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“372!”

It's just a number. Why would this number be significant?

“372” is the number of persons who became members of Adventist Churches here in Wisconsin in 2009.

But it's still just a number – why should I care?

There were 372 *persons* who made life-changing decisions to become part of your Church in 2009.

Some left their jobs in order to be faithful; Some experienced family conflicts as they made their commitments to God.

They all need an emotionally warm, spiritual place where they grow in grace, knowledge, and Christian fellowship.

All 372 of them publicly declared their allegiance to God, their belief in His Word, and their desire to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There were 372 *miracles* of Divine grace in 2009!



Mary Ann Miller, Andrew and Donna Moens were baptized into the Sturgeon Bay Seventh-day Adventists Church.

Some of the miracles happened at:

- Summer Camp at Wakonda
- In our Church Schools
- In our Churches
- In home fellowship meetings
- In public evangelistic meetings like *Milwaukee Storm*
- In English, Spanish and Hmong speaking churches . . .

But this is the **first time** it happened 372 times in the Adventist Church in Wisconsin in one year! God is the One

who is to be praised for this milestone achievement and He is the One who is most interested in all 372 of these persons who joined the Church in 2009. *God is into numbers* when each increment is another person for His family.



Pastor De Los Santos baptizing Bernabe Nunez Guzman into the Green Bay Spanish church.

It is important to remember:

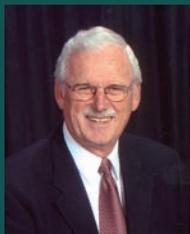
- *Healthy* churches grow
- All churches can *work on becoming more healthy* so that they can expect greater growth
- All church members can partner in this growth for God

In 2010, we can pause and praise God for the great things He has done. Church Growth is **everyone's** responsibility and when it happens, it signifies congratulations to everyone!

Let's analyze what we did in cooperation with God in 2009 and try to increase the blessing for God in 2010.

James Fox

President's Message



Don
Corkum

This article will be my last in the Lamp Letter as President of the Wisconsin Conference. Phyllis and I have loved the years we have served in this wonderful State and Conference. We cherish the friendships and experiences that we have gained here. We look forward to spending eternity with all of you.

I praise God for the advances that we have seen in his work during the past fourteen years. Thousands have been

baptized and the conference has over one thousand more members than in 1996 when we arrived. We have seen over twenty new groups added to the number of churches in the field. Many hundreds of evangelistic meetings have been held. Youth have been trained and educated in our schools and academy. New facilities have been built to strengthen the work. Wakonda has been established as a year round training center and an outstanding youth camp program takes place there each year. Ten radio stations have been built to share God's message. We celebrate all these advances and commend all those who have provided leadership to make them possible.

Yet the greatest years for Wisconsin are ahead. The completion of the work of God in this field will see the great outpouring of God's spirit and many responding to the three angels' message and joining our Adventist family.

God has so much he wants to see happen.

If we want to accomplish His will, we must be controlled by His Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be our constant prayer. When His Spirit controls us, we have a mission focus and not a "maintenance mind set." Right now, mission territories are being defined for each church. Each congregation can then plan and pray for how to develop new work in their territory. God wants to see new work established, new people groups addressed, and the message shared with all people.

Jesus calls on us to be faithful. He looks forward to the day when He can personally say to each one of his followers, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord." Matthew 25: 21. Between now and then, challenges will come, trials will present themselves and opposition will appear. Yet our Lord, who will commend us on that day, is with us each day to help us to victory. He will never leave us or forsake us. Let's keep true to Him!

Don Corkum

Growing Churches



Marshall McKenzie

I am excited to share with you the wonderful things the Lord is doing in Wisconsin. I have been asked by the Wisconsin Conference to be the new Church Planting Coordinator. I will be following Pastor Lisa Isensee who has laid a good foundation for this work to grow in Wisconsin. She continues to provide valuable advice at committee meetings and is a vital member of this team. Our goal is to encourage strong churches who are able to reproduce healthy churches. I am looking forward to working with each of you as we work together to

finish the Lord's work here in Wisconsin.

So I would like to encourage you with these words from our Lord, "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" One of our focuses as Seventh-day Adventist Christians should be increasing our Lord's harvest. Some may ask, Why? The answer is simple. So that we can experience the joys

of being "sent out." The disciples experienced that joy as Christ sent them out. "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name."

There is nothing greater in this life than experiencing this joy firsthand. Friends, as we go out pushing the work forward into new fields we gain this joy and with it we can withstand great challenges that come to us in the work. This joy helps us to do things that otherwise we wouldn't or couldn't do. Jesus, our great example in all things was nailed to a cross and endured it because of the joy that was before him. "...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,..."

Jesus was "sent out!" Jesus was full of joy! Jesus endured great trials! For there was a harvest, a world to save! Think about it, Are you growing in this joy? Are you doing things you never thought you would do? Are you pushing the work into new fields? Is the harvest your personal focus?

Pastor Marshall McKenzie

Cover photo is of the Mississippi River from Pikes Peaks State Park in Iowa.

