

## Regional Conference Retirement Plan

September 2005

Meet the new  
Regional Conference Retirement  
Plan Executive Director



Joseph W. McCoy

We are delighted to introduce Joseph W. McCoy, the newly elected Executive Director of the Regional Conference Retirement Plan. McCoy is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. All of his education has been in Christian institutions from elementary school through Andrews University Seminary. He is married to Judith, a native of California. God has blessed them with three lovely daughters and three energetic grandsons.

McCoy started his career as a Pastor, and has worked in three conferences for 38 years. He has served as Youth Director, Conference Secretary and for nearly 12 years as President of South Central Conference. He was a leader from the start to create the present Regional Retirement Plan. He has served as chairman of the Retirement Board from its inception until March 2005 when he was elected to serve as the Executive Director for the Retirement Plan.

We pray for Elder McCoy, and ask that God's richest blessings be upon him as he undertakes this very important task.

Sincerely,  
Frank L. Jones

# Meet the Regional NEW Conference Retirees

Today, we report that we now have at the close of August 2005, a total of 120 happy and blessed retirees on the Regional Conference Plan. For the year 2005, thus far we have added 10 new retirees to the plan. The Regional Conferences have 1,729 workers and their spouses eligible to benefit from the plan.

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**We are pleased to introduce the 10 new plan members that have been added in 2005:**

1. Kenneth Moore – South Atlantic – 32 years
2. Andrea Kristensen – Allegheny East – 24 ½ years
3. Enid France – Northeastern – 9 years
4. Archange Mondestin – Northeastern – 23 years
5. Luther R. Palmer – Allegheny East – 40 years
6. Vern M. Joyner – Allegheny East – 35 years
7. Ronald C. Williams – Southeastern – 35 years
8. Bruce E. Flynn – Allegheny East – 31 years
9. Robert C. Lewis – Allegheny West – 37 years
10. Eula B. Lewis – Allegheny West – 24 years



We have truly been blessed of God to see the Regional Conference Retirement Plan grow so fast in just five years and eight months. On June 30, 2005, Mutual of America gave a six-month report and we were thrilled to learn that we had \$62 million dollars invested in the plan in less than six years. This is indeed remarkable, for we are now on a course that will lead to a fully funded Retirement Plan in the near future.

Please remember that you are part of a “Defined Benefit Plan.” A federal income tax favored plan that guaranteed specific benefit level. If you need a copy of the new benefit plan booklet, please give us a call or write for a copy.



# Healthcare Information



The new Regional Conference Retirement Plan provides an excellent supplemental healthcare plan for all retirees who are 65 and have obtained a Medicare card with Part A and B. A retiree with 30 years of service can obtain the base coverage, dental, vision and hearing, plus prescription drug coverage, for \$178 per month. A new Medicare Extension coverage has been added at a cost of \$60 per month.

The whole package will cost the retiree (who has 30 years of service) and spouse \$238 per month. The NEW earned credit of \$153 is given to the retiree and spouse. Including the extension healthcare plan the retiree and spouse will pay \$170 per month. This cost will be deducted each month from the retiree's retirement paycheck.

A healthcare card has been provided to the retiree and spouse. Present this card along with your Medicare Card when hospital or doctor's care is needed. Request the hospital or doctor's office to bill **Medicare directly**. When Medicare pays, you'll get a copy of the Medicare Summary Notice, and it will tell you how much you are to pay. Request the doctor or hospital to bill Risk Management for the part you are to pay. See address below:

**ARM Regional Healthcare  
P.O. Box 10804  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20914**



This card will assist you in purchasing prescriptions from your local pharmacy. We recommend that you ask your doctor for two prescriptions when you need prescriptions. Get one for 30 days and one for 90 days. Request your local pharmacy to fill the 30 day prescription. Then send the 90-day prescription to:

**Medco Health Services of Ohio  
P.O. Box 182050  
Columbus, OH 43218-2050  
(800) 841-5396**

You save on the 90-day prescription through the mail order house. A generic prescription will cost \$10 for 90 days. If you do not have the supplemental healthcare booklet, please contact us to mail you one. **Watch for price increase in prescriptions.**

# Major Events Past and Future

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## General Conference Session 2005 – St. Louis, Missouri

This was truly a great world church session. Some 60,000 plus people from around the world attended this meeting. History was made when a black woman – Dr. Ella Simmons was elected as a Vice President. Dr. Rosa Banks was elected as an Associate Secretary. These were the first women elected to these positions in the 142-year history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



God is still leading this church in a marvelous manner. We have seen five million new members join the church over the past five years. There are now over 14 million Seventh-day Adventists in 13 world divisions. Thirty-three percent of Adventists live in Africa. We are adding new members at a rate of 2,933 per day, and adding four new churches every hour. The North American Division has now passed the 1 million membership mark

The black work in the North American Division has grown to 300,000 members who gave \$180 million dollars in tithe at the last report. Behold what God has wrought!

*Breath of Life – Net 2004* campaign with Walter Pearson as speaker, reported 4,800 baptisms to date.

## Regional Conferences Celebrate 60 years of service to NAD

January 1, 1945, the General Conference, Lake Union and Michigan Conference convinced the black membership in the union to accept a black led conference. The church was not yet ready to integrate churches, conferences and unions already operating. January 1, 2005, we we celebrate 60 years of the creation of black conferences in the North American Division.



There were about 12,000 blacks in the SDA church in January 1, 1945. Today, 60 years later, we are 300,000 strong. The yearly tithe for 1945 is not clear, but in 2005 we reached \$180 million dollars.

We are enclosing a special edition copy of the “*Regional Voice*” magazine. This issue celebrates 60 years of black leadership. It is a 48-page piece of SDA history you cannot afford to miss!

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*The Retirement Office wishes for you and your family a happy and prosperous 2005. Our prayers continue for health and happiness in Christ for all retirees who have fought a good fight and now await the soon coming of Christ our Lord in great glory.*

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