



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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## Upcoming Events

June 2016



### [Single Moms & Kids Retreat](#)

June 9-12, 2016

### [Unidos para Crecer](#)

July 1-3, 2016

### [Family Camp](#)

July 19-23, 2016

### [Hispanic Family Camp](#)

September 1-5, 2016

### [It's a Wonderful Life!](#)

September 2-4, 2016

### [Family Labor Day Retreat](#)

September 2-5, 2016

### [Family Togetherness Week](#)

September 11-18, 2016

### [God in Shoes Ministry](#)

September 11-18, 2016

## From our Directors

### **A Rollercoaster of Emotions**

Claudio Consuegra, DMin



2016 has already given us a wild ride of emotions. On the down side, you know that my younger brother committed suicide in January, leaving a wife and two young children, and five of us siblings, to suffer his loss. In March, Pam lost a beloved uncle, a gentle, kind man who left a mark on all the people in his life. Last week, I lost another brother after he fought a three-and-a-half year battle with leukemia, leaving his wife and daughter, and now four siblings, to mourn his death. Three significant losses in five months have left us shaken up and emotionally drained.

As if all this were not enough, during a recent trip to England and Scotland, where we were invited by the TED, Pam fractured a bone on her right foot and has been wearing designer orthopedic boot and shoe. However, her foot is healing nicely and soon she will have to give up the privilege to pre-board planes that her broken foot has afforded us.

### [Forever One](#)

September 16-18, 2016

### [Family Togetherness](#)

#### [Sabbath](#)

September 17, 2016

### [Love for a Lifetime](#)

September 23-25, 2016

### [Marriage Encounter Weekend](#)

November 4-6, 2016

### [Hispanic Couples Retreat](#)

November 18-19, 2016

### [Beyond The Pew](#)

January 8-11, 2017



### [Conexion 2016](#)

July 1-3, 2016

### [HAV Mechanica](#)

August 19-21, 2016

### [Men's Ministries Day of](#)

#### [Prayer](#)

September 3, 2016

### [Dare to be a Daniel](#)

October 1, 2016

### [Men's Ministries Spanish](#)

#### [Convention](#)

October 15, 2016

### [Men's Ministries Spanish](#)

#### [Convention](#)

November 12, 2016

On the upswing, the day after my brother's death I presided over the wedding of Pam's nephew and on June 19 I will also preside over the wedding of our eldest daughter. (Read more.)

These important family events, all taking place in the course of six months, have taken a toll on us emotionally, and physically. But they have also underscored what we all, in Family Ministries, know so well: Our family is important, they mean a lot to us, and their absence leaves an emptiness that only our faith in Jesus and our hope in the resurrection can fill as we await that family reunion in heaven.

We appreciate greatly all the kind words, the countless prayers, and the many that have reached out to us during these challenging times. You are not just our colleagues but our friends, indeed, our family. We pray for you and yours daily, plead for health and safety, and ask God for success in all you do.

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## **2017 Adventist Ministries Convention**

**January 8-11, 2017**

**Registration Now Open!**

[www.adventistministriesconvention.com](http://www.adventistministriesconvention.com)



Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Rooms will go fast.

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## **Mad About Marriage in Kansas City, Missouri**

Mad About Marriage, with Mike and Gayle Tucker from Faith for Today, came to Kansas City, Missouri on February 19-20, 2016. About 20 couples spent Friday night and Sabbath focusing on having healthier, holier, and happier marriages.

[Singles Potluck at  
Washington Adventist Camp  
Meeting](#)

June 18 & 25, 2016

[Conexion 2016](#)

July 1-3, 2016

[Tent Camping at Mineral  
Springs, WA](#)

July 8-10, 2016

[Singles Potluck at Gladstone  
Camp Meeting](#)

July 23, 2016

[Island Adventure](#)

August 13-14, 2016

[Battles Can Become  
Blessings](#)

October 14-16, 2016

[Dare to Dream](#)

October 21-24, 2016



Claudio Consuegra, DMin  
Pamela Consuegra, PhD  
Directors

To encourage younger couples to attend, childcare was also available. The weekend included goodie bags for each couple, delicious meals, special music, inspiring and educational presentations by Mike and Gayle, and a screening of War Room on Saturday night.



Mike and Gayle Tucker in Kansas City, MO.

This is the second year in a row that the Iowa-Missouri Conference has sponsored a Mad About Marriage weekend retreat with Mike and Gayle Tucker. We were thoroughly blessed and marriages were strengthened as a result of their ministry.

Very sadly, and unexpectedly, Gayle passed away on April 10, just a month and a half after our February retreat. Her ministry will be greatly missed around the world, and especially in the North American Division, including in our Conference, as plans were already being made to have a third Mad About Marriage weekend in February of 2017 in St. Louis. We extend our deepest condolences to Pastor Mike Tucker and his family. Gayle was a champion for marriage and families. We look forward to the day when Jesus comes, and families will no longer be separated by death. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Our mission of evangelism is to provide resources, training, and networking opportunities for those working to strengthen or rebuild families within the territory of the North American Division.



About 40 people from Missouri and Kansas were blessed throughout the Mad About Marriage weekend.

## Vision Statement

Healthy families for eternity.

### From our office

We welcome submissions of your conference or union sponsored:

- upcoming events
- photos or videos of recent events
- ministry newsletters

Please email them to [Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org](mailto:Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org).

