A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR LEADERS WORLDWIDE

publishing digest

March, 2023, vol 16, no. 3

IAD Publishing Department Holds Advisories

Lilma Stevens
Inter-American Division

Olivia Spangler and Saul Ortiz, President of IADPA presenting the latest resources. (Photo: Lilma Stevens/IAD)

The Inter-American Division Publishing Department held advisory meetings on January 23 and 24, 2023. The event took place at the division headquarters, located in Miami, USA. Leaders from the various sectors served by IADPA (Inter-American Division Publishing Association) attended the event. The meetings were held to discuss the strategic plan implemented in the next two years, prepare reports on the march of literature evangelism, and promote camaraderie among the publishing leaders. The IAD Publishing Department aims include growth in the number of literature evangelists and missionary book distribution. Isaias Espinoza, IAD Publishing Department director, and Saul Ortiz, IADPA manager, coordinated the event.

Anne Marroni, GC Publishing Director (Photo: together with IAD officers, union administrators, and publishing ministries directors. (Photo: Lilma Stevens/IAD)

On January 29 – February 2, 2023, IAD held a second advisory for the publishing leaders of the Mexican unions in Cancun, Mexico. At this time the event was coordinated by the Mexican Northern Publishing Group and the IAD Publishing Department. The first two days were dedicated to planning and for training purposes. The last three days were dedicated to reviewing reports and encouraging publishing directors and assistants coming from all regions of the country.

Among the speakers were the IADPA president, Saul Ortiz; Ricardo Bermudez, Montemorelos University's Book Manager; General Conference Publishing Department director, and Isaias Espinoza, Inter-American Division Publishing Department director.

This Article was first published on Inter-American Division News website.

ECD Holds Publishing Leaders Training

Almir Marroni
Publishing Ministries Director, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Anne Marroni, GC Publishing Director (middle) together with Jonathan Romena (Second right), Samson Onyango (First left) Kenya Union Conference (left-left), Christopher Kamm of East Kenya Union Mission (Second left), and Pastors Ronald Kirui and Kelly Cherono at the training session held on February 3 (Photo: Jonathan Romena)

The East and West Kenya Union Conferences in ECD worked together with MHES to hold a publishing leaders training and advisory that took place in Nairobi, Kenya, on February 1-3, 2023. The event was coordinated by the Publishing Department in Longhorn Publishers and distributed through LLL and church members. Almir Marroni, GC Publishing Department director, and Jonathan Romena, East-Central Africa Division Publishing Department director were the main presenters. Elisabeth Sangawa, Stanborough Press manager also shared information on new books and products available for distribution. Publishing leaders from the entire country attended the meetings.

Almir Marroni, GC Publishing Director (left, Back Row), Jonathan Romena (Middle, back row) together with Kenya Union and Union Publishing Leaders. (Photo: Jonathan Romena)

The Kenya meetings was preceded by a vibrant publishing leaders meeting that took place in Mozambique, Africa, February 15-17, 2023. The event was coordinated by Ezequiel Muavasse, Uganda Union Publishing Department director, and Jonathan Romena, East-Central Africa Division Publishing Department director. Almir Marroni, GC Publishing Department director, made presentations on the relevance of literature evangelism, the role of literature at the end-time, and how to implement the student LLL program.

Jonathan Romena, ECD Publishing Department director, also addressed important messages and information to the leaders.

Valley View University Becomes Trailblazer in Africa

Stephen Apolo
Associate Publishing Department Director, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Dr William Kquroman vice chancellor of Valley View University addresses the students in the program as Dr Godfrey Mabia looks on.

Valley View University of Ghana has become the first Adventist tertiary institution in Africa to establish a Literature Ministry Training Center (LMTC) program. Students will be trained in literature evangelism, publishing, and community diaconic training, and send out students as missionaries into the communities to sell and distribute literature. In most institutions the student literature evangelism program is present as a club with a sponsor from the university.

This initiative by the university vice chancellor, William Kofi Kquroman, is part of his desire to see more young people trained for ministry through the apostolic work. Prof. Kquroman is himself a seasoned literature worker, having worked in various parts of the world, including Africa, Europe, and the Americas. The LMTC program was launched on February 15-17, 2023. The event was coordinated by Ezequiel Muavasse, Uganda Union Publishing Department director, and Jonathan Romena, East-Central Africa Division Publishing Department director. Almir Marroni, GC Publishing Department director, made presentations on the relevance of literature evangelism, the role of literature at the end-time, and how to implement the student LLL program.

Jonathan Romena, ECD Publishing Department director, also addressed important messages and information to the leaders.

Thirty Big Students get a table of graduation in gowns accompanied by University administration and faculty.

The university also initiated an Explore Valley View program (Feb. 15-18), a time for Africa, in which 30 young people from local churches around the country came to explore the possibility of joining the university while encouraging to raise money for their school fees. More than 30 of the students indicated an intention to join the university. The Explore event is a collaboration between the university, division, unions, and conferences to facilitate more young people to attend Adventist Universities.

