Conference President

Affirmation is said to be oil for the gears of a positive self-image. If that’s so, Ralph Peay has supplied more than his share of oil throughout his ministry. Peay says, “Affirming, building, and developing people is what ministry is all about.” Peay’s ministerial career is an interesting blend of pastoring, teaching, administrating, and youth work. But though it may be little known, Peay was also active in civil rights as well as denominational work. As president of the Chattanooga Interdenominational Alliance, Peay helped plan and successfully implement the desegregation of the city’s public facilities. Peay now sees the challenge to bring the same sensitivity for people into his role as a conference president. His goal is to help his pastors to be all they can be.

"If you really want to help people, look for their positive gifts and talents and affirm them."
Health Industries Entrepreneur

“I am the product of hardworking Christian parents,” says Lois Peters. “My mother worked in the homes of White missionaries in Jamaica, many of which we were not allowed to enter. My parents were highly motivated, and I learned from them. Witnessing their faith taught me how to depend completely upon the Lord. We were poor, but we never knew it. My parents only talked about our blessings. Faith and motivation were not my only lessons, but problem solving, self-esteem, and kindness as well. None of these would be of any value without a total commitment and dependence on the Lord.” Today Peters’ Pediatric Nursing Team is a multimillion-dollar pediatric agency that employs over 400 professionals. Peters identifies God as the secret of her success.

“I desire to go through every door that the Lord opens for me.”
Division Church Ministries Leader

Louis Preston has always been one to overcome a hardship and bring out the good. Whatever it is—illness, lack of funds, obstacles—Preston believes that God is able to carry him through. Born in the metropolis of New York City, Preston first pastored in the Allegheny East Conference. There he directed an award-winning radio-
broadcast and served as part-time pastor of an A.M.E. church as well as his Adventist pastorate. Though he was enjoying a successful pastorate, he had a deep desire to enter mission service. A call came from the British Union, which he accepted. After outstanding service there, he later accepted a position in the Church Ministries Department in the Eastern Africa Division, located in Zimbabwe. “My goal,” says Preston, “is to serve wherever I am needed.”

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To emphasize the importance of Christian education.

Church Challenge
To make education in our schools affordable for all young people.

Favorites
Bible Book
John

Bible Text
John 3:17

Spirit of Prophecy
My Life Today

Author/Book
P. Tournier, The Adventure of Living

Hobbies
Music, basketball, family, travel

Current Position
Associate director, Church Ministries, Eastern Africa Division

Place of Birth
New York, New York

Birthday
January 1

Siblings
One of 2

Spouse
Janice (Montgomery)

Children
Lauri, Louis III, Leonard, Laila

Education
B.A., Columbia Union College; M.Div., Andrews University

Career Highlights
Pastor, Allegheny East Conference; conference evangelist and district coordinator, British Union; executive secretary.

North British Conference Boards/Associations
Member of a variety of church-related boards and committees

Citations/Awards
Best Religious Program, Tidewater, Virginia area; other recognition for media work and church building.

Notable Achievements
Cited as church organizer and soul winner; desegregated two SDA schools; Plattsburg (Garden State Academy and Columbia Union College as a freshmen dormitory student; initiated a weekly Sabbath morning radio program, which is still being aired in Virginia; and a bimonthly TV program.

Interests
Role Models
Bible: Joseph
Other: M. L. King, Jr.

Helpful Traits
Patience, tenacity, discipline, creativity

Expertise Areas
Pastoral ministry, evangelism, church planting, stewardship, family life

People Skill
Affirming people’s good traits and encouraging them to use their talents.

Success Principle
Adhering to the SDA health message and utilizing sound counsel.

“The entire life should be given to God without reservation.”

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“When I think about my humble origins, I am thankful to God that He has brought me thus far.” Clayton Pritchett is thankful because he believes his life is proof that God can do a special work through a person’s life if he is just willing to be used. And so his ministry is his way of serving God and humanity. Having a deep interest in pastoral ministry, Pritchett and his wife, Jessie, have distinguished their ministry by building churches, winning souls, and educating and pastoring with love. Pritchett believes that a person’s effectiveness is undergirded by three foundations: diligent personal effort, spouse and friends, and faithfulness to and trust in God’s guidance. Pritchett’s desire is to discover the key to unlocking the great potential of the laity.

