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We believe that the South Central Conference Office exists to strengthen and support the mission and ministry of the churches in the South Central Conference. Therefore, the South Central Conference Church Ministries & Mission Development Department exists to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven. We do this by providing pastors and their church leaders with ministry coaching and support in five fundamental areas of Church Development: 1) Prayer Development, 2) Mission Development, 3) Spiritual Gifts Development, 4) Small Groups Development, and 5) Ministry Development. When engaged sequentially, these become one fivefold strategy for leading churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven.

THANK YOU SOUTH CENTRAL

Thank you, South Central Conference Constituency, for extending me an opportunity to serve again as your Church Ministries & Mission Development Director! For the 18 months that I served during our previous quinquennium, my primary task was to lead our conference's transition from a multiple departmental paradigm to a ministry coaching paradigm. The mission became to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven, and the vision of having Spirit-led, Mission-driven churches all throughout our South Central Conference territory was cast far and wide.



FURMAN FORDHAM

As we embark upon this new quinquennium, our mission remains the same—to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven; however, our vision has slightly changed. Our focus for the 2022–2027 quinquennium is on depth rather than breadth. In other words, now that our conference has been generally exposed to the Spirit-led, Mission-driven concept, we are moving our energy toward the establishment of three strong Spirit-led, Mission-driven Churches—one large, one medium, and one small—in each of our conference's 10 pastoral fellowship areas.

Our vision, by 2027, is to have 30 Spirit-led, Mission-driven South Central Conference Churches.



To receive information about becoming one of our conference's 30 Spirit-led, Mission-driven Churches, please send me an email at: ffordham@scc-sda.org.

THE SCC CHURCH MINISTRIES &

SPIRIT-LED, MISSION-DRIVEN CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Word of Life, Memphis, TN | Pastor: Deon Johnson

The following article is written by Angela D. Gregory. Angela is a member of the Word of Life SDA Church in Memphis TN and was recently elected by the church to serve as the director of their newly formed “REACH UP” Ministry. Here Angela shares her reflections on how the Spirit-led, Mission-driven process has benefitted Word of Life.

Ministry is all about connections . . . connection to God, connection to each other and connection to the community. We were created to connect (1 Corinthians 12:12). I feel the Spirit-led, Mission-driven process is helping us as a church to outline those connections to a mission strategy, by giving us direction and purpose in doing ministry. It keeps us from just having a lot of activities without structure.

We have been focusing on the first component of our mission strategy for several weeks now, which gives emphasis to connecting with our Creator and Redeemer, and I have seen the Holy Spirit moving as many members are more engaged, participating in the process, and embracing the new way of doing ministry. We are all experiencing being part of the church mission. Everything we do evolves around our mission strategy, and we are implementing the first

component in every facet of our worship experience, from Sabbath School to Sabbath Worship, from Mid-week Prayer Service to Friday night Bible Study and Youth Praise Team rehearsal, including other worship gatherings. The focus is Total

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Member Involvement. When we are all being led by the Holy Spirit, on one accord, staying mission-focused and working for the cause of Christ together, then God can use each of us to do greater works for Him (John 14:12).

The beginning stages of this process have been very enlightening, engaging and exciting. Personally, it has been a “WOW” experience for me, because it has helped me to see the big picture in doing ministry. I personally have become even more connected to God, who is the center of every facet of my life. I am learning to always follow, as he leads and gives direction. I truly believe this Spirit-led, Mission-driven process is a better way of doing ministry,



Angela D. Gregory

because it not only helps us to do ministry strategically, but also keeps us focused on the overall mission of God’s church as mentioned in Matthew 28:19-20, which is “to make disciples who make disciples” (quoted by Pastor Furman Fordham). As a church, we can grow spiritually individually, and as a whole, and connect and minister as God has called each of us to do. I am looking forward to this new and effective way of doing ministry and what God is going to do through us, as we continue to implement this Spirit-led, Mission-driven Process.

Angela D. Gregory
Reach Up Director,
Word of Life SDA Church



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MISSION DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NEW CM&MD DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Welcoming Our New Church Ministries & Mission Development Associate Director

Pastor Jeffery L. Watson

On July 24, 2022, the South Central Conference in session invited us to join the Church Ministries & Mission Development team as the Associate Director. We want to thank Elder Ben Jones for his leadership and vision for this department. We are so excited to partner with Pastor Furman Fordham and the ministry leaders of this trend setting conference. We will work closely with the team to accomplish the mission of our Church Ministries & Mission Development Department which is to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven. Our vision is to have thirty (30) Spirit-led, Mission-driven churches—comprised of Spirit-led, Mission-driven members, conducting Spirit-led, Mission-driven ministries—by the year 2030.

What can we bring to the table that will help bring success to this process?

1. Thirty-three years of pastoral experience, all of it in this conference. We know the people and territory.
2. Five years of Departmental experience serving as Personal Ministries & Prison Ministries Director.
3. Experience as a pastor in leading the Bethany SDA Church in Montgomery, AL through a similar Spirit-led Mission-driven process.

We will assist in the following areas by:



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1. Chairing the Ministries Council that will be comprised of developed ministries in our territory that can serve as resources for training and coaching for our churches.
2. Promoting and marketing our churches who qualify as Spirit-led Mission-driven Churches.
3. Providing training for pastors and church leaders especially in but not limited to Small Group Strategies and Spiritual Gifts Inventories.

We look forward to joining our churches in relevant ministries that are:

1. Passionate
2. Powerful
3. Productive

Being Spirit-led simply means that we don’t want God to join us in what we are doing but rather we want to join God in what He is doing. May God richly bless our collective efforts to be a conference that has churches with church leaders and members who are pastored by individuals who are Spirit-led and Mission-driven.

Pastor Jeffery L. Watson
Associate Director CM&MD

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NEW CM&MD MINISTRY LEADERS



Curtis & Paula Eakins

Welcoming Our Church Ministries & Mission Development Ministry Leaders

On September 25, 2022, our South Central Conference Executive Committee voted to approve the following Ministry Leaders to serve on our Church Ministries & Mission Development Department's Ministry Council:

Health Ministry Leaders – **Curtis & Paula Eakins**
Men's Ministry Leader – **Pastor Reginald Robinson**
Message Magazine Ministry Leader – **Pastor Alex Horton**
Prison Ministry Leader – **Pastor Ricky Wade**
Stewardship Ministry Leader – **Pastor Larry Bailey**
Women's Ministry Leader – **Freddie Jenkins**

The Ministry Leaders on our Ministry Council will serve as resources to provide training and coaching for leaders desiring to develop similar ministries in their church communities. During this quinquennium, as we develop more Spirit-led, Mission-driven churches, with more Spirit-led, Mission-driven ministries, we envision adding many more traditional, and creative ministries, to our Ministry Council.

If your church has a ministry that is effectively reaching the community, and the leaders are willing to serve as resource coaches, providing ministry implementation training and support for other church leaders throughout the conference, please contact Jeffery Watson, our Associate Church Ministries & Mission Development Director, at jwatson@scc-sda.org to be considered as one of our Ministry Council Ministry Leaders.



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Welcome!