

Aspirations of Passionate Disciples

1. To have a passionate desire to serve the Lord and focus less on self.
2. Regularly attend church activities because they enjoy the presence of God.
3. As God's stewards, they sacrifice available resources for advancement of the cause of the gospel.
4. Excitedly share their faith with non-believers as a responsibility they cannot resist based on their love and commitment to God and fellowmen.
5. Worship the Lord daily, not just on Sabbaths.
6. Constantly seek new insights in their faith commitment and make personal applications
7. Submit to the Holy Spirit in lifestyle, behavioral conduct and decision making processes
8. Possess alert sensitivity to sin and conscious effort to renounce sinful tendencies
9. Joyfully utilize their skills, talents, gifts and other personal resources with those in need.
10. Commit to building and advancing communities of faith in which lives are changed to the honor and glory of God.
11. Adopt organic evangelism procedure, a natural lifestyle of modeling Christ to the world.
12. Engage in a lifestyle of continuous meditation, prayer, and study of God's word.

Vision One Million

1. Recruits, trains and challenges at least 1,000,000 Seventh Day Adventist church members across the Inter American Division territory to become passionate **disciples**, actively involved in small groups and **other diversified** outreach ministries.
2. These individuals will actively participate in such activities as; Revival and reformation, Prayer and fasting, Bible Study, Spirit of Prophecy Study, and the general Inreach and Outreach initiatives devised by the organizations as well as those initiatives generated within Small Groups.
3. Vision One Million members will be the chief proponents of the Division. Some of them will serve as the leaders of Small Groups.
4. Every administrator and departmental director at the Division, Union, and Conference/Mission levels shall organize promotional materials and strategize for members of the church to be involved in Vision One Million through their areas of responsibility and departmental initiatives.
5. **Vision One Million members shall function as the principal soul winning agents of the Inter American Division during the quinquennium 2011 – 2015.**
6. Every Pastor should give leadership to the operation of Vision One Million to ensure **members participation through the various distinctive departmental groupings.**

The Principal Concept of Vision One Million

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the passion of the Vision One Million passionate disciples of the specified Unions will be ignited to:

- i. **Motivate Spiritual Infilling**
- ii. **Promote Functional Relationships**
- iii. **Address Community Needs**

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

The model church

CONCEPT

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH FACILITATING RELATIONAL GROWTH WITH CHRIST AND SERVICE TO OTHERS



"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children" 5: 1

Some Realities of the Model Church

Many believers express confidence in their Christian faith but only a minority pursue spiritual growth. Churches are replete with programs and are adding new ones momentarily, yet things continue as before. A radical commitment to Christ is lacking, interpersonal relationships are less than desirable, required resources to meet the needs of mission are limited, time spent in service to others is stifled by material priorities and a holistic growth of the church remains an ideal of discussion.

Question:

Are you satisfied with the nature of your church and desire a bigger church as it is or a church that is growing true disciples?

“The things that got us where we are today will not get us where we need to be tomorrow”. Anonymous

Some Dynamics of the Model Church

- ❖ Worshiping
- ❖ Praying
- ❖ Studying
- ❖ Learning
- ❖ Relating
- ❖ Sharing Serving
- ❖ Evangelizing

Some Objectives of the Model Church

- ❖ Increase its membership by 100% in 2 -3 years
- ❖ Implement all the concepts of Vision One Million
- ❖ Have all the Ministries of the Church active
- ❖ Have Inspiring worship services
- ❖ Have Active small groups or an appropriate alternative
- ❖ Submit monthly reports on its effective practices
- ❖ Pastors and members utilize their own creativity and innovation to grow the church and consolidate the new believers

Initiating the Model Church

- ❖ Determine a month for education and recruitment of members who are committed to being passionate disciples of Christ
 - Preach Sermons
 - Conduct Seminars on the vision of the model Church
 - Discuss the importance of members building spiritual intimacy with Christ
 - Select a guiding team, example:
 - Four out of every ten adults in church
 - One out of every three young people
- ❖ Conduct seasons of spiritual Refreshing
 - Bible Conferences
 - Prayer Conferences
 - Spirit of Prophecy Conferences
 - Spiritual Gifts Conferences
 - Identification of Spiritual Gifts
 - Use of Spiritual Gifts
 - Holistic growth oriented Small Groups efforts
- ❖ Conduct Practical Life Management Conferences
 - Time Management
 - Social Relationships Management
 - Personal Health Management
 - Finance Management
- ❖ Conduct Training Sessions with Members
 - Train members utilizing Materials from the Division
 - Train members utilizing personal materials
 - Train members utilizing other available materials
- ❖ Conduct Conferences on Serving Like Jesus
 - Identifying community needs
 - Attending to the needs of the community
- ❖ Utilize initiatives of ministries of the church to empower spiritual growth and service
- ❖ Organize members into Small Groups
 - Have each Small Group select accountability strategies
 - Have small groups officers defined
 - Have small groups establish attainment targets

Vision One Million Celebration

Vision One Million Celebration will be an annual event in which the one million passionate disciples will take at least one visitor to church on that Sabbath. Each Union local field and local church will develop a special program for that day. The Union may send a copy of its program to the Division for that day's celebration. One representative of the Division will be appointed to each Union to participate in the Vision One Million Celebration. The Division may conduct a live satellite uplink program on that day. Some activities that may be done during Vision One Million Celebration are:

- i. Literature distribution
 - a) One Million Bibles
 - b) One Million Great Controversies
- ii. Prayer
- iii. Musical Concert
- iv. Dynamic and Inspirational Preaching
- v. Baptisms
- vii. Sharing of Personal Experiences and Testimonies
- viii. Bible and Spirit of Prophecy Studies
- ix. Historical Reviews
- x. Fellowship Meals
- xi. Graduations/Certifications
- xii. Model Churches best practice