A Few Words from the Secretary -- Treasurer

Conference Update - (Five Areas)



Roger Driver

As we stand at the beginning of a New Year and look to the future, we can't help but pause and reflect on how God has led us in the past. The Lord has truly blessed each and every one of us.

I would like to take a few moments and bring you up-to-date on five topics, all of which I'm sure you have an interest in.

2009 Tithe Results

Even with a downturn in the national economy, the conference still experienced a 0.37% increase in our tithe for 2009 as compared to 2008. (Please review the "Financial Highlights" located elsewhere in this issue.) This was a surprising outcome considering several of our constituents have lost jobs, especially in areas down in the southern parts of Wisconsin. Our constituents have continued to claim God's promise of faithfulness and have been rewarded.

2010 Financial Outlook

2010 promises to be a challenge for the Conference financially; however we are within a few thousand dollars of balancing the budget for 2010. This time last year, we were struggling to figure out how to overcome a deficit of approximately \$240,000.00 for 2009. For now, 2010 is shaping up to look a whole lot better.

Presidential Search Update (From Standing Nominating Committee)

In the November 2009 issue (page 3) of the Lamp Letter, I described the process to be followed as the conference searches for another individual to serve as Elder Corkum's replacement. The committees outlined in that article have met twice. A third meeting is necessary at this time. The Search Committee will meet again on March 3, 2010 to continue their work in finding another qualified candidate for President of the Wisconsin Conference.

Wisconsin Academy Girls' Dormitory

Many of you may be wondering how the new Girls' Dormitory is coming along. I would invite you to visit the Academy web site (www.wisacad.org) and view recent pictures that have been taken. These pictures are updated frequently.

Enough progress has been completed, that barring any unforeseen events, a move-in date has been projected for March 1, 2010. Excitement is mounting among the student body, especially within the young ladies, as they watch the progress on the dormitory drawing to its final conclusion - MOVE-IN DATE!

A BIG THANK YOU should go out to each of the young ladies who have endured the experience of living in the gym classrooms while their dorm has been under construction. My hat is off to each of the ladies who have "stayed the course!" May you have a terrific and awesome conclusion to your school year!

Now let's talk about a more serious matter regarding the dormitory - COST. Each of you as constituents has had the opportunity to assist us in our fund raising campaign for the Girl's Dormitory. Many of you have made sacrificial pledges. Some of you have even made multiple pledges. THANK YOU for your help in funding the new dormitory that our ladies will enjoy for years, even decades, to come. Your support has been a vital factor in our ability to complete this project. Please read the next paragraph carefully.

Raising funds for a capital campaign is never easy. Our dormitory isn't an exception. I say isn't because we are still in need of each pledge to completely fund our Girls' Dormitory project. If all of our pledges come in, and with funding from other sources, we will have covered the cost of the Girls' Dormitory project. Thank you to those of you who are still faithfully supporting this project. A little over one half of the pledges have been received so far. I know the ladies of Wisconsin Academy would like to THANK YOU too!

Constituency Session 2010

The 34th Constituency session, to be held on October 3, 2010, is just one of the major events due to take place this year. Each church has been asked to supply names of members willing to serve as delegates to the session. Delegates will be asked to attend the Town Hall meetings in their area in an effort to become informed about the topics that will be discussed during the constituency session. The Town Hall meetings are scheduled as follows:

March 29, 2010	Milwaukee	7:00 PM
March 30, 2010	Green Bay	7:00 PM
April 1, 2010	Milwaukee (Hispanic)	7:00 PM
April 6, 2010	Richland Center	7:00 PM
April 7, 2010	Madison East	7:00 PM
April 8, 2010	Wausau	7:00 PM
April 21, 2010	Eau Claire	7:00 PM
April 22, 2010	Hayward	7:00 PM

If you are selected to serve as a delegate, I would encourage you to attend the meeting closest to your home. Information will be provided that will not only allow you to understand the topics for discussion but will also provide instructions as to the duties of a delegate to the session.

I'm sure as we look back at the beginning of 2011, if time should last, we will again see how God has lead us this year. He has promised nothing but the best for us. I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait to see what God will do IN us and THROUGH us in 2010.

Roger L. Driver

Peru 2009



James
Fox

On December 1, 2009, 35 missionaries set off for Lima, Peru, in service to Jesus. Some missionaries like Delmar Austin, Don Corkum, and David Scofield had been on mission trips. Others like Angela Schaetzka, Kelli Graham and Dale Mishleau were understandably nervous on their first mission trip. Angi Schaetzka told the story of her translator: "On opening night, my translator confessed how happy she was to be working with me since this was her first public evangelistic series. I can only imagine what she must have thought when I said, 'Mine, too!'"

Our group made its way by bus, car and train through five different originating airports around the country with one destination – Peru. A group of 25 left from the Conference Office at 6 am and arrived at our hotel the next morning in Lima at 4:00 am. Though sleep deprived and fearful, our bonding had begun.

