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Why a Constituency?

On October 20, 2002, delegates from Adventist churches all over Wisconsin will gather on the campus of Wisconsin Academy for the Wisconsin Conference Constituency.

Our bylaws call for a constituency meeting every four years. While this is an open meeting of the church, **only duly elected delegates** of local Adventist churches can speak to the session or vote. In this meeting, delegates have several responsibilities.

- ♦ To elect officers and committees: These include President, Secretary, Treasurer, Departmental Leaders, Nominating Committee, Executive Committee, and Bylaws Committee.
- ♦ To hear reports: Some of the reports are in the form of a major booklet included in this Lampletter. Others will be given on video, and still others will be live. These include reports on finances, membership, giving, ministry, prayer, and Christian service.
- ♦ To give direction: Constituencies can give direction to the officers and committees on the focus, priority, and direction of their work. A heavenly vision is the key to the church's future. Constituencies permit feedback to assist the conference in developing a shared vision for our future.
- ♦ To undertake major projects: Four years ago, we gathered to vote on a cafeteria renovation for Wisconsin Academy. At that meeting, delegates heard reports and voted to approve the cafeteria construction project. The finished addition was dedicated debt-free in January of 2002. God has empowered us to do great works for Him when we work together.

Constituencies can be exciting! Constituencies can be predictable and boring. They are an exercise of representative democracy at work in the fellowship of believers. When we approach these meetings prayerfully and carefully, we can discern the hand of God leading His people. *James Fox, Communications Leader*

Hope for the Homeland

The year 2002 has been a time of *Hope for the Homeland*. Beginning on September 13, pastors and lay people will lead the largest evangelistic outreach in our church's history in Wisconsin:

- ♦ Over 35 meetings begin in public halls and churches on September 13
- ♦ Over 25 meetings will be held in homes in Spanish
- ♦ Madison and Eau Claire will hold major evangelistic outreaches with Steve DeLong and Verne Snow respectively
- ♦ Forty-nine of these meetings will be led by lay people
- ♦ Plans call for students from Wisconsin Academy to speak at two public evangelistic meetings this fall, one on campus and one in Beaver Dam
- ♦ Our conference leaders are prayerfully setting a faith goal that over 300 new members will be added to our churches in 2002

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Soul-winning in Webuye

When dedicated men and women commit their plans to the Lord, amazing things happen.



Dean Sigsworth (middle) and his wife Katie brought medical supplies donated by medical offices in the U.S. to a clinic in Riverside, Zambia.

Dean Sigsworth, teacher at Bethel Junior Academy, and his wife Katie experienced firsthand the miracles that God can work. In May of 2002 they joined 170 guest evangelists and their support team

members in Nairobi, Kenya to launch a year of evangelism.

The Sigsworths conducted meetings in the small town of Webuye. Using a DVD program provided by the Quiet Hour, Dean and Katie took turns preaching for 17 nights. The meeting place was a platform with a tarp over it. Four white sheets formed the screen for the PowerPoint slides.

The people faithfully attended the meetings. They were intrigued by the technology used to present the message. But they were most impacted by the message. Katie says, "We endeavored to teach the people in a simple but clear way what Jesus has taught us in the Bible."

One of the important topics covered was the Sabbath. Katie says she presented this truth as a gift from God, a day created for mankind in Eden. She says, "We as a church have preached the Sabbath message from the standpoint of the Ten Commandments and this being something we need to do to go to heaven. But I don't see it that way anymore. We are told that the Ten Commandments are a transcript of God's character. I find that when I surrender my will every day to Jesus, I am keeping the law more and more because I love Him more, not because I need to do this to get to heaven. This is the way I tried to present the gospel to the people in Africa."

Many well-meaning people have come to Africa, Katie says, and taught that the way to heaven is by following a list of dos and don'ts. The people were getting very discouraged. It was thrilling for Dean and Katie to see the joy of the Lord come into the peoples' eyes when they realized that the love of God is far above a list of right and wrong.

In previous evangelistic meetings in this town, the most people baptized at one time was 20-30 people. During this series of meetings, over 200 people were baptized and

more are still preparing for baptism! "We felt very humbled that God would use us to be just the vessel to pour out His love and forgiveness to these people. It was the greatest experience in the world to watch these work-worn souls go into that watery grave and come up with radiant faces to walk a new life with Jesus, doing what Jesus does because of their great love for Him and not out of duty," says Katie.

During the next year, local pastors and laymen will hold 5,500 campaigns in Africa. The evangelism campaigns are part of the Carolina Conference's Global Evangelism campaign, in cooperation with the Quiet Hour. The Sigsworths plan to be involved in another evangelistic crusade next summer in Central America. They encourage others to get involved in this life-changing ministry.

If you would like more information about this ministry, visit www.folkenberg.net.



Got an Unused Car?

You can donate it to Wisconsin Academy! Donated cars in running condition will be fixed up by academy students and sold. The proceeds will go to the academy's Worthy Student Fund.



*Floyd Brock
coordinator*

Floyd Brock, who will coordinate the project, says students will be washing, waxing, and vacuuming the cars. They'll also do minor tune-ups. "Kids can do these things," he says, "and it is a great learning experience. Many people can't donate money but they do have vehicles that can help the students at the academy." Brock says other running items such as tractors, motor homes, snowmobiles, boats

and motorcycles can also be donated.

Your charitable donation could enable a student to receive the benefit of a Christian education. If you have a vehicle you would like to donate or you have any questions, contact Floyd Brock by calling (920) 623-2055.

Praise God for Wakonda!

"I realize now that God answers prayers. It's not just a thought but a fact I know from being at camp this summer." These words, spoken by a teen camper this summer, represent the experience of both campers and staff who attended Camp Wakonda this summer.

Literally hundreds of times campers and staff prayed. Prayers for protection on a horse ride, prayers for God's intervention from predicted severe weather on the "Teen Outpost," prayers for hard hearts to be softened by the Holy Spirit, a quick prayer by a staff member that a struggling camper would be able to get up skiing... Many times answers were quick and obvious. What an awesome and loving God we serve.

From Blind Camp at the beginning, to Family Camp at the end, campers experienced horse riding, crafts, nature, water sports and outdoor activities. Evening campfires portrayed the story of "Spotted Boy and the Comanches," a rodeo, a mime portrayal of Jesus who is the answer to all life's hurts, and a gripping portrayal of the time of Noah. The play about Noah, entitled "The Boat" shows that we each have a place in this world—in the will of Jesus, and that "God's will never leads us where His power cannot sustain us." A "Walk through the Bible" had campers taking a Sabbath walk around the camp, seeing scenes of the life of Jesus portrayed by camp staff members.



New this year was "Teen Outpost." Teen campers spent a day and a half on a canoeing trip, a horse trip, a water-skiing trip, a rock climbing trip, or an outdoor living trip.

From the stories of the teens... we'll do it again

next year. The night before the outpost the weatherman said that severe weather would be coming directly our way the next day. Both campers and staff prayed... and it missed. Praise God!

Family Camp includes all the activities that are offered to the young people. Family Camp was a great time for the families who attended to enjoy the many activities, and even to relax. One family camper complained: "the one thing was missing at camp is a hot tub to relieve all the sore muscles from water-skiing, swimming, horse riding, and wall climbing."

Looking back over the summer camp season brings another "Praise God!" Eighty-four young people chose to commit their lives to God for the first time. Eighty-one

recommitted their lives to Jesus, and 53 indicated that they would like to study to be baptized. This is what Camp Wakonda is about—leading young people to know and love Jesus.

Already plans are being made for next summer. Reserve your spot now! Call (608) 241-5235 and press 5.



SONscreen Film Festival

Adventist Communication Network is proud to introduce the first ever, SONscreen Film Festival! This is an exciting event that will give young Christian video producers (age 29 and younger) the opportunity to be recognized for their talents. SONscreen will give aspiring producers an outlet before an audience of thousands of Christians both young and old. The SONscreen Film Festival this year is being scheduled to occur simultaneously with the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention to be held October 10-13 in Ontario, California. Awards totaling up to \$6,000 in cash will be presented. Seize the opportunity to take home the SONny award trophy and other awards to those works that exemplify excellence and achievement in the three judging categories - Film, Audio and Graphics. Media professionals will be on hand to give insight and direction to youth with futures in media.

There is no cost requirement or registration fee for submitting works to the festival. ACN encourages all up-and-coming young Christian producers from elementary to university and from media to music to participate in this event. You don't have to be a professional; you just have to be willing to let your talents be used for the Lord! Contact the ACN office for more information on rules and entry requirements. It is ACN's goal to show how Christ lives uniquely through Adventist young people. Visit the ACN website for more information at www.acn.info, call 800-ACN-1119, or check with the communication departments of Adventist colleges and universities. You can also contact Kitty Cray in the Communication Department at the conference office (608-241-5235, ex. 2).

ACN is the satellite media distribution service for the North American Division.

Keeping Pace with Technology at Wisconsin Academy

The new cafeteria addition at Wisconsin Academy includes more than just upgraded kitchen equipment. It also houses a state of the art computer lab located in the lower level. Just as with the rest of the addition, the lab is funded by the generosity of Wisconsin constituents.

The new lab offers students a technologically advanced classroom where they can learn cutting-edge skills that will be crucial to their success as they enter the work force or continue their education.

The computers have AMD Athlon XP 2000 processors, 256 MB of DDR RAM, and 20 GB hard drives. Software includes Windows XP Professional and Office XP Professional.

To lower costs, Steve Brown, computer teacher, and David Gustrowsky, computer lab worker, assembled the computers themselves, pulled the network cables, and installed the connectors and switches. They also dug trenches across campus for wires that will connect all the buildings. Joe Hokanson and other maintenance workers joined them in laying the pipe that will hold cabling for the networking of campus and offer the possibility of high speed internet access in the future.

Other capable hands also contributed. Steve says, "Brian Hamilton, John Thomas and Joe Hokanson did an excellent job laying the carpet in the lab. We owe them each a big thank-you."