Pastor Jared Miller  
Family Ministries Director  
IA-MO Conference

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## Porn in the Pulpit and the Pews

At what they claim will be the most comprehensive Christian conference ever on the problem of online pornography, this month Josh McDowell's ministry and Barna Group will present their survey of how 770 pastors and 2,000 teenagers and adults use porn. Some highlights: ([Read more.](#))

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## Retreat Equalled Success!

Hello to all our supporters,

Thought you might like an update on the Rosario Retreat and see the results of your helping us get the word out.

Below is a copy of our newsletter that went out this morning. The statistics below will show you how your conference was represented at the retreat. In addition to what I included in the statistics, we also had about 6 non SDA's attend.

Of the 98 that registered we received 74 evaluation forms with great feedback. Many many positive comments, and some comments on how we could improve future events. ([Read more.](#))

The group of singles was a really quality group. It was great to see our church represented so well. We are looking ahead to March 31, 2017 for our next Rosario Retreat and anticipating an even larger crowd and more activities. ([Newsletter](#))

Keep us in your prayers as we continue to plan events and activities that will minister to the singles in our churches. Thank you for your support in making this retreat the success that it was!



The College Place Singles group provided some great games Saturday night!



This is what 121 people having Sabbath lunch looks like.

Kelvin Beaton

Adventist Singles Ministries Leader

Washington Conference

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## **An Invitation**

June 18 & 25 - Singles Potlucks at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting. Both Sabbaths of camp meeting, join Adventist singles for a lunch time potluck and a supper time hot dog feed. Lunch will follow the main auditorium church service and supper will be at 5:30 pm with both meals hosted at tent space G-522. Please bring picnic-style food for lunch. Adventist Singles Ministry will provide hot dogs and fixings. You are welcome to bring

additional supper food to go along with the hot dogs. We'll also have a Saturday night outing to Denny's on Saturday, June 18, after the evening meeting. This will be a fun time of visiting and eating. This is a Dutch treat evening.

#### July 8-10 - Tent Camping at Mineral Springs, WA

Let's go camping! College Place singles and Washington Conference singles are invited on a joint camping trip to Mineral Springs, Washington. A group campsite is reserved, and weekend of worship, hiking, fun activities, and great food. The campsite has room for 50 campers and the per person fee is \$35 (this covers the campsite fee and five (5) meals). Come and enjoy a relaxing weekend with friends in God's nature! Download the registration form and see a list of items to bring. (Read more.)

#### July 23 - Singles Potluck at Gladstone Camp Meeting

Join a great group of singles after the main auditorium meeting for a potluck lunch. Meet under the trees next to the canteen/eatery. After the evening meeting (about 9 pm), we'll meet at Zell Hall for an ice cream social. Check the printed Gladstone camp meeting program for more details.

#### August 13 & 14 - Island Adventure

Save the date! Adventist Singles are planning an Island Adventure on August 13-14. This will include church, potluck and afternoon activities on Sabbath and an island trip on Sunday. More details will be available soon!

Kelvin Beaton

Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventist  
Singles Ministries Leader

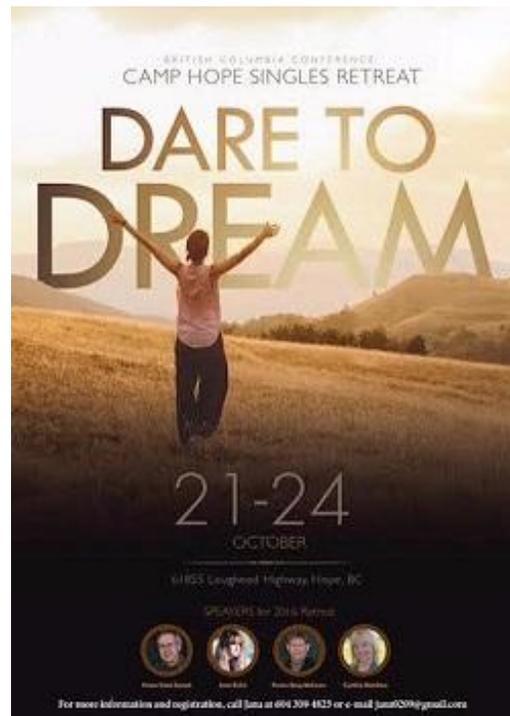
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## **Dare to Dream Singles Retreat**

Hello everybody, below is our new poster for the upcoming SINGLES RETREAT in Camp Hope, Hope, B.C., October 21 - 24th, 2016. Please

forward to your friends and churches. The site offers great accommodation, food, program, music and nature trails galore. You can come for 2 or 3 nights and have a private room, or share. Join us for lots of fun, inspiring sermons, great people, beautiful music, movies, or just to walk in the nature, swim in the thermal pools of Harrison Hot Springs or rest. Come and experience the beauty of the lodge and the forests, waterfalls, the river and the lakes and the many lasting friendships, that can come your way. For more information, pricing and registration, please phone or email:

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## 2016 Awareness Dates

September 3 - Men's Day of Prayer

September 11-17 - Family Togetherness Week

September 17 - Family Togetherness Sabbath

Resources

[Help! I'm a Parent: Parenting Kids with Different Abilities](#)

[Biblical Research Institute Newsletter](#)

Welcome to the Family

[English](#) | Spanish (Available soon.)

[New Books for Juniors](#)

[Porn Doesn't have to be the Norm](#)

Help! I'm a Parent Kit

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Help! I'm a Parent](#)

Devotional

A Follower of Jesus - Discipleship Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Making Jesus My Best Friend - Baptismal Guide

[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

[Family](#), [ASAM](#), and [Men's Ministries](#) training programs.

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