The next 10 days passed so quickly: Rehearsing our sermons, praying and studying, talking and eating together became a daily ritual. And for many of us, getting travel illness became a feature of life. Our group drank bottled water religiously, we were meticulous in our personal hygiene



Peru Mission Trip 2009

and germ avoidance but we still got traveler's illness. New foods and drinks and new germs did not always mingle well with our established digestive systems. We took turns at it but 75% of the group took sick during our stay in Peru (I am convinced the other 25% were covering up and being brave).

After the opening night, we realized how ridiculous our plans were – we were going to hold one week of meetings and in spite of language and culture differences, we were going to make a difference for Jesus in our host churches. We preached our hearts out! We adapted to problems with computers, projectors, no electricity, no translator, no

projector and no transportation. By the end of the week, we were spent and exhausted. We saw over 100 baptized from our efforts with many more in various states of preparation for baptism and we praised God.

Our closing meeting was in a soccer stadium seating over 6,000 people. The speaker for the closing celebration was Pastor Robert Costas, from the *Il est Ecrits* (It is Written program in South America) and the stadium was packed. The hosts invited Pastors Don Corkum and James Fox to come to the platform to give a brief report of our mission experience. The people responded with thunderous applause and affirmation.



Elder Don Corkum poses with newly baptized members in Lima, Peru

Afterwards, the English speaking missionaries began to discretely leave the assembly – the meeting was over six hours in length and was entirely in Spanish without translation. Each missionary was astonished to see people from their host churches in the crowd waving at them and calling out to them. First one, then ten, then one hundred people left the bleachers and rushed down to embrace the missionaries who had changed their lives! Our missionaries were incredulous and began to weep! They had made a difference; they had seen miracles in their people through Jesus! And now they were part of a new church family, a Peruvian church family with the same Jesus as its head.

After over one hour of crying, digital pictures without end, hugs and holy kisses and assurances of exchanged emails, our group boarded our bus and left the stadium. In the days to come, we toured Peru. We saw Macchu Picchu (the lost City of the Incas), we toured mountain roads and saw incredible scenery. But the most extraordinary site we saw in Peru were the lives changed by Jesus!

I stand in awe of our team, of our brothers and sisters in Peru and of the God in heaven who kept us safe and kept us holy. In Peru, one out of every 28 people is a Seventh-day Adventist. I think they helped us understand evangelism more than we could help them. God did as many miracles in us as He did in the people we were working for.

If you would like to hear more and experience Peru through the eyes of our missionaries, come to Sabbath School on the 2nd Sabbath of Camp Meeting, 2010.

James Fox

Presidential Transition

As we approach the proverbial *ides of March* (remember Julius Caesar), the Wisconsin Conference embarks on a new time of leadership. At that time, Elder Don Corkum celebrates a special birthday – it is a birthday that ushers in retirement as one of its benefits. At the end of the workday on March 31st, the Corkums will start their journey to retirement and family in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Wisconsin Conference will start their journey to new leadership:

- Don and Phyllis Corkum arrived in Wisconsin in 1996 and initiated more than a decade of effective, leadership in the Wisconsin Conference
- In January, Elder Corkum began his 14th year as President of the Wisconsin Conference
- The overwhelming majority of teachers, pastors and office workers in Wisconsin were called here under Elder Corkum's leadership
- Elder Corkum's service has brought stability, growth, and spirituality to the Conference.



Phyllis and Don Corkum

The Nominating Committee of the Conference voted to call Elder Halvard B. Thomsen to be our new President. Elder Thomsen is currently serving as Assistant to the President of the North American Division. He was on assignment in China when the invitation came. On February 22, Elder Thomsen declined the call. The Nominating Committee, will reconvene on March 3.

Are you praying? John Maxwell, a Christian Leadership author, once wrote, “. . . everything rises or falls with leadership.” Please pray that God's Will might be done in the selection of our new President. Please pray that God's voice will be loud and clear and unmistakable in its counsel. Please pray that the blessing of God will continue to rest on the Wisconsin Conference as we bid farewell to the Corkums and welcome a new Presidential family.

James Fox

Miracle in Mexico, Miracle at Home

My son Joshua and I recently were on a mission trip to Mexico. During our time there, we witnessed and experienced the hand of God in many miraculous ways. One such incident took place on a Sabbath morning.

I had been asked to speak in church on one day's notice. I had prepared myself with a Spanish translator for the occasion. I stood, nervous and honestly, quite afraid. I had tried my very best to decline the offer when asked. Although I am of Spanish decent and speak **some** Spanish, I do not possess the capability to prepare a sermon in Spanish overnight that was the reason for my trying to escape the speaking appointment and that was the reason for the translator. But my efforts were in vain. With my Bible in hand, and my Spanish translator by my side, I began to share the message God had placed on my heart to the people of Naranjos, Mexico. Then it happened! I was sharing the message God had given me, I felt the warm presence of God's Spirit and I began to fluently speak the Word in Spanish to the people of Naranjos. My translator, seeing what was happening, began to cry and sat down as he witnessed the Spirit of God at work. As I stood speaking, I realized what was happening and I, too, wept yet continued on with the sermon. I concluded with an appeal and God blessed tremendously. Afterward, I was invited to do a full evangelistic campaign and this time I said, "Yes," knowing that I would have the world's greatest Translator by my side.

