



Society of Adventist Academic Professionals

LEGAL AND ADVOCACY MINISTRIES

1. The Problem:

- I. Some members of some of the minority groups in the SDA church in Guyana need more ethnic representation in the community of faith.
- II. Adventist members continue to encounter Sabbath problems in some educational institutions and at their respective places of employment.
- III. Racism has impacted Adventism in Guyana and Trinidad.
- IV. There is a need to raise awareness and to advocate for the following issue in some parts of the Caribbean: poverty, social justice, human rights, and sexuality.

2. Description:

- I. A group that leads out in advocating for human and religious rights in light of Adventist perspectives.
- II. Work in collaboration with the various religious liberty representatives in the IAD.
- III. Led by a 3-member Committee with at least one lawyer/
- IV. Plan at least three initiatives yearly.

3. Objectives and Goals

- I. Promote human and religious rights from the Adventist perspective.
- II. To advocate for SDA.
- III. To Educate members regarding their rights as citizens.
- IV. To Research the biblical perspective of the role of SDA in social advocacy.
- V. To advocate for Adventists who are persecuted or discriminated against because of their faith.
- VI. v. To collaborate with the religious liberty dept of the Conference