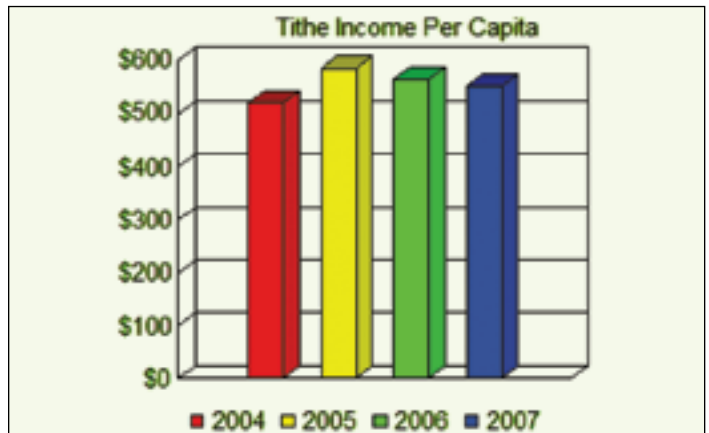
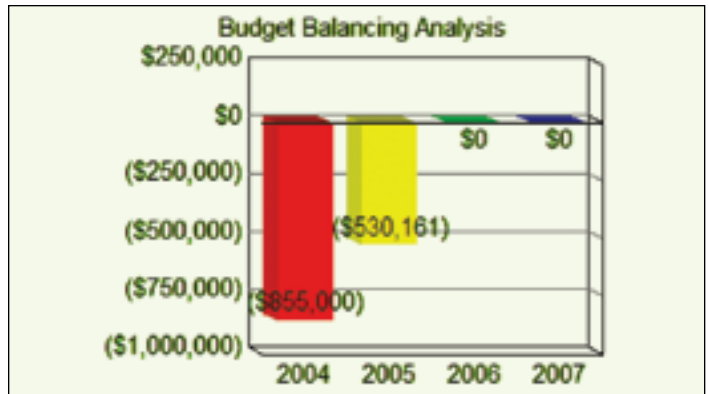
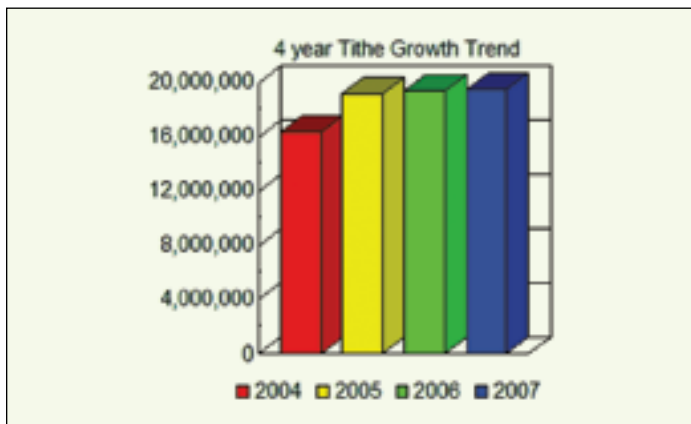
To the distinguished delegates and invited guests to the Ninth Regular Session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh Day Adventist, it is my privilege and honor to bring you this report of the financial activities for the past four years. As treasurer of Southeastern Conference, part of my responsibility is to receive the funds, to disburse them in harmony with the actions of the Executive Committee, to remit all required funds to the Southern Union Conference and the North American Division/General Conference in harmony with North American Division policy, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as requested by the President and the Executive Committee.

Today gives us the opportunity to share with you, the delegates, a summary of the funds that came in and how we have managed those funds.

Tithe Income

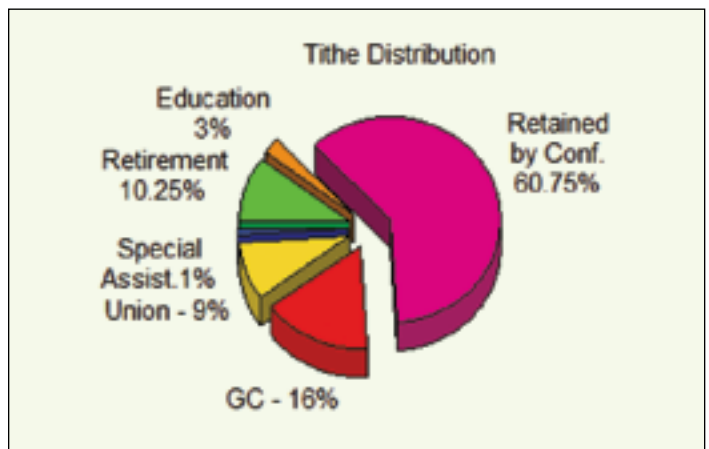
We thank God for how He has blessed this conference in the past Quadrennium. 2005 was an extremely good year. We experienced a 17.5 percent tithe increase. This increase allowed us to close the gap left by our 2004 and 2005 budgets that had a negative balance of <\$855,000> and <\$530,161> respectively. The increase also allowed us to begin building the required hurricane retention fund. For the remaining two years in this Quadrennium, 2006 and 2007, we were able to vote a balanced budget.

In addition to tithe, which is our main source of income, secondary sources of income include donations, investment earnings, appropriations and offerings for conference wide development (CWD).



Tithe Distribution

Southeastern Conference receives all tithes from the local church for distribution and allocation. Out of the total tithe received from the churches, the conference sends 16 percent to the North American Division/General Conference, 9 percent to the Southern Union Conference, 1 percent for Special Assistance (aid smaller and/or weaker conferences), 10.25 percent to the Regional Retirement Office in Huntsville, and 3 percent to Oakwood University. Of the monies remaining at the Conference, 69 percent is used for Church Programs, 17 percent is used for Educational Programs and 14 percent is used for Support Services.



Property Insurance

In 2004 and 2005 our conference territory had significant property damage by five major hurricanes. As a result, 58 properties sustained losses with a dollar loss of \$7.8 Million. For the four years prior to 2004, our total loss in dollars was only \$235,920.

Our insurance carrier, Adventist Risk Management (ARM) through Gencon Insurance Company of Vermont, worked diligently with both the Florida and Southeastern Conferences to create a joint policy that would maintain sufficient coverage for all our properties. ARM approached sixteen companies in their search for an affordable policy that would give adequate coverage. Ten companies declined either not wanting more Florida wind exposure, or not writing wind in Florida. One quoted \$15 million. One provided a quote for \$3 Million with \$10 Million exposure and \$1 Million deductible.

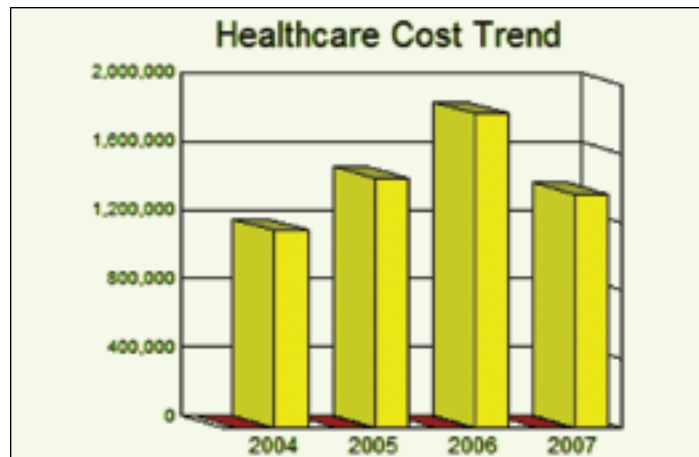
Southeastern made personal contact with several insurance companies in an attempt to also locate the best possible insurance policy with a cost we all could afford. None of the companies we contacted were willing to cover South Florida, Tampa or the Jacksonville Beach areas. One company we contacted, upon hearing what Adventist Risk Management was offering, told us to “take what they are offering and run with it.” Both Florida Conference and Southeastern Conference, in a joint policy, accepted our now current Property Insurance Policy which is as follows.

Property insurance premiums for all organizations within the Conference increased, during 2006-2007, more than 200 percent. For every named storm after the first one, the conference was required to pay an additional \$500,000 deductible – a cost the Executive Committee voted not to pass on to our churches and schools. In 2007, the premium increased another 20 percent which in turn reduced our deductible from \$500,000 to \$250,000. Again, the Conference voted not to pass the premium increase on to our churches and schools.



Health Care Cost

Health care costs for the years 2005 and 2006 increased by a total of 52%. In February, 2007 we changed providers to International Blue Cross. The combination of switching to International Blue Cross and negotiating for a worker whose medical was extremely high resulted in a 35 percent decrease in medical cost for 2007. We will continue to monitor our health care program including health prevention and wellness programs that foster a healthier life style.



Outstanding Debt

It is the goal of this Administration to reduce our debts as quickly as possible. We have made tremendous strides in reducing debt. At the same time, we increased our net worth through the purchase of additional plant assets. In 2005, we purchased a new campsite in Alachua, Florida for \$4,056,616. We are happy to report that through joint efforts in both donations and monthly loan payments by the conference, we have paid down against the principal balance on the Alachua campsite by more than \$1,000,000. As of December 31, 2007 the loan balance was \$2,966,684. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

In 2006, we purchased a Satellite office in Hialeah, Florida for \$398,000. This building is currently being used by Hispanic Ministries.

Building Reserves

According to North American Division (NAD), Working Policy P 75 05 concerning Working Capital, we are admonished to maintain sufficient reserves, “for the sound and effective operation” of the Conference.

In 2004 our operating reserves were just under 40 percent of the amount recommended by the NAD. By the end of 2007, the amount grew to 111 percent. That is 11 percent over the NAD recommendation. In addition to the required working capital, we are working towards increasing that to at least 119 percent to cover the amount required by the hurricane retention reserve.



I want to thank you, our constituents for your faithfulness to God and to His church financially, as well as in keeping us lifted up in prayer. It is only through your faithfulness and commitment to God that we together can carry out the great gospel commission. “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

Acknowledgements

It has been my privilege to work with a number of fine individuals who together have made this report possible.

I want to express my appreciation to our local church treasurers for your dedication, commitment and unselfish support of the ministry of Southeastern Conference. Thank you for good financial records and for remitting reports to the Conference monthly.

To the members of the Finance Committee who gave valuable counsel and demonstrated Christian concern for the progress of Southeastern, for its future growth, development, and stability, thank you.

To the members of the Southeastern Conference Executive Committee - Thank you for the confidence you placed in me to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of this term and for the opportunity to serve the Lord in this capacity.

I also want to express my appreciation to the President, Elder W. L. Taylor and to the Executive Secretary, Elder H. J. Morel, Jr. for your encouragement, counsel and support.

Special thanks go to members of the Treasury Staff. I want to acknowledge Stanton Reed, who was treasurer for the first two years of this session period. Thank you for your sincere dedication to improving the financial position of Southeastern Conference. For almost one year after Stanton Reed left, we were without a treasurer. It was a challenge but by God’s grace and 80 hour work weeks, we continued to meet our deadlines and the work progressed.

In 2006 the Executive Committee asked me to become treasurer. It has been an honor and a privilege to be of service. I thank God for using me, for holding me up, for supporting me. All praise and honor belong to Him!

To the treasury staff team members goes a big THANK YOU! As of December 31, 2007 the team members include: Cheryl Payne, associate treasurer who started in 2006; Joseph Okike, auditor; Grace Cancelado, who now works part time with Risk Management and part time with the Alachua Campsite; and Carol Smith, who replaced Grace Cancelado as Administrative Assistant in 2007. In 2007 we hired Business Intern, Okemus Williams. Another thank you goes to Robert Henley, our technology and communication director for your technical support to the treasury department.

I am grateful for my husband, Roger whose support and encouragement have meant so much to me. Thank you for your patience during those 16 hour days that turned into weeks, then months and beyond when we have been short staffed. Many times you too worked long hours on behalf of Southeastern after working late at your own job. I appreciate you!

Again, I thank God for the opportunity of service. I praise Him for His faithfulness and for His continued blessings upon the financial affairs of Southeastern Conference. *“I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”* Psalm 34:1

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Turner-Parker



C.L. Wright
Ministry Director

Church Ministries

My dear fellow delegates, honored guests, Southeastern conference members and friends. I come before you today in the love and name of Jesus Christ. I have enjoyed the past four years serving as your Church Ministries Director.

This department, which includes the following Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, Community Service, Children’s Ministry, Disability Ministries, Inner City, Adult

Ministries, Prison Ministries, and Adventist Disaster Response is pivotal to the effective operation of an active Seventh day Adventist Church in our conference field.

The mission and divinely appointed objective of the Church Ministries Department is to train, equip and empower the laity to use their God-given spiritual gifts to proclaim the everlasting gospel and prepare a people for the soon return of Jesus Christ.