When Josh and I returned from Mexico to the Steven's Point Church, I discovered the second part of the miracle. I was deeply concerned for my district while I was away. On my first Sabbath back home, I shared about Missions as I had just returned from Mexico. To my delight, God continued to bless the district while I was gone and the Church was literally packed. I don't believe it was due to my return from the mission trip but was instead a direct result of God's miraculous blessing all along.

David Guerrero

Children's Ministries Weekend March 19-21, 2010 At Camp Wakonda

If you lead out in children ministries, such as VBS, Beginner, Kindergarten, Primary, Junior Sabbath School, Adventurers, then this weekend is for YOU!

Phyllis Washington, NAD Children's Ministries Director, will be our presenter for the weekend.

Cost including 5 meals and lodging \$55

To register call Aileen King at

920-484-6555 and send payment to P.O. Box 100, Fall River, WI 53932

Student Statements regarding their time at Wisconsin Academy

WA has made such a huge impact on my life. I finally found a place where I can be myself and make true friends who will always be there for me. I don't know what my life would be like right now if I had not come to WA, but it's not something I like to think about. **Carmen Schulz**

WA for me has meant a lot. It has shown me what it means to be a Christian. My attendance has had a good impact on my life. I have changed a lot for the better. I am closer to God than when I got here. I still have a long way to go to get to where I want to be and WA is helping me get there.

James Kroneck

Wisconsin Academy has helped me so much. It brought me so much closer to God and just helped me to have a better relationship with Him. The atmosphere here is just really wonderful and it's a great place for a young person to grow and mature in their walk with God. Everyone here, the staff, the students and the teachers, have been so kind to me. This school is just a great, fun place to be. **Melody Romero**

Wisconsin Academy has meant so much to me because it has shown me how to live and work together. I have grown so much in my spiritual life and I have grown so much closer to Jesus. I love all the different activities that we do and how we can get to know everyone here. **Naomi Perez**

I've only been at WA for one semester and in this short time period the staff and activities that occur here have significantly changed my spiritual growth and emotional growth. Since being at Wisconsin Academy, I have learned that loving others as myself and loving God can build long lasting friendships. Also, I have enjoyed spending QUALITY time with staff members. They are inspiring and I personally can tell Christ is in their lives. I love attending Wisconsin Academy! **Ja'Lyn'e Flowers**

It has helped me establish friendships that will hopefully be lifelong. It also gives me a good Christian education that I wouldn't be able to get anywhere else. **Jessica Buchholz**

Students Reach Out

Each year, every Wisconsin K-10 school is involved in outreach to their community and to the world through the **Bible Labs** program. They might reach out to their own church members by sending a card or praying for church members who are shut-in, ill or grieving. They might go to an elderly member's home and help them rake leaves or clean up their yard. Their outreach might include taking part in a church service.

The students might reach out to the community by taking cookies they have made to the firemen or police, sending "comfort" cards, helping out in a soup kitchen, preparing and delivering food or Christmas gifts to needy families, singing at nursing homes or raising money to help a local

charity. They might reach out even further and plan a mission trip to Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital, or send a care package to soldiers.

The schools are also encouraged to reach out to the world because of the global mission of our church. Our schools have raised funds for the victims in Haiti, supported various ADRA projects and collected supplies to give to school children overseas.

Our mission statement for education in Wisconsin is "Developing leaders today who will walk with Jesus into Eternity." A walk with Jesus includes more than prayer and Bible study. We want the students to know it also means doing as He would do.

Ken Kirkham



Twenty-five public high school students spent a great weekend together at the recent annual Public High Retreat held at Camp Wakonda.

Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend April 23-25, 2010

Honor Classes: '40, '50, '60, '70, '80, '85, '90, '00

Friday night – Randy Paulsen, '04

Sabbath School – Bryson Ahlers, '60;
Gary Hixon, '70; Tamie Hokanson Laursen '85,
Phelicia Zalabak Wyant '90; Greg Creek, '00

Church – Don Schneider, '60

Sabbath Afternoon – Music Program/Girls Dorm
Grand Opening

Saturday Night – Class Reunions, Basketball
Game

Sunday – Golf Tournament, 5k Run/Walk, Brunch

Direct inquiries to Lois Bowers at 920-623-3300 or
e-mail: development@wisacad.org

Wisconsin Missionaries

There is a new sense of mission in Wisconsin with the developing of “missionary territories” for each church.

As a little girl in Junior Sabbath School I remember singing “We are a missionary band, a missionary band, a missionary band. We are a missionary band doing all we can.” Now I’m a grown adult reflecting on those words and thinking about my neighbors and those down the street. I’m wondering if everyone in Wisconsin has a Seventh-day Adventist who is spiritually interested in them. Have you been wondering such things? Do you feel part of a missionary band? Have you figured out where your mission field is?