“I don’t demand a lot from life, and I am thankful to God for His blessings throughout the years.”
A successful pastor and evangelist, George Rainey has through the years specialized in initiating new work and new programs. His present position as conference evangelist emphasizes the raising up of new churches, a task he has accomplished many times in his ministerial career. Born in Danville, Virginia, to Sylmer and Elizabeth Shelton Rainey, he early recognized the call to the gospel ministry, directing his life toward that goal. Other than overcoming a problem with stammering, he feels that his greatest accomplishment was to meet and marry the former Martha J. Ricks, a person who, he feels, next to God, has been his greatest supporter in life. Rainey has been blessed with the privilege of winning literally thousands to the third angel's message.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Current Position
Conference evangelist, Atlantic Union Conference

Place of Birth
Danville, Virginia

Birthday
October 19

Siblings
One of 6

Spouse
Martha (Ricks)

Children
Cynthia, Jeanetta, Georgetta

Education
B.A., Oakwood Coll.; M.A., Andrews U.

Career Highlights
Pastor/evangelist, union conference staff, in his capacity as pastor and evangelist, Rainey has baptized thousands, among whom were numerous nationally known entertainers and preachers of other denominations.

Boards/Associations
Member of various boards and committees.

Notable Achievements
Conducted successful crusades in Canada, Bermuda, Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, Central America, Bahamas, Japan, Indonesia and other parts of the world; first Black person to serve on Atlantic Union staff.

Life Objective
To be a soul winner, to be a good husband and father, and to be saved.

Church Challenge
To make the feeding and clothing of the needy a priority.

Favorites

Bible Book
Isaiah

Bible Text
1 John 1:9

Spirit of Prophecy
Christ's Object Lessons

Author/Book
T. Bunch, The Ten Commandments

Hobbies
Walking, gardening

Interests

Role Models
Bible: Moses
Other: M. L. King, Jr.

Helpful Traits
Ability to work hard to attain goals

Expertise Areas
Evangelism, storytelling, writing, teaching, explaining the Bible

People Skill
The ability to listen, counsel, and be an advocate

Success Principle
Hard work, determination, and faith in God are the keys to success.

"Never give up if defeated. Try again, aim for the stars. Think positive."
From her early years Eardell Rashford learned to think in a community-oriented manner. Born in Harlem, she grew up with a desire to help others in a way that would make a big difference. This desire grew until she decided to study law. After graduating from Oakwood College, she went on to law school at Howard University. From there she returned to work in New York City as an attorney and has been working for local government for the last 16 years. Rashford is of the mind-set that her talents are on loan from God, and therefore she uses them to help others by doing volunteer work in the community and the church while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Her philosophy is “I am happiest when I’m helping others in the community to help themselves.”

“...I want God’s guidance concerning all the decisions in my life.”
Benjamin Reaves' rhetorical skills have earned him wide acclaim around the world as a preacher, lecturer, and theologian. After 12 successful years as a pastor, Reaves decided to broaden his ministry by becoming an associate professor of preaching and urban ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

In that capacity, and as Theology Department chairman of Oakwood College, he has taught hundreds of ministerial students the fine arts of homiletics and oration. The meticulous care and wisdom which Reaves brings to his work has truly paid off for him. In 1985 Reaves was appointed president of Oakwood College, the only Black Seventh-day Adventist college in North America. Under Reaves' direction, enrollment has increased and finances have been stabilized.

"I hurt... but am not slain. I'll lay me down and bleed awhile, and get up and fight again."
As Leroy Reese grew up in the big-city ghetto he never realized that he had a meaningful future there. Reese, a native New Yorker, now directs the gynecological and obstetrical medical group clinic at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. White Memorial serves a large Hispanic and Black community in East Los Angeles.

Reese also directs the Loma Linda University medical student program in obstetrics and gynecology. Though he didn’t realize it, Reese’s background served as a building block to his professional career. In his position, he constantly faces the challenge of teen and single-parent pregnancies and has become a highly vocal proponent of sex and hygiene education for young people. His goal is to be a faithful and practical witness for Christ.

