



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST® CHURCH

Alberta Conference

**2008 - 2012
Town Hall Report**

President

In preparing this progress report, Ellen White's classic statement comes to mind, "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget how God has led us in the past" (paraphrased). Doubtless, this was written from a larger perspective, but its principle can still be applied to the Alberta Conference's last four-year period.

The report herein is not intended to be exhaustive, but merely provide a snapshot of this last term, 2008-2012, and the ways the cause of God has advanced. It intentionally does not address the future; that will be given in the power point presentation to follow.

In looking at the past four years, the theme might very well be "CHANGE." As the term opened, Elder Mark Johnson was elected as Conference president, shortly thereafter Elder Romy Daquila retired as executive secretary and Elder Larry Hall took that position. Within two years Elder Johnson became president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, and a new president was chosen. Robert Holdal retired in September 2011 and Keith Richter became treasurer. Further retirements caused change, too numerous to mention on this page, to spill into departmental and support staff. Today we acknowledge the work of our predecessors and proudly stand on the shoulders of these leaders, accepting the torch they passed to us.

The office fire of May 2, 2011 created further change. With no office space from which to work, no conventional communication systems available and essential documents inaccessible, service was interrupted for several weeks. The search for new office space implied further change, first from the city of Red Deer with all the service conveniences on our doorstep, to Lacombe with similar services further away. Secondly, the "move" proved to be a double move, first to Canadian University College fitness centre for three months, then to a "longer-term temporary" quarters in Lacombe. Thirdly, the current office space is about one third the area needed to function efficiently. Yet through it all God is good and we praise Him for the graciousness of Canadian University College in providing immediate office space; our staff who pulled together through the interruption; the executive committee members who supported and encouraged; and our members who were patient and understanding as we reorganized. Today we are functioning, to some degree, in an orderly fashion, though we look forward to our own permanent building that will meet our needs more adequately.

In spite of the changes, some things didn't change. The gospel of Jesus is still the same. Salvation is still through our Saviour, and today He still intercedes on our behalf in the Heavenly sanctuary. We still have the blessed hope that He is coming back again soon. Our understanding of Bible truths as expressed by the 28 fundamental beliefs have not changed. The gospel commission, though expressed in prose or poetry, in essence is the same: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19-20). As directed by the executive committee, the focus of the Alberta Conference, including the Northwest Territories, is for every man and woman, boy and girl to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. We emphasized soul-winning through Christian education and outreach ministries. Teachers, pastors, and departmental directors responded to the challenge and the statistics bear out our progress. The departmental reports that follow will illustrate the various ways this mission is being accomplished.

May God bless each of you as you peruse this report and plan to move forward in years to come under the leadership of the Holy Spirit!

Ken Wiebe,
President

Secretariat

- **Churches organized in 2008- 2011:**

- Calgary Maranatha Spanish
- Edmonton Filipino
- Edmonton North
- Calgary Metro Filipino
- Edmonton Maranatha Spanish
- Edmonton Renacer

- **Companies organized 2008-2011:**

- Blackfalds
- Grand Prairie Lighthouse
- (Tofield Company dissolved in 2008)
- Edmonton African Fellowship Company
- Strathmore

- **Fellowship groups (pre-company status):**

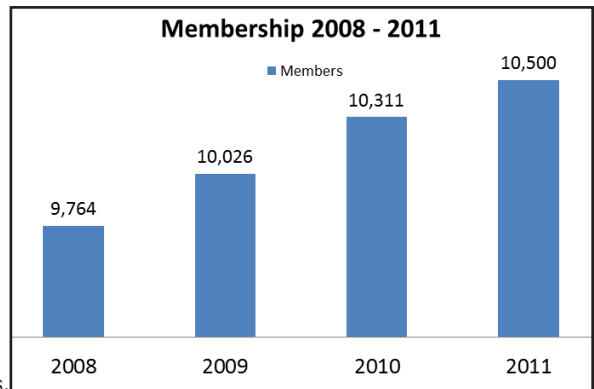
- Bethany French, Calgary
- Drayton Valley
- Edmonton Ghanaian
- Slave Lake -just beginning.
- Red Deer Spanish
- Sudanese Fellowship, Calgary
- Edmonton Prince of Peace

Church Planting/VOAR:

- Elder Don Corkum was appointed to serve the Alberta Conference as the Church Planting/VOAR Coordinator in 2011.

