M.C. Strachan Federation 2011 to be held at the Tampa Convention Center
333 South Franklin Street Tampa, FL 33602
Aug. 12 & 13

Guest Speaker - Lola Moore associate pastor of the Oakwood University SDA Church, Huntsville, AL.

Event Details
Diop is Adventist Church’s new UN liaison

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Activities & Events
- **Friday** Services will be held Mt. Calvary SDA Church 4902 N. 40th Street, Tampa, FL 33610, 7:30 p.m.
- Sabbath Services will be held at Tampa Convention Center 333 South Franklin Street Tampa, FL 33602
- Sabbath Workshops will include Youth Leadership, Financial Prosperity
- **Sabbath Concert** Sabbath services will conclude with a concert featuring artists from the Gospel Music Workshop of America, local community choirs and M.C. Strachan churches.
- **Saturday Night Activity** The fun continues on Saturday night with Gospel Skate, bowling & more

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He is an academic, administrator, and a musician who has lived and worked on three continents.

Diop replaces Barry Bussey, who served in the position since 2008 and left earlier this year to take a position in Canada.

"Dr. Diop's cross-cultural experience, education, and desire to serve his church, make him extraordinarily well-suited to his new responsibilities," said John Graz, PARL department director.

Diop has served as a church pastor, a conference Sabbath School director, a professor of Biblical Languages, Exegesis, and Theology at Saleve Adventist University in France, and later at Southern Adventist University and Oakwood University in the United States. In his most recent assignment, he served as director of the five Global Mission Study Centers of the Office of Adventist Mission.

Diop holds a master's degree in philology and a doctorate in Old Testament
studies. In 2008, he told ANN that he's comfortable conversing in 10 languages.

Diop said an important focus of his new role will be to "make the case before representatives of nations that they benefit from having Adventists live in their countries, freely practicing their religion and lifestyle."

"Our various services to humanity -- healthcare systems, education institutions, organizations for the support of human rights, development and relief agencies -- all these things are focused on improving the quality of life within communities," he said.

Diop says he will draw principles to guide his work from the life and example of Jesus Christ. "Jesus showed through His life and teachings that he was certainly a diplomat," he says. "He did not, for example, force Himself on humanity, but through appeals, dialogues, conversations, negotiations, based on respect for human dignity, he shared His values. He appealed to the deepest values he inscribed in people he created in His own image."

Delbert Baker, a general vice president of the world church, who also serves as an adviser to the the PARL department, says Diop will bring will a unique line-up of abilities to his role as an international church diplomat.

"He brings a deep commitment to his faith and a wealth of experience"