

Seventh-day Adventist Professional Organizations

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More than 20 professional organizations exist within the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, publishing at least 18 journals or newsletters. The societies drawn from the medical professions comprise the oldest and largest Adventist professional organizations. The first professional association to be organized (1932) and presently the largest by far (4,931 members) is the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni, which draws together Adventist physicians. The second oldest is the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists, organized in 1943, and instrumental in establishing the denomination's School of Dentistry at Loma Linda. Although it did not organize until 1967, the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses has the second largest membership (2,200 members). Many may be surprised to learn that the Public Health Association of Seventh-day Adventists, organized in 1966, has 700 members, 250 more than the dental association.

Several associations were organized in the 1960s, but almost half of those listed below have come into existence in the 1970s. Some

of the organizations are so closely integrated into the denominational structure that the church employs personnel to conduct much, if not all, of their business: Academy of Adventist Ministers, Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries and the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Educators. The Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association is limited to institutions owned and operated by the church.

Only professional organizations, not social or recreational associations, have been included. The list has also been confined to organizations that are national or international in scope. We have not included, for example, organizations of Adventist lawyers in the Southern and Lake Union Conferences. No organization of Adventist lawyers exists on the national level. We also have not included the Association of Western Adventist Historians, although they are an active group which meets annually at one of the west coast colleges.

Other professional groups are interested in forming organizations. The Adventist teachers in college and university departments of religion and theology at the 1977 meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature seriously discussed forming an association, but agreed to requests from the General Confer-

ence to postpone organizing for at least a year. The nurse anesthetists are considering forming an association as well. Persons who are interested should write to Arthur N. Norcliffe, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92354.

Although information has been provided for all the professional organizations about which facts could be found, there are, no doubt, other groups that should have been included. As much as possible, comparable information has been provided for all the associations. Obviously, in some cases only the facts available could be included. This directory, though, should be the start of a fuller awareness that such organizations exist. SPECTRUM is interested in keeping up with the activities of all these organizations and would appreciate receiving information about activities of existing organizations, news from groups inadvertently omitted from this directory, and facts about new societies considering organization.

AVIATION

Adventist Aviation Association

Executive Director: Bill Smith
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, MI 49104

In process of reorganization.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENTISTS

Association of Adventist Behavioral Scientists

President: Adrian Zytoskee

Office address: P.O. Box 876
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1976

Number of members: More than 120

Membership requirements:

Full member: Graduate degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields, or professional practice in such field. (The association includes the following as behavioral sciences: anthropology, psychology, sociology, psychiatry and social work.) Fee: \$10.

Associate member: Persons interested in or involved in the behavioral sciences in a professional way, but without a graduate degree in such a field. Fee: \$3.00.

Student member: Undergraduate or graduate stu-

dents actively pursuing a degree in one of the behavioral sciences. Fee: \$2.50.

Overseas member: Professionally trained behavioral scientist residents outside North America who do not opt for regular (full) membership. Fee: \$3.00.

Institutional memberships in which SDA colleges or departments help support the association. Fee: \$25 for a department, \$100 for a college, \$150 for a university.

Purpose: To promote intellectual and spiritual growth among SDA behavioral scientists through professional meetings, workshops and publications; and to assist the church in its discharge of its worldwide evangelistic responsibilities.

Publications: Newsletter, *The Adventist Behavioral Scientist*, published twice a year and sent to all members; *The Journal of the Association of Adventist Behavioral Scientists*, published twice a year and sent to full members. Other members may order copies of the journal at the cost of publication plus postage.

BUSINESS EDUCATORS

Seventh-day Adventist Business Education Association

President: Rosa Banks
Oakwood College
Huntsville, AL 35806

Established: 1972

Number of members: 33

Membership: Educators in Seventh-day Adventist secondary schools, colleges and universities whose responsibilities include areas of training in secretarial/business education who have paid the national and district dues as required by the bylaws; and Seventh-day Adventist teachers not currently employed in SDA schools whose primary professional interest is in secretarial/business education who have paid the national and district dues as required by the bylaws.

Membership fee: \$10.00 a year

Purpose: To open channels of communication among SDA secretarial/business education teachers for mutual assistance and the disseminating of professional information; to foster and promote professional excellence; to stimulate research in secretarial/business education; to actively recruit personnel for office work; to encourage and work with denominational business educators and office workers in setting up an organization to elevate the standards of the secretarial profession by uniting for their mutual benefit persons who are or have been engaged in denominational office work; to promote the organization of local chapters for secretaries.

