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How are you using CIRCLE?

If you haven't already, please take a 5-minute CIRCLE survey in [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#), or [Spanish](#) – and share the link with Adventist educators you know anywhere in the world (as soon as possible). Results are *needed by December 20* for a 2010 General Conference Journal of Adventist Education report.

Are you sponsoring spiritual growth?

The following quote caught my attention this week. Because growth in faith happens through personal relationship, religious education needs to make possible experiences of personal relationship in which 'sponsors' (Christian teachers – you and I?) provide "*affirmation, encouragement, guidance, and models for growth and development. The sponsor is one who walks with you; one who knows the path and can provide guidance. The sponsor is one who engenders trust and proves trustworthy in supporting you in difficult passages and turns. The sponsor may, as needed, confront you, insisting that difficult issues be faced and that self-deceptions or sloth be avoided. The sponsor or sponsoring community should be able to provide both models and experiences in education and spiritual direction that deepen and expand one's initial commitments and provide the nurture for strong and continuing growth*" (Fowler, J.A. (1976). *Stages of Faith: The Structural-Developmental Approach*. In Hennessy (Ed.), *Values and Moral Development* (p.287). New York: Paulist Press)

Experiencing strong and continuing spiritual growth ourselves is foundational to nurturing student spiritual development. After washing the astonished disciple's feet, Jesus said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:15) The good news is that Jesus longs to be our master teacher, our example, our sponsor. *That you should do follows I have set you an example...* When we make time to freely receive all He wishes to give, we can freely give – providing both models and experiences to nurture faith in our students.

Meeting with teachers soon? Share a free CIRCLE poster

Thank you for helping get the news of CIRCLE's services out to Adventist educators, using any of these new, free posters, in several sizes. Ideas for ways to use: print 11x8.5" copies to hand out, pin a 17x11" on an announcement/notice board, or include the A5 size in a teacher newsletter.

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May reflecting on Christ's birth renew your commitment to reflect His love as you relate with students in 2010. May remembering Christ's first coming bring joy and peace to you and your family. May recommitting your life to Christ rekindle hope in His second coming. And may God's love flow fully through your teaching ministry in 2010.

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