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Welcome to Convention!



Loren Stacy
Conference
President

Thank you for attending the 2025 General Conference Convention! I deeply appreciate your commitment to Christ and to our church, demonstrated by your willingness to invest time and money in order to participate.

Each General Conference Convention is special in that it provides us an every-other-year occasion to gather in one place at one time to worship, teach and learn, fellowship, and conduct the business of the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the United States and Canada. Convention is always a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends. (I've long suspected that's the number one reason most of us come!)

This year's convention is made even more special because it marks a major transition in General Conference leadership. As has been announced, at the end of our time here, Executive Director Jody McCoy and I will pass the baton of leadership to Elder Greg Lincoln, incoming president, and to Elder Daniel Flores, incoming executive director. We do this gladly, firmly convinced that God is blessing the General Conference with this team of godly men to lead us forward.

The theme of our 2025 Convention is "Engage." I encourage you to fully engage in all of the opportunities this week provides you. Then take what you have learned home with you and use it to engage more and more effectively in your local congregation.

May God bless you, and each of us attending this convention, with wonderful worship, fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth. If we engage, I'm confident He will as well.

From the Executive Director



Jody McCoy

I recently heard a sermon about oranges. The speaker said that when we squeeze an orange, we get orange juice. We never get apple, grape, or lemon juice. Why? Because the squeezing can reveal only what's already inside the orange. Likewise, when we are squeezed, we often don't like the things that come out of us, and it's common to blame it on our circumstances or our environment. But is it the squeezing that matters or what's already inside the orange?

In a perfect world, it's easy to be kind to those who are kind to us. But imagine what would happen if God placed us in a fallen world where people occasionally misjudge us, take from us, or disrespect us. Would we love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who mistreat us? When we are squeezed, does it reveal us as children of God?

The good news is that if you don't like who you are, you can become something you're not. You can become a new creation – a child of God (1 John 3:1-3). You can be born again.

Focus on Jesus and follow His plan.

From the Chairman

The General Conference board of directors is thrilled that you have chosen to attend the 2025 GC Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each of you and thank God for your presence here.

This has been a significant year of transition for our General Conference family. We thank the Lord for President Loren Stacy and Executive Director Jody McCoy, whose ten years of faithful and visionary leadership have blessed our Conference.

As we look to the future, we joyfully welcome incoming President Greg Lincoln and Executive Director Daniel Flores. We pray for God's continued guidance and favor as they begin their new season of leadership.

This year's convention theme is "Engage." Throughout our time together, you'll have opportunities to engage in meaningful worship, important business sessions, and enriching fellowship with Christ, friends, and new relationships from all over. This will provide a great support group to help you grow in the Lord. We look forward to all that God will do as we come together with purpose and unity.

I thank every attendee for engaging wholeheartedly in the life and mission of our Conference. Your commitment and participation are what make the General Conference Convention a powerful gathering of God's people!



Dennis O'Banion

From the Treasurer

Over the past two years, financial support from friends, members, churches, and districts has remained strong. During this period, the General Conference has been blessed with several unexpected sources of financial support, including a one-time gift of nearly \$2.5 million. All praise and thanksgiving go to our God, who provides for us so abundantly!

Thanks to your faithfulness, our organization has continued to proclaim the gospel throughout the world – through word, action, and assistance to others who labor in God's field. And we've strengthened both our individual members and our local churches.

The board of directors, with President Loren Stacy, Executive Director Jody McCoy, and all of our district superintendents, remains committed to the Church's mission. We also support future generations through ongoing investment in Artios Christian College. In the last two years, the board established a special GC Equipping for Excellence Scholarship of up to \$10,500 for Artios students. This helps alleviate the financial burden for those pursuing a degree, and it reflects our commitment to cultivating a biblically literate laity, biblically sound clergy, and well-equipped, purpose-driven church.

Also, the board created a special \$200,000 grant to promote personal evangelism, small groups, welcoming churches, communications, and church planting across our Conference.

Financial reports and summaries are on the Conference's website (cog7.org) for viewing and download.

