

# SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST®

## 2021 YEARBOOK

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**Letter from General Council Regarding  
Conference 2020  
Document A**

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#### General Conference and Member Churches:

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 the General Council made the difficult decision to cancel the annual business session and in-person portion of the 2020 General Conference meetings scheduled for July 26 to August, 2020 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Due to the restrictions on travel, the uncertainty of facilities being open, potential financial losses, and in concern for the health of attendees brought about by the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus, the Council made the unanimous decision to have a virtual video program only for 2020. This decision was made after consultation with and recommendations from the Conference directors and Conference President Rev. Kevin Butler and prayerful consideration of the opinions available.

Conference bylaws provide that the General Council acts as a decision making body when the Conference is not in session and subject to the review of decisions at the next Conference business session. As such, the General Council in consultation with the Nominating Committee, made appointments to fill Conference officer and committee positions for the 2020-2021 Conference year. Additionally, budgets were approved and reports received from standing committees after review by the General Council.

The General Council will continue to serve as the decision making body of the General Conference until the health crisis allows the in-person assembly and business session of the General Conference.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ralph Mackintosh

Chairman

General Council

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference USA and Canada



# **Financial Supplement**

**for the year 2020-2021**

## **Document C**

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Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Building Operation Fund  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Operation Fund as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances - cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Operation Fund. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Operation Fund as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and its revenues, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 2, 2021



**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**BUILDING OPERATION FUND**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash – (Unrestricted):		
Checking	\$3,570	\$5,554
Memorial Board Deposits (Note 2)	\$5,060	\$0
Total Cash	<u>\$8,630</u>	<u>\$5,554</u>
 Fixed Assets (Note 1):		
Center building	\$371,890	\$371,890
Building Improvements	4,030	4,030
Furniture and fixtures	29,335	29,335
Ground Improvements	19,459	19,459
Total Fixed Assets	<u>424,714</u>	<u>424,714</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$433,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$430,268</u></u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Liabilities	\$0	\$0
 Fund Balances:		
Unrestricted	0	0
Restricted Funds	<u>433,344</u>	<u>430,268</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$433,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$430,268</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**BUILDING OPERATION FUND**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Denominational Budget:	\$10,044	\$9,256
Endowment Income – Memorial Fund	5,490	8,981
Memorial Fund Grant	6,000	0
Miscellaneous	4,315	0
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$25,849	\$18,237
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Janitorial services	1,700	875
Utilities	6,376	6,969
Repairs and supplies	1,451	2,409
Grounds upkeep	5,320	7,376
Others	7,926	4,981
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$22,773	\$22,610
 Excess (deficit) Revenue collected over Expenses Paid	3,076	(4,373)
 Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<hr/> \$430,268	<hr/> \$434,641
 Fund Balance at End of Year	<hr/> <hr/> \$433,344	<hr/> <hr/> \$430,268

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**BUILDING OPERATION FUND**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Operation Fund have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

*Accounting Policies*

With the exception of fixed assets, which were placed on the books at cost at the time of purchasing the building and equipment at Janesville, all transactions are on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting, as noted above.

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is a fund set up by the General Conference to facilitate the operations and maintenance of the central headquarters building of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference located in Janesville, Wisconsin.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its boards and agencies qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The Building Fund has deposited monies with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned is received by the Building Fund and the deposited monies can be claimed by the Building Fund at any time.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Christian Education Council  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin 53547

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances--cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education Council as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances – cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education Council. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education Council as of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 and its revenues, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 15, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES — CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash – Unrestricted	15,946	1,541
Total Cash	<u>15,946</u>	<u>1,541</u>
Deposits with the SDB Memorial Board (Note 2)		
Restricted	82,330	71,283
Unrestricted	<u>168,922</u>	<u>160,566</u>
Total Deposits	<u>251,252</u>	<u>231,849</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$267,198</u></b>	<b><u>\$233,390</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Fund Balances:		
Unrestricted Funds	184,868	162,107
Restricted Funds at Memorial Fund (Note 2)	<u>82,330</u>	<u>71,283</u>
Fund Balance	<u>267,198</u>	<u>233,390</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$267,198</u></b>	<b><u>\$233,390</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Denominational Budget Designated	\$12,058	\$7,072
Denominational Budget Undesignated	33,056	38,159
Endowment & Interest Income	52,671	44,505
Grants	38,719	0
SDBU Education	5,286	3,785
Program Income	27,573	29,908
Other	2,027	1,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$171,390</u>	<u>\$124,429</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Executive Expenses	\$69,517	\$64,748
Council Expenses / Admin	2,328	5,872
Program Disbursements (Note 3)	59,458	63,803
Travel	1,051	6,007
Summer Institute	5,228	4,771
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$137,582</u>	<u>\$145,201</u>
Excess (deficit) Revenue over Expenses	\$33,808	(\$20,772)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$233,390	\$254,162
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$267,198</u></u>	<u><u>\$233,390</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education Council have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader

*Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is one of the boards and agencies of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference and provides support and education for church development within the conference.

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference, its boards and agencies qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned is received by the Council and the deposited funds can be claimed by the Council at any time.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2019 and 2018

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**NOTE 2 – Related Party Transactions - Continued**

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Breakdown of funds with the Memorial Fund:

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Unrestricted Custodial Account	<u>\$168,922</u>	<u>\$160,566</u>
Restricted Income Reserve Accounts		
Dr. of Ministry Scholar Fund	\$118	\$103
D. Davis Continuing Education Fund	3,337	2,866
Alcott Lynch Scholarship Fund	7,316	6,388
Muriel Osborn CEC Fund	27,402	23,955
Young People Prep for Ministry (Note 4)	20,261	15,126
David Taylor Leadership	291	1,386
Earl & Mabel Cruzan	23,605	21,459
Total Restricted	<u>\$82,330</u>	<u>\$71,283</u>
Total Deposited With Memorial Fund	<u>\$251,252</u>	<u>\$231,849</u>

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**NOTE 3 – Seminary Education Program**

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The Seminary Education Program of the Christian Education Council provides financial support to seminary students pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. The financial assistance is in the form of a loan. Upon graduation from the seminary, the student repays the loan at Citibank Prime Rate plus 1% interest. However, if the student serves as a Seventh Day Baptist pastor, the loan is paid with service credit at a reduction of 20% per year on the principal.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements



Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Christian Social Action  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances – cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Social Action as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances--cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Social Action. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Social Action Committee as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 3, 2021

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash:		
Checking	\$2,694	\$1,787
Memorial Fund Depository Account (Note 2)	34,227	31,116
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$36,921</u>	<u>\$32,903</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Liabilities	\$0	\$0
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>		
Hurricane Relief	\$0	\$8,597
Total Restricted	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,597</u>
Restricted - Hurricane Relief	\$8,086	\$0
General Fund	\$24,817	\$24,551
Current Earnings	4,018	(245)
Total Unrestricted	<u>\$36,921</u>	<u>\$24,306</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$36,921</u>	<u>\$32,903</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Denominational Budget - Designated	\$5,153	\$1,830
Undesignated	0	0
Designated - Puerto Rico	1201	0
Designated - Hurricane Relief	0	347
Memorial Fund Savings Income – (Note 2)	4336	732
Permanent Endowment Income (Note 3)	0	431
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$10,690</u>	<u>\$3,340</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Malawi Relief	0	1,000
Puerto Rico	1,712	0
Travel - Middle East	0	1,000
Stephanie Sholtz Fund	2,000	0
Rwanda/Burundi Relief	1,000	
Nicaragua Hurricane	500	
Uganda Relief	1,000	1,000
Administrative	460	585
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$6,672</u>	<u>\$3,585</u>
Excess/(Deficit) Revenue Collected Over Expenses Paid	\$4,018	(\$245)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>\$32,903</u>	<u>\$33,148</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$36,921</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,903</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Social Action Committee have been prepared on a basis of cash receipts and a disbursement, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

*Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is responsible for the issuing of policy statements dealing with social problems on a national level. The committee also aids people in need of emergency relief and long-range development projects. The organization also receives grants and has other transactions with Seventh Day Baptist affiliates.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 - Memorial Fund Savings Income**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund to generate more income than can be earned at a bank. The income earned by these funds is received by the committee and the deposited funds can be claimed by the committee at any time.

The organization also receives income and has other transactions with other Seventh Day Baptist boards, agencies, and funds.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 3 – Permanent Endowment Income**

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The organization receives income from the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. Some of the income is income earned on organizational deposits with the Memorial Fund (Note 2). Other income comes from permanent endowments where the donor specified that income from their gift was to be used, in whole or in part, for Seventh Day Baptist Christian Social Actions, or from permanent endowments without donor restrictions.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Church Development  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin 53547

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances--cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Church Development as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances – cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Church Development and Council on Ministry. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Church Development as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and its revenues, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

May XX, 2021

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES — CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Checking Account Unrestricted	\$26,490	\$8,890
Checking Account Temporarily Restricted	0	0
Checking Account Total	<u>\$26,490</u>	<u>\$8,890</u>
Deposits held by the Memorial Board (Note 3)		
Restricted Memorial Fund Accounts	\$132,136	\$102,779
Total Deposits held by the Memorial Board	<u>\$132,136</u>	<u>\$102,779</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$158,626</u></u>	<u><u>\$111,669</u></u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Liabilities - Due Conference Services (Note 2)	<u>\$23,287</u>	<u>\$23,287</u>
Restricted Fund Balances:		
Church Planting Fund Raritan Valley	\$115,469	\$101,915
Church Planting Fund	985	864
Pastoral Counseling	1,018	1,018
Spanish Language Ministry	413	413
NAE Program Fund	15,682	0
New Contact Follow-Up	300	300
Total Restricted Funds:	<u>\$133,867</u>	<u>\$104,510</u>
Unrestricted Funds	\$1,472	(\$16,128)
Total Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance	<u>\$135,339</u>	<u>\$88,382</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$158,626</u></u>	<u><u>\$111,669</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—CASH BASIS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Contributions – Denominational Budget:		
Designated	\$24,104	\$6,827
Undesignated	54,317	49,772
Depository Interest	16,253	2,423
Grants	124,466	66,612
French Property Lease	8,200	8,400
Other	373	6,799
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$227,713</u>	<u>\$140,833</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Compensation Director & Coordinator	\$97,022	\$64,596
Council and Center Expenses	4,503	4,587
Continuing Education of Pastors	0	0
Church Revitalization	27,511	407
Pastors Conference	500	5,398
Travel	6,033	26,183
Church Planting	12,595	20,395
Ministry Staff Development	13,000	6,500
NAE Program	3,000	0
Other	16,592	1,539
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$180,756</u>	<u>\$129,605</u>
Excess (deficit) Revenue over Expenses	\$46,957	\$11,228
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$111,669	\$109,091
Change in Liabilities	\$0	(\$8,650)
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$158,626</u>	<u>\$111,669</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Church Development have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader

*Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is one of the boards and agencies of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference and provides support and education for church development within the conference.

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference, its boards and agencies qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 – Due Conference Services**

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The organization has borrowed funds from Conference Services in order to meet operating expenses.

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**NOTE 3 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned by the fund is received by the Council and the funds can be claimed by the Council at any time.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist Communications  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances – modified cash basis of Seventh Day Baptist Communications as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances – modified cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Seventh Day Baptist Communications. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified report.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and funds balances of Seventh Day Baptist Communications as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 14, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**COMMUNCIATIONS**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES—MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets		
Cash – Unrestricted	\$3,845	\$1,049
Agency Advance		
Deposits with Memorial Fund (Note 2)	\$123,059	\$123,076
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$126,904</u></b>	<b><u>\$124,125</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0
<b><u>FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
Fund Balance	<u>\$126,904</u>	<u>\$124,125</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$126,904</u></b>	<b><u>\$124,125</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Contributions – Denominational Budget:		
Designated	\$14,320	\$7,534
Undesignated	18,889	23,696
Sabbath Recorder	3,685	5,520
Endowment Income	39,541	19,293
Custodial Income	1,838	311
Sales and subscriptions	81	1,252
Memorial Fund	40,500	12,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$118,854</u>	<u>\$69,606</u>
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Executive Expenses	\$61,928	\$63,049
Publications	34,748	35,478
Denominational mailing	4,789	3,812
Internet Expenses	6,762	3,968
Other Publishing Costs	7,848	4,004
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$116,075</u>	<u>\$110,311</u>
 Excess (deficit)	\$2,779	(\$40,705)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>\$124,125</u>	<u>\$164,830</u>
 Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$126,904</u></u>	<u><u>\$124,125</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COMMUNICATIONS

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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#### **NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of Seventh Day Baptist Communications have been prepared on a modified basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statement to the reader.

##### *Accounting Policies*

The organization uses the modified cash basis method of accounting. The financial statements reflect only those transactions that result from revenue collected and expenses paid. Items such as accounts receivable, accounts payable or accrued income or expenses are not reflected in the financial statements. Also, the modification is for in process inventories. Job costs are carried in inventory until completed and are carried at cost.

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

##### *Nature of Organization*

Seventh Day Baptist Communications is an agency of the General Conference and its support activity is the publication and distribution of the Sabbath Recorder and other tracts to the various Seventh Day Baptist organizations.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COMMUNICATIONS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 2 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned by these funds is received by the Council and the funds can be claimed by the Council at any time.

The organization also received grants and has other transactions with other Seventh Day Baptist boards, agencies, and funds.

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Unrestricted Deposits	\$108,033	\$109,712
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>\$108,033</u>	<u>\$109,712</u>
 Paul B. Osborn Memorial	 5,510	 5,009
Larry Graffius Book	7,401	6,498
True to Sabbath Book Reserve	928	815
Book Reserve	1,187	1,042
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>15,026</u>	<u>13,364</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	 <u><u>\$123,059</u></u>	 <u><u>\$123,076</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Conference Services  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances cash-basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference Services as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances cash-basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference Services. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference Services as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

May 20, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CONFERENCE SERVICES**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES — CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash – Unrestricted	\$21,403	\$15,011
Advances	32,505	26,367
Total Current Assets	<u>\$53,908</u>	<u>\$41,378</u>
Depository Accounts		
Unrestricted Deposits (Note 2)	\$429,100	\$387,671
Restricted Deposits (Note 2)	32,769	28,112
Total Depository Accounts	<u>\$461,869</u>	<u>\$415,783</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$515,777</u></u>	<u><u>\$457,161</u></u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Due Other Agencies	\$6,986	\$7,696
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$6,986</u>	<u>\$7,696</u>
Fund Balance:		
Unrestricted	\$476,022	\$421,353
Restricted	32,769	28,112
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$508,791</u>	<u>\$449,465</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$515,777</u></u>	<u><u>\$457,161</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CONFERENCE SERVICES**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES — CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Contributions – Denominational		
Budget:		
Designated	\$12,807	\$10,692
Undesignated	110,974	101,707
Endowment & Interest Income:	58,647	10,209
Memorial Fund Grant	67,500	70,500
Sales & Service	15,000	15,000
Conference Income	685	4,858
Miscellaneous	1,428	32
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$267,041</u>	<u>\$212,998</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Executive Director	\$76,517	\$107,373
Financial Management	50,658	50,536
Clerical Support	8,423	4,393
Computer Services	3,748	3,811
Denominational Leadership Travel	13,704	45,935
Host Committee Expense		
Other Conference Expenses	3,918	2,680
Others	50,841	30,067
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$207,809</u>	<u>\$244,795</u>
Revenue Collected Over Expenses	\$59,232	(\$31,797)
Paid (Deficit)		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	457,161	483,150
Annual E Resource Impact	(616)	5,808
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$515,777</u>	<u>\$457,161</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CONFERENCE SERVICES**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference Services have been prepared on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

*Accounting Policies*

The organization is on the cash basis of accounting. The financial statements reflect only those transactions that result from revenues collected and expenses paid. Items such as accounts receivable, accounts payable or accrued income and expenses are not reflected in the financial statements.

Fixed assets of the organization are reported on the cash basis of accounting and as such all fixed assets purchased are expenses in the year of purchase.

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is responsible for carrying out the purpose of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference. The purpose of the corporation is to provide advice and assistance to the member churches in the accomplishment of their tasks; to advise the churches and their respective members, admitted to membership, in matters pertaining to doctrine and discipline, faith and practice; to promote divine worship, the spread and maintenance of the Christian religion, Sabbath observance, Sabbath or Bible Schools, and religious education; to provide for pensions for ministers of the Gospel and other persons engaged in denominational work; to provide for any charitable purposes pertaining to the interest of Seventh Day Baptists; and that the operations of this corporation may be conducted and its purposes be promoted in any and all parts of the world, or any other lawful purpose incident to the above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**CONFERENCE SERVICES**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

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The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 – Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The organization has entrusted funds to the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund to be used for investment purposes. The income earned by these funds is received by Conference Services and the funds can be claimed by Conference Services at any time. Seventh Day Baptist Conference Services has transactions with related boards and agencies.

Balance of funds at December 31, 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Donor Restricted Funds		
Host Committee	\$7,458	\$6,058
Senior Saints Fund	93	68
Crandall Reserve	14,118	12,398
SDB Medical Missions	11,100	9,588
Total Donor Restricted Funds	<u>\$32,769</u>	<u>\$28,112</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
McMillan Endowment	\$244,514	\$221,486
McMillan General Conference Admin	45,565	41,639
William Arthur Fund	2,892	2,630
Franklin Walsh Fund	45,668	41,516
P. Green Fund	32,560	29,600
Langworthy Fund	3,384	3,076
Ernest & Helen Bond Fund	17,840	15,662
Jacqueline Payne Bequest	36,677	32,062
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>\$429,100</u>	<u>\$387,671</u>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE OF FUNDS</b>	<u><u>\$461,869</u></u>	<u><u>\$415,783</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
Committee on Support and Retirement  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference-Committee on Support and Retirement, (COSAR) Fund as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances - cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified report.

I am a member of the COSAR Committee. The Executive Director and Financial Officer have determined any potential conflict of interest is not material, and I may conduct this audit.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and funds balances of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference-Committee on Support and Retirement, (COSAR), as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and its revenue expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 23, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND RETIREMENT (COSAR)**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Contributions and Interest	\$25,589	\$33,718
Bequest	\$50,000	\$0
Endowment Income	28,203	16,144
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$103,792</u>	<u>\$49,862</u>
 <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Pension Benefits	34,287	51,301
Disability Insurance	5,974	6,450
Grants for Assistance	2,500	1,500
LPL Advisor Transition Expense (Note 6)	10,500	
Other	2,700	869
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$55,961</u>	<u>\$60,120</u>
 Excess Expense over Revenue	\$47,831	(\$10,258)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND RETIREMENT (COSAR)**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND RETIREMENT (COSAR)**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Committee on Support and Retirement have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statement to the reader.

*Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is responsible for providing support for the denomination, General Conference, and its agencies in reference to pastoral support and assistance.

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference-Committee on Support and Retirement qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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General Conference has entrusted the funds to the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The funds are restricted for the purpose of providing benefits to retired pastors and their spouses and assistance to current pastors.

The organization also received loans and has other transactions with other Seventh Day Baptist boards, agencies, and funds.

All restrictions on funds are those placed on by General Conference.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND RETIREMENT (COSAR)**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 3 – Liabilities – Future Benefit**

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In prior years, this was an estimate of expected future benefits made by the SDB Financial Officer. This audit used that established figure as representative of expected future liabilities, representing potential future unfunded needs. Beginning in 2020, COSAR annual revenue is greater than annual expenses, and COSAR is not expected to have future unfunded liabilities. As a result, Future Benefit Liabilities has been adjusted to a zero value for 2020.

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**NOTE 4 – Notes Payable**

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Through 2013, COSAR was able to pay covered retiree benefits without borrowing any funds. In 2014, COSAR began borrowing from the Memorial Fund in order to make payments. At year-end 2020, the total loan amount was \$108,875. Since COSAR ongoing revenue is now greater than annual expenses, no further borrowing is planned and payoff of the zero-interest loan can begin.

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**NOTE 5 – General Fund**

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In 2020 the negative number is a function of simultaneously having both an outstanding loan and a surplus of cash in checking and depository account. As the surplus cash is used to pay down the loan, this negative balance will decrease going forward and the General Fund is expected to turn positive.

In 2019 this represented the financial impact to the General Fund to cover expected future COSAR liabilities if no further contributions, interest or endowment income were received.

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**NOTE 6 – LPL Adviser Transition Expense**

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The 403(b) individual pastors' retirement accounts were transferred from Linsco Private Ledger to Fidelity when the Memorial Fund changed advisers. This one-time expense was incurred to make pastors whole on their retirement contributions.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Denominational Budget  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and the changes in fund balances - cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenues, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 5, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
 FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS  
 December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash – Unrestricted	\$1,042	\$435
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$1,042</u>	<u>\$435</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
Liabilities	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance	<u>1,042</u>	<u>435</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$1,042</u>	<u>\$435</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES--CASH BASIS

Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	12/31/2020	12/31/2019
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Contributions:		
Designated	\$150,093	\$50,115
Undesignated	\$226,584	\$226,850
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$376,677</b>	<b>\$276,965</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Program Services:		
Building Operation Fund	\$10,045	\$9,256
Christian Education Council	40,271	35,007
Christian Social Action	5,053	1,755
Church Revitalization	67,579	54,463
Communications	27,834	24,846
Conference Services	123,782	112,399
COSAR	65,429	13,616
Ecumenical Affairs Fund	240	43
Historical	3,187	2,388
Memorial Fund	2,137	3,902
Missionary Society	20,340	14,956
Women's Society	9,693	3,699
Others	480	474
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$376,070</b>	<b>\$276,804</b>
Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$607	\$161
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$435	\$274
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$1,042</u>	<u>\$435</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2019 and 2020

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

*Nature of Organization*

The organization is a transfer fund set up to receive contributions from individual churches and its members and distribute these funds to various boards and agencies according to the budget adopted by General Conference.

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference, its boards and agencies qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Seventh Day Baptist Ecumenical Affairs Fund  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Ecumenical Affairs Fund as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances - cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and funds balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Ecumenical Affairs Fund, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 2, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS FUND**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES—CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash:		
Checking – Unrestricted	\$394	\$394
Memorial Fund – Custodial		
Restricted (World Federation Travel Funds)	45	39
	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$439</u>	<u>\$433</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Due Other Agencies	\$0	\$0
<b><u>FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
Unrestricted	\$394	\$394
Restricted	45	39
	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$439</u>	<u>\$433</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$439</u>	<u>\$433</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS FUND**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Denominational Budget – Undesignated	\$0	\$0
– Designated	0	0
World Federation	0	0
Investment Income	6	1
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$6</u>	<u>\$1</u>
 <b><u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES</u></b>		
Program services:		
Seventh Day Baptist World Federation	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Program Service Expenses</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Other Expenses:		
Administrative Expenses	\$0	\$129
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$129</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$129</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenue Collected Over Expenses Paid	\$6	(\$128)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>\$433</u>	<u>\$561</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$439</u></u>	<u><u>\$433</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS FUND**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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*Accounting Policies*

The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Ecumenical Affairs Fund have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

The Ecumenical Affairs Fund is a committee of the General Conference whose activities relate to ecumenical affairs on a nationwide and worldwide basis.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement



Mark D. Lewis

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist Historical  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances - cash basis of Seventh Day Baptist Historical as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related statements of revenue, expenses, the changes in fund balances - cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Seventh Day Baptist Historical. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of Seventh Day Historical as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis

April 3, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**HISTORICAL**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash:		
Checking – Unrestricted	\$12,996	\$11,351
Deposits – (Note 2)		
Unrestricted	36,300	8,000
Centennial Fund - Restricted	75,398	64,458
Sanford Publishing – Restricted	1,427	1,247
Total Deposits	<u>113,125</u>	<u>73,705</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$126,121</u></u>	<u><u>\$85,056</u></u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$0	\$0
 <b><u>FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
Restricted Funds	76,825	65,705
Cash & Unrestricted Funds	<u>49,296</u>	<u>19,351</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$126,121</u></u>	<u><u>\$85,056</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**HISTORICAL**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS  
Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Denominational Budget – Undesignated	\$472	\$433
Denominational Budget – Designated	2,715	1,955
Permanent Endowment Income	28,340	16,624
Depository Income – Custodial Funds	13,156	1,483
Grants - MF Matching and Merger	300	300
Sales	396	3,819
Centennial Fund Donations	4,300	3,600
Cuadra Star Donation	0	3,000
Contributions & Membership	6,934	4,077
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$56,613</u>	<u>\$35,291</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Historian salary & benefits	\$0	\$0
Librarian salary & benefits	5,549	5,937
Programming	8,668	7,517
Travel	0	1,005
Other	1,331	1,866
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$15,548</u>	<u>\$16,325</u>
Excess (deficit) Revenue Collected	\$41,065	\$18,966
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	<u>\$85,056</u>	<u>\$66,090</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u><u>\$126,121</u></u>	<u><u>\$85,056</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

## **SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST HISTORICAL**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FOOTNOTES Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2020**

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#### **NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of Seventh Day Baptist Historical have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

##### *Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

##### *General Operating Fund*

##### *Nature of Organization*

The organization is responsible for providing historical and librarian support for the denomination, General Conference and its agencies.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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#### **NOTE 2 - Related Party Transactions and Fund Restrictions**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned by these funds is received by the Society and the funds can be claimed by the Society at any time.

The organization also receives grants and has other transactions with other Seventh Day Baptist boards, agencies, and funds.

The Centennial Fund capital campaign began in December 2013 to establish an endowment fund to provide perpetual income for historical work.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Mark D. Lewis

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Seventh Day Baptist  
Women's Society  
Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and fund balances--cash basis of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances--cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted this audit as an individual. This is not a certified audit.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and its revenue, expenses, and changes in its fund balances for the years then ended, in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Mark D. Lewis,

April 5, 2021

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND  
FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash:		
Unrestricted Checking	10,050	241
Total Cash	<u>\$10,050</u>	<u>\$241</u>
Memorial Fund Depository Accounts:		
Unrestricted (Note 3)	14,175	11,994
Restricted (Note 3)	34,352	27,316
Total Depository Accounts	<u>48,527</u>	<u>39,310</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$58,577</u></u>	<u><u>\$39,551</u></u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Liabilities:	\$0	\$1,000
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>		
General Fund	\$10,050	(\$759)
Unrestricted MF Deposits (Note 3)	14,175	11,994
Restricted MF Deposits (Note 3)	<u>34,352</u>	<u>27,316</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u><u>\$58,577</u></u>	<u><u>\$39,551</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – CASH BASIS

December 31, 2020 and 2019

<u>REVENUE</u>	12/31/2020	12/31/2019
Summer Christian Service Corps	\$7,688	\$10,445
Denominational Budget – Undesignated	472	433
Denominational Budget – Designated	3,155	1,501
Memorial Fund Depository Income	5,588	1,155
Permanent Endowment Income	904	540
Stephanie Sholtz Memorial	6,158	100
Dorothea Shettel Fund Contributions	165	850
Love Gifts	1,874	2,774
Memorial Fund Grant	601	300
Sales & Services	0	151
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$26,605</b>	<b>\$18,249</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Summer Christian Service Corps (Note 2)	\$301	\$19,198
Love Gifts	0	3,224
North American Baptist Women's Union Travel	0	959
Tuition & Scholarships	0	485
Stephanie Sholtz Memorial	5,000	750
Travel	0	4,067
Administration	1,278	4,258
Others		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,579</b>	<b>\$32,941</b>
(Deficit) Excess Revenue Collected		
Over Expenses Paid	\$20,026	(\$14,692)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	39,551	53,243
Advance Received (Paid)	(1,000)	1,000
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$58,577</u>	<u>\$39,551</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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The financial statements of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society have been prepared on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

*Accounting Policies*

The organization maintains its accounts in accordance with principles of fund accounting. All financial transactions have been recorded on and reported by the following group.