VOAR:

- There are about 20 churches in the range where a repeater VOAR station could be considered. three radio stations are in the process of forming in Edson, Whitecourt, and Stettler.
- Start-up packets will be sent to all churches to encourage them to start/support repeater stations.



Health Ministry:

- Darlene Blaney is our volunteer Health Ministry Coordinator. She does weekend workshops comprised of Friday evening lecture, Sabbath Church Sermon, evening worship and Sunday cooking school. She also helps organize Health Expos etc.

Revival, Reformation & Prayer Ministry:

- Pastor Virgil Covel was appointed to serve the Conference as the Revival/Reformation Coordinator. In 2011 he held five in-conference seminars helping church members come into a deeper vital relationship with Jesus.

ADRA International and National Program Conference work:

- \$634,884.88 raised for 2011 fund raising campaign. Grants were given to support 6 ADRA projects in Alberta with a total of \$50,000 allocated.

Human Resources Department:

- For the first time ever the Conference hired a part time HR person, to do the important work of revising and updating employment documents and job descriptions for conference employees.

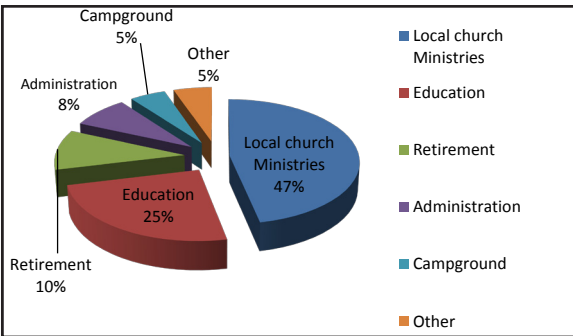
Treasury

Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
Conference Operating Fund
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31

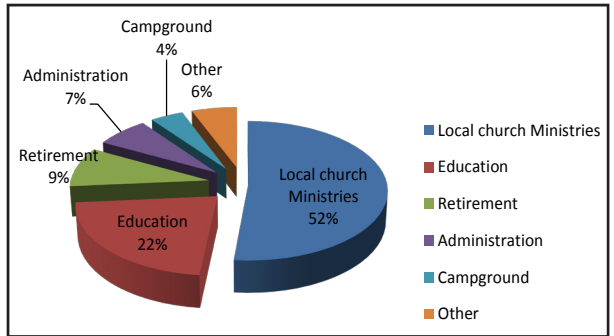
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	Increase %	2012
Revenue & Support	Actual	Actual	Actual	PRELIM	2008/2011	Budget
Restricted Donations	\$433,451.40	\$666,723.11	\$303,062.60	\$411,368.09	-5	\$236,100.00
Tithe	\$12,542,909.77	\$12,840,493.55	\$12,825,779.86	\$14,075,640.71	12	\$13,400,000.00
Tithe % to Higher Organizations	-\$3,213,043.63	-\$3,287,177.43	-\$3,248,698.44	-\$3,580,086.43	11	-\$3,428,505.00
Alberta Advance	\$380,302.94	\$376,258.67	\$401,255.44	\$423,586.21	11	\$400,000.00
Other Revenue/Donations	\$1,650,234.52	\$2,047,244.10	\$1,718,703.54	\$2,106,759.22	28	\$1,765,933.57
Total Revenue	\$11,793,855.00	\$12,643,542.00	\$12,000,103.00	\$13,437,267.80	14	\$12,373,528.57
Expenses						
Local church Ministries	\$5,043,944.00	\$5,369,932.00	\$5,310,592.00	\$5,377,012.00	7	\$6,821,021.00
Education	\$2,192,781.00	\$2,345,119.00	\$2,611,346.00	\$2,823,892.42	29	\$2,919,054.08
Retirement	\$916,822.00	\$1,068,806.00	\$1,050,589.00	\$1,194,892.00	30	\$1,217,177.00
Administration	\$882,043.00	\$874,847.00	\$844,643.00	\$929,279.00	5	\$918,991.00
Campground	\$520,019.00	\$523,454.00	\$474,134.00	\$572,656.00	10	\$568,299.00
Other	\$506,520.00	\$480,168.00	\$471,703.00	\$613,612.90	21	\$783,309.02
Total Expense	\$10,062,129.00	\$10,662,326.00	\$10,763,008.00	\$11,511,344.32	14	\$13,227,851.10
Excess Revenue	\$1,731,726.00	\$1,981,216.00	\$1,237,095.00	\$1,925,923.48		-\$854,322.53