On behalf of the General Conference, thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of the Church of God (Seventh Day)!



Greg Lincoln

Artios Christian College



Brian Franks
Co-Director

Through flexible, financially responsible courses and other focused resources, Artios Christian College lays biblical foundations so all God's people can effectively do His work. They equip men and women, pastors and non-pastors, to fulfill God's calling to use their gifts in the body of Christ for God's glory.

The Artios Center for Vibrant Leadership takes the equipping ministry of Artios beyond the classroom and into the church through seminars, weekend events, customized coaching, and other not-for-credit resources tailored for local congregations, leadership teams, boards, and pastors.

Cumulative ministry impact

Since 2009, over 650 individuals have earned credit through Artios. Over 200 have graduated from an academic program, including *65 percent of current non-retired, licensed* NAMC ministers and dozens of other General Conference leaders.

Since 2023 convention

Over 150 students have registered for close to 600 classes. About 25 of these have completed an academic program and will be recognized at the graduation commencement held at convention.

Artios piloted a new satellite campus in Houston, Texas. This provides hybrid learning that includes a live/in-person component for a more interactive learning environment.

Our website got an overhaul and is easier to navigate than ever, including answers to frequently asked questions! Check it out at artioscollege.org.

Nearly 300 have profited from the Artios Center for Vibrant Leadership's online webinars on the Middle East conflict and navigating a difficult election season, and the much-requested translation of *Vibrant Church* into Spanish has been completed. You can find these resources at center.artioscollege.org. The Center also provided a leadership forum, with close to 90 participants and, most recently, a study on Biblical Eldership for the North American Ministerial Council (with a book in the works).

Artios snapshot today

Artios offers 27 courses. About 75 students are currently enrolled in an academic program, while roughly 25 percent of Artios' students are not seeking a degree but equipping in a specific area of interest. Our student body is diverse, representing all age ranges – from teens to senior citizens – all seven districts in the US and Canada, as well as few international students. Sixty percent of our students are prospective pastors, 54 percent take classes in Spanish, and 18 percent are women.

Partnering with Artios

Your assistance is vital to the continued fruitfulness of Artios Christian College. Please pray for staff, faculty, and students regularly. Your faithful giving also allows us to offer tuition below actual cost so as many students as possible can attend. Please consider a gift this year to continue the work of the college and the Center!



Makayla Ross
Co-Director

Mexico, Central, and South America. The Church continues strong growth in these countries. Cristo Viene funded missionaries in Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Peru. In August 2023, SHINE completed a medical and dental mission with the Church in Honduras. In November 2024, SHINE also completed a mission in Paraguay, helping establish the Church in Encarnacion, the second largest city in the country. In 2023, hurricane disaster support was sent for our brethren in Acapulco, Mexico.

Africa. The Church is in nineteen African countries, with contacts in eight more. Significant orphan and widow ministries continue in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Focus remains on sustainability projects for long-term growth and includes agriculture projects in Rwanda, Zambia, and Malawi, higher education, and more. Pastoral training, building construction, and the purchase of equipment for evangelism were also provided. We supply BAP literature to train leaders and introduce the Church to new contacts. Sabbath school quarterlies are regularly translated into local languages.

Asia and Pacific Rim. Orphan and widow ministries continue strong in Pakistan and Myanmar. In Pakistan, nearly 50 widows and their families working in brick kilns have had their debts paid for and set free. More than 300 women have been trained on and equipped with sewing machines since 2017 and have started their own sewing businesses. In Yangon, Myanmar, a three-story building continues to be improved. Twelve orphans currently reside there and can grow in a strong Christian environment and gain a solid education. Cristo Viene sponsorships to India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Indonesia continue, where 65+ pastor/evangelists receive ministry support.

Europe and North America. Efforts continue to strengthen connections between conferences in Europe, as well as conferences in Italy and Spain. Since 2022, disaster assistance has periodically assisted brethren and others in Ukraine because of the ongoing war.

