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The Challenges of AIDS

It is difficult to visualize the devastating effect of the HIV epidemic within our lifetimes and beyond. WHO estimates that already one in every 250 adults in the world is infected, and that by the year 2000, 40 million people will be infected and there will have been 20 million cases of AIDS.

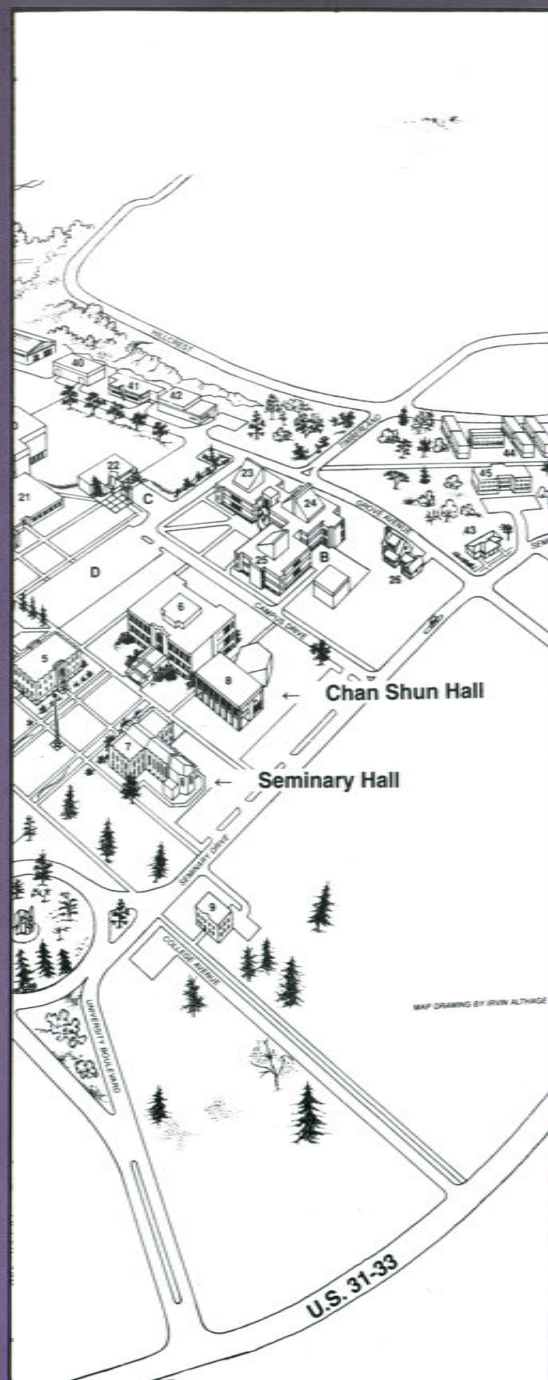
These figures are of serious concern in themselves but, to more fully understand their implication, one has to understand the ways in which this disease differs from other diseases.

There are two basic considerations. First, it affects people who are responsible for the support and care of others: children, the elderly, extended family members. This means that by the year 2000, apart from an estimated 50 million adults who are infected, sick or dead, another 150 to 200 million dependents will have been affected: traumatized by the loss of their parents or children, left destitute, families scattered or children homeless.

The second characteristic of the disease is that it affects adults in their economically and socially most active years. The extent of illness and death caused by the epidemic could deplete critical sections of the labor force, undermine the public sector capacity to govern, lead to social and civil unrest and adversely affect every sector of the economy, including agriculture, industry and transport.

The consequences of the spread of the virus will be inexorable and awesome. The challenge facing the national and international communities is to act speedily and effectively to limit the further spread of the epidemic and to minimize its impact. The challenge for religious organizations and its leaders is not only to give guidance to the moral fiber of such society, but especially to give comfort and strength to those affected by the disease.

Meeting Places



Swallen Lectureship Series
May 20-23, 1994

A Christian's Response to AIDS



Seventh-day Adventist
Theological Seminary

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To: Department of World Mission

Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

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Swallen Lectureship Series:

Clarence Swallen wanted to help young people preparing for U.S. or foreign mission service. While he was not a Seventh-day Adventist, he had respect for the church as he observed his brother who served for sixty years as an SDA missionary in the Appalachian mountains of Tennessee.

Every year, Andrews University sponsors a conference supported by a Swallen Endowment that deals with contemporary mission issues.

This year's Swallen lectureship is specifically designed to assist pastors and health care professionals, who want to be part of a Christian response to the AIDS crisis.