**Profiles of Service**

**Life Objective**
To witness for Christ, whether in the classroom, kitchen, or clinic

**Church Challenge**
To present a consistent image of Christ in word and action

**Current Position**
Director, White Memorial OB/GYN Medical Group Clinic and Loma Linda University Student program in OB/GYN

**Place of Birth**
New York, New York

**Birthday**
October 9

**Siblings**
One of 4

**Spouse**
Ruth (Anderson)

**Children**
LeRoy Jeralyn

**Education**
B.A., Atlantic Union Col.; M.D., Loma Linda U.

**Career History**
Internship/residency, White Memorial Medical Center, assistant professor of OB/GYN, Loma Linda U. School of Medicine; associate director, OB/GYN residency training program

**Boards/Associations**
Fellow, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; American Association of Gynecological Laparoscopists; Society for Adolescent Medicine, Inc.; Los Angeles County Medical Association; Los Angeles OB/GYN Society; American Urologic Gynecology Society

**Notable Achievements**
Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; past pres., Loma Linda Black Alumni

**Interests**
Role Models
Bible: David
Other: M. L. King, Jr.

**Helpful Traits**
Assertiveness, diplomacy, honesty, loyalty, diligence

**Expertise Areas**
Sex and hygiene education of youth, women’s medical problems

**People Skill**
The ability to develop and maintain strong relationships with friends, colleagues, and patients

**Success Principle**
Set goals, develop ways to achieve them, then don’t give up until you realize their accomplishment

"There may be endless obstacles to success, but with God’s help, how can anything overcome you?"

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Edward Richardson was won to the Seventh-day Adventist Church by the pure conviction of truth. It was after months of listening to the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast on the island of Bermuda that the Lord won his heart, and he was baptized. An indefatigable worker, Richardson has given the church his best energies. And he returned to minister to his people after they elected him to be their president. But he returned only after becoming fully qualified. He has had a diverse ministry as a teacher, principal, and big-city pastor. He also has prioritized education in his ministry, having secured a Doctor of Ministry degree. But throughout it all, he has maintained a humble, approachable, friendly demeanor that has established him as a respected and valued church leader.

“My experience is that if you honor God and treat people right, life will always be a blessing.”
Johnny Rivers is a culinary expert par excellence. Notably he was the only Black member of the famed Walt Disney World Olympic Culinary Team, which won 23 gold medals, 8 silver medals, and the grand gold in international competition. He was the first Black to win a culinary gold medal in Germany. Rivers joined the Disney team in 1970, and after a series of promotions was made the executive chef in charge of all the Walt Disney World Resorts. He often lectures and conducts seminars on regional food and nutrition around the country. When asked what is the secret to culinary success, Rivers’ response is, “Care, personal pride, and creativity.” Rivers sees God and the upbringing he received from his mother to be the foundation for the advances he has realized.

"Help others reach their goals. Whenever any of us makes it, we ought to take others with us."
Plastic Surgeon

Recent polls have uncovered an interesting fact: most people would, if they had the opportunity, change something about their physical appearance. When people are really serious about changing the way they look or, due to illness or injury, desire to, they consult a plastic surgeon. Harrell Robinson has distinguished himself as a respected plastic surgeon in an area where practitioners are plentiful—California. What helps make Robinson sought after is his high degree of expertise and special training. Through reconstructive surgery, Robinson assists people in improving some physical feature that may have brought them years of discomfort or embarrassment. Still, Robinson looks forward to heaven where his services will no longer be required!

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To make an inventive contribution to medicine and make my final home in Heaven

Church Challenge
To deal constructively with modern issues, such as abortion and prejudice

Favorites
Bible Book
Job
Bible Text
Psalm 37:4
Spirit of Prophecy
Medical Ministry
Author/Book
L. Bennett, Jr., Before the Mayflower
Hobbies
Classical guitar, painting, sports

Current Position
Associate clinical professor; private practice, facial and reconstructive surgery

Place of Birth
Thomasville, Alabama

Birthday
September 3

Siblings
One of 7

Education
B.S., Oakwood Coll.; M.D., Loma Linda U.