2011 Spending



2012 Budgeted Spending

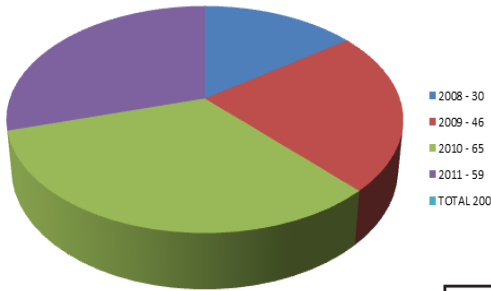


Conference Employees

	2008	2009	2010	2011	Budget 2012	Increase 2008/2012
Pastors	46.00	46.80	47.3	49.3	54.5	8.50
Seminary	2.00	3.00	3	2	2	-
Teachers	52.50	54.30	54.3	52.4	52.1	(0.40)
Office	17.90	17.90	16.9	17.3	19.8	1.90
Bible Workers Full Time	-				6	6.00
Camp	3.20	3.30	3.3	4	3.6	0.40
Total	121.6	125.3	124.8	125	138	16.40

Planned Giving & Trust Services

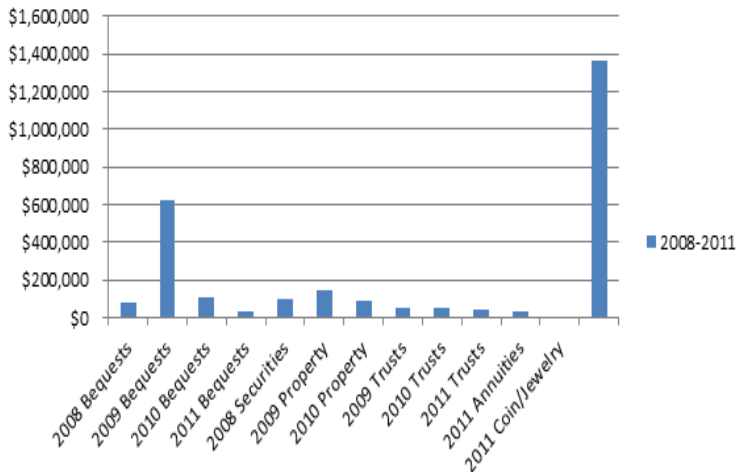
WILLS WRITTEN 2008-2011



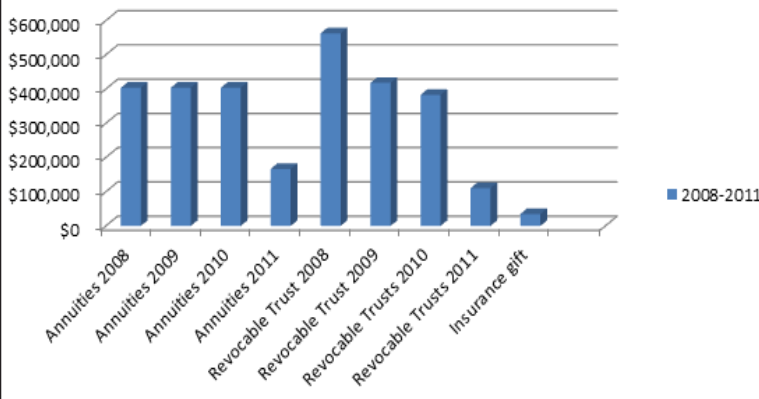
The position of Director of Planned Giving and Trust Services is budgeted as a half-time position, based on two days per week. From 2008 through January 2009 the department was directed by Carolyn Osmond who has since retired. I became the department director in April 2010. During the reporting period we have worked with estate gifts, charitable cash donations and planned gifts, includ-

ing present and future gifts for the Conference and its entities from charitable gift annuities, revocable trusts, real estate, insurance policy, coin/bill, jewelry and a stamp collection. The Planned Giving & Trust Services department is designed to meet the changing needs throughout your life cycle. We would be pleased to assist you with your estate planning needs.

MATURITIES, INCOME & SPECIAL GIFTS
\$1,367,277



PLANNED GIVING INSTRUMENTS HELD
\$2,886,909