Sabbath School

Sabbath School is alive and well in all of our 132 + congregations and companies. Each has an active Sabbath School ministry providing instruction for all age groups- From infant to senior adult. With our overall mission in view, we provided yearly training for the Sabbath School Superintendents at the Leadership Summits held at the beginning of each New Year. Our goal was to give our leaders the tools they would need to make their Sabbath School Programs inspirational, God-centered and Biblically based. This is needed because the Sabbath School is the foundation of the church, helping members to build their faith on Christ and His Word.

Each year between the months of August-October, we bring our Sabbath School teachers together to instruct them in techniques of Lesson Presentation. Individuals, who are experts in the field of Sabbath School Programming, helped our teachers to better communicate faith, fellowship, community activity and world missions. Our constant goal is to help bring improvement to the Sabbath School and its programming.

Personal Ministry

The purpose, or mission, of the church is clearly stated in the “Great Commission” passage, Matthew 28:18-20. Matthew quotes Christ in an explicit command. The imperative verb is “**make disciples.**” During this past quadrenium our objective was to train our members in the art of soul winning, so that we might realize the words of Evangelist E.E. Cleveland when he said, “Every convert must become a convert maker.” With this goal in mind, we utilized the expertise of people like Dr. Lee Gugliotto, who is an author; former Seminary Professor and Church Pastor. Elder J. Alfred Johnson, North American Division Church Ministries Director; Mr. “Artemus Tucker, with over 30 years of Bible

Instructor experience, and Elder Gordon Martinborough, former Family Life Co-Coordinator for the Inter American Division. In 2007, Elder Herman Davis conducted a Bible Instructor course, with more than a dozen individuals graduating from that class. At the beginning of this year we launched the Joint Leadership Initiative, created by Elder W.L. Taylor, our Conference President, with guidelines and material gleaned from Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy outlining a collaborative work of evangelism among each Department of the church.



Janet Cobb
Departmental Secretary

In the areas of Message Magazine and Ingathering, though challenges may have caused us to miss the mark in reaching our goals, we did make some good strides in both areas.

Message Magazine

YEAR	Subscriptions Received	Monies Received
2004	5202	\$55,002.22
2005	6391	\$55,111.29
2006	3605	\$43,066.11
2007	6268	\$56,517.12

Ingathering Campaign

YEAR	Monies Received
2004	\$72,877.44
2005	\$94,379.27
2006	\$75,812.72
2007	\$91,025.69

Community Services & Inner City

Community Services is the soul of the church. This ministry demonstrates to the community surrounding our churches, as to what type of people we really are. Our goal is to possess a character like unto Christ. When we show love and compassion to those in our community who is less fortunate than we are, we show that Christ’s character resides in us. From His own words in Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, “And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

Be it natural disaster; hungry children, or unpaid light bills, the churches of Southeastern Conference have extended your arms of love the needy and hurting everywhere. I want to thank you Southeastern Conference Community Service Agencies for the food distributed; the clothing given away, and the thousands of

dollars given to turn on lights, and water in homes where the money was lacking. I know of two churches in our conference who gave a combined amount of over \$35,000 in one year to help the needy and hurting in their respective communities.

Through the four Federations, we have trained and equipped the ACS Directors and ancillary staff workers in our churches, in the area of Disaster Response. As many as 150 people have been trained in disaster response. Because we live in one of the states that frequently is bombarded with hurricanes, and tornadoes, being prepared for these storms is a first priority matter. Through **Disaster Response**, this training is done. I want to thank the four Federation Presidents, who without their help these wonderful things could not have taken place. Cherry Sally, President for South Florida Community Services Federation; Maryland McNeely, President for Central East Community Services Federation; Ella Thompson, President for the Central West Community Services Federation, and Emmet Thompson, President for the North Florida/South Georgia Community Services Federation.

With the combined efforts of the departments of Inner City and Community Services, they have worked together as a unified force to help the operation of our community service programs. These funds come from The Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and the Southern Union Inner City Department. We've used these funds to provide aid to 1) Community Service Centers, 2) Special Inner City Projects, and 3) Youth, Women's Ministry and Family Life.

Disability Ministry

The Disabilities Ministry is a service of the church that helps to bring awareness to our parishioners of the needs of people with disabilities. Through this ministry, we also encourage our members to bring the gospel to those who are physically and other wise challenged. The lay coordinator for this work is Janis Irving. She has led out with enthusiasm to help bring this vital ministry before our people. It is our goal to develop workshops, training sessions, and programs for witnessing to disabled peoples on all levels of the church organization.

Children's Ministry

Because the spiritual nurture and growth of our children is such a huge priority in our hearts, we have striven to provide the appropriate training, so our Children's Ministries staffs across the conference can provide the very best spiritual care for our little ones. At the three Leadership Summits that took place during 2004 – 2007, we gave our local church leaders hands-on instruction as to how to plan and prepare each week for the children under their watch-care.

Additionally, between the months of August-October, the lower division teachers were encouraged to attend the certification weekend. The North American Division has developed specific training on how to be effective mentors and teachers for our children. We have a tremendous staff of ladies who lead out in this work. Not only are they well suited for this work, they love people, and are wonderful Christians who allow Jesus' beauty to shine through them. They are: Francine Long; Raquel Morel;

Roxanne Braithwaite, Margaret Scott, and Lois Trofort. To these ladies, and to all of you who work with our children on a regular basis, thank you for your unselfish dedication.

Another area where you can help not only our children to grow spiritually, but also the children in the community surrounding your church is through Vacation Bible School. We encourage every church to conduct a VBS program. There is great outreach potential in this program. There is financial assistance for those of you who purchased your VBS materials at an Adventist Book Center. The forms for these reports are provided by the Conference.

Those of you who attend camp meeting know of the gargantuan task it is to provide care for our children during those ten days. Under the Sabbath School tents, a display of the current VBS theme is always highlighted. I really appreciate the ladies who work with our children at camp meeting. They don't look at it like a job, but more like a calling; a divine ministry. Under the Kindergarten Tent, these children are led by Jacqueline Waldon; the Primary Tent is led by Sharon Brown, and the Junior Tent is under the leadership of Francine Long and Raquel Morel.

Prison Ministry

Along with the caring of the sick; the feeding of the hungry and clothing the naked, Christ enjoins us to visit those in prison. It is an unfortunate fact that more and more prisons are being built, because more and more individuals are being sent to occupy them. God calls upon us to minister to those who are so incarcerated. Many of our churches have Prison Ministries, and there many more who want to incorporate this vital ministry in their arsenal of work. Through the efforts of *Shelter From the Storm* Ministry, under the directorship of Jeffrey Cobb, we are seeing a resurgence of the Prison Ministry in our field. Jeffrey Cobb, who is the lay representative for our Prison Ministry, helps me in bringing the needs and awareness of Prison Ministry before our people. We have seen six Transition Houses established since our last quadrennium, and the goal is to have at least three more Transition Houses established this year alone. Cobb is available to conduct seminars, workshops, and provide training sessions in churches requesting his help.

Heartfelt Thanks

I want to extend my utmost appreciation to my secretary, Janet Cobb, who has done an outstanding job in keeping our nine offices operating in peak performance. She works with efficiency, and her genuine love for people is evident every time she speaks to someone who calls with a question or concern.

I also want to thank you Southeastern Conference members. My wife and I have had the privilege of traversing this conference, going from one church to another. We have met the most wonderful people God has placed on earth. You made us feel welcome, and the good cooking has added about 15 pounds to my girth. That's alright; I love every one of those pounds. May God richly bless you.

Respectfully Submitted,

C.L. Wright



Elisa Young
Superintendent

Education

Dear Constituents:

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we submit to you this report. Thank you for entrusting to this education team the responsibility of administering the most noble and worthy cause existing today, and that is the education of our children for this life and the life to come.

These days much is said concerning the nature and importance of “higher education.” True education is that imparted by Him with whom “is wisdom and strength” (Job 12:13), and out of whose mouth “cometh knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6; Ed, p.13

Keitha Hatcher, Carol Byrd and I are happy to present this report to you. We must also acknowledge Carol Smith who faithfully served the Office of Education as the administrative assistant for 10 years. Special thanks also goes to our resource teacher, Trina Bowden, whose creative and numerous skills added spark to the never-ending projects and challenges that we face from day to day.

We are excited about Seventh-day Adventist Education and the potential it has in Southeastern Conference. Currently, there are 15 schools, 60 Conference-hired teachers, 27 locally hired teachers and 1,096 students. Three new schools were added during the last three years, namely, New Hope in Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Bay School in Palm Bay and Bethel Elementary in Florida City. There are 11 elementary schools, 3 junior academies and one K-12 academy.

Improvement in all facets of education is what we are striving towards. The following areas show that change and improvements are taking place in the schools of Southeastern.

In August of 2005, the Southeastern Board of Education voted to authorize the Office of Education to over-see all of the Early Childhood Programs in the Southeastern Conference. The centers are monitored in the areas of licensing, curriculum, insurance liabilities, staff development and parent education. We are pushing forward to begin the process of providing proper accreditation for all of our centers. Currently, there are 12 Early Childhood Learning Centers operated by schools and churches. This year, the centers opened with an enrollment of 428 children and staffed by 51 teachers and aides.

Associate Superintendent

I am especially grateful that the Board of Education and the Conference Committee saw wisdom in hiring an Associate Superintendent for the Office of Education. Carol Byrd has a broad background in early childhood and elementary

education. Carol is based in the Miami area where she monitors the schools in South Florida, evaluates teachers and is responsible for curriculum development and implementation in harmony with Southern Union and North American Division Curriculum Guidelines.



Keitha Hatcher
Administrative Secretary

New Facilities

The Ephesus SDA Church in West Palm Beach completed the construction of their new school with the grand opening scheduled for March 1-8, 2008. Under the leadership of Gregory Mack, pastor of the West Palm Beach Church, and Principal Bagley, Ephesus Junior Academy occupied their new facility in December of 2007. In addition to the classrooms, the new building has a library, science lab, computer lab, music room, a resource center, a gymnasium, a commercial-sized kitchen, cafeteria and administrative offices.



Carol Byrd
Assoc. Superintendent

The Elim School in St. Petersburg, was relocated to the new facility in August of 2007, under the Leadership of Malcolm White, pastor of the Elim SDA Church, and Principal Renee White. The school is part of the church complex that also includes the early childhood learning center. The school has 18 classrooms, a library, administrative offices and gymnasium.

The Bethel Elementary school in Florida City currently occupies classrooms in the multi-purpose center. Under the leadership of Lucious Hall, pastor of the Bethel SDA Church, and Principal Barbara Davis, our newest church school anticipates a higher enrollment next year and testifies to the power of God when we trust Him and follow His command.

The Palm Bay School will relocate soon to a larger facility. Whitney Phipps and Timothy Henderson, Pastors of the Palm Bay Church, and Principal Segree, are planning to move Christian Education to higher heights in Palm Bay.

The Perrine School moved to their new location in August of 2007. Under the leadership of former Maxwell Berkell, former pastor, present Antwoyn Mells, current pastor of the Perrine SDA Church, and Principal Mitchell, they were able to overcome obstacles that stood in the way. Christian Education will continue to be a part of the Perrine Church and community.

Teacher Credentialing

It has been our goal in the Southeastern Conference to have 100 percent of the conference teachers holding current denominational teaching credentials in the subjects they teach. Three years ago, 88 percent of our teachers held credentials. Now, we are

very proud to report that for the first time in the history of the Southeastern Conference, we reached this goal where 100 percent of our conference teachers were fully certified in 2006-07 and 2007-08. This is a real honor, and we pledge to continue to pursue excellence in the teaching profession to represent what the great Master Teacher expects of His workers. This recognition and honor came about because of the financial help from the Southern Union and the partnership with Oakwood University.

Francis Bliss Ph.D., Professor education of Oakwood University, spends two weeks in the summer at the conference office conducting summer classes for our teachers to update their certification. This program was extended to help the teachers from Florida Conference, South Central and Georgia Cumberland Conferences.

School Evaluations

All schools must undergo an evaluation process to secure accreditation. I am happy to report that 13 of our schools have gone through this process and hold current terms of accreditation. Our two newest schools will undergo full evaluation processes next year. The schools that have been through the process will continue to update, upgrade and address “Recommendations” made by the visiting committees each year.

Teacher In-Service Training

The eight conferences in the Southern Union have all made significant progress in moving towards having all teachers trained in following the “4MAT” model. This model of teaching has been adopted as the teaching model we will use in the Southern Union to reach the goals of the Adventist EDGE. The EDGE is the Southern Union’s roadmap as to how we will reach the goals set forth by the North American Division in its “*Journey to Excellence.*” Southeastern Conference teachers have undergone training in the 4MAT model. Academic standards, based on national standards, have been adopted in the core content areas and will be used to rate our effectiveness. The adoption of the 4MATION technology system for our teachers to supplement lesson planning and instruction has been added and paid for by the Southern Union and Southeastern for all of our teachers.