Throughout its history, GC Missions has operated as a nonprofit ministry, managing dozens of ministries throughout Africa, South America, and Asia. In each of these ministries, we have worked directly with the established leaders of the beneficiaries. This is the model for many large nonprofit ministries, and it has worked for us. However, as a smaller ministry, GC Missions doesn't have the local presence that a larger ministry has. We're managing these ministries from half a world away, and we can't afford the travel for regular onsite visits.

To correct this deficiency, GC Missions is restructuring to operate as a charitable foundation. We are working with the newly formed International Federation of the Church of God (Seventh Day), its zone representatives, and its national boards to establish local oversight of all international missions programs. When this new structure is ready, GC Missions will issue grants that will be managed by these international teams, and these teams will manage the beneficiaries. We're excited about the growth opportunities these improvements provide for GC Missions, for the IF, and for the Church. And we're so grateful for your continued support of GC Missions and its ministries. Thank you!

— Bryan Cleeton



*Bryan Cleeton
Director*



*Ronald Rousseau
Director effective
May 13, 2025*



Bible Advocate Press



Keith Michalak
Co-Director

The past two years have been busy at the Bible Advocate Press. They've kept our BAP team hopping!

Fortunately, our experienced staff can handle the workload. Co-director Keith Michalak has been with the BAP for over 52 years. Co-director and editor, Jason Overman, is celebrating his tenth year at the BAP the week of convention, and Associate Editor Sherri Langton is celebrating 36 years in July.

All BAP products are available in Spanish, thanks to an excellent translation team headed up by Martha Muffley. Rose Blemur translates our quarterly lessons into French. Kyle Michalak runs the digital press and updates our websites. Mindy Baumer is the friendly customer service person on the phone, and volunteer proofreaders, Hope Dais Clark and Dorothy Nimchuk, round out the BAP family.

On behalf of my whole team, it's an honor to serve the Church in the creation and distribution of Christ-centered, Bible-based material — from the BA magazine to Sabbath school and small group curriculum for all ages; tracts and books of all kinds, not to mention *Church-right* and other GC material.

Here are just a few things we've launched since the 2023 convention:

- The AudioBA is available in English and Spanish and is featured on all major streaming platforms, as well as on our website. Thanks to our AudioBA team of Tabitha and Isaac Overman and Arno Galvez for their dedicated work.
- Our website (baonline.org) was redesigned, thanks to our great new webmaster, Jazmin Novak. We've had over 75,000 users from 195 nations in the last two years. The redesign has paid off in other ways: The BA was recently ranked as one of the top 60 Christian magazines on FeedSpot.
- We launched a new online store with a more user-friendly design and shopping interface. Check that out at cog7.org.
- We've published a brand-new original book titled *Our Covenant God*, based on a recent NAMC-approved study by the same name. Grab a copy at the BAP table this week.

Our color and black-and-white digital printers have logged over 6.6 million impressions since last convention! And thanks to the talents of Communications Director Jamin Teran, our social media presence has been improved.

It's humbling to serve our church community, here at home and abroad. But we couldn't do it without your support — buying our products and giving financially to the BAP ministry. We thank you for that support and for your prayers as we continue to produce materials for the kingdom of God.



Jason Overman
Co-Director



Bible Advocate Press

Communications

After three years in the General Conference administration, Communications has evolved in many areas and set a precedent. We have become the main support of the quality and consistency of Artios Christian College, GC Missions, and Publications. We have also helped develop new material and projects for the North American Ministerial Council (NAMC), Convention Committee, and board of directors. Our main goal is to continue promoting the twenty-first century vision in the Church's visual aesthetics and in everything we create.

Since Communications began, we have sent prayer emails every two weeks and Conference News every month. We have also assisted different entities (NAMC, Artios, board of directors) with their forms of communication to reach their audiences and be current with those on their mailing lists.

Also, the Church's social media presence has been like no other. Every day we share something and have strengthened our online presence on our social platforms. We have added more than 140 videos to our YouTube channel since last convention.