I can be reached at 403|342|5044 x 233; Cell 403|872|9837. Thank you for your generosity towards the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom. "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered himself." Proverbs 11:25

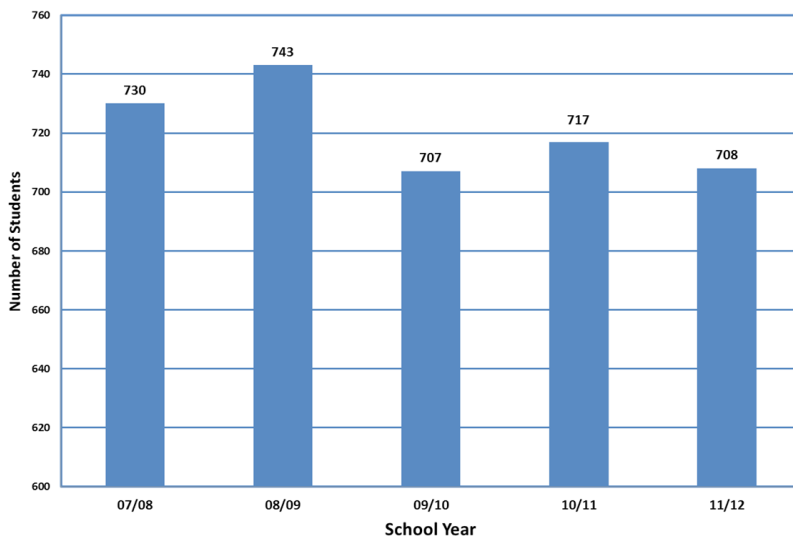
~ Frances Chant, Director

Education

Past and Present Initiatives

- Highly Effective Teaching practices
- Schools Exceeding Expectations Conferences
- Model Teaching Week
- Curriculum Cohorts
- Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Projects—Math Emphasis
- Alberta SDA Teachers Convention—Math Emphasis
- 1st Aid Training
- Kids in Discipleship Training
- Alberta Education Private School Administrator’s Meetings
- Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta Membership and meetings
- Action on Inclusion meetings
- Highly Effective Teaching methods and practices
- Principal’s Council’s Virtually and Face to Face
- First Annual Principal’s Retreat
- School Evaluations
- Alberta Initiative for School Improvement Projects (Emphasis on Math)
- Learning Coach on Staff
- Central Alberta Student Health Partnership members
- Teacher Evaluations
- Grade 5/6 Outdoor School (10th Anniversary in 2010)
- Grade 9 Outdoor Education (10th Anniversary in 2011)
- Conference Wide Sports Day annually
- Volleyball Tournament/Spiritual Emphasis Weekend
- Have Adventist Education available to all SDA children in Alberta resulted in the developing and opening of Prairie Adventist Christian e-school

