

Elder Rick Russell

*Vice President
of Finance/Treasurer*

Biographical Statement for Elder Richard Russell:

Richard Russell, Vice President for Finance/Treasurer of the Carolina Conference, is a product of Seventh-day Adventist education, having attended Adventist schools from kindergarten through college. Loving Christian parents and Christian education are the main influences that steered him to a decision for Christ and a commitment to work for His church. Commonly known as Rick, he holds a degree in business administration from Columbia Union College (now known as Washington Adventist University). In the middle of his college experience, he spent a year studying at Newbold College in England.

His resume includes serving as Treasurer for the Chesapeake Conference and as an accountant for the Columbia Union Conference. He has been serving in the Carolina Conference as Treasurer since 1999. In addition to his role as Conference Treasurer, he is also a board member of the Adventist Retirement Plan for the North American Division of the church. Rick married a teacher and musician, Kathy Potts, in 1987. Kathy served as the Children's Ministries Director of the Carolina Conference, until she passed away in 2015. They travelled the Carolinas in team ministry for over 25 years. They have two grown children, Bradley and Grace, from two different continents by the miracle of adoption. As a steward of finances and the Word, Rick's greatest joy is found in supporting evangelism, both through the budget process and in preaching our message here in the Carolinas and abroad.