Topics include: Up-to-date medical facts about AIDS - Theology and AIDS - What is a Christian response? - How to minister to people with AIDS - AIDS policies for our churches and schools - Using community resources to help us help others - Understanding AIDS on the global scene.

For Further Information

Write or Call Rudi Maier, Andrews University, Department of World Mission, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104-1500. (616) 471-6505.

Meals: Refreshments are included in the registration fee. Meals can be purchased at the Andrews University cafeteria.

Housing: Indicate on the registration form your need for overnight accommodations. Limited university guest rooms are available. A list of nearby hotels/motels is available.

List of Speakers:

Gilbert Burnham, MSc, MD, PhD
Professor of International Health and Medicine at Johns Hopkins University and an Adjunct Professor at Loma Linda University.



Burnham was for 14 years the medical director of Malamulo hospital in Malawi. He is not only a prolific researcher and writer but also an inspiring speaker on issues relating to international health and policies as well as on mission.

Eunice Diaz, MS, MPH, PhD
Recognized as an authority, speaker, and organizer for AIDS education, minorities, Hispanics, family medicine and public health.



Diaz is a member of the National Commission on AIDS, the Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on Infant Mortality, and a member of the General Conference AIDS advisory committee.

Harvey Elder, MD

Professor of Medicine at Loma Linda University and Chief of the Infectious Disease Section, Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital.



Elder is widely respected as a researcher, teacher and author of scientific articles.

Bruce C. Moyer, MA, STD

Dr. Moyer is the Senior Advisor for AIDS and Urban Development for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. He has served as a pastor and educator in the U.S. and Africa for more than 30 years.



Duane C. McBride, PhD

Professor and Chair of the Behavioral Science Department and Chair of the Research Center at the Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency,

Andrews University.

McBride is a researcher and teacher who has published extensively. He is a member of the National Institute of Justice, the National Safety Council and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (Subcommittee on AIDS). He has won the Teacher of the Year Award (1988, 1991) and the National Zapara Award (1991).

Lectureship Schedule:

May 20-23, 1994

Friday, May 20	7 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 21	2 - 5 p.m. 7 - 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 22	2 - 5 p.m. 7 - 9 p.m.
Monday, May 23	9 - noon 2 - 5 p.m.

The meetings will take place in Chan Shun Hall from Friday to Sunday and the Seminary Hall on Monday.

Some of the speakers will be scheduled for additional presentations during weekend functions in the area.

Registration:

Swallen Mission Lectureship
A CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE TO AIDS
May 20-23, 1994

May 2: Deadline for early registration

I am planning to attend the lectureship series:

- ☐ I am a pastor:
Church _____
- ☐ I am a health care professional
Organization/insitution _____
- ☐ I am a student (in ministry or health care profession)

- | | Major | School |
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| ☐ | I would like to receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through Andrews University. | |
| ☐ | Send me information about accommodations in the Andrews University and Berrien Springs area. | |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Early Registration (by May 2) : \$10.00
Registration (after May 2) : \$20.00

Note: Scholarships are available for currently enrolled students.

Make checks payable to: Andrews University



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Steve -
do we need to do
anything else to get
ready for this?

March 17, 1994

Dr. Kristine Gebbie
FAX (202) 632-1096

Dear Dr. Gebbie:

I am glad to hear that you are willing to participate in our AIDS lectureship series at Andrews University from May 20-23, 1994. I have been informed by Mr. Lee that you might have to leave on Sunday before the whole session will be concluded. We will arrange your presentations accordingly.

I will be meeting with Harvey Elder next week in California. We will then finalize the detailed schedule. I would like you to make at least one public presentation which I will open to as many people as possible. I would like to invite you to address the issue of the role of churches and church groups in the area of AIDS education and AIDS caring.

We plan to have several specific group sessions (ethnic as well as professional groups) where we will deal with their special questions. We want you to join any of them as a resource person.

On Sunday morning the General Conference AIDS committee will meet with the people who are here to establish an Adventist AIDS network (this is arranged by DeWitt Williams and his group). Your involvement would be very important in this meeting.

The meetings are mainly for clergy, health professionals, educators, and counselors (not only Seventh-day Adventists, but we are also inviting local clergy from other denominations). Since we have already printed the brochure, I would like to print a separate insert regarding your participation. For that I need a photo, your official title, and some bio-data.