Career Highlights
Residence training at White Memorial Hospital, established practice in otolaryngology and facial plastic surgery

Boards/Associations
California Medical Association; American Medical Association; American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

Cosmetic Surgery:
National Medical Association; American Academy of Head and Neck Surgery

Citations/Awards
Outstanding Young Men of America

Notable Achievements
Fellow, American College of Surgeons; American Academy of Cosmetic Surgeons; and American Academy of Facial, Plastic, and Reconstructive Surgery, certified surgeon; American Academy of Otolaryngology! Head and Neck Surgery; published two articles in Laryngoscope

Interests
Role Models
Bible: David
Other: (father) Sandy Robinson, Jr.

Helpful Traits
Generosity, caring, honesty, attentiveness

Expertise Areas
Cosmetic surgery, hearing disorders, sinus problems, head and neck cancer

People Skill
Being honest and candid, yet with empathy and tact, try to help where you can

Success Principle
A Christian upbringing, making God your friend, and applying His principles to daily life

“I try to live each day like it’s my last, but prepare as if I’ll live forever.”

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"Hard work, late hours, and endless miles don't frighten me from a task," says Sandy Robinson, marketing representative for Message magazine and the Regional publishing work. "Whatever the job, with God's help I believe it can be done." This philosophy has been the fuel of Robinson's successful family life and a publishing ministry of over 37 years. During that time he has trained more than 1,200 full-time, part-time, and student workers in successful literature evangelism and assisted them in raising millions of dollars. Besides a rich ministry, Sandy and his wife, Savannah, have been blessed with a gifted family—all of whom are committed to Christ and to making a contribution to society. They say each blessing has resulted from a constant willingness to follow God's Word.

"If you take care of God's business, He will take care of yours."
Vice President, General Conference

Paraphrasing author Henry Van Dyke, Calvin Rock says that he “would rather travel in the shadow of the best than to remain content with the worst.” This has become the working philosophy of his life as pastor/evangelist, as president of Oakwood College, and in his position of vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Rock has the distinction of having the longest tenure of any president of Oakwood College. In his current position he is instrumental in helping to direct the work of the world church. A scholar, educator, writer, administrator, and evangelist, Rock has visited 56 countries in the interest of the gospel and is especially concerned with networking that foster ties helpful to Africa and Africans.

"You can get run over on the right road if you just sit there."
“I’m out to change my world!” says Tecora Rogers. She seeks to effect change by emphasizing the importance of a healthy lifestyle in the prevention of illness. As a registered nurse she has had plenty of experience with sick people. Now she works, in effect, to put herself out of business. That may never happen until heaven, but still she works — primarily now in cancer prevention and awareness programs sponsored by the state of Ohio. She also sits on subcommittees for the city of Columbus, Ohio, to promote smoke-free environments to maintain the respiratory health of smokers and nonsmokers alike. Notably, she has recently developed an innovative yearlong disease-prevention program complete with a participant's and instructor's manual.

“After I pray, plan, and organize, I then work and trust God to lead me.”
There were 12 of us. All of us were blessed to finish college because of the commitment of our parents,” says Reginald Sampson. Hats off to Pop and Mom Sampson. Firm principles, sacrifice, and hard work was the legacy that he received from them. “My family was reared on the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and as a result, we have all benefited.” Sampson is an ophthalmologist who, in partnership with his brother, operates his own free-standing surgical center in Montebello, California. Sampson has additional responsibilities as president of BALL, the Black Alumni of Loma Linda University. Although he has a successful, growing practice, Sampson and his wife have a dream to help prepare young people for service and to do mission work in Africa.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To help prepare young people for service and to do mission work in Africa

Church Challenge
To interface with American Blacks in the pursuit of higher education

Favorites
Bible Book
Acts
Bible Text
Matthew 25:40
Spirit of Prophecy
The Great Controversy
Author/Book
Alice Walker
Hobbies
Baseball, tennis, antique furniture, reading, sports

Current Position
Private practice in ophthalmology; national president, BALL

Place of Birth
Harlem, New York

Birthday
January 7

Siblings
One of 12

Spouse
Gerbell (Jones)

Education
B.A., Oakwood Coll.; M.D., Loma Linda U.