Goals

We are all familiar with this quotation from the pen of inspiration, “In the highest sense the work of **Education** and the work of **Redemption** are one, for in education as in redemption, other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” *Education*, p.30

Understanding that a well thought out strategy to guide our church schools on their Journey to Excellence must be developed and implemented, the Board of Education directed the Office of Education and the Adventist Christian Education Evangelism Committee to give study to the over-all improvement of our schools and set these goals:

1. To indoctrinate (or re-indoctrinate) the members and workers of the Southeastern Conference on the philosophy, goals and excellence of Adventist Christian Education.
2. To improve the quality of the instructional program in all Southeastern Conference schools.
3. To increase by 25 percent the number of students enrolled in Southeastern schools and to show an increase in the number of students from Adventist homes.
4. To inspire the creation of a Foundation to provide for special needs that are not provided by the conference.
5. To promote the establishment of church schools with grades Pre-K through eight in every church that does not have access to a church school.

Fig 1. SEC Schools Opening Enrollment

Schools	Grades	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08
Bethel Jr. Academy	K-10	59	59	66	108
Bethel Elementary	K-4	-	-	-	12
Broward Jr. Academy	K-8	124	129	93	100
Daughter of Zion Jr. Academy	K-8	62	71	57	68
Elim Jr. Academy	K-8	51	44	32	32
Ephesus Jr. Academy (JAX)	K-9	31	30	37	64
Ephesus Jr. Academy (WPB)	K-8	33	39	50	41
Miami Union Academy	K-12	368	330	339	302
Mt. Calvary SDA School	K-8	56	56	50	71
Mt. Olivet SDA School	K-8	52	63	65	53
Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy	K-9	68	67	84	90
New Hope SDA School	K-4	-	25	18	24
Palm Bay SDA School	K-4	-	-	16	22
Perrine SDA School	K-8	42	39	35	23
Shiloh SDA School	K-8	49	49	84	86
TOTAL		995	1001	1026	1096

We have made significant progress in all the areas listed above except for #4. (Recognition is given to Jimmie L. Brown who chaired the Adventist Education Evangelism Committee.)

Educators cannot meet the mission alone. The task calls for dedicated energies of every member of the Southeastern Conference. Let us lean on God's strength, learn to trust God's promises and hold tightly to His mighty power.

Please join us in making this mission your own.

Appreciation

We certainly want to recognize the pastors of our church schools who work side by side with our principals and teachers in the operation of our church schools.

The principals, teachers and support staff are to be commended for a job well done. We must also give recognition to the school boards, church boards, church members and parents of our church schools for the monumental tasks of keeping a church school operating on a sound financial basis.

Jesus summed it up. "It is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Matthew 18:14

Special thanks to the conference administrators, Elder Willie Taylor, Elder Hubert Morel and Gwendolyn Parker; to the members of the Board of Education; and, to the conference committee members for their support and faith in the mission of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank Elder Conrad Gill and his team of educators at the Southern Union for upholding *Excellence* and the mission of the *Adventist Edge*. The Southern Union team is always there to provide support to all the SEC educators, and we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa Young

Fig 2. SEC School Locations in Florida



Youth / Pathfinder Ministries



Sherwin R. Callwood
Ministries Director

To the distinguished delegates of the Eighth Quadrennial Session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, I say to you in the vernacular of our youth, "Waddup!"

In May of 2004 the mantle of responsibility was once again laid upon me to lead the youth of Southeastern Conference. What an awesome task! Nevertheless, with the help of God and a wonderful Youth Ministries support staff, we were able to once again go no where but up.

Explosive Evangelism



Sherrie Barton
Departmental Secretary

Once again the youth department has ventured out in the area of youth evangelism. Keeping our eyes and mind on the general vision statement for all of youth ministries, "that an army of youth rightly trained will finish the work", the youth department ventured out, by faith, into the area of evangelism. In January of 2002 the youth of Southeastern Conference conducted a youth tent crusade in the West Palm Beach

area. This resulted in 54 precious being saved for the kingdom of God. In 2003 we conducted another one in the Orlando area where 23 souls was won for Christ. Ministries were formed, such as Voice of Youth (VOY). These wonderful young people are ready to share there faith everywhere and at anytime. They have proven to Southeastern Conference to be a powerful witnessing tool for Jesus Christ. I say to God be the glory! We have already begun to prepare for another crusade effort. Now we have ventured to share our faith another way and that is through the vehicle of Message Magazine. You will read more about this later in this report. This will certainly be a big undertaking.

We would like to thank Miami Union Academy and the Shiloh SDA church for allowing us to take part with them in several mission trips. This was truly a rewarding adventure. Many souls were blessed by our presence there. More mission trips are being planned for the future.

Please continue to pray for this ministry as we continue to spread the gospel and hasten the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pathfinders

Honor, pride, respect, accountability, energetic, fantastic, exciting, informative, a deep sense of love of God, this are just a few things that come to my mind when I think of our pathfinders. These young people work hard everyday to maintain the standard. I'm not saying that they are perfect or that they are better than any other youth, only that they are a special breed because of their training.

Pathfinders And Adventurers Ministries

SEC Pathfinder Federation President	Ivan Sankey
Vice President	Tyrone Cobb
Drill Corp Coordinator	Kevin Jackson
Drum Corp Coordinator	Denton Hamilton
Master Guide Coordinator	TBA
Adventurer Coordinator	Sonia McCloud
Color Guard Coordinator	Bobby "Coach" Holloway
TLT Coordinator	Sharon Smith-Brown
Pathfinder Advisory Council:	
District 1	Jeanette Thompson
District 2	Martha Walker
District 3	Walter Reddick
District 4	S. Eugene Farrell
District 5	Emmanuel Cesar
Haitian MC	Therese Gervais
Haitian SF	TBA
Hispanic MC	TBA
Hispanic SF	TBA
Recording Secretary	TBA
Asst. Recording Secretary	Loretta Walters
Asst. Corresponding Secretary	Inez Payne
Treasurer	Janet Cobb
Fair	Charles Cason
Admin Support/Registrar	Verna Glenn
Risk Mgr/Safety Officer	Lloyd Kyte
Admin Support/Uniform Specialist	Lorraine Lezama
Admin Support/Program	Carlita Mells
Counsel Chaplain	Pastor Tony A. Taylor
Field Chaplain	Pastor Barry Bonner

For the last five years we have conducted a pathfinder self enrichment "boot" camp. This is not easy event for our youth. It is held during the months of January or February. As you can tell, the weather is very cold. Their day starts at 4:00 a.m. and continues until 11:00 pm.

Type	2004	2008
Active Pathfinder Clubs	15	82
Pathfinder Drum Corps	16	25
Pathfinders Registered	1,256	1451
Investiture Service	37	1246
Pathfinders Invested	585	1270
Pathfinder Camporees	12	40
Master Guide Training Classes	22	23
Master Guides Invested	66	278
Master Guide Retreats/ Campouts	18	20
Pathfinder Workshops	19	12
Pathfinder Club Weekend Campouts	58	43

It is a very hard and hectic weekend. This weekend teaches them discipline, honor, respect, and the basic rudiment needed in performing their various tasks. For the last eight years we have spent a lot of

time in intensive training for the leaders in this organization. I saw the need to develop a master guide recertification weekend. Here in Southeastern we try to lead by example. This event takes place every March. This training consisted of workshops in leadership, discipline, first aid, hygiene, self confidence the proper wearing of the uniform, what to do at a campout, and how to survive once you are out there. For the last two years we have taken of training directly to the woods. Thanks to a wonderful advisory staff that saw light in this and helped me to make it a reality. I really could not have done it without them.

In 2003 our Adventurer and Eager Beaver program took on new leadership Sonia McCloud became the leader. She has positioned herself firmly into the saddle of her new responsibilities. Since the change of leadership, the program has continued to see success in the local churches as well as in Adventurer weekends. This event is still held every June. Throughout the year there has been adventurer fun days scheduled. Just like the pathfinder program, the adventurer is alive and kicking, but still trying to improve.

Outreach

Finally, this year the pathfinders have been challenged to reach Message Magazines Goals. This is our way of helping to spread the gospel and hasten the soon coming of Jesus Christ. Plans are already in the works for introducing and implementing other outreach programs that will utilize not only our pathfinders but all of our youth. We are soliciting all of your prayers in this matter.

Camporees

During the last four years, we were able to experience one wonderful camporee, the Southern Union Camporee. SEC had the second largest delegation at this event. The thing that we will remember most is that SEC Pathfinders were asked to lead the parade on Sabbath morning and to also post the colors. This was truly a distinctive honor for us. The theme was "Called to Serve." God blessed us with a total of 787 individuals in attendance.

In August of this year we will be having our conference wide Pathfinder Camporee. During this event we are making preparations to accommodate our adventurers. The theme for the weekend is "-----". This plans to be a wonderful experience.

Campmeeting

During the ten days at camp meeting, the youth pavilion is alive and kicking with activities geared for the young campers in attendance and the neighboring young people. Our camp meeting program is run with a dedicated staff under the leadership of Gloria Blake. I take my hat off to them for without them it would be impossible to be as successful as it has been. In 2007, the Youth camp meeting program underwent a serious change and we saw a new and improved program. We now had in place energetic and spirit filled morning and evening worships that the youth had to attend in order to receive a wrist band. This wrist band allowed them to take part in the recreational activities. The daytime was filled with informative and fun workshops and the nighttime activities consisted of different themes every night. Themes such as, Poet's Café, Open Mic Night, Drama/Skit Night and Comedy Lounge. Overall attendance increased and the Youth Pavilion was indeed the hot spot of camp meeting. With God's grace we are looking forward to years of more successful youth camp meeting programs.

Camps

We have seen remarkable growth in our summer camp attendance. This did not happen by chance. It, like everything else, is a definite result of prayer. God has blessed us to see even more Adventist Youth this time than non-Adventist. The youth have enjoyed activities such as Bible class, swimming, canoeing, go-cart riding, horseback riding, and field trips to various amusement parks. By the time camp is over, campers, as well as counselors, are crying to stay another week. All this joy was felt at camp even after losing our cafeteria. One would think that the kids would be have felt disheartened not having a nice eating facility, but they were not. In everything that transpires at summer camp we want the campers to see and feel the love of Jesus and His saving grace.

I must say a word about the Senior Youth Retreat. Under the awesome leadership of Joyce Buisson and her staff, we have had some wonderful and memorable programs. This past year due to the loss of our cafeteria we had to take our program to Pine Lakes in the Florida Conference of SDA. Our numbers are still not where we would like them, but thank God for the growth He has given us.

In 2002 we saw the birth of another joint initiative, Computer Camp. This was a dream of the computer guru himself, Robert Henley. He shared this dream with Elder Hubert Morel and me. After hearing it, we decided to make it an extension of Junior Camp. That summer a pilot program was conducted in the Orlando Area.

The following year, 2003, the second camp was held in Miami at the Bethany SDA Church. Both of them have proven to have been a great success. We now run both North and South camps for two weeks every summer. One young girl who attended the Bethany computer camp was not an Adventist. On the Sabbath of graduation she had a dentist appointment. Her mother told her that she will not be going to the dentist, but that she will be attending church on Sabbath. With stories like this, all you can continue to say is "to God be the glory!"

Sports

Our sports department changed hands in 2003. Gloria Blake gave it up after becoming the M. C. Strachan Federation President. The leadership of the department was taken over by Eric Krigger. I am proud to say that the program has been running well with no complaints. Plans are now being made to expand the program. We are looking to expand in the area of possible soccer and softball. Pray for us as we move the sports program forward. Thank you Bro. Krigger and your staff for all your hard work.

Bible Bowl

This is one of the areas in which I have seen tremendous growth. When I took over as the Youth Director of this conference, I realized that I needed good help in carrying out the responsibilities of this department. I sought the aid of Diane Tramel. Through her, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, I have seen it grow from three churches involved in 2000 to 10 churches in 2004. Recently Tramel has resigned from this position and we were left without a coordinator. With much prayer God has recently lead us to require the helpful leadership of Cynthia Tolbert.

Since 2004 we have taken an aggressive move on Bible Bowl. We have taken the program to many of our churches in order to get them interested and also to make the program grow. Praise God it has paid off. We have grown from 10 teams in 2004 to 30 teams in 2008. I want to personally thank Sherrie Barton for her hard work in this matter. Once again I repeat "To God be the glory."

AYS/Federations

Our federations work as the conference's liaison between us and our local AYS/Pathfinder departments. AYS has been an area that has remained steady and by God's grace we will see a tremendous growth in the years to come. In 2008, in an effort to reach out to all those who work with our young people, the youth department had a youth ministries training weekend. Several informative workshops and materials were made available to our local staff. SEC is blessed to have five hardworking youth federations. I take my hat off to Vivian Bryant, who has taken South Florida Federation to another level. What a fantastic job she doing in ministering to the needs of the youth in South Florida. Thank you, Vivian, and also thanks to your entire staff.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FEDERATION LEADERS	
M C Strachan President	Vivian Bryant
South Florida President	Corey Williams
Hispanic Youth Federation	Esmeralda Harris
Haitian Youth Federation	Emmanuel Cesar
Pathfinder Federation	Ivan Sankey

In addition, there is the M C Strachan Federation in the north. They recently experienced a change in leadership. Until May of 2007, Gloria Blake and her staff held down the fort. What a wonderful job they did! They had some mountains to climb, but God gave them the strength to climb over. Thank you, Gloria and your entire staff, for a job well done. Presently, the mantle of leadership has been passed on to Cory Williams. Let's keep him, also, in our prayers as he leads the youth in the north.

