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An Historic Moment for Jesus

The Wisconsin Conference is on the verge of growing to 7,000 members. This will make history in our Conference.

There are events that are so historic, we mark them by where we were when . . .

- we learned about the “9/11” attacks
- the space shuttle Challenger exploded during takeoff
- President Kennedy was shot
- Pearl Harbor was bombed.

I’m not sure how the church in Wisconsin will relate to this milestone. The chances are, we may not even notice when we add our 7,000th member to the Adventist Church in Wisconsin. You may even decide on reflection that it doesn’t matter that much to you. But it matters deeply to God.

- √ We look at our state with millions of people and we wonder how we will ever reach them for Jesus?
- √ We consider the growth rate of the population and our church’s growth rate and as we do the math, we wonder if the work will ever get done?
- √ We look at our local church and wonder how we can even reach the people in our town, never mind the world?

We are not the first people to ask these questions or think these thoughts. Eleven crushed men gathered in the upper room after the crucifixion and pondered the same thoughts. The two disciples walking to Emmaus captured the despair of the moment perfectly, “. . . they crucified him; {21} but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.” (Luke 24:20-21 NIV)

This all changed with the resurrection! These same men experienced a change in their walk with God when they saw the Holy Spirit at work and realized that God intended to use them to save the world.

Our baptism rate in Wisconsin hovers just above 4.5%. *This is very good compared to many of our sister conferences in North America.* A strong youth camp ministry, an excellent educational program, effective pastor and lay evangelism, and dedicated personal ministry have all contributed to this growth. If we sustain this growth rate for ten years, we will be celebrating 11,000 members in 2018. *But this is very bad compared to what Jesus wants to do through us.*

- **If each member becomes a witness for Jesus,**
- **If each member seeks to win one person for Jesus**

and His Church each year,

- **If each one wins just one, each year for ten years,**
- **Everyone in Wisconsin becomes a Seventh-day Adventist.**

Our 7,000th member is a milestone and it is right to celebrate this event. It is right to then look at this matter of reaching our world for Jesus as He sees it and as the apostles saw it.

Will we see the Holy Spirit at work and realize that God intends to use us to save the world?

Let’s *learn* how to do this right so that our next milestone will be celebrated on a “sea of glass” as we sing the song of Moses and the Lamb (Rev. 15:2). Maranatha!

James Fox

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According To Our Faith



Don Corkum

I wonder if God gets impatient with us for asking and expecting too little? After Jesus had brought Jarius' daughter back to life two blind men followed Jesus asking to receive their sight. In fact they went right into the house he had entered. Jesus asked them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea,

Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, according to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened." Matthew 9:27-30.

How many times has Jesus wanted to do great things for us but was limited and disappointed because we did not ask or expect Him to do them.

Our greatest development spiritually happens when we stand before immense challenges and realize that it is only in God's power and strength they will be accomplished. That is when we see the miracle working power of God.

When we embarked on the "Together We Can" project in 1999 to build a new cafeteria at Wisconsin Academy, I felt this kind of challenge. However, we prayed and persevered and God honored us by having the facility opened and dedicated at the same service.

We are facing similar challenges as we face 2008 to finish our new office building and then address academy dormitories. We also have the possibility of a number of new radio stations in Wisconsin. These cannot be accomplished without God's miracle working power being demonstrated through us. But God delights in rewarding our faith.

At the beginning of 2008 we will introduce the new "Share Him" emphasis which will see scores of new evangelistic outreaches in Wisconsin and overseas take place. These are challenging projects

At the year-end meetings in Washington, DC at the

beginning of November, we were challenged to ask God for 100,000 new members to join the church in North America in 2009. This is three times as many as is usual in a year. It would mean that in Wisconsin we would baptize 700, when the most we have ever baptized is about half that number.

The reports we heard at the year-end meetings were filled with God's miracle working power. I believe God is honored when we ask big requests of Him because it demonstrates strong faith. We have plans that seem ambitious over the next few years in our conference. Can we accomplish them? Without God we would feel helpless but with God we can move forward in confidence as long as we are moving forward in faith. He doesn't do His work apart from us but through us. Let's bring joy to the heart of our God by asking big things of Him and hear Him with delight say, "according to your faith be it unto you."