Career Highlights
Residency in ophthalmology at the White Memorial Hospital; established private practice

Boards/Associations
Los Angeles County Medical Association; president, Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Association; member of other medical and civic boards and associations

Citations/Awards
Various church and civic awards

Notable Achievements
Involved with the “Flying Doctors” and does volunteer work in Mexico once a month; developed a free-standing surgical center in Montebello, California

Interests
Role Models
Bible: Peter Other: Nelson Mandela
Helpful Traits
Persistence, adaptability, satisfaction, open-mindedness
Expertise Areas
Ophthalmology, history, child counseling, health

People Skill
Having a demeanor that causes people to trust you

Success Principle
You must be persistent to reach the mountaintop and then to press on

“Don’t let anything hold you back. Go for it. Press on. Don’t give up. It’s worth it!”
“My sister's influence had a tremendous impact on my life. From my formative years, she instilled in me the desire to press on and achieve great things with God's help. I still reminisce about many of our experiences together.” This is Linda Sanders’ reflection on her role model, mentor, and sister, Rosa Jenkins, now deceased. Sanders is the founder of a secretarial/temporary service and a travel agency. She says that the Christian principles she learned as a youngster are the keys to her business successes. Her continuing objective is to strive to perfect her talents while using them for the benefit of others. Whatever the task, Sanders says that she keeps her motto before her: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

“I want to retain God in all that I do as a Christian, in my roles as wife, mother, and businesswoman.”
Division Ministerial Leader

After being miraculously spared in a serious car accident, 8-year-old William Scales, Jr., gave his heart to the Lord, was baptized, and determined to be an evangelist. Since that time God has used him to baptize thousands and organize and house six new congregations. He has developed and conducted scores of Real Truth evangelistic series in America and overseas. Assisting him in an evangelistic team are his wife and parents, who add their musical talents, hard work, and prayers. One of Scales’ major objectives is to develop tools for evangelism. He has the ability to see gifts in others and has trained large numbers of pastors and lay members in the art of soul winning. His constant determination is to inspire and nurture the evangelistic fervor across North America.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Current Position
Director, North American Division Ministerial Association

Place of Birth
Charleston, West Virginia

Birthday
March 18

Siblings
None

Spouse
Lois (Yates)

Children
Larry, Linda Mercer

Education
B.A., Oakwood Col.; M.A., SDA Theological Seminary

Career Highlights
Pastor/evangelist in Central States, Allegheny East and Allegheny West conferences

Boards/Associations
Ministerial Training

Advisory Committee
Center of Continuing Education for Ministry, various GC and NAD committees

Citations Awards
Alumnus of the Year, Oakwood Co., and Andrews U.

Notable Achievements
Recording artist with the Cathedral Quartet of Oakwood College (Chapel Records) and the Singing Seals; Family (Hallelujah Records); author of Evangelism and Church Growth Manual; Real Truth Bible course series and tract series; in conjunction with Message magazine, has produced an effective set of Black evangelistic slides.

Interests

Role Models
Bible: Caleb
Other: (father) William Scales

Helpful Traits
Faith, determination, discernment, love

Expertise Areas
Public and friendship evangelism, pastoral ministry, fund-raising

Life Objective
To be an ambassador of Jesus Christ and spread His truth wherever possible

Church Challenge
To pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which will bring revival and hasten the coming of Christ.

Favorites
Bible Book
Jonah

Bible Text
Proverbs 3:5, 6

Spirit of Prophecy
Evangelism

Author/Book
Z. Ziglar, See You at the Top

Hobbies
Table tennis, working puzzles, singing with quartets, reading

"My joy: to cooperate with others and work together as a team under God's direction."