Our Hispanic Youth Federation, under the leadership of Esmeralda Harris has been vital in getting the youth in the Hispanic community to be involved in several on going outreach and local ministries. They have been involved in local youth evangelism and out of the country mission projects.

The Haitian Youth Federation, under the leadership of Emmanuel Cesar, has been working with the youth of the Haitian community for several years. They have several ongoing programs, such as oratorical contests, leadership training to provide resources for both youth and youth leaders. Their big event for the year is their Haitian Youth Federation Rally Weekend, which year after year continues to grow in attendance.

Last, but not least, there is the December Convocation. From the first convocation in 2000 I saw the hand of God move. Now in 2008, we have continued to see growth to numbers always averaging no less

than 3-4000 in attendance. In the past years we have been blessed with dynamic speakers such as Elder Calvin Watkins and Elder James Doggette. Our musical appetite has been satisfied with those of extraordinary talent such as the Dynamic Praise from Oakwood, Palm Bay SDA Choir, international artist Ricky Jones and Demetria Jones. What a wonderful time we have had each December/January in the Lord.

NSO

This is an area that does not receive too much attention. Whether it is realized or not, there are many Southeastern Conference youth who are in the military or who are planning to join. Periodically throughout the year, we send correspondence to our churches for them to send us names and addresses of our personnel that are abroad. From this information a list is compiled and servicemen kits are mailed to them. The kit is made up of a Bible, Steps to Christ, and a schedule on how to read your Bible in a year. All of this in a nice black vinyl case. We also carry material on various topics pertaining to the relationship between the church and the military. Let us remember to pray for all the men and women who are serving in the armed forces.

Looking Ahead

As I conclude this report, let me thank first of all my friends and Savior, Jesus Christ. Without Him, my ministry would not be possible. Then I would like to thank my family; my wife, Pamela, and my boys, Sherwin (CJ) and Stephen. Thank you, guys, for continual your prayers, patience, and support that enabled me to make it this far.

There are others I would to thank, Sherrie Barton, departmental secretary, for your support to the youth of Southeastern Conference. You came onboard full of energy and zeal. Your energy and zeal has not been abated at all. The youth ministries department has truly been blessed by your presence. Then last, but not by a long shot the volunteers who make up my advisory counsels. Words cannot express how appreciative I am of you. Each one of you knows who you are. God bless each of you!

In closing I am reminded of the words of God through the prophet Isaiah, "I will save your children. The everyone will know I, the Lord, an the One saves you; I am the Powerful One of Jacob who saves you." What a set of powerful words. These are words of hope and encouragement. No matter how hopeless today's youth might look at times. No matter what situations they might find themselves in we still have hope. God has promised us that He will save them. Because of this you and I must continue to pray, train, and work with our youth. My joy comes from the fact that, yes, they will finish the work of this gospel. So I continue to find it an honor and a pleasure to play a fundamental part their lives.

My God bless us as we work together to compose to be all that heaven wants them to be. Again I say thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherwin R. Callwood



Nicolle Brisé
Ministries Director

Women’s Ministries / Prayer Ministry

Distinguished delegates of the Ninth Session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, I humbly greet you in the name of our Precious Lord! We praise the Lord for His abundant blessings toward His maidservants during these past four years! The Lord has used the women of this conference in such varied and powerful ways that the pages of this booklet would not be enough to report his graces toward us. Please accept this report as a summary of the

multiple activities in which women were simply instruments in God’s hand to fulfill His mission on this earth.

We are thankful to the Lord, to our pastors and to our church leaders for the growth we have seen since 2004. We are pleased to report to you that currently 135 out of 140 churches have officially elected Women’s Ministries leaders to plan and coordinate the activities of this ministry.

During the past quadrennial, our statistics reveal that the following activities took place in the territory of this Conference:

- 1,620 Women’s Emphasis Days
- 3,429 other meetings such as prayer breakfasts, social activities, and tea parties
- 324 Women’s International Day of Prayer
- 105 Local Women’s Ministries ministering to the sick, the elderly, and the needy.
- 90 Training Seminars
- 25 Abuse prevention Emphasis Days

A yearly average of 26,036 Adventists women and 9,195 non-Adventists were in attendance in these activities.

During this quadrennial, we continued organizing with the yearly Leadership Training in English and Spanish for the Women’s Ministries Directors of our churches. The coordinators and some volunteers taught classes that covered the curriculum of the General Conference Women’s Leadership Certification Levels I-IV. To receive the certificate for each level, the participant must take six core subjects of 2-hours each and three of the eight electives of one hour thirty minutes each. Every year most of the churches send their leaders.

- 2005 – 155 women were certified in Level II and 100 Spanish women were certified in Level I
- 2006 – 260 were certified in “Go and Light Up your Corner!” which is a 14 hours, motivational and how to seminar on Evangelism
- 2007 – 180 were certified in Level III and 100 Spanish were certified in Level II
- 2008 – 140 were certified in Level IV

Camp Meeting

Every year, during the summer, we enjoy sharing blessed moments with our sisters. An average of 200 women participate in Women’s Ministries’ daily workshops. Our camp meeting speakers for the evening service, for the last four years, were as follows:

- 2004: Mary Maxwell, North American Division (NAD) Women’s Ministries Director
- 2005: Dr. Polyanna Barnes, Northeastern Conference Superintendent of Education
- 2006 & 2007: Nicolle Brisé, yours truly

The women have used their talents to present exquisite programs which are well attended. Following the spiritual meeting, we also have a social affair for all the women attending camp meeting. This event has always been a time of rejoicing for all of us!

Retreats For Christian Women

Women’s Ministries most exciting event is the conference-wide retreat. Women and girls from five to 100 years of age come from every district in our Conference to experience spiritual, emotional, and physical renewal in a relaxed atmosphere.



In July 2004, we hosted the ninth annual retreat at the refreshing and prestigious Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort of Tampa Bay. Twelve hundred women attended including 70 girls and 65 adolescents. The theme was **“Women Catch the Spirit.”** The seasons of prayer, dynamic sermons, workshops, social activities, nature walks, helped each attendee to remember that as Christian women, our lives should be a living testimony of our beliefs in our home and community. W. L. Taylor, president of the conference, was our special guest for the Friday evening distinguished Communion service.

In October 2005, instead of a retreat, we hosted a Women’s Conference at the University of Miami. The theme was: **“God’s Gloves.”** 5,000 women attended. On Friday evening, the women filled the Pilgrim Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church. The attendees were invited to develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus until they become *“a glove fitted on the compassionate hand of God.”* Testimonies of conversion and a walk with God, resulting in saving homes and overcoming insurmountable difficulties, affirmed the faith of those who were present and renewed their desire to remain faithful to God.

In October 2006, the women convened at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa of Fort-Lauderdale for our 10th annual Women's Retreat. 90 girls, 5-11 years old, 130 young ladies, 1,200 women came to be "**Released and Restored by the Power of God.**" The attendees recognized that, for the joy in Christ to be restored, many habits and desires in their lives needed to be severed. They decided to give God the priority in their lives and to spend more time praising Him. The year 2006 marked the beginning of the Southeastern Conference Women's Award program. During the Saturday evening banquet, and three awards are given: the Phoebe Award, the Hadassa Award, and the Pricilla Award..

In July 2007, the eleventh Southeastern Conference Women's Retreat was hosted at the Double Tree Hotel of Orlando; 1,200 women were in attendance including 55 girls and 70 young ladies. The theme was: "**Women Celebrating God's Blessings.**" On Friday evening, we celebrated a memorable Communion ceremony. Hubert Morel, executive secretary of the conference, was our special guest for the occasion.

The Holy Spirit was the Counselor, the Instructor, and the Unifier who filled us up with the joy of a more profound relationship with Jesus. He enabled us to live the life of a servant leader.

Soul Winning

God has a work for men as well as for women. He invites our sisters to go in the field and gather up the sheaves. The ultimate goal of our ministry is to affirm our sisters, to reclaim those we lost, and to win new souls for the Kingdom. Through Bible study groups, weeks of prayer, prayer breakfasts, ministry in nursing homes and women shelters, prayer chains, many souls have been reached and lives have been changed.

- 35 Week of prayers
- 12 Revival weeks
- 5 Forty days of prayer

Public Evangelism

Southeastern Conference Women's Ministries is very active in public evangelism. Every director of the local churches is encouraged to motivate the women to make soul winning their lifestyle. We invite them to develop creative methods to teach, preach, and evangelize. Numerous recommitments and countless outreach contacts have been made, the results of which we will know when we reach the New Jerusalem. In Miami, the Women's Ministries of the Haitian churches pool together to organize a crusade at Jerusalem Church and 43 souls were baptized. In Tampa, the District III Women's Ministries organized a one-week revival called: "Victory in the Midst of the Storm" with an average attendance of 175 people nightly: 15 people took their stand for Christ.

- In 2004** Twenty-five 2-weeks evangelistic meetings resulting in 225 baptisms
- In 2005** Twenty 2-weeks Evangelistic meetings resulting in 360 baptisms and 5 reclaimed members
- In 2006** Twenty-four 2-weeks of evangelistic meetings or weeks of revivals – 315 Baptisms and 27 reclaimed members
- In 2007** Nineteen Evangelistic meetings resulting in 456 baptisms and 25 reclaimed members

To God be the Glory!

Southeastern Conference Women's Ministries continues helping the women to be aware of their responsibilities for soul winning and training women to do public evangelism in various conferences of NAD and abroad. "Go, Light Your Corner" Evangelism Seminar developed with the help of the Holy Spirit by Nicolle Brisé, was presented in six conferences of NAD. Belinda Smith, Women's Ministries Coordinator of District one, traveled to Curaçao and the Netherlands Conference, to train and motivate women to do evangelism. Because of these training, more women caught the vision and started using their gifts to evangelize in their respective churches and abroad. As a result, the Women's Ministries of Georgia Cumberland Conference developed a creative soul-winning ministry called: "God in Shoes" to reach the natives in their territory called: "God in Shoes". **To God be the glory!**

Southeastern Conference Women's Ministries Reaching out around the world.

Many of our sisters in various churches of our conference have been beacon of light in Costa Rica, Belize, and other islands of the Caribbean preaching the Gospel, with much prayer and fasting, to reach souls for Christ.

In March 2005, SEC Women's Ministries was invited by Priscille Metonou, West African Division Women's Ministries Director, to conduct evangelistic meetings in this part of the world. Twenty-three women of all walks of life: teachers, nurses, physician, business woman, Bible workers, etc. accompanied by Elder Carl and Cynthia Ware responded to the invitation. We preached twelve (12) crusades



in four countries: Ivory Coast, Cameroun, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. This is an overview of what was done by the women:

- They fed 350 children.
- They gave away 25 suitcases of clothing.
- They gave medical care to 1,500 patients.
- They gave away \$10,000 of medicine (some of them donated by a chain of pharmacies from the USA)
- They planted eight churches.
- They gave a scholarship to a young man (who was rejected by his parents because he gave his heart to the Lord) to study theology at the Adventist University of Ghana. He will be graduating in 2009.
- They awarded a scholarship to a girl who was baptized in the meetings to study in the Adventist School of Abidjan/Ivory Coast

- They bought three 3 parcels of land to build three churches
- 800 souls were baptized

A total of \$60,000 was donated by the participants, church members, friends, family members, churches, pastors, and Southeastern Conference administration that made this trip possible. We thank each one of you for your generosity! To God be the glory!

Our sisters have given \$1,780. to provide the opportunity to our sisters of West Africa to develop a small business to meet the needs of their families and educate their children. It is a humble beginning, but the Lord blesses the widow's mite.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is the breath of the soul. Prayer Ministry helps to move the church members from a defensive posture to an offensive one. Therefore, prayer plays an important role in all the ministries of the church. We praise the Lord for inspiring the Southeastern Conference administration to establish an active prayer ministry in our midst.

In 2006, our first prayer convention was held at the Conference office. The theme was "A School of Prayer". 260 prayer warriors, including 30 non-Adventists, who attended that meeting had an exceptional spiritual experience with the Lord under the guidance of Pastor Samuel Telemaque, director Sabbath School and Personal Ministries for the Caribbean Union Conference.

The second one was held in Miami. Nine hundred people attended. The theme was "Interceding for the Harvest." Samuel Telemaque helped us to understand that, "If we need to see a large movement of people coming to Christ in baptism, there should be a movement of intercessory prayer at local churches and evangelistic meetings." One man, who had left the church for 43 years, accompanied his sister at the prayer conference and he gave his heart to the Lord.