Publications: *News and Views*, published November 15 and March 15 each year.

CHAPLAINS

Chaplains' Division of the
Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association

President: Chaplain E. E. Christian
Porter Memorial Hospital
2525 South Downing Street
Denver, CO 80210

Established: 1967 nationally; East and West Coast Divisions had been functioning earlier.

Number of members: 211

Membership: Institutional membership for Seventh-day Adventist persons engaged in church service who are duly recognized by the church in performing that service. Certified membership for Seventh-day Adventist persons who have been certified by the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Membership fee: None

Purpose: "To foster the highest standards of ministry of making men whole, bringing them into a healing, saving relationship with God and their fellowmen."

Publication: *The Adventist Chaplain*, published quarterly.

CHURCH MUSICIANS

Seventh-day Adventist Church Musicians' Guild

President: Albert E. Mayes, Jr.
9511 Hatillo Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Local chapters in southern California, Michigan, New York City, Washington, D.C. and Frederick, Maryland.

Established: 1976

Number of members: Approximately 200

Membership: Persons interested in Seventh-day Adventist Church music.

Membership fee: Approximately \$5.00; varies from chapter to chapter.

Purpose: To upgrade the music in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Publication: *The Score*, published quarterly.

DENTISTS

National Association of
Seventh-day Adventist Dentists

President: Eldon C. Dickinson, D.D.S.

Office: Box 101, Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1943

Number of members: 450

Membership: Graduates of an accredited dental school and members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Membership fee: \$25

Purpose: To support Adventist dental clinics around the world and provide fraternal fellowship among Adventist dentists.

Publication: *NASDAD News*, published quarterly.

DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS

Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association

President: Patricia B. Mutch, Ph.D., R.D.
Home Economics Department
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, MI 49104

Office Address: P.O. Box 75
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1954

Number of members: 250

Membership: Seventh-day Adventist registered dietitians and nutritionists. Other Seventh-day Adventists who have suitable academic training in the field of nutrition and/or home economics and who have successful experience in college teaching of foods and nutrition or in administering a food service are eligible for associate membership. Membership is by application, through which professional eligibility is determined.

Membership fee: \$10 a year; less for students

Purpose: To assist its members in enhancing their professional contribution as leaders in food administration, clinical dietetics and nutrition education in church-related medical and educational institutions; and to make more effective the participation of its members in the health ministry of the church.

Publication: Newsletter, *SDADA News*, published six times a year. Subscription price: \$4.00.

EDUCATORS

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Educators

President: Richard T. Orrison
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, MI 49104

Executive Secretary: Walton J. Brown
Education Director
General Conference of SDA
6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Established: 1970

Number of members: approximately 800

Membership: Regular: SDA personnel who have the baccalaureate degree equivalent, or who hold SDA educational credentials, and who constitute the faculty, staff and administration of Seventh-day Adventist institutions, whether in early childhood, elementary, secondary or higher education; SDA educators who are teaching in public, government or private schools; SDA graduate students; individuals sponsored by the General Conference Committee; retired SDA educators.

Associate: SDA undergraduate students; paraprofessional personnel

Membership fee: \$1.00 annually, payable October 1

Purpose: To promote and encourage the ideals and principles of Christian education; to seek to maintain Christian education on a high spiritual and professional level; to strive toward a goal of moral and professional excellence; to interpret Christian education within the overall objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; to explore and make known to the members of the association methods and materials for improvement and growth; to foster cooperation nationally and internationally between and among professional educators.

Publication: *Journal of Adventist Education*.

ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS

Association of Adventist Engineers and Architects

President: David Hensel
Association of Adventist Engineers and Architects
P.O. Box 25
College Place, WA 99324
Phone: (509) 527-2766

Number of members: 150

Membership: Adventist engineers, architects or craftsmen in associated fields.

Membership fee: \$5.00 application fee, \$15 annual dues

Purpose: To aid the church in its objectives by the use of these professional people.

Publication: *Adventist Engineer*, published quarterly in conjunction with the educational paper of the Walla Walla College School of Engineering.

ENGLISH TEACHERS

Association of Adventist English Teachers

President: Minon Hamm
Southern Missionary College
Collegedale, TN 37315

Membership: Members of departments of English in

Adventist colleges and academies in North America.

Purpose: To determine goals and objectives for Adventist English teachers, to share material, techniques, experience, research with other English professionals in the Adventist circle, to disseminate our ideals and objectives to Adventists outside our profession.