In keeping with this commission (see Matt. 24) I recently went to my local BP station and bought the biggest Wisconsin map I could find and, with string and pins, mapped out a ‘mission field for each Wisconsin church. It was fun the day the pastors all came and studied what I envisioned to be their ‘territory’. Some wanted more; others adjusted the strings along slightly different roads.

Next the map with jig-sawed strings and pins was presented to the Executive Committee. They also voted their affirmation of the concept of every church taking responsibility for its own mission territory.

That leaves one final step: telling you about your mission field so your church can form a missionary band and ‘do all you can’.

Aileen King

Your Mission Field --Territorial Assignments

Coming soon to a Church near you, your Territorial Assignment! That is not exactly a phrase to send shivers up your spine with anticipation . . . but it may be the most important news your church board gets to address this year.

A Territorial Assignment is a clear mandate from Jesus and the Conference to share the gospel in your area. A territorial assignment lets a church know that the only way people in a certain area are going to hear the Advent message of Jesus’ soon return is if we tell them. While it is true that Jesus could make the rocks and stones cry out, it is also true that this is not the way He usually works. He prefers to work through us!

When a church receives its assignment, there are a number of significant questions they might ask:

1. What are we doing to share the Advent message in each area of our territory?
2. When should/are we going to plan outreach to un-entered areas of our territory?
3. Do any of our church families live in un-entered areas and would they be a foundation for “new work.”

Church planting usually does not begin with planting a full fledge church – it usually begins with a group of Christians meeting in a home on Sabbath afternoons after church. As they enjoy the blessing of God in study and fellowship,

their numbers begin to grow as people invite their friends and neighbors to the study.

It is a wonderful moment for a fellowship group when they suddenly realize that the Spirit of God is blessing their Sabbath meeting with His Presence. The group then begins to wonder what God has in store for them next?

It would be a blessing to see fellowship groups like this sprouting up all around the Conference. It would be a blessing to the “Mother Church” and to the communities wherein the new life has begun to shine.

Start with the missionary territories and prayer. Then, watch God lead and bless!

For more information, Contact James Fox at jfox@wi.adventist.org or call 920-484-6555, ext. 309.

James Fox

Men’s Conference

The annual men’s conference was held at Camp Wakonda, January 15-17. Almost 150 men, a record crowd, gathered for this special event. The speaker, Elder Lee Venden drew everyone in as he shared his passion about developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through daily prayer, Bible study and witnessing.

He summarized his message as, “it’s who you know that changes what you do.” We should not struggle to overcome our sins on our own. Our struggle is to spend time with Jesus daily and then those things that are holding us back will fall away and no longer be a temptation.

The men in attendance were truly blessed and shared that they left with a desire to fight to spend time with the Lord in that He would provide them with the power to overcome. They were extremely happy to have had this shown to them so they might direct their efforts to the source of their strengths instead of wasting effort on trying to do the impossible on their own.

Ken Kirkham

Summer Camp 2010

Summer is just around the corner at Camp Wakonda. Already plans are being made for a special “Treasure Island” experience for campers of all ages. Bring a friend and discover treasures of friends, activities, campfire programs, and time with God and His Word. For information go to: www.wakonda.org.

Junior Camp	June 27- July 4	Ages 8-10
Tween Camp	July 4 -11	Ages 10-12
Teen Camp	July 11 - 18	Ages 13-16
Family Camp I	July 18 - 25	All Ages
Family Camp II	July 25 - Aug 1	All Ages

Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Financial Highlights

December 31, 2009

	2009	2008	Difference	% Change
1. Tithe - Month-to-Date	814,494.15	925,367.50	-110,873.35	-11.98%
Tithe - Year-to-Date	6,576,408.70	6,552,298.08	24,110.62	0.37%
2. Wisconsin Budget - MTD	29,787.93	30,834.84	-1,046.91	-3.51%
Wisconsin Budget - YTD	223,452.31	220,810.65	2,641.66	1.18%
3. Cash				
Checking	234,025.98	25,000.04	209,025.94	89.32%
Money Market Certificates	997,351.12	474,827.22	522,523.90	52.39%
Securitates & Investments	953,560.61	1,422,207.85	-468,647.24	-49.15%
Total Cash and Investments	2,184,937.71	1,922,035.11	262,902.60	12.03%
4. Accounts Receivable				
Churches	18,050.23	31,268.47	-13,218.24	-73.23%
Schools (Including WA)	834,307.92	700,366.63	133,941.29	16.05%
WA (Separately)	719,457.97	457,710.70	261,747.27	36.38%
5. Current Ratio (Note 1)	2.87:1	3.49:1	N/A	N/A
6. Evangelism - Unrestricted Fund Bal	146,464.81	168,181.21	-21,716.40	-14.83%
Evangelism - Restricted Fund Bal	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	100.00%
	<u>Actual - 2009</u>	<u>Budget - 2009</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Actual - 2008</u>
			<u>Fav/(Unfav)</u>	
7. Income	8,846,129.00	7,290,771.00	1,555,358.00	7,816,453.00
Expenses	7,830,354.00	7,574,786.00	-255,568.00	8,421,395.00
Net Incr/(Decr) Before Transfers	1,015,775.00	-284,015.00	1,299,790.00	-604,942.00
Fund/Funct Transfers	-1,244,449.00	-69,082.00	-1,175,367.00	405,351.00
Net Incr/(Decr) After Transfers	-228,674.00	-353,097.00	124,423.00	-199,591.00
Net Assets - Beginning	2,124,224.00	2,124,212.00	12.00	2,948,213.00
Net Assets - Ending	1,895,550.00	1,771,115.00	124,435.00	2,748,622.00
8. Expense (Selected Functions)				
Pastors	2,180,203.89	2,190,178.00	9,974.11	2,150,998.27
Evangelism	313,771.86	230,595.00	-83,176.86	136,713.07
Church School Oper	1,538,286.07	1,540,264.00	1,977.93	1,626,531.99
Academy Operation	591,232.95	491,000.00	-100,232.95	684,199.11
Group Medical Plan	3,177.01	21,460.00	18,282.99	-9,273.84
General & Admin	393,455.62	358,727.00	-34,728.62	641,843.56

