

Literature Evangelist Congress East-Central Africa Division

Jonathan Bizirema, Publishing Ministries director.



Almir Marroni, left, Publishing Ministries director of the General Conference, with Billy Biaggi, right, vice president of the General Conference.

The East-Central Africa Division (ECD) comprises 11 countries and has more than 7,000 literature evangelists, including full-time, part-time, and student evangelists. For the congress, only the top 600 performers, along with their leaders, were selected to attend. They represented their fellow literature evangelists from various unions and conferences.

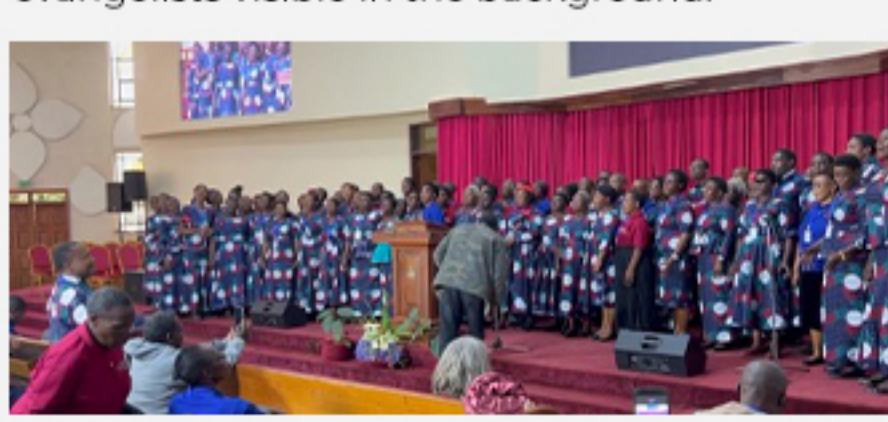
The congress was held at the University of Eastern Africa Baraton from December 4 to 8, 2024. The event was graced by esteemed facilitators, including General Conference (GC) vice president Billy Biaggi, GC Publishing director Almir Marroni, ECD president Blasious Ruguri, and ECD undersecretary Tom Ogal. Representatives from six unions participated in the congress.

Several publishing houses were also in attendance, including Ufunuo Publishing House, Africa Herald Publishing House, Stanborough Press, and Safeliz Publishing House.

We thank God for His abundant blessings during the congress and extend our gratitude to the leaders who guided and enriched the event as facilitators.



Blasious Ruguri presents a token of appreciation to Billy Biaggi.



Almir Marroni takes a selfie with literature evangelists visible in the background.



The choir performs special music during the divine service.

Literature Evangelist Congress Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID)

Nelson Simweemba, Publishing Ministries director.



Malawi government officials pose for a photo with the church leaders.

Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID) held its fourth Literature Evangelist Congress from December 9 to 15, 2024, at Linde Hotel in Mponela, Malawi. Situated about 39 miles east of Lilongwe, Mponela served as a fitting location for this gathering, which brought together more than 1,000 delegates from across the SID region. Under the theme "Called for Mission," the congress highlighted the significant role that literature evangelists (LEs) play in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The event was a powerful reminder of the essential work of LEs in spreading the message of hope, healing, and spiritual growth through literature. With a lineup of inspiring guest speakers, including Almir Marroni, General Conference Publishing Ministries director; Jongimpi Papu, SID vice president; Passmore Mulambo, SID Personal Ministries director; Super Moesi, Ellen G. White Estate branch office director, Adventist University of Africa; and Isaac Chiyokoma, chaplain and lecturer at Rusangu University. The attendees were equipped for mission and encouraged to reflect on their calling and the impact of their work in people's lives.

The congress was officially opened by the vice president of Malawi, Honorable Michael Bizwick Usi, who commended the literature evangelists for their noble work. In his address to the delegates, Usi recognized the vital role LEs play in shaping the moral fabric of society and bringing hope and healing to individuals. He expressed gratitude to the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its numerous initiatives that have positively impacted the country and the world, particularly in the areas of education, health, and character development. He remarked, "The church's contributions in education, health, and character building, as emphasized in books distributed by LEs, have a lasting impact on people." He urged LEs to understand the power they have as ambassadors of hope and healing.



Michael Bizwick Usi, vice president of Malawi (front left), Harrington Akombwa, president of the SID (front right).



Elizabeth Sanguesa, Stanborough Press manager sharing information on new products and arrangements for distribution.

And Harrington Akombwa, president of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, echoed these sentiments, praising the work of literature evangelists in the region. He acknowledged that their tireless efforts in reaching out to communities have significantly contributed to church growth and mission expansion, leading to many new converts and increased spiritual outreach.

The climax of the congress came on Saturday evening, when Nelson Simweemba, SID Publishing Ministries director, honored 40 outstanding literature evangelists for their exceptional service. These LEs were awarded unique incentives as a testament to their dedication and impact in the mission field. The recognition of these individuals highlighted the essential role that LEs play in advancing the Lord's work in the division.

Since its inception in December 2009, when the first Literature Evangelist Congress was held at Tshwane School of Technology in Pretoria, South Africa, the SID has held four successful congresses. Each gathering serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of literature evangelists' work, providing delegates with opportunities for spiritual growth, professional development, and a renewed commitment to their calling.

As the congress concluded, delegates left Mponela inspired and equipped to continue their vital work in spreading the message of hope and healing throughout the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. The event served as a powerful affirmation of the crucial role that literature evangelists play in the church's mission, and a reminder that they are indeed "called for mission."



Luke Limbithu, Malawi Union Publishing director officiating during the vice president's visit.



Isaac Chiyokoma, lecturer and chaplain at Rusangu university presenting on the power of the four gospels in helping the customers decide for baptism.



Super Moesi, Ellen G. White Estate branch office director, Adventist University of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.



Literature evangelists listen attentively to the presentations.



Aerial view of the delegates, leaders, and guests.

South Pacific Division Hold Islands' LE Summits

Stephen Apola, Associate Publishing Ministries director of the General Conference.



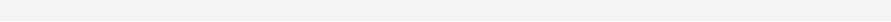
Stephen Apola (center) poses for a group photo with literature evangelists from Fiji Island.

Close to 100 literature evangelists attended summits held in the islands of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Fiji. The two summits held mainly for the Island nations of South Pacific Division carried the theme "**Living, Connecting, Serving in Our Times!**"

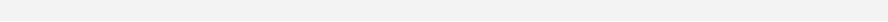
More than 35 LEs attended the first summit, held in the beautiful campus of Pacific Adventist University in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from December 9 to 13, 2024. This included LEs from the Island of PNG and surrounded territories.

More than 50 LEs from the islands of Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Tahiti, and the Solomon Islands attended the second summit, held at Fulton College in Nadi, Fiji, from December 16 to 20, 2024.

The summits, organized and led by SPD Islands representative Tony Wall, focused on inspiring and training the LEs in working with modern tools of communication and marketing strategies in the currently challenging times. The guest presenters and speakers included Stephen Apola (associate General Conference Publishing director), Wanti Gani (PNG), and Patrick Jacksam (Fiji).



Union Mission representative.



Publishing leaders pose for a photo with Papua New Guinea literature evangelists.

A group of Fiji island literature evangelists poses for a photo with Stephen Apola.