

# COMPASS

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South Central  
Conference  
Church Ministries  
& Mission  
Development  
Department

# MISSION

**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

**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. Each month we will highlight a successive step beginning this month with Step #1.

### **Step #1: Discover the Mission.**

The very first step in becoming a church where both transformational evangelism and community

engagement occur is to discover the church's mission. Please note that I did not say "decide," "determine," or "define," the church's mission. That would suggest that we are in charge of the church and are free to designate its purpose—but nothing could be further from the truth! Jesus is the one who invented and established the church, and He has already done the heavy lifting of determining and deciding exactly what it exists to do. Our first job, as pastors and church leaders, is to lead the church on an expedition to discover what Jesus has already defined as the mission of His church.

Take the members on a trip back to the book of Acts. Show them how the Church came to life when the Holy Spirit was poured out and 3000 people were baptized in one day! Lead



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them to observe the new church in action. In Acts 2:42–47 we find them engaged in teaching, fellowship, prayer, outreach, worship, and evangelism. This is what the church did. But mission is about why you do what you do. Jesus had given the

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# THE SCC CHURCH MINISTRIES &



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

why for their teaching, fellowship, prayer, outreach, worship, and evangelism, functions just prior to His ascension when He instructed His disciples to “go into all the world and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). The church that Jesus established exists to make disciples who make disciples. This is our purpose. This is our reason for existence.

This is our why. The church’s mission is not to keep the Sabbath Day holy or to return a faithful tithe. The reason why the church exists is to make disciples who make disciples. This is the church’s mission—every church’s mission. And becoming a church where both transformational evangelism and community engagement occurs begins first with leading the

church to discover this mission.

The articles in this edition of Compass share our team’s vision for transformational evangelism and community engagement in the areas of spiritual gifts, prison ministries, health evangelism, and women’s ministries.

## Just Ordinary People

*Superstars are not the only people God uses to accomplish His Mission*

**T**he 2003 NBA Draft is known for having one of the most talented draft pools in NBA draft history. Four of the top five picks are NBA All-Stars and “Redeem Team” Olympic Gold Medalists: Carmelo Anthony, Chris Bosh, Dwyane Wade, and LeBron James.

According to Allen “The Answer” Iverson, his draft class of 1996, with Kobe Bryant, John Stockton and Ray Allen was the best class. Of course, Michael Jordan would say the class of 1984 was the best draft ever.

NBA teams today purposely tank to line up to watch the lottery balls to see if their team can land one of these once in a lifetime gifted star players. When we choose teams on the asphalt courts, we want to choose



the very best players so that we can win.

Almost 2000 years ago there was a 30 year old man who was ready to begin a three year venture of building a Kingdom Building Team here on earth that would alter the course of human history and would stand forever. Who would He build His team on? Who would be His number one draft pick?

Would it be Peter? He was a McDonalds All-American from his

youth. Maybe it would that Dynamic Duo, the Batman & Robin of Fisherman, James and John. Andrew is not the name that is thought of first. He is not the most famous. He is not most recognized. But he was the first disciple chosen by Jesus. Why?

He was just an ordinary guy willing to surrender his gifts to the service of an extra ordinary God. What is Andrew most famous for? Bringing his brother, Simon

Peter, to Jesus.

- It was Peter who stepped out of the boat in the storm to walk on water with Jesus.
- It was Peter who drew the sword to protect Jesus from the mob.
- It was Peter who made professions of faith.
- It was Peter who denied Jesus in a big way.
- It was Peter who preached at Pentecost where 3000 came to Christ.



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Peter wrote 2 letters that are books in the Bible, and he is mentioned by name 153 times in the New Testament. Andrew by contrast is only mentioned by name 12 times in the Bible, and some of those are just the lists of disciples where he is “Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.” Also, he is referred to in only four main occurrences throughout all four gospels.

Peter always seemed to be in the spotlight. Andrew always seemed to be in the shadows. Peter was extraordinary. Andrew was ordinary.

When Jesus chose his first disciple He didn’t choose an extraordinary person. He chose a very ordinary guy named Andrew.