We are arranging to video tape the whole conference to make it available to a larger audience. We would like to include interviews and special messages which we will tape in a studio setting here at the university. I am sure we will involve you in that also.

- The closest airport to Berrien Springs would be South Bend, Indiana. I will make arrangements for your transportation from South Bend as well as your guest room accommodation here at the university.

I am looking forward to welcoming you personally to Andrews University.

Sincerely,

Rudolf Maier
Department of World Mission
Swallen Lectureship Coordinator



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February 8, 1994

Dr. Christine Gebbie
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Office of the President
740 17th Street NW, Suite 1060
Washington, DC 20503

*Steve - I'd like to
go for the weekend
& stay Monday
if possible -*

Dear Dr. Gebbie,

It was a delight for me to participate in the telephone conference with members of the Adventist AIDS committee on Sunday, February 6. I have to agree with Eunice Diaz that you could make a major contribution to our planned AIDS conference at Andrews University. Therefore I would like to invite you officially to become a part of our effort to not only launch this Swallen Mission Lectureship on AIDS to pastors and health care providers, but also to participate in a planning and networking session for AIDS training and advocacy within the Adventist community.

The AIDS conference will take place between Friday evening, May 20, and Monday evening, May 23, 1994, here at Andrews University. Bruce Moyer and Bob Dale and I are talking about adding an extra day (Tuesday) to plan future AIDS activities and curriculum discussions with some of the church's educators. We would be delighted to have you present during the whole session, but if we have to settle for less, your presence on Monday and Tuesday (May 23 and 24) would be very much appreciated. We will not only make arrangements for you to speak to the AIDS conference but also to as many students as possible on our campus.

Your presentation to the conference should focus mainly on how religious community leaders and church groups could make a difference in the AIDS crisis, and what the avenues are for such groups to get involved in an effective AIDS initiative.

I hope you will respond favorably to our invitation to participate. We will then make arrangements for your stay here at Andrews University.

Sincerely,

Rudolf Maier

Department of World Mission

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April 27, 1994

Dear Swallen Lectureship Speakers:

I am glad for your commitment to have an active part in our upcoming Swallen Lectureship Series.

Enclosed is a detailed (revised) schedule and a proposed outline/overview for each session (prepared by Harvey Elder). We want to be sure that most important areas and topics are covered.

- Please note that most major sessions are asking for handouts. I would appreciate your getting those handouts to us as soon as you arrive so we can make copies for all the participants.

If you are a member of a panel we ask you to have prepared a short 5-minute presentation. It would be helpful if you could also give us a short statement on that.

We have made arrangements for overhead projectors and a VCR. Please let me know if you need any other equipment for your presentations.

We are excited about this joint venture between the Mission department at Andrews University and the North American AIDS Committee. Your presence and contribution will be highly appreciated.

Cordially,

Rudi Maier
Department of World Mission
Swallen Lectureship Coordinator



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April 4, 1994

Kristine Gebbie
FAX (202) 632-1096

Dear Dr. Gebbie:

Let me follow up on my last fax to you, dated March 17, 1994.

In the meantime I had a chance to sit together with Eunice Diaz and Harvey Elder. We have put together a tentative schedule for the Lectureship at Andrews University. Your assignment at that conference has taken on a slightly different aspect from the one I had transmitted to you earlier. Let me explain them to you:

- a. **Saturday (7-9pm):**
"The Fight against AIDS: Resources and Friends"
You probably have the best insight and overview on resources and networks from around the world and in this country. How can anybody connect with those resources and what is available.
- b. **Sunday (morning)**
Since we are making a video recording of the whole conference, we would like you to make a 10-15 minute studio presentation on how the government sees church groups and PVOs get involved in the work on AIDS (A teleprompter is available).
- c. Eunice Diaz will conduct a 10-15 minute interview with you.

The Saturday evening session will have a question and answer period (we will collect written questions from the audience and then someone from our staff will present them to you). We also would like to request you to have a written document that includes many of the "friends and resource" descriptions and contact addresses. In addition to the video recording we plan to produce a manual of how to use the material covered in the conference for further education sessions.

May I ask you to send us the requested picture and bio-data. I am anxious to include it in our promotional material.

Thank you for your willingness to help us to make the upcoming conference a success.

Sincerely,

Rudi Maier

Department of World Mission
Swallen Lectureship Coordinator

*Charles/Tim -
can you find or pull
together something?*

Swallen Lectureship Series
A Christian's Response to AIDS
May 20-23, 1994

Agenda

Friday, May 20, 1994

7:00-7:15

Welcome

7:15-8:30

AIDS Epidemiology and Transmission:

"AIDS, Its Spread and Its People."