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

Wisconsin Budget Goal Thru December 2009

	MEM.	GOAL	GOAL	AMT REC	AMT OVER	%
		2009	THRU	THRU (UNDER)	GOAL	RECEIVED
			12/31/2009	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	OF GOAL
CHURCH		2009	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	RECEIVED
Spooner-Trego	12	54.90	54.90	183.77	128.87	334.76%
Fish Creek	14	598.56	598.56	1,385.00	786.44	231.39%
Antigo	39	849.48	849.48	1,633.02	783.54	192.24%
Sturgeon Bay	32	2,349.13	2,349.13	4,142.34	1,793.21	176.33%
Baraboo	30	742.44	742.44	1,290.90	548.46	173.87%
Kenosha	55	352.01	352.01	526.62	174.61	149.60%
Stevens Point	71	3,228.25	3,228.25	4,818.93	1,590.68	149.27%
Almond	55	1,943.65	1,943.65	2,833.47	889.82	145.78%
Oxford	89	7,342.47	7,342.47	10,687.84	3,345.37	145.56%
Evansville	21	1,319.01	1,319.01	1,654.42	335.41	125.43%
Everlasting Gospel SDA Co	20	585.88	585.88	714.09	128.21	121.88%
Durand	61	2,137.69	2,137.69	2,364.26	226.57	110.60%
Frederic	57	6,107.13	6,107.13	6,310.81	203.68	103.34%
Tomahawk Community	19	2,033.18	2,033.18	2,092.49	59.31	102.92%
Shawano	37	2,392.33	2,392.33	2,385.80	(6.53)	99.73%
Bethel	114	2,500.36	2,500.36	2,477.45	(22.91)	99.08%
Wausau \ Shepherds House	124	8,811.97	8,811.97	8,685.20	(126.77)	98.56%
Reedsburg	48	2,139.88	2,139.88	2,037.00	(102.88)	95.19%
Rhineland	120	5,798.01	5,798.01	5,355.52	(442.49)	92.37%
New London	61	1,863.01	1,863.01	1,711.47	(151.54)	91.87%
Rice Lake	151	7,709.59	7,709.59	6,935.12	(774.47)	89.95%
Wisconsin Acad.	299	18,077.87	18,077.87	15,953.09	(2,124.78)	88.25%
Prairie du Chien	21	917.10	917.10	761.76	(155.34)	83.06%
Clearwater Lake	79	3,438.79	3,438.79	2,813.85	(624.94)	81.83%
Christ Community Church \Lena	131	6,290.07	6,290.07	5,071.87	(1,218.20)	80.63%
Portage	83	4,431.12	4,431.12	3,565.61	(865.51)	80.47%
Fox Valley	269	12,001.17	12,001.17	9,620.72	(2,380.45)	80.16%
Beaver Dam	30	2,939.11	2,939.11	2,271.79	(667.32)	77.30%
Green Bay	556	29,073.49	29,073.49	22,213.54	(6,859.95)	76.40%
Wisconsin Rapids	81	5,566.28	5,566.28	4,113.68	(1,452.60)	73.90%
Watertown	46	722.60	722.60	526.00	(196.60)	72.79%
Tomah	58	1,397.02	1,397.02	1,000.73	(396.29)	71.63%
Oakland	40	2,425.59	2,425.59	1,634.99	(790.60)	67.41%
Chippewa Valley SDA Church	198	12,524.62	12,524.62	7,711.27	(4,813.35)	61.57%
Madison Community	225	9,443.73	9,443.73	5,668.36	(3,775.37)	60.02%
Fond Du Lac Company	29	637.33	637.33	379.71	(257.62)	59.58%
Pound	44	1,431.94	1,431.94	852.18	(579.76)	59.51%
Madison	494	26,843.13	26,843.13	15,007.07	(11,836.06)	55.91%
Milwaukee Central	225	13,033.14	13,033.14	7,279.23	(5,753.91)	55.85%
Sparta	40	1,347.01	1,347.01	745.98	(601.03)	55.38%
Hylandale	76	3,247.48	3,247.48	1,659.37	(1,588.11)	51.10%
Waukesha	183	12,462.93	12,462.93	6,276.52	(6,186.41)	50.36%
Menomonie	77	2,843.85	2,843.85	1,301.50	(1,542.35)	45.77%
Merrill	17	1,201.62	1,201.62	535.91	(665.71)	44.60%
Marshfield	113	6,170.77	6,170.77	2,707.01	(3,463.76)	43.87%
Waukesha Spanish Company	14	900.00	900.00	392.55	(507.45)	43.62%
Clear Lake	90	5,235.75	5,235.75	2,229.00	(3,006.75)	42.57%
Sheboygan Spanish	38	1,083.44	1,083.44	458.42	(625.02)	42.31%
Delavan	97	6,433.20	6,433.20	2,697.62	(3,735.58)	41.93%
Lakeland	39	1,797.32	1,797.32	746.65	(1,050.67)	41.54%