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Special Agent, FBI

Say “Federal Bureau of Investigation,” and what comes to mind? Mystery? Intrigue? Danger? For Leon Schenck, work at the FBI is anormal part of life. As a Seventh-day Adventist, he follows his life credo: “To not stand idly by and allow evil to triumph.” Arriving at the FBI has been somewhat of a triumph in itself for Schenck. When

just a young boy, he dreamed of being an FBI agent. However, he was told by a teacher to forget the idea—it was unrealistic for a Black boy. Fortunately, her intended discouragement served only as a motivation to strive even harder to accomplish his goal. His advice to anyone with a seemingly unattainable dream is, “Prepare yourself and tenaciously hold to your goal.” His life proves that this is advice worth following.

LEON C. SCHENCK

“For evil to triumph, good men need only to stand by and do nothing.”
Melvin L. Seard

GC Plant Services Manager

Life doesn’t always happen just the way you want it to. But the true survivor is the one who pulls the good out of the bad. Melvin Seard, manager of General Conference Plant Services, not only believes this approach; he practices it. Coming from a family of 14 in Greenville, Mississippi, he learned early what it means to work hard for a living. His parents put him to work in the family’s house-moving and construction business. This discipline prepared him for his later jobs as a medic in the armed forces and a lab technician with the Howard University Sickle Cell project and the National Institutes of Health Rubella Vaccine Program. Seard counsels, “You can make it, but you must believe in yourself and your God, and you must be willing to take some risks and learn from them.”

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To be in a position to help the abused, elderly, and needy in practical ways

Church Challenge
To understand and include the young adult in the workings of the church

Favorites
Bible Book Psalms
Bible Text Revelation 2:10
Spirit of Prophecy Messages to Young People

Author/Book Security Management

Hobbies Sports, table tennis, walking

Current Position Manager, General Conference Plant Services

Place of Birth Greenville, Mississippi

Birthday February 9

Siblings One of 14

Spouse Marie (Hoyle)

Children Melvin II

Education
Study: D.C. Teachers’ College and continuing education

Career Highlights
Medic, armed forces; lab technician, Howard University Sickle Cell Project and National Institutes of Health Rubella Vaccine Program; General Conference Plant Services

Boards/Associations
American Security Association; American Association for Industrial Security

Citations/Awards
Honored by the National Business Alliance and by the General Conference for outstanding service during the transition to the new General Conference building

Notable Achievements
Team member in the development of the rubella vaccine; first Black GC department head who was not elected; first Black manager of GC Plant Services

Interests
Role Models
Bible: Job
Other: (father) Robert Seard, Jr.

Helpful Traits
Patience, cooperation, positive attitude, perseverance

Expertise Areas
Security, management, construction, grounds/maintenance

People Skill
A willingness to accept people for what they are

Success Principle
Believe in yourself and be self-motivated

“In order to survive and be a success in life, we must be willing to make mistakes and learn from them.”
It is just coincidence that the university over which Talbert Shaw presides bears his family name. The 1,600-student Shaw University, the oldest Black college in the South, was founded right after the Civil War by the American Baptist Church. Its namesake, Elijah Shaw, donated funds for the buildings. It is not by coincidence, however, that Shaw has had a remarkable life, defying the odds and proving that it is possible to overcome adversity and to accomplish big things for God and humanity. He often thanks God that he was blessed to rise from the austerity of the family farm in Jamaica to the presidency of a major Black college in the South.

Talbert Shaw is the president of Shaw University. His rich educational background has amply qualified him for this position. Currently he is preparing young people for service to humanity.
When Wayne Shepperd accepted a call to New Orleans as associate pastor for the youth and church school principal in 1961, his career in youth ministry was launched. Seven years as conference youth director and a stint as campus chaplain at multicultural Andrews University honed and developed his youth ministry skills. He became the first Black youth director and vice President of the Southwestern Union. Now at the North Pacific Union he still directs youth activities, but as human relations director, he also helps Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans regain their identity and strengthen their work. As regional affairs director he works specifically for the Black people in this five-state territory. His approach has been to understand and help people whenever possible.