Camp Meeting Speakers for 2008

Early morning: Ron Kelly

First Sabbath: Roscoe Howard

Mid-morning: Clarence & Dianna Schilt

11:00 am: G. Edward Reid

Evening: Lee Venden

Second Sabbath: Jere Patzer

Constituency Session 2008



Roger Driver

For those of you who served as delegates to our constituency session held last October, we will be convening another session on March 9, 2008. You will be asked to serve again as a representative from your church. The session will be held at Wisconsin Academy and will begin at 10:00 AM.

The main topic of discussion during the session will be the dormitories at

Wisconsin Academy. Many students have walked those hallowed halls and we want many more to experience that same opportunity. Yet, we are faced with a major decision. The dormitories are getting quite old. Many parts of their infrastructure are outdated. Should we try to renovate the existing dormitories? Should we tear down the two dormitories and build two new ones? Are there other options? How much will it cost? How long would it take? Each of the options presents a unique set of challenges. And each has their advantages and disadvantages.

Between now and the beginning of February, 2008, we will be putting together a packet that will be mailed to each delegate and delegate-at-large. The packet will contain information that will guide you and your fellow church members as we strive for a solution to this dilemma. Delegates-at-large will receive their packet under a separate notification. Identical information will be shared in future issues of this publication for the conference membership as a whole.

A letter will be mailed to each of the churches shortly that will identify your list of eligible delegates. This will give each church ample time to make sure they have approved as many delegates as they are able to send.

Mark your calendars now. We solicit your prayers as we undertake this project, a project that will have an impact on our conference and our academy for years to come.

Camp Meeting— 2008

It's only November and you may be wondering why we are talking about Camp Meeting 2008 already. Well, time seems to have a way of passing very swiftly. There are several Camp Meeting items that

we need to share with you to make your 2008 summer plans more enjoyable.

The items relate to camp site fees, electrical service at Camp Wakonda, site subletting policy, and the proverbial conference family tents. Let's take these one at a time. Please read these over carefully.

◆ Camp Site Fees

Camp Meeting fees cover the use of your site during the ten days of camp meeting - not the entire year. Daily rates apply to sites used before and after the ten day period. The Locating Office can provide you a list of those daily rates. Rates for 2009 will be published in the next issue of the Lamp Letter. Any remainder balance due on non-cabin sites for Camp Meeting 2008 is due by March 31, 2008.

◆ Electrical Service

The electrical service at Camp Wakonda was never designed to handle the extra electrical devices now considered a necessity rather than luxury. Adequate service upgrades would cost the conference hundreds of thousands of dollars. We solicit your help during camp meeting by plugging in to the appropriate service assigned to your space. During hot weather, you will have to make a choice between running an A/C unit or running the microwave. You can not do both without tripping the breaker. Please don't use more electrical outlets than are assigned to your space either. Remember it's "Camp" Wakonda - not the RITZ.

◆ Site Subletting Policy

Two years ago the conference instituted a cabin subletting policy that only allows a cabin to be sublet for two years before it reverts back to the conference. The cabin will then be assigned to the next person on the cabin waiting list. As of November 6, that same policy will now apply to full service sites. (Please return keys to all unused cabins to the Locating Office.)

◆ Conference Family Tents

For those who rent the large conference tents, please remember that Camp Meeting 2008 will be the last year these tents, tables, chairs and flooring boards will be available. These tents will not be put up for Camp Meeting 2009. In fact, most, if not all of them will be destroyed.

We look forward to joining all of you again for Camp Meeting 2008 to be held June 20 to June 28, 2008. Mark your calendars now.



James Fox

The onset of the digital world has changed our lives dramatically:

- Computers and email
- Cell Phones and Blackberry's
- DVD based training and entertainment
- Hi-Def Television
- Online banking and bill paying.

But there is still one area where the tried and true still rules – returning tithes and offerings.

Or is the digital world even entering into this realm?

I switched to online bill paying in 2002. I had grown weary of the routine of receiving bills by mail, writing checks and placing them in envelopes with the stub, affixing stamps and mailing them off. I began by direct debiting my utility bills from my checking account and it just took off from there.

As of 2007, I do almost all of my bill paying online for free. In fact, I tend to write checks for only two items – my annual property taxes and my tithes and offerings to the church.