Communications has provided resources for current topics, presented workshops in several districts on current topics, and trained leaders in a variety of areas. Because we intertwine with ministries, districts, and conferences, we have trained and developed directors of district media ministries. We are delighted with the new Media Ministry in the Southeast District, and we look forward to all districts having a Media Ministry in the near future.

Communications has also provided consultation services to local churches and media teams at sister conferences to structure their ministry and online presence.

Communications is always seeking volunteers who want to develop their vocational skills. We have showcased our brethren's talent in designing the Lord's Supper pieces, free to everyone in the Conference. We have promoted the importance of being one as a church, and we have served more than forty churches with their sub-branding logos so they have presence in their cities and communities of faith.

Communications has developed a strong marketing strategy in retaining and thanking our donors for their faithful giving to any of our Ministries. From print resources (rack cards, postcards, posters, etc.) to digital content, audio and video content, and apparel, Communications has found ways to nurture our sense of connection in the Conference. We have also assisted the Technology Department in refreshing and revamping our websites.

To expand our department, we are still looking for talent to develop a consistent, good quality podcast aimed at young adults; animators for a children's project; and many more projects where the Church can have a presence.

Our goal is to serve and develop resources to mold future generations to stand firm in our ten-point Vision. We are working for everyone in the Church leadership to always be congruent, transparent, and accountable. Though grateful for our progress, we want to add more areas of Communications.

Thank you for supporting our efforts through your prayers, funds, and content sharing. Let's continue to focus on Jesus and follow His plan! Your suggestions are always welcome at cog7media@cog7.org.



Jamin Teran
Director



COMMUNICATIONS
CREATE, COMMUNICATE, AND CONNECT WITH PURPOSE

Northeast District



Heber Vega
Superintendent

Our thirty-six congregations across eleven states – fourteen English-speaking, twenty-two Spanish-speaking – are united in a life centered on Christ. Our churches overflow with joyful worship, lifting songs and prayers to Jesus. We're even encouraging members of all ages to write lyrics and compose new melodies, creating songs to echo across our district.

Rooted in Scripture, we cherish the Sabbath, a weekly rhythm that renews us. Distinct in faith, we open our doors wide, welcoming all who seek truth and community.

Our district is thriving. Our oldest pastor, at 91 years old, has served a total of 70 years: 35 as a missionary abroad and 35 here in the US. We're transitioning him to a new season of preaching and anointing. Our youngest pastor, 39, just earned his local pastor certificate and is eager to lead.

We're growing! Congregations report multiple baptisms over the last two years. Our Women's Ministry connects sisters here and abroad through weekly online services. Super Sabbaths unite regional churches in celebration, and our retreats – for men, women, young adults, youth, and our popular pastors' and church elders' retreat – strengthen our bonds.

Our \$165,000 district budget fuels our mission: supporting staff, visiting churches, offering benevolence, and funding Artios scholarships. From 2025 to 2027, Artios is our focus, with an active ambassador recruiting many to grow in faith and leadership. Only five of our 36 congregations have full-time pastors, supported by their local churches. We dream of more.

As superintendent, I treasure visiting congregations and standing with pastors through challenges, dreams, and joys. Our eight-member district board serves faithfully, and every act – from caring for the hurting to sharing the gospel – reflects our calling.

Shaped by the Holy Spirit, we grow as disciples, following Jesus with passion. In the Northeast District, we're a family, woven by faith and love, shining Christ's light together.

Thank you for being at convention. Let's worship, fellowship, and grow this week. God bless you!



Southeast District

The Southeast District has had exciting growth since our last General Conference Convention. Financially, we are in a much-improved position under the direction of District Treasurer Ken Pell, and we increased our total assets from \$117,527 to \$195,309. We have invested in two CD's (\$80,000), earning around 4 percent annually.

While our financial position has improved, we have continued our annual district Church Leaders Conference – fully funded – and the startup costs for our new Media Ministry. We are also assisting in the costs for our two Youth and Young Adult Ministries, along with fully funding the cost of our annual Area Representative and District Ministries Directors meeting.

We welcomed a new Area 4 representative, Brother Joel Modeste, who serves the English-speaking churches in Florida. We also welcomed a new Area 6 representative, Pastor Marcos Arenas, who serves the Spanish-speaking churches in South Florida.