General Operating Fund.

*Nature of Organization*

A General Conference society to encourage the women of the denomination in the interest of Christian culture, to foster individual responsibility and united action in matters of citizenship, to enlist and direct efforts of the women in projects of Christian service, and to stimulate interest in the various enterprises of the denomination. The board of directors shall be elected by the General Conference.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church, its agencies and its institutions qualify as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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**NOTE 2 – Summer Christian Service Corps – Expense Recap**

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	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Travel	\$0	\$15,469
Food	0	1,500
Conference Expense	0	1,472
Training Material	301	558
Other	0	199
TOTAL	<u>\$301</u>	<u>\$19,198</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST**  
**WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2020 and 2019

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**NOTE 3 – Memorial Fund Depository Accounts**

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The organization has deposited funds with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund. The income earned by these funds is received by the committee and the funds can be claimed by the committee at any time.

	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Deposits – Unrestricted	<u>\$14,175</u>	<u>\$11,994</u>
Deposits – Restricted		
Stained Glass Fund	\$0	\$1,652
SCSC Fund	\$6,608	\$0
Linda Hays Fund	762	1,193
Stephanie Sholtz Memorial	7,382	7,991
Streich Music Fund	1,018	890
Dorothea Shettel Fund	<u>18,582</u>	<u>15,590</u>
Total Restricted Deposits	<u>\$34,352</u>	<u>\$27,316</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$48,527</u>	<u>\$39,310</u>

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**Annual Report**  
of the Seventh Day Baptist  
**Christian Education Council**  
for the year 2020-2021

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# **7<sup>th</sup> Report of the Christian Education Council of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference**

**2020-2021**

*(for the period covering July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)*

## **Members of the Council:**

**Peggy Chroniger, chair, Alfred Station, NY**

(term expiring 2024)

**Rev. Paul Andries, Washington, DC**

(term expiring 2023)

**Emily Arnold, Central Maryland, MD**

(term expiring 2022)

**Carol Scull, Shiloh, NJ**

(term expiring 2025)

**Rev. William Shobe, Dodge Center, MN**

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## Introduction

The Christian Education Council is charged with the development and oversight of educational ministries for Seventh Day Baptists in local churches and at our yearly General Conference sessions. The Council is made up of five individuals elected by the General Conference (on staggered five-year terms), who meet regularly throughout the year to address our portion of the General Conference's work to equip individuals and churches to actively advance God's Kingdom.

Despite challenges to our work presented by the global pandemic, our work to achieve our vision continued over the past year. This report, our seventh annual report to the SDB General Conference, is meant to summarize our work over the last year.

## Vision Statement

In our work as a Council, we strive to achieve the broader vision and mission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the USA & Canada by ***equipping ambassadors to represent Christ's Kingdom.***

## A Word About the Pandemic's Impact

The global pandemic effected the ministries of all Seventh Day Baptists in 2020-21, and the Christian Education Council is no exception. The educational ministries of SDB churches faced significant challenges in 2020-21, as many churches did not meet regularly and those that did needed to respond to local public health officials about the ways that their services and ministries could be safely conducted. These conditions obviously present challenges to the usual methods for facilitating educational ministries.

We are proud to note that in the face of these challenges, many SDB congregations moved quickly to online ministry through video conferencing software like Zoom and Google Meets, and persevered through the associated bumps of implementing new methods and technologies. The CEC attempted to provide support to these congregations through their many challenges in 2020-2021. While this is not the ministry we hoped for prior to the pandemic, we feel blessed to have been able to serve churches as they sought to take the opportunities that were presented to them. The Director had opportunities to "visit" many congregations or associations as a result of the virtual opportunities, and this effectively increased our reach this year.

While it is too soon to properly understand all of the implications of this pandemic season, there are several themes that have been made clear in this season. First among them is that Seventh Day Baptists will find a way to see one another face to face, even if that means quickly adopting new and unfamiliar technology. Likewise, far from dispensing with weekly Bible studies and Sabbath School, many local SDB churches increased these ministries using technology. We are very encouraged by this response and increased impact, and encourage all Seventh Day Baptists to consider how they can continue to reach lost people, build vital communities of faith, and equip ambassadors to represent and advance Christ's Kingdom by learning all of the lessons of this difficult but opportunity-filled season. We trust that God will continue to use the lessons of this season for the benefit of Kingdom as we move forward.

## ***Helping Hand***

One of the longest Christian Education ministries of Seventh Day Baptists is the *Helping Hand*, a Bible Study quarterly produced in consultation with the Lessons from the Uniform Series committee of the National Council of Churches. The *Helping Hand* was first published in 1895 for the purpose of increasing regular Bible study among Seventh Day Baptists. From then to now, it has served honorably as one of the primary methods of Bible teaching among our people.

The editor of the *Helping Hand* is Rev. Stephen Osborn, from Frontier Church – Carbon Valley (formerly known as the Boulder, CO church). The editor recruits SDB writers for the publication who are compensated for their contributions. The publication is proudly written by Seventh Day Baptists, for Seventh Day Baptists in our Conference and around the world. Individuals interested in writing for the publication are encouraged to contact the editor to evaluate their possible contributions. Rev. Osborn's email is: [helpinghandeditor@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandeditor@gmail.com).

Usage of the publication continues outside our Conference in other SDB Conferences around the world (and other places) where it is highly valued. Rising costs influence international subscribers, at least potentially, even more than domestic subscribers, so we continue to explore alternative means to deliver the content to other SDB Conferences and international subscribers.

The Christian Education Council deeply appreciates the work of the head of the Spanish translation team in Ecuador led by Andrea Pozo Velástegui. The Spanish-language version of the publication has a devoted group of churches in our Conference who use it regularly and depend on it. Though costs continue to rise in Ecuador, they are producing a high quality, beautiful publication which is valued around the world. We are grateful for their dedicated work.

The price increase instituted early in 2020 to stabilize the finances of the publication was successful in temporarily solidifying the publication, but we anticipate needing to institute another price increase to counter increasing production and mailing costs in the near future. Continued turmoil in the print and mail industries underscore these increasing costs. In the long term, changing conditions and demographics continue to present obstacles to the long-term future of the publication.

## **Conference Activities for Children and Youth:**

One of the long-standing responsibilities of the Christian Education Council is to provide high quality programs for our children and youth at General Conference.

Despite no in-person Conference sessions being held in 2020, online virtual Conference activities were planned for children and youth in 2020. Elianna McHenry planned an online virtual Children's Conference, Makayla Osborn organized online activities for middle school aged students, and Debbie Bond organized online activities for high school aged students. These activities were coordinated by chair Peggy Chroniger with the support of the General Conference Coordinator, Rev. John J. Pethtel.

## **Youth and Children's Ministry:**

Ministries to children and youth at General Conference are only a small part of the total ministry of Seventh Day Baptists to our young people. Requests for children's and youth ministry materials to teach SDB distinctives continue to come to us, and we anticipate moving forward coming out of the pandemic towards solutions for local churches. We also continue to network Christian educators in our churches so that those doing this important ministry can find like-minded workers and share their information and work for the benefit of all.

## **Ministering to our Young Adults:**

As important as ministry to youth, however, is ministry to young adults. The member churches of our Conference need to provide ministry to and opportunities for our young adults to minister to others—those who have graduated high school and are moving into the next stage of their lives. Our current cultural conditions are being met by our young adults right now and they must be supported as they reach out with the Gospel. This is part of our responsibilities to make disciples, but also to make disciples who make disciples. Many of our young adults are already leaders in the places they find themselves—in their schools, jobs, local churches and our General Conference. Mentoring, coaching and relationship building with these emerging leaders is an opportunity for your church to grow and change as relationships deepen. We encourage local churches to purposefully engage in this work.

COVID concerns and the lack of an in-person Conference meeting provided an obstacle to the planning of a Year End retreat for young adults in 2021, and as a result, no retreat was held. The CEC will be evaluating the viability and timing of this particular ministry to our young adults moving forward.

## **Lay Leadership Training/SDBU:**

The making of disciples and training of ambassadors is a core value of the Christian Education Council. One aspect of this important making and training is equipping Christian leaders in the local church context. We have long aided local churches in this important work by offering training materials meant to encourage local church members into spiritual maturity and leadership.

Currently, this training material is available to local churches as part of the SDBU initiative, which is meant to integrate all our leadership development programs and ministries among Seventh Day Baptists. The Lay Leadership Certificate program is the vehicle we offer local churches who wish to train their congregations broadly for leadership in their local contexts. This program provides a framework for growth in Bible study, spiritual maturity and awareness, small group leadership, teaching, and distinctive SDB beliefs and modes and is administered by leaders in the local church for leaders in the local church. Those who complete the program are issued a certificate of completion in the program by the Christian Education Council and are ready, if they desire, for further participation in the other aspects of the SDBU initiative, including pastoral training.

In 2020-21, churches continue to explore this alternative to training in their local context. If you have questions about this material or using it in your local church, please contact the Director.

### **Ministry and Pastoral Leadership Training/SDBU:**

Following the transition of responsibility for the SDB School of Ministry from the Council on Ministry to the Christian Education Council, the training programs of our General Conference are now all included as part of the Seventh Day Baptist University (SDBU) initiative. Advisement and guidance for the work of ministry and pastoral training among SDBs during the past year has been provided by a subcommittee of members who previously provided the same guidance when these ministries were part of the Council on Ministry.

One of the legacy programs from COM is the Seminary Education program. This program provided extensive funding for seminary training for qualified candidates in exchange for service to SDBs, usually in the context of local churches. While a moratorium on new candidates was initiated in 2015 for program review and budgetary reasons, as the beginning of our Conference year there was one student still finishing the program who were admitted prior to the moratorium: Conlief Lyons (Toronto, ONT), who was studying at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Toronto, ONT. Conlief is on schedule to complete his seminary work soon. His graduation will conclude this long-serving and valuable program.

SDBU provides introductory and intermediate level training to pastors and leaders through two certificate programs: the Ministry Leadership Certificate (MLC) program and the Pastoral Leadership Certificate (PLC) program. We are currently encouraging all those who are interested in ministry service who are supported in their pursuit by their local congregation to enroll in the Ministry Leadership Certificate program. These two programs are meant to provide ministry training for those who are in service roles in the local contexts to produce distinctively SDB leaders in a flexible and affordable way. More information about these two programs can be found at [www.seventhdaybaptist.org/sdbu](http://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/sdbu).

To date, 56 different students have taken a SDBU class in the MLC or PLC programs since the launch of SDBU five years ago. We had 6 graduates from the Ministry Leadership Certificate in 2020-21: Tyler Chroniger, Chris Galarneau, Gabriel Graffius, Scott Paulin, Joan Small, and Jayar Smith. Other students continue in their MLC track progress. 37 of the students noted above have taken classes in the MLC track, and 22 have taken classes in only the PLC track, which now includes the classes previously known as Summer Institute (3 students have taken classes in both programs). All 7 recent graduates of the MLC program are currently serving in leadership roles in their local churches or in conference ministry, with some ready to continue in the Pastor Leadership Certificate program.

The Pastoral Leadership Certificate program has been in development beyond the former Summer Institute classes, but is now set, with classes scheduled to begin this fall, after the students who had sought to begin in 2020-21 were unable to do so. As students complete this certificate, additional education will need to be developed, either in continuing education credits inside SDBU or in the broader academic environment. As needs arise for education, we are

prepared to continue to provide the educational opportunities necessary for our growing leaders. These opportunities extend beyond training for pastoral service as we need training for church planters, missionaries, deacons (as noted below), worship leaders, youth workers and more. In 2021, a collaborative effort with the SDB Missionary Society to introduce mission training as part of the SDBU initiative began successfully with a class in the Ministry Leadership Certificate program. Plans are in place to develop additional training in SDBU in these and other important ministries areas and skills.

In addition to SDBU, the CEC is exploring a variety of internship experiences which may serve local churches to train and equip leaders for service in their local contexts. More information about these opportunities will be forthcoming following tests of the program during the 2021-22 Conference Year. We are grateful to the SDB Women's Board and the SCSC Committee for their expertise and important feedback as we consider the design of these internship opportunities.

### **Scripture Memory Program:**

Seventh Day Baptists are a Bible people. Our existence is owed to our forebearers carefully reading the Scriptures and coming under conviction about how they should live. The Bible is our most important teacher, and our knowledge of God is intimately tied to it. Because the Scriptures are so central to our lives as Christians and Seventh Day Baptists, the Christian Education Council continues to promote Bible memorization among our people through the Scripture Memory Program. The program recognizes both individuals and local churches who commit portions of Scripture to memory during a calendar year. The verses and passages for memorization are selected by the incoming Conference President and usually center on their theme for the year. The program is broken into three grade levels so that all SDBs from the youngest to the oldest can participate. We are grateful for the work of Paula Davis for her work in aiding in the promotion of this program in 2020-2021, and for her desire to see Bible engagement increase among SDBs.

Individuals who complete the program receive a certificate, with additional recognition given to those who complete the program for 10 or more years. In addition, the church with the highest number of members who complete the program are honored with the Mary G. Clare Scripture Memory Bowl, a traveling trophy. Since 2017, the Andrew J. Camenga Scripture Memory Award has also been awarded to the church with the highest percentage of congregational participation (minimum 25 reported members).

In 2019-20, 81 individuals from 13 churches completed the program and were recognized. The winner of the Mary G. Clare Scripture Memory Bowl was the New York City, NY SDB church, with 25 individuals who completed the program. The Andrew J. Camenga Award was won by the All Nations SDB Church in Gardena, CA, with 40% of their regular attenders completing the program. Certificates were mailed to those who completed the program after Virtual Conference 2020, along with material promoting the program for 2020-21. The awards for this year's program will be announced as part of this year's virtual Conference week. The 2021-22 program is slated to continue as scheduled, though we note with concern that the pandemic seems to have severely impacted participation in this program over the past two years.



Those with questions about the program are encouraged to visit the General Conference website: <https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/ministries/christian-education/scripture-memory-program>, for more information.

### **Crystal Apple:**

The Bible has long been at the center of SDB life and our Christian Education efforts, and for many years the Sabbath School has served a vital role in Bible teaching in our local churches. As part of our commitment to encouraging vital and thriving Sabbath Schools, the Christian Education Council have traditionally recognized one local Sabbath School teacher each year as our Sabbath School Teacher of the Year. The recipient of the honor is decided by a subcommittee of the CEC who considers nominations from local churches. A church whose nominee is selected for the award is ineligible to nominate another teacher for three years after their most recent candidate is honored. Honorees are given the Crystal Apple award to memorialize their excellence in ministry. Recently, in recognition that there are many ways teachers can serve in a local church beyond Sabbath School, the award has been broadened to include other teachers in the local church as well.

In 2020, because there was no nominee, there was no Teacher of the Year. There were nominees in 2021, and so we look forward to once again honoring a recipient this year during the virtual Conference week.

For this honor to continue, we need yearly nominees. Please consider who you might nominate from your local church! Those with questions about this program or wish to nominate a teacher from their local church are encouraged to contact the Director.

### **Diaconate Training:**

There are many ways to lead in a local church. The Christian Education Council is committed to training a broad array of church leaders including lay leaders, teachers and deacons. For more information about the diaconate training seminar and the other training available, please contact the Director.

### **Disciplemaking, Evangelism, and Gospel Saturation:**

The work of disciplemaking belongs to every follower of Jesus Christ. When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go into the world, He sent them into a lost world who did not know Him and asked them to go and be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. This commission to witness was not (and is not) something which only some believers are called to fulfill—it is for all who follow Jesus Christ.

Disciplemaking occurs whenever a follower (however new) takes a step towards following more closely after Jesus Christ. This is the case for believers as we walk with the Lord for all our years, but it is no less true for the new believer who is taking the first step of faith to follow Christ. As such, even our efforts to make new disciples are ultimately attempts to make disciples. Because it

takes place over an entire lifetime, there a variety of methods and strategies which can be successfully and fruitfully used to make disciples, including new ones.

Because methods vary, the Christian Education Council's approach is to try and make Seventh Day Baptists aware of a variety of evangelism strategies and encourage training in the ways that come most natural to those in our local churches. Materials have been distributed to interested churches throughout the year to aid in their evangelism efforts. Several test projects have yielded good fruit, including conversion growth, and we are excited for the success of our churches.

A new evangelism seminar was rolled out during the 2020-2021 Conference year, as we continue to promote gospel saturation initiatives. The New York City SDB church held the initial Evangelism Seminar with the new material, and following edits of the material after that maiden voyage, the seminar is ready for broader engagement! If you would like more information about this new seminar, please contact the Director.

It is not only the Christian Education Council that has an interest in seeing discipleship and evangelism efforts increase in volume and fruitfulness—nearly everything that our Conference does and our larger goal of Kingdom advance relies on this work. The Evangelism Task Force, which includes Director Kersten, the Missionary Society's Director of Outreach, Rev. Garfield Miller, and Patty Petersen, the Contacts and Data Management Coordinator. The group continues to recruit and collaborates on the broader work of discipleship and evangelism among all SDB ministries in the USA & Canada.

This year's engagement in the Amplify Conference ([www.amplifyconference.tv](http://www.amplifyconference.tv)), hosted by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Wheaton College, has been delayed because of the postponement of the gathering until October 2021. We anticipate SDB involvement in this Conference in 2021, with the possibility of both in-person and online engagement. As always, our goal in engaging in this opportunity is to increase evangelism fervor and skill among SDBs.

There are reasons to be encouraged about the growing evangelistic fervor among the member churches of our General Conference. 28 member churches contacted the CEC for evangelism resources or engaged in one of our evangelism programs in 2020-2021, in addition to 5 associated groups or church plants, and the number of inquiries continues to increase. This is an exciting development! Please contact the Director for more information about how you can get involved in the work of actively advancing God's Kingdom wherever you are!

Our director continues to participate in the Evangelism Leaders Fellowship (ELF; [www.elfellowship.org](http://www.elfellowship.org)), which is comprised of denominational and ministry leaders from across the country who have an interest in evangelism. This group is commissioning research on evangelism and discipling throughout North America and brainstorming new ways to reach the world with the faith we have long professed. We benefit from our engagement with these evangelistic leaders as we search for more ways to promote evangelism and gospel saturation among all the churches of our General Conference.

Disciplemaking and evangelism are tasks with a long and illustrious history among Seventh Day Baptists. We look forward to aiding Seventh Day Baptists in local churches in carrying forward this important tradition. If you care about disciplemaking and evangelism and desire to be included in online discussions and future equipping efforts, please contact the Director.

### **Conclusion:**

The Christian Education Council is dedicated to aiding SDBs in being fully equipped to engage a broken world with the hope of the Gospel, and to provide resources and instruction to help grow Christian leaders who will serve local churches for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom until His return. This work is not stopped by a global pandemic. We invite the participation of all Seventh Day Baptists in the work of Christian Education for His Kingdom and to join with us in this work for the good of the nations.



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# **6TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON HISTORY OF THE SDB GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 2020-21**

*“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way...” (Deuteronomy 8:2)*

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Remembering our past to inform the present and envision the future.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Within the total mission of Seventh Day Baptists, we believe we are called to provide perspective for current experience and for future planning through fuller understanding of and appreciation for where we have come from and how and why, through God’s leading in the past.

### In order to do this we shall:

1. Maintain a library and archives for safe-keeping of and easy access to significant artifacts, documents, pictures, recordings and other materials relating to the history of the Sabbath and of Sabbathkeeping Baptists worldwide;
2. Provide for continuing research into the roots and history of the Seventh Day Baptist movement;
3. Communicate the history of Seventh Day Baptists through personal contacts and presentations, publications, and creative use of other effective media.

# **SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COUNCIL ON HISTORY 2020-2021**

**FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

## **DIRECTORS (FOLLOWING GENERAL COUNCIL ACTION IN 2020)**

JANET THORNGATE (CHAIR).....	TERM EXPIRING 2025
SALEM, WEST VIRGINIA	
TIMOTHY LAWTON.....	TERM EXPIRING 2021
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	
KIM MERCHANT.....	TERM EXPIRING 2023
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	
JUDY PARRISH.....	TERM EXPIRING 2024
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN	
ELON SINCLAIR.....	TERM EXPIRING 2022
TORONTO , ONTARIO	

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JANESVILLE, WI	

**Sixth Annual Report of the Council on History  
of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA & Canada  
July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021**

In this celebration year, recognizing the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in North America, it is appropriate to remind ourselves of their Covenant together, to which we, their progeny, remain committed.

*We entered into a church covenant the 23 day December 1671, viz. William Hiscox, Stephen Mumford, Samuel Hubbard, Roger Baster, sister Hubbard, sister Mumford, sister Rachel Langworthy--*

*After serious Consideration and Seeking God's face among ourselves for the Lord to direct us in a right way for us and our children so as might be for God's glory and our souls' good and other's example. We entered into Covenant with ye Lord and with one another and gave up ourselves to God and one to another to walk together in all God's Holy Commandments and Holy Ordinances according to what the Lord had discovered to us or should discover to be His mind for us to be obedient unto; with sense upon our hearts of great need to be watchful over one another. Did promise so to do, and in edifying and building up one another in our Most holy faith.*

**The Council is grateful** for the interest of the Conference to give this milestone event its due. We especially thank each of the Conference Directors and Conference President Rev. Kevin Butler. We hope, through the programs we developed, to highlight the life and legacy of the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church so that today's Seventh Day Baptists become even more cognizant of the dedication and determination of our forebearers and are encouraged to walk in their footsteps into our own future. The Council's most recent efforts to foster that goal follow.

### **Library Services**

**Reference Requests** are an interesting and important part of Library services. We continue to assist Catherine Stanley, the great-great-granddaughter of 19<sup>th</sup> century SDB pastor William Mead Jones, as she continues her research on her ancestor. We granted her request for a loan of native garments her grandmother donated to the Archive. These were worn by Pastor Jones and his wife while they were SDB missionaries in Palestine in the 1850s. They will be on display with Jones' Jerusalem photographs at a special museum exhibit at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum in New Brunswick, Canada this summer. Dr. Bill Brackney contacted us for reference assistance about the earliest SDB statements of faith, and we provided information based on research conducted by Rev. David Fox during his studies at Summer Institute several years ago. Assistance was also provided to Ben DiMatteo about SDB members of the 85<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry Regiment during the Civil War for a publication he is preparing.

**Website resources** now enable people to search SDB Yearbooks from 1801 onward and periodicals from the 1821 *Missionary Magazine* through the 2017 *Sabbath Recorders*. Additional website resources only available to members include the library catalog and the periodical indexes: surnames and churches/places/subjects. Go to [www.sdbhistory.org](http://www.sdbhistory.org).

**Genealogical assistance** is offered on a time available basis by skilled volunteer Gay McRoberts. She may be reached at [genhelp@seventhdaybaptist.org](mailto:genhelp@seventhdaybaptist.org).

**Ongoing accessions** to the archives include Council on Ministry (COM) back files along with books from the old COM library. Milton WI church records were also recently received for preservation protection. The third edition of Dr. Brackney's *Historical Dictionary of the Baptists* was also added to the collection. We continue to receive digital records from the South Atlantic Association for storage and preservation as well. A group of sermons from Rev. Gideon F. Randolph was also received at the collection from one of his descendants. Master's Thesis work evaluating SDB Conference sessions from Elianna McHenry were added to the collection. Additional materials from the family of Rev. Loyal Hurley also arrived at the library to be joined with materials previously given by his family.

## **Projects**

**SCSC** students Melissa Brown and Jordan Lynch assisted in Council work the summer of 2020 as part of their virtual project. Their work was very helpful and we hope to have inspired a love of SDB history in each.

**A Virtual Tour of the library**, museum, vault, and archives at the SDB Center in Janesville WI was produced as our Virtual Conference 2020 report and is still available for viewing on YouTube.

**The Centennial Fund** balance is now over \$68,000. We are grateful for continued donations which support this endowment fund for the preservation and communication of SDB history. We will be honored to receive additional gifts to mark this 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of SDBs in North America.

**The upgrade to ArchivEra software**, the library and archives management system which replaces the outdated STAR program, is complete. An exciting opportunity arose when a donor promised matching funds to contract with an outside vendor to convert our surname and church indexes into structured data--the first step in the process of importing the indexes into the new system. This matching opportunity was quickly met by a second donor who made a significant contribution to get the project off to a good start. This saved countless hours of Council and volunteer time, advancing toward the goal that people will be able to search for their church or family history as well as any other Sabbath and SDB topics from their homes.

**The 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Newport RI SDB Church** could not be celebrated on-site in Newport because the continuing COVID-19 pandemic required a second year of virtual General Conference. However, as did those pioneers, we live by faith, trusting the sovereignty of God, and planned observances for online platforms. An 11-part video series based on 10 themes from Newport church history will be narrated by a diverse group of SDBs from across the country. Each will wear a limited-edition polo shirt sporting the anniversary logo commissioned for the celebration. These short videos will air leading up to and during Conference week and be available for a variety of uses later. A live panel discussion with guest speakers is planned for the virtual Conference week. Conference President Butler has also invited Director Kersten to deliver a special anniversary seminar.

**A Biography Committee** was established to broaden the existing Council work of updating the biographies of pastors and conference leaders whose ministries were not completed at publication of the 1972 *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America (SDBEA)*, Volume III. Led by chairperson Judy Parrish, the committee will also compile biographies of those SDB pastors and conference leaders whose work has come to fruition since that time. Final policy and guidelines are still to be determined although the work has started. Since the recent *Sabbath Recorder* change to publish death notices but not full obituaries, this committee will produce short biographies of SDB leaders as



deaths occur and include them in the Annual Report. Copies of recently submitted obituaries may be requested from the Director of History.

**Rev. Darwin E. Maxson D.D.** was a 19<sup>th</sup> century SDB pastor and professor, whose manuscript sermons and lectures are archived in 25 bound volumes. With the encouragement of a generous donor who wants to fund the project, we are exploring the possibility of unbinding and scanning the volumes to better enable reading and research.

**The Council provided support to the SDBU program for the instruction of the SDB History course.** Council chairperson Janet Thorngate taught the class with assistance from Director Nick Kersten. Six students took the course and participated in a week of intensive classes, though this time the intensive was held on Zoom due to pandemic considerations.

### **Communication and Publishing**

**The History Happenings newsletter**, mailed Fall 2020, highlighted SDB beginnings in Newport RI and 10 reasons to celebrate that founding in preparation for the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. It also kicked off our Centennial Fund Newport Challenge, offering a signed copy of Janet Thorngate's Newport book to the first 35 donors giving \$350 to the Fund. The newsletter also summarized responses to the Church Records Preservation and Storage Survey we sent to the churches a year ago. The opportunity to become a Friend of SDB History for a \$25 annual contribution, Patron for a \$250 lifetime contribution, or Legacy Partner for a \$5000 lifetime contribution is always available to those who wish to support the COH mission and gain a 10% discount on publications, plus access to segregated features on the library website, [www.sdbhistory.org](http://www.sdbhistory.org).