In 2006, the North American Division (NAD) innovated a service for every church that has a web site (note: The NAD has created a web site for every church in the division that does not have one of their own so that includes all of us). The NAD will set up a secure registration site to enable people to return their tithes and offerings online using credit cards. In the near future, they will provision returning tithes and offerings by direct debit from your checking account. The church is using the latest technology for secure transaction processing and security. Some churches that have piloted this new stewardship option have seen a 40% increase in charitable giving.

I decided I needed to try it. The Wisconsin Academy Church (www.wisacadchurch.org) is the first church in the Conference (of which I am aware) that has set up this stewardship option. Jean Schwark, Church Treasurer, stated, "The process of setting up for on-line giving was relatively easy. I faxed the application and they contacted me to set up the local church offerings. It was a relatively easy process and is easy to use".

Giving online was so easy! In a matter of moments, I had registered with the NAD and was ready to return

my tithe and offering. I filled in the amounts for tithe and offerings as I normally do with a tithe envelope; I typed in my credit card number, and after a confirmation screen, I renewed my covenant of stewardship with God. I said a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His blessings and moved on with my day. The Wisconsin Academy Church is to be applauded for this innovation.

For many people, online giving could be more than an option, it could be the only means of renewing their stewardship covenant with God.

- Geographically isolated donors
- Homebound donors (yes, it does snow in Wisconsin) or donors on vacation
- Incapacitated donors

Online giving also provides a significant option to digital, savvy, online donors like me . . . and maybe you.

The facts:

- All transactions are secure and are one time usages – the NAD does not keep your credit card on file for enhanced security.
- The NAD distributes the tithes and offerings to the local church twice a month. Jean Schwark tells me, ". . . it should simplify my work – the numbers all add up and I can make the entries easily."
- For every dollar donated by credit card, the NAD passes on a minimal 7/10 cent processing fee. There was no processing fee until two weeks ago but this is minimal.
- You receive your charitable giving receipts from the church just as you always have.

Is this for everyone? Probably not! It is an *option* for those who might appreciate it.

Stewardship is a covenant relationship with God where we acknowledge His ownership of everything and we worship Him. Online giving is a new opportunity for worship and stewardship. You may want to give it a try. For more information on enrolling your church, go to <https://www.adventistgiving.org/about/About.aspx>

**Share Him Evangelism
Living Talent/Gift of Tongues**

When does a talent God has provided become a gift of the Holy Spirit? When He decides (1 Cor. 12:11). Yulla has been using her talent for foreign languages all of her life. But when the Quiet Hour was invited to sponsor 50 evangelism teams to visit Ukraine and hold meetings Sept. 28—Oct. 14, 2007, He chose to bless her talent for communicating in English with His gift of tongues. Yulla was invited to translate the



Yulla bell ringing for Jesus

Health and Bible presentations for the city of Konotop. The Dragon (Satan) was upset. Yulla was able to arrange to get one month off from her teaching duties so she could translate. But she was busy and she came down with a severe cold. It struck her the week the meetings were to begin. What should she do? She chose to pray and translate. Daily session ran from 3:00 to 5:00 and 6:00 to 8:00. But, on opening day there was a third session in the morning. Between sessions she coughed and blew. But while translating, God blessed her voice and miraculously provided her with her normal, sweet tone, without any trace of hoarseness. This miracle continued for thirty-one, two hour sessions over the next two weeks. Hoarseness came and went, sniffles came and went, but Yulla's first opportunity to translate Health and Bible sessions evangelistically was blessed by God's Spirit providing both the gift of interpretation and the miracle of a sweet tone of voice while preaching for His glory.



Pastor David and Anita Scofield

God guided Anita and me to Konotop to serve with Yulla in her first evangelistic endeavor. He guided us to Konotop to pray for a pastor's wife who is fighting cancer. He guided us to Konotop to preach to a daily audience numbering more than double the anticipated number of participants. He guided us to

Konotop to have special prayer for a retired military officer and later to assist with his baptism and the ten other precious new members who were baptized in response to the daily appeals. There are 10 others in special Bible classes to prepare for baptism into Christ at the proper time.

Konotop, Ukraine is a wonderful place to be invited to spread the gospel. And so is wherever our blessed Savior invites you to live for Him and to spread His glory! We thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor David and Anita Scofield

RETREAT FOR PASTORS' WIVES

The Seventh Annual Retreat for pastors' wives in the Wisconsin Conference was held at Camp Wakonda



Gladys Ochs demonstrates multi-tasking

September 21-23, 2007. This event is punctuated by thought-provoking presentations, prayer time, relaxing in the wonderful surroundings of Camp Wakonda, and simple fun and fellowship together. The ladies always enjoy food prepared by Sue Pehler as well as the fact they don't have to do dishes!

