Caring For Pastors-Part I
The Essential Work of Ministerial Directors

“Clarifying Role in Ministry”

Understanding the complex role of contemporary pastors gives insight into the necessity for spiritual connection, emotional care, and physical awareness. This is essential and important to life balance in the professional journey of Adventist pastors. Lloyd Rediger sees role as all encompassing or engulfing. In fact, he sees the pastors role as the only profession whereby their professional, personal, and religious faith are all wrapped up in a single package.

In other words, there is no escaping who we are and what we do except through anonymity. People in other vocations can at least escape into their religious faith when the pressure is on. But pastors must face the
pressure with their work and faith wrapped altogether. Their call to ministry will always precede their response in declaration to the call.

H. B. London, Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman, in their book *Your Pastor Is an Endangered Species*, describes this dilemma in everyday church life as the persistent struggle for pastors to find a meaningful existence amidst greater demands, low credibility, suspicious followers, and needy members. Adventist pastors are often tugged between the hierarchical organizations (conference) desire, their private personal convictions, unrealistic congregational expectations, community endeavors, and family needs.

Unrealistic expectations can be detrimental to pastors. Helping them with the sorting and clarifying of these expectations will give them staying power...

Helping pastors clarify their professional role and helping them sort through unrealistic expectations is the essential work of ministerial directors.

Read more and share ways you have helped pastors understand their role on our facebook page.

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**NAD MINISTERIAL CONVENTION UPDATE**

**A Letter to the Union and Conference Presidents**

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Join us for

**NAD Prayer Call**

Join the Prayer Call Sept. 5 between 10 p.m. Eastern Time, until 5 a.m., Sept. 6. You do not need to be on the call all night.

For more details follow our “Best Practices Newsletter” on our own Ministerial Directors facebook page.

Please share with us what’s happening in your conference or union. We would love to share what you doing with other Ministerial Directors in our Division.

**A Point to Make**

The sin that leads to the most unhappy results is the cold, critical, unforgiving spirit that characterizes Pharisaism. When the religious experience is devoid of love, Jesus is not there; the sunshine of His presence is not there. . . . There may be a wonderful keenness of perception to discover the defects of others; but to everyone who indulges this spirit, Jesus says, “Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye” (Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing, pp. 125, 126).

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VIRTUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY

2013 Virtual Adult Ministries (Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries) Festival Of The Laity. This initiative is designed to joyfully respond to a few important “what if's”:

- “What if everyone (worldwide) could be equipped for these ministries at the same time?” It's possible for everyone with a computer with internet access to attend the NAD Virtual Adult Ministries Festival of the Laity!

- “What if one could receive this equipping for effective ministry with no travel, no registration fees, no hotel bills, and no spending for extras?” It's possible because there are NO FEES attached to the Festival Of The Laity. Even registration is free!

Live broadcasts of Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries development seminars presented by globally respected facilitators! Plan now to join your fellow disciples September 11-14, 2013 and benefit from this opportunity.

Watch the Promo and Register Today at www.festivalofthelaity.com
"The Record Keeper," which dramatizes the epic struggle between good and evil, is a soon to be web series which echoes major themes from "The Great Controversy," a touchstone book by Adventist Church co-founder Ellen G. White that chronicles God's guidance throughout history.

The episodes and media package plans will be shared at the upcoming NAD Adventist Ministries Convention in Monterey, California, January 12-15, 2014. These plans will give pastors the ability to use this series creatively as an evangelism tool to reach individuals for Christ.

The Record Keeper recently won an award in the "Best One-Shot" category for "Best Trailer." The "One-Shot" category recognizes episodes still in the final stages of post-production. Director Jason Satterlund, owner of Big Puddle Films and Executive Producer Garrett Caldwell, Public Relations Director of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists accepted the award, accompanied by cast members Aris Juson and Jelynn Sophia.

Advanced screenings of "The Record Keeper" are expected to begin in October, producers said. "We can't wait to show you the rest of the series," Caldwell said, acknowledging the role of co-creator Rajeev Sigamoney and the two other executive producers, Ben Schoun and Delbert Baker, both general vice presidents for the Adventist world church.

Church leaders said "The Record Keeper" will resonate with people who may not otherwise come into contact with "The Great Controversy" or even the Bible. "The inspired insights that Ellen White provides in 'The Great Controversy' make the compelling narratives of scripture even more relevant," Caldwell said. "So many people are expressing interest in [White] as an individual
and in her writings as a result of ‘The Record Keeper’ project. We simply must consider continuing to tell these stories in this manner.”
Re: North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists
Ministerial Convention June 28-July 1, 2015 in Austin, Texas

August 15, 2013

Dear Union and Conference Presidents,

We hope and pray you are well and serving the Lord with gladness of heart. The purpose of this communication is to share some details regarding our upcoming ministerial convention in 2015. This convention is planned for all Seventh-day Adventist clergy and their families in the North American Division with the emphasis on pastoral ministry. The ministerial convention will be a place to ignite a cohesive fire in carrying the gospel to North America. It will be a launching place for the new continuing education system for pastors, and a place where spouses and children will engage through special seminars and programming. We have invited individuals like Chaplain Barry Black of the U. S. Senate, Gary Hamel a world-renowned speaker on leadership, and we are planning to have the best presenters engage us with relevant and applicable seminars.

The name and theme for the convention selected by the NAD ministerial department is entitled “Called.” The values for the convention are to inspire, value, connect, and equip pastors for a lifetime of faithful and excellent service in commitment to the Lord in ministry. The convention will begin Sunday evening, June 28, and conclude Wednesday noon, July 1, at the convention center in downtown Austin, Texas.

While many pastors have expressed a real desire to attend a convention planned for them, we realize they need your conference financial support in order to attend. We are asking you to please consider financially supporting each pastor to attend this important convention in 2015. In the coming weeks, a representative working for Advent Source will be communicating with you regarding the details of the ministerial convention. We also are sending you hard copy of information postcards for your pastors. These postcards give a quick snapshot about the convention, and because time is of the essence, we are asking you to mail them out in your correspondence to your field or hand them out at your workers meetings as soon as possible.

Finally, registration for the NAD ministerial convention will begin in January 2014. Enclosed on the next page of this letter, you will find very important details regarding the registration process. Thank you for your daily ministry and support in advance of this historical ministerial convention.

In the Master’s Service,

Dan Jackson, NAD President

Ivan Williams, NAD Ministerial Director
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**Austin, Texas**  
All NAD Pastors, Spouses*, and children are invited**.  
Registration: $199***  
Your Registration and Travel Budget for the convention is covered by most conferences. See your treasurer for details.

*Special track for pastoral spouses.  
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