Office of Education - Enrolment Figures 2008-2012



SCHOOL NAME	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Higher Ground Christian School (Gr. 1-9) Medicine Hat	38	30	22	19	14
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (Gr. K-12) Calgary	167	155	148	158	161
South Side Christian School (Gr. K-10) Red Deer	59	57	61	46	48
Sylvan Meadows Adventist School (Gr. K-9) Sylvan Lake	21	11	19	13	21
College Heights Christian School (Gr. K-9) Lacombe	125	128	108	105	100
Woodlands Adventist School (Gr. K-9) Ponoka	10	20	10	11	12
Mamawi Atosketan Native School (Gr. K-9) Ponoka County	172	175	172	153	130
Peace Hills Adventist School (Gr. K-9) Wetaskiwin	43	32	29	24	19
Coralwood Adventist Academy (Gr. K-9) Edmonton	95	102	100	107	128
Prairie Adventist Christian e-School (Gr. K-12) Conference	n/a	33	37	78	75

Ministerial/Evangelism

Semiannual Pastors Meeting in January and July:

To equip pastors and church leaders involved in ministry to achieve their highest personal and professional potential. This includes but is not limited to, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism & Church Growth, Ministerial Resources and Continuing Education, Strengthening and supporting the pastoral family.

- January 2012 - Professional Development for Pastors, NAD Ministries Convention
- July 2011 - *“Christ Strategy in Ministry”* with Dr. Philip Samaan
- January 2011 - *“Pastoring in the 21st Century”* with Dr. Steve Cassimy
- July 2010 - *“Walking with the Master”* with Dr. Jon Dybdahl
- July 2009 - *“Pentecost”* with Dr. Jon Paulien
- 2008 - *“Finding a God of Love in the Old Testament”* with Dr. Richard Davidson

Yearly Interns Retreat in December:

To train and equip intern pastors for successful ministry in Administrative skills, evangelism and church growth, pastoral care and nurture, preaching and worship.

- 2011 - *“A Sacred Calling”* – Dr. Don Corkum
- 2010 - *“God’s Vision for His Church”*– Alberta Conference Administrators and Directors

Yearly Elders Retreat in April:

To train and equip church elders for vital roles in local church administration, leadership, nurture and evangelism and to provide resources to enhance their work.

- April 2011 - *“Revival and Reconciliation”* - Dr. Bruce Boyd
- April 2010 - *“Leaders for the End Times”* - Dr. Don W. Corkum

Pastoral Placements: New Pastors

Pastor	Church	Date
Massiel Davila	College Heights	2012
Matthew Piersanti	Calgary Central	2011
Andrew Butler	Edmonton South	2011
Joseph Augustin	College Heights	2011
Larry Weidel	Wetaskiwin	2011
Brian Bechthold	White Court	2011

District Changes:

Pastor	From	To	Date
David Hamstra	Andrews	Fort Mc Murray	2010
Tyler Rosengren	Andrews	Peace River District	2011
Dario St Louis	Smoky Lake District	Mill Woods/Edmonton N	2011
Toby Wong	Edmonton Central	Smokey Lake District	2012
Adam Deibert	Sherwood Park/Edm. Filip	Sherwood Park	2012
Jim Davis	White Court District	Rocky Mtn./Bentley	2012
Wallen O’Connor	Andrews	Cal. Remnant/Sudanese	2012
Ghenadie Girleanu	Andrews	Beiseker/Strathmore	2012
Ian Bramble	Edmonton South	Mill Woods/Edmonton N	2012
Michael Corbel	Garden Road	Onoway/Westlock	2011
James Wesley	CUC	Cal. Central (Bible Worker)	2012