In addition, we have added several new ministries and directors. Brother Cesar Medrano is our District Music Ministry Director. He works with the district's ministry directors and local churches to provide needed equipment and coordinate the music programs at our various retreats. Sister Allison Krome is our new District Administrative Coordinator and temporary Youth Ministry Director. She directs the Youth Committee for our annual retreat and works with our new Young Adult Ministry Director, Sister Sharon Modeste, as they have separated into two different ministries.

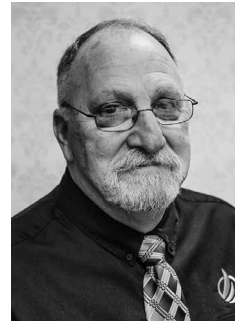
Sister Keila Hernandez is our new District Media Coordinator and has installed a committee to establish and maintain our media presence. She has been working closely with General Conference Media Director, Sister Jamin Teran, to ensure a seamless media relationship between the district and General Conference.

With these new ministries, the district has needed and added several volunteers. They are working and training for future district leadership positions. Sister Tamar Hernandez is a volunteer in our Media Ministry.

Sara and Santos Velasquez are committee members in our Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Sister Zoila Mondono is training as our Administrative Coordinator.

Superintendent Steve Krome has announced his intention to retire at the end of his current term (summer of 2026). So the district is seeking a new superintendent who will serve the district in the coming years and build on the foundation that has been laid during the last two decades. Our prayer is that the new superintendent will be dedicated in serving the members of the Southeast District in humility and with vision.

The Southeast District looks forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the coming years. We are committed to spreading the gospel message of hope and salvation to all district members through our district ministries, and we remain committed to equipping and training our young district members to serve our Lord.



Steve Krome
Superintendent



Central District



Ronald Rousseau
Superintendent

Twelve states make up our district: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The borders of our location touch a part of all the other six districts.

In the last year, our focus has been to lift up new ministries in alignment with our Central District. We remain committed to our vision statement – “On a Journey to the Kingdom” – and carry it out by being proactive spiritually (Philippians 3:14), focusing on people (Psalm 29:11), engaging in purposeful communication (Ephesians 4:29), and helping congregants who are suffering in poverty (Psalm 23).

Staff

Our district board consists of the following area directors: Gabe Zaragoza, Miguel Gonzalez, Arno Galvez, Oscar Mata, and Mike Vlad. Each director represents six or seven local churches and/or missions. Specialists on the board are Steve Kyner and Juan Arzet, ministerial representatives, and David Nienhuis, finance. Maria Rousseau serves as administrative assistant and as coordinator of District Ministries. Dawn Wayman is our treasurer.

Ministries

Together Marriage Ministry. A collaboration between the Southwest and Central Districts, this ministry focuses on young married couples and has initially launched as a podcast, available on Facebook and YouTube. The podcast is co-hosted by Pete and Claudia Capetillo (Albuquerque, New Mexico).

Worship Ministry. The objective of this ministry is to elevate worship in the Central District by facilitating and equipping our churches. We promote creation of original works for worship and edification of the church body. This ministry is led by Noe Damas (CoG7 Damen).

Media Team. Media focuses on publishing events and activities in the Central District through print, email, and social media.

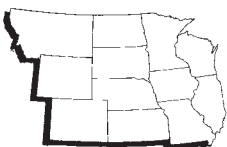
Prayer Team. The focus in this ministry is on prayer, collecting prayer requests, and motivating its members to pray faithfully for the needs of the Church. This effort is led by Eddie Garza (CoG7 Damen).

What are You Reading? This is an effort to motivate study of extra-biblical books that reinforce biblical teachings.

Opportunities for growth

We are looking for a Women’s Ministry leader in the Central District. Please reach out to your area coordinator or me if you are interested or would like to nominate someone. We are also looking for a District Media Director to interface with the General Conference Media Director.

