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### **District Attorney, Adventist Church member Stephen Kelley to be sworn in for Brunswick Judgeship**

ATLANTA – The Seventh-day Adventist Church congratulates Stephen Kelley, District Attorney for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit, who will be sworn in as a judge for the Superior Court of Brunswick Judicial Circuit today, June 29, at 2:00 p.m. by Georgia Governor Sunny Perdue at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Ga.

His position creates a fifth judgeship for the Brunswick circuit which should alleviate the buildup of cases and overcrowding in local jails. The circuit covers Camden, Wayne, Glynn, Jeff Davis, and Appling counties.

Kelley is a member of the Brunswick, Georgia, Seventh-day Adventist Church where he serves as a church elder. He has served as a prosecutor for over 20 years with 10 years as a District Attorney. Kelley says his job is "a mission." A career prosecutor, Kelley has practiced law in Georgia since 1986.

"The justice system needs good Christian people and politics needs good Christian people," says Kelley. "In my particular job we are dealing with crime victims. People a lot of times have lost a loved one through a drunk driver, other homicide, or murder. We deal with abused children. There are hundreds of abused children that come through our system every year. It is a ministry."

Kelley was named 2009 District Attorney of the Year for the District Attorney's Association of Georgia last July. He was also named chairman of the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia.

Elected as the District Attorney in Brunswick, Georgia, in 1996, he took office in 1997. "It is a challenge sometimes to be a Christian and be in the judicial system but it's not incompatible," says Kelley. "Being a Christian and being in my position is really more of a joy than anything else and has taught me to treat everyone with respect."

Kelley and his wife, Dianna, have three children. Other awards Kelley has received include the Eagle Award for Prosecution from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia in 2007. He is also a former president of the District Attorney's Association of Georgia, from 2005-06. In this position he was influential in creating the Victim Assistance Program for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

About General Conference Session:

The 59th General Conference Session is a business meeting of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church from June 24 to July 3, 2010 in Atlanta. Occurring every five years, General Conference Session gathers representatives from the church around the world to elect leadership and determine the focus of mission. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a mainline protestant denomination with over 16.3 million members in 206 nations around the world. The church's headquarters is in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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