SEC Prayer Ministry has a Web page open to all to present their anonymous prayer requests. Intercessors around the conference receive the requests and pray accordingly.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Administrative

The mission of the Women's Ministries is to nurture, encourage, and prepare women for greater responsibilities. To reach these objectives, we use a great variety of activities. The Women's Ministries Director of the Conference is often called in the churches to be an instrument in the fulfillment of this mission. Consequently during the past four years, I had the privilege to present 213 workshops and/or seminars, conducted nine weeks of prayer, eleven 2-weeks of evangelism, two 1-week of reaping, one week of Women's Ministries and one week of family-life in a Baptist church, seven weekends of "Go, Light Up Your Corner" out of the conference territory, five 2-weeks evangelism meetings in: Africa, Canada, Curacao and Aruba; guest speaker in 137 Sabbath day events and 3 women's retreats in a sister Conference. The Lord granted me His mercy as I traveled almost every weekend to fulfill my responsibilities and to be used by God to minister to His people.

The Women's Ministries Advisory Board, the backbone of this ministry, meets once a month. Its 25 knowledgeable, dedicated, Christian women members come from all the districts of this Conference. These meetings are held generally at the conference office.

Plans For Tomorrow

I am excited thinking about the great things that God will do for his people through these ministries. We would like Southeastern Conference to become a praying conference, where prayer becomes the center of every activity. We are dreaming of a program that offers adequate services to the hurting and to the girls who need mentoring. We would like to have a shelter for women and a house of rehabilitation for the adolescents. We are dreaming to see more ladies attending our retreats. However, the greatest dream of all is to see every woman in the churches of SEC be actively involved in soul-winning in our community, abroad, and catching the Women's Ministries vision, as they join hands with their pastor and all the ministries of the church **to hasten the soon coming of the Lord!**

Acknowledgment

Finally, I praise the name of the Lord! I give Him thanks for using a broken vase such as me to do His work. The Holy Spirit is the author of everything that was accomplished, and I do not deserve any glory for it. I glorify God's name for making me an instrument in His hands.

I am extremely grateful to my husband, Roland Brisé, my children, Ronald and Jo An, Carmina and Emmanuel, my Mom, Carmina Henry, who gave their full support in the fulfillment of this ministry. Countless times they voluntarily accepted to be given sacrificially for the success of this ministry. I would not be able to make it without them.

I am very thankful to: President W.L. Taylor, Executive Secretary Hubert Morel Jr., Treasurer Gwendolyn Parker, to all departmental directors, to Sherley Bony, my assistant, Quernande Wells, Ruby Davis, Kristen Davis-John, Rose Gosin, Edna Taylor, who spent weeks at the office helping us in the preparation for the special events, to the office staff, to all the Pastors, and First Ladies, and to each one of you, for your support, your prayers, your words of encouragement, your guidance, and attendance at the Women's Ministries activities.

To the members of the Women's Ministries Advisory Board and Sherley Bony: Your time, your talents, your efforts, your dedication and your perseverance were the instruments for the success of this ministry during the past years. I have learned to love you and I am thankful to you for your sacrifices, your support, your prayers, and your advice. Only Heaven will be able to give you your reward.

Thanks each one of you for whatever you have done that may have seemed insignificant to you; know that what you did gave me the stamina to continue working in fulfilling my task in spite of occasional stressful circumstances. It takes all of us to accomplish this mission for our Lord.

May the Lord continue blessing you while you work in His vineyard. May we all be ready for His soon coming!

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolle Brisé



Jean Allah Monestime
Ministry Director

Haitian Ministries

Greetings, distinguished delegates and members of Southeastern Conference!

It is my privilege to share with you a summary of the way God has blessed the work in the Haitian Community. In retrospect of the past four years we have witness unprecedented events, socially, economically, politically and religiously. The airwaves, media and film industries are overwhelmed with images of defeat, despair and hopelessness. The evidence that Jesus is coming soon is unlimited. There is no doubt; we are living in the last days. Therefore, as a result of recognizing the seriousness of the time, we are compelled and have a solemn duty to “tell it to the world.”

As with every organization, goal setting is a must. We began the Quadrennial with some general goals, such as:

1. To organize the community for spiritual renewal and growth.
2. To train and equip local leaders and members in soul winning.
3. To strengthen small churches by increasing their membership.
4. To encourage faithfulness through systematic personal giving.
5. To identify and develop new programs which will enhance the Haitian Community’s ability to achieve its mission.
6. To initiate a vibrant Youth Ministry to empower the young people.
7. To open an Adventist Community Services Center.
8. To develop a yearly calendar that reflects events throughout the community.



Marcelle Sylvestre
Departmental Secretary

Statistics from the Haitian Community

In spite of the difficulties and setbacks, God blessed us nonetheless. The following figures and statistics reflect these blessings:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Membership	9,237	9,964	10,742	11,587	11,587
Baptisms	550	567	362	411	1890
Pro/Faith	164	238	113	63	578
Letter/In	106	228	50	27	411
Letter/Out	62	83	60	33	238
Deaths	20	30	15	15	80
Missing	11	142	37	21	211
Churches	35	35	35	35	35
Pastors	22	22	23	23	23
Tithes	\$2,940,462	\$3,392,170	\$3,050,810	\$2,993,051	\$12,375,493
CWD	\$9,017.61	\$18,189.76	\$13,883.57	\$12,193.44	\$53,284.38
Misc. Off.	\$51,155	\$61,478	\$55,368	\$44,909	\$212,910

Schools: Bethel Junior Academy & Broward Junior Academy

Schools	2	2	2	2	
Students: BJA	59	59	66	108	
BJA	124	129	93	100	
Teachers: BJA	2	3	4	4	
BJA	6	6	4	4	
Les	15	18	24	27	
LEs Sales	\$65,134.69	\$71,060.14	\$79,158.71	\$32,079.68	\$247,433.22

Accomplishments

We have conducted **camp meeting in 2004 and 2006**, we've had 1,200 plus in attendance. Since we've initiated the **Annual Haitian Youth Convention** sponsored by the conference youth department five years ago, it improves much. To God be the glory!

During this quadrennial, sacrifices were made and great faith exercised in the Haitian community, as a result, several churches have moved into new facilities via purchases and/or new construction. The following list reflects these accomplishments:

1. Church Building Purchased:

- Eben-Ezer (Pompano Beach)
- Beracah (Bradenton)
- Beer-Sheba (Deerfield Beach)
- Shiloh (West Palm Beach)
- Sinai (**Sinai II**, Fort Lauderdale)
- Beracah I (Orlando)
- Mitspa (Fort Pierce)
- Bethanie (Tampa)

2. Church Construction Completed:

- Mahanaim (Naples)
- Ephese (Delray Beach)

3. Church Building Under Renovation:

- Hebron (Miami)

Appreciation

We are pleased to say, in spite of the challenges, we have realized some growth. As a result, we can certainly express that the best days are still ahead. We want to express our appreciation to the faithful members, dedicated community leaders, committed pastors for their contributions to the steady growth and development of the Haitian community; without the efforts and sacrifices of whom this report would not be possible. Together, let us continue to fortify the foundation which has been laid by those who came before us. Obstacles will come and problems will arise, but the power of our faith along with hard work will move mountains. It is important that we remain cognizant of our mission. Christ is on His way; let us remain enthusiastic and faithful. I want thank to Priscilla Boone, Keitha Hatcher and Marguerite Wells for providing me vital data in preparing this report. Finally, I want to thank my personal secretary Marcelle Sylvestre for her dedication and support.

It has been a pleasure serving you these past four years. I am grateful to God for that blessed opportunity. Again, thank you and may God bless you!

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Allah Monestime, M.Div



Dr. Lewis W. Edwards
Ministries Director

Family Ministries / Health & Medical Ministries / Religious Liberty

- Family Ministries
- Married Couples
- Single Ministries
- Men Ministries
- Health and Medical Ministries
- Religious Liberty

This quadrennial has been a challenge for our departments, especially this last year. I experienced the loss of an excellent secretary, namely, Priscilla Boone. Many have stated that I “have moved these ministries to the next level.” Men, couples and singles have expressed that my wife and I “have influenced changes in their lives for the better.” Priscilla Boone served as my secretary in addition to her secretarial responsibility with the Stewardship Department. Prior to camp meeting she received assignments from the Executive Secretary and since has been assigned to him. Priscilla has done an outstanding job. Currently, I am serving you without the benefit of a conference secretary or administrative assistant.

Family Ministries Marriage Conventions

Statistics suggest that there are three major reasons why couples get a divorce. Not necessarily in this order but they are: 1) Communication or the lack of good communication; 2) Finances or the lack of finances and 3) Sexuality or the lack or misuse of their sexuality. “An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure,” that is to say that whether you are married or single, male or female, young or old these are the areas that all need to develop in order to have a good relationship with God and with others. Therefore those three areas have been the motif or areas that I have suggested to the facilitators for the Marriage/ Singles and Men Conventions that we would concentrate on.

The 2005 Marriage Convention was held on February 11-13 in Jacksonville, Florida at the Jacksonville Marriott. The Theme was “Making Love Last A Lifetime.” Dennis & Dr. J.B. Quisenberry, Jr. and Dr’s Alanzo & June Smith were the presenters. The subjects covered were “Putting Love Back in Your Marriage”; “Exploring Your Personality: What’s Wrong With Me?”; “The Silent Gig: Barriers to Effective Communication”; “What Husbands Want Wives To Know”; “What Wives Want Husbands To Know”; and “Sexual Intimacy: Keeping the Spark of Love Alive.” A Romantic Banquet was held on Saturday night. Over one hundred (100+) couples were in attendance.

The 2006 Marriage Convention was held on February 10-12 in Ft. Myers, Florida at the Ramada Inn. The Theme was “Keeping Love Alive.” Drs. Alanzo & June Smith were the presenters. A Romantic Dinner Cruise was held Saturday night. One hundred and thirty-seven couples were in attendance.

The 2007 Marriage Convention was held on February 9-11 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The theme was “Forever Yours.” Elder Lucious & Dr. Betsy Hall; Drs. Calvin & Belvia W. Matthews and Elder Wesley Bruce were the presenters. About 120 couples were in attendance.

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

First, giving all the honor and glory to my God “that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water” for this opportunity to have served Him and you. Revelation 14:6. I also thank the LORD for allowing me to have worked with the dedicated conference administrators, departmental directors, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists, Bible workers, conference secretaries, church members and friends. I particularly thank the officers of the SEC Family Ministries, Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM), Men Ministries and Health and Medical Ministries for their excellent support during these last four years. I also thank Elder Amos Bossous and Elder Jean Allah Monestime along with others for their help in the training of our Family Ministries Directors of the Local Churches as they continue to complete their requirements for their Basic Family Ministries Certification.

Mission

To improve the family relationship, health, and religious freedom of all we serve through the Holy Spirit’s leadership revealed in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy which sets the standards for victorious living and compassionate service.

Values

The values of our departments are trust, respect and dignity, and reflect our responsibility to achieve and maintain righteousness by faith and sanctification through Jesus Christ for ourselves and those we serve.

Vision

Working with our members, our departments will be the preferred Church Ministries organization; achieving a healthier family in every aspect of church and community life by providing leadership and education, and delivering coordinated comprehensive care to the total person that reflects our values and produces salvific outcomes.

The 2008 Marriage Convention was held on February 8-10 in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The theme was "Committed Forever." Chaplain Paul and Mrs. Debra Anderson and Elder Gordon & Mrs. Waverney Martinborough were the presenters. The couples went to the Arabian Nights – Orlando's #1 Dinner Attraction that Saturday night. More than 70 couples were in attendance. One non-SDA couple explained that they were on the verge of divorce, however, attending the previous Marriage Convention and this one have help them to avoid going the divorce route. A couple who had been married for 53 years explained how that this was "like a tune-up for their marriage." Bob and Judith Gabriel had been married for about six months and were baptized about a week ago and are members at Doug Batchelor's church in Sacramento, California explained that they found this event on the internet and felt that they needed to attend to help their marriage get on a firmer foundation. Many couples who had attended previous Marriage Conventions express that this event was the best of them all and this one had surely moved this ministry up to another level. I thank Robert Henley and his team and Yvonne McFarlane, president of Family Ministries and the team for their excellent work. The evaluation forms were encouraging each year, that is, from '05-'08.

Adventist Singles Adult Ministry Conventions

The 2004 Singles Convention was held on October 1-4 at the Embassy Suites in Tampa, Florida. The theme was "Single Adults Soaring ... to Obtain Health, Good Relationships, and Financial Freedom." The keynote speaker was Elder David Long. He shared with the group "God's Formula For Success." Other presenters were Stephen Thompson, Rhonda Harris and Dr. Lewis W. Edwards. Some of the subjects that were covered: "Money Smart – Getting Out of Debt"; "Preventative Health Care"; "Coping with Illness" and "Building Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)."

The 2005 Singles Convention was held jointly with the South Atlantic Conference on September 1-4 in Jekyll Island, Georgia. The theme was "Single, Satisfied and Serving." Some of the subjects covered were "Building Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)"; "Relationships"; "Financial Matters"; "Communications" and "Developing Interpersonal Skills." The single women's comment was that "this convention had more men in attendance than any of the previous ones that they had attended and that was a good thing." It was more than 200 singles in attendance.

