CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION – HAROLD CROOK, who currently serves as the Principal and Business Manager of the Newbury Park Adventist Academy, was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, and grew up in Riverside and Sacramento, California. He holds degrees from Pacific Union College (B.S. and M.A. in Physical Education and Health) and Loma Linda University (Ed.D in Administration and Leadership). Prior to holding this office, Elder Crook served as Vice Principal and Religion Department Chairman of the Newbury Park Adventist Academy. Previously, he served as Physical Education and Health and Religion teacher, Campus Chaplain and Assistant Administrator in Lodi Adventist Academy.

For the last 17 years Dr. Crook has been tracking how many of his students who graduated from high school pursued higher education, finding that 81% earned two- and/or four-year degrees. Elder Crook's ultimate goal is his personal leadership commitment to model Christ to students and faculty, and to create a Christ-driven academic program that can impact lives for eternity.