**PROFILE OF SERVICE**

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**Favorites**

- Bible Book: Proverbs
- Bible Text: Proverbs 18:16
- Spirit of Prophecy: Early Writings
- Author/Book: T. Branch, *Parting the Waters*
- Hobbies: Model car building, photography, reading

**Current Position**
- Regional affairs/human relations/associate church ministries director, North Pacific Union Conference

**Place of Birth**
- Los Angeles, California

**Birthday**
- June 20

**Siblings**
- One of 5

**Spouse**
- Joyce (Montgomery)

**Children**
- E. Wayne III
- Eric
- Eugene

**Education**
- B.A., Oakwood Col.; M.A., Andrews U.

**Career Highlights**
- Pastor, youth and education director, Southwest Region Conference; Andrews
- University campus chaplain and Lake Union youth director; Southwestern Union youth director/vice president
- Woman's Commission of the North Pacific Union; other educational, medical, publishing boards and associations

**Interests**

- Role Models: Bible: John
- Other: E. E. Cleveland

**Helpful Traits**

- Ability to work with diverse cultures, love of young people

**Expertise Areas**

- Youth ministry, human relations, secular-campus ministry

**People Skill**

- Kindness which displays itself in showing concern for others

**Success Principle**

- Having an excellent family support group and dependence on God

"One purpose rises to the top—the upbuilding of the kingdom of God."
Space Science Engineer

Robert Shurney is working to expand the exploration of space. His research and engineering applications have been used in the lunar rover machinery, development of space station technology, and the Skylab. But pushing the frontiers of outer space has not been his only field of endeavor. At the age of 40, Shurney earned a degree in engineering and physics. Nineteen years later, he re-enrolled in school to obtain a master's degree. Then, when 65, Shurney matriculated again to earn a Ph.D. in physics! He believes that circumstances such as birthplace, roots, negative childhood experiences, or age do not need to hold a person back. He sees challenges in obstacles and hindrances. Shurney says, “Success is possible with clear goals, determination to succeed, and the blessings of God.”
Douglas Simons has been described as patient, sensitive, and compassionate—important traits in his role as senior staff chaplain for trauma intervention at the Medical Center of Delaware. Simons is particularly interested in grief counseling and plans to complete an M.Div. with emphasis in that area. Before coming to the medical center, Simons was director of pastoral care at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee, a fellow with the National College of Chaplains, and a pastor in the South Atlantic and Lake Region conferences. He is credited with organizing the Straford Memorial church in Chicago, Illinois. Simons believes the key to successful counseling is not to give smooth words, but to listen and allow people to realize their own solutions and then to support them where possible.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To comfort people in crisis, to be of service to man, and to be at peace with God

Church Challenge
To recognize the gifts of women and include them in the ordained ministry

Current Position
Senior staff chaplain for trauma intervention, Medical Center of Delaware

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Birthday
February 27

Siblings
One of 3

Spouse
Toni (Vanderberg)

Children
John
Dawn
Leah
Aaron

Education
B.A., Oakwood Col.; M.Div. studies, Andrews U.

Career Highlights
Led over 350 people to Christ when pastoring in South Atlantic and Lake Region conferences; fellow with the College of Chaplains

Boards/Associations
National College of Chaplains; National Christian Counselors' Association; Speaker's Bureau for the American Red Cross on AIDS education; GC AIDS Committee; other boards and associations in the field of pastoral care

Citations/Awards
Recognition for outstanding achievement and service to the community by civic and professional groups

Notable Achievements
Organized Straford Memorial church in Chicago, Illinois; received clinical pastoral education certification

Interests
Bible: Paul
Other: (father)
J. A. Simons

Role Models
Patience, compassion, sensitivity, kindness, fairness

Helpful Traits
Affirm others by meeting and accepting them where you find them.

Expertise Areas
Grief recovery, AIDS counseling

People Skill
Being an active listener, not passing judgment, and helping people find their own solutions

Success Principle
Recognize the signs indicating overload and allow time for yourself

"Affirm others by meeting and accepting them where you find them."
Lecturer, Motivator

To young Alice Princess Siwundhla, obtaining an education in the United States seemed impossible. Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and raised in Central east Africa, Siwundhla kept the dream alive in her heart. Eventually that dream was realized in a marked way. Siwundhla not only received a master's degree in education in the States, but went on to earn a Ph.D. in international relations. Siwundhla tells her remarkable story in her two books, Alice Princess and My Two Worlds. She has also shared her story on numerous TV programs. In addition to being an author, she is a professor of psychology, public speaker, entrepreneur, and professional model. Siwundhla is the mother of Lena Nozizwe, cohost of Christian Lifestyle Magazine.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To fully utilize my diverse experiences in education, writing, and speaking