Please keep all of our initiatives, staff, pastors, leaders, ministers, churches, and ministries in your prayers. Thanks to all who support the Central District, pray for us, and financially support the work that our Lord Jesus Christ has left us.



Southwest District

The Southwest District consists of only five states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. But then, Texas is a whole other country.

Arkansas now has six congregations. In Louisiana, there are no affiliated churches, but there is work to establish congregations in three areas: north of Shreveport, south of Shreveport, and Baton Rouge. New Mexico has two churches, and Oklahoma has eight, including Fairview, the oldest established congregation in the district (late 1800s, before Oklahoma became a state in 1907).

And then there is Texas, home to 76 local churches. The Corpus Christi, Houston, and Tyler congregations have the contact and work for new congregations in Louisiana. The Fort Smith, Arkansas church is always looking for an opportunity to plant a church. That makes a total of 92 congregations in the Southwest District. God has gifted us with many ministry partners to lead in the work.

The General Conference's insight and direction provide districts with purpose, vision, and mission and are vital to our unified efforts in Christ. The Southwest District has aggressively utilized the three General Conference Initiatives of relational evangelism, small groups, and welcoming churches to invigorate the membership to *engage* – be *involved* – in the Great Commission. We have discovered that to be a *vibrant church*, we must first be *vibrant disciples*.

Two exciting ministries are being developed right now in the Southwest District. One is MAPPS: Ministry of Advisement in Planning, Projects, Structures, and Sales. It is part of our HOPE Ministry (coming under the P for Projects) and is led by David Burrell and Herlindo Roman. Essentially, MAPPS provides construction professionals, real estate agents, bankers, and other professionals to serve as consultants to local churches. They help churches be better stewards with funds, remodeling, building new structures, and other issues so they make the wisest decisions and best use of resources in their work.

The other ministry is also part of the district's HOPE Ministry – under O for Opportunities. It is tentatively called Hope Commission, a discipleship mentoring ministry. In short, it embraces Colossians 3:23, 24, encouraging every member who is mature in Christ and well developed in a vocation to diligently watch for those God may be gifting to engage in their vocational field. A member then mentors that person in their profession and includes them in a weekly small group Bible study. Perhaps the most exciting and rewarding thing for the superintendent is to see the God-given talents of those workers utilized in the work of the Master.

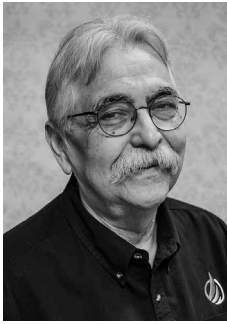
The district superintendent's goal is to facilitate district leaders to be highly successful in their area of ministry, knowing true success is realized only in the quality of one's relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to be a ministry partner with you in the cause of Christ.



Chip Hinds
Superintendent



West Coast District



Larry Zaragoza
Superintendent

The 57 churches in the West Coast are scattered throughout Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada, and Arizona. These churches continue expounding the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ and His soon-coming kingdom.

The essential task of reaching each new generation is important, and the members of the West Coast District endeavor to advance this cause each year through summer camps for youth and children. Eight camps and retreats are on the district's 2025 camp calendar.

In addition to serving youth, camps and retreats are provided for young adults, men, and senior adults. These take place at our beautiful Sis-Q Meadows Camp in southern Oregon, as well as near the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California and the beautiful highlands of Arizona. God has blessed these efforts by adding new souls to His kingdom and by providing His refreshing presence.

God has blessed many local churches that have implemented learned evangelism techniques, and He has given the increase. As I visit the various churches, I am inspired by kingdom-working laymen. In some churches, there are so many praise teams that they must rotate them.

Each year some men in the West Coast District are involved in local ministry, taking Artios classes to better serve the Church. Most of them then apply for a Local Pastor Certificate or Ministerial License. This profoundly helps the churches they come from. However, the district currently has several churches still seeking a pastor, so we must continue to encourage men of God and pray for more workers in the field.

The West Coast District is divided into seven regions, with representatives serving these areas and making up the district board. It is my great pleasure to serve alongside these hard-working, kingdom-building men of God. Many people are not aware of the untold hours these faithful men donate to assist local churches even while holding down secular jobs.