Gilbert Burnham

8:30-9:30

Theological Issues:

"On Being Christian in the Era of AIDS"

Harvey Elder

Saturday, May 21, 1994

2:00-3:30

Concerns Regarding Family and Church:

"The Problems of AIDS in Family and Church"

Panel

(Panel Members: Harvey Elder, Moderator; Wayne Greeves; Bruce Moyer; Eunice Diaz)

3:30-5:00

Presentation to the Community:

"Church Ministries to People affected by AIDS."

Panel

(Panel Members: Moderator; Ms. Watkins, Gilbert Burnham; Eunice Diaz;

Harvey Elder; Joyce Hopp)

7:00-9:00

Where to get help:

"The Fight against AIDS: Resources and Friends"

Kristine Gebbie

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS
(For Studio Video Recording)

1. Individual Responses: (10-15 minutes)

- a. Women and AIDS
- b. AIDS and the Hispanic Community in the USA
- c. AIDS and the African American Community
- d. The Spread of AIDS in Africa
- e. The Spread of AIDS in Asia
- f. The problem of AIDS from the government perspective
- g. Other
- h. Other

Eunice Diaz
Eunice Diaz
Wayne Greeves
Gilbert Burnham
Presenter?
Kristine Gebbie

2. Interviews/Dialogue: (10-15 minutes)

- a. Eunice Diaz interviews Kristine Gebbie
- b. Harvey Elder and Eunice Diaz
- c. Wayne Greeves and Harvey Elder
- d. Gilbert Burnham and Bruce Moyer
- e. Other
- f. Other

Sunday, May 22, 1994

2:00-4:00

AIDS 101:

"HIV and AIDS—Here Today and here Tomorrow"
(Virology, immunology, natural history of HIV infection,
outlook for therapy and vaccination)

Wayne Greaves

4:00-5:00

Sociology of HIV:

"Why 'Choice' is not enough"

Duane McBride

7:00-8:30

Ethnic and Cultural Responses to HIV: (Group sessions)

(Spread and Control of HIV, fear and prejudice, Christian
responses)

African American

African National

Hispanic

Asian

Wayne Greaves

Gilbert Burnham

Eunice Diaz

Staff

8:30-9:30

Reports from Groups

Monday, May 23, 1994

9:00-11:30

Responding to the HIV Epidemic: Christian Ministries

(Stopping the spread of HIV, people affected by the virus,
fear and prejudice)

Pastoral Ministries

Education and Youth Ministries

Clinical Ministries

Community Service Ministries

Bruce Moyer

Joyce Hopp

Harvey Elder

Eunice Dias

11:30-Noon

Reports from Groups

2:00-4:00

Working Session:

"Ministry in the Era of AIDS"

(Small group sessions: developing plans for own ministries)

4:00-5:00

Sharing Session:

"Ministry in the Era of AIDS"

5:00-5:30

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Swallen Lectureship Series

A Christian Response to AIDS

May 20 - 23, 1994

1. Friday

- a) 7:00- 7:15 Welcome and Introduction to Lectureship
- b) 7:15 - 8:30 "HIV and AIDS: Here Today and Here Tomorrow." Gilbert Burnham

Please provide a **HANDOUT** with basic information for the person who chooses to be active in the fight against HIV. Include appropriate bibliography from the responsible lay press (i.e. *Scientific America*, etc.)

Objectives:

1. Students will understand the principles of infectious disease transmission and epidemiology as pertains to HIV. They will understand the "window" period, HIV serotesting and the meaning of the long latency
2. Students will that the window and long latency affect instruction to youth, counseling young adults about to marry, counseling leaders who are ill with an illness which could be AIDS, etc..
3. Students will know how to prevent the transmission of HIV. They will understand how HIV is transmitted and not transmitted. They will be able to teach others about HIV prevention. They will understand the role of condoms, needle exchange, etc. They will understand why the blood supply is safe--where it is safe. They will be able to answer questions regarding transmission by insects, touching, food, etc.
4. They will understand the magnitude of the current HIV epidemic, its meaning for the Seventh-day Adventist Church with its worldwide work, appreciate the importance of this epidemic as it DOES & WILL affect the work of the SDA church in the future.
5. They will be able to apply this information to the church, school, and family settings.