Present were the conferences, two unions, and division publishing directors; university administrators; and a GC associate Publishing Department director.

Stephen Apolo (middle) Assoc GC PD, accompanied by Publishing Directors from the two Ghana Unions and Conference who participated in the launch of the Explore Valley View and Launch of LMTC. (Photo: S. Apolo)

Jamaica Union Conference Conducts LE Institute

Stephen Apolo
Associate Publishing Department Director, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Regional Mordayne from WORM book house together with Union PD Dr. Dudley Hosin (second left) present books to LEs during the Institute and Field School.

More than 30 literature evangelists from the Jamaica Union Conference (JUMA) received literature ministry seminary training on March 7-11, 2023, at the West Jamaica Conference in Montego Bay, Jamaica. This first post-COVID training covered the three levels from beginners to advanced literature evangelists from the GC LMS curriculum.

Speaking at the opening of the program, the union president, Everett Brown, and fellow administrators emphasized the importance of focusing on the primary objective of the work, which is to save souls. Also speaking at the event was Dudley Hosin, the union publishing director, who shared with participants the importance of continuous growth in education and modern technology for ministry. Dudley Hosin, the union publishing director, coordinated the four-day training. Other facilitators were conference publishing directors and associates of the five conferences.

The training culminated in Field experience on Friday and a Sabbath rally, which resulted in the recruitment of several colporteurs.

LEs together with leaders from WORM book House, Conference, Union and GC Publishing Leaders at the end of the Institute.

Jamaica Union Administrators pose for a photo with all participants at the closing ceremony of the Institute. (Photos: S.Apolo)

Ukraine First Lady Receives *The Great Controversy*

Viacheslav Kulaha,
Publishing Director of Ukrainian Union Conference

Olena Zelenska during her visit to the Pasiekych Family. (Photo: Ukrainian Union)

Olena Zelenska paid a visit to the Pasiekych family, who have been giving shelter to refugees from the war-torn eastern Ukraine. The visit was meeting took place on the eve of Women's Day, March 4, 2023, in the village of Veryn, Lviv region, where the family moved to, in the beginning of the conflict.

The Ukrainian First Lady oversees a Foundation engaged in the restoration of basic human rights, to ensure that every Ukrainian's mental, physical, and safety needs are secure.

"These children lost their families and safety, but found it again with foster parents. And now, because of the war, their childhood is under threat once more. Children need a home, and parents need an opportunity to protect their extraordinary families. We are simply obliged to help these in need. After all, the family in Ukraine is dying now, protecting families with homes," Olena Zelenska said.

"Mrs. Olena is very sincere and friendly. I felt very comfortable talking to her. In such a time as war, we all felt united. When Ms. Olena's assistant called to inform us about her visit, we felt that God is with us and that we should not go to church on Saturdays, so we could meet at sunrise. Their reply was very polite, and respectful of our religious beliefs. While Mrs. Olena was handing out books to the children, it occurred to me to give her a copy of the Great Controversy and The Desire of Ages. I believe that this meeting was planned by God. Said Olena Pasiekych.

This article was first published in Ukrainian Union News website.

SID Holds Publishing Leaders and SOP Coordinators Seminar

Almir Marroni
Publishing Department Director, General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists

Almir Marroni, GC Publishing Director; Nelson Simiwendza, SID Publishing Director (Middle) together with Union and Conference Publishing directors.

For the first time since the pandemic, the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID) gathered all conferences, unions publishing directors, and stewardship coordinators for a seminar held in Pretoria, South Africa. The seminar was to train, plan, and strengthen literature ministries in every field of Prophecy activities. The event took place on March 6-9, 2023, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The event was organized and led by Nelson Simiwendza, SID Publishing Department director and SOP coordinator. In the SID territory publishing ministry leaders are also responsible for coordinating the promotion of the Spirit of Prophecy. Therefore, the seminar was organized in a way to address issues related to these two areas.

SID Publishing Advisory Attendees.

During the meetings, presentations were made by Michael Sokupa, Darryl Thompson, Almir Marroni, Nelson Simiwendza, Ernest Lenard, Ezra Chitando, Conference Elect, D. White Estate team, and Pasamore Hachalinga, director for the EDR Research Center at Helderberg College. They encouraged leaders to organize more EGW centers in each church, in order to increase the number of languages in which books are translated in the division.

One of the presentations given by Anne Marroni, GC Publishing Department director, was focusing on the philosophy and role of Adventist literature at the end-time. It highlighted God's concern about the world's end (see Revelation 1:11) as today's mission is print and distribute. Thus, the Publishing Department is responsible to implement and develop channels of distribution, which, according to Ellen White, are church members, full-time and part-time colporteurs, and literature evangelists. The presentation also emphasized the challenge of implementing and strengthening these three channels for the accomplishment of mission.

Darryl Thompson from the GC EGW Estate giving a presentation. (Photos: N Simiwendza)