Classes are currently being held in the old computer lab awaiting completion of the tables and installation of the computers in the new lab. In addition to the many classes

for students at Wisconsin Academy, Steve plans to offer adult education courses during the summer. The lab will also be available for events such as teacher in-services.

Wisconsin Academy is grateful for the financial support that has allowed this computer lab to become a reality. At the time of printing, about \$15,000 is still needed to complete the project. To view updated photos and information on the project, visit www.wisacad.org and click on Departments.

The Project Progression



August 25, 2001



August 30, 2001



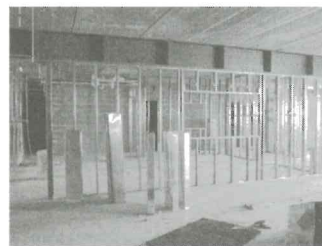
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SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

Unleashing God's Power

President's Message

The past four years have been dramatic and eventful. Few generations can claim to have lived at the turn of a millennium. Who will forget all the discussions about Y2K? And our society changed forever with the events of September 11.

While all this was happening in the world around us, what was happening in the churches of the Wisconsin Conference? In this brief report I would like to present an overview of the past quadrennium during which we experienced the unleashing of God's power. How was the power of God in evidence? How did God work through us to truly make a difference?

The Years in Review

1998

Wisconsin Conference constituency: The constituency meeting on September 20 evidenced a great spirit of unity and commitment to the mission of the church. Prayer from youth on the campus of Wisconsin Academy as well as members throughout the conference contributed to this special gathering. A new statement of Vision and Mission for the conference was voted at the session. The decision to build a new cafeteria at Wisconsin Academy was also approved. Over 1000 church members in Wisconsin contributed to this project over two years.

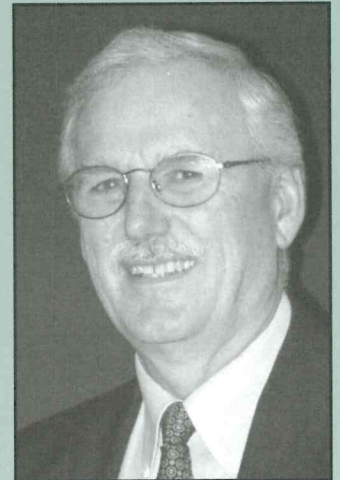
Net '98: The largest global evangelistic outreach in the history of the world to date took place with Net '98. Wisconsin churches participated in sharing the message of a soon-coming Savior. This outreach was of particular interest to young people as Dwight Nelson spoke from the campus of Andrews University. Many miraculous stories both here in Wisconsin and around the world testified to the mighty working of God's power.



1999

City Evangelism: One of the conference priorities is to target urban centers with evangelism. The first major campaign was in the fall of 1999 with evangelist Leo Schreven. There was an excellent response to the advertisement and many came to the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church. About 60 people were baptized and lives changed

We praise God that the past four years has seen more additions to the church through baptisms and professions of faith than any four year period since the 1970s. However, it is not just numbers of people that cause us to praise God. The blessing of His power and presence also brings us joy.



Don Corkum
President

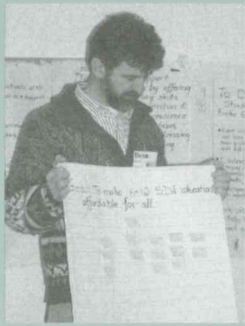
from this great work of the Holy Spirit. God's power was unleashed during this series.

Discover the Power: Oshkosh, WI was the location of the largest pathfinder gathering to date in North America. About 22,000 pathfinders from across North America and around the world made an impact on the Oshkosh community. Each day they did service work which created good will with the community. Prayer was an undergirding of this major event. When a tornado threatened the campground one night, many people were thrilled to witness God's intervention when storms went to the north and south but the camp sites were spared. The impact of Discover the Power was so great that the North American Division now plans to hold the next camporee at Oshkosh in 2004. The theme for this event will be "Faith on Fire."



2000

K-12 Visioning: Planning is crucial to keep on the cutting-edge of education in the twenty-first century. During this year, the K-12 board of education, with other guests, came together for a special weekend of prayer and planning. Four major objectives were targeted:



- ♦ Marketing Strategies and Materials
- ♦ Family Data Base
- ♦ Affordable Education
- ♦ Communication

Much work has taken place in carrying out these objectives. We pray for the continued growth and

development of our schools.

It all came together: When many people are praying the result is often revival and reformation. In the year 2000, new spiritual energy burst forth in many areas. In evangelism a major crusade was held with Brian McMahon in Milwaukee and five short crusades with Ken Cox. Lay Bible Ministries became prominent again with small groups, video Bible studies and Discover Bible Schools. The CHIP program was also launched to help develop a dynamic health outreach. 3ABN conducted a yearlong emphasis in Racine.

2001

Hope for the Homeland: The events of 9/11 seemed to overshadow all others during 2001. Satan may claim that day as a victory for him. The impact of his plan and character was certainly felt. However, during the aftermath of 9/11, we have witnessed the power of God.

Personal Ministries

The past four years have seen growth in the involvement of members in the ministries of the church. Following is a report of some of the major ministries in Wisconsin.

Discover Bible Schools: Currently there are 33 Bible Schools listed by the Voice of Prophecy in Wisconsin. Discover lessons are being used in personal Bible studies, by mail, through the internet, and by video.

Video Bible Studies: The Ken Cox and Doug Batchelor tapes are being used extensively in the state. Training programs by Ken Cox at camp meeting in 2000 as well as his trainer Freda Schultz have resulted in scores of people becoming involved in this ministry.

Small Group Ministries: The inspiration for small groups in our conference started with the Spanish churches who had over 30 groups going. Now many English speaking churches are involved in this ministry and an annual convention in August keeps people trained and inspired.

The Dunamis Gospel Worker Training program: This program was started by Tony Cirigliano and has

The Wisconsin Conference was a part of outreaches to New York by helping to sponsor the "Russian Nights in Manhattan," an outreach to the Russian speaking people. Also during the fall of 2001, Hope for the Homeland was conceived.

Throughout the Lake Union many of our churches were involved in evangelism during the one year anniversary of 9/11. We believe many lives will be touched and decisions made for the kingdom of God.



Together We Can: The project to build a new cafeteria at Wisconsin Academy was completed. This was a great challenge because the financial commitments throughout the conference are already heavy. However, with much prayer, the project was launched in 1999. At key points in the project we had to pause and ask God for special help. However, in October of 2001, just two years from when the project was officially launched, we thanked God when the \$1 million mark was reached. God blessed the people who gave sacrificially and miracles were reported.

As we review the past quadrennium we thank God for His power that has made a difference. We praise God for the successes gained and we realize that God wants to do far greater things through us. As we prepare for the next four years, let's allow God full reign in our lives so He can do mighty workings of power through His people. We have a positive emphasis on power churches. It involves a four week training program which builds more and more trained and active people in the church.

New Beginnings: The DVD Bible studies are being used extensively in preaching and teaching ministries. They are being used in the Hope for the Homeland meetings planned in September 2002.

Ingathering: This has been on a decline in Wisconsin the past few years. The North American Division has returned to the Ingathering format after experimenting with an ADRA connection. It is hoped this will bring new life to Ingathering in our Conference.

Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries

Wisconsin has 12 ASI members. This dynamic organization provides an inspiration to people involved in business and professions. The members exchange ideas on how to share Christ in their workplace. If you would like to be a member, please contact the Office of the President at the conference office.

Secretary's Message

Christ has given His followers the commission to go make disciples of all nations. We are instructed to begin "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." For us Jerusalem represents the village, town, or city we call home. Judea and Samaria is for us the state of Wisconsin. As we come to the end of a quadrennium, we ask ourselves, how committed have we been to Christ's commission? Have the cares of this world consumed our time and energies? Have we become sidetracked in seeking the pleasures of this life? How involved have we been in helping to make disciples of all nations?

A quadrennium not only provides opportunity for introspection, but also reflection on recent history. As we

recount the evidences of God's leading in the past, our faith is strengthened for the future.

Statistics are one method of looking at the past. Yes, numbers can never tell the whole story. But like the wind moving the leaves of a tree, facts and figures give evidence of the moving of the Spirit of God upon human lives.

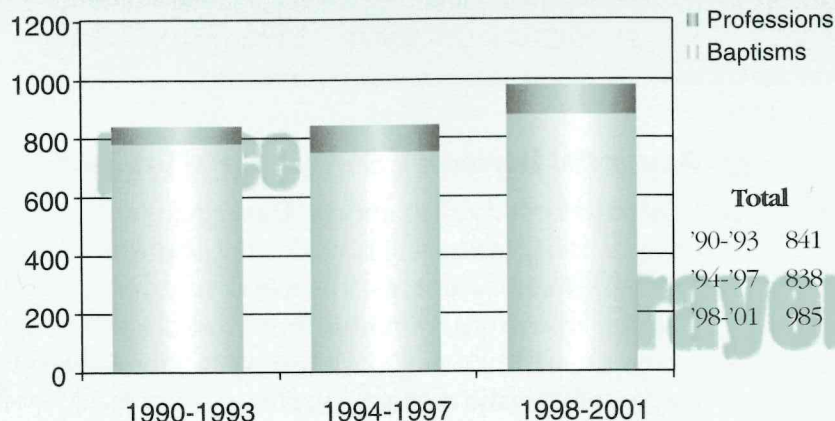


Brian Hamilton
Secretary, Treasurer

Wisconsin Conference Membership Report

	1998	1999	2000	2001	Quadrennium Total
<i>Membership-January 1</i>	6214	6228	6374	6359	
Baptism & Professions of Faith	198	284	240	263	985
Persons Deceased	57	68	67	65	257
Persons Dropped for Apostasy	76	61	62	102	301
Persons Missing	27	21	70	35	153
Total Decrease	160	150	199	202	711
Transfers In	194	275	216	240	925
Transfers Out	218	263	272	204	957
Net Transfers	(24)	12	(56)	36	(32)
Miscellaneous Adjustment				(1)	(1)
<i>Membership-December 31</i>	6228	6374	6359	6455	
Net Membership Gain (Loss)	14	146	(15)	96	241

Baptisms and Professions of Faith



We praise God for the 892 people who were baptized and the 93 who were accepted on the profession of their faith in the last four years, as compared to 751 and 87 in the previous session.