As most of you are aware, parts of the Southern California area were devastated by wildfires recently. We report that, thankfully, none of our people or church buildings suffered loss in those fires.

Local churches remain vibrant, providing for local needs. Many areas are enriched with annual Super Sabbath events, sharing the blessings of the day with sister churches.

We pray God's blessings on all pastors and gospel workers and give God all glory and praise for His great salvation plan for His church.



Eastern Canada District

Eastern Canada is made up of six provinces. The Church of God (Seventh Day) currently exists in only two of them: Ontario (two churches) and Quebec (one). Some former members are scattered in other provinces. We hope to develop “touch points” so those individuals feel a part of the wider Church family, and hopefully develop local congregations in those areas.

The three main churches and leadership teams are as follows:

Etobicoke CoG7, Brampton (northwest of Toronto) - pastored by Aubrey (Bill) Williams, Robert Hird, Leeroy Williams, and Rohan Tummings

Access Community Church, Hamilton, Ontario - pastored by Richard Nicholas Palmer

Laval CoG7, Quebec Canada - pastored by Obed Valladares

We also have two outreach programs:

Montreal - Pastor Samuel Santos – working with a small group; hoping to be elevated after upcoming baptism at the end of July.

New Brunswick - Pastor Samuel Santos – working with a family that resides in that province.



Aubrey “Bill”
Williams
Superintendent

Update since 2023 Convention

All three churches have suffered somewhat financially, and this may have caused some belt tightening. Still, each church, as well as the outreach group in Montreal, continued meeting and sharing the gospel through social media platforms like Zoom and YouTube.

The churches report stable membership and, in some cases, growth in membership. Their leadership remains stable. We thank God for these leaders willing to stand in all seasons to carry out God’s mandate on their lives.

Baptisms have been held in all churches, including the Montreal outreach group. Brother Andrew Burnett has been appointed assistant pastor in Access, and David Smalling has been appointed as deacon.

At Etobicoke, we are blessed to welcome Pastor Robert Hird and his wife, Doreen, with Robert taking on the position of assistant to the senior pastor. We will also appoint two elders: Brothers Delroy Johnson and Dwayne Williams.

Ministry

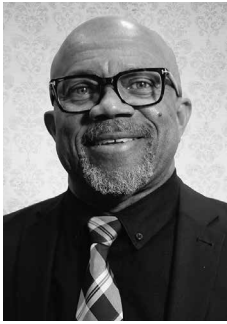
We are excited about the Welcoming Church workshop held in May 2025. We believe this was the fuel we needed to encourage each group to retain visitors so that our church door does not revolve but opens to welcome and keep visitors inside.

All three churches and outreach groups had a wonderful district Super Sabbath in late May 2024 in Kingston, Ontario. The theme was “Unity in the Faith,” with GC President Loren Stacy as the keynote speaker. His wife, Karen, accompanied him. The event was well attended, and we look forward to 2026 for the next district Super Sabbath.

The Church of God (Seventh Day) in Eastern Canada is on a mission: We aim to establish the Church across all provinces in the east. We solicit your prayers in this endeavor.



Western Canada District



*Orville Rose
Superintendent*

With borders stretching from Manitoba to British Columbia, the Western Canada District is primarily situated in Alberta. Our staff consists of Justin Shapitka, Renan Grabinsky (secretary/treasurer,) elder Robert Grabinsky (assistant superintendent), and Orville Rose (superintendent).

As we look back at the biennium, we must recognize the role played by the lay people in the district. We have experienced tremendous growth over the past two years and have relied heavily on volunteers to carry out various ministry tasks.

Growth does not come without its challenges. Most of our volunteer staff are ill equipped to satisfy the demands placed upon them. God be praised for their determination and commitment in serving God's people! Encouraged and mentored by those with training and experience, lay personnel work tirelessly to build up the local church community.

Special mention must be made of retired licensed minister, Pastor Adolf Dietterle, as he works alongside Elder Oran and Deacon Aaron in supplying the congregation's spiritual services.

