

# Kyrgyzstan Conference

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The Kyrgyzstan Conference was a church unit that operated from 1990 to 1994, when Kyrgyzstan and the southern part of Kazakhstan were united into the Southern Conference.

## Territory and Statistics (1993)<sup>1</sup>

Territory: Kyrgyzstan

Population: 4,600,000

Membership: 640

Churches: 10

## Origin of Seventh-day Adventist Work in the Territory

Adventists arrived to Kyrgyzstan in the late nineteenth century. This led to the organization of the Turkestan Mission in 1909. The church unit eventually disappeared from the *Yearbook* after 1930. Church units in the Soviet Union did not reappear in the *Yearbook* until 1982.

## Organizational History

The Kirghizian District was organized in 1978. The office address was ul. Magadanskaya 65, Frunze (Bishkek)<sup>2</sup>

In 1990 the Southern Union Conference was organized. It comprised the Asian-Caucasian, Kazakhstan, and Kirghizian Conferences. The territory and headquarters of the Kirghizian Conference remained the same.

Membership was 774. Initial officers were President Roman T. Wagner, Secretary V. N. Nazimko, and Treasurer D. G. Flyaum.<sup>3</sup>

In the 1990s, many pastors and church members of German ancestry moved to their historical homeland. As a result, some congregations ceased to exist.<sup>4</sup> From 1990 to 1993 membership dropped from 793 to 632.<sup>5</sup>

In 1989 the headquarters moved to Veselaya 23.<sup>6</sup>

In 1990 Kirghizia changed its name to Kyrgyzstan. In 1993 the Kirghizian Conference was renamed the Kyrgyzstan Conference.<sup>7</sup>

In 1994 the conference was reorganized. The southern Kazakhstan regions Chimkent, Dzhambul, and Kzyl Orda and Kyrgyzstan became the territory of the Southern Conference.<sup>8</sup>

## List of Presidents

Kirghizian District Senior Pastor: R. T. Wagner, 1978–87. President: Roman T. Wagner, 1988–89.

Kirghizian Conference President: Roman T. Wagner, 1990–92.

Kyrgyzstan Conference President: Roman T. Wagner, 1992–94.

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