Evangelism

Year	Seminars Planned	Seminars Conducted	Baptism/ POF	Members
2012	31	3	37	Growing!
2011	49	40	299	10,500
2010	56	41	225	10,311
2009	38	?	285	10,026
2008	24	?	287	9,764

Alberta 2012

Churches	57
Companies	17
Ordained Pastors	35
Interns	20
Bible Workers	4

Youth & Camps

Pathfinders

2008-2012 Highlights:

- Winter Retreats - Attendance growing every year.
- Spring Camporee's every May long weekend.
- 2009 International Camporee *Courage to Stand* saw 220 Pathfinders & Leaders from Alberta.
- Staff Training every fall, including such presenters as Glen Milam, NAD Pathfinder Coordinator.
- Still 12 Clubs operating in our conference.

Adventurers

2008-2012 Highlights:

- Family Campout in the spring 2010 saw 4-5 clubs (some came for Sabbath only) around 60 people.
- Family Campout in spring 2011 saw over 200 kids and parents come together for an incredible weekend with special guest Ben Roy.
- Adventurer Fun Day in the Fall has been a big success these last four years as kids and parents join together at CUC Physical Education Centre for a day of exercise, fun and fellowship.
- Staff Training every fall, presented by Conference Adventurer Coordinator, Donelle Clarke.

Foothills Camp

Foothills Camp continues to be one of the biggest evangelistic efforts in the Alberta Conference. Each summer over 40 young adults have the opportunity to introduce Jesus to every camp that attends. From our Blind campers of all ages, to our new Family Camp, people are encountering Jesus while they spend a week having fun at camp. At the end of each week Campers are making decisions for Christ.

Camper Totals

2008	2009	2010	2011
345	257	259	299

- Summer 2010 Highlights: First Family Camp Week where 6 Families (28 people) attended, and we had one baptism during Blind Camp.
- Summer 2011 saw two staff members baptized after camp.

Mission Trips:

- Louisiana 2010
- 2009 Cruise with a Mission

Canada Wide Youth Summits:

- 2008 Pugwash, Nova Scotia.
- 2010 Vancouver, BC. 79 Youth & Young Adults went.

Youth Rallies:

- 2010: Chinook Winds and College Heights.

Other Events:

- Supported ACTS 2010 with a bus for Transportation.
- JCI2 in Columbus. Three individuals went for training in Pathfinder Instructor and Youth Ministry.



Personal Ministries

- 2007-2008 - Personal Ministries workshops in Canmore.
- Directorial leadership has been vacant since November 2009, and filled Sept. 2011 by Sandra Silva.

Women's Ministries:

- 1999-2011 - Yearly Women's Ministries Conference held in Central Alberta, led by Nicole Sydenham who served as Women's Ministries Director for the past 12 years.

Sabbath School, Singles Ministries, SAGE

- 2008 - Sabbath School workshops conducted in Edmonton, Calgary, Beiseker, Ponoka/Rimbey, Yellowknife, Fort McMurray, Bentley, Bonnyville, Leduc, Grand Prairie, Lethbridge,
- 2008 - Practical Adult SS training, hands on for Adult SS teachers and superintendents.
- July 2008 - Foothills Camp with Gary Swanson- young adults and Adults training
- 2009 - 27 individuals were trained and received certificates and received a partially sponsored subscription of *Lead* magazine.
- Despite the vacancy in department leadership since 2009, Irma Hartley has continued to care for Sabbath School attendance reports and other material items. Darlene Reimche accepted the position as Sabbath School Director starting January 2012. She believes that Sabbath School is the heart beat of every Adventist church and it is extremely important for the future and growth of every church.
- The Conference Sabbath School Department began the year by sending an email update to all superintendents and assistant superintendents offering a 2012 Sabbath School Planbook. It was found that many superintendents on the list were from previous years or had old email addresses. Working with clerks and pastors has helped to update the distribution list, and recently a Sabbath School Newsletter was sent sharing information about the relational Sabbath School approach.