**Sabbath Recorder articles** for the year included the Covenant of the Newport RI church as an introduction to this anniversary year, and another article on the origins of that church through many trials. COH chairperson Janet Thorngate wrote about 10 women of Alfred NY who voted in 1887, long before women had the right to vote. Diane Merchant's research brought to light interesting *SR* reprints: the 1945 Thanksgiving Prayer written by Victor Skaggs at the end of WWII; 1969 news of the Dodge Center MN centennial and the respect toward and participation of SDBs there; the report in 1878 of a prairie fire in North Loup NE and the Salem WV church fire in 1947; *SR* Children's Page letters from 1935-1948; local church snowstorm reports from the winter of 1918; very first *SR* editor George B. Utter's 1852 defense of the Sabbath and explanation of the spread of SDBs from Newport to other RI sites, CT, and NY; and the 1920 visit of Theodore L. Gardiner D.D. to the Middle Island WV church and the future SDB leaders who were molded there.

### **Council Operations**

**Personnel** are invaluable assets to the work of the Council. We continue to appreciate the efforts of Director Nicholas Kersten, Conference Virtual Assistant Brittany Kersten, Library Assistant Rinald Kersten, and Genealogical Assistant Gay McRoberts, along with All-STAR volunteers (this year Sandy Clare, Diane and Tom Merchant, and Karen Payne) who contribute greatly to the monumental work of making increasingly more of the library contents accessible online.

**Online sessions** continued to be the Council meeting mode since the COVID pandemic necessitated the cancellation of our May in-person annual meeting for the second year. We usually held bimonthly Zoom sessions, using the Conference-provided capability.

We are inspired by our forebearers in Newport to press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14):

*There are some that have used all their art and subtlety to break our peace and harmony. But, Blessed be God, all their designs have proved abortive. We pray God that no weapon that is formed against the Church may prosper; we hope and pray that we may be supported under all the trials we are exercised with, however unnatural some of them are. May we consider it will not be long that those things that try our patience and disorder our passion will end. This is the Apostle Paul's motive: Let your moderation be known to all men for the Lord is at hand—tis but a little time that we can be serviceable to each other. Therefore whatsoever our hands findeth to do for God's glory and the peace and welfare of His Church, let us do it with all our might.*

---taken from a letter to its I Hopkinton RI sister church from the Newport church  
September 5, 1783

## BIOGRAPHIES

### ***DECEASED SDB PASTORS AND CONFERENCE LEADERS FROM CONFERENCE 2019 THROUGH MAY 2021:***

BEVIS, REV. JOHN D., 1942-2020. B. March 30, 1941 in Florence, AL, son of John Royal Bevis and Mildred Zahnd Bevis; edu. Southern Missionary College, B.A. Business 1963; Samford University, M.A. History 1968; West Virginia University, graduate work in history 1971-72; University of Phoenix, M.A. Business 1987. m. E. Hope, 1962, later divorced; children: Laura Leigh Bevis Hope. Assistant Professor of History, Salem College, Salem WV 1968-1973; Instructor Northwest-Shoals Community College 1987-2003. Assisted in organization of New York City and Raritan Valley, NJ SDB churches. Pastorates: Paint Rock AL 1980-82, ordained there 1982; Denver CO 1982-87; Paint Rock AL 1987-2011; Cornerstone Tupelo MS 1997-. Editor *Sabbath Recorder* 1973-1982; Bible Sabbath Association, president; SDB Historical Society Director; Gold-Headed Cane Award 1998; General Conference President 1998; General Council. D. October 30, 2020 Florence AL; burial Greenview Memorial Park, Florence AL. SR March 2021 notice.

BOTTOMS, RUTH A. (BUCKLEY) CARTWRIGHT BUCHER, 1922-2019. B. August 4, 1922 in Pike NY, the daughter of Benjamin and Grace Young Buckley. m. 1-Bruce O. Cartwright 1938 (d.1952), children: Robert d.2007 (Susan); Mary (Walter) Steesy, Margaret (David-d.2018) Taylor; 2-Francis Bucher 1953 (d.1974), children: Francis "Chip" d.1982 (Pamela), Gregory (Kathie), Sue (Denver) Drake; m. 3-Charles Bottoms 1975 (d.1984). Member Board of Christian Education 1970-73; co-authored a Sabbath tract used in African missions; active in Richburg and Little Genesee churches and Allegheny Association; hospitality ministry; Robe of Achievement 2004. D. August 19, 2019 in Scio NY. see Women's Bd. Robe of Achievement biographies; SR Nov. 2019.

BURDICK, BETH IRENE SEVERE, 1926-2021. B. Brawley, CA November 13, 1926, daughter of Claude M. and Luella Baker Severe; edu. Huntington Memorial Hospital School of Nursing R.N., University of S. CA, B.S.; training in nurse midwifery; went to Malawi Africa as a missionary nurse, 1953. m. Dr. Victor H. Burdick (1927-2015, SR March 2019) there, 1959; children Victor Jr., Joan (Jeff) Brokalis, Mark (Deborah). Returned to South Pasadena CA 1970, SCSC chairperson during Women's Bd. tenure there; helped organize San Gabriel CA church; 1989 moved to Denver CO; deaconess at Los Angeles, San Gabriel, and Denver churches; member Natural Evangelism Training (NET) team; moved to AZ, to NY in 2015 where active in the Berlin church. D. March 30, 2021 at Stephentown, NY; burial Berlin NY SDB Cemetery.

BURKS, REV. RICHARD WILLIAM "BILL", 1953-2020. Born August 1, 1953 in Council, ID, son of R.C. Burks and Evelyn Burks (Smouse). m Cynthia Frieg 1979; children Eric (Deva), and Carl (Leah). Ordained 1979; accreditation 2009. Pastorates: Little Rock AR 1998-1999; Remembrance (Fort Worth) TX 2005-2019. D. March 2, 2020. SR May 2020.

CAMENGA, REV. JOHN HUGH, 1945-2020. Born March 16, 1945 in Beaver Dam WI to Kenneth A. Camenga and Evalyn R. Skaggs Camenga; edu. Salem College, Salem WV, Bachelor's Degree in Political Science; Crozer Theological Seminary. m. Linda Rowena VanHorn 1966, later divorced; children: Andrew J. (Kristen A. Rood), Johnmark (M. Catherine), Faith E. (Mark R.) Green, Grace E. (Richard A.) Crouch. Student pastor Lost Creek WV 1963-64, summer assistant Shiloh NJ 1964, Los Angeles, CA 1965; pastorates: Bell Church, Salemville PA 1967-1971, ordained there 1970; Dodge Center MN 1971-73; Little Rock AR 1973-78; Upper East TN (Blountville) 1978-82; Shiloh NJ 1982-88; Daytona Beach FL 1988-2005; Brisbane Australia 2005-06; Agape SDB Church of the South, Kissimmee FL 2008-2014; served Missionary Society as regional traveling pastor 1978-82;

Faith and Order Committee, General Council 1984-87, 1998-2005; Editor *Helping Hand*; Conference President 2000. Communicator for Kennedy Space Center 2008-2020. D. December 25, 2020 in Titusville, FL; burial Putnam County SDB Church cemetery, Palatka FL. SR March 2021 notice.

GRAFFIUS, REV. CHARLES HOMER, 1928-2020. Born Altoona PA January 4, 1928, son of Homer B. Graffius and Myrtle Stoner Graffius; edu. Altoona Bible Institute, Penn State University, Fuller Theological Seminary; Instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD during WWII; m. Anne M. Bedi 1947 (1931-1990, SR Nov. 1990), children: Donald M. (Linda), Cindi (James) McKenzie, Larry E. (Jan). m.2 Lorna Payne Austin 1994 (1923-2017, SR May 2017). Pastorates: German SDB Church, Salemville PA 1960-76, 1985-91; Los Angeles CA 1977-83; General Council 1979-82; Conference President 1981; Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) instructor 10 years; Natural Evangelism Training (NET) program trainer for SDB Churches in the USA, Australia, and New Zealand; Founder and Director of Media Project; Founder and Director of Senior Saints service project. D. December 3, 2020 in Ft. Atkinson WI. SR March 2021 notice.

GREEN, BARBARA JEAN CRUZAN 1941-2021. B. March 13, 1941 in New London CT to Rev. Earl and Mabel Davis Cruzan. edu. Alfred University, B.S. Nursing 1963; University of Whitewater, M.S. In Occupational Safety. m. Dale Richard Green 1963: children: Ellen (Matthew) Olson, Howard (Sara), Mark (Faith). Nursing career; General Conference Recording Secretary; Pre-Con Staff; Director Association Family Camp and Pre-Con Family Camp; twice Conference Host Committee Chairperson; Women's Board and SCSC Planning Committee; Women's Interest Conference Committee Chairperson; Council on Ministry; Robe of Achievement 2003; Parish Nurse of Milton WI SDB church; active in many Milton SDB church activities; author of *Health News* column in the *Sabbath Recorder*. D. April 28, 2021 in Whitewater, WI from complications of ALS.

JACOB, MARJORIE FERN SEVERANCE, 1934-2019. B. Battle Creek MI October 7, 1934 daughter of Leonard Ozora Severance and Fern Mildred Maxson Severance; edu. Palatka FL Junior College, AA degree; m. James Glen Jacob August 12, 1951; children Janice Ann (Jacob) Mathis, John Maxson (Tina), Marian Ruth (Ewald) Fick, Mark Henry (Carla), Matthew Worth (Carolyn). Robe of Achievement 2012, President Women's Board 9 years, member Christian Social Action Committee, General Council, Coordinating Leadership Team (CLT), represented SDB's on the executive committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union; deaconess Daytona Beach FL church; active in Pomona Park FL government 28 years until 2001 retirement. D. May 24, 2019 at Haven Hospice Care Palatka FL. See Women's Bd. Robe of Achievement biographies; SR November 2019.

RICHARDS, REV. DONALD EUGENE, 1925-2019. B. Montrose CO, June 5, 1925, son of Oscar and Edna Clement Richards. U.S. Army WWII 1943-46; edu. trained as a printer, used trade while in school; Riverside CA Junior College A.A. 1950, Salem College WV B.A. 1952; Alfred University School of Theology B.D. 1957; Princeton Theological School 1978 Certificate of Pastoral Counseling. m.1 Edna Ruth Randolph 1952 (d.1980, March 1980 SR): children: Daniel R. (Dawn), Timothy Reese (Terry Heath), Elizabeth D. "Betsy De" (Clifford) Bass, Doneta Ruth (Joel) Osborn; m.2 Shirley Boyd 1982 (d.1983); m.3 Geraldine A. Mullinix-Moyers-Cox 1989 (d.2003). Assistant Pastorates: Riverside CA 1952, Battle Creek MI 1953, Alfred NY 1954-55?; Pastorates: Ritchie, Berea WV and Middle Island, New Milton, WV 1955-1960, ordained at Ritchie 1957; accreditation 1958; Dodge Center MN 1960-65; Verona NY 1966-70; Marlboro, Bridgeton NJ 1970-81; Waterford CT 1982-87; Rockville RI 1981(co-pastor); Middle Island 1991-2005. Member Board of Christian Education, American Sabbath Tract Society (ASTS); Missionary Society; manager Camp Joy, Berea

WV. D. November 13, 2019 in Milton WI. See Pastor Profile March 2016 SR; February 2020 SR.

RUDERT, DONALD G., 1929-2020. B. July 13, 1929 to Elry and Helen Gould Rudert in Pittsburg PA; edu. Salem College WV; m. Norma Johnson 1949; children: Thomas (Cindy), Eric (Michelle), Sandra (Dan) Monahan, Lauren (Willy) Marinez, Gigi (David) Hines. Owner Rudert Insurance Agency; active in White Cloud MI community affairs. Member Daytona Beach FL SDB Church, Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR); General Council. D. May 2, 2020 in Fremont MI; burial White Cloud MI cemetery. SR June 2020.

SOPER, REV. MYNOR GEORGE, 1927-2019. B. North Platte, NE September 11, 1927, son of Rev. Ralph M. and Ruth Rowley Soper. Served in U.S. Army in WWII. Edu. Salem College, Alfred Univ. School of Theology, CA Baptist Seminary, Iliff Theological Seminary. m. Marian L. Coon, 1952; children: 2 infant daughters deceased, Mynor II (Cel), Ruth Ryschon (John), Dawn Richards (Dan), Brooke Deaton (Mark), Corina Davis (Chris). Pastorate: North Loup NE 1957-61; Boulder CO 1961-65, ordained there 1963, SDB accreditation 1963; Los Angeles CA 1965-68; field evangelist SDB Missionary Society 1969-84; pastor Texarkana AR 1977-2013; Started Lightbearers for Christ young adult musical ministry; General Conference President 1992; pastor Texarkana AR 1977-2013. D. September 29, 2019 at Ord NE; burial at Hillside Cemetery, North Loup NE. SR September 2019.

WHEELER, REV. EDGAR FRANCIS, 1920-2019. B. Nortonville KS, February 7, 1917, son of Ernest R. and Edna Marie Wheeler; edu. Salem College 1947, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1951; m. 1945 Xenia Lee FitzRandolph (1928-2016, May 2016 SR); children: Annita M. Parmelee (Asahel), Robert E. (Dawn), Ruth F. Thorpe (Walter), Dr. Richard L. (Michele), Helen F. Brannon (Kenneth), Leon A., William R. (dec.), Noelle F., Dr. Catherine J., Esther H. Palmer (Tony), and Ernest P. (Cathy). Pastor: DeRuyter NY summer 1946, 1953-56, ordained there 1954 and SDB accreditation; Hammond LA 1948-50; Athens (Paint Rock) AL 1950-51; Salemville PA 1956-58; First Hopkinton, Ashaway RI 1958-76; Denver CO 1976-81; Nortonville KS 1981-86. Served 18 years and as president to the SDB Missionary Society Board; 18 years and chairman of the Council on Ministry (COM); editor *Mission Notes* 1956- . Conference President 1970. In retirement served as interim pastor at Salemville PA, Lost Creek WV, and First Hopkinton RI churches; accredited SDB minister 65 years. D. September 17, 2019 at home in Mesa, AZ; burial at SDB Minister's monument in the First Hopkinton RI Cemetery. See Pastor Profile SR April 2016; SR November 2019.

## PATRONS OF SDB HISTORY

*DATES REFER TO YEAR JOINED*

<p><b>1975</b> Wayne Maxson</p> <p><b>1982</b> Diane Merchant Thomas L. Merchant</p> <p><b>1983</b> Donna Harris Kenneth E. Smith Dale D. Thorngate Janet M. Thorngate</p> <p><b>1985</b> Louise Crump</p> <p><b>1987</b> Bernard Yurke Jeanne Yurke</p> <p><b>1988</b> Calvin P. Babcock Meleta Babcock James Ayers</p> <p><b>1989</b> John D. Bevis* Denise Crandall Jeff Crandall Patricia S. Curran Ronald Davis Denise Green J. Paul Green David Hauber Gordon P. Lawton Ronald Maltby Melvin F. Stephan</p> <p><b>1990</b> Stephen Thorngate</p>	<p><b>1991</b> Marylene Tuck</p> <p><b>1994</b> Bonnie Mitchell</p> <p><b>1997</b> Norma Rudert</p> <p><b>2000</b> Kevin Butler</p> <p><b>2001</b> G. Kirk Looper</p> <p><b>2003</b> Kim Merchant Rolleesa M. Phillips Paul Davis</p> <p><b>2004</b> Tim Bancroft Kenneth Burdick Ruth Burdick Doug Clarke</p> <p><b>2005</b> Terry Durst Allen Hauber</p> <p><b>2006</b> Matthew Berg Andrew Camenga Kristin Camenga Debbie Hargett Jeff Hargett John Pethtel</p>	<p><b>2007</b> Kurt J. Berg Janet Butler Sandy Clare Norma MacLuskie Judy Parrish Martha A. Shaw Jacinta Sterling Joyce M. Stillman</p> <p><b>2008</b> George L. Barber Leon Clare Robert Davis Dean Fox Susie Fox Teresa Kersten Mary Jane McPherson Myron McPherson Joan Pierce Stephen Pierce Eric Rudert Glen Warner Lawrence Watt</p> <p><b>2009</b> Ronald Bond Dorothea Givens Carl E. Polan John Rymer James A. Skaggs</p> <p><b>2010</b> Larry Brannon Faith Burdick Donna Bond Nathanael Lawton Lisa Moore Kevin Palmiter</p>	<p><b>2010 (con't.)</b> Bill Probasco David T. Sheppard Augustus Tucker II Patricia Voyce</p> <p><b>2011</b> Mae Bottoms David Fox Ruby Hambleton</p> <p><b>2012</b> Jim Goodrich Ralph Hays Nadine Lawton Paul Manuel William Palmer Renee Sanford Brenda Lee Stickel Irene Tucker</p> <p><b>2013</b> Cheri Appel Jean Jorgensen JoAnne Kandel Timothy Lawton Philip Lawton Jane Lewis Helmer Umaña Marie Zwiebel</p> <p><b>2014</b> Elizabeth Camenga C. Justin Camenga Nola Mae Gray Randy Kersten Jeff Lawton Mark Lewis</p>	<p><b>2015</b> Rob Appel Jim Lyke Jasmine Lynch Sylvia Nida Worrall</p> <p><b>2016</b> Elizabeth Green Frank Green Doris Kennedy Douglas Wheeler</p> <p><b>2017</b> Alfred Univ. Archives Gay McRoberts Cynthia Soper Raakeli Watt</p> <p><b>2018</b> Darwin Steele</p> <p><b>2019</b> Neil &amp; Carol Aiken Kenneth Chroniger</p> <p><b>2020</b> Perry Cain Stephen Rogers Robert Spreadborough</p> <p><b>2021</b> Rhonda Davis Geneve Harris Stanley Pash</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*died in 2020/2021</p>
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## IN MEMORIAM

In honor of those Historical Life members and Library Patrons who have departed this life.  
(year inducted in parenthesis)

William D. Arthur (1989)  
Sherman E. Ayars (1917)  
Muriel R. Babcock (1969)  
Arlene Bee (1984)  
Ernest K. Bee, Jr. (1984)  
John D. Bevis (1989)  
Lelia Bishop (2008)  
Rena R. Bond (1939)  
S. Orestes Bond (1917)  
Florence B. Bowden (1974)  
Ruth R. Brooks (1974)  
Ella B. Burdick (1948)  
Hannah S. Burdick (1975)  
Margaret L. Burdick (1988)  
Harold Burrows (2010)  
Charles C. Chipman (1944)  
John A. Conrod (1976)  
Almeron M. Coon (1949)  
Ben R. Crandall (1961)  
Glen Curtis (1999)  
John H. Crump (1985)  
Elizabeth Daland (2000)  
Duane L. Davis (1988)  
Jean Davis (1989)  
Ernest O. Davis (1918)  
Karl R. Davis, (1967)  
S. Kenneth Davis (1987)  
Sylvia Davis (1989)  
C. Harmon Dickinson (1985)  
Ethel D. Dickinson (1986)  
Elizabeth J. Green (1973)  
A. Mildred Greene (1969)  
Golda W. Gerat (1971)  
Clora S. Harris (1976)  
Everett T. Harris (1976)  
Evelyn Hauber (1987)  
Frank J. Hubbard (1917)  
William C. Hubbard (1919)  
Kenneth V. Hulin (1981)  
Mary R. Hulin (1981)  
Marjorie Jacob (2004)  
Benjamin F. Johanson (1961)  
Anne Lastinger (2007)  
Dorothy Lawton (1989)  
Leon R. Lawton (1989)  
Jean Lewis (2013)  
Nathan E. Lewis (1959)  
Dortha Loofboro (2012)  
Alcott Lynch (2013)  
Virginia R. MacIntyre (1949)  
Dr. Lewis H. V. May (2004)  
Terry Mendiola (1995)  
Marilyn Merchant (1995)  
Emma C. Monn (1942)

Berwin Monroe (2008)  
Winifred Monroe (2008)  
Anna C. North (1979)  
Charles H. North (1977)  
Elizabeth M. North (1977)  
Etta N. O'Connor (1982)  
Muriel Osborn (1989)  
Paul B. Osborn (1989)  
Gloria Palmer (2012)  
Ruth H. Parker (1980)  
Jacqueline Payne (2008)  
Clayton Pinder (2006)  
Marie H. Prentice (1981)  
William A. Prentice (1981)  
Asa F. Randolph (1951)  
Corliss F. Randolph (1916)  
Else F. Randolph (1919)  
Franklin F. Randolph (NY) (1919)  
Franklin F. Randolph (WV) (1919)  
Greta F. Randolph (1969)  
Jennings F. Randolph (1976)  
Jesse F. Randolph (1918)  
Lois F. Randolph (1951)  
Mary F. Randolph (1919)  
Marion H. Randolph (1919)  
Mildred F. Randolph (1919)  
Albert N. Rogers (1975)  
Janette Rogers (1987)  
Ruth Rogers (2006)  
Donald Rudert (1997)  
Don A. Sanford (1989)  
Ilou Sanford (1989)  
Wilma Sanford (2016)  
Harriet L. Saunders (1981)  
Edwin E. Shaw (2007)  
Ardale C. Skaggs (1984)  
Victor W. Skaggs (1984)  
Venita Soper (2012)  
Evalois St. John (1968)  
Yvonne L. Stephan (1989)  
George S. Stillman (2007)  
Karl G. Stillman (1976)  
William M. Stillman (1916)  
Laura Streich (2008)  
Robert Stohr (1991)  
David Taylor (2017)  
Beverly B. Thorngate (1990)  
Alfred A. Titsworth (1919)  
Violet D. Trainer (1945)  
George B. Utter (1955)  
Daniel C. Waldo (1956)  
Jessie B. Whitford (1917)  
Ruth W. Williamson (1949)

## **LEGACY PARTNERS OF SDB HISTORY**

In honor of those who have made lifetime financial contributions  
of \$5,000 or more to the preservation of SDB history.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Burdick  
Charles A. Chipman (in memory of Charles C. Chipman)  
A. Mildred Greene  
Asa Fitz Randolph  
Greta F. Randolph  
Norma MacLuskie  
Mr. & Mrs. C. H. North  
Julius Friedrich Sachse  
Glen Warner





**Annual Report**  
**of the Seventh Day Baptist**  
**Memorial Fund, Inc.**  
**Financial Statements**  
**for the year 2020-2021**

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**Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.**  
**149th Annual Report**  
**and Financial Statements**  
**for the year 2020**

**Officers and Trustees**

<b>President</b>	Donald M. Graffius (1)
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<b>Secretary</b>	Myron J. McPherson ( 1, 2 )
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Erin Inabnit (4, 6)
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<b>Director of Finance</b>	Ronald K. Ochs
<b>Investment Counsel</b>	Segal, Bryant, & Hamill
<b>Portfolio Custodial</b>	Charles Schwab
<b>Auditor</b>	Certified Public Accountants Scott C. Sealar CPA/MST

- (1) Investment Committee
- (2) Audit / Budget Committee
- (3) Committee on Support and Retirement
- (4) Marketing Committee
- (5) Real Estate Committee
- (6) Scholarship Committee

## **MEMORIAL BOARD PRESIDENT'S 2020 REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE**

### **INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

COVID-19 ended the long historic bull market in March 2020. The economy can stop by either pumping the brakes or hitting a tree! With COVID-19, we did the latter. Although the economy slipped in to recession territory (greater than 20% decline), the Memorial Board portfolio decline was approximately 2% less than our benchmark stock index. The recession was short lived and by mid-April we had recovered more than half of our losses! The equity (stocks) portion of our portfolio finished 2020 with a positive return of 25.6%, outperforming the S&P 500 return of 18.4%. Approximately 90% of our assets are invested in equities and the remaining 10% in bonds. Our annualized return on the combination of stocks and bonds in 2020 was 23.1%!

Additionally, the Memorial Board currently holds approximately 14 church loans totaling approximately 3.5 million dollars. Although some churches struggled during COVID and 2020, as of March 31 2021, only one church was significantly behind. As a result of board action in April 2021, churches with mortgage principal balances in excess of \$100K and variable interest rates tied to the prime interest rate, will see a more than 1% interest rate decline to 3.25%.

A stock, also known as an equity, represents ownership in a company and its future profits. There are many reasons to own stocks, including dividend income, but long-term growth is one of the primary reasons investors hold stocks. Over longer periods of time, stocks have historically provided greater growth than many other investments, including bonds, real estate and commodities. For example, between Jan 1970 and Dec 2018, Global equities (MSCI index) had an average annualized return of 8.5%. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index between Jan 1926 and Dec 2018 averaged 2.9%. For this reason, most of our investments are in equities.

### **SPENDING POLICY**

The Board officially adopted a Spending Policy to ensure compliance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as adopted by Wisconsin. The policy ensures ongoing compliance with donor intent and a steady stream of income while at the same time ensuring there will be some appreciation of investment in order to keep up with the ongoing effects of inflation. During the current year, "income" is defined as 4% of the 3-year market value of our total portfolio. This "income" is distributed to our endowments and their ministry partners on a quarterly basis and the balance reinvested for growth to offset inflation and protect ministries during times of recession.

### **MINISTRY INVESTMENTS**

Throughout scripture, God rarely worked in the same way twice. God's activity was always unique to the people with whom He was dealing and the time in which He was working! (Some were healed by touch, others had to go wash in a muddy river!) The COVID-19 virus gave the church and the denomination the opportunity to minister in different ways than we had in the past.

Churches held virtual services and Zoom Bible studies that began to reach people and minister to people in different ways across the USA and other continents! This created the need for more sophisticated video and audio equipment to live stream their services and the need for masks and other sanitary cleaners and hand sanitizers. More than a dozen churches from WV to Atlanta to Colorado received grants from the OB Bond Fund for Evangelism and the French Endowment for “domestic missions”.

Camps were shut down due to COVID, so Camp Harley Sutton received a bridge grant to help with maintenance expenses until camps resumed. Another grant from the Clarence Rogers Camping Endowment funded the virtual Deep South Camp in the Florida South Atlantic Association.

Although COVID eliminated traditional summer dedicated leadership teams, five individuals still completed leadership projects and received scholarships from the Board. Participants received virtual training in leadership, teamwork, time management, and financial stewardship! Amazingly, they held camps and Bible Schools via zoom. They even created a remote vesper service for a skilled nursing care facility in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

At the request of the Houston SDB Church and with stipulations suggested by the Director of Church Development, a one-year grant of \$15K was made to the Hispanic Ministry fellowship/Jesus is the Solution Church.

In addition to investing for our permanent endowments, we also function as a “custodian” for funds owned by churches, camps, associations, and cemeteries. We customarily pay them 3 or 4 times more interest on their principal than they might receive in a savings account from their local bank. With the blessing of our auditor, we decided to harvest some of the profits or capital gains we have made on our investments over the last decade and distribute them to our permanent endowments. Before doing so however, we decide to pay a special 10% interest bonus to our custodial account holders based on their account balances in November of 2020. Thus, churches, camps and associations received some unexpected extra income at the close of the year! This distribution to our permanent endowments and custodial accounts is a gift that will keep on giving in future years with an increased flow of ministry funds for many years.

Proverbs 19:20 urges us to: “Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.” During the past year, the Memorial Board have streamlined our grant application forms to ensure we get additional advice and instruction from denominational leaders and General Council. We now require all grant applications be reviewed by a denominational worker to ensure completeness and by the General Council for input and suggestions. In the long run, we feel this will shorten the grant application process and infuse additional wisdom!