Jeannie Hartwell, from the Pennsylvania Conference, was our guest presenter this year and Julie Olson, a family counselor from Madison shared meaningful information for pastors' wives to use in ministry.

Our pastors' wives serve their churches in ways many do not see, not the least of which is to support their pastor husband in ministry. This Retreat is intended to express appreciation for what they do. Thank you, ladies.



Dulce Mendoza, Raquel Gomez and Areli Rivera

Phyllis Corkum

Rosann's Homecoming

In 1980 I accepted Jesus into my life. I had been to several different churches but could not find the one where the Lord spoke to me to come in and stay. I had done a lot of backsliding until at my home here in Oxford,

Wisconsin a wonderful woman of the Lord moved next door to me. That woman's name is Sandi Timm.

The first time we spoke we both felt like we were long lost sisters. I felt so loved and at ease in her presence. The more I talked to her the more I could see the Lord shining through her. She asked if I would like to go along to her church. I said "of course" because I was still searching for my church.

After a few times of going to her church, I filled out a card requesting Bible study and baptism. Sandi asked if it would be alright with me if she did the Bible study with me. It was difficult for us to get together for these studies, but we worked it out and got them all completed.

About three weeks before I completed my studies, Oxford Church head elder, Darrel Nottelson and retired pastor Wendell Springer came to me and asked if I was ready to be baptized by immersion. We decided that I would be baptized on October 6, 2007.

All of God's people in this church are the most loving and caring people I have ever met. They accepted me with open arms. When I was first invited to join in prayer with them to invite the Holy Spirit into our worship service, I



Left to right: Sandi Timm, Rosanna Millonzi and Wendell Springer

could not pray. But after going into the prayer room with them several times, the Holy Spirit was with me and I was able to pray. I'm still trying to let the Holy Spirit speak through me. I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life more and more each day.

My husband came to my baptism. He is not a religious man at all, but because this was something I wanted very much, he came. My husband has never stopped me from attending church and he accepts that I do not work on the Sabbath. That's been the most difficult part because he only has

Saturday and Sunday off work in which he can get things done around the house. But as I keep telling him, the Sabbath is a day of rest and worship to the Lord. He is getting better with this.

I thank the Lord every day for bringing Sandi Timm here and this wonderful church of God's loving children. Praise the Lord.

Mrs. Rosann F. Millonzi



Van Needed

Camp Wakonda needs a cargo van to replace the one that has "worn out." If you have a used cargo van that still is in good condition, and are willing to sell or donate it to the camp, please contact Jim Johnson, our camp ranger. (Also, consider the other needs of the camp that are listed on the attached "I Wish" card.)

Mike Edge



**Men's Conference at
Camp Wakonda
January 18-20, 2008**

Guest Speaker: Richard O'Ffill

Early Bird Rate \$70.00

After January 7, 2008 rate is \$80.00.

We recommend that you register early due to "limited" space.

For more information call Ken Kirkham at 608-241-5235 or email: Kkirkham@wi.adventist.org

Sun Prairie Evangelism

The Conference Office realized that as we moved to the Columbus area in 2008 one "light" would be going out in Sun Prairie. It is our desire to keep a group presence here. In partnership with the Madison East SDA Church a 13 night series entitled *In Search of the Truth*, a DVD series produced by Pastor Charles Byrd, was launched on October 12th.

One goal was to reach people in the area who had at least one previous contact with the Adventist message. Approximately 300 brochures were mailed to interests and Sun Prairie church members. We teamed with the Madison East youth group and went door to door in the immediate area with our brochures.

Another goal was to create an atmosphere where relationships could be developed. Guests sit at round tables where snacks and juice are provided. After the 30 minute DVD presentation each table discusses the night's topic with the table host or leader facilitating the discussion using the nightly handout of Bible texts and questions. An *Amazing Facts* tract with more information on the night's topic is given out as guests leave each night.

We keep the meetings short by beginning at 7:00 and ending by 8:00 PM. A children's program for ages 3-8 consists of songs, stories, crafts, videos, games and snacks. Children enjoy the live guitar music every night.