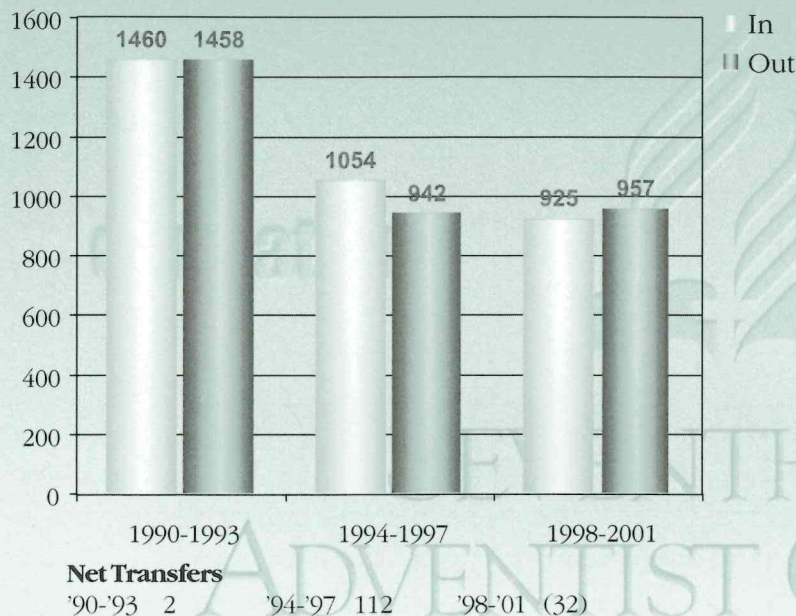
Missing/Apostasy/Deceased

The gospel seed is to be lavishly sown on all types of soil. But the successful germination and maturation of the seed depends upon the condition of the soil. We are sad to report that 454 persons were separated from membership during the quadrennium as compared with 376 over the previous quadrennium.

God's Word reminds us "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them" (Revelation 14:13). During the four year reporting period 257 dear members were laid to rest as compared to 279 in the previous period.



Membership Transfers



We belong to a sisterhood of churches. When people relocate, they generally want to be part of the church family in their new location. We live in a mobile society which affects the church.

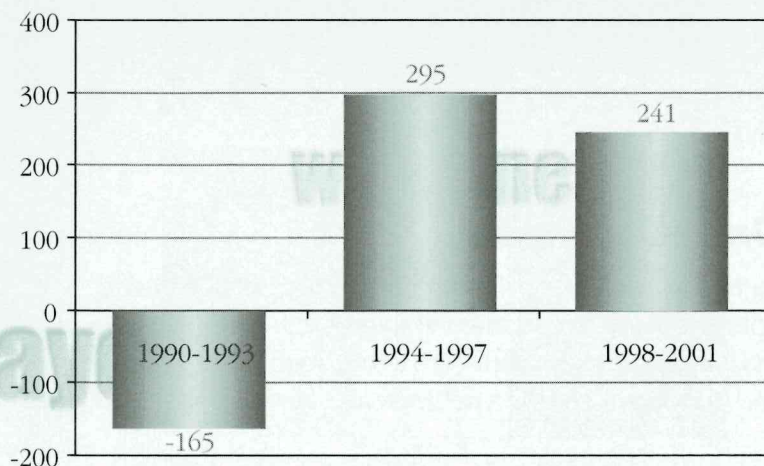
During the last four years, 925 people transferred membership into Wisconsin churches. At the same time, 957 transferred out. These statistics reflect transfers between Wisconsin churches as well as out of conference transfers.

The net effect in membership mobility was a loss of 32 members in the last four years. In the previous quadrennium, our net gain was 112.

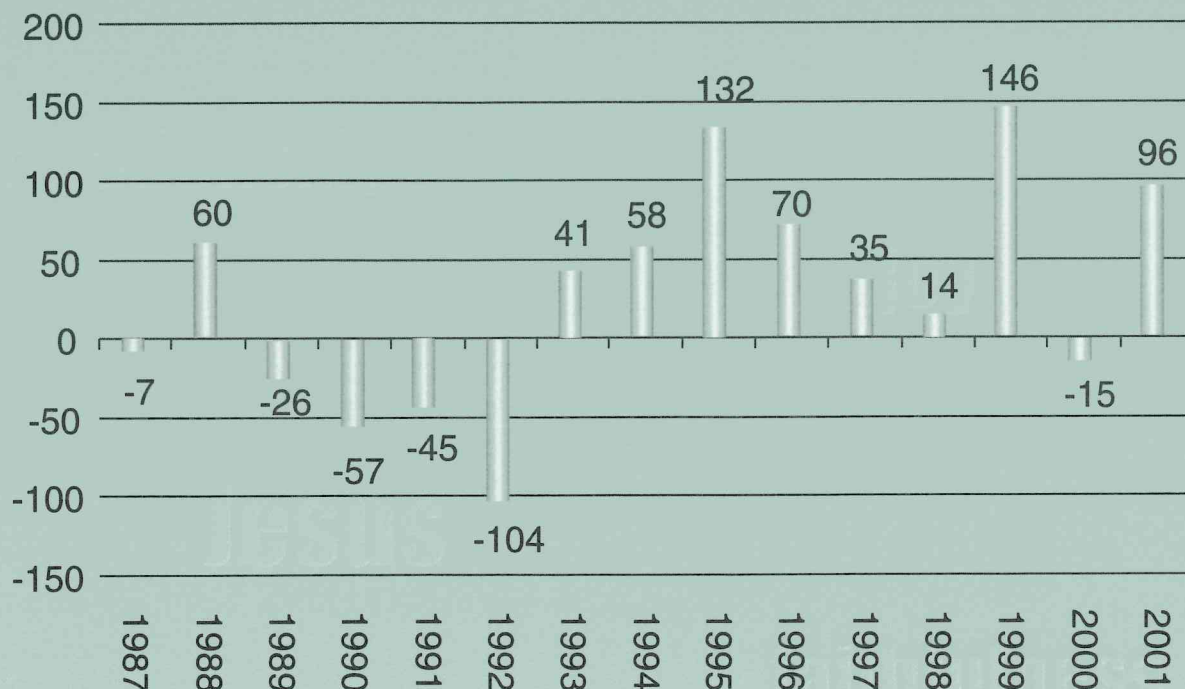
Net Membership Growth

When one takes into account the effect of baptisms, professions of faith, apostasy, missing persons, and deaths, as well as the result of net transfers in membership, you arrive at net growth. This quadrennium, we experienced a net growth of 241 members as compared to a net growth of 295 in the previous four years.

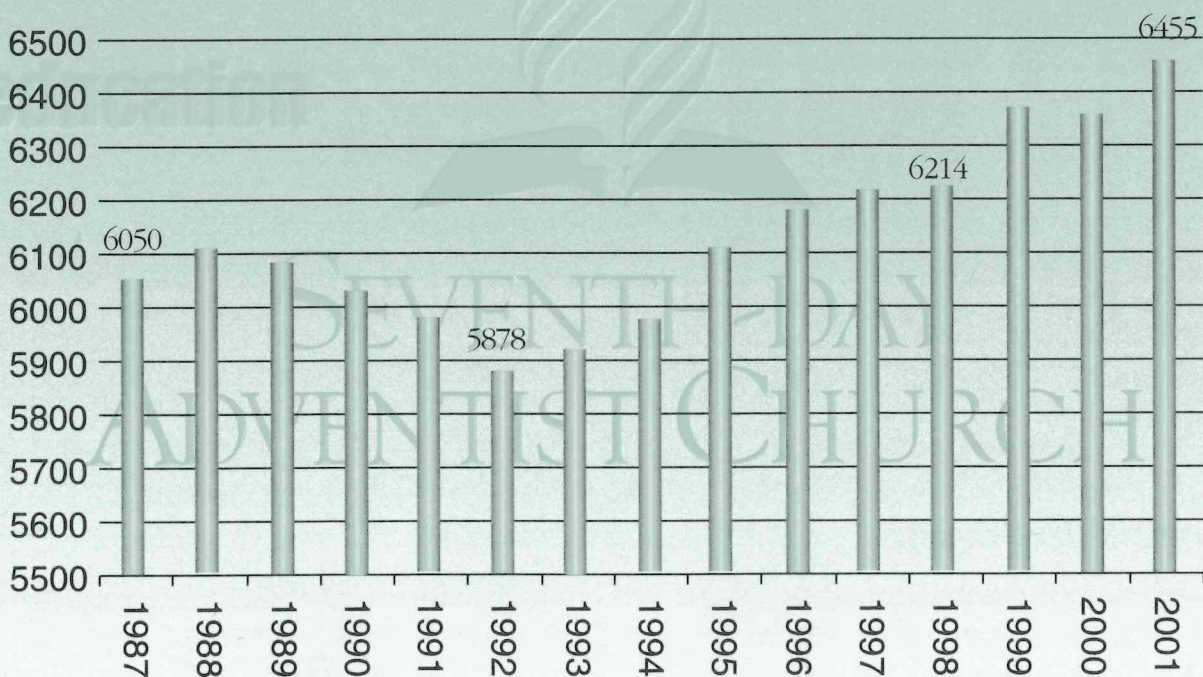
The separation from membership of an additional 78 persons and the net transfer loss of 32 had a downward effect in our net growth. This comes in spite of the blessing of 147 additions in baptisms and professions of faith.



