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Professional Summary:

Ordained Pastor with 30 years of experience in Ministry and Educator, who served as Church Pastor, Director of various organizational departments including Youth Director at the Local Conference, Union and Division levels, Human Resources Director, Evangelism and Church Growth Director, Executive Leadership Development Director, Strategic Planning Chair, Conference President, Teacher, School Principal and University Adjunct Professor.

Family:

Married to Anett Braham (nee Simms) who is a registered nurse. Together they have two young-adult daughters, Shavannie who is an attorney-at-law and Julaine, a 3rd year student in medical school.

Education:

Completed studies and obtained professional certification on the dates as mentioned:

- 1980 - Diploma in Education (Dip.Ed.), Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica
- 1985 -Bachelor of Arts in Theology (B.A), Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica
- 1998 -Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.), Andrews University, Berrien Springs Michigan
- 2011 -Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership (Ed.D), Argosy University, Chicago

Skills:

- Highly skilled in fulfilling Pastoral functions effectively

- Effective in instructing and preparing people for high performance in evangelism, strategic planning and executing organizational leadership functions
- Effective youth leader
- Fluent in English, with proficiency in Spanish
- Highly effective in planning, organizing and executing large events.
- Proficient in the use of various computer programs.
- Effective oral communicator
- Marriage and Family Life consultant and counsellor
- Leadership Coach, Mentor and Trainer
- Effective writer and author

Work Experiences:

- 1981 – 1985 Teacher and Acting Principal, Junior High School in Jamaica
- 1986 – 1992 Multi-Church District Pastor and Evangelist
- 1992 – 1995 Youth and Education Director, West Jamaica Conference of SDA
- 1993 – 1995 Principal of Savanna-la-mar High School, Westmoreland Jamaica
- 1995 – 1998 Youth and Communication Director, West Jamaica Conference
- 1995 – 1998 Pastor, Mount Salem SDA Church, Montego Bay Jamaica
- 1998 – 2000 Youth Director, West Jamaica Conference
- 1998 – 2000 Founding Coordinator, Northern Caribbean University, Montego Bay Extension Campus
- 1998 – 2003 Adjunct Lecturer, Northern Caribbean University
- 2000 – 2002 Youth Director, West Indies Union Conference (Jamaica, Bahamas, Cayman and Turks and Caicos Islands)
- 2002 – 2005 President, West Jamaica Conference
- 2005 – 2010 General Conference Inter-American Division:
Assistant to the Division President, Associate Ministerial Secretary for

Evangelism and Church Growth, Planned Giving and Trust Services
Director and Associate Youth Director

2010 – 2015: General Conference Inter-American Division:

Assistant to the Division President
Associate Ministerial Secretary for Evangelism and Church Growth,
Administrative Field Secretary
Human Resources Director
Leadership Development Coordinator
Member of the Global Leadership Team, General Conference of SDA
Public Campus Ministries director

2015-Present: General Conference Inter-American Division:

Administrative Field Secretary;
Assistant to the Division President/Evangelism
Assistant to the Division President/Leadership Development,
Associate Director, Public Campus Ministries (PCM)
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee
Member, Global Leadership Team of the General Conference

Andrews University: Adjunct Lecturer, Andrew University Berrien Springs,
Michigan

Herbert Fletcher University: Adjunct Lecturer, Inter-American Division, Puerto
Rico.

Advisor, Doctoral Students Dissertation Committee, Inter-American Division
Theological Seminary

Services and Achievements

Education:

A trained teacher who taught at three levels of the educational system, namely; Elementary, Secondary and Tertiary. Served as school principal both in public and private educational institutions. Was instrumental in the establishment of the Northern Caribbean University extension campus in Montego Bay Jamaica as founding coordinator, with experienced growth from thirty-five to over five hundred under graduate students within two years. He recruited students and lecturers, advised students, supervised instructions; oversee registration procedures, lectured and directed the general operations in consultation with and under the direction of the Continuing Education Director of the Main Campus.

As a result of contributing to Adventist Education as Conference Education Director, teacher tertiary level lecturer in institutions, initiatives were organized that influenced scores of students, parents and relatives of students to become baptized Christians.

Spiritual Development:

As an ordained Pastor and evangelist, thousands of souls committed their lives to Jesus as a direct result of his evangelistic ministry. During the years 2005 to present, serving as Evangelism and Church Growth director of the General Conference Inter-American Division, approximately three million persons have been accessioned to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the territory, influenced by various innovative initiatives that he organized.

Leadership Development:

As Leadership Coordinator of the General Conference Inter-American Division, he initiates and executes a unique and effective annual leadership development program for administrators, departmental directors, Church Pastors and leaders of institutions at the Unions and Local Conference levels as well as Universities and Health Care institutions. These leadership initiatives emphasize succession development.

Youth Development:

Organized an *Association of Ideal Men (AIM)* to mentor young men to achieve their highest potential and effectively fulfill the gender roles of men.

Guided the process of purchasing a property and developing it as a Camp Site for young people in Treasure Beach, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. It was recently named the *Braham Youth Camp*.

Publication:

Published book: A practical guide to evangelism, how to win and keep members.

Hobbies: Planning large events, listening to gospel music, working, counselling, watching sports and training and equipping others

References:

If required, references will be supplied