A major problem has been the road in to our office. The city of Sun Prairie is in the process of building a new road from Reiner Road to this property. It has



Kitty Cray leading out in the Children's meeting

attendance is 16 adults and 5 children. Most of the group consists of our volunteers.

We are blessed nightly as we come together to pray and discuss Bible truths. He is teaching us to rely on Him when challenges occur. He is strengthening our skills to witness and to be effective leaders. In the process we are having a fun time together. Our relationship with God and each other is growing. Our hope is to see a small group develop from this outreach.

Jane Gerndt

Have you been blessed?

By the time you read this, the end of the year will be almost upon us. Many of you are experiencing the outpouring of God's blessings. How do I know? Because, many of you are being faithful in the return of your tithes and offerings and it is reflected in our tithe receipts to date.

Thank you for being generous with the funds God has entrusted to each of you. Through the funds you provide, the conference is able to carry on the programs that you have deemed important for the health of our conference. While we may not have enough funding for everything we might want to accomplish, what we do receive will be put to the best use possible. May each of you experience a wonderful conclusion to 2007! A year that brings us one year closer to the return of Jesus!

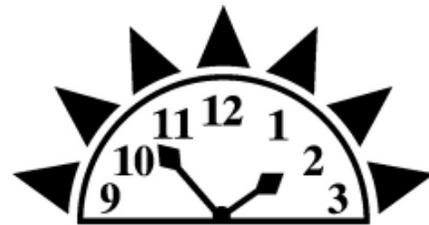
Roger Driver



Phyllis Corkum and Dick Habenicht hosting a table at the meetings.

been an obstacle course to enter our facility. One lady said she could not find her way in at night and turned around and went home.

We prayed a lot about this outreach before the meetings started and believe God was and continues to lead in this endeavor. We see His hand at work. Our average



Adventist Book Center Store Hours

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday through Thursday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm Friday

Open 2nd Sunday of the month from
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tomahawk Church and Radio Evangelism

If it has been awhile since you have heard anything from the Tomahawk Community SDA Church, now is a good time to tell you, we are doing great! Back in the late 1990's, we were presented with the idea of putting up a radio tower. We were discussing doing this at a church business meeting, but we weren't really sure about it and some of the members were even against it, when at that very moment and very



Left to right: Stanley Gustafson, Ken Danielson, Ray Brockman, Deborah Brockman, Pastor Kohley, Mary Wittingham and Jim Wittingham

unexpectedly, Ron Meyer, founder of Radio 74 from France walked into our meeting. We thought it was definitely a sign from God.

We then began the process of applying for a broadcast license and building the tower and in 2003, we were on the air. It was two years ago that our first listener came

to church. He is now a Sabbath school member and studying for baptism. He is also leading a weekly men's Bible study group.

About one year ago, our second listener, Stanley Gustafson came to the church. He was so on fire for God that he joined the church by profession of faith; but later decided to be re-baptized because of all the new and wonderful truths he had learned after attending Pastor Chuck Kohley's evangelistic meetings. He is also leading out in the men's Bible study group.

Ray and Debbie Brockman were radio listeners and neighbors to a church member. Because of a previous contact, they called their neighbor to find out about the church. They started to attend and take Bible studies. Some of our church members have also started a weekly Bible study in the Irma area with 5-8 non-Adventists.

On October 20, 2007 Ray and Debbie Brockman, Mary Wittingham, and Ken Danielson were baptized. Ken was raised an Adventist and had left the church as a young man. Now in his late 60's he has come home. What a happy day it will be for his mom and dad on resurrection day. Jim Wittingham also joined the church that day by profession of faith.

Evangelism for Tomahawk is Radio 74, being a good neighbor and Bible study ministry. God has blessed us and has increased our membership to 26 with many more interests. Each of our new members has a wonderful testimony as to how God has brought them to this wonderful message.

Candy Kuhn

Blessings from "A Time of Refreshing"

A Time of Refreshing for 2007 was filled with spiritual food, joyous and inspirational music, thought-provoking breakaways, a provocative drama, powerful personal testimonies, book giveaways, and much more! There were approximately 225 ladies who came from 10 states to attend the Retreat. Adventists and non-Adventists joined in a joyous time of celebrating God's love and receiving encouragement from Him for daily living.