Membership Gain (Loss)



Ending Membership 1987-2001



Growth Summary

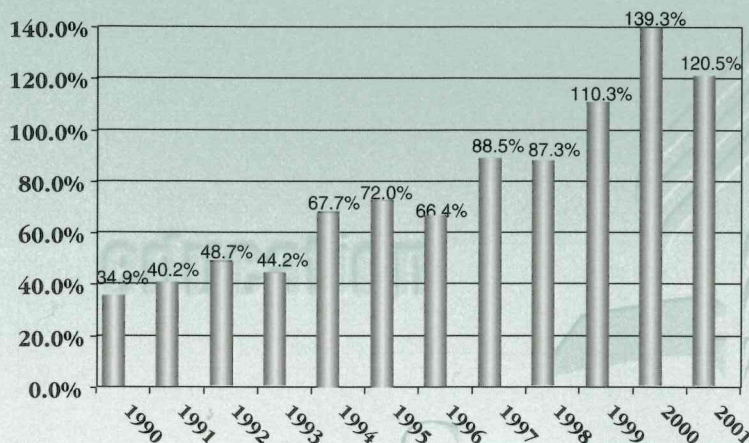
As we look at a 15 year summary, we are encouraged to note the consistent membership growth since 1992. We began this quadrennium with a total membership of 6214 and ended with 6455, a net increase of 241.

Treasury Department

Much like Caleb and Joshua of old, we have a good report to share. Maybe not of the promised land, but of the financial blessings that God has inspired His people to shower upon us. That's not to say there aren't walled cities of fiscal giants to be overcome. But we serve a God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

Financial Indicators

The current ratio measures the financial ability of the conference to meet current obligations with current assets. The higher the ratio, the stronger the financial position. We began the quadrennium with a current ratio of 3.08 to 1 and ended with a 3.41 to 1 ratio. This is an 11 percent improvement for the four year period.



Personnel

We are pleased to report that there has not been a change in the treasury staff during this quadrennium. Elder Brian Hamilton is the Conference Treasurer, Corporation Vice President and Treasurer, Office Manager, and Loss Control Officer. Alice Priser, is our Associate Treasurer. Her responsibilities include payroll, medical reimbursements, accounts payable, and cash receipting. Jean Schwark is an Assistant Treasurer, who maintains the five sets of corporation books, is our computer systems manager, and performs the monthly closing as well as generates the financial statements for both the Corporation and Conference. Phyllis Corkum is also an Assistant Treasurer. Along with her duties as Conference Clerk and Auditor, she assists treasury in the area of church remittances, bank reconciliations, and is an Assistant to the Treasurer for Loss Control.

Conference Liabilities

Many ask the questions, "Do we have any indebtedness? If we do, why?"

Financial statements are a snapshot of a business operation at a given point in time. In any ongoing business, you will have obligations that you have incurred but have not yet paid. Our indebtedness is in the form of accounts payable such as payroll taxes, trade accounts, and remittances due other church entities (such as the Lake Union Conference). None of these items are past due but are reportable in financial statements as indebtedness. Our current liabilities for 2001 total \$875,000 with over \$2.9 million in current assets to meet the obligations.

Recommended Working Capital

The North American Division recommends that each conference have working capital such that they could maintain all church operations for three months even if all income ceased. In Wisconsin, we would require almost \$1.7 million to meet this guideline. We ended the quadrennium with \$2.1 million of recommended working capital. This represents 120.5 percent of recommended working capital, a gain of 32 percent over the last quadrennium which ended with 88.5 percent.



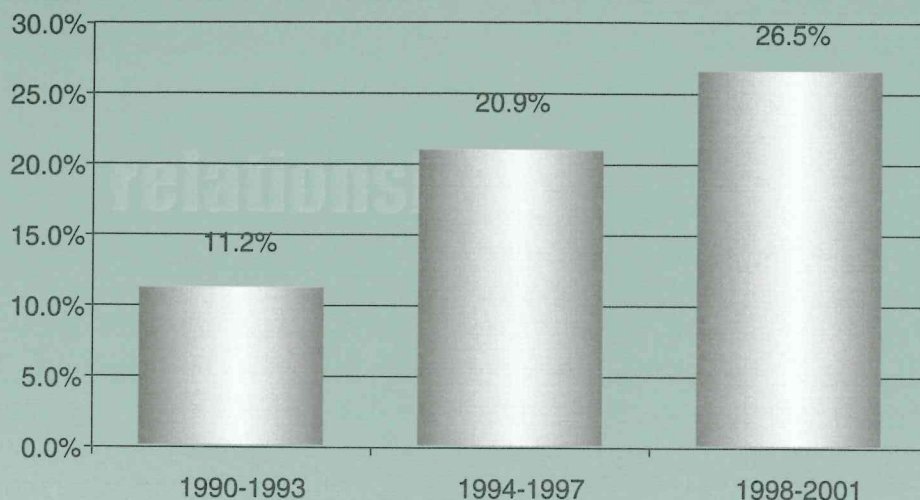
Alice Priser



Jean Schwark



Tithe Increase



We have experienced an average tithe increase of 6.63 percent per year for the quadrennium. The total increase of 26.5 percent is significantly higher than the last quadrennium which totaled 20.9 percent. Tithe for the last four years totaled over \$21.3 million as compared with \$16.9 million for the previous quadrennium. We praise God for the \$4.4 million gain.

Tithe Comparison



Tithe Sharing

We share a portion of the tithe with other entities of the church because Seventh-day Adventists have the vision of reaching the world. Of the almost \$21.4 million received this quadrennium 19.44 percent was shared with the World Field and 9.93 percent with the Lake Union Conference. Also a smaller portion totaling less than one half of one percent was sent to a Special Assistance Fund for conferences who face special financial challenges. Whenever we share, we are always blessed in return. Almost \$1.2 million was returned to the Wisconsin Conference to be used for specific purposes such as education and evangelism. As you can see from the accompanying chart, over \$0.75 on the tithe dollar is used for the work in Wisconsin.

Total Tithe	\$21,395,834	100.00%
General Conference	- 4,159,042	19.44%
Lake Union	-2,124,568	9.93%
Special Assistance Fund	-104,878	.49%
Net Tithe	\$15,007,346	70.14%
Total Reversions	1,181,520	5.52%
Retained Funds	\$16,188,866	75.66%

Total Income

Net Tithe Income	\$15,007,346	60.9%
Not-Tithe Income	\$9,627,412	39.1%
Total Income	\$24,634,758	100.0%

In addition to tithe, the conference receives income from many non-tithe sources. This includes church school billing, camper fees, campground year-around use, endowment income, investment income, maturities, reversions, the WA Building Project, Wisconsin Budget,

and a myriad of other specific donations both small and great. During the last quadrennium over \$9.6 million of non-tithe funds were received. When added to the net tithe of \$15 million, we arrive at a Total Income of \$24.6 million. How was all this money spent?

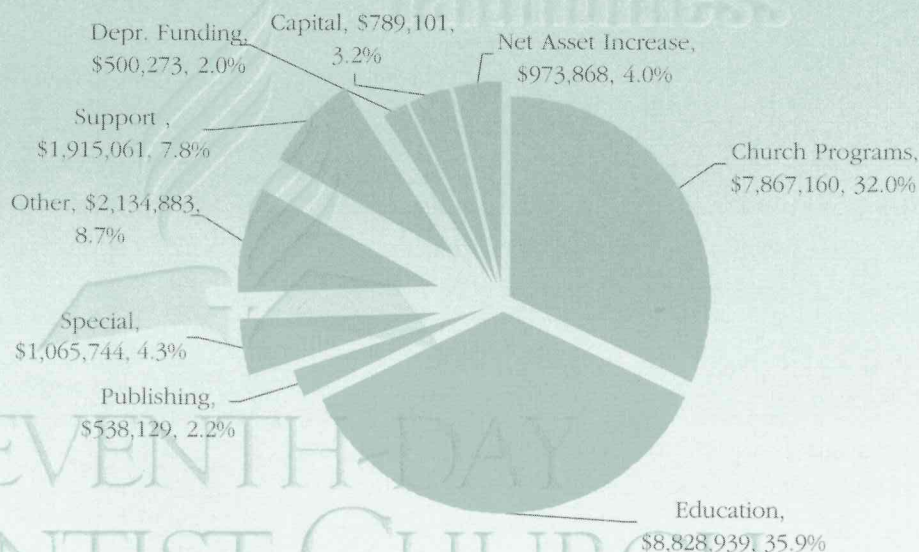
Expense Classifications

The following chart shows in a graphical way the major expense classifications and dollars as well as percentage distributions for the conference. Note the accompanying lists that identify the various fund accounts that make up the Support, Special, and Other categories of expenses.

Support includes: Accounting and Auditing, Conventions and Meetings, Printing and Copying, Medical, Loss Control, Office Operations, Industry, Farm, Rentals, and General Administration.

Special Programs includes: Communications, Community Service, Health/Temperance, Insurance, Trust Services, and Maturities.

Other Programs includes Retirement and Wisconsin Budget.



Conference Corporation Report

The Wisconsin Corporation finances are recorded in five separate sets of books (Agency, Annuity, Endowment, Plant, and Trust Funds). The net asset value of the Corporation has risen to more than \$10.2 million, up from \$9.8 million four years ago. The Endowment Fund has grown to almost \$1.2 million. The present value of the trust funds we manage totals nearly \$2.7 million.

The net book value of the church properties and plant assets have increased \$2 million during the quadrennium to over \$8.8 million. However, let us keep in mind that these assets are only of value as they are used to reach and prepare people for the second coming of Christ.

Ministerial Department

Three ministerial directors have served during the last quadrennium. Steve Gallimore and Don Corkum carried the responsibility before I came on line in March of 2002. I am grateful for the service of those who preceded me.

The work of the Ministerial Department is threefold:

- ♦ Pastoral Support
- ♦ Pastoral Training
- ♦ Personnel Assistance to Local Churches

Pastoral Support: During the preceding four years, there has been an ongoing program of support for our pastors. This support system includes personal, family and career counseling, consultation on issues pertaining to the local church and individual members, conflict resolution and a friendly and informal exchange of ideas and views. In its best implementation, the ministerial director serves as the "pastor's pastor." As such, there are no limitations as to the variety of services which the position entails.

Pastoral Training: Theological and practical training in ministry do not end when a pastor leaves the theological seminary. Professional ministry demands professional growth and enhancement of skill training. The ministerial director seeks to provide training opportunities to pastors for continuing education as well as mandatory in-services to help provide qualified service to our churches.