The 2006 Singles Convention was held on September 21-24 at the Orlando Marriott in Lake Mary, Florida. The theme was "Singles Putting On the Whole Armor of God." Elder Wesley Bruce presented "Identity Crisis"; Nicolle Brisé subject was "P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens); Dr. Rupert Bushner Jr. presented "Settling for Nothing Less Than God's Best" and Dr. Lewis W. Edwards presented "Moving Beyond Our Struggles." One of the single females gave the vesper thought and shared her experience of how Satan tried to possess her because she had turned away from Christ and pursued lesbianism and other vices.

She explained how God had opened her eyes to see a good angle and an evil angel literally fighting over her soul. However, God was victorious and she realizes how that "we must have on the whole armor of God always." Approximately 75 singles were in attendance. The Evaluations Forms were very encouraging. The plan is to join with NAD ASAM in July 2007.

The 2007 North America Division Singles (ASAM) Convention was hosted by Florida and the Southeastern Conferences at the Buena Vista Palace & SPA in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on July 5-7. The theme was "Pursue Your Passion." The Speed networking session was one of the highlights where a large number of new single friends were met. Chaplain Barry Black was the keynote speaker. Six hundred plus singles were in attendance. I thank Vivian Bryant, president of SEC ASAM and the team for their excellent work.

Men's Conventions

The 2004 SEC Men's Convention was held on November 4-7 in Hawthorne, Florida at the Southeastern Conference Campground. The theme was "Man To Man" (Faith of Our Fathers). Approximately more than 150 men were in attendance. The men were reminded about our responsibilities to our family; the 3 P's: the men are the 1) priest of the family; 2) protector of the family and 3) provider for the family) among other things. Dr. Charles Ballard, CEO and Founder of The Institute For Responsible Fatherhood & Family Revitalization, was the keynote speaker. Dr. T.A. McNealy presented the topic "Stolen Legacy"; Dr. Milton Sterling presented the topic "Men & Sexuality"; Elder Theus Young's topic was "Kings Men"; Dr. Elvis Epps's topic was "Establishing Mentoring Programs In The Church" and Dennis Quisenberry II shared relevant information with the young men 12 -17 years of age. The men left stating that "the presence of God was strongly felt; the information and the fellowship were great blessings.

The 2005 SEC Men's Convention was held on November 3-6 in Hawthorne, Florida at the SEC Campground. The theme was "Man 2 Man." Approximately one hundred plus (100+) men and youth were in attendance. Elder Hubert J. Morel Jr. was the keynote speaker. Dr. T.A. McNealy topic was "Stolen Legacy, Part II"; Caesar Robinson topic was "Menopause for Women"; Wesley Bruce topic was "Historical View of the Black Man"; Theus Young topic was "Anchor Man" and Milton Sterling topic was "Men and Sexuality, Part II." The men left with a greater commitment to Christ and their family.

The 2006 brought about the first Annual South Florida Men's Retreat that was held on May 27 in Delray Beach, Florida at the Frank Dooley Gymnasium. The theme was "Jesus Empowering Men to Lead." Dr. E.E. Cleveland was the keynote speaker. Approximately 400 men and young men were in attendance.

The 2006 SEC Men's Convention was held on November 2-5 in Hawthorne, Florida at the Southeastern Conference Campground. The theme was "Purity of Men – Living Pure in an Impure World."

Two hundred men and youth were in attendance. Elder Richard Barron was our keynote presenter. Dr. T.A. McNealy topic was the "Stolen Legacy, Part III"; Elder Theus Young topic was "Being Faithful in An Unfaithful World"; Elder Wesley Bruce topic was "The Historical Struggle of Men with Sexual Purity; Elder Barry Bonner topic was "Purity and Technology."

The 2007 brought about the first joint Hispanic Men and Hispanic Women Convention on May 31-June 3 in Orlando, Florida at the Radisson Hotel. The theme was "Restored By The Power of God." In reality it was a Hispanic Family Convention because it included the children as well. It ended with everyone stating that they really enjoyed it and will be looking forward to the one in 2008. I must congratulate Robert Henley, SEC communication director and his team for an outstanding job of video recording this event. Mrs. Nicolle Brisé, SEC women ministries director, Roger Alvarez, hispanic ministries director and Esmeralda Guzman-Harris did an outstanding job in coordinating to see that all the pieces were fitting together perfectly.

The 2007 Second Annual South Florida Men's Retreat was held on August 11 in Delray Beach, Florida at the Frank Dooley Gymnasium. The theme was "Men Building God's Kingdom." Elder Joseph McCoy, former President of South Central Conference was the keynote speaker. Over 350 men and young men were in attendance.

The 2007 SEC Men's Convention was held on November 2-4 in Orlando, Florida at the Mt. Sinai Jr. Academy Gymnasium. The theme was "Man and Purity." Dr. C.D. Brooks, Retired Breath of Life Ministries Speaker/ Director was the keynote speaker. Approximately 500 men and youth were in attendance. I thank Joseph Bethel, President of SEC Men Ministries and the team for their excellent work. The Evaluation Forms were very encouraging.

Health And Medical Ministries

We have supported the North American Division & Inter-American Division week long Health Summits during the years of 2005-2008 at the Orlando Hilton in Altamonte Springs, Florida initially and the last two years it was move to Sheraton Orlando North in Orlando, Florida. Some of the classes that have been offered were Depression Recovery; 15 Days to Lower Your Blood Pressure Naturally, Regeneration; Dealing with Family Dysfunctions; Forgive to Live; Reaching Out to Your Community; 8 Weeks to Wellness; Tools for Effective Evangelism; Hydrotherapy and Massage; Black Family Health; Foundations of Health Ministries, Vegetarian Food Instructors, Seven Steps to Financial Health, CHIP Leadership Training Workshop and with attendance between 250 - 600.

Health & Medical Emphasis

We organized our Health and Medical Professionals and Health Ministries Leaders and had an election for officers of the SEC Health and Medical Ministries.

2004 - 2008, we have had health screenings in conjunction with our Men's Conventions and our camp meetings. I do thank Joseph and Rhonda Bardawil-Alexander for that along with Mary Hartley-Taylor and her medical team and Wayne Rahmning, M.D. and his team that provided top medical care for the constituency during camp meeting. I also thank Ervin Davis, M.D., SEC president of the Health and Medical Ministries and Dr. Henry Pearson and Dr. Maude Scott who have taught our health message of prevention and cure at our camp meeting events.

Religious Liberty

We commend Dr. Nathaniel Higgs and Amireh Al-haddad of the Southern Union for their leadership and assistance in helping to resolve the issues of Sabbath accommodation problems, keeping us abreast to the State and Federal legislation issues and court cases.

Thank you for your annual Religious Liberty offerings that have helped the Liberty Magazine to be placed in the hands of our thought leaders, such as, presidents, senators, attorneys, governors, mayors, councilmen and chief of polices.

We have supplied our Pastors and Religious Liberty Leaders with Sabbath Accommodation kits and videos to keep the members informed.

Conclusion

Neither time nor space will allow me to tell about the 100 plus churches that my wife and I presented sermons, workshops and counseled couples, individuals and families; nor the continuing educational courses we have taken to sharpen our tools to serve you better.

The year of 1971 on September 19 found Albertha and me standing at the altar. I thank my "Baby doll" for her support and companionship for over 36 years. The year of 1974 on June 1 greeted us, as we started our journey in the Gospel Ministry. My wife, our sons, Marcus and "Chip"; their wives Melissa and Antwannette and our grandsons; Dominick, Christian and Lewis III and I thank all of you for your prayers and support!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lewis W. Edwards



Stewardship / Trust Services

Herman L. Davis Sr.
Director

Mr. Chairman, Officers, Colleagues, and illustrious delegates and members of the Southeastern Conference, I am honored to have served you this past term. I thank God for the opportunity He and you gave me to add to the growth of the Work here in Southeastern and to help hasten the return of our Lord.

This past four years of service has made several demands of me. I came to this term as Stewardship, ASI and Trust Services Director. Shortly thereafter I was asked to oversee Southern Union Revolving Fund accounts for the Southeastern Conference. In addition to these duties, I was also asked to serve as interim Pastor of the Apopka/Maranatha Church.

SURF

As coordinator for the Revolving Fund, I was charged with the responsibility of guiding the loan process for churches and schools who sought acquisition, renovation or construction loans from the Revolving Fund. During my tenure in this position we were able to streamline the process and make more current and accurate information available to the Conference Building Committee and the Executive Committee. In addition, we were charged with the responsibility of helping the churches and schools learn better how to use the loan and deposit process. Subsequently, this work has been returned to Treasury that now has oversight.

Pastoral Care

In May of 2006 I was asked to provide pastoral oversight to the Apopka/Maranatha Church. This assignment lasted one year until May 2007. During this time I gave diligent service to that congregation by being present for all of its services, including prayer meetings, youth meetings, board and business meetings and Divine worship services. We added to the church by baptism and brought the church current in its relationship to the Conference. Concurrently, all duties with the conference office as a director were maintained.

Trust Services

The General Conference offers “A” level certification as it top certification. During this session the Southeastern Trust Department successfully passed audits and retained its certification. Trust Services development takes place in the homes of our members and through Wills seminars conducted in the local churches. Nearly 200 contacts have been made and approximately 50 documents have been written. Scores more have been reviewed and updated as we worked to help our members prepare their estate plans.

Two hundred and forty hours of continuing education have been completed. These hours are required by General Conference policy. In addition to these hours for the director, D. Priscilla Boone is also certified and has also completed the required two hundred and forty hours of continuing education.

Along with my conference duties, I serve the World Church on the General Conference Trust Services Standing Committee, Trust Services Marketing Committee and the Trust Services Certifications Standards Committee.

Stewardship

Stewardship Instruction and training was conducted in seventy-five Churches, with emphasis on development of the personal spiritual relationship, management and elimination of personal debt and a consecrated effort to return to God all that is His. Current stewardship resource materials have been made available to our pastors and local church stewardship leaders. I am certified by the North American Division as a stewardship instructor.

ASI

Adventist Laymen’s Services and Industries is a mission’s minded organization focused at and operated by laymen who are business persons and other professionals. I served as director of this ministry through 2006, when it was assumed by Gwendolyn Parker who currently serves as its director.

Evangelism and Discipleship

It was my honor to conduct Soul Winning Instruction and Bible studies during this term of service. It is the aim of those serving in the Conference Office to share in soul winning. In addition to teaching others how to win souls, I require all persons who have been won to learn how to win others and then lead them to Christ before repeating the process again themselves. This is not only soul winning but discipling as well. The idea is to win one, teach one to win one, and then have each one repeat the process again and again.

I owe a very special debt of gratitude to D. Priscilla Boone who, until June of 2007, served as my assistant. She has since been called to the Secretariat. Her support and counsel have been priceless.

None of what I have done could have been achieved without the power of God. He gave the call and He provided the enabling I needed to serve.

To help me in my daily walk God has given me a great family. My Wife, Dolores and our children have sacrificed so I could serve. They have lifted me up and encouraged me when the journey was testing to me. I lift them up today. They are my heroes!

Respectfully submitted,

Herman L. Davis, Sr.



Theus Young
Publishing Director

Publishing

SEC Constituents, delegates, guests and friends. Thank you for the opportunity to finish out this term over the past one and a half years as your publishing director. I wish to acknowledge the ministry of my two associates, Jeanty Arisme (now retired) and Wilfred Pharaoh. Together we are grateful for the work in the office done by our secretary, Margarite Wells. Most of all I wish to thank our hard working Literature Evangelists who have labored in the

heat of the day trusting in God to open doors that would be receptive to the gospel and at the same time provide for the needs of the Literature Evangelists.

We certainly cannot forget our pastors who work with our associates in holding rallies in their churches for the promotion of this work and the recruiting of new workers. Thanks are also in order for the support of our administrators, Elder Willie Taylor, president, Elder Hubert Morel, secretary, and Gwendolyn Turner, treasurer. We also praise God for each church member who reaches out in love to support our Literature Evangelists and encourage them along the way.

God is Our Source of Strength

Surely it is God who gives all of us the mind and strength to do this work. He commands us to "Spread the Good Tidings." He also tells us to go into the "Highways and by ways." Our God promises "I will strengthen you, yea I will help you." And so by grace and mercy we come to this hour.

Laborers are Few

We picked up the work one and half years ago with the loss of Darrell Richardson, his wife and later the retirement of Arisme. We were asked to pastor a church and move this work forward. It is an impossible task by men's standards, "but God" is able. Today, by His grace, we are in the black with a nice reserve of cash and a good inventory.