Jo Ann Davidson, the main speaker and a theology professor from Andrews University, filled the ladies with messages of God's supreme love regarding His Sabbath, Creation, and His overall desire to fill our lives with His love. Her heart-felt messages filled the



Left to right: Vickie Lemanski, Crissy Fiorello, Linda Larsen, Ginger Lynaugh, Connie Wing, Becky Jacobsen, Gladys Ochs and Debbie Yngsdal

ladies with a deeper desire to be committed to this wonderful God of surpassing love. Breakaway speakers added to the spiritual messages. Fellowship, fun, and relaxation were the extra benefits received by each lady who attended the weekend.

Plan now for the 2008 Retreat: November 7-9, 2008, Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. While the costs have increased, the weekend is still quite affordable if you start to plan and save now. Please contact Susan Boon (262.835.4914 or boon@toast.net) for more details.

Susan Boon

Wisconsin Academy Goes to Acrofest



WA Students practices what they have learned.

The WA tumbling team returned safely on Sunday morning. Twenty-four students attended Acrofest at Andrews. Mr. Bowers reports they were tired but enlightened by new routines and the experience. The team will demonstrate their tumbling skills at their

home show this spring, Alumni weekend (between the basketball games), and while visiting our church schools around Wisconsin. Thank you to Mr. Burton, Mr. Bowers and Mrs. Sigler for taking the kids

Teresa Harrison



WA touring bus after the new paint job.



Public High Retreat

All public high or home school students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend our ninth annual Public High Retreat. This is a Bible Camp. It's purpose is to connect youth with God and other teens who want to be Christians in the public school setting.

This Retreat will be at Camp Wakonda, January 11-13, 2008. For more information contact Aileen King at: 608-241-5235.



School Enrollment is Up in Wisconsin!

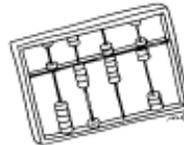
Enrollment has increased again this year. Last year the enrollment was 331 students. This was a 7% increase over the 2005-2006 school year. This year the enrollment is 358 which is an 8% increase over 2006-2007. We continually thank the Lord for His blessing in our schools.

A list of all of the schools can be found on the website, <http://wisc.netadventist.org/>

Come join us for the

Wisconsin Educational Fair

March 30, 2008



Held at Wisconsin Academy

in Columbus, Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Financial Highlights September 30, 2007**

	2007	2006	Difference	% Change
1.. Tithe - Month-to-Date	647,329.79	572,703.79	74,626.00	13.03%
Tithe - Year-to-Date	4,552,987.06	4,584,272.76	-31,285.70	-0.68%
2. Wisconsin Budget - MTD	20,537.39	19,427.09	1,110.30	5.41%
Wisconsin Budget - YTD	155,510.19	161,960.73	-6,450.54	-4.15%
3. Cash				
Checking	195,320.37	15,189.62	180,130.75	92.22%
Money Market Certificates	487,633.17	707,077.06	-219,443.89	-45.00%
Securitates & Investments	1,907,729.78	1,845,244.64	62,485.14	3.28%
Total Cash and Investments	2,590,683.32	2,567,511.32	23,172.00	0.89%
4. Accounts Receivable				
Churches	22,419.35	36,501.85	-14,082.50	-62.81%
Schools (Including WA)	446,544.21	366,024.03	80,520.18	18.03%
WA (Separately)	343,337.56	278,899.53	64,438.03	18.77%
5. Current Ratio (Note 1)	4.63:1	9.94:1	N/A	N/A
6. Evangelism - Unrestricted Fund Bal	83,212.21	-87,688.07	4,475.86	-5.38%
Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal	88,571.82	163,758.18	-75,186.36	-84.89%
	<u>Actual - 2007</u>	<u>Budget - 2007</u>	Difference	<u>Actual - 2006</u>
			Fav/(Unfav)	
7. Income	5,520,707.00	5,233,522.00	287,185.00	5,679,534.00
Expenses	5,906,468.00	5,735,091.00	-171,377.00	5,575,563.00
Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers	-385,761.00	-501,569.00	115,808.00	103,971.00
Fund/Funct Transfers	-40,683.00	-27,314.00	-13,369.00	-82,262.00
Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers	-426,444.00	-528,883.00	102,439.00	21,709.00
Net Assets - Beginning	3,041,353.00	3,041,339.00	14.00	2,971,163.00
Net Assets - Ending	2,614,909.00	2,512,456.00	102,453.00	2,992,872.00
8. Expense (Selected Functions)				
Pastors	1,546,686.76	1,552,627.00	5,940.24	1,532,439.37
Evangelism	183,019.78	227,683.00	44,663.22	229,039.14
Church School Oper	1,273,233.27	1,235,283.00	-37,950.27	1,102,017.49
Academy Operation	421,191.24	346,128.00	-75,063.24	342,735.00
Group Medical Plan	930.12	16,095.00	15,164.88	-27,359.66
General & Admin	331,069.15	234,387.00	-96,682.15	266,248.73