Thank you on behalf of all the trustees for the opportunity to serve the denomination in this capacity. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me!

*Donald M. Graffius*

President

SDB Memorial Fund

**Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.**

## Balance Sheet

Annual Statement

December 31, 2020

	Prior Year End	Change	Current Year End
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CASH</b>			
<b>First Community Bank</b>			
Memorial Fund Checking	121,758.53	(9,492.73)	112,265.80
French Property Checking	1,211.00	0.00	1,211.00
<b>BMO Harris Bank</b>			
BMO Harris Bank Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
Main Account 1713-0457	23,586,299.33	760,174.29	24,346,473.62
LPL Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS)			
Total REITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>23,586,299.33</b>	<b>760,174.29</b>	<b>24,346,473.62</b>
<b>Restricted Assets</b>			
<b>French Property 9889-6480</b>			
French Property	6,484,378.48	174,497.28	6,658,875.76
Money Market	17,617.23	(735.24)	16,881.99
<b>Total French Property</b>	<b>6,501,995.71</b>	<b>173,762.04</b>	<b>6,675,757.75</b>
<b>O.B. Bond 8944-8381</b>			
Cash			
Money Market	19,777.29	0.16	19,777.45
Investments			
SBH Institutional Funds			
All Cap Fund	204,428.83	6,394.75	210,823.58
Intl Small Cap	12,916.04	978.44	13,894.48
Small Cap Value	52,781.07	4,761.57	57,542.64
REIT			
CyrusOne Inc	1,747.75	81.00	1,828.75
U.S. Treasuries			
UST Note due 2022	11,970.00	(0.94)	11,969.06
UST Note due 2021	237,702.50	74.38	237,776.88

# Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.

## Balance Sheet

### Annual Statement

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	Prior Year End	Change	Current Year End
Exchange Traded Funds			
Schwab US Dividend	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vanguard Growth	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total OB Bond</b>	<b>541,323.48</b>	<b>12,289.36</b>	<b>553,612.84</b>
<b>Charles Kennedy 9496-9264</b>			
Investments			
U.S. Treasuries			
UST Note due 2022	62,842.50	(4.93)	62,837.57
UST Note due 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00
UST Note due 2022	161,569.69	126.56	161,696.25
C Kennedy Sweep	9,953.56	0.08	9,953.64
<b>Total Charles Kennedy</b>	<b>234,365.75</b>	<b>121.71</b>	<b>234,487.46</b>
<b>Nora Kennedy 3763-3537</b>			
Investments			
U.S. Treasuries			
UST Note due 2021	9,987.50	3.13	9,990.63
UST Note due 2022	189,332.03	207.81	189,539.84
N Kennedy Sweep	0.04	0.00	0.04
<b>Total Nora Kennedy</b>	<b>199,319.57</b>	<b>210.94</b>	<b>199,530.51</b>
<b>Other Restricted Assets</b>			
Caroline Gray 3735-0763	23,734.52	681.37	24,415.89
Margaret Allen 6619-781	108,935.03	3,959.25	112,894.28
SJ Davis 4914-2100	116,217.63	4,229.23	120,446.86
Charles H Bond 1945-8244	93,806.33	3,532.86	97,339.19
<b>Total Other Restricted Assets</b>	<b>342,693.51</b>	<b>12,402.71</b>	<b>355,096.22</b>
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>1,317,702.31</b>	<b>25,024.72</b>	<b>1,342,727.03</b>
<b>Life Gift Annuity</b>			
Alfreda Hull 2621-0131	13.06	(13.06)	0.00
Marjorie Bass 4135-7267	8,691.86	0.07	8,691.93
<b>Total Life Gift Annuities</b>	<b>8,704.92</b>	<b>(12.99)</b>	<b>8,691.93</b>
<b>Notes Receivable</b>			
Church Accounts	3,030,921.06	(8,755.54)	3,022,165.52
<b>Others</b>			
Life Insurance Policies	6,521.56	2,689.18	9,210.74
Life Insurance Premiums	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Loan	4,390.73	(192.68)	4,198.05
Conf Serv COSAR Loan	108,875.00	0.00	108,875.00
SDB COSAR Custodial	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
<b>Total Notes</b>	<b>3,200,708.35</b>	<b>(6,259.04)</b>	<b>3,194,449.31</b>

**Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.****Balance Sheet****Annual Statement**

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	Prior Year End	Change	Current Year End
<b>Other Real Estate</b>			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$34,738,380.15</b>	<b>943,196.29</b>	<b>\$ 35,681,576.44</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Custodial Accounts	6,130,546.48	696,257.48	6,826,803.96
Custodial Income Reserve Accounts	71,945.74	(4,106.14)	67,839.60

**Accounts Payable**

Operating Grants	12,500.00	113,000.00	125,500.00
Ambassador Pilot	14,397.85	0.00	14,397.85
529 Payable	28,300.00	(9,400.00)	18,900.00
Ministry Staff	19,500.00	0.00	19,500.00
Pastors to Conf	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.00
Distribution Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christian Ed Canvas	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Christian Ed Amplify	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Christian Ed Evangel	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Church Rev Multiply	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Church Rev Bootcamp	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Church Rev Pulse	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Church Rev Support	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Church Rev Mobilize	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Church Rev Mobile2020	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	0.00
Planting Compensation	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Comm Website	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

**Long Term**

Gift Ann Future Lia	12,193.00	0.00	12,193.00
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,297,883.07</b>	<b>865,251.34</b>	<b>7,163,134.41</b>
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**NET ASSETS****Unrestricted**

Retained Earnings	5,105,682.21	(9,981,952.77)	(4,876,270.56)
Current Earnings	4,697,512.79	40,062.22	4,737,575.01
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	9,803,195.00	(9,941,890.55)	(138,695.55)

**Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.****Balance Sheet****Annual Statement**

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	Prior Year End	Change	Current Year End
<b>Restricted</b>			
<b>Permanent Endowments</b>			
Endowment Detail Attached	11,443,883.03	10,062,873.31	21,506,756.34
Permanent Endow French Property	5,620,037.49	1,054,720.26	6,674,757.75
Total Permanent Endowments	17,063,920.52	11,117,593.57	28,181,514.09
<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>			
<b>Endowment Reserve Account Temporary</b>			
Endow Res Acct Tmp Detail Attached	1,809,889.11	(1,334,265.62)	475,623.49
Endow Res Temp French Property	(236,507.55)	236,507.55	0.00
Total Temp Restr Endowments	1,573,381.56	(1,097,758.07)	475,623.49
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>28,440,497.08</b>	<b>77,944.95</b>	<b>28,518,442.03</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$34,738,380.15</b>	<b>943,196.29</b>	<b>\$ 35,681,576.44</b>



# Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.

## Annual Statement

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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Year To Date
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
<b>Investment Income</b>				
<b>Main Account</b>				
Dividends	252,246.23	0.00	0.00	252,246.23
Realized Gain/Loss	(501,948.62)	0.00	0.00	(501,948.62)
Unrealized Gain/Loss	4,929,686.83	0.00	0.00	4,929,686.83
<b>French Property</b>				
Dividends	0.00	84,801.83	0.00	84,801.83
Realized Gain/Loss	0.00	87,957.52	0.00	87,957.52
Unrealized Gain/Loss	0.00	1,050,777.19	0.00	1,050,777.19
<b>Reit Income</b>				
Reit Unrealized Gain/Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Segregated</b>				
Dividends	7,747.82	0.00	5,253.93	13,001.75
Realized Gain/Loss	0.00	1,340.04	(57,107.30)	(55,767.26)
Unrealized Gain/Loss	0.00	2,185.52	144,372.55	146,558.07
<b>P.E.I.R. Int Income</b>				
	0.00	45,746.47	0.00	45,746.47
<b>Gift Annuities</b>				
Gift Annuity Invest Inc	134.67	0.00	0.00	134.67
Gift Ann Real Gain/Loss	9,684.47	0.00	0.00	9,684.47
Gift Ann Unreal Gain/Loss	(13,344.56)	0.00	0.00	(13,344.56)
<b>P.E. Discretionary Inc</b>				
	184,225.63	0.00	0.00	184,225.63
<b>Interest on Loans</b>				
Church Notes	124,481.59	0.00	0.00	124,481.59
<b>Other Income</b>				
LPL Settlement	9,900.93	0.00	0.00	9,900.93
Donations	1,847.13	0.00	0.00	1,847.13
E Francis Barnett Donation	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
SJ & EC Davis Donation	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
CH & MS Bond Donation	0.00	911.00	0.00	911.00
J&A Pradetto Scholarship	0.00	525.11	0.00	525.11
Piscataway Cemetery Int	279.31	0.00	0.00	279.31
DWS Deutsche Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,054,941.43</b>	<b>1,274,244.68</b>	<b>93,519.18</b>	<b>6,422,705.29</b>

# Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.

## Annual Statement

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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Year To Date
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Interest Expense</b>				
Distribution Expense	489,655.86	0.00	0.00	489,655.86
Gift Annuity Distribution Exp	2,233.84	0.00	0.00	2,233.84
Total Interest Expense	491,889.70	0.00	0.00	491,889.70
Capital Gains Expense	658,131.96	0.00	0.00	658,131.96
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Compensation				
Salaries	90,616.72	0.00	0.00	90,616.72
Social Security Tax	6,886.62	0.00	0.00	6,886.62
Conf Serv Management Fees	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
Bank Maintenance Fees	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
Insurance	2,649.00	0.00	0.00	2,649.00
WI Commissioner of Insurance	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Investment Counsel Fees	124,112.74	0.00	0.00	124,112.74
Foreign Dividend Tax	4,437.53	0.00	0.00	4,437.53
Legal Fees	6,208.72	0.00	0.00	6,208.72
Office Supplies	151.34	0.00	0.00	151.34
Postage	122.69	0.00	0.00	122.69
Piscataway Cemetary	1,356.00	0.00	0.00	1,356.00
Computer Software/Hardware	2,129.99	0.00	0.00	2,129.99
Travel	374.01	0.00	0.00	374.01
Life Insurance Policy	(2,689.18)	0.00	0.00	(2,689.18)
Miscellaneous Expense	1,183.91	0.00	0.00	1,183.91
Total Operating Expenses	252,585.09	0.00	0.00	252,585.09
<b>Programming Expense</b>				
Operating Grants	125,500.00	0.00	0.00	125,500.00
Seminary Education Grants	(1,500.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)
SCSC Scholarships	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Other Scholarships	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
529 Grants	(2,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
Church Plant Coordinator	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00
O.B. Bond Expense	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
M B Allen Scholarship Fund	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Probasco/Wilkinson Scholar	0.00	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00
Lois M Wells Music Expense	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
CM Rogers Camp	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Church Revitalize Expense	0.00	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00
Christian Ed Canvas Expense	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Church Revitalize Bootcamp	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Christian Ed Amplify Expense	0.00	4,419.02	0.00	4,419.02
Church Dev Mobilize Leader Exp	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Church Revitalize Pulse	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Communication Website Exp	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00

# Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.

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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permantly Restricted	Year To Date
Larry Graffius SCSC WS	0.00	300.51	0.00	300.51
Richburg Church Plant Grant	0.00	3,350.00	0.00	3,350.00
Greg Holloway Church Plant	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
OB Bond Church Planting	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Church Dev Multiply Expense	6,665.00	0.00	0.00	6,665.00
Church Planting Expense	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)
Church Revital Mobil 2020	(6,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(6,000.00)
Church Compensation Exp	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
Church Revitalize Supplement	0.00	7,789.00	0.00	7,789.00
<b>Total Programming</b>	<b>169,665.00</b>	<b>111,358.53</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>282,523.53</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,572,271.75</b>	<b>111,358.53</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,685,130.28</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,482,669.68</b>	<b>1,162,886.15</b>	<b>92,019.18</b>	<b>4,737,575.01</b>

# Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.

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## Scholarship and Grant Programming

### Scholarships

Donor Directed	
Lois Wells Music	\$ 5,000.00
M.B. Allen Fund	500.00
Wilkinson/Probasco Education Fund (SCSC)	9,500.00
Board Directed	
SCSC	\$ 8,000.00
Dedicated Service	9,000.00

### SCSC Recipients & Probasco/Wilkinson

Melissa Brown  
Jordan Lynch  
Denovia McKenzie  
Casandra Rod  
Asabe Miller  
Holly Probasco

### Lois Wells Scholarships

Melissa Brown  
Cassandra Rod  
Amber Trudell

### Margaret Bond Allen Recipients

Asabe Miller

### Dedicated Service

Madge Chroniger  
Amber Trudell  
Abigail Beaufort

### Grants Paid in 2020

Grants to Boards and Agencies	\$125,500.00
529 Grants	8,400.00
Church Planting Coordinator	24,000.00
CEC Canvas Grant	5,000.00
CEC Amplify Expense	4,419.02
CEC Evangelism Expense	1,000.00
CD Multiply Expense	6,665.00
Church Planting Expense	1,500.00
Church Compensation Expense	16,000.00
Communication Website Expense	3,000.00
Boulder SDB Church Ministry Dev.	13,000.00
NYC Media Ministry	5,000.00
West Palm Beach Grant	2,000.00
Camp Harley Sutton	1,500.00
CM Rogers Camp	1,500.00
Revitalization and Supplemental Grant	28,789.00
Church Planting	15,350.00

### Total Grants Paid

\$ 294,623.02

# **Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, Inc.**

## **Endowment Balances and Designated Beneficiaries**

**December 31, 2020**

The Memorial Fund holds reserve funds Seventh Day Baptist agencies, boards and churches as a service to the denomination.

### **Permanent Endowments**

#### **Alfred University**

**\$3,714.82**

Unrestricted

#### **Andover Seventh Day Baptist Church**

**\$5,320.69**

Unrestricted

#### **Hobart and Bessy Ayers Gift**

**\$33,111.87**

SDB Denominational Budget

#### **Babcock Chair of Physics**

**\$244,153.20**

Unrestricted

#### **Eugenia L. Babcock Bequest**

**\$501,740.41**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Christian Education Council  
Missionary Society  
Plainfield, NJ SDB Church  
Unrestricted

#### **George H. Babcock Bequest**

**\$3,114,902.46**

Alfred University / Unrestricted  
American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
George H. Babcock Church Support Fund  
Young People Preparing for Ministry  
Unrestricted

#### **Henrietta V. P. Babcock Bequest**

**\$11,387.12**

SDB Retirement Fund

#### **Lester M. Babcock Bequest**

**\$394,404.10**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
SDB Building Operations  
Missionary Society

#### **Dr. Lucy A. Babcock Fund**

**\$8,960.89**

SDB Retirement Fund

#### **Rev. L. Wayne Babcock**

**\$767.87**

SDB Retirement Fund (PROP)

#### **Jacob and Geessina Schuur Baker Memorial**

**\$8,895.10**

SDB Retirement Fund

#### **Lottie Baldwin Bequest**

**\$28,795.25**

SDB Camps

#### **Barnett, E Francis**

**\$95,984.16**

Unrestricted

#### **Eva Austin Bates Bequest**

**\$33,019.20**

SDB Retirement Fund

#### **Editor John D. Bevis Fund**

**\$4,564.45**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council

**Bi-Centennial Education Fund**  
**\$86,206.27**  
 Christian Education Council

**Esther C. Bingham Bequest**  
**\$27,066.30**  
 SDB Retirement Fund

**Orville B. and Lucille D. Bond Fund**  
**\$56,202.74**  
 Unrestricted

**Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms Memorial**  
**\$5,358.72**  
 SDB Retirement Fund

**Harriet Stillman Brown Bequest**  
**\$94,745.83**  
 Unrestricted

**A. Blanche Burdick Memorial**  
**\$641.92**  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 SDB Retirement Fund

**Dr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Burdick**  
**\$3,528,679.18**  
 Historical Society  
 Missionary Society  
 Unrestricted

**Charity L. Burdick Bequest**  
**\$9,786.87**  
 Unrestricted

**Clayton A. and Emma Langworthy  
 Burdick Fund**  
**\$18,268.53**  
 SDB Retirement Fund

**Delos C. Burdick Bequest**  
**\$267,848.91**  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 Missionary Society

**Edward W. Burdick Bequest**  
**\$92,851.51**  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 Unrestricted  
 Missionary Society

**Ella Grace Brown Burdick Fund**  
**\$33,167.96**  
 SDB Retirement Fund

**Eugene K. and Francelia Burdick Fund**  
**\$133,607.15**  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 Missionary Society

**Harriet Burdick Bequest**  
**\$1,295.44**  
 Unrestricted

**Margaret L. Burdick Bequest**  
**\$119,255.43**  
 Albion, WI SDB Church  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 SDB Retirement Fund  
 Missionary Society  
 Unrestricted

**Marjorie J. Burdick**  
**\$26,964.75**  
 SDB Denomination Budget

**Raymond C. and  
 Lillian S. Burdick Fund**  
**\$159,622.27**  
 American Sabbath Tract and  
 Communication Council  
 DeRuyter, NY SDB Church  
 SDB Retirement Fund  
 Unrestricted  
 Missionary Society  
 Young People Preparing for Ministry

**H. Laurence & Virginia Norman Burdick Fund**  
**\$25,440.81**  
 Christian Education Council

**R. W. and V. Burdick Memorial**

**\$2,102.05**

Unrestricted

**Philip F. and Harriet V Burrows Gift**

**\$1,958.08**

SDB Center Administrative Budget

**Carlton, IA SDB Church**

**\$459.02**

YPPM

**Chair of Church History and Homiletics**

**\$74,054.74**

Christian Education Council

**Chair of Greek Language and Literature**

**\$134,952.27**

Unrestricted

**Chair of Pastoral Theology**

**\$623.53**

Christian Educations Council

**Albert M. and Phoebe Gorton Clarke Fund**

**\$6,236.90**

Verona, NY SDB Church

**Harriett S. Clarke Bequest**

**\$10,456.19**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Ethel Dickinson Clarke Memorial**

**\$9,598.42**

SDB Conference Services

**Almeron M. Coon Bequest**

**\$5,503.14**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Dayton B. and Mary A. Coon Fund**

**\$5,168.71**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

Missionary Society

**George E. Coon Bequest**

**\$47,147.07**

SDB Retirement Fund

**James H. Coon Bequest**

**\$42,565.58**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

Missionary Society

SDB Retirement Fund

**Mildred Saunders Coon Memorial**

**\$587.63**

Missionary Society

**Anna Laura Crandall Bequest**

**\$6,831.38**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

Missionary Society

**Ben R. and Matilda F. Crandall Gift**

**\$5,503.14**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Burton B. Crandall Memorial**

**\$991.55**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Jay W. Crofoot Fund**

**\$27,361.36**

SDB Retirement Fund

**George E. and Lurana B. Crosley Bequest**

**\$341,979.01**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

SDB Retirement Fund

Missionary Society

**Roy and Stella Cruzan Fund**

**\$5,358.03**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Blanche C. Cumberson**

**\$96,350.53**

Brookfield SDB Church

**Paul Cushman Memorial**

**\$203,751.74**

Unrestricted

**Mabel J. Davidson Bequest****\$251,756.80**

Unrestricted

**Sylvia Kennedy Davis Bequest****\$959.84**

Lost Creek WV Cemetary

**Alfred L. Davis Memorial****\$95,984.16**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Thurman C. Davis Bequest****\$5,626.82**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Alva L. Davis****\$8,974.90**

SDB Retirement Fund

**U. F. Davis Fund****\$12,087.36**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Anthia L. Davis Bequest****\$17,872.48**

A. L. Davis Fund for missionary purposes

**DeRuyter SDB Church Memorial Fund****\$140,521.64**Christian Social Action - USA only  
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American Sabbath T &amp; CC

**Courtland Van Horn Davis Memorial****\$94,104.79**

SDB Retirement Fund

Christian Education Council

**C. Harmon Dickinson Memorial****\$21,529.82**

Shiloh, NJ SDB Church

**Duane L. Davis Continuing****Education Fund****\$3,237.10****E. J. and Isadore F. Ehret Bequest****\$121,878.67**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

Christian Education Council

Missionary Society

Salem, WV SDB Church

Salem, WV SDB Church Cemetery

Middle Island, WV SDB Church

Unrestricted

**Elizabeth R. Davis Bequest****\$16,049.28**

SDB Retirement Fund

**H. Eugene and Mary R. Davis****\$47,118.11**

Missionary Society

**Harold L. Davis Memorial****\$678.95**

SDB Denomination Budget

**Farina, IL SDB Church****\$130,857.45**

Missionary Society

Unrestricted

**Jacob Davis Bequest****\$275.19**

Unrestricted

**Elbert A. Felton Bequest****\$319,680.72**

Unrestricted

**Riley G. Davis Gift****\$2,201.36**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Ephraim B. Fisher Bequest****\$4,969.70**

Marlboro, NJ SDB Church

**Samuel V. Davis Fund****\$5,778.48**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Leila P. Franklin Bequest****\$1,997.51**

Unrestricted



**Anna Friesen Bequest**  
**\$82,538.18**  
SDB Denomination Budget

**Stella B. Gauch Memorial**  
**\$1,672.04**  
Unrestricted

**Sarah A. B. Gillings Bequest**  
**\$42,235.66**  
Unrestricted

**Margaret Glaspey Goodrich Memorial**  
**\$606.04**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Larry E Graffius Memorial**  
**\$40,522.80**  
Summer Christian Service Corps

**Albert Gray Bequest**  
**\$5,162.51**  
Unrestricted

**Addie M. Green Bequest**  
**\$2,201.37**  
Missionary Society

**L. J. Green Gift**  
**\$9,598.42**  
Unrestricted

**Orville D. Green Bequest**  
**\$119,019.04**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Paul M. Green Bequest**  
**\$12,307.70**  
SDB Retirement Fund  
Missionary Society

**George S. Greenman Bequest**  
**\$49,529.00**  
Unrestricted

**Anna Mary Gurley Memorial**  
**\$15,826.08**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**David S. and Susan W. Gurley Memorial**  
**\$15,826.08**  
Missionary Society

**Thelma A. Hall Memorial**  
**\$1,919.68**  
Unrestricted

**Hammond, LA SDB Church**  
**\$151,800.68**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Penelope R. Harbert Bequest**  
**\$31,184.08**  
Unrestricted

**Charles F. Harris Memorial**  
**\$23,950.70**  
Unrestricted

**Rev. Everett T. Harris Memorial**  
**\$291.73**  
Unrestricted

**Vivian W Harris Bequest**  
**\$42,850.40**  
Unrestricted  
Missionary Society

**Ruth Hazen Memorial**  
**\$98,209.00**  
Unrestricted

**Ethel H. Hillhouse Bequest**  
**\$64,571.50**  
Unrestricted

**Celia Hiscox Bequest**  
**\$4,093.94**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Orlando Holcomb Gift**  
**\$1,223.97**  
Young People Preparing for Ministry

**Gregory E. Holloway Gift**  
**\$69,439.17**  
Gregory E. Holloway Fund Reserve

**Hornell, NY SDB Church Memorial**  
**\$28,452.07**  
Unrestricted

**Mabel Potter Hubbard Bequest**  
**\$11,006.64**  
Plainfield, NJ SDB Church

**Henry C. Hunting Bequest**  
**\$7,728.38**  
Unrestricted

**K Duane Hurley Bequest**  
**\$9,598.42**  
Unrestricted

**K Duane Hurley Memorial**  
**\$20,348.37**  
Salem SDB Church

**Independence - Alfred Station Gift**  
**\$4,799.21**  
SDB Denomination Budget

**Indianapolis, IN SDB Church**  
**\$40,149.50**  
Unrestricted

**David Nelson Inglis Bequest**  
**\$5,358.72**  
SDB Retirement Fund  
SDB Denomination Budget

**Irvington, NJ SDB Church**  
**\$60,555.56**  
Unrestricted

**L. Howard and Iva N. Jacox Memorial**  
**\$14,326.56**  
Alfred, NY SDB Church

**Gertrude Johnson Bequest**  
**\$9,902.34**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Daisy M. Jones Bequest**  
**\$26,964.75**  
Unrestricted

**Ella Eaton Kellogg Bequest**  
**\$5,503.14**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Walter D. and Evangeline C.  
Kenyon Memorial**  
**\$98,731.40**  
Unrestricted

**Franklin A. Langworthy Bequest**  
**\$9,295.80**  
Unrestricted

**L.B. Lee Memorial**  
**\$41,347.96**  
L.B. Lee Church Planting Fund

**Leon & Dorothy Lawton**  
**\$102,087.20**  
Missionary Society  
Unrestricted

**Emogene Taylor Lewis Bequest**  
**\$22,570.12**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Nathan E. Lewis Bequest**  
**\$86,769.14**  
Nathan E. Lewis Fund for the Blind  
SDB Camps of New England  
and Eastern New York

**William and Marian Lewis Trust**  
**\$291,846.20**  
Unrestricted

**Lelia Davidson Livermore Memorial**  
**\$427.78**  
Unrestricted

**Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro Memorial**  
**\$290.64**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Anne Graffius/Timothy Mackintosh Fund**  
**\$11,737.88**  
Graffius/Mackintosh Reserve Account

**Jennie V. Main Bequest**  
**\$828.50**  
Christian Education Council

**Leon M Maltby Annuity Bequest****\$10,398.54**

Unrestricted

**Leon M Maltby Bequest****\$143,976.24**

Unrestricted

Missionary Society

**Mary E. Maxon Bequest****\$23,449.28**

SDB Women's Society

**Mary S. Maxson Memorial****\$275.19**

Unrestricted

**Russell and Sue Maxon Memorial****\$8,091.46**

Christian Education Council

**Mary M. McBurney Bequest****\$6,402.83**

Jackson Center, OH SDB Cemetery

Missionary Society

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council**W.E. Merrill Bequest****\$3,839.37**

Unrestricted

**G. J. and Cretora Miars****\$4,536.21**

Jackson Center, OH Historical Society

**Chet Miller Memorial****\$671.89**

SDB Senior Saints

**Orpheus S. Mills in Memory of****D. C. and H. F. Burdick****\$2,201.36****Milton College Fund****\$256,072.63**

Unrestricted

**Milton Junction, WI SDB Church****\$310,277.36**

Albion, WI SDB Church

**Nathan O. Monroe Memorial****\$355.60**

SDB Administrative Budget

**New York City, NY 1st SDB Church****Theological Scholarship****\$106,414.40**

Christian Education Council

**Jeanett D. Nida Memorial****\$61,587.76**

Jeanett D. Nida Medical Relief Fund

**Nile, NY First SDB Church of  
Friendship Memorial****\$31,340.59**

Unrestricted

**C. A. and E. M. North Bequest****\$19,196.83**

Plainfield Church, NJ

Historical Society

Daytona Beach Church, FL

**L. Harrison North Memorial****\$13,524.94****Nortonville Church Gift****\$294,061.51**

Unrestricted

**Pauline M Pelletier Bequest****\$8,245.65**

Unrestricted

**Piscataway, NJ SDB Church Memorial****\$152,710.80**

American Sabbath Tract and

Communication Council

SDB Retirement Fund

Missionary Society

**Piscataway, NJ SDB Cemetery****\$13,623.40**

Piscataway Cemetery Reserve

**Myra Place Memorial**

**\$308.22**

Unrestricted

**Plainfield Chair of Doctrinal Theology**

**\$116,701.25**

Christian Education Council

**Rev. Herbert L. Polan Memorial**

**\$842.86**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Charles Potter Chair of History  
and Political Science**