Meetings: At NADHEC sessions and either the MLA annual meetings or NCTE meetings.

Publication: *The Adventist English Newsletter*, quarterly
Editor, Beverly Beem, Walla Walla College.

HISTORIANS

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians

President: Erwin Sicher
Southwestern Adventist College
Keene, TX 76059

Established: 1973

Number of members: approximately 80

Membership: Those who are interested in the organization and who accept its objectives.

Membership fee: \$2.50 annually

Purpose: To provide intellectual and social fellowship among its members; encourage scholarly pursuits in all the historical disciplines; identify Seventh-day Adventist teachers of history both within and without the church's educational system as well as researchers and graduate students working in historical fields; acquaint others with the members' contributions as historians.

Publications: Newsletter and directory; is one of the organizations sponsoring *Adventist Heritage*, a magazine of denominational history.

HOSPITALS

Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association

President: D. R. Ammon, Administrator
Portland Adventist Medical Center
10123 S.E. Market Street
Portland, OR 97216
Phone: (503) 257-2500

Established: 1960

Number of members: 45-50 hospitals

Membership: Institutional rather than individual. Membership is limited to hospitals owned and operated by the church, and participation is by members of the administrative staff of member institutions.

The Hospital Association also has a number of

subsidiary, affiliated groups in various technical and professional areas. These groups, in turn, meet in conjunction with the annual meetings in their own specialty field, but function as subsidiaries of the parent association, which each year names administrators to serve as the liaison with these groups. They include chaplains, personnel administrators, radiological technicians, financial administrators, personnel directors, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, medical technologists and directors of social services.

Membership fee: Based on a formula related to the number of occupied beds.

Purpose: The organization is sponsored by the General Conference and was established to strengthen and advance the work of SDA hospitals in the North American Division. It is advisory, not policy making, in function.

HOME ECONOMISTS

Home Economics Association of Seventh-day Adventists

President: Martha Lorenz
Department of Home Economics
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, MI 49104

Established: 1976

Number of members: 25

Membership: Regular (voting) membership open to Seventh-day Adventists with a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree in some area of home economics; or Seventh-day Adventists with a bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree in a field related to home economics plus a minimum of two years' experience in home economics-related professional activities; or Seventh-day Adventist graduate students in home economics. Associate (nonvoting) membership open to Seventh-day Adventist undergraduate students majoring in home economics or paraprofessional men and women in home economics services.

Membership fee: \$5.00 per year

Purpose: To promote the ideals and principles of professional home economics to serve families and individuals; to seek to maintain Christian education for family life on a high spiritual and professional level; to strive toward a goal of moral and professional excellence; to interpret the goals of professional home economics within the overall objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; to explore and make known to the members of the association methods and materials for growth and improvement as professional home economists; and to foster cooperation nationally and internationally between and among professional Seventh-day Adventist home economists.

Publication: *HEASDA Newsletter*, published each spring and fall.

MINISTERS

Academy of Adventist Ministers

President: Daniel A. Skoretz
Ministerial Association
General Conference of SDA
6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Established: 1972

Number of members: approximately 600

Membership: Ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through payment of a yearly membership fee and by providing evidence of a minimum of 50 clock hours per year of study that provides some measurable results.

Membership fee: \$15 annually

Purpose: To encourage the pastor to keep abreast of the very latest and best information essential to his leadership growth.

Publication: None.

NURSES

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses

President: Maxine Blome
Portland Adventist Medical Center
10123 S.E. Market
Portland, OR 97216

Established: 1967

Number of members: 2,200 (North America)

Membership: Currently licensed registered nurses or licensed practical nurses who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Membership fee: \$15 annually

Purpose: To keep their mission before SDA nurses, to promote the ideals and principles of SDA nursing, to encourage SDA young people to enter the nursing profession, to keep members informed as to the need for SDA nurses in denominational work and other places, to encourage practicing nurses to give spiritual assistance to patients while caring for their physical needs according to the instructions and teachings of the denomination, and to advance the standards of SDA nurses and nursing, the care of the sick, and the honor and character of the nursing profession.

Publication: *Forum*, published quarterly.

OPTOMETRISTS

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists

President: Harry Oster
P.O. Box 1648
Omak, WA 98841

Address inquiries to: Fred Wright, Secretary
Association of SDA Optometrists
115 North Main Street
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Established: 1958

Number of members: 65

Membership: Seventh-day Adventists who are members of the American Optometric Association.

Membership fee: None

Purpose: To promote the role of the Adventist optometrist at home and in overseas mission service, and to promote a greater interest in the field of optometry.