Note 1 - The Current Ratio is the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities.



Tithe - 2007

Above you will see financial information reflecting the Conference's position at the end of September 30, 2007. You may notice that we are a little behind last year in our tithe income. Through September 30, we are behind .68% over last year at the same time. This year the conference has experienced some expenses that were not budgeted for causing a projected decrease in net assets. However, I am confident that as God leads us into the next few months, He will help us turn the picture around. Why am I so confident? Because He has told us to trust Him - He will provide.

Roger Driver
Secretary - Treasurer

Southern WI Regional Youth Rally

Commit was the theme of the Southern Wisconsin Regional Youth Rally. The rally began Friday evening, November 2. Pastor Michael Goetz is a seminary student at the Andrews University Theological Seminary and he was the main speaker for the weekend. Christina Scroggins, a young adult from the Madison East Church, shared her heartfelt testimony of how she recently committed her life to God. Pastor Michael challenged more than 60 young people in attendance at



Speaker Michael Goetz pauses between meeting.

the first meeting with his message on faith.

The youth rally continued on Sabbath morning with breakfast and four panelists (Michael Goetz, Amy Oldakowski, Bryan Fellows and Richmond Pajela) who discussed their questions about God. Their question, "How can we save the whole world?" brought an immediate answer: "It starts with me and you." 50 people crowded the youth room so full that every seat was taken and people had to stand in the back!

During the worship service, the church pews were packed with people with over 300 in attendance! Pastor Michael preached a powerful message on persistence in prayer. After I sang one verse from the song "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come," Michael made an appeal for first time commitment and recommitment to Jesus. About 35 people came up front, and two made a decision for baptism!

We had an afternoon session at 2:30 pm in the Youth room, led by SPLASH Ministries (spiritually passionate leaders always sharing Him). Bryan Fellows spoke about the sacrifice of Jesus and how our Savior took the sin of the world upon Himself and saved the human race. Richmond Pajela ended our afternoon session by speaking about three spiritual disciplines: meditation, fasting, and prayer.

Our closing message was held upstairs in the sanctuary at 5 pm. There were spirited testimonies of how God blessed during the Youth Rally. Pastor Michael preached



Pastor Soriano is caught slipping into the meeting.

about letting go and surrendering all to God, building his message upon a story from Ezekiel. He closed the service with an appeal for commitment and prayer.

Evaluation sheets were handed out, and after reading them I noticed that many young people made commitments to God! Our Southern Wisconsin Regional Youth Rally was a success because the Lord blessed our efforts. We are in the process of planning a second event. Stay tuned!

Pastor Nestor Soriano

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January

- 11-13 Public High Retreat at Camp Wakonda. For more information call Aileen King at 608-241-5235.
- 18-20 Men's Conference at Camp Wakonda. For more information call Ken Kirkham at 608-241-5235.
- 21 Conference Office closed due to Martin Luther King Day.

February

- 1-3 Lay Pastor Training at WA. For more information call Kitty Crary at 608-241-5235.
- 8-10 Couple's Retreat at Oconomowoc Resort. For more information call Edwin and Maria Nebblett at 262-629-1829.
- 9-16 **ShareHim** rallies with Elder Robert Folkenberg Sr. (Sites to be announced)
- 18 Conference Office Closed due to President's Day.

March

- 1 Wisconsin Academy Junior Benefit. For more information call Steve Brown at 920-623-3300.
- 8 Conference Pathfinder Bible Achievement at Wisconsin Academy. For more information call Aileen King at 608-241-5235.
- 9 Constituency Meeting to discuss the dormitories at Wisconsin Academy.
- 30 Educational Fair at Wisconsin Academy. For more information call Carol Driver at 608-241-5235.

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