- c) 8:30 - 9:15 "On Being Christian in the Era of AIDS."
Harvey Elder

Please provide a **HANDOUT** with basic information, that can be a resource for the person who chooses to be active in the fight against HIV. Include appropriate bibliography from the responsible lay press (i.e. *Scientific America*, etc.)

Objectives:

1. The student will understand that God calls the unworthy because he loves them.
2. They will understand that God wants His Church to care for the unloved and unworthy because God cares for them and wants them ministered to.
3. They will know that we are all unworthy but still loved by God, for that is the kind of God God is.
4. They will know that if a church is to reveal God, it must do the works of God, i.e. care for the unloved and unworthy
5. They will understand that evangelism is using the opportunities provided by human misery (as well as the successes) to reveal God's unending love.

2. Saturday

- a) **2:00 - 3:30 "The Problems of AIDS in Family and Church."**
Panel: Gilbert Burnham, Eunice Diaz,
Wayne Greaves, and Bruce Moyer,
Harvey Elder, Moderator

Objective:

1. The students will confront their comfort, discomfort, prejudice, paralysis, etc. when dealing with the issues of HIV, IDU, gayness, multiple sex partners, judgmentality, etc.
2. The panel will gently help the audience deal with their own discomfort and legitimize their struggle with change, new ideas, etc.

Activity:

1. Each panel member will make a **SHORT PRESENTATION** (5 minutes, at the most, stating a position that will--we hope--stimulate the audience to ask questions. Most of the time will be spent with their questions. We really hope that the spouses will attend and freely ask questions.
(Questions will be written, collected and grouped. Answers will be given to groups of questions)
2. This will be a good time to go through the **questions and answers compiled by Eunice and Bruce.**

- b) **3:30 - 5:00 "Church Ministries to People Affected by AIDS."** Panel: Eunice Diaz, Harvey Elder,
Duane McBride, Caroline Watkins,
Bruce Moyer Moderator
Community invited

Objectives:

1. The audience will meet committed and dedicated Seventh-day Adventist Christians who are enthusiastically working with AIDS, HIV, and the social stigmata, etc.
2. The panel will legitimize the audiences fears and help them walk through them.
3. The panel will call the audience to accept the servant calling of Christ's disciples, people who teach, heal and make disciples of all God's hurting children.

Activities:

1. Each participant will make an **introductory brief statement** (less than 5 min. each)
2. Each will tell about activities he or she is actively engaged in and/or what other SDA's are doing, etc. (specific stuff, nothing theoretical!)
3. The panel will take questions from the audience and answer them. (Questions will be written, collected and grouped. Answers will be given to groups of questions)

c) 7:00 - 9:00 "Fighting AIDS: Networking, Identifying Resources and Friends." Kristine Gebbie

- ✓ Please provide a **HANDOUT** with basic information that can be a resource for the person who chooses to be active in the fight against HIV. Include appropriate listings of resources, other Christian groups that may be known to you.

Objectives:

1. The audience will learn about networking and networks of HIV resources, available, information, audio-visual, and literature that are available from diverse sources.
2. They will learn how to find these data, where and how they should search.
3. They will learn the advantages of networking and accepting available assistance.
4. They will learn how a specific church could go about finding material that is -- Christian and consistent with specific beliefs and practices, etc.?

3. Sunday

a) 2:00 - 4:00 "HIV and AIDS: Present Problems and Future Promises." Wayne Greaves

- Please provide a **HANDOUT** with basic information, that can be a resource for the person who chooses to be active in the fight against HIV. Include appropriate bibliography from the responsible lay press (i.e. *Scientific America*, etc.)

Objectives:

1. The student will learn the basics of HIV infection, natural history and a little about the clinical manifestations and available therapy.
2. They will learn when to expect a cure and a vaccine. (Are these in the foreseeable future, or are new breakthroughs needed before we can anticipate a cure and a vaccine?)

b) 4:00 - 5:00 "Why 'Choice' is Not Enough." Duane McBride

Please provide a **HANDOUT** with basic information, that can be a resource for the person who chooses to be active in the fight against HIV. Include appropriate bibliography from the responsible lay press (i.e. *Scientific America*, etc.)

