Church Growth and Conservation Made Easy

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* Churches should always have signs indicating their presence in the community; these should always be properly maintained.
* Ushers should be warm and friendly as they greet the guests.
* Members should be people – friendly and sensitive to the needs of guests.
* Have car park attendants for all church services, special events, weddings, and funerals. To ensure orderly parking, and parking for persons with wheelchairs.
* Even if there are parking constraints, accommodation should be made for guests and Guest Speakers.
* Ensure that the place of worship is cool and comfortable so that the worship experience could be enjoyed.
* Provide a dependable drinking water source.
* Directions to the washroom should be clearly identified. The facilities should be checked to ensure that quality service is maintained in keeping with best health and sanitation practices.
* Display your church’s mission statement every Sabbath morning.
* Every visitor to the church must be followed up by an interest coordinator, Bible worker or a member.
* The Sabbath School Department should conduct at least two Branch Sabbath Schools.
* The testing truths of the Bible should be taught at Vacation Bible Schools.
* The Children’s Ministry Coordinator should enroll all children eight years and over with a Bible course to prepare them for baptism.
* Each Sabbath school class should be used as a ministry to the Church and Community.
* Parents should be encouraged to enroll their children who are not baptized in a Bible course, in preparation for baptism.
* Train all members to win souls and encourage everyone to lead at least one soul to Christ every year.
* Church socials should be used as relationship building activities with non- SDA’s.
* All camps should be used as an opportunity to win non-

 SDA’s to Christ.

* A guest request form should be used at all our services.
* Every church should conduct at least two reaping efforts every year during the first and third quarter.
* All our guests should be followed up by a call or visit within forty eight hours.
* The Family, Children, Women, Men, Prayer, Health and Welfare Ministries programs should be used as relationship building activities for church and community.
* The whole church and the prayer team should be praying daily for individuals they are seeking to win to Christ.
* Members should be encouraged to run ministries based on their spiritual gifts.
* An interest list should be kept by every church and the persons on the list should be prayed for on Wednesday nights.
* All sermons should be prepared with guests in mind and appeals should be made at the end of every message for persons to accept Christ and become members of his church.
* Have an on-going Baptismal Class.
* Announce your monthly baptism date every Sabbath.
* The pastor should have an office day at least once a week.
* Give out book marks to all our guests with information on how they can access our radio and television programs.
* Conservation strategy for new converts: Re -indoctrination class, spiritual parents, involvement in the services and program of the church, adequate social activities, train and show them how to win a friend or relative to Christ, take new believes home for lunch, seek to meet their felt needs, provide devotional material, and encourage them to read at least one chapter from their Bibles every day.