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On September 22, the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists appointed Curtis Powell, pastor of the Lighthouse Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to serve as assistant youth director.

"Powell's appointment will strengthen the effectiveness of youth ministries in Southeastern," said Cesar Robinson, Southeastern Conference youth director.

As assistant youth director, he will represent the youth department in South Florida while continuing to serve as pastor of Lighthouse.

Powell holds a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. and a master of divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mi.

Powell, who has a passion for ministering to young people, began his professional career working with young people as a drug/alcohol counselor for at-risk students in the alternative Education System of Hillsborough County.

While attending Andrews University, Powell worked for the Adventist Media Call Center as a phone chaplain. His duties there ranged from Biblical counseling to suicide intervention.

"I am humbled by this opportunity to serve as assistant youth director," said Powell.

In his 13 years as a pastor for the Southeastern Conference, Powell has pastored the following congregations: First University Church in Tampa, Fla. (youth pastor), the New Life Church on the Campus of Andrews University (assistant pastor), the Southernmost Church in Key West, Fla., First Coast International Church in Jacksonville, Fla., the Berea Church in St. Augustine, Fla., and the All Nations Church in North Miami, Fla.

Powell is married to the former Nicole Whitfield of Gary, Ind. God has blessed them with two energetic sons, Braedon and Corben.

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