

# **DR. RON C. SMITH**

Dr. Ron C. Smith, a native of Brooklyn, NY, is a product of Christian education and was mentored in the Seventh-day Adventist ministry by his late father, Pastor Doc Smith.

As a graduate of Oakwood University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Biblical Languages, he pursued his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary in NY in 1985, and a Ph.D. from the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena, CA, in 1995.

As a pastor, he has served congregations on the east and west coasts of North America.

After serving for eight years as vice president of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and editor of *Message* magazine, Ron joined the Southern Union administration and served as executive secretary. Since 2011, he has served as the president of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

He has been married to Yolanda for 41 years. They have two adult children who have dedicated their lives to introducing people to Jesus.