In the summer of 2002, we provided in-service training on *Protecting the Children: Issues in Sexual Abuse*. Dawn Lemke, lawyer for Church Mutual Insurance, spoke on liability issues to the church and employees when sexual abuse occurs with children or inappropriate sexual contact occurs within the church. James Fox provided the Biblical mandate for protecting the children. In the winter of 2002, we are planning *Church Growth: Maximizing Growth in Small Congregations* with Dr. Doug Kilcher of the Mid-America Union as our presenter.

Pastors are also encouraged to attend training events outside the conference. These include the Seeds Annual Church Planting Workshop, Natural Church Development training, Evangelism Councils, General Conference Ministerial Pre-session Training, among others.

Pastors today are expected to know a fair amount about computers and technology and their use in the work of the church. We have adopted policies that assist pastors

in the procurement of and payment for evangelistic equipment such as computers, video projectors, and Advent Digital Media programs. We have allocated funds to provide every pastoral district with a video projector and have encouraged our churches to use them for their worship and outreach. Four training events on the use of PowerPoint in evangelism and worship have been offered.

Many of our pastors are young men, filled with energy and fresh out of their ministerial training. We have a special training program for those on track for ordination called *New in Ministry*. This group meets four times each year to focus on key elements of pastoral ministry.

Personnel Assistance to Churches: The ministerial department also provides personnel services to local churches when their pastor accepts another position. This includes consultation, interviews, and personnel placement assistance.

Evangelism Coordinator

Evangelism Coordination ordinarily involves:

- ♦ Securing speakers
- ♦ Budgeting and financing the meetings
- ♦ Support for public evangelism throughout the state of Wisconsin

This is an involved process under normal circumstances when 10 to 20 evangelistic meetings per year might be scheduled by our churches. Since Hope for the Homeland has empowered our laypeople to become active in evangelism, the work has multiplied geometrically. It now includes:

- ♦ Training lay people in the general principles of soul winning
- ♦ Training lay people in the use of DVD materials in evangelism
- ♦ Orienting lay people to the work and policies of public evangelism



James Fox, director
Communication, Ministerial,
Community Services
Evangelism Coordinator

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- ♦ Coordinating advertising and printing for a majority of Hope for the Homeland meetings
- ♦ Coordinating major public evangelism by Steve DeLong (Madison, 2002) and Verne Snow (Eau Claire, 2002) as well as securing Leo Schreven for three All Power Seminars in 2003.
- ♦ James Fox also held public evangelism in Janesville/Milton, Eau Claire, Milwaukee Hispanic, Green Bay, and Wisconsin Rapids during the last four years.

The role of evangelism coordinator has dominated the ministerial function in 2002 as we have trained, planned, budgeted and implemented over 75 public evangelistic campaigns in Wisconsin.



Communication Department

While serving as correspondent to the Lake Union Herald (LUH) and preparing and mailing five issues of the Lamplighter each year occupy the primary responsibility of the Communication Department, those functions are but the tip of the iceberg.

The Communication Department also:

1. Participates in monthly LUH staff meetings
2. Holds Communication Workshops at Camp Meeting
 - ♦ 1998 – Church Communicator's Workshop
 - ♦ 1999 – Website Design
 - ♦ 2000 – Website Design Part 2
 - ♦ 2001 – Be a published writer (Ken Wade)
 - ♦ 2002 – The Art of the Story (Dr. Delyse Steyn)
3. Designs and maintains a Conference web site
4. Produces full color Wisconsin Conference calendar
5. Scheduled a Conference Communication Workshop at Madison East Church for February 7-8, 2003 on "Local Church Story Writing" with instructors from Andrews University and Lake Union Herald staff
6. Produced Wisconsin Conference constituency reports, video and written (Summers 1998 and 2002)
7. Hosted and co-produced "Russian Nights in Manhattan" *No One But You* (Winter 2002)
8. Produced and directed *Ignite Wisconsin* video (Fall 2001)
9. Produced Wisconsin Academy recruiting video (Summer 2002)
10. Working to place 3ABN on all cable providers in WI

We are also seeking new ways to communicate the Advent message and presence to the media and to our communities around us.

Community Services

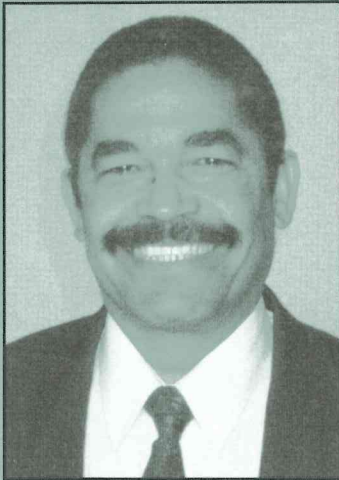
Community Services play a vital role in local churches. Our Community Services earn us the right to be heard in our communities. Five Community Services Centers operate within the state of Wisconsin with many churches and individuals providing smaller operations out of homes.

The Conference Community Services Department provides a regional meeting in each of five Community Services Federations each year. We support local centers

with their ministries and assist in the bundling of ADRA boxes for overseas distribution of clothing and necessities.

The Conference Community Services Department also represents the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wisconsin with federal and state government meetings of Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA).

Spanish Ministry



Ruben Rivera, director
Spanish Ministry

Recognition: "By their good works, Christ's followers are to bring glory, not to themselves, but to Him through whose grace and power they have wrought. It is through the Holy Spirit that every good work is accomplished, and the Spirit is given to glorify, not the receiver, but the giver. When the light of Christ is shining in the soul, the lips will be filled with praise and

thanksgiving to God" (*Mount of Blessing* 121).

Thanksgiving: Today, we glorify and thank our God for His love and mercy to us. Today, we rejoice for what Jesus has done through us, by bringing peace, hope and salvation to many who were lost.

Growth: During these four years (1998-2002), we have had the privilege of seeing how God has expanded the Spanish work in Wisconsin through the vision of our leaders at the Conference and the dedication and faithfulness of the church members. At this time, God has added about 300 Hispanic souls to His Church. We have around 500 members organized as follows: six churches, one company, and six branch Sabbath schools for a total of 13 groups.

In 1998 Spanish groups only had a presence in five or six

communities. Today we find groups of believers worshiping and working together in Racine, Delavan, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Watertown, Madison, Almond, Appleton, Sheboygan, and Green Bay.

Faithfulness-Fidelity: It is true that we have experienced good growth for the church, but it has not been because of the five Hispanic pastors alone—our lay people are committed to the Lord's commission and the mission of the church. They give their time, talents, temple and treasures to our dear God.

We have had the privilege of being blessed by contributing to the Conference finances. The average of our return and giving is \$250,000 in tithe and \$10,000 for missions.

Spiritual-Social Life Growth: Hispanic church members are richly blessed by the activities that take place throughout the year. These activities include: Spanish Camp, Brotherhood Day, Couples Retreat, Youth Retreat, and other training meetings and seminars. But more than that, we have been doing evangelism in different ways: small groups meetings, personal lay activities, single church crusades, and metropolitan crusades, as well. As a result of these crusades, God added to His church: 63 in 1999, 55 in 2000, 87 in 2001. And for this year, we are asking Him for 100 souls. To God be the glory and all praise.

Also, we thank the conference leaders for their support and the English speaking pastors and members in the churches that are supporting the church planting program.

Conference Support Staff



Kitty Cray
Presidential,
Ministerial, and
Communication
Secretary



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Trust, Stewardship,
and Community
Services Secretary

Church Ministries Department



*Mike and Juanita Edge, directors
Church Ministries*

The youth of Wisconsin continue to hold high the torch of outreach and service in our conference and beyond. Several of our young people are serving as student missionaries around the country and the globe. Serving as assistant deans, English, math, Bible, and history teachers, these young people

are portraying Jesus' love.

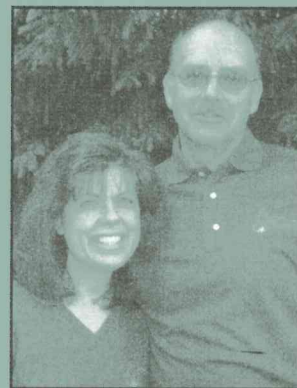
Closer to home, elementary young people have conducted a full evangelistic series, and the Lord blessed with 15 people baptized.

Ministry is a key word at Camp Wakonda, and our youth again have been the center of pointing young people to Jesus as their Savior. In the past three years our camp

staff have served 856 young people. Just this past summer the staff were personally involved in leading 84 campers to accept Jesus for the first time. Eighty-one young people chose to recommit their lives to Jesus and 53 requested baptism.

Jim Johnson, our camp ranger, and his wife, Linda, our Food Service Director, are an integral part of the ministry and service at camp.

New additions to ministry facilities at Camp Wakonda include an Indian village, an outdoor chapel in the pines, a refurbished Cedar Lodge that now houses the Nature Center, and a remodeled ceramics room. A new addition to the shop and a new director's house that includes the "Four Seasons" guest housing also were built during this quadrennium.



*Linda and Jim Johnson
Food Service, Ranger*

Pathfinders

Pathfinders continue to be a highlight of youth ministry in Wisconsin. Teams from across the conference participated in the annual Bible Bowl, with several teams advancing to the Lake Union level. One team went on to win at the North American Division level. The Bible Bowl has sparked an interest in individual and group Bible study.

While weekly Pathfinder meetings are the core of the Pathfinder ministry, Wisconsin hosted the largest

Pathfinder camporee in North American history, "Discover the Power," with 22,000 Pathfinders and staff gathering for four days of activities at Oshkosh. In 2004, over 25,000 Pathfinders are expected to return to Oshkosh for the "Faith On Fire" Pathfinder Camporee. Adventure clubs continue to grow and introduce young people of the early elementary years to the principles of Christianity: love for God and service for humankind.

Sabbath School and Children's Ministries

Weekly ministry occurs as dedicated leaders selflessly teach and show Jesus to others. In addition, Vacation Bible Schools across the state have brought many from communities to Jesus and His church. Annual Vacation Bible School workshops provide training for leaders.

Men's Ministries

Annually nearly 100 men have gathered at Camp Wakonda for the Men's Conference. Wonderful fellowship, speakers, and terrific food, highlight the annual gathering.

