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Wilfred Lewis Pace is a conservation and agricultural professional who brings extensive service and experiences to the state of South Carolina via the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Pace served as a dedicated Natural Resources Conservationist and Environmental Manager for over 37 years. He is a native of Lumber City, Georgia and a 1981 graduate of Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education. Pace is married to the former Sharon Ann Williams of Baxley, Georgia, and they are the proud parents of two children Christina Juruth Pace, and Private First Class Christopher Lewis Pace, United States Marine Corps. They also provided parental nurturing to Shamonica Robinson and Pamela Kirk.

One of the highlights of Mr. Pace's career was being assigned as USDA Small Farmer Liaison for eleven Southeastern States and the Caribbean by former NRCS Chief Bruce Knight through the Small-Scale Limited Resource Farmers Initiative. Through his leadership, the initiative provided over \$16 million to more than 1800 participants through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Due to the success of the initiative, many of the findings and recommendations were incorporated into the 2008 and 2014 Farm Bill Legislation. Throughout his career, Mr. Pace has demonstrated his compassion and commitment to equal opportunity, civil rights, and outreach and has received numerous awards and accolades for those efforts including the State of South Carolina Civil Rights and Outreach Award.

Pace is a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he has served land users and agrarian communities across South Carolina and many other states in the Southeast. He also serves on the Board of Deacons at the Historic Bull Swamp Baptist Church.