In 1934, Albert McMakin, a 24-year old farmer became a Christian. He was so full of enthusiasm that he filled a truck with people and took them to a meeting to hear about Jesus. There was a good-looking

farmer’s son who Albert especially wanted to get to the meeting, but this young man was difficult to persuade— he was too busy falling in and out of love with different girls. He didn’t seem too interested in Christianity.

Eventually, Albert managed to persuade him to come by asking him to drive the truck. When they arrived, Albert’s guest decided to go in and found himself “spellbound” by the teaching from the Bible. He went back each night to the meetings to hear more until one night he went forward and gave his life to Jesus Christ.

Since that day that young truck driver has spoken to at least 250 million people about Jesus and became the spiritual advisor to multiple Presidents. The young truck driver was of course, Billy Graham.

The Billy Grahams and the Peters

become household names. They write the books and preach the sermons and bring 1000’s to Christ. But it’s the ordinary people, the unknown farmer, the little known brother, who bring the Billy Grahams and the Peters to Christ.

When Jesus began His mission to proclaim the Good News that He was the Messiah sent to save the world, God chose Andrew. God wants you on His team too. You might not be Peter or Billy Graham, but we can all be Andrew or Albert McMakin, by bringing our ordinary gifts and watching an Extra Ordinary God use them for His glory.



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## Holistic Prison Ministry



**A**s we move forward in our vision for a transformed Prison Ministry, we envision a ministry that incorporates a broader scope. We see the boundaries expanding beyond jailhouse evangelism. In the past, our ministries have focused primarily on providing worship services to those behind bars. Also, giving Bible studies to help introduce inmates to Jesus and show them how to have a deeper relationship with him.

As we move forward, the jail and prison ministry must include aspects that deal not only with a ministry for those behind bars but also for those

that are affected on the outside. We would like to explore opportunities that include the utilization of community resources for the inmate’s family. Our vision is to revamp our church into a “community hub” that assists families as they utilize the various programs available in their area. The resources vary from one area to another but often include the following: Community food banks, GED programs, job assistance, marriage and family counseling, after-school programs, Boys and Girls clubs, athletic clubs, budgeting, and household management, just to name a few.

Our vision of jail and prison ministry progressively moves to

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incorporate a more comprehensive approach that involves a pathway of support during and after incarceration. This pathway considers what is needed as a convicted felon leaves the penal correction facility and begins the process of reintegration as a productive and contributing member of society. It provides a bridge into the community's resources and helps these former inmates find halfway houses, job training, and employment options, while also identifying companies who are willing to provide employment opportunities for those who have a felony conviction.

Additionally, we desire to help churches make the necessary adjustments to connect with these former inmates. Ministering to them will help us all grow and mature in our faith walk. We want congregations to consider the various aspects of jail and prison ministries and determine what role they will be involved in during and after an inmate's incarceration. One of our goals is to help congregations consider what is necessary for their evaluation of incorporating an inmate into their church family upon release; what aspects need to be evaluated to make it a safe place for development and growth for the entire congregation; and what prejudices need to be dismantled for

success.

As we move forward with the vision, we want to encourage churches that are already involved in prison and jail ministries to explore a partnership with the community agencies that provide many of the services mentioned above. These can include thrift stores, half-way houses, and educational enrichment programs. In addition, we are encouraging churches whether currently involved in prison ministries or not to investigate partnerships with other churches (even other conferences) to provide combined resources that offer wider and stronger support. Our goal is to be a hub for community resources and a safe place for faith development.

Today, there are many things that separate individuals in a society. What separates the sons of God from the children of men will be determined by how we treat "the least among us" Matthew 25:40 (NKJV). I'm inviting you and your church to explore the possibilities of jail and prison ministries.



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Leader

## South Central Conference Men's Ministry: THE FORGE

Webster's Dictionary uses the word "forge" as a noun - "a special fireplace, hearth, or furnace in which metal is heated before shaping," and as a verb - "to form or make, especially by concentrated effort." South Central Conference's Men's Ministry exists to do both: first, to create a special place of support and accountability for men (a forge); second, to mold, shape, and forge men into what God has designed them to be.