**\$344,209.03**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Plainfield, NJ SDB Church

**Sarah P. Potter Bequest**

**\$49,174.53**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
SDB Retirement Fund  
Missionary Society  
Plainfield, NJ SDB Church

**William Reilay Potter Bequest**

**\$2,201.36**

Unrestricted

**Allen and Eliza Prentice Memorial**

**\$67,599.38**

Unrestricted

**Steven Allen Rahn Memorial**

**\$590.53**

Missionary Society

**Asa Fitz Randolph Bequest**

**\$1,153,417.82**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Christian Education Council  
Historical Society  
Missionary Society  
Plainfield, NJ SDB Church

**Mrs. Winfield (Eva Gurley) Randolph**

**Fund**

**\$17,107.03**

(In Memory of her parents, David S.  
and Susan W. Gurley)  
Missionary Society

**Gideon H. and Lucy Fitz Randolph**

**Fund**

**\$17,107.03**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Mary E. Rich Bequest**

**\$24,764.41**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Missionary Society

**Richburg Church Gift**

**\$136,550.73**

Fund for new churches starts

**Clarence M. Rogers Memorial**

**\$99,176.33**

Clarence M. Rogers Fund for Camps

**Clarence M. and Ruth D. Rogers Memorial Fund**

**\$90,354.94**

Clarence M. Rogers Fund for Salem Church

**Clark Rogers Bequest**

**\$16,491.86**

Plainfield, NJ SDB Church

**David P. Rogers Memorial**

**\$28,722.11**

American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Missionary Society

**Ethel C. Rogers Bequest**

**\$73,225.11**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Mabel T. Rogers Bequest**

**\$1,102.13**

Unrestricted

<b>San Diego SDB Church Gift</b> <b>\$62,690.63</b> Unrestricted	<b>Charles G. Sinclair</b> <b>\$5,626.82</b> Missionary Society
<b>Salemville Cemetery</b> <b>\$38,393.66</b> Permanent Income Reserve	<b>Sylvia L. Smith Bequest</b> <b>\$5,779.24</b> SDB Retirement Fund
<b>Julia A. Saunders Bequest</b> <b>\$2,751.64</b> SDB Retirement Fund	<b>Southampton, IL SDB Church</b> <b>\$1,651.00</b> Parsonage Fund Unrestricted
<b>Mabel A. Saunders Bequest</b> <b>\$8,335.15</b> Unrestricted	<b>Susie B. Stark Bequest</b> <b>\$3,192.41</b> SDB Retirement Fund
<b>Schenectady, NY SDB Church Fund</b> <b>\$339,973.25</b> Schenectady, NY Church Fund for lay education	<b>Mary K. Stewart Memorial</b> <b>\$9,598.42</b> Unrestricted
<b>Agnes Post Schertz Bequest</b> <b>\$28,511.75</b> Unrestricted	<b>Henry W. Stillman Fund</b> <b>\$288,872.95</b> Unrestricted
<b>Dr. Lloyd D. and Oma P. Seager Memorial</b> <b>\$11,306.44</b> SDB Retirement Fund	<b>Bea L. DeVard / Stonefort, IL</b> <b>\$2,687.56</b> Unrestricted
<b>Seventh Day Baptist Building Fund</b> <b>\$105,030.48</b>	<b>Daisy Jett Summers Bequest</b> <b>\$50,583.06</b> Young People Preparing for Ministry
<b>Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society</b> <b>\$17,768.17</b>	<b>Alvadore Sutton Fund</b> <b>\$8,941.69</b> Middle Island, WV SDB Church Salem, WV SDB Church
<b>Seventh Day Baptist Seminary Fund</b> <b>\$418,443.22</b> Christian Education Council	<b>Rev. Erlo E. Sutton Memorial</b> <b>\$1,489.58</b> Christian Education Council (for Audio-Visual Work)
<b>Elder J. F. Shaw Fund</b> <b>\$1,569.00</b> Unrestricted	<b>Mary Burdick Sutton Memorial</b> <b>\$1,038.34</b> Christian Education Council
<b>Florence P. Sheppard Bequest</b> <b>\$130,078.56</b> American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council Unrestricted (Milton College) Missionary Society Plainfield, NJ SDB Church SDB Retirement Fund Unrestricted	<b>Syracuse, NY SDB Church</b> <b>\$16,836.64</b> SDB Retirement Fund

**W. H. Tassell Bequest**  
**\$34,042.43**

**Ruth K. Tate Annuity Bequest**  
**\$7,636.25**  
Unrestricted

**John & Irene Thompson Bequest**  
**\$52,400.11**  
Unrestricted

**Frank Thurman Memorial**  
**\$51.91**  
Unrestricted

**Helen A. Titsworth Bequest**  
**\$66,242.30**  
Unrestricted

**Mary E. Tomlinson Bequest**  
**\$7,180.33**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**Viola C. D. Trainer Fund**  
**\$109,993.72**  
American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Missionary Society  
SDB Retirement Fund  
SDB Building Operations  
Women's Society

**Twentieth Century Endowment Fund**  
**\$33,019.28**  
Unrestricted  
Christian Education Council

**Utica, WI SDB Church**  
**\$5,503.14**  
Unrestricted

**Kenneth Van Horn Memorial**  
**\$2,313.22**  
Unrestricted

**Madge S. Van Horn Memorial**  
**\$9,694.40**  
SDB Allegheny Association of Churches

**Rua R. Van Horn Bequest**  
**\$33,504.48**  
SDB Retirement Fund

**John Vergeer Memorial**  
**\$19,196.83**  
Unrestricted

**William Voyce Memorial**  
**\$1,919.68**  
SDB Histocial Society

**Walworth, WI SDB Church**  
**\$171,179.75**  
SDB Denomination Budget  
SDB Retirement Fund  
Christian Education Council  
Missionary Society

**Nathan Wardner Bequest**  
**\$126,963.26**  
Alfred University  
American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Unrestricted  
Missionary Society

**Ralph Weber**  
**\$9,598.42**  
Unrestricted

**Fremont C. Wells Bequest**  
**\$3,164.79**  
Unrestricted

**Lois M. Wells Memorial**  
**\$125,402.56**  
Lois M. Wells Music Scholarships

**Lucy Davidson Wells Bequest**  
**\$465.25**  
Unrestricted

**Welton, IA SDB Church Memorial**  
**\$17,445.43**  
American Sabbath Tract and  
Communication Council  
Missionary Society  
Welton, IA SDB Cemetery

**West Edmeston, NY SDB Church**

**\$30,679.34**

First Brookfield SDB Church

**Westerly, RI 2nd SDB Church**

**\$2,145.73**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Eva Green White Memorial**

**\$580.57**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Adelbert A. Whitford Memorial**

**\$277.61**

Unrestricted

**John F. Wilhelm Annuity Bequest**

**\$2,129.62**

Unrestricted

**Probasco/Wilkinson Scholarship Fund**

**\$492,503.95**

Probasco/Wilkinson Scholarship Reserve  
Education Fund

**Emily Wilson Memorial Fund**

**\$115,206.77**

Unrestricted

**E. Adelbert Witter Bequest**

**\$5,503.14**

SDB Retirement Fund

**William E. Witter Bequest**

**\$13,871.34**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Russell Wodard Gift**

**\$24,715.19**

SDB Administrative Budget

**Frances L. Young Bequest**

**\$5,393.71**

SDB Retirement Fund

**Total Endowments**

\$20,167,229.71

## **Segregated Accounts**

### **S.J. and Emma C. Davis Memorial**

**\$120,446.86**

Unrestricted

### **Caroline R. Gray Scholarships**

**\$24,415.89**

### **Margart B Allen Scholarship Fund**

**\$112,894.28**

Scholarships

### **Rev. Charles H. & Margaret S. Bond Seminary Scholarship Fund**

**\$97,339.19**

**\$810,823.23**

### **Charles Kennedy Memorial Fund**

**\$93,794.98**

### **Nora Kennedy Special Projects Fund**

**\$79,812.20**

### **Total Segregated Endowments**

**\$1,339,526.63**

### **Total of All Endowments**

**\$21,506,756.34**

### **French Property**

**\$6,674,757.75**





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# **Missionary Society**

**for the year 2020-2021**

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**BOARD OF MANAGERS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Occupation</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Member Since</u></b>
Miriam Berg	Operations Manager	BCO	2011
Levi Bond	County Employee	PAO	2007
Norman K. Burdick	Retired/Consultant	RCA	2018
Johnmark Camenga	Pastor – Lost Creek, WV	LCW	2020
TC	Physical Therapist	MWI	2020
Gary Chester	Production Technician	ARI	2018
Julianne Grove	Pet Groomer	ARI	2014
Kathleen Hughes	Retired Teacher	ARI	2006
Andres Jara	Int'l Marketing	DCM	NEW
Gordon Lawton	Retired Pastor/Bus Driver	BCO	2015
Danny Lee	Retired	CSC	2015
Owen Lynch	Pastor-Toronto, Canada/IT End User Support	TOC	2020
Garfield Miller	Director of Outreach SDBMS	WPB	2013
Makayla Osborn	Missions Mobilizer	BCO	2019
Gabriela Parra	House Manager/Personal Assistant	ARI	2020
Andrew Samuels	Chief Executive Director SDBMS	MFL	2012
Renee Sanford	Retired	MWI	NEW
Marva Shears	Retired	WCM	2015
Margaret Taylor	Retired	ARI	2020

**OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2021-2022**

President – Danny Lee	First Vice President – Levi Bond
Treasurer – Norman Burdick	Second Vice President – Miriam Berg
Assistant Treasurer – [Office Vacant]	Secretary – Renee Sanford
Chief Executive Director – Andrew Samuels	Assistant Secretary – Julianne Grove

**179<sup>th</sup>. Annual Report**  
**Of the Board of Managers of the**  
**Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society**  
*For June 2020 through June 2021*

**INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society presents its 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to the Annual Meeting of the Society held March 21, 2021, at the SDB Missionary Society office in Ashaway, RI. Copies of this report will be available online for all voting members of the Society. A copy will also be included in the yearbook documents of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada, 2021 and available to the churches of the conference.

The SDB Missionary Society continued to do ministry and pursue its objectives in the COVID-19 global climate. Many virtual meetings, social media platforms, and other ministry opportunities were utilized to get our message across to the public, and to invite others to partner with us in any way, and to any degree possible. We resumed international travel in February 2021, when our Directors visited SDBs in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana. Subsequent trips to Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Malawi, Egypt, and Uganda were also made between April and June 2021.

We remain committed to promoting missions education domestically and fostering disciple-making and gospel-sharing activities abroad. We also remain committed to continuously improving stewardship of the resources entrusted to us, and effective responsiveness to God's call to join Him in partnering to reach the lost and make disciples among all peoples.

We continue to covet the prayers, feedback and support from our membership and others as this Society continues to partner with Seventh Day Baptists joining God in His world-wide mission.

**Five Year Vision 2018-2022**

While the essentials of the vision remain intact, constant evaluation of our operations, has led to the tweaking of some of the timelines for the vision articulated in our reports over the last three years. As we enter the final year of this five-year vision, we will continue to assess our direction, approach, and emphasis.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Our office maintained communication on many levels and platforms with many recipients. These included monthly Sabbath Recorder “Focus on Missions” articles, mini-message updates for Missions Advocates to share as bulletin inserts, handouts, or projected images, website updates, social media postings, snail mail, and e-mails.

Any of the following methods may be used to communicate with us at the Missionary Society:

**Email** – [info@sdbmissions.org](mailto:info@sdbmissions.org); **telephone** – (401)596-4326; **webpage** – [www.sdbmissions.org](http://www.sdbmissions.org); **Facebook**.com/SDBMissions; or **mail** – P.O. Box 156, Ashaway, RI 02804.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

After two years in this office, I remain very grateful to all those who have helped me and who continue to help me become acclimatized in the job. I cherish and appreciate my working relationships with the Missionary Society staff, the Missionary Society Board of Managers, the Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of USA & Canada, the leaders of SDB conferences overseas, the pastors of our churches, and other constituents, all of whom I consider to be partners in the noble privilege of seeking to fulfill the Great Commission.

As the global pandemic raged on, I took advantage of multiple virtual platforms to do ministry, communicate our message, and pursue the objectives of the Missionary Society. I visited virtually with all the South Florida SDB Churches (West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Miami), and Churches in Southeast Atlanta, Colorado Springs, New York City, Phoenix, and Port St. Lucie, as well as the Agape Church in Florida, Port St. Lucie, Anchor of Hope in Minnesota, and the South Atlantic Association. On the international front, I virtually visited the Faith Church in London, and the Birmingham Church, both in the United Kingdom, as well as the Brazilian Conference. As international travel slowly opened up, Africa emerged as one of the safest and most open regions in the world. Hence, after an international travel hiatus of about one year, I traveled to Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ghana in February 2021 with our Director of Outreach, Pastor Garfield Miller. Then, between April and May 2021, along with Pastor Keith Shick (JR), I visited Ivory Coast, Tanzania, and Malawi. Both trips were very fulfilling and provided mutual blessings to hosts and guests.

I serve on the Conference’s Church Planting Task Force, and participated in a virtual Church Planting Boot Camp held over several Sundays between October 2020 and March 2021. As an ex-officio member of the Conference’s Committee on Social Action and Disaster Relief

(CSADR), I participated in decisions to provide financial aid to Seventh Day Baptists severely affected by disasters in different countries. Other areas of collaboration with the General Conference included participation on the Culture Audit Task Force, and the articulation of a Memorandum of Understanding between our two organizations. I cherish the bi-weekly telephone meeting that I have with the General Conference's Executive Director, Carl Greene, as we seek to encourage each other, coordinate our responsibilities, and pray with and for each other.

The Missionary Society office remained safely open for business during the pandemic, carrying out all its functions through its staff (Garfield Miller, Nadine Lawton and myself) and volunteers (too numerous to name).

Andrew O. Samuels, Chief Executive Director

## **DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES & BOARD ACTIONS**

Our Director of Outreach, Garfield Miller, traveled to Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana, and virtually visited the Miami, New York City and Anchor of Hope Churches in the United States, the Faith and Birmingham Churches in the United Kingdom, as well as the British Conference, the Brazilian Conference, the Blue Mountain Church in Jamaica and the Sunshine Circuit of Churches, also in Jamaica. He is scheduled to visit Egypt and Uganda in June, 2021.

Our Director of Outreach serves on the Conference's Evangelism Task Force, and works with the SCSC Committee of the Conference's Women's Board to coordinate an overseas mission project in the SCSC program, and we are very pleased that for the summer of 2021, there will be two students from Jamaica participating in the program, which will be virtual.

In April 2021, the Board of Managers voted to hire Rise Advisors LLC as Investment Advisor for the Society effective April 26, 2021.

A new donor management software program called Donor Perfect, is being utilized by the Society. It will enhance our fundraising capabilities, and provide us with many more features by which we can communicate with our constituents.

The Missionary Society's new website and new logo have had a soft launching, and will receive more active promotion over the next few months. The review and updating of our handbook and constitution have been completed, and a final vote on them will be taken at the July 2021 quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers.

## **MISSIONS WEEK AND MISSIONS SABBATH**

For the first time, a Missions Week initiative was presented focusing on the theme, “A Waiting World, A Willing Church,” with Acts 13:47 being the Scripture theme. A daily devotional video broadcast on Facebook and done by a member of the Board of Managers highlighted each day of the week. That week of February 21-27, 2021 culminated in Missions Sabbath where a video-recorded sermon by our Director of Outreach, Garfield Miller, was offered for use in any of our churches which chose to utilize it. Several churches did. A missions offering was collected in our churches on that Sabbath, with the offering going towards the Africa Bible College, a ministry projected to begin in the summer of 2021. The total offering contributed was almost \$12,000. The churches emerging as winners of the trophies for the Missions Sabbath offering and the Global Mission annual giving, will be announced later. For the previous year of 2020, the winners were Shiloh SDB Church in New Jersey and 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopkinton SDB Church in Rhode Island respectively. We greatly appreciate the generous contributions to our ministries, of all individuals, families, and churches.

## **CONFERENCE WEEK 2020**

For the virtual Conference Week activities, there was a 5K event attracting 110 registered participants, focusing on the theme, “Running To Beat COVID-19.” Close to \$4,500 were raised to provide corona pandemic relief to SDB Conferences overseas. Many thanks to every participant and donor. The week also included two interviews with international SDB leaders; Sister Nilda Albino, President of the Philippine SDB Association, and Pastor Mading Bol, Pastor of a South Sudanese SDB Church in Phoenix, Arizona. There were also Q&A opportunities for our Directors in a virtual setting.

## **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS BY COUNTRY**

**Ghana:** Our missionaries encountered a group of young, enthusiastic, energetic, and committed Seventh Day Baptist leaders. Their leadership of the three SDB churches in Ghana, all located in the greater Accra area, is clearly effective and visionary. They are very enterprising and entrepreneurial, and have a healthy mindset towards stewardship and self-sufficiency. Several of them are proprietors of their own businesses, and they seek to employ people from their churches in those companies, which helps to strengthen their community of faith. Ministry to an orphanage and a leprosarium were part of the mission in February 2021.

Felix Ankrah is the President of the Conference and he works very well with his other leaders, one of which is his identical twin brother, Prince. They have challenged the conference to embrace a vision of planting one SDB church in every District in Ghana, of

which there are 275, with a further goal of planting one church every year. God's grace will help them to accomplish those ambitious targets.



Pastor Garfield Miller preaching in Ghana



Pastor Andy Samuels administering an eye test for reading glasses in Ghana

**Ivory Coast:** After two planned visits which had to be aborted at the last minute, a trip to Ivory Coast finally became a reality in April 2021. The two SDB Churches were visited, a vision for the growth of the churches was shared, along with an expression of the biggest challenges and needs facing the congregations. Neither of the two churches have their own facility, and that makes ministry difficult. In seeking to fulfill the Great Commission, they have employed the use of evangelistic films in public places, door-to-door witnessing, street meetings, as well as prison and hospital ministries. They are also praying for support for a particularly unconventional sustainable project which involves the purchase of a taxi and using it to generate income for the churches.



A section of one of the congregations in Ivory Coast





Leading worship in Ivory Coast

**Liberia:** Our missionary visit to Liberia revealed that there is the need for a renewal of our ministries there. Thankfully, there is a remnant of people there who are willing to be involved in that renewal, and there is a prayerful search for the appropriate leadership to shepherd the efforts. Contact was also made with a few prominent non-Seventh Day Baptist evangelical pastors who expressed a willingness to assist with our plans to effect a rebirth of SDB witness in that country.

**Malawi:** A very fulfilling visit was made to Malawi, which has the largest Seventh Day Baptist Conference in the world. With approximately 203 churches and groups, over 15,000 people, operating 6 schools and 4 hospitals, the conference leadership battles difficult conditions and scarce resources as they seek to keep the ministries growing. The Malawians have seen commendable results in their efforts to plant new churches, and they are engaged in reconciliation and possible reunification discussions with another group of churches which was part of a breakaway almost 70 years ago. Leadership Training was provided on the trip, and evangelistic preaching was done, which saw quite a number of people responding to invitations to make Jesus Christ their Savior and Lord. An enlightening visit to one of the schools and one of the hospitals operated by the conference, helped us to understand the challenges as well as the sacrifices made by the staff of both institutions on a daily basis. It was amazing to learn that in that school of 1200 students at Thembe, the student to teacher ratio is 90:1. More staff housing is desperately needed for this station.



Pastors and Leaders attending Leadership Training Sessions in Malawi



A bicycle being handed over to the Pastor at Thembe in Malawi

**Sierra Leone:** The Sabbath Chapel SDB Church in Flowery Branch, Georgia has helped our brethren in Sierra Leone to construct a church building in the town of Bo, and has also helped them to build a school facility in Yamandu, a very remote area of the country. This school now provides the opportunity for primary age children to attend school in their community, instead of having to walk more than five miles one way to obtain their foundational scholastic education. Our missionaries were privileged to share in the formal dedication of the new school, with Pastor David Johnson providing the keynote address, inclusive of a clear Gospel message, and an opportunity for people to trust Jesus as their Savior. The huge crowd of several hundred people who turned up for the dedication, was testimony to the significance of this facility to the entire community. Present were Paramount Chiefs or District Chiefs, as well as other political, civic and religious leaders, all rejoicing in presence of the new school, and celebrating the prospect of the school bringing amelioration to the lives of the students. A well was also constructed on the school premises, supplying potable water to the school population, as well as the wider community. Our team also had the privilege of sharing in the dedication of a new church building in another community, as well as the baptism of 20 candidates who had placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who were being disciplined by the local Pastor. What a glorious celebration it was to celebrate with the new believers.





Pastor David Johnson preaching and Pastor Francis Mattia translating in Sierra Leone.



The school and the well at Yamandu in Sierra Leone.

**Tanzania:** Two different areas of Tanzania were visited – Kigoma and Arusha. In Kigoma there was an enthusiastic group of pastors and leaders who gathered for Leadership Training. In that region, they have a vision of starting their own Bible School. They are blessed with adequate land space and facilities which need some improvement. In Arusha, there was Evangelism Training and an introduction to some orphans being cared for by the conference. In both places, the Gospel was preached and responses were favorable. Help is needed to complete one of the main church buildings in Arusha, and there is a vision and an effort to plant a SDB Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in an area of that country where none has existed. The catalyst for that mission is the fact that a few Tanzanian SDBs have recently migrated to the DRC.



Baptismal candidates in Tanzania



The congregation at Arusha in Tanzania



## **OPERATING BUDGET – 2021 & 2022**

The 2021 and 2022 operating budgets are available, on request, from the Missionary Society office.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOURTH QUARTER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT**

December 31, 2020

Income for the four quarters of 2020 was \$212,683.50 as compared to budgeted income of \$173,000.00. The increase being primarily in the areas of undesignated income, SDB Missionary Society investment income, Memorial Fund investment income and membership income. Expense for the four quarters of 2020 was 217,327.57, as compared to budgeted expense of \$227,060.00. This left an operating shortfall of \$4,644.07 as compared to a budgeted shortfall of \$54,060.00.

2020 again has been a year of many challenges and the need to change directions due to Covid-19 and changing politics. However, 2020 was not as financially challenging as originally thought as the Missionary Society was able to change directions along with the challenges. We saw a substantial increase in the investment portfolio from a value of \$2,993,448.26 on December 31, 2019 to a value of \$3,199,572.93 on December 31, 2020. This increase was sustained even with scheduled 2020 withdrawals in the amount of \$84,156.21 being taken as income for operating expenses. Although we have seen these investment increases in 2020, I believe that the future of the investment market may again be uncertain, and we will need to keep an eye of the Missionary Society investments. As noted in an email memo from Dean Mark D. Lewis dated Jan.3,2021 we have a sound investment Policy Statement and by sticking to it we have experienced excellent long-term results with an annual compounded growth rate of 9.1% from July 2012 though December 31, 2020. Thanks to Mark again for his invaluable advice. These legacy funds now and in the future greatly help us to continue the mission we have set upon.

Designated funds in the amount of \$143,010.06 have been received during the four quarters of 2020 to facilitate specific missions. The amount of \$118,105.43 was disbursed throughout that same period to specific missions leaving a fund balance of \$133,511.04 on December 31, 2020 for Facilitated Funding. The areas receiving the highest funding were Burundi, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, International Missions, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Memorials, National Field Support, Nicaragua, Disaster Relief, Boost for Crossing Borders, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

The budgeting process will begin soon with Pastor Andy and Pastor Garfield setting out their combined programs, budget proposals and funding needs for the fiscal year 2022. We look forward to the exciting and innovative vision they will bring and the opportunity to put that vision into the proposed budget for 2022. The approval process for the 2022 budget will be taken at the first quarter meeting in April 2021.

The audit for 2019 has been completed and received. A copy is available upon request. Documentation for audit of the 2020 fiscal year is currently being assembled for submission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman K. Burdick, Treasurer

Mark 16:15 NIV

He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

## **2021 FIRST QUARTER UPDATE REPORT**

### **SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY FIRST QUARTER 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT**

March 31, 2021

Income for the first quarter of 2021 was \$66,567.38 as compared to budgeted income of \$40,725.00. The increase being primarily in the areas of SDB Missionary Society investment income, Memorial Fund investment income and Membership income. Expense for the first quarter of 2021 was \$65,312.28, as compared to budgeted expense of \$61,113.12. This left an operating gain of \$1,255.10 as compared to a budgeted shortfall of \$20,388.12.

2021 will again be a year of many challenges and the need to change directions due to Covid-19 and changing politics. However, the 2021 first quarter was not as financially challenging as originally thought as the Missionary Society was able to change directions along with the challenges. We saw a substantial increase in the investment portfolio from a value of \$3,199,572.93 on December 31, 2020 to a value of \$3,321,285.55 on March 31, 2021. This increase was sustained even with the scheduled first quarter 2021 withdrawal in the amount of \$26,938.33 being taken as income for operating expenses and facilitated funding. Although we have seen these investment increases in the first quarter of 2021, I believe that the future of the investment market may again be uncertain, and we will need to keep an eye of the Missionary Society investments. As noted in an email memo from Dean Mark D. Lewis dated Jan.3,2021 we have a sound investment Policy Statement and by sticking to it we have experienced excellent long-term results with an annual compounded growth rate of 9.1% from July 2012 though December 31, 2020. Thanks to Mark again for

his invaluable advice. These legacy funds now and in the future greatly help us to continue the mission we have set upon. As an informational note the executive committee will be presenting motions to move the investment funds on the recommendation of Mark Lewis.

Designated funds in the amount of \$33,248.02 have been received during the first quarter of 2021 to facilitate specific missions. The amount of \$19,503.42 was disbursed throughout that same period to specific missions leaving a fund balance of \$147,256.64 on March 31, 2021 for Facilitated Funding. The areas receiving the highest funding were Africa Bible College, Burundi, India, International Missions, Malawi, National Field Support, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

The proposed budget for 2022 has been prepared for presentation, review and approval at the first quarter Missionary Society meeting April 18, 2021.

The audit for 2019 has been completed and received. A copy is available upon request. Documentation for audit of the 2020 fiscal year is currently being assembled for submission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman K. Burdick, Treasurer

Mark 16:15 NIV

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## **INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW STATEMENT**

The report on our independent financial review will be available later, and may be accessed on the Missionary Society website, or by making contact with the Missionary Society office.

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING – MARCH 21, 2021**

### **Minutes of the 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society March 21, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by President Danny Lee. Garfield Miller opened with prayer. There were 15 members in attendance via Zoom. Carl Greene and Nadine Lawton were also present.

The call of the meeting as printed in the Sabbath Recorder was read by Julianne Grove.



Julianne Grove and Margaret Taylor acted as tellers.

**Declaration of Quorum** (150 permitted to vote)

Number present – 15 Number of proxies – 32

**Action on Voting Membership**

All voting members will be continued in membership provided their dues are paid by June 30, 2021.

**Presentation of New Voting Members**

March 1 – December 31, 2020 – 43; January 1 – March 1, 2021 – 15

These individuals were received as voting members of the society, and any subsequent applications for membership will be approved upon payment of dues.

As of March 1, 2021 182 members have renewed their memberships, of which approximately 58 are 200 Club Members and approximately 39 are 365 Supporters.

Annual reports were received from President, Danny Lee, Treasurer, Norman Burdick, and Andrew Samuels, Chief Executive Director.