Wisconsin Budget Goal Thru December 2009

	MEM.	GOAL	GOAL	AMT REC	AMT OVER	%
		2009	THRU	THRU (UNDER)	GOAL	OF GOAL
			12/31/2009	12/31/2009	12/31/2009	RECEIVED
CHURCH						
Monroe	36	2,505.04	2,505.04	1,035.06	(1,469.98)	41.32%
Racine	131	4,955.60	4,955.60	1,938.70	(3,016.90)	39.12%
Beloit	60	2,503.70	2,503.70	968.55	(1,535.15)	38.68%
LaCrosse	81	3,516.68	3,516.68	1,336.76	(2,179.92)	38.01%
Sheboygan	100	7,024.84	7,024.84	2,617.63	(4,407.21)	37.26%
Milwaukee N.West	190	9,995.55	9,995.55	3,717.60	(6,277.95)	37.19%
Milwaukee North Spanish	135	4,284.53	4,284.53	1,565.60	(2,718.93)	36.54%
Milwaukee Southside Fellowship	40	2,188.79	2,188.79	748.74	(1,440.05)	34.21%
Lancaster	47	1,963.00	1,963.00	664.09	(1,298.91)	33.83%
Woodland Community /Janesville	228	7,206.20	7,206.20	2,419.15	(4,787.05)	33.57%
Ashland	57	1,951.38	1,951.38	605.19	(1,346.19)	31.01%
Hudson	27	1,372.36	1,372.36	420.91	(951.45)	30.67%
Richland Center	93	3,387.07	3,387.07	973.09	(2,413.98)	28.73%
Kenosha Emmanuel SDA Co.	19	1,197.34	1,197.34	318.28	(879.06)	26.58%
Superior	69	3,119.94	3,119.94	801.88	(2,318.06)	25.70%
Milwaukee C. Spanish	99	4,316.42	4,316.42	1,061.42	(3,255.00)	24.59%
Hayward	26	2,381.57	2,381.57	572.00	(1,809.57)	24.02%
Watertown Hispanic Company	33	1,705.95	1,705.95	349.00	(1,356.95)	20.46%
Milwaukee Hayes Spanish	67	2,217.14	2,217.14	368.55	(1,848.59)	16.62%
Raymond	132	8,400.86	8,400.86	1,267.87	(7,132.99)	15.09%
Neillsville Company	35	701.58	701.58	102.50	(599.08)	14.61%
Wisconsin Conference	203	15,584.97	15,584.97	2,065.80	(13,519.17)	13.26%
Racine Spanish	39	1,527.42	1,527.42	117.86	(1,409.56)	7.72%
Milwaukee Maranatha Spanish	38	782.60	782.60	42.37	(740.23)	5.41%
Platteville Christian Community	19	639.43	639.43	0.00	(639.43)	0.00%
TOTAL	6,926	350,206.37	350,206.37	222,500.10	(127,706.27)	64%

From the Desk of Richard Habenicht

The Power of Working

Together "Wisconsin Budget"

It was a challenging year financially. More and more people out of work, home values down, we were involved in a major fund raising project, the new Girls' Dorm. But in the midst of it all we gave \$222,000 to Wisconsin Budget. How??? – by many faithful members giving 1-2% of their income to Wisconsin Budget!

I believe this is the highest in the Lake Union as a percentage of tithe, 1/3 of one percent. I want to thank you for supporting this crucial source of non-tithe funds for our academy and campground, both of which are important to us. If you haven't been giving systematically to this offering, I challenge you to give it a try!

"Give, and it will be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 NKKV

Is Your Interest Income Pitiful?