Health and Temperance

Juanita and Mike have teamed up to lead in the health ministry in our conference. Health evangelism is growing in Wisconsin. Through time-honored seminars, such as the Breath Free program and cooking schools, church members are continuing to reach out to their communities. Through new seminars such as CHIP, micro-CHIP, and Eight Weeks to Wellness, churches are finding new ways to help people to be healthier and come close to Jesus.

Education Department

The Seventh-day Adventist educational system is the third largest parochial school system in the United States and the second largest in the world. Why is Christian education so important to us? What is the main objective of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education? We strive to have a high-quality academic program, but this is not our only goal.

In addition to providing an education that trains our youth to be competent adults, we aim to inspire them to use their knowledge to make a difference in the world. We want to give them the opportunity to build a relationship with Jesus Christ. Every effort must be made to help them develop a deep desire to spend eternity with

the Lord and to work in this life to help others develop that same desire. To this end, we seek to educate our children in an environment that is conducive to spiritual development. We want our schools to be places where prayer is encouraged, love for Christ is the accepted norm, and service to others is an integral part of the program.



Ken Kirkham, director
Education

Not a job but a ministry

Many hours are spent each year seeking qualified candidates who are properly trained **and** dedicated to the ministry for children. We do not look for people who



Teachers work on learning centers during a bi-annual inservice.

want a job. Teachers are sought who want a ministry. When Wisconsin teachers were asked to state their most valued professional goals, these two were stated most often:

- ♦ A desire to teach students about the unconditional love of God.
- ♦ A desire to show by example how the students can develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

It is obvious they are meeting with success. Over the past four year period 117 students have been baptized.

Testing

Each year students in grades three through nine are tested to determine ability and achievement levels. It is exciting to see that the average for Wisconsin third through eighth grade students increased from 59 percentile last year to 62 percentile this year. This means the average score of these students is above 61 percent of **all** students nationwide. Testing also indicated our students are working on an average of a half grade level

Thirty-nine teachers are employed by the Wisconsin Conference for the 2002-2003 school year. All have at least a bachelor's degree. Thirty-six percent of our teachers have a master's degree and of the remaining 64 percent, the majority are in the process of earning an MA degree. Our teachers are required to continually upgrade their skills to remain on the cutting edge. Most of our teachers attend Andrews University each summer, work on home study courses, or attend local schools each year to sharpen their skills. In-service programs are planned in August and February and regional teacher meetings are held in the spring and fall to stimulate teacher thinking and to provide them with tools that will enrich the educational program for our children. **Our teachers not only have the right priorities, they are also highly trained.**

above what they would be expected to work based on their natural abilities. The achievement test scores of the ninth grade students in our three junior academies were also encouraging. They had an average achievement test score of 73 percentile. This means they would score higher than 72 percent of all ninth grade students nationwide.

Reading Scores

Recently the reading score results for the state public school third graders were published. It was encouraging to see an upward trend. Seventy-four percent of all third graders in the state tested as proficient in reading. This same test is not given to the Adventist students in Wisconsin, but a check of our test results shows that our

third grade students averaged at the 74 percentile in reading. This means that our average third grade student reads better than 73 percent of the students in the nation. **There is no reason to feel that Adventist education in Wisconsin is inferior.**

Bible Labs

An important part of the K-10 curriculum is Bible Labs, where teachers are asked to involve students in witnessing and community service outreach. It is important that the students know that serving God means serving their fellow man. They need to know the joy that comes from serving others. Our schools have been involved in a wide variety of service/witnessing projects. Within the last year these have included:

- ◆ Preparing/serving/delivering food to those in need (18 schools)
- ◆ Regularly visiting in nursing homes (12 schools)
- ◆ Raising money for worthy causes (12 schools)
- ◆ Preparing and sending cards to the sick and lonely (12 schools)

The sixth through tenth grades of the Adventist Junior Academy of Green Bay planned and carried out a five

week evangelistic series in the fall of 2001. The students cared for all aspects for planning and conducting these meetings, including speaking each night. During the planning they prayed that the Lord would bless them with fifteen souls and their request was honored.

At our August worker's meeting, the pastors and teachers were urged to work together to involve the students in the Hope for the Homeland outreach. The Lake Union Office of Education is providing a small budget to help our schools accomplish this.

One can not help but think of the statement by E.G. White. "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!" (Education 271)

Science Fair

One of the unique aspects of Adventist education is the focus on God's creative power. The Science Fair gives our students in grades five through twelve a chance to gain knowledge and appreciation of the Creator. Our annual Science Fair was held on Sunday, April 7, at Wisconsin Academy. A total of 165 students took part in

this event. As usual, visitors were impressed with the effort and study that went into the preparation for the event. The exhibits, demonstrations, and events of the day reminded students and visitors of the quality and spiritual impact of Adventist education.

K-12 Enrollment

	K-10	WA	Total
1998-1999	363	126	489
1999-2000	341	135	476
2000-2001	314	149	463
2001-2002	332	131	463

K-12 Baptisms

	K-10	WA	Total
1998-1999	21	2	23
1999-2000	28	4	32
2000-2001	28	2	30
2001-2002	31	1	32
TOTALS	108	9	117

If you have become involved in any way with the educational program here in Wisconsin, or if you attended the graduation weekend at Wisconsin Academy this last May, you have seen constant reminders of how the Lord is working in the lives of our children through

our educational system. This has happened through the cooperative efforts of the home, the church, and the schools of our conference. We must always remember: **Christian education isn't expensive, it's priceless!**

Stewardship Department



Richard Habenicht, director
Stewardship, Trust Services

Christian stewardship includes the recognition of a steward (us) and owner (God) relationship, and living one's life and using one's resources in light of that relationship. Christian stewardship also remembers that God is our Redeemer. He has rescued us from death and graciously provided for our salvation and eternal life. Because of this, the Christian seeks to give gifts in gratitude for the support of the Redeemer's work and to be honest in returning tithe.

Each church is encouraged to nominate stewardship leaders for promotion and education in the local church.

The first chart below shows the amounts of tithe returned by our members. We wish every member could experience the blessings of God to those who prove faithful with the tithe.

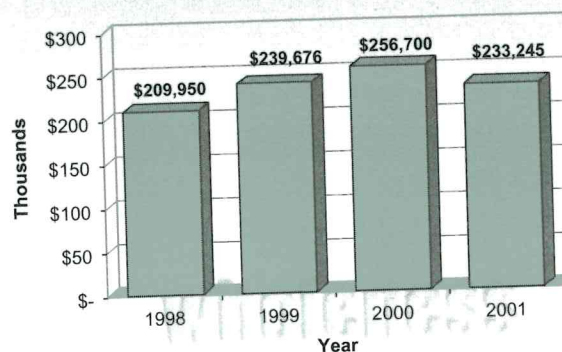
This second chart shows the amount of money received through Wisconsin Budget by constituency members for each year of the quadrennium. The current total for these four years is \$939,571.

The final chart shows our world budget and missions giving. The total received for the World Budget during this quadrennium is \$1,077,314. We praise God for all the Wisconsin members who are faithful stewards.

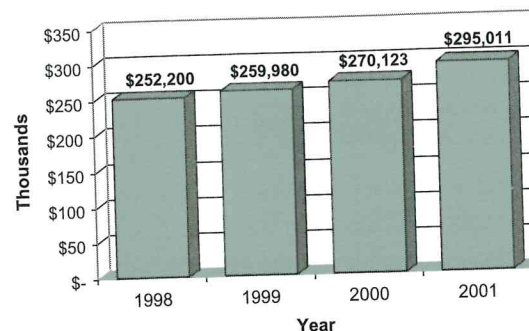
Yearly Tithe Comparison



Wisconsin Budget Offering



World Budget / Missions Giving



Trust Department

God is the owner of all. Yet through His mercy we are allowed to act as stewards of His assets. While such stewardship makes provision for our personal and family needs, we should remember that we have nothing of our own. Therefore we are responsible to a loving heavenly Father for both that which we use during our lifetime and any residue which remains.

Objectives of the Trust Department include:

- ◆ Pointing to Biblical teachings which reveal God as the owner of all things and individuals as recipients of His benevolence and stewards of His assets.
- ◆ Encouraging the preparation of wills and other legal documents by sharing current information regarding statutes of law and tax matters and providing competent legal counsel for the drafting of such documents.
- ◆ Acting as trustee as requested by members when a beneficial interest to the church exists.
- ◆ Providing storage for the filing of all completed documents and related items for trustors and testators.
- ◆ Managing over \$2.6 million in assets entrusted to the conference.

It is our privilege to share with our constituents methods of finance, stewardship, and estate planning which will

help to ensure a judicious use of God's assets both during life and after death.

Our Group Legal Services Plan, established in 1992, continues to provide estate planning, including wills. The plan also assists individuals in creating trusts for any who wish to include the Lord's work in their bequests.

Eleven new trusts and 102 new wills were written during the quadrennium. Three thrusts during this quadrennium have been:

- ◆ Obtaining approval from the state of Wisconsin to write Charitable Gift Annuities and beginning our program with the writing of 14 Gift Annuity agreements totaling \$360,000.
- ◆ The writing of approximately \$700,000 in Charitable Remainder Unitrusts.
- ◆ Encouraging our members to have their affairs in order by having at least a will in place.