Adventist Single Adult Ministries

- In 2003 Lois Graham was first appointed as the Adventist Single Adult Ministries Volunteer Coordinator. During the last four years Lois has continued to lead several events such as the Winter Retreat, the Lacombe Happenings, an annual camping trip and the New Year's Welcome and other events.
- In November 2012 the Lacombe Happening was the first event with a change in leadership and a new Conference ASAM Committee of six. "A Single Reflection of Him" February 17-19, Winter Retreat, truly created a greater "Single Reflection of Him."

SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence)

- November 3, 2011, was the first meeting of our newly organized SAGE Alberta Committee at the Alberta Conference Office. Officers include: President J. D. Victor Fitch, Treasurer, Glen Brown, Secretary, Joyce Wasyshen, Coordinator of Building Projects, Alfred Breikreitz and George Holdal, Coordinator of Evangelistic Outreach, Pastor John Gilbert, Coordinator of Public Relations, Bob and Ellen Bell, Coordinator of Travel, Keith Clouten, and Coordinator of Regional and Local Church SAGE Chapters, Bob and Marlene Holdal.
- The Ministry's first events include the SAGE Launch Banquet at the Lacombe Memorial Center on March 11, and a Work Retreat at Foothills Camp on May 4-7, 2012.



Vision for 2012-2016

Revival & Transformation

All churches throughout the Alberta Conference experience a revival that results in life changing transformation and enjoy a vibrant and joyful relationship with Christ and each other.

Education for Discipleship

All churches, schools, and homes throughout the Alberta Conference, combine to become learning and discipling centers for all ages.

Alignment within the Church

The Alberta Conference membership, with all its diversity, will be known by the world as people of unity and love.

Community Outreach & Evangelism

The Alberta Conference office, churches and schools coordinate efforts to communicate the distinctive Adventist message of hope and wholeness to every person with a focus on youth.

Healthy Leadership & Management

The Alberta Conference aims to become an organization in pursuit of excellence as a reflection of God's ideal for us.

Strategic Initiatives

Revival & Transformation

1. To foster and equip all pastors, teachers and other leaders in our conference to engage in prayer for revival and infilling of the Holy Spirit.
2. To encourage all members to develop a vibrant personal prayer and devotional life that results in life-changing transformation.

Education for Discipleship

1. To provide teachers, pastors and leaders with resources for discipling members to grow in their relationship with God, church and community.
2. To equip and inspire pastors to partner with teachers in accomplishing the mission of the local church school.
3. To develop discipleship experiences for children, youth, and young adults, enabling them to be engaged in the life of the local church.

Alignment within the Church

1. To provide resources, training and consultation for churches to help retain new members and reconnect inactive members.
2. To promote and encourage the participation and representation of diverse people groups in activities and leadership of the church.
3. To facilitate cohesiveness by providing opportunities for churches and schools to communicate and work together effectively.
4. To provide a loving and safe environment where youth and young adults can explore their relationship with God and their role within the church.
5. To facilitate collaboration between conference departments and local church ministries to use resources more efficiently and effectively.

Community Outreach & Evangelism

1. To train and equip conference institutional leaders and members to form positive relationships with civic leaders and participate in community transformation.
2. To train and equip church leaders in using media initiatives for community outreach and evangelism.
3. To establish greater visibility and positive presence in local communities.
4. To establish new groups and companies in unreached areas.
5. To train and equip leaders and members in personal and public evangelism.

Healthy Leadership & Management

1. To develop, orientate and mentor office personnel, teachers, pastors and local church leaders.
2. To encourage churches, schools and health care facilities to develop strategic plans that align with the Alberta Conference REACH Strategic Initiatives.
3. To implement a systemic evaluation process.
4. To strengthen the mission and work of the Alberta Conference through technology.

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Town Hall Meeting Agenda

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Closing Prayer

Alberta Conference of the
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Constituency Session

Sept 23, 2012

*College Heights Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Lacombe AB.*