**Appointment of Auditor for Calendar Year 2021**

Scott Seslar was appointed as Auditor – 47 approved

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

The report of the Nominating Committee was voted approving the nominations of the Officers and Board of Managers, with the understanding that Bethany Crandall's name was included in error. The vote was unanimous (47).

**Ratification of Board Actions**

There was a unanimous vote to ratify all the activities of the Board of Managers for the year that ended December 31, 2020.

It was voted that the minutes of this meeting be reviewed by Andy Samuels and Kathy Hughes.

The meeting was adjourned to the next Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society, March 20, 2022, at 2 PM.

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers is April 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hughes, Secretary



**Annual Report**  
of The American Sabbath

**Tract and**  
**Communication Council**  
for the year 2020-2021

**Document H**

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# American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council Annual Report for the year 2020

## Our Mission is to Connect

The Tract Council continues to be guided by this Mission Statement:

*As the communication agency of the SDB General Conference, the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council seeks to forge connections:*

- *WITH Seventh Day Baptist Churches and their members,*
- *FOR the Seventh Day Baptist Boards and Agencies, and*
- *TO the general public.*

*By building and maintaining positive relationships with our churches and agencies, and by providing quality media resources to strengthen their ministries, we will help bring others to a relationship with Jesus Christ and with Seventh Day Baptists.*

We strive to serve as a vital link between our churches, individuals, and the SDB Conference.

## The Sabbath Recorder

The SR can be read online at the Conference website:

[www.seventhdaybaptist.org](http://www.seventhdaybaptist.org) or at  
[www.sabbathrecorder.org](http://www.sabbathrecorder.org).

The electronic issue is typically posted 1-2 weeks before readers get their hard copy in the regular mail.

Along with the color pdf version, we continue to provide a "page-flip" version for web readers. You may find all the versions at <https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/category/sabbath-recorder/>.

Sabbath Recorder Editor Patricia Cruzan continues to produce a gorgeous publication. This year she has yet again combined thought-provoking themes and easy-to-read layouts each month.

Report of *Sabbath Recorder* for the Yearbook (2020-2021):

**July/August 2020** — Theme: **Healthy Churches...Healthy Leaders**. Exploring what makes a healthy church and healthy leaders, articles were written by the following: *A Healthy Church*, by Andrew J. Camenga; *A Healthy Body*, by Pastor Tim Smothers; *From Darkness to Light* by Pastor Rick Crouch; *Hope in the Fiery Furnace*, by Dennis Coleman. General Council gave us a "Statement from SDB Leadership Concerning Racism." Because of COVID-19 General Conference was canceled as an in-person event and was Virtual. There was a preview and information provided. President Butler said, "President again? Still" because he will serve as president for another year. Carl Greene wrote "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus," and Katrina Goodrich discussed "Finding Hope." Andy Samuels pointed out that "We're All God's Favorites" while Phil Lawton wrote, "The Body of Christ is Hurting and Doesn't Even Know It." Sarina Gumness wrote about "The Great Commandment," and there was several short news from churches and information about the virtual conference.

**September 2020** — Theme: **Fix Your Eyes on Jesus**. The conference was Virtual, but we tried to publish messages and photos as much as possible in written form in the SR. Matthew Butler gave a Bible study each day: Monday being "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus in All of Scripture; Tuesday was "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus as God; Wednesday was "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus as Our Hope. The Gospel Feet 5K race, Spirit Week, YouthCon Zoom, a Hymn Sing, Kid Con 2020, reports from the Missionary Society, Women's Society, and the Pastors & Spouses Forum were shown in words and/or photos. Sarina Gumness had a different perspective on "The Boy with the Fish and the Loaves." Phil Lawton's message was "A Christian Response to a Grieving Country" and Carl Greene, "Road

Closed." Kevin Butler said, "It'll only hurt for a little while."

**October 2020** — Theme: **How to Do (Healthy & Revitalized) Church.** To answer this question, Rev. Dave Stall wrote, "Three Key Factors;" Pastor Gabriel Graffius wrote, "Faithful and Flexible;" Frank Mazza wrote, "Change is Good;" and Pastor JR Shick wrote, "Access for All." Carl Greene asked, "Does Your Church Live a Questionable Life?" Kevin Butler introduced his new theme for the year, "Restored for a Purpose." The remainder of Matthew Butler's conference Bible studies were included: Thursday, "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus When We Sin," and Friday, "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus As Our Righteousness." Other topics included some conference youth programs and church news. Phil Lawton's *Everyday Theology* column was "Counterfeit Saviors."

**November 2020** — Theme: **Developing Leadership.** In this SR, Rob Appel wrote about "Developing Leadership in Our SDB Churches." Althea Rood did "A Look at Developing Leaders," and Carl Greene wrote "Counterformative Leadership Practices." Janet Thorngate took a look back into SDB history and discovered "Ten Women Voted—And Their Votes were Counted." Nicholas Kersten asked, "Faithful, Available, and Teachable: Is God Calling You to Lead?" while John J. Pethtel wrote, "Leadership—A Calling for Every Christian." Katrina Goodrich wrote, "Anyone Could Be a Leader." The Missionary Society posted the annual Christmas Gift List for 2020, and there was a few news from churches...some current and some a look into history.

**December 2020** — Theme: **Gospel Saturation.** Looking into this theme, Carl Greene wrote, "Gospel Saturation," Pastor Jamaal Fyffe wrote, "Love from God," Amanda Langley, "Are You Overflowing?" Nick Kersten wrote, "Really GoodNews," and "The First Saturation." Julia Coleman looked at "The Healing Power of Christmas," and Phil Lawton had a new look at "Christmas Eve: Manger." Reprinted from a *Sabbath Recorder* was a series of notes written to the sabbath school teacher and her responses. Andy Samuels wrote about missions:

"We've Heard the Cry." Kevin Butler asked was, "A divine wake-up call?"

**January 2021** — Theme: **So, you want to plant a church!** Pastor Ron Higson said, "Church Planting: Not for the Faint of Heart." Pastor Chuck Meathrell wrote, "Not Just Any Church Plant: Three Challenges in SDB Church Planting." Pastor Darrell Chilson gave "Phoenix for Christ: An Update" on the church there. Carl Greene wrote "Church Planting: Living an Unedited Life" and, Patty Petersen wrote, "God is on the move to plant SDB churches." Kevin Butler wrote, "He restoreth my soul," and Marcy (Payne) Kersten wrote, "Grace." Katrina Goodrich added, "Get to Know Your Community," and Andy Samuels, "Planting SDB Churches in Pakistan and Egypt." Barb Green wrote in the Health News column "Grief and Loss During the COVID Pandemic."

**February 2021** — Theme: **Fear Not!** This was a special full-color issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*. At that time, there was a great fear overtaking many people because of the COVID-19 pandemic: fear of sickness, fear of death, people were losing their jobs, and schools and churches were closed. We had to wear masks, social distance: which meant, in many cases, not seeing family and friends for weeks and months. So, it seemed a good time to remind everyone that we should not fear, that God is in control. So, the entire issue was Scripture (stories and verses), where God said to not be afraid. And all accompanied with full-color graphics. We thank Richard Jesse Watson and Morgan Weistling for kindly giving permission to use their beautiful paintings.

**March 2021** — Theme: **The Gift of Peace.** Pastor Tim Smothers wrote about "Beautiful Peace" for this issue. Carl Greene added, "Good Enough for Now." Scott Hausrath wrote, "Pass the Ps, Please," and John J. Pethtel said, "How to Be at Peace When You Feel Like Everything is Falling to Pieces." Gordon Lawton wrote "Peace," and Katie Brown wrote "Peace in the Restoration." Nick Kersten wrote, "Beating the Press to Find Peace," and Andy Samuels added, "The Secret of Peace." Kevin Butler wrote "When The Lights Go Dim," and Katrina Goodrich wrote about "Cancel Culture." There

have been reprints of historical interest from old SRs in these issues. Dennis Coleman has begun a study of Revelation, which will appear as we go along.

**April 2021**— Theme: **What Now?** The question posed was, after the crucifixion of Jesus, followed by His resurrection and then ascension into heaven with a promise He will return...what next—what to do while we are waiting for that return? Rev. Dr. Dale Thorngate wrote about "On the Road to Emmaus" and what it meant for us today. Levi Bond wrote "The Lord is watching," and Tyler Chroniger wrote "Hope of the World." Nathan Crandall wrote, "Staying Visible." Carl Greene wrote on the theme, "Restored for a Purpose," and Kevin Butler wrote, "Restored or Replica?" John Pethtel's column was "Getting the Band Back Together." Andy Samuels covered the "Ministry in Sierra Leone." Katrina Goodrich let us know about "Farewell and Opportunity" because there are new openings in the Women's Society. The next study of Revelation from Dennis Coleman was in this SR. We included awards granted and others available for nominations. Barb Green wrote about "Assuring a Good Ending" in her health column.

**May 2021** — Theme: **God's Grace.** "His Grace is Sufficient" by Kevin Butler gave a personal testimony. "When in Doubt, Give Grace" by Pastor Michael Pearl and "Restorative Faith" by Pastor Jamaal Fyffe gave insight into God's Grace. Althea Rood wrote a moving article about the "Dark Night of the Soul," along with a shorter piece about what that is. More columns about Grace were from Carl Greene, "Restored with a Testimony," "Humble Leadership in God's Power" by Phil Lawton, and "God's Grace Evident in Ghana" by Andy Samuels. The study on Revelation was that we are "Called to Reflect God's Glory." The last column from Barb Green was in this May SR. It was titled "Wilderness Blessings." We were terribly saddened that Barb passed away from ALS just before this issue was published. Happy that she is now celebrating God's Grace!

**June 2021** — Theme: **Restored!** "God is my Restorer," written by Pastor Keith McCall, is testimony to God's restoration. "That was then;

this is now" by Rev. Paul Manuel, Ph.D., is another wonderful proof that God is the restorer, as is the testimony by Maura Mazza, "Restored," which celebrates God's care for her. Cheri Appel compiled testimonies about Hope from friends and neighbors. We put in the lyrics to the song, "He'll Do It Again," to remind us that God does restore...over and over again. Carl Greene wrote "Restored for More than Counterfeit Hope," and Andy Samuels told us about "Hope Renewed in The Ivory Coast." President Butler reminded us "Suffering a Little While" is what Peter was talking about. John J. Pethtel wrote how "The Local Church is the Hope of the World." Another study on Revelation by Dennis Coleman, "Tell Me More About Our God." This issue contained more information about the Virtual Conference held July 25-31. Again, the COVID-19 restrictions made it impossible to meet together for our annual General Conference. There were many exciting plans in the works.

**July/August 2021** — Theme: **"Purpose."** If we have a purpose, how do we find ours, recognize that it is from God, make it meaningful in our lives? Rev. Charles R. Meathrell wrote, "Three Challenges in Finding Purpose." Dennis Coleman wrote about how to read your Bible, getting God's message to you.

These are highlights of each issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*. Each month there have been columns written by the contributing editors: Carl Greene, Executive Director; Andrew Samuels, Focus on Missions; Katrina Goodrich, Women's Society; Barb Green, Health News; Nicholas J. Kersten, Christian Education Council and Council on History; Kevin Butler, President's Page; John J. Pethtel, Church Development and Pastoral Services; Sarina Gumness, Young Adult; Dennis Coleman, A study of the book of Revelation. Church news has included stories from the churches, the listing of new members, baptisms, births, marriages, and obituaries. Contact information to reach various offices and websites of the denomination and the directors are included, and the directions to download the **SDB Link** to encourage readers to use everything that is available online.

## **New Media**

In light of COVID-19, streaming of church services has continued to be a focal point as we extended in a new calendar year. Churches have continued to reach out for guidance and advice in either setting up streaming or improving their streaming experiences, and several churches took advantage of grants provided by The Memorial Fund. As part of the process, churches connected with Jeremiah Owen to assist with ensuring the grants' goals were met with appropriate choices for equipment and/or solutions.

### **Monthly Communication**

Monthly videos and livestreams are now a regular part of our communication schedule, and we believe the increased engagement bears out continuing these as a part of the regular schedule. Guests have included Directors of Church Development (John Pethtel), Christian Education (Nick Kersten), Women's Society (Jenni Wangsness), and Executive Director (Carl Greene), Conference President Kevin Butler, and Pastor Phil Lawton.

Executive Director Carl Greene continues to produce a 2-3 minute video monthly which has continued to see broad positive reaction and appeal and remain a popular series through all the various channels it's broadcast.

The quarterly newsletter "Our Road Ahead" has continued to be published and mailed. The focus continues to be aimed at being news straight from the Directors on their ministries based on themes set forth by Executive Director Carl Greene. If you do not currently receive the letter, you can call, email, or write the SDB Center to be added to the mailing list.

### **Website Redesign and Launch**

In December of 2020, the newly designed SeventhDayBaptist.org website was launched. Some of the highlights in addition to the modern look and feel include:

- Mobile-device friendly version
- New website search experience
- Improved church locator

Part of the redesign includes new opportunities to highlight other media efforts across our various online mediums, allowing the website to highlight videos produced to the front page in a new "media" section.

The top two pages visited on the site are:

1. Find a Church
2. Statement of Belief

This further underscores the importance of efforts made to improve the experience of those pages as these are the pages which most new users are getting their first impressions and deciding on how or whether they will engage with us and/or our churches.

Looking ahead, additions expected next year are an "interest funnel" for connecting interested parties to appropriate resources and a short introductory video for use as a promotional resource.

Jeremiah continues to assist with the SDB World Federation website and post the SDB World newsletter to both the website and SDB LINK. Jeremiah also continues to assist churches with their websites.

### **Social Media Committee**

Conference 2020 was live-streamed centered on distribution through Facebook. This included messages from once and future Conference President Kevin Butler, video reports from your directors, and other special guests.

For Conference 2021, due to continued uncertainty amid the global pandemic, it will once again be a virtual Conference. This year differs in that it will be hosted and organized through our Conference registration software provider, CVENT. The Conference 2021 program will be available to those who register by visiting:

<https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/conference/week2021/>

The software provides hosting of the video in both pre-recorded and livestream formats, allowing for live, moderated interaction with attendees. Cvent also gives access to virtual

booths for conference-goers to connect with councils and societies. The sessions will be available on-demand for 30 days after the event.

As part of the effort to continue to improve the experience, "Studio In A Box" was developed. These "Studios" consist of a laptop, high-quality camera, microphone, studio lights, and green screen. Video recording can be assisted remotely, and all videos are automatically uploaded to a shared drive for access by the Director of Communications for processing and editing. The end goal is to provide a level of consistency to the videos for Conference 2021 and the availability of a new toolset to record other Conference content by sending kits to people engaged with the Conference, be it for education, historical or other communication purposes.

### **Executive Appointments for 2020-2021**

For Director Jeremiah Owen:

(Attends meetings with Center staff via Zoom online meetings; monthly meetings with T&CC for updates;  
quarterly reports to General Council;  
contributor to SDB Exec Blog)

### **August 2020**

– Director's Retreat – Colorado Springs, CO

### **August 2021**

– Director's Retreat – Colorado Springs, CO

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## **ASTCC Directors Elected to three-year terms by General Conference**

Dave Alldredge (chair)

(Tacoma, WA) term expiring 2023

Elianna Chroniger term expiring 2023

(Alfred Station, NY)

Saul Alonzo term expiring 2023

(Tacoma, WA)

Makayla Osborn term expiring 2021

(Silver Spring, MD)

Rick Crouch term expiring 2022

(Boulder, CO)

### **Members *ex-officio* (Committee chairs)**

*Publications Committee–*

[ To be filled ]

*Sabbath Promotion Committee–*

[ To be filled ]

*Sabbath Recorder Committee–*

Bill and Valerie Probasco

### **Director of Communications–**

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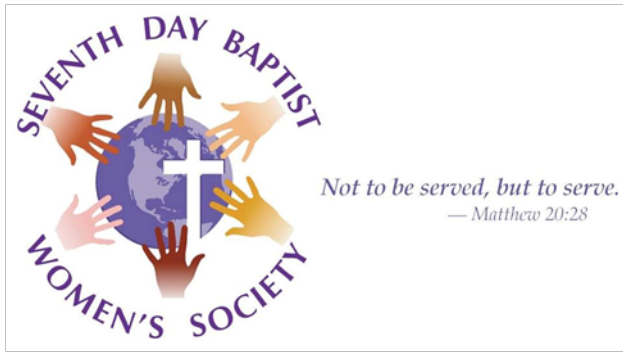


**Annual Report**  
**of the Seventh Day Baptist**  
**Women's Society**  
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## 2020-2021 Annual Report

**Women's Board Business Highlights**, by Lauren Telford, Recording Secretary  
(Letelford91@gmail.com)

Meeting Dates & Highlights- all meetings took place via Zoom Video Conferencing this year, due to the pandemic.



- **10/25/20**

Our first connection in a while. It was good to connect with each other, even if it was over Zoom. Our board members include educators, health care workers, and retired grandmas who have all had their daily lives shifted by the needs of their jobs and families in the pandemic. Our business discussion revolved around what we learned from the first attempt at Virtual Conference, distribution of the Love Gift, Board positions that would be coming open this year, collaboration with the Christian Education Council on developing young adult leaders in our conference, and targeting the Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund for "Giving Tuesday".

- **1/24/21**

We discussed the need to begin shifting plans towards what we can offer at a Virtual Conference this year. Our Treasurer, Vicki, gave us an update on our custodial accounts held by the Memorial Board. Karen gave an update including plans to promote the Robe of Achievement and the WISE Award in the upcoming months to encourage people to nominate women we could recognize in this way. Helen updated us with the great news that Amanda Barbee will be the SCSC Training Director! We also reviewed and approved the Nominations Interest forms for the President and Recognitions Committee Chairwoman positions, and established a timeline and channels of communication for them.

- **3/7/21**

Helen gave updates for the SCSC Committee, including plans to hold virtual training and projects again this year. The committee has selected the students who will participate this year, and they include students from Jamaica, once again! Projects are still in-the-works, as their deadline was extended. Gatherings Committee update-beginning to put together plans for a Virtual Banquet to be held prior to Conference Week, on a Sabbath in July. We had not received any Nominations Interest forms to date, so we discussed next steps to keep our nominations process moving forward. We began to discuss other ideas and dates for Virtual Conference, including when (and how) we would hold our Society Business Meeting.

- **4/11/21**

The main focus of this meeting was to continue to firm up plans for Virtual Conference, including written and video report deadlines. We also discussed possible candidates to reach out to for both of our open positions-President, and Recognitions Committee Chairwoman, as we had not received any Nominations Interest Forms. We discussed ideas for the Love Gift recipients and collection, and plans to meet in person the first week of August, with a focus on transitions.

- **5/23/21**

We continued to discuss candidates to join the Board for our open positions, and timelines for our reports coming due. We discussed the success of the SCSC Fundraiser Concert on Facebook Live. We also laid out the timeline for our Virtual Conference events, which Paula will highlight in the next section!

- Since we still had official business to take care of, we voted to use our Facebook Messenger group, using polls that would allow everyone to vote for motions brought forth by the board members. We established parameters for use, and through this means, we were able to nominate candidates for our open positions without having to find a time when everyone was available and schedule another meeting!



We may not have been able to gather in person this year, but we gathered in Spirit, and Jesus certainly met us there-continuing to give us vision and encouragement in the work He has called us to do!

## President's Participation in Partnerships and Collaborations



### **Coordinating Leadership Team Meeting~August 21-23, 2020~Colorado Springs, CO**

The Conference Directors and our Society President (Jenni) met shortly after our General Conference sessions (in person) to have a time of team-building and strategic planning for the year ahead. I took a day of personal reflection before we met as a group and explored Pike's Peak. I was struck by the vastness of our creator at the top, and on the way down, was also refreshed with the idea that the Creator of all of this wonder is also right beside us through the valleys of life.

As a group, we focused on elements of Virtual Conference that we wanted to continue and other Conference Session changes that we wanted to propose for the future. We also focused on sharing the Big-Hairy-Audacious-Goals that we each have for our ministries. We laid out a timeline for the website revisions coming up, and a strategic plan for communications. We also talked about upcoming task forces that will focus on a Culture Audit and another on the Theology of Work.

### **Baptist Women of North America Meetings**

I was unable to participate in any scheduled virtual meetings this year due to conflicts with my work schedule. However, I kept informed via email and shared updates to our Facebook page, including information on the Day of Prayer, and other BWNA initiatives as I received them.

### **CLT Meetings-all held via Zoom @ 9:30 CST**

- 9.16.20-Website update timeline and upcoming communications.
- 10.21.20-End of Year Mailer, Giving Tuesday focus, Church Planting Coordinator position, establishing a glossary of shared language, the culture audit, Missionary Society's new logo, travel during COVID, and Conference Session 2021 plans.
- 11.18.20-Upcoming Giving Tuesday campaign, Video Christmas Card, Culture Audit updates, Missionary Society Initiatives, Collaboration between WS SCSC and Council on Christian Education regarding young adult leadership development.
- 1.20.21-End of Year Newsletter feedback, Conference Session plans, Communication, Missionary Society Initiatives, SCSC updates, Church Planting Coordinator updates, Leadership Development strategies, PULSE updates, Culture Audit updates.
- 2.15.21-shared WB updates including nominations process and the board's plan moving forward, as well as SCSC committee's continued commitment to work towards more collaboration with the Council on Christian Education. Other topics included an update on Conference 2021 Sessions and what could be done outside of the scheduled "Conference Week"
- 5.19.21-Upcoming Virtual Conference Timeline and CVENT as host.

- There were also meetings held in December and March, in which I was unable to participate due to commitments with my employer.

#### **Culture Audit Task Force-all held via Zoom @ 7:00pm CST**

This group consisted of 6 individuals tasked with formulating a plan to initiate a movement that would encourage our local churches to conduct a Culture Audit. We worked towards answering this question: How can local Seventh Day Baptist Churches facilitate the flourishing of diversity through unity in ways that honor God and actively advance His Kingdom? We created a document and received General Council's approval to put the plan into action.

We met for approximately an hour on these dates: 11/9/20, 12/14/20, 1/11/21, 2/8/21, 3/17/21, 4/12/21, and 6/3/21.

#### **General Council Meeting at a Distance**

- TBD in July. This will also serve as my "Exit Interview"



#### **Virtual Conference 2021 Women's Society Timeline of Events**

by Paula Reynolds, Vice President (paulareynolds109@gmail.com)



July 1-Video and Printed Reports Available on CVENT for Registered Attendees.

July 10-Virtual Banquet-See Gatherings Committee Report for more details.

July 23-SCSC Virtual Vespers Service @ 8pm Eastern

July 25-Women's Society Annual Business Meeting via Zoom @ 4pm Eastern

August 1-Awards Presentation @ 4pm Eastern

August 21-Director/President's Q&A during CLT meetings-time TBD





**Treasurer's Report Highlights:** by Victoria Burdick, Treasurer (burdic@earthlink.net)

Usually the Love Gift distribution is designated by the Women's Interest Committee during the General Conference session each year but this year has been unprecedented. The money collected between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020 will be distributed according to a sub-committee which was put together at last year's virtual Women's Society Conference meeting. We were blessed this year by not only the Love Gift but with both small and large donations from churches and

individuals.

We encourage each individual and ladies group to gather together this July for a meal and fellowship as they feel comfortable. As you go through another virtual Conference week keep in mind the needs around your community. We'd like each group to donate according to their capability or maybe half of their Conference registration (if we could go) or their banquet cost.

- Distribution of the annual Love Gift for 2019/20
  - Makayla Osborn-mission
  - Shirley Morgan- mission
  - Thupakula Sravani- a young girl in India who's family committed suicide due to Covid-19
  - Church planting in Cairo. Egypt by Sudan refugees
  - Lydia's House- housing for homeless single/pregnant women in West Palm Beach
  - Joel and Judith Houts in Puerto Rico

Each recipient received \$564.16 for a total collected of \$3,385

- We had no requests for Women in Ministry Tuition Funds this past year, during Covid-19 so we're looking forward to the possibilities moving forward.
- The **Dorothy Shettel Fund** balance as of 5/31/2021 is \$18,582.44. This fund is used for SCSC students' Conference scholarships or stipends.
- The **Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund** balance as of 5/31/2021 is \$8,385.57 This fund is to be used to support Pastors and their families who are seeking outside support to better their physical, financial, and mental health.

More detailed financial records can be found in the Financial Supplement section of the yearbook.

**The Gatherings Committee**, chaired by Tabatha Pethel (tmwpeth@gmail.com )

The 2021 Women's Banquet will be held via Zoom on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 6p.m. central time. Women from Seventh Day Baptist churches are encouraged to meet together and enjoy a meal together while participating via Zoom with other women around the country. The virtual banquet will include special music from the Reynolds Sisters and guest speaker Lori Roeleveld. We will also discuss how the Love Gift will be collected and used this year. We are asking each church to take up their own



collection and distribute to local ministries in their areas. Hopefully, the 2022 Women's Banquet will be held in person. Tentative plans are for it to be off-site.



**The Media Committee & Sabbath Recorder Women's Page Editor**, Katrina Goodrich (khgoodrich36@gmail.com)

Communication through various non-traditional platforms are important and valuable in a world where preferred methods of communication are difficult. The goal of the media committee is to keep in better contact with and be available to a wider audience of Women's Society members and Seventh Day Baptists year round while providing new content and up to date news on what the Women's Board and Society at large is doing throughout the year as well as fostering new ideas and a growth culture. Interact with us on our facebook pages Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society, and Summer Christian Service Corps – SCSC. We continue to add content to our Pinterest page Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society of USA & Canada. Like and follow us to keep in contact and stay updated throughout the year.

Our website [www.sdbwomen.org](http://www.sdbwomen.org) has information including a calendar of events throughout the year and review meeting highlights from our Board of Directors meetings. Our webpage also has interesting and helpful content, including information on, past SCSC teams, past recipients of the Robe of Achievement and the W.I.S.E. award, as well as ideas for ministry and fellowship. It is also another place where applications and information for the Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund, SCSC, the Robe of Achievement, and W.I.S.E. awards can be found.

The Women's Page in the Sabbath Recorder continues to have a column keeping you up to date with relevant announcements and articles to inspire, encourage and spur each other on in our Christian faith. The Sabbath Recorder is an amazing resource- a big thank you to Pat Cruzan for putting the Sabbath Recorder together each month.

Thank you to Sabbath Recorder contributors and readership, and thank you to those of you who interacted with us via our social platforms. The committee is excited to continue to be one way to foster connections and conversations.

**The Recognitions Committee**, chaired by Karen Payne (karen.payne1127@gmail.com)

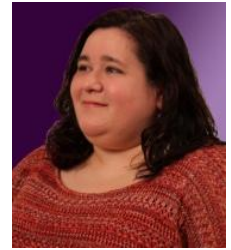
Since General Conference meetings were not being held in 2020 the Women's Board decided not to award the Robe of Achievement or WISE. Any nominations that came in for 2020 are being considered for 2021 recognitions. The deadline for Recognitions for 2022 is March 31, 2022. I have been privileged to serve as chairwoman of the Recognition Committee for the last 11 years. I extended my term by one year due all that was going on in the country, but I am making this my last year and wishing the next chairwoman well as she takes on this position.



**The Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund**, administered by Jenni Wangsness & John Pethtel

This fund was created in loving memory of our Vice President, Stephanie Sholtz.

The Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund is designated to assist pastoral leaders and their families who desire to seek greater wellness (emotional, spiritual, physical, financial, etc.). This year the Sholtz Wellness Fund was used to partner with the National Association of Evangelicals in providing wellness grants of \$500 to pastors and their families. The fund has also been used for multiple specific instances on behalf of pastors and their families in seeking greater wellness. In the past year, the funds have been used to support 15-20 individuals on their wellness journey.



If you are a pastor in need of an opportunity for greater wellness, please consider applying for the \$500 wellness grant or other disbursements from the Sholtz Wellness Fund. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Ownership for this fund rests with the SDB Women's Society but it is administered by the Director of Pastoral Services. Any application will be maintained with the strictest of confidence and discretion. For an application or more information, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

**The Summer Christian Service Corps Committee**, chaired by Helen Goodrich  
([scsc@seventhdaybaptist.org](mailto:scsc@seventhdaybaptist.org))

SCSC 2020 changed dramatically due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, as SCSC moved to a virtual platform. Kristin Camenga, Interim Training Director, led the staff and students through intensive training via Zoom, June 15-19, 2020. The students met and interacted with denominational executives, learned from a variety of instructors who presented sessions in their fields of expertise, spent time in worship, Bible Study, small group discussion and prayer. Students worked to develop their projects while staying at home, with few in-person activities. June 20-July 31 found students 'on project'--involved in a variety of ministries such as virtual VBS, camp, worship leading, bringing messages, organizing youth Sabbath, and more. In addition, they participated in extended training activities such as leading Bible Studies, meeting with mentors, ministry with other students, and finally, a feedback session. While not the season any had envisioned, all put time and energy into serving and faithfully embraced the mission. SCSCers reflected: "I must give God the glory for all the good things that happened over the course of the summer." "Being a part of this.....has not only been a life changing experience, but a season of spiritual growth."



We thank Kristin Camenga for her hard work quickly adapting to virtual training and projects. We are proud of the students as they spent time in ministry at home, rather than experiencing the 'normal' SCSC summer of service. We thank God that He is faithful and blessed the unusual season. He gave

vision for the future use of technology to facilitate a variety of new ways to assist in the development of lifelong servant leaders. Little did we know how important this would be for the 2021 season. The SCSC Committee introduced Amanda Graffius as SCSC Training Director in 2021. She is facilitating the second year of virtual training and projects. Spring pre-training assignments prepare students for Zoom intensive training June 17-24. Students once again are serving from their local churches, and collaborating virtually as they join other church groups for camp, VBS, youth groups, and a variety of other virtual or in-person activities. This year, in coordination with the SDB Missionary Society, two students from Jamaica are participating in SCSC.

Each year students are asked to raise money to help with training expenses. Instead of fund-raising individually this year, a fund-raising concert was developed with Jayar Smith, staff member. It first “aired” on May 21 on the SDB Conference Facebook Page. You can still view through the link: <https://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/scsc-concert/> Meet the 2021 SCSC Students and be blessed through their ministry!

## 2021 SCSC TRAINING STAFF

Amanda Graffius  
Training Director  
German SDB Church  
Salemville, PA



Althea Rood  
Anchor of Hope SDB  
Dodge Center, MN



Helen Goodrich  
North Loup SDB  
North Loup, NE



Jayar Smith  
New York City SDB Church  
Chicago, IL



Kristin Camenga  
German SDB Church  
Salemville, PA



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German SDB Church  
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The Connecting Church  
Milton, WI





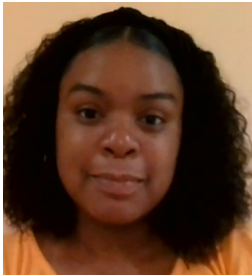
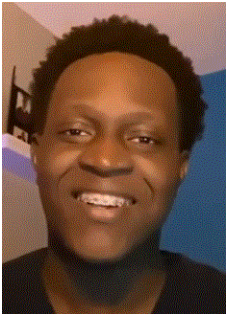

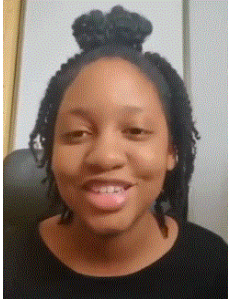




# SCSC 2021: TEAM BOLD

## Team Verse:

"And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 28:20

<p>Jordan Lynch First SDB Church of Toronto Toronto, Ontario 4<sup>th</sup> Year Veteran</p> 	<p>Melissa Brown Texarkana SDB Church Texarkana, Arkansas 4<sup>th</sup> Year Veteran</p> 	<p>Denovia McKenzie Open Arms SDB Church Toronto, Ontario 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Veteran</p> 	<p>Asabe Miller WPB Beach SDB Church West Palm Beach, Florida 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Veteran</p> 
<p>Lexia Stall First SDB Church of Hopkinton Ashaway, Rhode Island Rookie</p> 	<p>Petrina James First SDB Church of Toronto Toronto, Ontario Rookie</p> 	<p>Shamanisha Wilmot Port Maria SDB Jamaica Rookie</p> 	<p>Jo-Daniel Wilson Blue Mountain SDB Jamaica Rookie</p> 

The committee is very thankful for the leadership and wisdom of Women's Board President, Jenni Wangness, and the Women's Board as a whole, as we work together to promote, finance, and manage the many details involved with the SCSC Program.

Thank you to the host of people who support the SCSC program and its students. Whether you donated your time, talent, or treasure; kept the program in prayer, served on Training Staff, or assisted an SCSC student in summer ministry; we are thankful for your investment in leadership development for young adults.

Churches, look for posters and invitations promoting SCSC 2022 in the Fall. Encourage young people graduating high school or in college to think about participation in SCSC as they further their leadership skills in ministry by serving churches across the denomination. Perhaps your church would apply to have a project and host an SCSC team in 2022. Your investment in young adult leadership is kingdom building!

**The Women in Ministry Tuition Fund Committee, chaired by Cathy Jara**

(Catiya22@gmail.com)

This year I do not have an exciting update on how women have been impacted by receiving support from the Tuition Fund. Due to limited travel this past year and cancelled or online events, no funds were utilized this year. I am hoping to receive requests from women in ministry positions this coming year to support them in their roles in their churches. I pray God has been working in each of your lives and churches in a tangible way during the pandemic.



**Closing Thoughts, Jenni Wangsness, President**

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Over the last 10 years, I've had the honor of joining in the work of the Women's Society: On the Women In Ministry Tuition Fund Committee, on the Stained Glass Sub-Committee of SCSC, and for the last 6 years as President. I started my Presidency with a co-President, my partner in crime and BFF, Stephanie Sholtz. Together, I felt like we could take on the world! After her tragic death, it took some time, but I found the passion and calling to continue the work that God had laid before us. My fellow Board members, along with family and friends, carried me through and encouraged me through some of my darkest days. Together, we as the Board of Directors, continued to move our mission forward. As I was prayerfully considering whether to renew for my last 3 year term as President, God responded with a new calling. I am not sure what it is yet, but his directive to me was to "make room". This is not just for me personally, but also for the Women's Society. I am making room for something new in my life by saying goodbye to the Women's Society. I covet your prayers as I transition into this new season, that I will continue to be in tune with His voice, and have the courage to act on what He says. This also provides the Board of Directors with the opportunity to "make room" for new leadership and ideas.



I am very excited about the Slate of Officers that will continue as the Board of Directors for the Women's Society. I know that I am leaving the ministry in the hands that God appointed! They will continue to welcome additional ideas for ministry that fit within our Ministry Focus: Developing gifts, growth, generosity, and corporate gathering in order to foster healthy relationships and sustain them among local congregations and the larger body of Seventh Day Baptists.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Seventh-Day-Baptist-Womens-Society-275662235806570/>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/seventhdaybapti/pins/>

## **Proposed Slate of Officers for SDB Women's Board 2021-2022**

**Highlighted Positions either renewed this year, or are new nominees.**

All other positions will come up for renewal or to be filled during their designated year.

They are included here for informational purposes only.

### **President (term expires 2024):**

Katrina Goodrich, member of North Loup SDB Church, NE

Ph: (308)219-0465 (c) e-mail: womenssociety@seventhdaybaptist.org

### **Vice-President (term expires 2023):**

Paula Reynolds, member of First SDB Church of Toronto, ON, CAN

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### **Recording Secretary (term expires 2022):**

Lauren Telford, member of SDB Church of Texarkana, AR

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### **Treasurer (term expires 2024):**

Victoria Burdick, member of Riverside SDB Church, CA

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### **SR Women's Page Editor & Media Committee Chairwoman (term expires 2023):**

Beth Brown, member of SDB Church of Texarkana, AR

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### **Gatherings Committee Chairwoman (term expires 2022):**

Tabatha Pethtel, member of Springs Life Church, CO

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### **Recognitions Committee Chairwoman (term expires 2023):**

Lydia Solomon, member of Foothill Community Church, CA

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### **SCSC Committee Chairwoman (term expires 2024):**

Helen Goodrich, member of North Loup SDB Church, NE

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### **Women in Ministry Tuition Fund Chair (term expires 2022):**

Cathy Jara , member of Anchor of Hope Church, MN

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*My deepest gratitude goes out to each of these servant leaders!~Jenni Wangsness*



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# **SDB COUNCIL ON MINISTRY**

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## **2020-2021 Annual Report**

### **COM Members During 2019-2020**

**Rev. Nathan Crandall** (Milton SDB Church; Milton, WI)

**Frank Mazza** (Shiloh SDB Church; Shiloh, NJ)

**Pastor Norman Fearon** (Fort Lauderdale SDB Church; Fort Lauderdale, FL)

**Sharon Dailey**, (Southeast Atlanta SDB Church; McDonough, GA)

**Bethany Lawton**, *Chairperson*, (Shiloh SDB Church; Shiloh, NJ)

### **Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services**

**Rev. John J. Pethel** (SpringsLife Church; Colorado Springs, CO)

The work of the SDB Council on Ministry is divided into two areas: Pastoral/Church Services and Church Development.

### **Purpose of the Council on Ministry**

The purpose of the SDB Council on Ministry is to develop healthy leaders and healthy churches for the SDB General Conference. It will do that through connecting and resourcing leaders and churches for the work of actively advancing God's Kingdom. .

### **Pastoral/Church Services Purposes**

- 1) Provide encouragement and guidance for those who are considering church leadership.
- 2) Provide for camaraderie, knowledge-sharing, mentoring and mutual support among pastors.
- 3) Consult with churches without pastors and pastors without churches.
- 4) Assist churches and pastors in the licensing, ordination, accreditation, and endorsement processes.
- 5) Provide programs and resources that result in healthy leaders and healthy churches.

### **Church Development Purposes**

- 1) Counsel with pastors and churches in conflict.
- 2) Encourage our churches to examine themselves for health.
- 3) Encourage our churches to participate in the work of starting new churches.
- 4) Provide new contacts with information about SDBs.
- 5) Assist churches who wish to identify as SDB with tools and resources to join the Conference.
- 6) Provide resources to churches and/or leaders who wish to start or revitalize SDB churches.

### **Continued Structure Changes**

COM switched to a five-member council with each member serving a five-year staggered term after the 2017 General Conference sessions. The workload of COM has been done with four

subcommittees made of volunteers who have a passion and/or knowledge in the work that they are undertaking. Those subcommittees are Credentials/Recruitment, Pastoral/Church Services, Church Planting Task Force, and Church Revitalization Task Force. After the 2018 General Conference sessions, the School of Ministry subcommittee and its oversight moved to the Christian Education Council (putting all the educational ministries under one council). We continue to investigate moving the COSAR into the COM structure.

## **PASTORAL SERVICES**

### **Pastoral Search**

Churches without pastoral leadership are encouraged to contact the Director of Pastoral Services to assist them in the process of finding new pastoral leadership. In addition to the Manual of Procedures, he may have useful tools and information to assist churches in their search process as he continues to re-write the Pastoral Search Guidelines. A Pastoral Search Process Guide has become available. Because pastoral leadership is crucial to healthy churches, we want to be praying for pastors in all our churches and encourage those who are called to pastoral leadership to serve.

We currently have 17 member churches who do not have a called senior or lead pastor. There are other churches who are looking for additional pastoral help as well and some currently serving pastors will be retiring in the near future.

### **Recruitment**

We are seeking out those who are called to serve in their local church or in the mission field. There is a great harvest with new churches to be planted, mission fields to be served, and established churches needing leadership. If you know of any gifted or talented individuals that need encouragement to pursue ministry, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Licensure**

For over two centuries, SDB churches have licensed people to “preach” or to “ministry” for two main reasons. One reason is to provide the ability and recognition for someone to perform as a pastor before ordination takes place. The other reason is to encourage someone who feels called to ministry to exercise their pastoral gifts to further explore their calling, potentially leading to being recognized by a congregation. Both reasons are still a valid way to express and recognize pastoral calling in a SDB congregation today. If you have questions regarding licensing, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Ordination**

Ordination is the recognition of a person by a local SDB congregation as being gifted and called for the pastoral ministry. There was no one ordained in the current ministry year.

## **Accreditation**

Accreditation is a General Conference recognition of the ministry of an ordained minister in a local SDB church. COM has worked to address concerns about the meaning of accreditation as a Conference-wide standard of ministry. The General Conference has suggested that continuing education, as well as acceptable service in pastoral ministry, should be benchmarks for SDB ministers holding accreditation. This has led to a process where accredited ministers will apply for renewal of their accreditation every five years. If you have concerns regarding this process or want to apply for accreditation, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services. There were no new accreditation applications for this ministry year. Ministers whose accreditations were up for renewal in 2020 and 2021 will be reviewed before and brought to the Conference Week 2022 Sessions.

## **Endorsement**

COM endorses ministers called to chaplaincy service when needed by the organization the minister serves. The Director of Pastoral Services typically serves as the Endorsing Agent. The following ministers were endorsed in 2020-2021 by the Director of Pastoral Services:

- Matthew Berg, Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Jerry Johnson, United States Army
- Byron Durant, United States Army

## **Ministry Staff Development Program**

The purpose of the Ministry Staff Development Program “is to provide long-term mentoring opportunities in Seventh Day Baptist (SDB) churches for the development of pastoral leaders and assist churches in developing their ministry opportunities and potential.”

Frontier Church-Carbon Valley (Christopher Galarneau) began their participation in this program in 2019-2020.

## **Covenant Eyes**

Covenant Eyes is an accountability software that helps you keep your electronic devices (computers, laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) monitored with a partner of your choosing who receives a weekly email digest of questionable websites that you may have visited. This program is designed to help people fight digital temptation but also to help preserve the integrity of a pastor’s ministry and to keep them above reproach. This service is available to anyone serving in SDB ministry for a low cost of \$24 annually. We encourage local churches to explore this service with their pastors. Please contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more details.

## **Pastors Conference**

Our most recent Pastors Conference was held in Milton, WI (April 26-28, 2019) with 59 persons in attendance for a portion of the time. Q Place and our own leaders shared during the sessions with the theme, “Mobilize”.

This type of event builds the collegiality and friendship between our ministers and we want to encourage all our pastors to be able to attend. The Summit, a SDB Pastors Conference,

scheduled for Thornton, CO on April 24-26, 2020 was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Summit's next gathering will likely be held in Colorado in conjunction with the annual MULTIPLY Church Development Conference. More details will be going to pastors soon. Please consider sending your pastor to these events. Continuing education funds may be available to help defray expenses. If your church is interested in hosting a Pastors Conference, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Regional Pastors Meetings**

Some of our pastors who are geographically located close to each other (within a 4-5 hour drive) have decided to meet on a regular basis for encouragement, accountability, communication, and learning. We would like to encourage our churches and pastors to enable the same type of meetings to happen on a regular basis in their own area. If you have questions about how to get started, contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Pastors Forums and Pastors and Spouses Luncheon**

In order to keep in touch with our pastoral leaders, Executive Director Carl Greene implemented a series of Pastors Forums via Zoom every two to three months during the coronavirus pandemic. We used this forum to have our Pastors and Spouses Luncheon in 2020 and 2021. All pastors and those called to be pastors and their spouses are invited to participate.

### **Study Leave/Sabbatical**

Pastors who have the opportunity to take a spiritual retreat of a few days or a few months come back refreshed and renewed to serve their Lord and His church. We encourage churches to consider allowing a weekend or week (not vacation time) every year for their pastors to pray and plan. There are pastors retreats all around the United States that offer low or no-cost lodging for pastors and their families. We also encourage churches to consider giving their pastor up to 3 months off every five to seven years of service to spend time with family, in personal reflection, and in prayer. COM wants to see this practice take place in our churches more frequently. Contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

### **Pastors to Conference**

The yearly SDB General Conference sessions are a time of networking and renewal for the pastors (and their families) of SDB churches. By providing opportunities for pastors and their families to be involved at our yearly General Conference sessions, relationships and faith are grown and information concerning the activities of SDBs and local churches are shared. Many of our member churches have made it a priority to provide time and expenses for pastors and their families to attend our yearly General Conference sessions. Local churches with questions about this practice and the resources available should contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

### **Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund**

The Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund has been created in her memory as a collaboration between the Women's Society and Pastoral Services because she felt God calling her to be a



greater asset to our conference of churches, especially to our pastors and their families. The wellness fund can be used by pastors or their families to help with any wellness issue (physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, etc.). Donations to the fund can be sent to the SDB Center. Approximately 15 pastors and/or their family members used this fund during 2020-2021. Contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

### **Crisis Intervention/Consultation with Churches**

As part of our endeavor to promote healthy churches and understanding that conflict is a part of healthy growth, COM and the Director of Pastoral Services (who also serves the Conference as the Crisis Management Officer) are ready to assist any church in need of help with internal communications, church discipline, or mediation on any matter. We encourage our churches to seek out this kind of help before a situation might escalate.

### **Pastor to Pastors**

When there is a need for a sounding board, a person to vent to, or someone to help resource the pastor to do what God has called him to, they frequently contact a Conference Director. We are happy to provide this important service to our ministry leaders but want our pastors to have friends and colleagues with whom they can discuss ministry and life with as well. Encourage your pastor to participate in local, regional, and national pastors gatherings to create friendships and camaraderie.

## **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

### **MULTIPLY Church Development Conference**

Last year, 20+ people joined us for portions of the sixth annual MULTIPLY Church Development Conference from November 12-15, 2020 in online. This conference is open to anyone who desires to see renewal and revitalization in their church or desires to see new SDB churches in North America. We are encouraging local churches to send a group of leaders to come and participate. The cost is \$125 (lodging and food provided). The dates for the seventh annual MULTIPLY Church Development Conference are November 4-7, 2021 in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact the Director of Church Development or go to [seventhdaybaptist.org/MULTIPLY](http://seventhdaybaptist.org/MULTIPLY) for more information.

### **DWELL Online Learning Cohort**

We continue to resource those who are leading DWELL Online Learning Cohorts. This is an intense monthly learning cohort designed to help your own spiritual renewal and to lead others through the same process. We are currently looking for people who want to participate in the next round. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

## **Church Planting Boot Camp**

The SDB Church Planting Boot Camp scheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2020 took place in an online format from October 2020-March 2021. Approximately 27 people attended at least one of the sessions. This training has been rolled into our new Church Planting Funnel for groups and churches wanted to become an SDB expression of faith.

## **Church Planting Coordinator**

On January 1, 2021, Rev. David Stall began work as the part-time Church Planting Coordinator for the SDB General Conference. Pastor Dave has begun work in reaching out to current and new church planters and groups as well as creating systems for a sustained long term approach to SDB Church Planting. The Church Planting Coordinator works closely with the Church Planting Task Force and reports to the Director of Church Development.

## **PULSE**

There is nothing more important to the vitality of the local church and the General Conference than to provoke and encourage ourselves to greater health. Healthy leaders lead healthy churches that disciple healthy leaders that plant healthy churches. While there are stages and resources recommended during each stage in the PULSE process, COM is encouraging every church to “take its pulse” in the near future. If your church is interested in starting or you have more questions, contact the Director of Church Development for more information or to schedule a visit from a PULSE facilitator.

## **Church Planting Co-worker Program**

This program was designed to encourage and match up those who desire to serve a SDB Church Plant with a SDB Church Plant to serve. If you are interested in either having someone come to serve at your church plant or going to serve at a church plant, please contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

## **Conference Membership Coordination**

The Director of Church Development has taken on the role of Conference Membership Coordinator. In this role, he serves as the liaison between the prospective member and the Standing Committee on Faith & Order. There are groups in various stages of the membership process. Your church or association can help by becoming a sponsor to a new church looking to join the General Conference. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

## **Contact and Data Management Coordinator**

Patty Petersen has been serving for the last few years as our part-time Contact and Data Management Coordinator managing new contacts to SDBs that come through social media, email, letter, and phone. Some of these contacts are more viable than others. Our CRM (Conference Resource Management) system has already started to become helpful in managing this data. Patty has been doing an outstanding job in shaping our CRM to collect and report on data in a way that will be beneficial to us. Communication with new contacts is the area of

ministry in our General Conference that continues to need attention. We will be searching for a few volunteers in the area to assist our Conference in this for 2021 and beyond. Please let the Contacts and Data Management Coordinator know, if you are interested in helping. If a new contact is referred to your church, please be timely in your response, have correct information on your website and on the Conference website, and be honest and helpful in sharing the identity and heritage of SDBs.

### **Groups Identifying as SDB**

There are groups in various stages of development (from small Bible studies to existing churches) around North America that are interested in or desiring to become a SDB church. Some of them are connected with a member church. Some of them are very remote geographically and relationally. A system we are calling the Church Planting Funnel is being implemented in July 2021 to help organize and give structure to the process of these groups having relationships with the General Conference. Since becoming a SDB church is more than just common beliefs but also relationships and common practice, some of these groups are not quite ready to be identified as SDB yet. Because of difficulty in the past from publicizing groups too soon, we are being cautious in how we are making people aware of these groups. If you have questions, please contact the Church Planting Coordinator or Director of Church Development. There has been a categorization guide created to help classify groups that desire to be SDB for easier reporting.

### **Directory of Churches**

Directory information forms were emailed out in February 2021 with a deadline of April 1, 2021. Many churches needed to be pursued after the deadline to return their form. Returning this form is a minimal expectation of our member churches. Failure to return this form will trigger communication from the General Conference office. If there are concerns with how the information is being used, churches should be aware that the General Conference is currently working on an Information Policy about how information given to us is shared.

## **OTHER AREAS OF MINISTRY**

### **COSAR**

The Director of Pastoral Services is the director liaison for the Conference's Standing Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR). If you desire more information, please see the COSAR Report to the General Conference.

### **Hispanic Ministries Council**

#### **(Concilio de Ministerios Hispanos de la Bautista del Séptimo Día)**

The purpose of the Hispanic Ministries Council (HMC) is to provide a network for Spanish-speaking leaders in North America to communicate with each other and the General Conference concerning the needs for Spanish-speaking ministries and resources. Spanish

speakers comprise one of our largest segments of new contacts in recent years and we are excited about doing our best to reach the growing Spanish-speaking population in North America. The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services serves as the convener and facilitator for this group currently.

### **Document Update Responsibility**

The Standing Committee on Faith & Order, with the help of the Director of Church Development and Pastoral Services, has taken responsibility for updating General Conference documents to be sure that they are correct and updated from year to year. These include our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Manual of Procedures, and Directory of Churches. Previously, changes were not made in a uniform way and led to confusion and miscommunication. We hope that a clear assignment of responsibility will lead to clarity and transparency in our documents going forward. They are currently working on a major revision of the Manual of Procedures.

### **Local Church Service**

The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services serves in his local church as a covenant member in good standing. This involves using gifts, experience, and talents to actively advance God's Kingdom where they live. This is held as a high priority for him.

### **SDBU**

Because of the close working relationship and overlap of responsibilities between the Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services and the Director of Education & History, both directors have been taking an active participating role in the development of SDBU. This program is crucial to our identification and training of SDB leadership and potential SDB churches. The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services teaches 2 SDBU classes.

### **SDB World Federation**

At the 2017 SDB World Federation sessions, the Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services was elected to serve as Vice President for North America. This position serves on their Executive Committee and deals with the relationship between our General Conference and the World Federation. He has also volunteered to help with arrangements for the 2022 World Federation meetings in the United States which will run adjacent to our General Conference's annual meeting. The term ends in 2022.

### **Doctor of Ministry**

The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services is enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program at Denver Seminary focused on Church and Parachurch Executive and Organizational Leadership in Fall 2014. This course of study began before he accepted his position as a director. He is currently in the final thesis stage of his program. These studies have enriched him personally and been valuable to his work for the General Conference. The costs of this degree are being primarily shouldered by him.

**Conferences Coordinator**

The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services has taken on the responsibility of coordinating our annual General Conference sessions (Conference Week) in conjunction with our elected Presidents.

**Crisis Management Officer**

The Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services has been appointed by the General Council to serve as the Conference's Crisis Management Officer and to head a Crisis Management Team. This team will be responsible for policies related to child protection, abuse reporting, and other areas of potential crisis for the Conference and our network of churches.



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# **Report of the General Council to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada**

*June 11, 2021*

While we regret having to, once again, postpone the 208<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, the General Council is grateful for the opportunity to report to the people of the Conference regarding our activity as we continue to represent the Conference between sessions. The decision to pivot this year's Conference experience online was made early in 2021 in consultation with acting Conference Coordinator John Pethtel and Conference President Kevin Butler, factoring in uncertainties about the ability to gather due to COVID-19, unwillingness of potential sites to commit to hosting us, and the timing necessary to coordinate the best possible physical or virtual gathering. We are disappointed, as we know many of you are, not to be able to celebrate in person the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first SDB church in North America, but are thankful to the Council on History for their work to find other ways to help us celebrate.

**This report is a summary of the action of the General Council for the ministry year August 2020 – May 2021.**

While travel restrictions prevented us from fulfilling our quota of in person meetings, your General Council met by video conference seven times during the period and have an additional video session scheduled for July 18:

- August 16, 2020
- October 11, 2020
- December 13, 2020
- January 31, 2021
- February 28, 2021
- April 5, 2021
- May 23, 2021

We continue to be thankful to God for being part of such a great team including our Directors, Coordinators, Administrative Assistants and many volunteers that keep our Conference moving forward even in the absence of physical Conference sessions.

## **Vision Map**

The mission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is to equip our churches to actively advance God's Kingdom.

We continue to refine and clarify the Vision Map introduced in 2015. Over the last year we have updated the language and format to more effectively communicate the mission, focus, values and culture of our Conference. The General Council utilizes the Vision Map as a guide when working with our Conference Directors and Councils to set Conference priorities, develop long-

term plans and allocate resources. Our hope is to bring it before the Conference at our session in 2022 for affirmation of its direction and approval for continued use, with the understanding that it was written as a living document that will need to be adjusted from time to time.

In working together with Executive Director Carl Greene and the other Conference Directors, we have identified four major areas of ministry focus for our pursuit of actively advancing God's Kingdom together among Seventh Day Baptists: Gospel Saturation, Church Planting, Church Revitalization and Leadership Development. We are calling these areas of focus "ministry buckets" and you can find further explanation of these areas on the Conference website). Our goal is been to emphasize and prioritize these areas of ministry and to use them as a filter to guide our decisions about the many opportunities that come our direction.

### **Priority Goals for the 2020-2021 Ministry Year**

Though our ministry objectives throughout each year are broad in scope and many in number, we felt it beneficial to affirm two priority goals proposed by our Director Team for the 2020-21 ministry year. These two goals addressed areas of needed additional attention and would positively impact all areas of ministry. We commend the team for the spectacular results they achieved through their collaborative work and commitment to pursue the completion of these goals.