Our real need is more dedicated workers. Presently, we are looking for associates and Literature Evangelists who will, in faith, face the enemy and in the name of Jesus claim victory. Be not deceived, this is hard work and requires daily commitment; however, we are not alone. The Savior's promise is, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

New Faces

Recently we were joined by Sister Gant who lost her mother and had to leave the field shortly after arriving. Thank God she is back and ready for battle! Her courage is high, and she is determined to hasten the Lord's return and see her mother again.

Fresh Approach

This year, we launched a program to win friends and loved ones. Each member in our conference was asked to contact one person that they knew and loved to share the gospel with. They were to give that person a copy of "Steps to Christ" and lead them to accept Christ as their personal Savior then follow-up with "Bible Answers." The response has been amazing! They said it would not work, but Jesus said, "Yes, it will!" They said the pastors would not cooperate and Jesus said, "Yes, they will!" Our pastors welcomed the program and picked up the spirit of the season declaring "we need CHANGE....a fresh approach."

Publishing Takes New Direction

Our mission is to spread the gospel like the leaves of autumn. Therefore, we need strong youths and adults to labor in the vineyard. A training program was started in our schools so that high school and elementary students could work in their neighborhood, help with their tuition and spread the gospel at the same time. The servant of the Lord said, "With such an army as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon might the gospel be finished in all the world!"

Amazing Benefits

These programs are producing souls and sales. More than that, new leaders full of youth and vision are stepping up in the name of Christ and saying, "Yes, we can do the work of Christ! Yes, we can be committed and share our faith! Yes, we can by God's grace... Yes we can!"

A Call for Change

Therefore, we call for the overhaul of publishing. A new deal if you please. We call for an expanded benefit program for professional Literature Evangelists with training in sales and bible work. A new army equipped for battle and respected as workers in the cause of God. Publishing is not finished, it is more than just revived...it is a new breed with new vision. The last work standing at the end time will be publishing. Thousands will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.

God Promises Victory

John saw, "A number that no man could number...like the sands of the sea, cried, "Worthy is the lamb that was slain!" Blessing and honor be unto him that sits upon the throne. Glory to God! We are marching to Zion! Blessed are the feet of those that bring good tidings! Soon we shall see that King in all of His glory. Hallelujah!

Respectfully submitted,

Theus Young



Margarite Wells
Departmental Secretary



Jeanty Arisme
Assoc. Publishing Dir.



Wilfred Pharaoh
Assoc. Publishing Dir.



Roger Alvarez
Coordinator

Hispanic Ministries

God is good and His mercy endures for ever. We praise Him for His amazing grace. Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come. His grace hath brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home. During these four years the words of the prophet Isaiah have been a reality in our ministry. "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear". Isaiah 59:1. Today, we bless the name of the Lord, and overflowing with

gratitude for His goodness we say: "Ebenezer, the Lord has helped us every step of the way."

Four years ago, we had 1,655 members and 12 congregations. Thanks to the combined efforts of Conference leaders, pastors, and laymen, today, we have 2,180 members worshipping God in 12 organized churches, 7 companies, and 8 groups, making a total of 27 congregations, without counting the Branch Sabbath Schools that have not been organized yet. This is an increment of 15 congregations in four years. To God be the glory! The following is a breakdown of our progress.

Organized Churches

Year	2004	2008
Organized Churches	12	14
Growth	2 New Churches	
New Churches	Genesis (Orlando) Emmanuel (West Palm Beach)	

Organized Companies

Year	2004	2008
Organized Churches	3	7
Growth	7 New Companies	
New Companies	Hazlehurst, Georgia Brazilian Company (Jacksonville) Brazilian Company (Orlando) "New Jerusalem" (Kissimmee) Port Charlotte "The 24 Elders" (South Florida) "The Open Bible" (South Fla.)	

Branch Sabbath Schools

Year	2004	2008
Branch Sabbath Schools	1	8
Growth	8 New Branch Sabbath Schools	
New Companies	Emmanuel (Valdosta) Tampa Sur Sarasota Bradenton Paradise (Doral) Renacer (Miami) Peregrinos del Sur (Homestead) Key West	

Tithes

YEAR	AMOUNT
2004	\$669.604
2005	\$762.821
2006	\$838.965
2007	\$883.202

Highlights:

1. The purchase of 4 new temples:
 - Winter Garden
 - Frostproof (debt free)
 - Genesis
 - Boca Raton
2. The purchase of 3 pieces of land:
 - Kissimmee
 - Lakeland
 - Cutler Ridge
3. Four organized churches and 10 companies
4. Satellite Office in Hialeah

Events:

1. Hispanic Youth Federation
2. First Pathfinders Camporee
3. Women's Ministry Retreat
4. First Men's Retreat
5. Family Life Retreat
6. Single's Retreat
7. Hispanic Leadership Summit in conjunction with the Inter-American Division
8. **Southern Union Great Evangelist Journey** for Central and North Florida with the International Evangelist Pastor Alejandro Bullón
9. **Paradise Awning Company Evangelistic Meetings.** Every morning at 6:00 o'clock the workers at Paradise Awning Company begin the day with a devotional and Bible study conducted by the coordinator or his designee. As a result, 20 workers have expressed interest in Bible studies.
10. **People of the World Inscribe the Bible.** This project gives people from around the world the opportunity to inscribe a verse from the Bible in their own language. The complete collection of the original inscriptions from all over the world will finally be deposited in the 'House of the Bible', which is to be constructed in the 'Valley of the Bible' in Israel. "All participants in the project will be awarded an official certificate. A computerized system will enable participants to discover other foreign language versions of the verse that they have inscribed together with the names of the writers, as well as inscribers of other verses. The Southeastern Conference Hispanic Ministries were contacted by the State of Israel to conduct this project in the United States in Spanish. The Exterior Ministry along with the Christian Community in Israel is building a Bible Village in Jerusalem, where the Bible will be displayed in 182 languages from all over the world written by hand. This international, interdenominational project is historic, because for the first time, the Jews are open to the New Testament. Next week, dignitaries from the State of Florida and the community, along with representatives from the Consulate of Israel, the Southern Union Coordinator, Southeastern Conference Officers, a representative from the Inter-American Division, pastors from other denominations and the worldwide director of the project from Jerusalem will meet at Pilgrims Spanish SDA Church to celebrate

the inauguration ceremony of this grandiose opportunity to evangelize. Upon writing a Bible text, the participants will receive a certificate in English/Hebrew or Spanish/Hebrew signed by the Southeastern Conference president, the US project director and the worldwide project director in Jerusalem.

It is with an overwhelming sense of gratitude that we Praise our God for His mercies. Our progress is Southeastern's progress. Our ambition is to join hands together and light up the corner where we are. We express our most profound gratitude to the leadership of Southeastern Conference. Thank you for embracing us with the love of Christ. Thank you for helping us to fulfill our desires and aspirations to prepare souls for Christ by giving us the tools to advance the gospel. We are thankful to every pastor and worker who has played a part in our growth. However, please allow us to recognize some individuals who have gone out of their way to make us feel a part of this family. We are grateful to those leaders who recognize the dynamics of a diverse conference and act on it, providing the means to make our people feel included and a part of Southeastern. You know who you are, and on behalf of our ladies, our youth, our families, we say, Thank You! We are thankful for publications that are available to us in our language, and for the many trips taken to South Florida to negotiate and provide guidance and counseling in the acquisition of some of our properties. We are thankful for the things that God was able to do through this administration. May His grace continue to guide us until that day when we will not have to meet again for another session. What a wonderful day that will be, when we all get to heaven, and all communities, all nationalities, will join together in a song of victory and thanksgiving. Until then, may the progress of His Work reaffirm your faith, may His love sustain you, and His grace lead you home. 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 of Ellen G. White*, p. 196 (1902).

May God bless you and God bless Southeastern Conference!

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Alvarez



M.W. Sterling, D. Min.
Ministerial Secretary

Ministerial Department

To the distinguished delegates of the 9th regular Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Session, fellow Christians in Christ Jesus grace and peace to you all. Thank you for the privilege to serve you for the last four years as ministerial secretary. During this period many amazing things have happened under the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit. There were many challenges, but God's mercies prevailed.

Let me give you a summary of some of the things that have taken place. For the last four years we were able to have a retirement banquet every year for our former workers and other retirees in the area. We will never forget the men and women who have blazed the trail before us. So each year they get together for some refreshing moments and fellowship, thanks to these great warriors! In addition to the retiree's banquet there is an elder's convention, for all first elders and head deacons, last year we included their spouses and all elders.

One of the many things I wanted to do when I took office is to see more of our pastors continuing their education, and with the help of the president and administration this was accomplished. There are four pastors in the Master of Religion program, three are at Andrews University, one at Oakwood University and two in the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University. And of course, there are many more that are waiting to get into these studies. If a pastor does not want to be in the degree program, he may audit any class of his choice for free. These programs are provided by the North American Division through Andrews, Oakwood and Southern Universities. We also provided for the pastors continuing education, seminars and workshops. We believe that a sharp axe will cut down a tree much faster than a dull axe; therefore the pastors should be given a chance to improve the skills which they do have.

In addition to the classroom, the Southeastern Conference pays for pastors to attend the Evangelism Council at Oakwood University; or the Southern Union Evangelism Council, these events are held once a year. In the last four years the pastors of the great Southeastern Conference put their shoulders to the plough in an effort to help finish the great and glorious task that the Master has given us to do. With the help of the administrators, we increased a budget for the pastors association. This fund is used for the pastors and their families for recreation and social.

Evangelism played a very important part of the total conference goals; pastors conducted many crusades, bible classes, seminars and other of meetings to fulfill their God given mission. These pastors stood up to the tests and challenges of the evil one, they

preached the word of God every week with power and authority, as a result of their effort; thousands have been baptized. They traveled thousands of miles on the dangerous highways and byways ministering to their members. Visiting the sick in their homes and in the hospitals. Building churches and schools sometimes without much money. They started up new churches, new missions, new companies and new groups. These men of God are to be congratulated for their visions, termination, dedication and hard work.

These warriors of God have also dedicated themselves to support the conferences' organizational structure of JOINT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE. Our conference president has carefully and articulately given all workers a guideline of how to work together for a finished work in this part of the Master's vineyard. Pastors and their congregations have taken on the challenges of the administration and the executive committee to make this conference a great one.

In the last four years some new pastors were added to the working force of the southeastern conference, while others were ordained to full time gospel ministry. During this same period we also lost a few pastors, one by death, a retiree, three retired and one out of pastoral ministry. Some have moved on to other responsibilities in different conferences and institutions.

I want to thank all the pastors, elders, deacons and conference workers for making my four years as ministerial secretary of the Southeastern Conference a joy; it was fun working with everyone. With the wisdom of the old and the strength of the young, we were able to accomplish a lot for the master. I hope that the next four years will be better than the last four years.

A very special thanks to my wife Beverly, many nights she is home alone while I'm on the road. Thanks for her dedication, patience and love. Also to Carol Smith, the secretary for ministerial, without her it would not have been possible to accomplish so much. Thank you Carol and Beverly!!

Blessings to my constituent family.

Remember to lift up the gospel trumpet,
and loud let it ring,
because Jesus is coming again!

Respectfully submitted,

M.W. Sterling, D.Min.



**Robert Henley,
M.A., MCSE, MCT**
Ministries Director

Communication / Technology and Interactive Ministries

Mr. Chairman, assembled delegates, guests and friends, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you in this capacity during this term. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our God in this unique way.

Ministry 2.0

At the close of his earthly ministry Jesus commanded the disciples to

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15. I wish to draw your attention to the word creature. In that context creature is used to refer to the different types of individuals or personas. As Ellen G. White puts it “persons of all sizes, and all descriptions of character, and circumstances in life.”

During his ministry, Jesus made accommodations for these different types of individuals by using a variety of methods and illustrations to communicate the gospel. One such method was his innovative use of parables. “Parable teaching was popular, and commanded the respect and attention, not only of the Jews, but of the people of other nations. No more effective method of instruction could He have employed...None who listened to the him felt neglected nor forgotten.” As a result, Jesus was able to create unique personal experiences that resonated with the people he was trying reach. To reach Peter he used fishing.

In addition to creating unique religious experiences based upon the learning styles, personality types, cultural and generational types of individuals, we must create these experiences to be consumed in the same ways that they interact with the world today (Books, magazines, Internet, streaming audio and video, podcasts, vlogs and mobile devices). Consider this statement:

The world is changing too rapidly for us to continue doing things just as we have done them in the past. If you think your city is immune to the radical changes and monumental shifts in our culture, think again. Past assumptions about spiritual needs and beliefs, religious attitudes and allegiances, no longer hold sway. All this means that the past ways of doing ministry no longer speak to the needs of the people. If we’re doing what we’ve always done, we might be missing the opportunity to minister to those who need it the most. *Entrepreneurial Faith*, p. 3.

Just as Jesus used parables to connect to the people in his era, I have made use of an array of online (digital) and offline (analog) techniques to connect with the people of this era.

In this report I will share with you some of the methods I have sought to use.

Interactive Ministries: Design, Content and Technology

In the book *The Voice in Speech and Song*, Ellen White penned the statement

“Let the workers for God manifest tact and talent, and originate devices (technology) by which to communicate light to those who are near and to those who are afar off.” *The Voice in Speech and Song*, p. 282.



