



GUEST SPEAKER

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Safeguard Our Digital  
Strategy

# IT OVERSIGHT

and why we need to talk about it

- Seventh-day Adventist organizations' IT personnel/ support varies considerably
- Most organizations lack an oversight system, exposing individuals and their organizations to significant risks
- Concerns expressed at multiple levels regarding the need for consistency in IT standards, oversight, and potential assessments and audits

# GCAS IT SERVICES

## Proposal

- GCAS seeks to provide information technology (IT) services, as permissible under the International and U.S. Standards for attest clients
- Our commitment includes exploring opportunities including IT assessments and IT audits based on client needs
- GCAS does not plan to provide penetration testing or system implementation testing

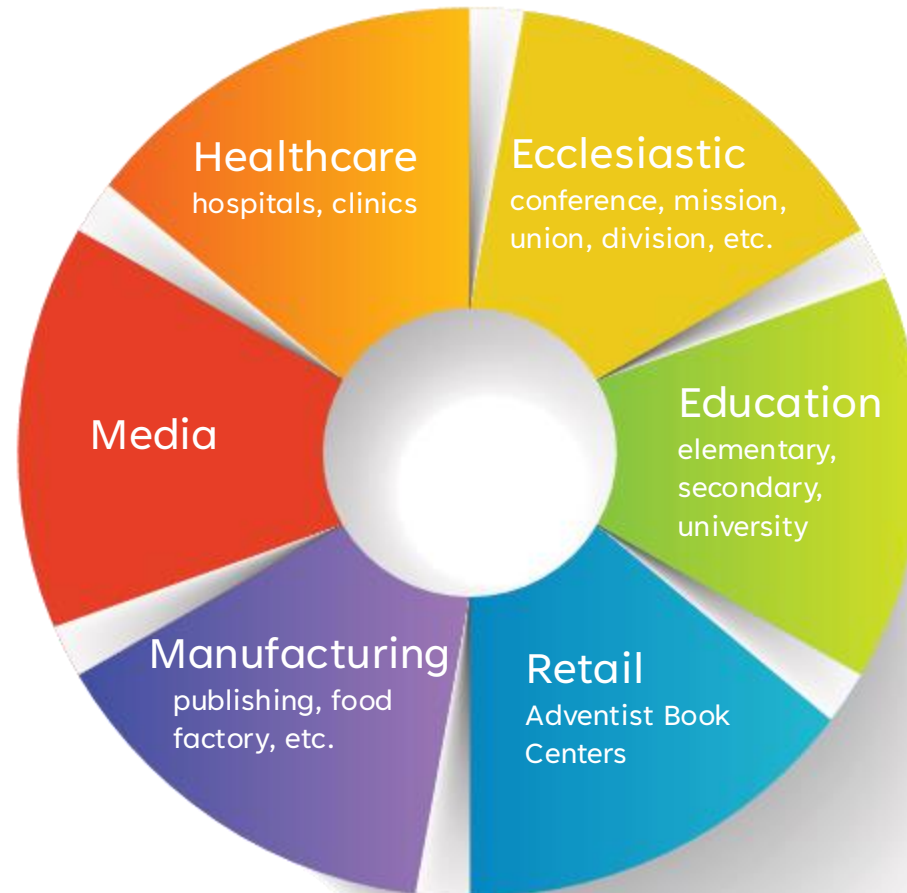
# GCAS RECOMMENDATION

Based on discussions so far ...

- Technical Standards Committee (TSC) or Division equivalent responsibilities:
  - Standards
  - Best practices
  - Ratings
- IT Department - Self-Assessments
- GCAS - Assessment program (no opinion, but share findings)
- GCAS - IT Audits (includes opinion where deemed necessary)

# TSC\* RESPONSIBILITIES: BEST PRACTICES

Practices should consider different SDA “industries”



\*or division equivalent

# TSC\* RESPONSIBILITIES: RATINGS

Flexibility to allow for cost and benefit balancing for each organization:



\*or division equivalent

# TSC\* RESPONSIBILITIES: STANDARDS

TSC\* to develop the IT Standards

- They are the subject matter experts and understand the church, administrative approaches, and budget limitations
- Determine which framework to utilize based on industry standard, organization size, and risk appetite

Consistency

Efficiency

Safety

Quality

\*or division equivalent

# TSC\* & IT DEPT. RESPONSIBILITIES: SELF-ASSESSMENT

- Self-assessment checklist to be developed by TSC\*
- Self-Assessment to be performed by each organization or as determined by TSC\*
- Completed checklists to be shared with the appropriate parties (i.e., Administration, Audit Committee, Governance, etc.)

\*or division equivalent



# GCAS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Offer IT Assessment services to SDA organizations (no opinion is provided)
- When the appropriate standards are in place, offer IT Audit services

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## NEXT STEPS – TSC\*

- 1** Determine the appropriate framework(s) to use as an organization
- 2** Develop the IT Standards to aid in the Assessment process (self and external)
- 3** Collaboration with GCAS

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# NEXT STEPS – GCAS

- 1** GCAS Board – approved concept  
(2/11/2024)
- 2** RFP to appropriate consultants to build  
an IT Assessment & Audit program  
(June – August 2024)
- 3** Build & recommend a cost recovery  
framework for these services (October 2024)
- 4** Collaborate with GC & Division IT Directors  
& Treasury



# Q&A time