#### **Website**

In the area of Gospel Saturation, we set the goal to complete an overhaul of the Conference website. Director of Communications Jeremiah Owen spearheaded this effort, and we were able to launch our beautiful new website towards the end of 2020. The website is a useful tool for communicating the identity, location and mission of SDB churches to visitors as well as connecting existing SDBs to helpful information about how the Conference can serve them. Director Owen has been tracking the number of visitors to the website as well as depth and length of engagement and the results have been encouraging. You can find the website at [seventhdaybaptist.org](http://seventhdaybaptist.org).

#### **Church Planting Coordinator**

Oversight of the area of Church Planting is the responsibility of the Director of Church Development and Pastoral Services John Pethtel. Director Pethtel has done an amazing job in guiding the Conference in taking strides toward greater effectiveness in our support of church planting since his hiring in 2014. We continue to value and lean on his expertise and work in this area. However, given the number of areas of responsibility he has, we thought it wise to develop a church planting coordinator position which would report to Director John and enable the Conference to focus more attention to our Church Planting ministry bucket.

We were thrilled this year, with the assistance of a grant from the SDB Memorial Fund, to create a part-time position of Church Planting Coordinator to assist directly in the work of starting new SDB churches as a catalyzer, networker, and ministry coordinator. The Director Team developed a job description and coordinated the application/interview process that led



to the hiring of the Reverend David Stall as our new Church Planting Coordinator. The position will be reviewed after 18 months to determine its value and to consider its continuation.

Pastor Dave jumped right into the position with both feet at the beginning of 2021 and has been doing excellent work in developing relationships with existing groups and individuals interested in SDB church planting and in working with Director Pethtel to plot a course for coordinating these efforts more effectively. One fantastic result so far has been the development of a Church Planting Funnel to provide a consistent path to guide groups through the process of becoming a sponsored SDB church plant and towards membership as a church of the Conference.

In the past we used the title Church Planting Coordinator for a position that focused on other responsibilities. That position has been renamed Contacts and Data Management Coordinator to more accurately reflect the role of that position. It was added to the 2021 budget and continues to be filled by Patty Petersen.

## **Leveraging Grants**

### **Internal**

We appreciate our partnership with the SDB Memorial Fund (MF) Trustees in providing grants to SDB churches to help them overcome financial barriers to health and growth. The General Council, assisted by the Director Team, evaluates grant requests based on our Vision Map and forwards them to the MF Trustees for approval and funding. In 2020, we requested and received a block grant from the MF for Revitalization Grants of up to \$1000 per church. Approval of these grants was delegated to our core Directors to provide timely responses to urgent needs. Twenty-five of our churches were able to utilize these grants to address challenges that arose in the COVID-related pandemic—and several were inspired to apply for additional grant money to help with bigger needs. The project was such a huge success that we applied for additional block grants to offer to our churches in 2021: Revitalization Grants of up to \$1500; PULSE Grants of up to \$2500; and Church Planting Funnel Grants of up to \$2500. We thank Brittany Kersten for her wonderful work in processing and tracking these grants.

### **External**

This year, primarily through the efforts of Executive Director Carl Greene, we have pursued several grants from external organizations in an effort to provide additional sources of funding for Healthy Leaders and Healthy Churches. We have received grants from the Lilly Foundation in partnership with the National Association of Evangelicals to provide Pastoral Health Grants. We have also received a commitment to a grant from the Mustard Seed Foundation through a Theology of Work course taken by Director Greene and Garfield Miller. We have provided for further grant funding from the Chatlos Foundation. A big thanks goes to Director Greene for his creative and diligent work in discovering and pursuing these outside sources of funding.

### **Support for Our Director Team**

The General Council recognizes the vital role our directors play in the success of the Conference and acknowledges the high level of skill and commitment each director brings to their work. We also value the team rapport and collaborative approach our current directors have developed, under the guidance of Director Greene.

General Conference has repeatedly expressed concern about the workload and stress level carried by our directors. This concern has been conveyed in Interest Committee reports and been conveyed to the General Council in informal conversation. While there is likely more work to do, General Council has taken actions to support their continued health and success.

### **Administrative Assistance**

We have emphasized hiring and utilizing assistants to facilitate important administrative responsibilities for our programs that have previously been handled by our Directors. Director Greene will continue to promote among the Director Team the intentional utilization of available assistance.

### **Compensation**

With the help of Ron Ochs, we evaluated our Directors' compensation against our COSAR guidelines for pastor's salaries as well as executive positions in similar-sized non-profits and made appropriate adjustments to Director salaries for 2020 and beyond. We will also be shifting to a merit-based bonus structure starting in the 2021-2022 ministry year.

### **Sabbatical**

We continue to encourage the utilization of director sabbaticals as outlined in the SDB General Conference Sabbatical Policy for Directors adopted in 2018. Following the successful sabbatical experience of Nick Kersten in 2019, we are now working with John Pethtel to plan a sabbatical in late 2021 and early 2022.

### **Ongoing Response to Racism**

In our June 2020 statement on racism, the General Council committed on behalf of the Conference to "move forward with ways in which it can support its churches to defeat racism by seeking diversity in its leadership, promoting racial and cultural sensitivity in their ministries, and providing resources that reinforce the value of all humankind." Two specific initiatives were activated this year to open doors to further progress in this important area, guided by the collaborative work of Executive Director Carl Greene and SDB Missionary Society Chief Executive Director Andy Samuels.

### **Theology of Diversity**

Pastors Ken Chroniger, Barry Dailey and Nathan Crandall worked together to research and articulate a biblical definition of and approach to diversity. We continue to engage with their paper and look for ways to communicate their findings.

## **Culture Audit**

A group consisting of Gabriela Alonzo, Paul Andries, Keith Ashley, Danita Lee, and Rob Appel (chair) was recruited to evaluate the current approach to diversity and unity among SDBs. A second group looked at opportunities for unity through diversity in local SDB churches. This group consisted of Andres Jara, Edson Barrett, Makayla Osborn, and Jenni Wangsness along with Carl Greene and Andy Samuels. We look forward to responding to the recommendations from these groups.

## **Other Items**

### **Sabbath Recorder**

Your General Council, alongside Director of Communications Jeremiah Owen and taking into consideration responses and feedback from the SR survey, spent considerable time researching and discussing our best options for leveraging this primary method of communication and positioning it to effectively communicate our identity as Seventh Day Baptists in the present and the future. We recognize that there will be transitions that require hearing out and reviewing changes. One example of concerns and change that the General Council has been involved with this year relates to the shift in policy to printing death notices rather than obituaries. We continue to be grateful for the flexibility, creativity, and grace of Sabbath Recorder Editor Pat Cruzan as we navigate these transitions together.

### **Memorandum Of Understanding with SDB Missionary Society**

We are all thankful for the continued good working relationship between the General Conference and the SDB Missionary Society. In October, the General Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding drafted by Executive Directors Carl Greene and Andy Samuels which formalizes and clarifies this relationship. We authorized Director Greene to sign this document on behalf of the General Conference and look forward to ongoing fruitful ministry together between the organizations.

### **General Council Handbook and Continuing Education**

As we work to grow in our stewardship of the leadership role entrusted to us by the General Conference, General Council invests time to review how we work. We have recently engaged in a continuing education project based on reading and discussing the book Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards from an organization called Board Source. As we find better ways to work, we update the General Council Handbook, a resource used to orient new General Council members and to remind all of us of the helpful practices we have agreed to use when working together.

## **Continuity of Conference Ministry**

### **2020-21 Vacancies Filled**

The General Council filled the following vacancies:

- Chair of Nominations for 2020 – Maura Mazza (replacing Eric Inabnit)
- Council on Ministry (to 2023) – Sharon Dailey (replacing Gabe Graffius)

### **2021 Nominations Process**

The 2021 Nominating Committee completed their work and submitted a report to General Council. Since the 2021 annual sessions will not be held, the General Council is appointing the nominated individuals to their respective positions. We will ask the Conference to ratify this action in 2022, in addition to those nominated and appointed in 2020. A copy of their report will be made available as a separate document.

### **Budget 2022**

The Financial Director has been working closely with the CLT and General Council to develop a budget for 2022. The work is almost complete as we draft this report, but we have a few decisions left to make at our July 18 meeting. We will release a copy of the “Seventh Day Baptist Summary of 2022 Operating Expenses” as soon as it is complete. This summary document is what General Conference usually approves as the operating budget.

### **Bylaw Amendment**

In 2019, language was adopted to change the number of in-person meetings required of the General Council. This amendment will now have its second reading in 2022 and is reported here to keep the proposed change before the Conference.

The proposed change is to Article VI. Section 4. Meetings:

The General Council shall hold at least six bi-monthly meetings each year. At least three ~~four~~ of the meetings shall take place with a quorum physically present. Three elected members shall constitute a quorum. Additional meetings may be called upon proper notice, and necessary action between meetings may be taken by mail ballot or electronic means. Any action taken by mail or other means is to be confirmed and entered into the minutes of the next regular meeting. All reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by members shall be paid by the corporation.

### **Conference Week**

The General Council is deeply indebted to acting Conference Coordinator John Pethtel, Conference President Kevin Butler and Director of Communication Jeremiah Owen, alongside our other Directors, for researching and planning the best possible solutions for providing a virtual Conference Week experience for the General Conference. We understand and very much appreciate the heavy workload that is being invested in pulling it together.

We are cautiously optimistic about being able to hold the 208<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference in the summer of 2022 in conjunction with hosting the SDB World Federation meetings. Plans are in process to host these gatherings near an international airport for efficiency in travel from other countries. We will release the details as plans are finalized.

## **Thank You**

As always, your General Council is thankful to God for His faithful guidance and blessing and to the SDBs of US and Canada for your trust in us to carry out this important work on your behalf. The 2020-2021 ministry year continued a season of unprecedented necessary pivots and responses to unique ministry situations. We are amazed at the flexibility and boldness with which the Directors, Councils, churches and individuals of the Conference have responded to these challenges. We continue to pray for and with you all for God's blessing as we work to actively advance His Kingdom together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Mackintosh, Chair  
Andrew J. Camenga, Vice-Chair  
Steve Osborn  
Patti Wethington  
Ericessen Cooper

Ex-Officio Members

Carl Greene  
Ron Ochs

Council Secretary

Paula Davis



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## **2021 Nominations**

**President (2022).....Charlotte Chroniger**

**President-Elect (2023)..... Pastor Johnmark Camenga**

**Conference Treasurer (1 year term).....Ronald Ochs**

**Recording Secretary (1 year term).....Katy Bofinger**

**General Council - 5 year term.....Pastor Barry Dailey**

*Current Members: Patti Wethington (2022); Ericessen Cooper (2023); Steve Osborn (2024);  
Andrew Camenga (2025)*

**Tract & Communication Council (5 year term)..... Dave Alldredge**

*Current Members: Saul Alonzo (2022); Makayla Osborn (2023); Rick Crouch (2024); Elianna  
McHenry (2025)*

**Christian Education Council (5 year term).....Bill Shobe**

*Current Members: Emily (Watt) Arnold (2022); Paul Andries (2023); Peggy Chroniger (2024); Carol  
Scull (2025)*

**Christian Social Action & Disaster Relief (3 year term).....Norman Burdick**

*Current Members: Danita Lee (2022); Ron Davis (2023)*

**Committee On Support And Retirement (COSAR) (3 year term).....Mark Lewis**

*Current Members: Eric Rudert (2022); Earl Hibbard (2023)*

**Council on Ministry (5 year term).....Frank Mazza**

*Current Members: Bethany Lawton (2022); Sharon Gay Dailey (2023); Norman Fearon (2024);  
Nathan Crandall (2025)*

**Council on History (5 year term)..... Tim Lawton**

*Current Members: Elon Sinclair (2022); Kim Merchant (2023); Judy Parrish (2024); Janet  
Thorngate (2025)*

**Faith and Order (3 year term)..... Shay Rankhorn, Dorothy Noel**

*Current Members: Virginia Evans and Steve Crouch (2022); Kurt Berg and George Lawson (2023)*

**Memorial Fund (3 year term)..... Erin Inabnit, Jim Goodrich, Myron McPherson**

*Current Members: Don Graffius, Ruth Brin (Reynolds), Stephen Rogers (2022); Mark Lewis, Doug  
Mackintosh, Bill Probasco (2023)*

**Nominations Committee (3 year term)..... Nathan Crowder, Madge Chroniger, Nina Creel**

*Current Members: Eric Inabnit, Maura Mazza, Dave Stall (2022); Dianne Hibbard, Christine Davis,  
Robert Van Horn (2023)*

The Nomination Committee has met several times over Zoom to discuss this year's nominations. It is with much prayer and discussion that we submit the following nominations to serve the Conference for this upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chairman: Maura Mazza**

Dianne Hibbard Nathan  
Crowder

Eric Inabnit

Christine Davis

Madge Chroniger

Dave Stall

Robert Van Horn

Nina Creel

## **Women's Board Officers**

**President** (term ends 2024).....Katrina Goodrich

**Vice President** (term ends 2023).....Paula Reynolds

**Recording Secretary** (term ends 2022).....Lauren Telford

**Treasurer** (term ends 2024).....Victoria Burdick

**SR Women's Page Editor** (term ends 2023).....Beth Brown





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## **Report of the Committee on Faith and Order to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference 2021**

Since Virtual Conference Week 2020, the Committee on Faith & Order has met via email exchange and has reviewed a draft section for the updated Manual of Procedure on the Pastoral Search Process. On June 6th we will be meeting on Zoom to have a video discussion on women in pastoral ministry. Director Pethel would like to see where we are on the issue and get a general idea of where we believe the people in the churches of our Conference may be on the issue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to interfere with the timeline for the Manual of Procedures review and there have been no new church membership applications at this time. Still, the Committee on Faith & Order is grateful for another year to be of service to the Lord and His people.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Berg  
Steven Crouch  
Virginia Evans, Chair  
George Lawson  
Dorothy Noel  
Shay Rankhorn



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# **Christian Social Action & Disaster Relief**

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# **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION AND DISASTER RELIEF GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT 2021**

*JUNE 11, 2021*

In the year since the virtual General Conference 2020 the Christian Social Action and Disaster Relief committee has been on call and met by email and text to consider requests and to complete the Standard of Ethics document based on the 2017 General Conference action on social issues (statement wording and date of acceptance) from 1970 to present. This document was to be presented at General Conference in 2020 and was reported in the 2020 report. It is reported here again to keep the document from being forgotten.

With the extra efforts of Pastor Nick Kersten, Pastor Carl Greene and Brittany Kersten that Statement of Ethics was completed and reviewed by the General Council. The committee had hoped to present the document as requested for approval at the General Conference sessions in 2020 for acceptance and approval. It is available in a trifold and full-page format.

During the 2020 – 2021 Conference year the committee members have met and approved the following actions:

Funding for Rwanda and Burundi in partnership with the Missionary Society for relief in those countries.

Funding for counseling for our Pastors in this difficult time as they deal with the virus and pandemic with their flock.

Funding for the India Conferences in Manipur and Andhra Pradesh for Covid 19 relief. These funds have been sent through our partnership with the Missionary Society to secure contacts in those locations. Those funds may be used for food, medications or other uses as needed by those India Conferences.

A rapid response team was formed in 2020 at the center to respond quickly in an emergence situation.

Please let us know of any need in our Seventh Day Baptist Churches and family that you hear of or see locally and worldwide.

Norman K. Burdick, Chairman

Danita lee

Dr. Ron Davis

Carl Greene, ex-officio

Jerimiah 31: 25 KJV

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.



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# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUPPORT AND RETIREMENT (COSAR) REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021**

The following report covers the activity of the COSAR from August 2020 through July 2021.

Elected COSAR members include Eric Rudert (White Cloud SDB Church), Earl Hibbard (SDB Christian Church), and Mark Lewis (Alfred Station SDB Church). Other members include John Pethtel, Jim Goodrich, Ron Ochs, Carl Greene, and Andrew Samuels.

The committee last met at the General Conference sessions in 2019 and have communicated by email throughout this Conference year. Other communication has occurred with individual members in person, by email, and by telephone. Ron Ochs and John Pethtel have been carrying on the ministry of the COSAR between meetings according to guidelines established by COSAR.

The primary ministry of the COSAR is the administration of two different retirement plans, a long term disability insurance plan, relief funds, and producing salary guidelines for pastors.

## **Old Pastors Retirement Plan**

The old denominational retirement plan supported by the Old Pastors Retirement Plan (also known as “the old plan” or PROP) continues to serve retired pastors and surviving spouses. On January 1, 1979, it was closed to those under age 55 with a few exceptions.

We currently have four pastors, former employees, or spouses receiving benefits under this plan. The current obligation is \$25,107 per year.

We need your help if we are to continue to meet this obligation to our previous pastors, employees, and widows/widowers. If you would like to donate specifically to the Old Pastors Retirement Fund, you can contact the Director of Finance or the Director of Pastoral Services.

**COSAR sees this as the most important ministry that we support going forward.**

## **New Pastors Retirement Plan**

For pastors who are currently serving churches, COSAR administers a 403b plan available for pastors and churches to participate in. There are 23 current participants. New participants can be taken at this time. For more information or to enroll, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services or the SDB Center.

## **Long Term Disability Insurance**

COSAR provides free long term disability insurance to all salaried pastors working 30 or more hours per week for a member church. Please contact the Director of Pastoral Services or the

SDB Center for an application. If you are a participant, you will need to fill out an update form yearly which will be mailed to you. There are 22 current participants.

### **Salary Guidelines**

Salary guidelines for Pastors are updated yearly and posted at [www.seventhdaybaptist.org/salaryguidelines](http://www.seventhdaybaptist.org/salaryguidelines) by December of each year. These guidelines are suggestions for churches to support their pastor based on education, experience, and location. COSAR is currently investigating a revision of these guidelines for future use. If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Relief Funds**

COSAR administers a small relief fund for pastors who may have needs. These relief funds will most likely be rolled into the Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund. Please contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

The committee has been discussing some possible restructuring. We will continue investigating the option of rolling this committee and its functions under the umbrella of the Council on Ministry as we see a correlation to the purposes of the work of this committee and its role in serving pastors.



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# Executive Director Report, 2021

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## Why does the SDB General Conference exist?

Simply put, our mission is to equip our churches to actively advance God's Kingdom. We have been commissioned by Jesus Christ to share His gospel. God has been and will continue to work through us to make new disciples and transform us into greater Christ-likeness. The underlying component of our mission is the idea of partnership. We partner with God as we join Him in His work. Likewise, the Conference partners with and among churches to engage in the work. This answers why, the next important piece is to consider how we are doing this work.

## How do we equip our churches?

Throughout this past ministry year, we have been equipping through healthy leader, healthy church initiatives. We develop and support new and existing leaders who will work through healthy local churches. Leaders include pastors, as well as people who have served, are serving, or desire to serve in local churches.

A frightening statistic is that only 8% in an organization know the strategy.<sup>1</sup> Our annual reports are intended to be transparent and offer clarity about Conference strategy. When it comes to healthy churches, we are leaning into church revitalization efforts. We partner with our churches to provide and implement a process to pursue greater church health and accomplish God's specific mission/vision for that church.

**Church Revitalization.** We have navigated with intentionality throughout this COVID influenced ministry season to provide churches with tools to revitalize. Thanks to the dynamic partnership with the SDB Memorial Board, 25 church revitalization grants since May 2020 have been issued as well as 11 ministry-oriented grants since May 2020. These grants represent technology pivots that have allowed for greater outreach. There has been significant work in the space of church health with these grants as well. The SDB Memorial Board; Director of Church Development, John Pethtel; Director of Finance, Ron Ochs; and support staff Jeremy Howard, Jan Ehlers, and Brittany Kersten have provided tremendous effort to make this possible. I would especially encourage you to read the SDB Memorial Board's report to grasp the ways that they are partnering with the Conference in ministry, specifically over this past ministry year.

There are many reasons to pause with prayerful thankfulness to God for His provision to make these initiatives possible through the stewardship and generosity of those who have gone before us. With this spirit of thankfulness, we are looking to make the grant process more accessible. We are continuing to refine the grant application process to ensure that there is timely and well placed partnership in ministry. One key is communication, and a significant

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<sup>1</sup> Gostick and Elton. 2020. *Leading with Gratitude*. New York: Harper Collins, 53.

thank you to Jan Ehlers who serves as our “front desk” answering the phone and receiving questions.

When it comes to our SDB church revitalization process, Pulse, participation continues to increase. Please refer to the SDB Director of Development’s report for specifics in this area. The gains we are observing reflect an important focus on mission as a requirement for a healthy church. Rather than using the measurement of organizational survival, we are seeking missional churches. This makes our collaborative partnership with the SDB Missionary Society all the more important—providing opportunities and encouragement to be directly involved in missional work. Likewise, even our “measuring stick” is changing, in which we now track active membership in churches as a metric.

***Gospel Saturation.*** Missional work links us with our core ministry of gospel saturation: because we have been transformed by the gospel, we cannot help but engage in public witness of the gospel by proclamation and demonstration until everyone has heard the name of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. A key win in this area has been the organic spread of conversations about public witness and healthy churches. Thank you to SDB Director of Christian Education and History, Nick Kersten, as well as SDB Missionary Society Director of Outreach, Garfield Miller for leading us forward in this area.

The 2020-2021 Conference Year Theme of “Restored for a Purpose” certainly highlights the work of telling our story. Thank you to SDB Director of Christian Education and History, Nick Kersten as well as Historian Assistant, Rinald Kersten, for stewarding our story and leveraging the work of the Council on History in this 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Communication is a key element in spreading the gospel. A significant win this year has been getting the new website up. Statistics of website usage continue to be strong and indicative of increasing outreach. One particular of note is that 30% of the web traffic is aged 18-34 – which is also representative of North American population statistics. This is a key priority age demographic that we have been seeking to reach with more intentionality. Thank you to the tireless efforts of our SDB Director of Communication, Jeremiah Owen.

Our flagship publication, the *Sabbath Recorder* distributes 1700 copies a month providing timeless content as we push dated news to digital. This publication has increasingly become a “monthly journey into mind and heart” that reveals SDB identity through in-depth treatment of topics and themes. Thank you to our SR Editor, Pat Cruzan! The *Helping Hand* handles God’s Word. One of our core values as SDBs is to be Bible and Spirit led, and this publication is a hinge in that endeavor. The Spanish translation of the *Helping Hand* is a valuable inroad undertaken to broader distribution and use. Thank you to the *Helping Hand* editor, Pastor Steve Osborn is certainly in order.

When it comes to gospel saturation, our collaboration as a General Conference with the SDB Missionary Society is absolutely critical. Thank you to SDB Missionary Society Chief Executive Director Andy Samuels, Director of Outreach, Garfield Miller, and Nadine Lawton for your encouragement for the Conference to engage in key opportunities to put feet to the gospel. There will continue to be increasing opportunities for Conference Churches to partner with SDB Missionary Society. Also in this space is the work of the Culture Audit Task Force which has been advising General Council on how we can live out the gospel with unity through diversity.

**Leadership Development.** We are bringing increasing focus on this ministry area, where leaders are discovered, developed, and deployed throughout our network of churches as an investment towards actively advancing God's Kingdom. SDBU is a clear pathway that we are harnessing all the more in this endeavor.

Thank you to SDB Director of Christian Education, Nick Kersten, as he stewards the SDBU education initiative. The need is great: upcoming Pastor retirements will bring a tsunami of open pulpits while the launching of new churches through planting will increase demand. Ministry training and seminary education was already radically changing pre-COVID, and we were well positioned for this past year's education climate. Director Kersten, in conjunction with Director Pethtel, have us on the right trajectory. The challenge at this point is scalability to accomplish the increasing need. Thank you to David Fox for coming onboard as the SDBU registrar to prepare us for meeting the demand for increased scale.

We are increasingly looking at holistic leadership development, including "in-service" leadership development provided within churches and through internships. Thankfully, we have existing initiatives that reach into this space, such as partnering with the Women's Society through SCSC leadership training and projects.

Leadership health is another key. Thank you to Women's Society President Jenni Wangsness for being such a strong advocate for the health of leaders, especially through the Women's Society's Stephanie Sholtz Wellness Fund. Also, through external grant funding as well as internal programs that we offer such as 403b, 529 accounts for pastor's children, and disability, we have 44 different pastors participating in healthy leader opportunities.

**Church Planting.** We have dramatically increased our financial and human resource investment in this ministry where we remove obstacles that prevent people in North America from gathering as an SDB expression of faith and encourage our churches to network together to start new churches. Our Contacts and Data Management Coordinator, Patty Petersen, continues to undertake steadfast work with new contacts, which provides a critical foundation for us to work from in connecting with new groups. Thank you Patty!

We launched the Church Planting Coordinator role, and are already seeing the fruit of increased investment with Rev. David Stall serving in that capacity. Director Pethtel's continuing work as Director of Church Development oversees this dynamic ministry initiative in which we are now taking next steps with the Church Planting Funnel, which is being implemented in July 2021. There are currently 50+ groups in the funnel.

We have issued 5 grants to assist in the launch process of a new SDB group. Thank you again to the Memorial Board for the strategic partnership in church planting. A critical piece moving forward in this partnership is grant money available to leverage groups that meet milestones on the SDB Church Planting Funnel. There are some groups already seeking Conference Membership in 2022.

We are increasingly focused on church planting. There are reactive approaches in which we respond to people expressing interest or an affinity for SDBs. Just in the first quarter of 2021, there were 8 leads interested in starting an SDB church. We are also proactive in our approach, sending out church planters and teams. This past year saw church planting "boot camp" training success, allowing for more identification and launching of groups in the future.

## **Tangible Indicators of Movement**

We are seeing some really positive signs when it comes to financial partnerships in ministry. Giving has risen slightly *even during the pandemic season*. Even more telling in terms of missional engagement is the breadth of giving. The number of donors rose in 2020 for the first time since 2012 (which is as far back as we looked in the records). The number of new donors rose for the first time in 2020 since 2012 (again, as far back as we looked in the records). The number of new donors in calendar year 2020 more than doubled over 2019, in fact it was more than 2018 and 2019 combined.

Another measure of movement is the portrayal of health. We are updating and refreshing the look of the SDB Center in Janesville. Thank you to Renee Ochs for volunteering to oversee this important work! We are looking to clearly communicate that we are alive and well through taking care of our physical plant. Thank you is also due to Rinald Kersten for decluttering a number of areas and bringing storage areas into useful places of activity.

One final area of movement has been the securing of external grants to partner with the ministry initiatives of the General Conference. The Baptist World Alliance has provided a grant for our healthy leaders initiative. The National Association of Evangelicals has provided us with multiple grants through funding from the Lilly Foundation to provide grants to pastors and their families to sustain emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial health. Finally, the Mustard Seed Foundation has provided us with grant funding to undertake an education initiative that capitalizes on our Sabbath theology alongside contemporary Theology of Work.

We have much to celebrate from the past ministry year, but we are also in a critical season – there is a tremendous amount of work that God is inviting us into. Moving forward we will be focused all the more on the SDB Vision Map ministries of Church Planting and Leadership Development. Thankfully, moving forward is something that we do as a Conference of Churches—together.

God is calling us to exciting steps in the upcoming ministry. I am incredibly thankful for the ways that He has restored us over a number of years, through faithful people serving passionately. I am grateful for the opportunity each one of us now has to live out our purpose of this ministry season. In partnership together, joining God in His Kingdom work.