

# Factors that contribute to greater church performance for the seventh-day adventist church in the southeastern conference

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## Problem

The empirical model in which authentic leadership, church spirituality, church culture and financial performance are predictors of church performance within the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Florida, USA?

## Methodology

The research was empirical, quantitative, explanatory, cross-sectional, and descriptive. The study population was made up of 204 church board officers of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in Florida. The data was collected, categorized, analyzed and performed in SPSS 23.0. The constructs for the five instruments used were done through factorial analysis techniques (with explained variance levels of over 70 %, which are acceptable) and the reliability, measured with the Cronbach alpha coefficient for each instrument, was acceptable. For the analysis of this hypothesis, the statistical technique of multiple linear regression was used.

## Results

The model was validated with the sample of church board officers identified above. Authentic Leadership, the church

spirituality, the church culture and the financial performance are good predictors of church performance, according to the perception of church board officers of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in Florida. When evaluating the influence of independent construct through the standardized beta coefficients, it was found that the best predictor is financial performance, followed by church spirituality, authentic leadership and church culture.

## Conclusion

It is recommended to the pastors and administrators of the Southeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Florida to be attentive to church spirituality, to be authentic leaders, to make sure the financial performance of the church is all-encompassing and that the culture of the church is beneficial to all. These are activities that directly impact church performance. It is also important to unceasingly evaluate church activities, inspire church members and promote a sense of collaboration, to make certain that efficiency and productivity stay applicable. These constructs are all good predictors of church performance.