



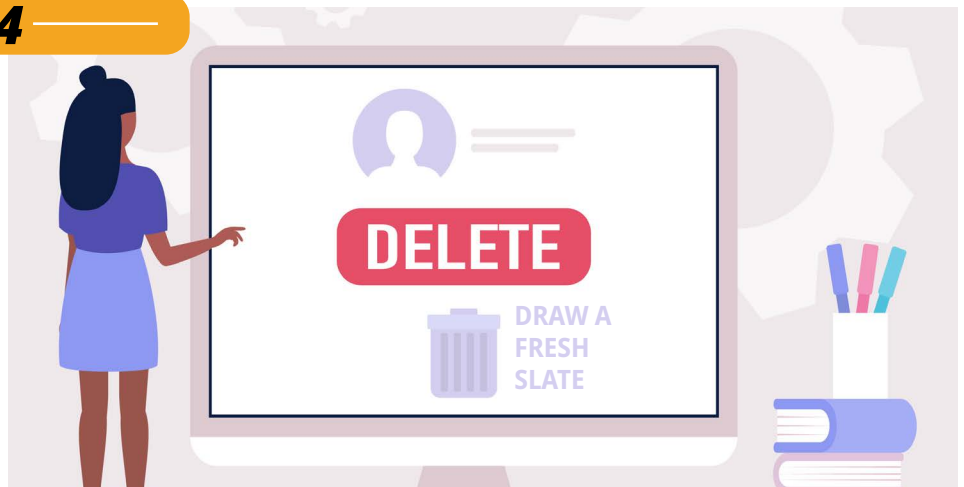
**W**e believe that the South Central Conference Office exists to strengthen and support the mission and ministry of the churches in the South Central Conference. Therefore, the South Central Conference Church Ministries & Mission Development Department exists to assist pastors and their church leaders 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, 2) Mission, 3) Spiritual Gifts, 4) Small Groups, and 5) Ministries. When engaged sequentially, these become one fivefold strategy for leading churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven.

## 10 STEP

### SPIRIT-LED, MISSION-DRIVEN PROCESS

#### STEP #4

**O**ur SCC Vision for the next five years is focused on four major emphases: #1 Transformational Evangelism; #2 Christian Education; #3 Community Engagement; and #4 Youth & Young Adult Empowerment. The Church Ministries & Mission Development Department has been tasked with assisting pastors and their church leaders in moving their churches forward with #1 Transformational Evangelism and #3 Community Engagement. To do so, we recommend churches follow our **10-Step Spirit-Led, Mission-Driven Process**. In previous editions we've presented Steps #1-3—Discover the Mission, Describe the Vision, and Depend on God's Promise. This month we move on to **Step #4: Draw a Fresh Slate**.



There's a predictable rhythm that many Christians have grown accustomed to: A serious spiritual commitment is made during a week of prayer, or evangelistic revival—and for a few days (or weeks if we're lucky) there's change. But eventually, inevitably, life regresses back

to the previous state. Churches are no different. Leaders come together at a retreat to craft a new mission statement, cast a new vision, and sincerely pray for the Holy Spirit's power to bring it to pass. But months after the retreat is over, there's little appreciable, sustainable difference

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## 10-STEP SPIRIT-LED, MISSION-DRIVEN PROCESS, *Continued from page 1*

in the church's direction. Why is this? One reason is because when it comes to implementing change, the pull of the past is frequently more powerful than the push toward the future.

To mitigate against this reality, God did an interesting thing when He launched the New Testament Church—He drew a fresh slate. Here's what I mean. To the disciples, church had pretty much consisted of going to the Temple on a feast day with a sacrifice to bring before the priest. But now, the Temple curtain has been torn in two (Mt 27:51)—no more Temple; Christ, the Passover, sacrificed (1 Cor 5:7)—no more feasts and no more sacrifices; and the followers of Christ are now the royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)—no more Temple priests. Everything they associated with church was literally erased. All they had was the

mission to make disciples who would make disciples, the vision to prepare people for Christ's soon return, and the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They had no programs, departments, budgets, or buildings. All they had was the mission, the vision, and God's promise—and look at what they accomplished!