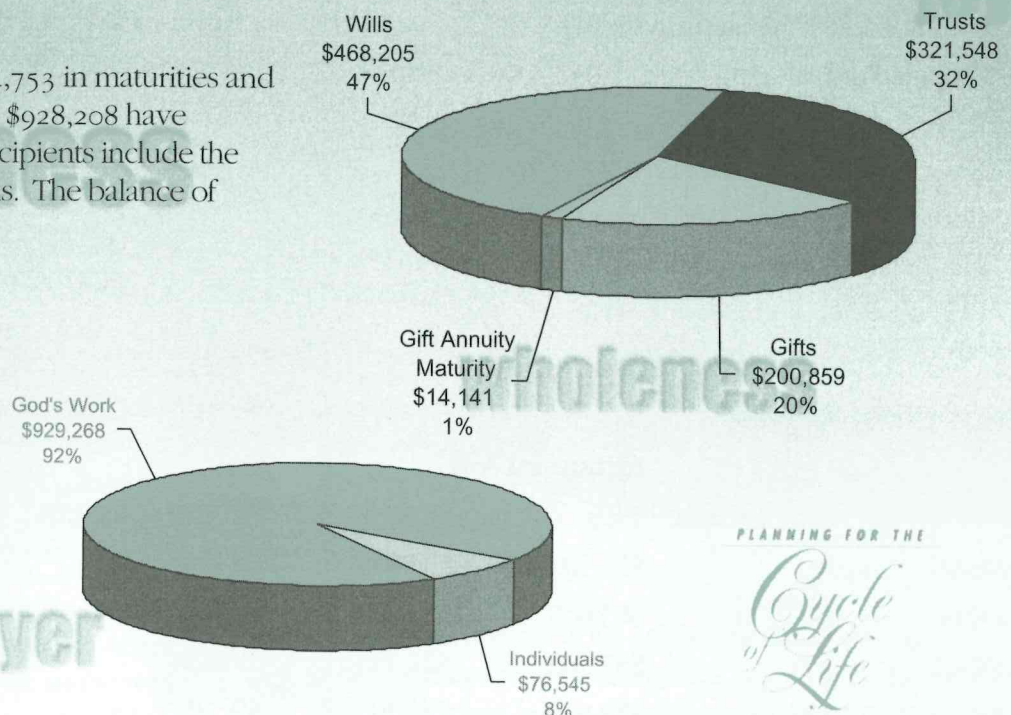
The director, secretary, and treasurer meet requirements of the denomination as certified trust officers.

In 1996, the Wisconsin Trust Department became the second in the Lake Union to meet Level A accreditation, the highest standard of the denomination. In 2000, we were granted a three year audit which shows the auditors are comfortable with our program.

Gifts and Maturities

During the last four years, \$1,004,753 in maturities and gifts have been realized of which \$928,208 have benefited the Lord's work. The recipients include the conference, churches, and schools. The balance of \$76,545 benefited individuals.

Distributions



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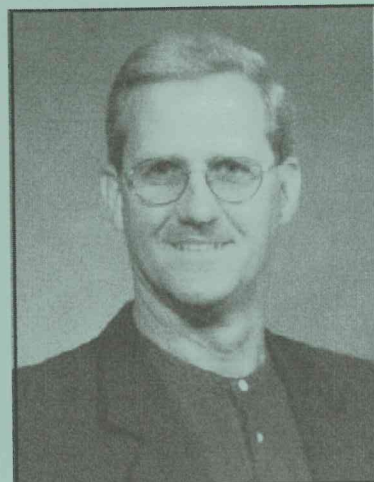
Cycle of Life

Wisconsin Academy

"In God We Trust" is a phrase that we are proud to use on our campus. God is invited into every class, every meeting and every ball game. Wisconsin Academy is about teaching our youth to include God in everything. With your continued help we can continue to offer a Christ centered program to the youth of our conference.

A very big **thank you** is in order to all of you who

helped make our new cafeteria a reality. What a blessing it has brought to our campus. Together we can continue to make Wisconsin Academy a better place, a monument to what God can do when His people trust Him.



John Thomas
Principal

Campus Improvements

- ♦ New cafeteria
- ♦ Fenced in sewer plant
- ♦ Replaced steam boiler with individual building boilers
- ♦ New chapel and administration building roofs
- ♦ Removed and replaced asbestos tile in upper administration building
- ♦ Up-graded phone system
- ♦ Remodeled houses 2 and 7
- ♦ Added houses 5-10 to sewer system
- ♦ Up-graded water systems in houses 5-10
- ♦ Repainted both dorm interiors
- ♦ New boy's dorm lobby carpet
- ♦ Upgraded gym fire alarm system
- ♦ Changed old cafeteria into girl's recreation room
- ♦ Leased industry building to Gardner Equipment
- ♦ New PA system in chapel
- ♦ Converted gym girls' locker room into weight room
- ♦ Planted new trees on campus
- ♦ Replaced 1/3 of girls' dorm roof

Work in Progress

- ♦ Complete closure of underground storage tanks
- ♦ Continue upgrade of sewer system
- ♦ Complete new computer lab
- ♦ Continue to upgrade computers
- ♦ Continue research on internet access
- ♦ Network campus

New Projects

- ♦ Research and move ahead with dorm upgrades
- ♦ Build greater resources for financial aid
- ♦ Explore the possibility of creating a development/recruiting position

Statistical Report

	Enrollment	Financial Aid		School Charges
		YES	YES+	
1998-99	131	\$77,400	\$33,000	\$8,435
1999-00	149	\$63,800	\$23,000	\$8,700
2000-01	135	\$87,600	\$21,400	\$9,000
2001-02	126	\$52,800	\$23,300	\$9,325
2002-03	116	\$46,000	\$31,000	\$9,950

Conference Coordinators

Recovery Ministries

Recovery Ministries has a special message of hope for individuals in pain from dysfunction, abuse, and addictions. It is based on the principles of the Twelve Steps for Christians. These same principles are spelled out in the book *Steps to Christ*. Ken and Bodil Kirkham share their experience and how they have been led to a closer walk with the Lord. Tools are presented to help Christians deal with dysfunction and addictions. Participants realize that God does not condemn, but loves us unconditionally. By His grace there is hope and victory over sin.

Presentations have been made through church services,

Sabbath afternoon seminars, camp meeting sessions, and Bible study groups. Follow-up meetings to serve the alumni of the Lake Union's "Hope for the Hurting Heart" have also been held. All teachers in the conference have received training so they can better meet student needs. Presentations have been made in many churches and districts throughout the conference.



Bodil Kirkham
coordinator

Women's Ministries



Aileen King
coordinator

Women's Ministries in Wisconsin means: building up the church through fellowship, music, refreshing, laughter, tears, being near God, friendship, fun, healing, understanding, special treatment, studying, praying, helping, sharing, encouragement.

On the local level, women are joining together in many ways (one day retreats, prayer groups, study groups, outings) to savor the

attitude of love on which they thrive. Local leaders plan events that bond women together as mentors and friends.

On the conference level, the Time of Refreshing Retreat is in its fourteenth year and is an event hundreds of women look forward to from one year to the next. There, lasting friendships are formed, family ties are cemented, and lives are affected by Jesus.

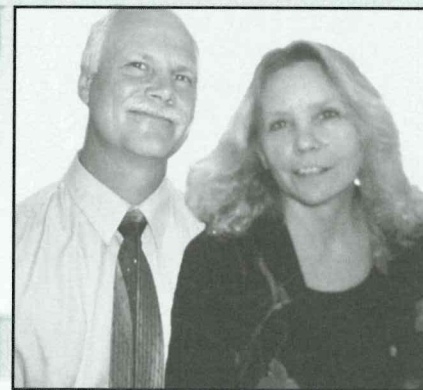
More and more women are taking the lead in this adventure with God and finding it a comfortable way to touch others with their Friend Jesus.

Prayer Ministries

As we have watched God continue to revive a movement of prayer in various places throughout North America, it has been our dream to see God make this spirit of revival a reality here in Wisconsin. Many of you have invited us to your churches for the worship hour and for seminars. It is our prayer that it was not just another program, but in fact many of you have begun a prayer experiment that has continued to grow and develop into something so special you would never want to try life again without it. God has allowed us to share in churches, schools, hospitals, prisons, and conventions.

Whenever people pray, things happen, and there is always a story. In this brief space we have room for only one. On registration day (8/18/02) at Wisconsin Academy, Alana Bongard (a junior at WA) came to the window of the Business Office with a big smile on her face and full of enthusiasm. She said, "Do you want to know what

God did for me this summer? I went for the first few weeks without any possibilities for a summer job. Mom and I decided to stop and pray." Within just a few hours, Alana had been interviewed and offered her first job! But it didn't stop there. Within the next day or two, she had four possibilities for full time summer employment. Alana was beaming as she left the office. Let's join her in an exciting prayer journey.



Greg and Lesa Budd
coordinators

Small Group Ministry

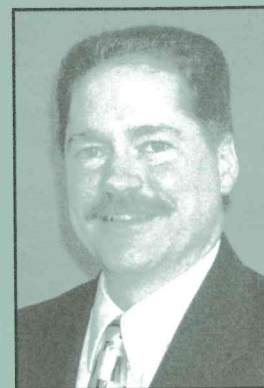
Small Group Ministry is church members involved in evangelism in places outside of the church building (preferably homes). It is a form of evangelism that provides a warm and friendly environment. It allows members and non-members to develop rich relationships with others. Small groups lead people from their own home to a friend's home and eventually to the church.

According to Ellen White, God has outlined this form of evangelism as something that cannot fail. "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort is a plan that has been presented before me by One who cannot err... The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private homes, is often more successful in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the open air, to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches" (GW 193).

Over the last four years we have promoted the concept of Small Group Ministry in the Wisconsin Conference.

Hundreds of people have benefitted from the training events that took place at the campground in the August Lay Training Seminars. This ministry has been slowly growing. Pastors Chuck Kohley, David Guerrero, Art Miller, Richard Moore, and others have people coming to church because of Small Group Ministry.

Let's continue to be involved with sharing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our friends, family, workmates, and schoolmates. Let's invite these people to our homes and demonstrate that Jesus loves them and so do we.



*Richard Moore
coordinator*

Adventist Book Center

During the past four years, the Adventist Book Center has continued to grow and change.

- ♦ New products (Bible Study, Spiritual Resources, Vegetarian Cuisine and more)
- ♦ New library program for schools
- ♦ New fund raising program for churches
- ♦ Continued friendly service
- ♦ Steadfast commitment to serving the constituency (that's you!)