Did you realize you can increase your income and give a gift to the Lord's work at the same time? A couple, ages 75 and 74, can get a Gift Annuity that pays 5.5% for life. If they are 85 and 84, they can receive 6.9% for life. An individual 84 years old can get an annuity of 8.6% for life.

If you'd like to know more, call Elder Habenicht in the Trust Department at 920-484-6555.

Planning for Camp Meeting

All remainder balances for space rental are due by April 1, 2010. Send payment to: Camp Meeting, P O Box 100, Fall River WI 53932

Cancellation with full deposit until May 5

Cancellation with 50% deposit May 6-26

Loss of 100% of deposit after May 27

All subletting should be done through the locating office. If your plans change and you cannot come to Camp Meeting call 920-484-6555 ext 304 or e-mail akking@wi.adventist.org. Private subletting bypasses those who have their name on a waiting list and makes 'first subletters' liable to forfeit that privilege.

Please leave all cats and dogs at home (even if they fit in your purse).

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.

Cabins and Full Service sites can be sublet only twice before they revert back to the conference.

Cabins for 2011 must be paid in full by Wednesday, June 16, 2010.

Plan to turn your key in to the Locating Office at the end of camp meeting each year.

The electrical service at Camp Wakonda was never designed to handle the extra electrical devices now considered a necessity. 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. Courtesy is always in order.

Aileen King

Teachers and Helpers Needed

Camp meeting is just around the corner and we need teachers and helpers for Beginners and Kindergarten at Camp Meeting. If you are willing to be a helper contact Aileen King at 920-484-6555 ext 304 or aking@wi.adventist.org

Camp Meeting Kitchen Helpers Needed

Camp Meeting is swiftly approaching! I'm sure you have heard the saying, "Many hands make light work". Well, we have a lot of work that needs to take place during Camp Meeting this summer. What we specifically need are folks interested in helping in the cafeteria during Camp Pitch, June 7-11 and Camp Meeting, June 11-19, 2010.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have a valid work permit. Applicant's under 21 year of age must have a parent or guardian on campus with them as well.

If you would be willing to help out in the area of food service, please call the conference office at (920)-484-6555 and speak with Jane Gerndt. She will place your name on our applicant list. More information will then be sent to you at a later date. Thank you for your willingness to assist us in making Camp Meeting 2010 a memorable experience for everyone!

Roger Driver

Free Church Pews

The Sheboygan church has about 20 used church pews that need a new home. If there is a church in the conference that would like them call Pastor Adam Case at 920-246-3353.

Accounting Position Available

The Wisconsin Conference is seeking to fill a full-time accounting position immediately. This individual should have at least three or four years accounting experience in areas such as G/L and Property Insurance and bank reconciliations. Auditing experience would also be helpful. An accounting degree is not mandatory.

Send resume to: rdriver@wi.adventist.org for consideration. Resumes should be received by March 15, 2010.

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Mark Your Calendar

March

19-21 Children's Ministry Workshop at Camp Wakonda. For more information contact Aileen King at 920-484-6555 ext 304 or e-mail at akking@wi.adventist.org.

April

8-10 Elementary Music Festival at Wisconsin Academy. For more information contact Clinton Anderson at 920-623-3300.

9-11 Women's Empowerment Weekend at Camp Wakonda. For more information contact Aileen King at 920-484-6555 ext 304 or e-mail at akking@wi.adventist.org.

23-25 Wisconsin Academy Alumni Weekend. For more information contact Lois Bowers at 920-623-3300.

May

16 Academy Day at Wisconsin Academy. For more information contact Marshall Bowers at 920-623-3300.

21-23 Pathfinder Fair at Camp Wakonda. For more information contact Aileen King at 920-484-6555 ext 304 or e-mail at akking@wi.adventist.org.

23-24 Camp Wakonda Work Bee, for more information contact Jim Johnson at 608-697-8188.

28-30 Graduation Weekend for Wisconsin Academy.

ABC Bookmobile Spring Schedule

Toll Free 888-266-5748

March

13	Shepherd's House (Wausau)	6:30 - 7:30 PM
14	Rhinelanders	10:00 - 11:00 AM
	Clearwater Lake	1:00 - 2:00 PM
	Antigo	3:30 - 4:00 PM
17	Hylandale School	5:00 - 7:00 PM
20	Bethel Jr. Academy (Arpin)	7:30 - 8:30 PM
21	Wisconsin Rapids	10:00 - 11:00 AM
	Stevens Point	12:30 - 1:30 PM
27	Milwaukee Jr. Academy	8:00 - 9:00 PM
28	Racine	9:30 - 11:00 AM
	Raymond	12:00 - 1:00 PM

April

10	Green Bay Jr. Academy	8:00 - 10:00 PM
11	Christ's Community (Lena)	11:00 AM - 12:00
	Fox Valley	2:30 - 3:30 PM
16	Frederic	2:30 - 3:30 PM
17	Superior	8:00 - 9:00 PM
18	Rice Lake	11:00 AM - 12:00
	Clear Lake	2:00 - 3:00 PM
	Chippewa Valley	5:00 - 6:00 PM