



**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 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.

## 2022 CONSTITUENCY SESSION REPORT

**O**n December 13, 2020, our Executive Committee voted to reorganize 13 of its departments—Adventist Services Industries (ASI), Children’s Ministries, Disabilities Ministries, Family Ministries, Health Ministries, Men’s Ministries, Personal Ministries, Prayer Ministries, Prison Ministries, Public Affairs & Religious Liberty (PARL), Sabbath School, Stewardship, and Women’s Ministries—into one Church Ministries & Mission Development Department.

This shift in organizational structure also included a shift in operational strategy. Our new Church Ministries & Mission Development Department transitioned from multiple departmental directors to a team



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of ministry coaches; from an emphasis on ministry programs to an emphasis on ministry processes; from providing short-term inspiration to producing long-term transformation. In essence, we shifted from an event-driven paradigm to a Mission-driven paradigm.

Now the mission of our Church Ministries & Mission Development Department is to assist pastors and their church leaders in leading their churches to become more Spirit-led and Mission-driven; and 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.

Since our departmental reorganization 18 months ago, we have worked to execute our mission, and move toward the realization of our vision, by accomplishing the following:

- Hosting the UPPER ROOM Virtual Prayer Conference with 140 attendees
- Facilitating seven small groups of approximately 10 people each over an eight-week period studying the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Taking six churches/districts through an eight-week UPPER ROOM series, and providing training and support for two additional churches to conduct UPPER ROOM series
- Leading five pastoral cohorts, coaching pastors over a six-month period in the Spirit-led, Mis-

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- sion-driven process, engaging a total of 45 pastors
- Conducting Spirit-led, Mission-driven trainings for elders, church boards and church business meetings, leading to 13 churches/districts voting to become Spirit-led, Mission-driven churches
  - Providing bi-weekly Spirit-led, Mission-driven implementation coaching for eight church boards
  - Providing Spirit-led, Mission-driven training at the 2021 and 2022 South Central Conference Camp Meetings
  - Launching an eight-week virtual grief support group, along with

leadership training

- Producing seven editions of our monthly Church Ministries & Mission Development Departmental newsletter (COMPASS)

These tasks are in addition to regular preaching assignments, departmental trainings, pastoral introductions, and individualized ministry support.

I want to affirm the excellent ministry of our Associate Director, Trina Ware, and the expertise of our able Administrative Assistant, Judi Bedney Eddings, along with the selfless labor of our Church Ministries & Mission Development Team members: Curtis

& Paula Eakins (Health Ministry), Freddie Jenkins (Women's Ministry), Paul Goodridge (Public Affairs & Religious Liberty), Reginald Robinson & Bobby Mann (Men's Ministry), Ricky Wade (Prison Ministry), Alex Horton (Message Magazine Ministry), Edith Fraser & Donna Scott (Grief Ministry), Christian Borbon (Multicultural Ministry), and our Prayer Federation Presidents, and other ministry volunteers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Church Ministries & Mission Development Director. It has been my honor and my pleasure.



## Upcoming Events



**July 9 (7pm CST), UPPER ROOM SCC Constituency Session Preparation Virtual Prayer Meeting.**

**Pastor Lola Moore Johnston**, Lead Pastor Restoration Praise Center, Bowie MD, guest speaker. Supported Languages: English, Korean.

**Zoom ID: 984-8019-3115; Password: URPrayer22**



**July 16 (7pm CST), UPPER ROOM SCC Constituency Session Preparation Virtual Prayer Meeting.**

**Elder Dana Edmond**, Director, Office of Regional Conference Ministry, immediate past SCC President, guest speaker. Supported Languages: English, Spanish.

**Zoom ID: 984-8019-3115; Password: URPrayer22**

**July 23–24, SCC Constituency Session, Oakwood University Church, Huntsville AL**



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