With the continued goal of developing talent within the district, the district board is committed to allocating resources for scholarships to Artios for those willing to serve. Some are already on track to complete the initial certification for the Lay Pastor Certificate, while others are contemplating their next course of action.

As we continue to find unique ways of engaging the district's members, some congregations have adopted hybrid services for their Sabbath gatherings. They do this in collaboration with the district leadership to serve our members-at-large and those who otherwise cannot attend a local congregation.

Still, other congregations have become involved in weekly in-home Bible studies to facilitate the engagement of those who have special interests.

As the Lord continues to call people from near and far, we have ongoing baptismal classes that have resulted in doctrinal study classes. The goal of these is to engage our members in becoming good stewards of God's Word.

Our unwavering commitment to the General Conference has positioned this district to steadfastly strive for financial compliance. As it does this, the district depends on the Conference to establish and uphold bylaws for the greater furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Financial Report 2023-2025



Dawn Wayman
Accountant

4/1/2023 – 3/31/2024 Profit / Loss

	Income	Expenses	Net Profit/Loss
General Conference Operations	\$870,012	\$769,864	\$100,148
Bible Advocate Press	383,698	396,718	< 13,020>
Missions Ministries	139,446	179,732	<40,286>
Artios Christian College	232,010	251,778	<19,768>
			<hr/> \$27,074

4/1/2024 – 3/31/2025 Profit / Loss

	Income	Expenses	Net Profit/Loss
General Conference Operations	\$1,059,329	\$826,588	\$232,741
Bible Advocate Press	453,124	490,375	<37,251>
Missions Ministries	168,191	168,342	<151>
Artios Christian College	251,628	256,070	<4,442>
			<hr/> \$190,897

These are the results of our operating activities for each of the last two fiscal years. We are so thankful that the results were an overall profit for both years. In addition, we were once again blessed to receive special one-time gifts that allowed us to invest in special projects and increase our reserves for future needs.

Donor-designated offerings

In addition to the unrestricted income shown in the Profit/Loss statements above, the General Conference receives and distributes donor-designated offerings. These include gifts for specific projects, such as Disaster Relief, Cristo Viene, SHINE, and the Widows and Orphans Fund. Eighty-three percent of the gifts received with such a designation is tracked in an account separate from our operating funds and released only for the purpose the giver specifies. Careful consideration to the safety of the funds and matching to donor intent is given before funds are released, and every effort is made to put the funds to use as promptly as possible once these criteria are met. Imagine the impact our church has made worldwide with these funds, and how the gospel has been shared!



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Financial philosophy

Funding sources

Churches	Tithes / offerings from members and district assistance
Districts	10 percent of tithes from churches, 85 percent of tithes from at-large members, and direct offerings
GC Operations	15 percent of tithes from churches and direct offerings
GC Ministries	20 percent of tithes from GC and direct support from members, churches, and districts

As we begin a new biennium, we reaffirm our commitment to be good stewards of the tithes and offerings you generously provide to the General Conference and its Ministries. We strive to be extremely responsible with the trust you have placed in us by

- keeping administrative costs to a minimum;
- controlling expenditures within budget;
- making careful purchases or commitments for services;
- preserving the integrity of designated offerings;
- keeping a good name in the business community;
- undergoing an outside audit of our activities every two years.

In addition, because of the board of directors' fiduciary responsibility, it has maintained the following policies that must be followed by the president and executive director:

- Proposed budgets must contain no more than a 6 percent deficit.
- Net unrestricted reserves shall not be less than \$250,000.
- No single purchase or commitment over \$10,000 can be made without board approval.
- Financial summaries will be regularly published on the website.

Questions or requests for additional information are always welcome.

Detailed monthly financial statements are available on our website:

<https://cog7.org/resources/reports/MonthlyReport.pdf>

Copies of our biennial audited financial statements are available on our website or upon request to dawn.wayman@cog7.org.

Praise God for His provisions, and thank you for your ongoing support of and participation in His work!



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