

## In Focus

**Disorientation** is a word that probably summarizes the condition that many are experiencing at this time in their vocational lives in many Christian denominations, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The sense of definite direction that for many years has been the mark of the dedicated SDA worker has suddenly begun to suffer vertigo. The shift in attitudes by parents, pastors, and leaders, when called upon to support values held to be spiritually binding in the church's history, has left the classroom teacher and local school administration in somewhat of a bind because they cannot be sure that in a given community they will receive the kind of support they felt they could count on in the past.

For some, leadership seems paralyzed to act decisively and with precision; events, issues, and trends all seem to develop lives and momentum all their own. A paralysis of will to confront and challenge the compromises with once sacredly held values has the church yearning for a clear voice from the Lord when considering issues of life-style and moral practices in a school setting.

During the past quinquennium *THE JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION* has been sensitive to this complex matrix that has seemingly made vision less precise and more tentative. Nevertheless, based on a Biblically sound foundation, guided by the principles provided us in the writings of Ellen G. White, and nurtured by a growing experience and knowledge of what Christian education should be, we have been addressing major areas of concern to you, the reader. Fifteen theme issues have explored a variety of topics at some length. Certain special features such as "Solving School Problems," "Of Interest to Teachers," and "The School Board and You" have helped to address the intricacies of daily management. The series of continuing education articles have helped our teachers in their professional readiness for denominational recertification.

To name a few such items is to state that much more is yet to be done—and we will do it! But we need your input, your cooperation, and your writing. With them, we can continue to make the *JOURNAL* the educational prism refracting the various beams of light to help us find our way to the certain ray of God's will for the training of youth as citizens and leaders, for today and tomorrow.—V.S.G.

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