Church Challenge
To show more acceptance and love and be slower to criticize

Favorites
Bible Book
Psalms
Bible Text
Proverbs 3:5, 6
Spirit of Prophecy
Steps to Christ
Author/Book
A. Paton,
Cry, the Beloved Country
Hobbies
Gourmet cooking, sewing, knitting

Current Position
Professor of psychology
Place of Birth
South Africa
Birthday
January 7
Siblings
One of 3
Children
Lena
Lowell
Ralph

Education
M.A., California Polytechnic State U.; Ph.D., U.S. International U.

Career Highlights
Psychology professor; author; motivational speaker; professional model; fashion coordinator and commentator; entrepreneur

Boards/Associations
International Reading Foundation; Doctoral Society; Theta Sigma Phi; International Platform Association

Citations/Awards
Who’s Who of American Women; other awards and recognition for civic and educational contributions

Notable Achievements
Featured as the subject on This is Your Life TV program and appeared in an American Dental Society motion picture; authored Alice Princess and My Two Worlds and co-authored We Found Faith; published Spotlight on Africa, TV lessons for Los Angeles County schools

Interests
Role Models
Bible: Esther
Other: Josephine Edwards
Helpful Traits
Setting goals, love, faith in overcoming obstacles
Expertise Areas
Public speaking, international relations, education, motivation

People Skill
Having the ability to make and maintain friends

Success Principle
Determination—following a dream even when it seems impossible

"Be the best you can be by striving for excellence."
Robert S. Smith

Division Publishing Director

People say that the ability to motivate is just natural with him. Robert Smith is a man of many abilities. Besides being an excellent developer of literature evangelists and trainer of salespeople, Smith is a skilled painter, carpenter, plumber, electrician, and offset pressman. He grew up as a "country boy" in Zebulon, Georgia, the tenth of 11 children. He had to work on the farm, so school was a luxury he could hardly afford. But the desire for an education was so strong that he worked his way through and also helped his younger brother. It was during this period that Smith learned the valuable lessons of life in the "school of hard knocks." As the director of the NAD publishing work he has countless opportunities to share with others that in spite of the odds, anyone can do great things for God.

PROFILE OF SERVICE

Life Objective
To be a blessing to his church family and to help LE’s make a good living

Church Challenge
To combat spiritual apathy by example, better instruction, and returning to basics

Favorites
Bible Book
Acts
Bible Text
Ecclesiastes 11:1
Spirit of Prophecy
The Desire of Ages
Author/Book
D. Baker, The Unknown Prophet
Hobbies
Woodworking, golf, reading, walking

Current Position
Publishing director, NAD
Place of Birth
Zebulon, Georgia
Birthday
November 17
Siblings
One of 11
Spouse
Frances (Godfrey)
Children
Deborah, Robert, Jr., Coletta, Anthony, Beverly, Rodney
Education
A.A., Zion Col; B.A., New York U; School of Religion; M.Div., Franklin U.
Career Highlights
Has successfully filled a variety of positions in publishing on the conference, union, publishing house, division, and General Conference levels

Boards/Associations
Ministerial Alliance; National Black Pastors’ Convention; NAACP; SCLC; Urban League
Citations/Awards
Doctor of Literature, Faith Col.; Doctor of Divinity, New York U, School of Religion
Notable Achievements
Wrote syllabi and conducted sessions on leadership, management, sales, and creative and critical thinking

Interests
Role Models
Bible: Paul
Other: E.C. Ward
Helpful Traits
Positive thinking, humor, hard work, trust in God
Expertise Areas
Publishing, sales, motivation, leadership, small repairs

People Skill
Being approachable, friendly, and helpful to all types of people
Success Principle
Willingness to make hard decisions and follow through; be adaptable, creative, and pray

"Understand your job expectations, do what’s fair and reasonable, and then do some more!"