Sherrie Barton
Departmental Secretary

Interactive Ministries is a joint initiative that I have developed that combines the ministries of communication and technology, both at the conference and local church levels. Interactive Ministries blends the disciplines of technology, mass communication, interaction and instructional design, cognitive psychology to create immersive religious experiences “that speak to the hearts and minds of the people.” I have worked in partnership with other conference ministries to develop such interactive experiences.

Prayer is an essential part of the Christian walk. While attending a recent prayer ministry conference, I recognized that I could use interactive technologies to create a virtual or online environment that would compliment the offline experience of the Prayer Ministries Conference. Thus, I worked with Nicolle Brisé to create the Prayer Ministry microsite. Individuals that visit the site can sign up to become a virtual prayer warrior. As prayer requests are submitted on the site they are immediately dispatched via email to prayer warriors throughout the conference. The site also features a prayer blog that makes it possible for individuals to publicly share with others what God has done for them.

While attending the 2008 Marriage Conference, I met a Baptist couple whose marriage was saved as a result of attending the 2007 marriage conference. I used a variety of digital media formats to share this couples story (Tidings, Sketches, Sketches Online, SketchCast and sketches). After the conference I met with Dr. Lewis Edwards and proposed the development of www.marriagetuneup.org. The site is designed to provide couples with the tools that they need to fulfill God’s original plan for marriage. Visitors to the site can also view the videos of workshops on-demand.

Many of our churches have implemented Interactive Ministries. The Mt. Sinai Interactive Ministries Team (communication and technology ministries) recently began streaming their church services live on the Internet. One of the programs that they streamed was the Mt. Sinai Prayer Conference. The result, an Ocala family that watched the live stream drove to Orlando to participate in the Sunday morning baptism. Praise God!

Open Source Ministry

Every summer in partnership with Pastor Callwood, I have sponsored computer camps throughout the conference. Computer camps provide a great opportunity for our youth to acquire computer skills. However, two of our churches, Miami Bethany and Palm Bay, used the computer camps to reach out to their respective communities, digital evangelism. The Palm Bay computer camp, which was designed by Zoe Martin, taught the attendees how to build computers. At the completion of the camp the young people took home the computers that they built. The Miami Bethany computer camp, organized by Pastor W.C. Byrd, Vivian Brown and Cookie Long, was designed to teach young people in their community how to develop websites. As a result of that computer camp, two of the young people became members of the church.

Satan's New Playground

While the Internet has presented us with the unprecedented opportunity to effectively spread the gospel. It has also presented Satan with greater access to our youth. On a weekly basis the news media reports a story about some young person that has been the victim of a sexual or violent crime that was facilitated by the Internet. Many of our young people have been victims. As director of technology ministries, God demands that I educate our parents and youth concerning the dangers that exist in the Internet. To that end, I have conducted a number of Internet safety and "MySpace" seminars. I cannot express the feeling I get when a parent or young person thanks me for conducting the seminar. As I am writing this report, I have just finalized plans to conduct a "MySpace" seminar in Jacksonville that will be marketed to the community.

Audio and Video

One of my responsibilities as communication and technology director is to provide audio and video support for the various ministries of the conference and the events that they conduct. A few years ago that process was outsourced. Under that model, the conference did not have control over or own its digital content. In this era, I felt that it was important that we take control of those digital assets. To facilitate that process, I have put together a state of the art mobile digital content production unit. The unit is composed of 3 High Definition cameras, a start of the art video production system and a portable studio equipped with a portable professional lighting system and back drops, green screen included. To assist me in my efforts to provide audio and video support at our conference events, I have assembled a team of communicator and technologist.

I am proud to say that for the first time in the history of the Southeastern Conference every conference event has been digitally archived and stored in what I call the Convergence Data Center (CDC). In addition to housing the conference servers, network and Internet appliances, the CDC also contains a video production and digital content duplication system.

Streaming Technologies

Via the SEC iTV, I have made available past conference events for on-demand viewing on any computer or mobile device. To date, thousands of individuals have viewed and shared the videos with their friends. Within in the past year I have taken it one step further and began that process of streaming conference events live on the conference's website. Audio from Camp Meeting 2007 was streamed via the SEC Internet radio station (www.secsda.org/radio). The South Florida Youth Federation was the very first conference event that was streamed live via SEC iTV (www.secsda.org/tv).

Communication Ministries

In the area of communication, I have sought to use the tenets of mass communications (visual communication, digital branding, public/media relations, member relations, marketing and journalism) to develop the brand that is Southeastern Conference.

I have also encouraged local church communication directors to do the same. As a result, quite a number of our communication directors have been able to garner news media coverage of church events.

<http://www.secsda.org>

The proliferation of digital technologies has spawned the next generation of the Internet, Web 2.0. I have rebuilt the conference website using these technologies which include blogs, podcasts, RSS feeds, cascading styles sheets and XHTML just to name a few. The incorporation of these technologies into the conference website has allowed me to enhance the user experience and has change the way you interact with the conference.

Sketches Rebooted

A few years ago Sketches, the conference newsletter, was the only way that members of the conference received conference news. With the emergence of convergent journalism, digital technologies and the inherent limitations of producing a print publication, expense and the time, Sketches had become obsolete. To address this issue and to improve the dissemination of information from the conference to you, a better process had to be developed. To that end, I developed Sketches Interactive.

Sketches Interactive is a suite of offline and online conference news delivery services that I have developed to improve the flow of information between the conference and its constituents. It is composed of the following offline services: an improved version of Sketches, the Sketches DVD and the Sketches eZine. Online services include: Sketches Online, eSketches (email newsletter), SketchCast (Sketches video magazine), the Blog Center, the Pod Center and iConference (content management system).

Technology Ministries Takes Flight

During the fall of 2006, September 19 – 21, Southeastern hosted the annual fall meeting of the North American Division Technology Standards Committee (TSC). TSC is composed of the technology directors from every union, local conference, and Adventist institution in the North American Division. This group meets twice a year, and is responsible for setting technology policies and trends that are implemented throughout the North American Division.

During this meeting the group voted to officially adopt Southeastern's model for technology ministries and implement it throughout the Division. Nancy Lamoreaux, NAD director of technology, stated, "Southeastern has changed the outlook of technology, Division-wide. We, technology professionals, have a vital role to play in the spreading of the Gospel." The meeting marked the first time that TSC has been held at a Regional Conference.

Interns

During this term I had the opportunity to extend Internship opportunities to two young people. Ean Nugent served as an information technology intern for two summers. Last year, I received a phone call from Ean. He thanked me for providing him with the opportunity to acquire hands-on experience. He shared with me how the computer networking training he received at Southeastern prepared him for a networking course that was a part of his master degree program in Computer Science. Last summer, Chantel Plant served as a mass communication intern. She was able to use receive academic credit for the time that she spent at Southeastern.

Educational Technology

I have continued to support our educational system. Every year I have sponsored teachers to attend the Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC). This year I made it possible for one teacher from every school to attend the conference. FETC is the largest educational technology conference in North America. FETC provides educators with a much-needed forum to acquire new technology skills and learn how to integrate technology into the classroom. I have also awarded \$8,000 in scholarships, 2 a year, in the area technology and mass communications to graduates of Miami Union Academy every year.

Making Digital Disciples

In an effort to foster the use of technology throughout the Southeastern Conference, I have developed and conducted a number of seminars and workshops to equip our members with the skills that are needed to create interactive religious experiences. These events include: Interactive Ministries Conference (TechMin), iParable: Digital Content Creation Summit, iParable: Film Festival, ComTech and the Interactive Church.

Beyond Southeastern

During this term, I have had the opportunity to represent Southeastern by conducting communication and technology workshops and seminars throughout the North American Division: the 2005 General Conference Session, NAD Technical Standards Committee Meeting, NAD Ministries Convention, SonScreen Film Festival, Georgia-Cumberland Conference Communication Summit, the Florida Conference Ministries Conference, South Central Conference, the Society of Adventist Communicators, the Southern Union Ministerial Convention, the Oakwood College Evangelism Council and the Southern Union Educational Technology Conference. I even had the opportunity to conduct a virtual (Internet based) seminar to a group of communication directors for the Southeastern California Conference while sitting in my office at home on a Sunday morning.

I have also served as a member of the following committees: NAD Technology Standards Committee, NAD Web Marketing Committee, Southern Union Educational Technology Association, NAD Technology and Distance Education Committee.

Joint Leadership Outside of Southeastern

I have recently formed a partnership with the Florida Conference Information Technology department. With the head quarters of two conferences being in the same area, we realized that we were duplicating our efforts. This partnership allows us to share our resources and knowledge base to build stronger IT departments.

Awards

I am proud to share with you, that I am the recipient of the first ever North American Division Technology Ministries Award for my efforts in developing technology ministries. On October 13, 2007, Sketches Interactive was selected as a finalist in the Society of Adventist Communicators Award of Excellence category. The comments from the judging committee included: This multi-faceted communication approach shows commitment to progressive communication with attention to audience flexibility.

Thank You

In closing, I thank my wife Tonya and my three children, Robert, Tai and Brenden for their support and understanding during this term. Working for the conference requires me to spend many nights and weekends away from them. I thank Sherrie Barton, Janice Greene and Zaneta Castillo for assisting me to perform the duties of my departments. Sherrie, I could not have done it without you. I also would like to thank the following individuals for your support and encouragement: Nancy Lamourex, Steve Norman, Barry and Tracy Bonner, Eugene Brewer, Ed.d., Franes Bliss, PH.d., Francine Long, Roger Parker, Dave Bogus, Zoe Martin, Mirel Cherinfont, Tyronne Cobb, Maxwell Berkyl, Mark August, Robert McNair, Cookie the Noel family (David, Dave, Cookie), Oscar and Selene Thompson, Desmond and Brenda Hunt, Sherwin Callwood Jr., Eric Walker, William McMiller, Jamica Fullson and Gloria Blake.

Changing the World

I leave you with this story. After attending the SEC Interactive Ministry Conference, Joseph Siofele was excited to begin creating digital religious experiences by which he could spread the gospel. While attending the conference he gained an understanding about learning styles and their relation to ministry. He was made aware of the penetration of technology in our society and how it has changed the way we learn, live, work and play. He also saw first hand technology's potential to change the ministry. During several post-conference workshops, I showed Joseph how to shoot and edit video and distribute that content on DVDs and streaming media.

Shortly after returning home, he was approached by his father, the lead pastor of the Samoan Work. His father shared with Joseph his frustration with the ineffectiveness of traditional evangelism methods. "The young people watch too much TV, I can't compete with that." Equipped with the knowledge that he acquired from Southeastern, Joseph proposed the development of what he called "DVD evangelism". The pair converted Elder Siofele's evangelistic program into a DVD series and trained a team of young people how to use this unique form of evangelism. In addition to conducting campaigns in churches the team of young people conducted campaigns in the homes of the people. The DVD format allowed them to watch the services on their own terms. As a result of implementing that initiative, Elder Siofele baptized more than 1,000 precious souls.

"Go ye into all the world, stream, chat, e-mail, blog, podcast, distribute, and post the gospel to every change Creature." Mark 16:16

TMV (Technology Ministries Version)

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Henley Jr.



Anthony T. Smith
Manager

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It is the purpose of these materials to enhance spiritual growth and healthful living of church members and to be a Spiritual outreach to the public, presenting the unique beliefs and lifestyles of the Seventh-day-Adventist Church.

Appreciation

I would like to thank President W.L.Taylor and the administration for their support. I would like to thank Mr.Okike, ABC Accountant for sending out the quarterly billings. Thanks to Marguerite Wells for her diligent work in paying bills, keeping the bank records, and assisting me in the overall duties of the ABC.A special recognition to the late John Wells for his part in the establishment of the ABC and for showing the role it plays in the overall conference program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony T. Smith

Adventist Book Center

Greetings to the delegates, members and guest of the quadrennial session of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day-Adventist! It has been my pleasure to serve you for these past four years.

Mission Statement:

Adventist Book Centers are the established distribution and service centers for denominational publications. Sabbath School

Goals and Accomplishments

- Increase and maintain standing orders
- Orientate our churches to remit in 30 days
- Open more Adventist Book Centers
- Enhance camp store appearance
- Follow conference calendar events to prompt ABC to the churches

Marketing Plans 2004 - 2007

- Take products to the people (Bookmobile)
- Provide devotionals, Week of Prayer Readings, Missionary Book of the Year, VBS Materials, Sabbath School materials to ministers
- Selling products through e-store.

Calendar of Events 2004 - 2007

- Women's retreat-over 5,000 women present
- Celebration of Cinco de Mayo, Carnivale, and Black History Month
- Elders retreat
- Camp meeting/Blowout Sale
- Marketing Seminar
- Leadership summit
- Festival of Laity
- Literature Evangelist Rally Day
- Education School rally Day
- Pathfinders Retreat

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