Drawing a fresh slate prevented them from depending upon past performance or traditional processes, and forced them to truly seek guidance from God. Drawing a fresh slate gave God an opportunity to do a new thing if He so desired.

Is it possible that we could benefit from doing the same? Very much so.

At the most, we usually begin our nominating committee processes by making a list of all of our departmental positions and asking God to guide us to "who" He wants to

lead. But what if God wants us to go much deeper and begin by asking Him "what" does He even want led? See, for years we've been functioning as if what we've been doing is what God wants done. However, it's possible that God wants to do something different. Drawing a fresh slate doesn't demand that God do something different. He may choose to lead us in the same way we've been led but it at least gives Him an opportunity to decide.

If you want your church to be Spirit-led and Mission-driven, draw a fresh slate, and let the Spirit lead.



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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**It's  
Time  
to go**

**SOUTH  
CENTRAL  
CONFERENCE  
CAMP  
MEETING**

**JUNE 9-17, 2023**  
OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA



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# MISSION DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

We are all excitedly looking forward to our upcoming SCC Camp Meeting: “It’s Time to GO!” The following workshops will be presented by the Church Ministries & Mission Development Department:

FOCUS	SEMINAR	PRESENTER	TIME
PRAYER	<p><b>Upper Room All Night Prayer Meeting</b></p> <p>From 10 pm until 6 am we will be experiencing inspiring preaching, encouraged by testimonies of praise, and praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!</p>	10:00 pm–Noah Washington 11:00 pm–Tina Carriger 12:00 am–Marlon Reid 1:00 am–Shawn Moss 2:00 am–Ed Harden 3:00 am–Nelson Stokes 4:00 am–Nathaniel Drew 5:00 am–Aaron Mills	Tuesday & Wednesday June 14-15  10 pm-6 am
PRAYER	<p><b>Adventism’s Greatest Need: The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <p>What is Adventism’s greatest need—better preaching, more engaged members, organizational restructuring, increased financial resources? This workshop reveals that our most pressing need is to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and challenges us to make it priority #1.</p>	Furman Fordham	Tuesday June 13 3-4 pm
MISSION	<p><b>Spirit-led, Mission-Driven: A SCC Recommended Process for Church Reorganization</b></p> <p>Does your church have a clear process for making disciples who become disciple-makers? Based upon principles from the Book of Acts, this workshop presents the Church Ministries &amp; Mission Development Department’s 10-step process for reorganizing the local church around a clear and simple mission-driven strategy.</p>	Furman Fordham	Wednesday June 14 3-4 pm
MISSION	<p><b>Leading Change: Principles for Navigating Transitions without Destroying the Church</b></p> <p>Although most church leaders can identify multiple areas where change needs to occur within the church, few feel as if they’ve been given the tools to successfully implement those needed changes without destroying the church. This workshop presents a biblically based change process that maximizes buy-in and minimizes fallout.</p>	Furman Fordham	Wednesday June 14 4-5 pm
SPIRITUAL GIFTS	<p><b>Why You Do What You Do?</b></p> <p>This dynamic seminar will address the relationship between who we are and our spiritual giftedness. We will demonstrate that God creates us with our temperaments and uniqueness and distributes Spiritual Gifts that will enable us to operate in the ministry that He has called us to.</p>	Jeffery Watson	Monday & Tuesday June 12 & 13 3-4 pm