Publication: Newsletter.

OSTEOPATHS

National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Osteopaths

President: Gordon P. Guild, D.O.
National Association of SDA Osteopaths
33 Peach Grove Avenue
Centerville, OH 45459

Established: 1966

Number of members: 200

Membership: Seventh-day Adventist doctors of osteopathy.

Purpose: To promote Christian medicine with osteopathic concepts.

Publication: Monthly paper, *NASDAO*.

PERSONNEL MANAGERS

Hospital Personnel Management Association
(Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association)

President: Richard U. Fuss
Paradise Valley Hospital
2400 East Fourth Street
National City, CA 92050

Established: 1968

Number of members: 86

Membership: Seventh-day Adventist hospital personnel directors or administrators who are also in charge of personnel functions.

Membership fee: None

Purpose: To foster the highest standard of personnel administration; to coordinate the personnel policies and functions of all the institutions in the associa-

tion; to develop a system whereby each member may be aware of the needs of other institutions in the association; and to promote health-related careers among Seventh-day Adventists.

Publication: *News and Views*, published monthly.

PHYSICIANS

Adventist International Medical Society

President: Carl Bauer, M.D.

Office: 11188 Anderson Street
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1977

Number of members: 100

Membership: Adventist physicians.

Membership fee: \$100

Purpose: To foster medical missions and fraternal bonds among Adventist physicians.

Publication: *Journal of World Missions*, forthcoming, monthly.

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Alumni Association of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine

President: Joan Coggin, M.D.

Office: 11188 Anderson Street
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1932

Number of members: 4,931

Membership: Graduates of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Membership fee: \$70

Meetings: Once a year at Loma Linda University

Publications: *Alumni Journal*, published six times a year; *Alumni Directory*, published once a year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Association of Seventh-day Adventists

President: Joel Haas
Great Lakes Adventist Health Services, Inc.
34 South Vine Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521
Phone: (312) 920-1100

Established: 1966

Number of members: 700

Membership: Consists of nine classes — regular, affiliate, associate, student, missionary, military, sponsorship, institutional and life.

Membership fee: \$6.50

Purpose: The primary purpose of PHASDA is to bring together all professionals and those interested in the health ministries of the church whether they be professionals or lay persons, to discuss the church's health ministries and to plan and carry on an educational program for members and non-members of their churches.

Publication: None.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Adventist College Public Relations Alumni and Development Association

President: Donald G. Prior
 Vice-president for Public Relations and Development
 Loma Linda University
 Loma Linda, CA 92354

Established: 1976

Number of members: about 35

Membership: Automatic membership for all public relations, development, alumni and recruitment personnel in Adventist colleges and universities in North America.

Membership fee: None

Purpose: To exchange information and ideas.

Publication: None

Meets each July in connection with the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education meeting.

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries

Executive Secretary: J. J. Aitken
 General Conference of SDA
 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20012

Established: 1947, reorganized 1951

Number of members: more than 500

Membership: Institutions and personal enterprises operated by SDA church members in harmony with denominational standards and principles, and

according to professional and ethical standards; in business for at least one year; and recommended by local and union conference administrations and their ASI secretaries and local pastors.

Membership fee: personal — \$15 annually; family — \$20 annually; self-supporting schools and businesses with 2 to 9 employees — \$25 annually; with 10-25 employees — \$35 annually; with more than 25 employees — \$50 annually

Purpose: For the promotion of the interests of SDA privately owned and operated self-supporting enterprises in North America.

Publication: *ASI News*, free to members, \$5.00 annually for nonmembers.

SOCIAL WORKERS

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Social Workers

President: June Horsley
 Box 377
 Loma Linda, CA 92354

Members voted recently not to continue with a national organization. They are in the process of reorganizing into local groups.

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

Speech and Hearing Association of Seventh-day Adventists

President: Roy Hartbauer
 6756 South Highfield Drive
 Oak Creek, WI 53154

Established: 1972

Number of members: Averages between 100 and 125

Membership: Professionals and students in speech pathology and audiology.

Membership fee: \$5.00 regular, \$2.00 student, annually

Purpose: To contribute to the evangelistic outreach of the church among the handicapped, to provide information about training programs to interested students, to provide information to denominational institutions about qualified professionals available for employment, to encourage and devise ways to extend services to language, speech and hearing handicapped Adventist members and their families, and to provide Christian fellowship for Adventist students majoring in these professions at nondenominational schools.

Publication: *Shasda Report*, published biannually.