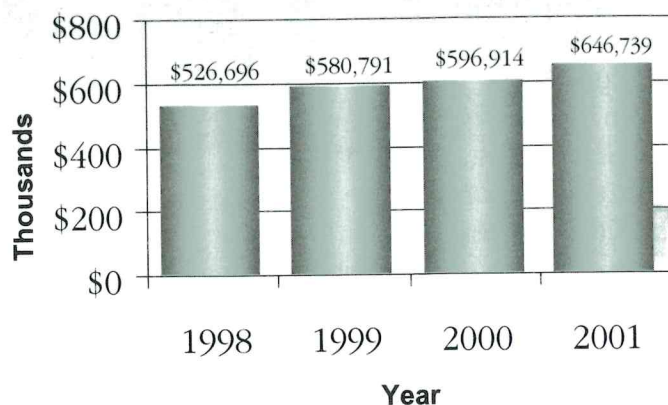
Sales totaled almost \$650,000 for the year 2001. Our Campmeeting sales have gone from \$156,000 in 1997 to \$217,000 for 2002. For the last two year period, the ABC made a profit of about \$11,000. Thank you for your continued support of the Adventist Book Center.

Our staff include Nancy Thomas, Marsha Claus, and Rick Claus.



*Rick Claus
manager*

Total Sales



The Mission of the Wisconsin Conference

The following statement of Mission, Vision, and Values is to be approved at the session:

Vision Statement

Living God's Love

Mission Statement

Seventh-day Adventists in Wisconsin seek to uplift Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life

- ♦ As **the Way** by introducing people to their Savior, Jesus Christ.
- ♦ As **the Truth** by sharing the truth about God and the plan of salvation as revealed in the Bible and taught by Jesus and by proclaiming the message of present truth found in Revelation 14:6-11. This is Christ's last message of warning and appeal prior to His return.
- ♦ As **the Life** by living a life to honor and glorify God which includes: loving people for Jesus, reflecting Him in all aspects of our life and witness, and possessing the qualities of trusting and obedience (Revelation 14:12).

Our Priorities

Education: Providing quality Christian education available to all students. This education will inspire students to a personal commitment to Jesus and train and involve them in service.

Community: Seeking to be the salt and light to the world by being a positive presence. Our neighborhoods will become enlightened and enriched by our presence.

Family: Building homes where Christ is central with commitment to values such as mutual love, honor, respect, and responsibility.

Congregations: Encouraging congregations to continue to grow as loving, vibrant centers of fellowship, service, outreach, and worship.

Evangelism: Reaching all people for Christ. Special emphasis on population centers and young adults.

Spirituality: Inspiring members to experience spiritual intimacy with Christ through prayer and Bible study.

Stewardship: Honoring Christ by giving Him priority in our time, talents, and possessions. Faithfulness in tithing and sacrificial giving of offerings will be each member's response in these pivotal times.

Youth: Providing youth with an atmosphere of love and acceptance in our churches. Youth are encouraged to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their savior and be involved significantly in the life and ministry of the church.

Values

- ♦ Faithfulness to the Bible message and counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy is fundamental.
- ♦ Christ and the cross must be central to all beliefs and practices.
- ♦ All people belong to God and should be treated with respect and dignity.
- ♦ Lost people matter to God.
- ♦ Every person's gifts and talents are to be employed in fulfilling Christ's mission.
- ♦ The Adventist message is vital and is to be lived and shared before Christ comes.
- ♦ Christ's character of love, unity, and service must be reflected in His body, the church.
- ♦ The people of God are to be stewards of all His heavenly treasure.
- ♦ Youth are vital and must be inspired and involved in ministry.
- ♦ The Lord's business is to be conducted in an ethical manner with financial responsibility.

Wisconsin Budget Goal

Through July 2002

Church	Members	Goal for 2002	Goal thru 7-31-2002	Amt. rec. thru 7-31-2002	Amt under goal 7-31-2002	% of goal received
Almond	48	2,519.85	1,469.91	1,821.20	(351.29)	124%
Antigo	41	1,745.43	1,018.17	847.63	170.54	83%
Ashland	50	1,314.81	766.97	197.63	569.34	26%
Baraboo	39	3,265.07	1,904.62	1,893.51	11.11	99%
Beaver Dam	23	881.26	514.07	1,436.39	(922.32)	279%
Beloit	63	1,929.26	1,125.40	414.10	711.30	37%
Bethel	168	5,434.25	3,169.98	1,934.70	1,235.28	61%
Chippewa Falls	31	2,141.69	1,249.32	1,248.55	0.77	100%
Clear Lake	98	6,062.35	3,536.37	2,797.57	738.80	79%
Clearwater Lake	80	2,341.19	1,365.70	1,960.10	(594.40)	144%
Delavan	61	3,463.65	2,020.46	1,968.16	52.30	97%
Durand	52	3,325.33	1,939.78	1,376.32	563.46	71%
Eau Claire	160	9,014.86	5,258.67	2,795.21	2,463.46	53%
Evansville	33	1,661.88	969.43	365.50	603.93	38%
Fish Creek	14	633.24	369.39	696.90	(327.51)	189%
Fox Valley	234	14,821.67	8,645.97	5,223.33	3,422.64	60%
Frederic	63	5,094.63	2,971.87	3,391.25	(419.38)	114%
Gillett	27	864.90	504.53	961.45	(456.92)	191%
Green Bay	481	24,167.61	14,097.77	6,532.31	7,565.46	46%
Hayward	30	2,574.37	1,501.72	416.79	1,084.93	28%
Hylandale	66	2,457.60	1,433.60	626.60	807.00	44%
Janesville	82	3,456.06	2,016.03	1,696.34	319.69	84%
Kenosha	48	2,833.15	1,652.67	710.10	942.57	43%
LaCrosse	66	2,810.23	1,639.30	1,264.69	374.61	77%
Lakeland	44	1,665.92	971.78	1,107.85	(136.07)	114%
Lancaster	62	2,583.47	1,507.03	732.64	774.39	49%
Lena	69	5,140.33	2,998.53	1,473.77	1,524.76	49%
Madison Comm.	154	12,550.30	7,321.01	3,265.43	4,055.58	45%
Madison	382	20,428.99	11,916.91	10,320.25	1,596.66	87%
Marshfield	106	5,364.28	3,129.16	2,134.07	995.09	68%
Menomonie	52	1,518.61	885.86	318.62	567.24	36%
Merrill	23	1,208.82	705.15	912.00	(206.85)	129%
Milton	156	6,368.36	3,714.88	2,461.40	1,253.48	66%
Milwaukee Central	233	13,411.41	7,823.32	4,670.43	3,152.89	60%
Milw. N. Spanish	120	3,698.74	2,157.60	471.76	1,685.84	22%
Milw. N. West	161	11,786.43	6,875.42	4,012.57	2,862.85	58%
Milw. Maranatha Spanish	20	498.28	290.66	0.00	290.66	0%
Milw. Hayes Spanish	52	1,957.22	1,141.71	228.00	913.71	20%
Milw. Central Spanish	129	4,865.97	2,838.48	1,581.56	1,256.92	56%
Moon	14	1,862.67	1,086.56	332.89	753.67	31%
Monroe Company	11	223.13	130.16	183.85	(53.69)	141%
Neillsville Company	19	870.37	507.71	509.00	(1.29)	100%
New London	57	2,819.09	1,644.47	1,514.94	129.53	92%
Oakland	37	1,753.29	1,022.75	1,125.29	(102.54)	110%

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Oconto	39	992.80	579.13	943.50	(364.37)	163%
Oxford	69	5,814.71	3,391.92	1,659.38	1,732.54	49%
Portage	105	4,897.38	2,856.81	2,379.56	477.25	83%
Pound	51	1,583.46	923.69	367.40	556.29	40%
Prairie du Chien	20	845.29	493.08	342.14	150.94	69%
Racine	126	5,899.11	3,441.15	898.27	2,542.88	26%
Racine Spanish	72	597.42	348.50	51.15	297.35	15%
Raymond	117	6,506.76	3,795.61	1,054.70	2,740.91	28%
Reedsburg	54	1,667.20	972.53	868.00	104.53	89%
Rhineland	100	4,151.36	2,421.62	3,312.39	(890.77)	137%
Rice Lake	131	8,727.78	5,091.20	3,288.83	1,802.37	65%
Richland Center	75	3,021.35	1,762.46	222.00	1,540.46	13%
Shawano	28	1,431.59	835.09	417.26	417.83	50%
Sheboygan	90	4,854.88	2,832.01	2,633.08	198.93	93%
Sheb. Spanish Company	46	2,388.85	1,393.50	281.05	1,112.45	20%
Sparta	64	717.87	418.76	190.25	228.51	45%
Spooner-Trego	12	197.85	115.41	24.19	91.22	21%
Stevens Point	53	2,836.99	1,654.91	904.05	750.86	55%
Sturgeon Bay	19	998.36	582.38	2,300.06	(1,717.68)	395%
Superior	59	2,728.49	1,591.62	467.56	1,124.06	29%
Tomah	37	1,002.89	585.02	474.11	110.91	81%
Tomahawk Company	18	1,377.52	803.55	884.00	(80.45)	110%
Watertown	43	934.38	545.06	396.45	148.61	73%
Watertown Hispanic Co.	14	1,176.96	686.56	714.00	(27.44)	104%
Waukesha	264	15,254.56	8,898.49	2,928.84	5,969.65	33%
Wausau	88	5,392.37	3,145.55	3,779.21	(633.66)	120%
Wisconsin Acad.	287	19,811.70	11,556.82	7,521.20	4,035.62	65%
Wisconsin Conference	277	34,572.37	20,167.22	2,340.95	17,826.27	12%
Wisconsin Rapids	77	2,227.72	1,299.50	485.90	813.60	37%
TOTAL	6,394	348,000.00	203,000.00	122,062.13	80,937.87	60%

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Hope for the Homeland is a public service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We believe there is “hope” for humanity in the Bible’s message. Hope for living today ... Hope for a better tomorrow ... Hope for a future where God is in control and sin is no more.

As you receive this issue, *Hope for the Homeland* meetings will have already begun. Please pray for God’s Spirit to be poured out! Please attend a meeting in your area if it is available. Please invite someone you know to attend these wonderful messages of *Hope for the Homeland*. *James Fox, Evangelism Coordinator*

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