FOCUS	SEMINAR	PRESENTER	TIME
<b>SMALL GROUPS</b>	<p><b>Lifetime Resolution: "Small Group Model"</b></p> <p>Everyone likes models that have been proven to be successful. This seminar will share a testimony of a small group that has impacted both the local church and community. You don't want to miss this testimonial!!!</p>	Brenda Allen	Monday & Tuesday June 12 & 13 3-4 pm
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<p><b>Health Evangelism Ministries: "A Woman's Heart," Part 1</b></p> <p>AT LAST! Discover the unique characteristics that you as a female need to know concerning heart health! You will learn three (3) no-nonsense lifestyle principles: (1) Learn to dramatically lower high blood pressure; (2) Learn to recognize overlooked warning signs of heart attacks; and (3) Learn winning strategies to reduce stress.</p>	Curtis Eakins, Paula Eakins	Monday June 12 3-4 pm
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<p><b>Health Evangelism Ministries: "A Woman's Heart," Part 2</b></p> <p>Attendees, we will continue our discussion from Part 1 and learn about the hidden effects of Statin drugs hidden effects, how to actually reverse heart disease, and more lifestyle principles! Q &amp; A session to follow along with handouts.</p>	Curtis Eakins, Paula Eakins	Monday June 12 4-5 pm
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<p><b>Health Evangelism Ministries: "Cool Answers to a Hot Topic," Part 1</b></p> <p>Ladies, we will discuss personal issues that can dramatically enhance your overall health. Learn effective keys to balance your hormones, experience weight loss, increase quality of sleep and create emotional wellbeing. Q &amp; A session to follow with handouts.</p>	Curtis Eakins, Paula Eakins	Wednesday June 14 3-4 pm
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<p><b>Health Evangelism Ministries: "Cool Answers to a Hot Topic," Part 2</b></p> <p>Ladies, we will continue our discussion from Part 1 and discuss products that can enhance personal well-being and intimacy, learn about hormonal testing, discover the "bone bandits," and understand nutrition therapy and supplementation that can strengthen bone health and more! Q &amp; A session to follow with handouts.</p>	Curtis Eakins, Paula Eakins	Wednesday June 14 4-5 pm
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<p><b>Women's Ministry: "Small Groups 101"</b></p> <p>Learn the fundamentals of starting and organizing small group ministries where women can be ministered to practically while discovering and using their spiritual gifts and talents.</p>	Freddie Jenkins	Monday & Tuesday June 12-13 3-5 pm

FOCUS	SEMINAR	PRESENTER	TIME
MINISTRY	<p><b>Men's Ministry: "The Forming/Importance of Small Groups," Part 1</b></p> <p>You may be asking yourself what's the purpose and how do I start a small group. Come and find out as we discuss small groups.</p>	Reginald Robinson	Sunday June 11 3-4 pm
MINISTRY	<p><b>Men's Ministry: "The Forming/Importance of Small Groups," Part 2</b></p> <p>You may be asking yourself what's the purpose and how do I start a small group. Come and find out as we discuss small groups.</p>	Reginald Robinson	Sunday June 11 4-5 pm
MINISTRY	<p><b>Prison Ministry Part 1: "A Wholistic Approach"</b></p> <p>We will be discussing a wholistic approach to serving the prison population. We will be highlighting a combined approach that moves the focus beyond the time of incarceration and seeks to incorporate community resources that involve transitional housing upon release, employers that hire convicted felons, assistance for children of convicted felons, developing a church relationship and fostering a church family relationship with ex-convicts.</p>	Dr. Cleveland Houser	Sunday June 11 3-4 pm
MINISTRY	<p><b>Prison Ministry Part 2: "A Wholistic Approach"</b></p> <p>We will be discussing a wholistic approach to serving the prison population. We will be highlighting a combined approach that moves the focus beyond the time of incarceration and seeks to incorporate community resources that involve transitional housing upon release, employers that hire convicted felons, assistance for children of convicted felons, developing a church relationship and fostering a church family relationship with ex-convicts.</p>	Dr. Cleveland Houser	Sunday June 11 4-5 pm
MINISTRY	<p><b>"Resurrecting Sabbath School - Biblical Principles for a Holistic Sabbath School Experience"</b></p> <p>The General Conference's Sabbath School Department has a vision for Sabbath School that goes well-beyond simply teaching the lesson in a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... format. This workshop presents the General Conference's vision, and shows how it can make your Sabbath School come ALIVE!</p>	Furman Fordham	Tuesday June 13 4-5 pm
MINISTRY	<p><b>"Learning to Sign: Ministry to the Hearing Impaired"</b></p> <p>In an effort to build church ministry teams to evangelize the hearing-impaired population, this class will teach interested students the basics of sign language in an eight-part consecutive series.</p>	Ricky Clemons	Monday- Thursday June 12-15 3-5 pm





**Luke 10:38-42 NIV**

**T**hen Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair ...

Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial." John 12:3, 7 (NIV)

Have you ever wondered what Jesus was talking about that night with Mary? What was it that so enthralled her that she wasn't able to leave his presence?