Our vision is to begin with one conference-wide virtual Men's Ministry Small Group (the Forge) where men can connect transparently with other men, receive encouragement, support, and accountability, and grow to mentor and disciple other men. From this one "forge," multiple "forges" will be created throughout the conference, until there is at least one strong, active Men's Ministry Small Group in each Federation.

For more information, see Instagram: [SCC\\_THE\\_FORGE](#) and Facebook: [The Forge South Central Conference Men's Ministry](#)

### Mold, Shape, & Forge MEN Into What God Has Designed Them to Be



## HEALTH EVANGELISM MINISTRIES

**P**astors, Jesus' three-fold ministry is highlighted in Matthew 5:23 which says...“Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and disease among the people.”

The following is a general description of the Health Evangelism Ministry that we provide for SCC.

### Health Evangelism Ministries - Conferences (details can be adjusted)

- A. What are the three (3) main conferences?** 1) **Healthy Heart Conference:** Discovering keys to reduce high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and understanding cholesterol! 2) **Defeating Diabetes Conference:** Participants will learn how to normalized blood sugar levels, understand the three types of carbohydrates and how to reverse nerve damage! 3) **Controlling Cancer Conference:** Uncovering cancer's main causes, how to reduce cancer risks and revealing anti-cancer foods!
- B. How long and where will these conferences take place?** These are two-day conferences. Day one is held Sabbath afternoon either at a hotel conference room, a convention/meeting facility or auditorium. Day two will transition to the host SDA church on Sunday afternoon.
- C. What about publicity and registration?** Television interview will be scheduled on a local TV station that Friday. Thirty second PSA's will be sent out to radio stations. Flyers are downloaded to church members to promote through their social media platforms. Registration is conducted thru the AdventSource organization. Also, two 6ft floor banners are sent ahead at pre-designated areas.
- D. What is the local church participation?** Church members will serve as “guest services” in welcoming the community to the conference, distributing conference materials, follow-up phone calls within 72 hours and continuing with bible studies.

### Health Evangelism Ministries - Videos (Online)

- A. What is the content of these videos?** We've recently completed seven (7) video presentations on lifestyle principles coupled with animations using the acronym H.E.A.L.E.R.S. These impactful videos are approx. twelve minutes in duration covering over two dozen health conditions!
- B. Can these videos be used for evangelism?** Absolutely! We will provide the link to download from YouTube to be used to accent/complement your evangelistic crusades!

**Note:** For the Hispanic congregations, we can provide resources in Spanish.

“The health message gives opportunity for carrying forward successful evangelistic work.”

—EV 516



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



You are invited to our South Central Conference UPPER ROOM Prayer Ministry Leader Virtual Training on Sabbath afternoon, January 28 at 4pm Central.

Join via Zoom:  
<https://southcentral.live/PrayerRoom>  
Meeting ID: 924 3897 5468  
Passcode: Spirit

Dial in: (646) 931-3860  
Meeting ID: 924 3897 5468  
Passcode: 338162

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

## What we do (mission)

Women's Ministries exist to empower and develop Women's Small Groups throughout SCC.

## How we do it (strategy)

Women meet consistently in Small Groups to motivate one another in love and good works (Heb. 10:24), encourage one another (Heb. 10:25), and multiply disciples (2 Timothy 2:2), throughout the South Central Conference.

## Components of SCCWM Small Group Ministry (Acts 2:42-47)

1. **Prayer** - "and in prayers" (v 42b ).
2. **Praise** - "praising God and having favor with all the people" (v 47).
3. **Perseverance** - "and they continued steadfastly" (v 42a).
4. **Discipleship** - "in the apostle's doctrine" (v 42a).
5. **Worship** - "and they are continuing daily with one accord in the temple" (v 46a).
6. **Evangelism** - "and the Lord added to the church daily" (v 47b).

## Benefits of Women's Ministries Small Group Ministry:

1. Life change happens best in small groups.
2. Small groups make churches personal.
3. Small groups supply an unlimited leadership development pipeline.
4. Small groups create a place for getting away from the stresses of everyday life.
5. Small groups supply the best opportunity for "one-anothering".
6. Small groups provide an ever-expanding network for communication and impact.
7. Questions can be asked in small groups. Dialogue is a crucial ingredient of life change

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