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56th Annual Conference Summary A Time of Spiritual & Professional Growth!

Technology: Facilitating God's Ministries

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina!

Church Business Administrators, Sr. Pastors, Communications Directors, IT Staff and Conference Executives representing 8 States convened at Lake Junaluska, NC (August 2nd – 5th, 2009) for a wonderful time of spiritual and professional growth. Participants at the 56th Annual Conference came from as far away as Grand Island, Nebraska.

Following registration at the Bethea Welcome Center, our opening session at the Kern Youth Center provided an excellent kickoff to this year's conference. Many thanks to the Munsey Memorial UMC Praise Team and Kitchen Crew who fed us both spiritually and physically.

On Sunday evening, the **Rev. Dr. Reg Mallett**, our **Worship Leader**, gave us a taste of our spiritual feast for the week. It was a true blessing to be part of the 44th and final year of Dr. Mallett's preaching ministry at Lake Junaluska. We concluded our kickoff with a time of desserts and fellowship which afforded us a chance to get better acquainted.

Recognized internationally as a leading expert in Ministry Technology, **Steve Hewitt** served as our **Keynote Speaker** and **Workshop Session Leader**. Steve proved to be both humorous and extremely informative. We benefited greatly from the time we were able to spend learning about the changing landscape in the uses of technology to enlarge God's Kingdom and grow disciples of Jesus Christ. One of the unique features of the SEJ Conference is the ability to dialogue with, and ask questions of, the keynote speaker(s). Steve was a treat.

Our preliminary feedback was very positive and my heart-felt thanks goes to all of your faithful Executive Board members who work so hard to make sure that this conference provides you with good value.

Be sure and share your experience by inviting somebody next year!

Blessings,
Ken Himes, Past-President, SEJUMACBA

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Our Goal

To provide a connectional link between business administrators for support, knowledge, and tools to grow spiritually and professionally so that we may better facilitate the Ministries of God's church.

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Darlene will probably have summary notes from the sessions that you might want to put here as a summary for folks...maybe not the microscopic details but just some broad brush strokes to share various areas and topics discussed?

Steve Hewitt's Web Sites:

www.christianvideomag.com

www.ccmag.com

www.ministry-tech.com

Proverbs on Technology

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Don't miss this verse. Where there is no vision, the people perish. The second part of the verse about keeping the law literally means guarding the direction of the vision, then the word happy literally means blessed. So, people perish when there is no vision, but those that guard the direction of the vision are blessed. The church needs vision for many areas, technology included. Where there is no vision, the technology will perish.