Mary understood, and it seems she was the only one who understood, that Jesus was soon going to die! Maybe he was sharing that night about his imminent execution. Overcome, with emotion and passion for

Christ, Mary prepared to offer herself and her gift in the most fitting way possible.

Martha didn't get it. Because she was so distracted with food preparation and service, she offered something to the Lord that really didn't meet his need.

She really couldn't minister to his needs properly because she'd spent no time at his feet listening. She was doing a good thing in her service, but it was too much of a good thing.

Mary found the balance. She sat and then she served. It was only because she sat that she was able to meet Christ at his point of greatest need.

The same is true with each of us and this church. We must sit before we can expect to effectively serve.

***Sitting** before real Service  
**Devotion** before real Doing  
**Personal time spent** before Personal Ministries rendered  
**Knowing Him** before Knowing what to do for Him*

We must be led to the cross before we can pick up our cross and follow Him.

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
and all the world go free? No, there's a  
cross for everyone. There is a  
cross for you & me.*



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## SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES



**W**hen you think of a small group, often times you think of just a group of people getting together for whatever reason, not for building trust, growing spiritually and brotherhood. But small groups can be just that and even more. There is not a one-size fits all when it comes to small groups. Small groups can lead to connections on various levels in one's life. Better

yet, Small groups can lead to a connection with someone that has a desire to grow in various areas in their life outside of just church attendance.

Small groups lead to men trusting men and bonding with others that have struggles due to the demands of life. Small groups help you by providing a shoulder to lean on/or a support system that will assist and hold you accountable.

There is not one type of small group, nor one approach to small groups. Come discover during camp meeting which small groups work for you and the men you are leading.



**Pastor Reginald Robinson**  
Leader,  
SCC Small Group  
Ministries

## Natural Relief for Lupus

**AT LAST!** In this Spotlight we share some natural relief for lupus, giving you an improve quality of life and share specific tests for diagnoses. (Click WATCH NOW to access the YouTube Video).



**Curtis and Paula Eakins**  
SCC Health Evangelism Ministries







# Women's Small Groups *Ministry in Real-Time*

**W**omen's small groups is "Ministry in Real-Time." Women's Ministries exist to nurture, empower and develop women's small groups throughout South Central Conference. Small group ministries provide all women with spiritual, emotional, and social nurturing. The theological foundation for developing women's small groups is Acts 2:42-47.

The goal of Women's Ministries Small Groups is to permeate the territories of the SCC with small group ministries through God's divine guidance as we build His kingdom through DREAMS (Discipleship, Reclamation, Evangelism, Affirmation, Mentoring, and Servant-Leadership).

The small group concept is that women meet consistently in small

group settings to motivate one another in love and good works, encourage one another, and multiply disciples. The building blocks of these small group settings are compatibility (existing together without conflict), commitment (dedicated to the cause or activity), and consistency (unchanging in nature, standard, or effect).

### **Benefits of Women's Small Group Ministries**

- Life change happens best in small groups.
- Make churches personal.
- Supplies a complete leadership development pipeline.
- Creates a place for getting away from the stresses of everyday life.
- Supplies the best opportunity for "one-anothering."

- Provides an ever-expanding network for communication.
- Questions can be asked in small groups. But, again, dialogue and feedback are critical.

The fundamentals of developing small group ministries will be explored and discussed in the workshop Women's Small Group Ministries 101, utilizing "Tuckman's 5 Stages of Group Development," shared and presented by Women's Ministries at SCC Camp Meeting 2023. Come join us!



**Dr. Freddie Williams Jenkins**  
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Women's Small Groups*