

The Administration of Seventh-day Adventist Education

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In 1 Corinthians 12:28 NASB, we read the various appointments that God assigned to carry out the work of His church. Included in the list is "administrations." The Greek verb from which this is translated means "to steer," "to act as a helmsman," hence "to guide."



The educational system of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is guided by policies and procedures developed and approved by the North American Division. For example, schools offering Kindergarten to Grade 8 inclusive are approved and evaluated by the local conference; schools that also offer Grades 9 and 10 are approved and evaluated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada; and senior academies are approved and evaluated by the North American Division. The various administrations are charged with the responsibility "to guide" the total educational process to ensure that the students are developing spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.

Effective communication and close co-operation between each level of administration reaching to the classroom teacher is essential. A five-year Master Plan, which is updated annually, and an Education Summit that met at Canadian University College during the summer of 1999, developed goals, along with action plans, "to guide" administrations in providing excellence in Adventist education.

"'Something better' is the watchword of education, the law of all true living" (Education, p.296). Please pray for the administrations responsible for the education and training of the young people of the church. May Adventist education be the very best it can be, and meet the needs of our young people, the church, the communities and the world in which we live.

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