Objectives:

1. The audience will learn why the following are relatively useless
 - a) "just say 'no'!"
 - b) "if they simply followed SDA lifestyle they would be protected from HIV!"
2. The audience will learn what are standard responses to crises and why these are useless
3. The audience will learn useful generic responses to crisis (responses that will be developed in later sessions and applied to specific profession and cultures.)
4. The audience will learn that debate regarding how an individual acquired the virus is destructive to the debater and the individual under discussion as well as those who listen
5. The audience will understand how and why individuals become addicts (chemical, sex, co-dependent relationships, etc.)
6. The audience will learn the role of peer pressure in the choices made by adolescents and young adults and how to counter these in prevention programs.
7. The audience will learn what it takes to change the behavior of addicted people (including the behavior of religious addicts who deem the other addicts less worthy!)

c) 7:00 - 9:00 "Responding to the HIV Epidemic:

Christian Ministries." Multiple Groups

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| (1) Pastoral Ministries | Bruce Moyer |
| (2) Education and Youth Ministries | Joyce Hopp |
| (3) Community Service Ministries | Eunice Diaz |
| (4) Clinical Ministries | Harvey Elder |

Objectives:

1. In this working session the participants will identify Christian responses to the HIV epidemic.
2. They will examine potential professional responses.
3. They will develop a list of DOABLE responses by those who are studying for or practicing the profession

Activities:

1. Presentation, by the leader (identified above), of some solutions and their relative effectiveness.
2. Identify other activities that others may have tried
3. Develop specific objective actions that are practical and appropriate for Seventh-day Adventists in this profession.
4. Be prepared to make a **brief presentation** of the objective actions recommended.

d) 9:00 - 9:30 Group Reports : Eunice Diaz and Harvey Elder, moderators

Activities:

1. Each group will present their objective actions in less than five minutes.
2. The objective actions from each group will be collected, edited and made available to each participant.

4. Monday

a) 9:00 -11:00 "Issues, Challenges and Christian Responses to HIV and AIDS." *Multiple Groups.*

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| (1) African American | Wayne Greaves |
| (2) African National | Gilbert Burnham |
| (3) Hispanic | Eunice Diaz |
| (4) Southeast Asia and Philippines | T. Grace Emori |
| (5) others | Rudy Maier |

Objectives:

1. Participants in these working session will identify ethnic responses that are Christian and culturally specific.
2. Their responses will utilize the richness of the culture.
3. Their responses will address issues from which "nice and proper" Christians shy away!
4. They will develop a list of DOABLE responses for this "language and people."

Activities:

1. Each group will have a leader (not identified above) and a resource person (identified above). The leader will present issues and some potential solutions that have been tried with their relative effectiveness.
2. Collect other activities that others may have tried
3. This is a time to encourage creativity. The resource person is to prod, encourage and assist the group to broaden their horizons, help them seek a vision, to catch of dream of what God can do in 1994!
4. Develop specific objective actions that are practical and appropriate for Seventh-day Adventists blessed with cultural and ethnic heritage.
5. Be prepared to make a brief presentation of the objective actions recommended.

b) 11:00 -11:45 Reports from Groups: Eunice Diaz and Harvey Elder, moderators

Activities:

1. Each group will present their objective actions in less than five minutes.
2. The objective actions from each group will be collected, edited and made available to each participant.

c) 11:45-12:00 Organize for afternoon session

Activity:

1. The audience will form into many small (5 or less to a group) groups.
2. The groups will be people likely to work together, i.e. geographic groups -- same local or union conference, or could work at the same school, institution, etc.

d) 2:00 - 4:00 "Ministry in the Era of AIDS."

Objectives:

1. Each individual will develop a personal action plan
2. Each will seek to network with others in his/her small group and learn how they can be supported, helped and work with others
3. Each will modify his/her action plan making them more Biblical and more Christian.

Activities:

1. Each individual is to identify some Biblical miracle that powerfully speaks to him/her.
2. Answer:
 - "How does this specific miracle speak to ministry in a world suffering from AIDS?"
 - How does this apply to me?
 - What may God be calling me to do?
3. Each individual is to prayerfully examine his/her plans listening so that the Holy Spirit may identify elements of self aggrandizement, pride, arrogance, fear and hate.
5. Each will re-do his/her action plan in harmony with the Holy Spirit's leading.

**e) 4:00 - 5:00 "Ministry in the Era of AIDS:" *Group Reports:*
Bruce Moyer and Harvey Elder, moderators**

Activities:

1. Each group will present their objective actions in less than five minutes.
2. The objective actions from each group will be collected, edited and made available to each participant.

f) 5:00 - 5:30 "So Go." Harvey Elder, moderator

Go, serve, obey, doing what God calls you to do.