



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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## Upcoming Events



[Washington Conference](#)  
[Hispanic Couples Retreat](#)  
February 3-5, 2017

[Christian Marriage](#)  
[Sabbath](#)  
February 11, 2017

[Great Grace, Great](#)  
[Marriage](#)  
February 17-19, 2017

[Christian Parenting](#)  
[Sabbath](#)  
February 18, 2017

[Christian Family Week](#)  
February 11-18, 2017

[International Leadership](#)  
[Conference: Reach the](#)  
[World](#)  
May 10-13, 2017

[ACFRP](#)  
July 20-22, 2017

[Family Togetherness Week](#)  
September 10-16, 2017

February 2017

## From our Directors

### ***Greetings!***

It's hard to believe that by the time you receive this newsletter the first month of 2017 will be history. Time sure seems to be moving faster than ever before.



We enjoyed a blessed and very profitable Adventist Ministries Convention. We were glad to see so many of you, and missed those of you who were not able to make it. In particular, we appreciated the two-part seminar on forgiveness presented by Dr. Everett L. Worthington, Jr., professor of psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. His message, the practicality of the presentation, and the illustrations made this difficult subject very simple to understand and hopefully to put into practice. These seminars were recorded and we will send out a link as soon as it is posted in the Adventist Learning Community as we're certain you will want to share this valuable information with your ministry networks. We hope those of you who were there also found the seminars useful and the advisories helpful.

We now prepare for the month of February and the several couples' retreats at which we will be presenting. Our guess is that many of you will probably be doing the same in your conferences. We pray these events, and everything you do, will receive God's approval and richest blessings. As always, please let us know how we may be of service to you.



[2017 Oregon Conference](#)  
[Men's Summit](#)  
 May 5-7, 2017

[Men's Ministries Day](#)  
 September 2, 2017



[Rosario Retreat](#)  
 March 30-April 2, 2017

Chesapeake Conference  
 Spring Retreat  
 April 21-23, 2017

[Single Adult Sabbath](#)  
 May 20, 2017

[ASAM Cruise](#)  
 August 31 - September 4,  
 2017



Claudio Consuegra, DMin  
 Pamela Consuegra, PhD  
 Directors

**Mission Statement**

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.

Your friends and servants,

Claudio & Pamela Consuegra  
 Directors, Family Ministries  
 North American Division

**Adventist Conference of Family Research and Practice (ACFRP), July 20 - 22, 2017**

The Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice is an annual conference held at Andrews University designed to provide professionals and Family Ministries Leaders alike the opportunity to be exposed to best practice strategies and research in the area of Family Therapy, Family Studies, Family Ministry, Social Work, and Psychology in order to enhance ministry to families. ([Read more.](#))

**Out and About Ministry**

**Families, Food and Fun**

The Weekend of November 4-6 was like none other in the Natchez/ Fayette Mississippi Church District. The South Central Conference Family Life Department had it's first "We Value Family" weekend Pastor M. McIntyre and his



Dr. Mobley leading out.

music, food and fellowship. Sunday morning started out bright and early with the whole church coming to the city or Fayette to set up for the "We Value Family, fall festival". It was so moving to watch



Enjoying the day.

in town square about family and the love of Jesus, Some from the city police and fire department came and shared in games and hot dogs. One of the city sororities members came and we had

wife welcomed us with open arms. During the weekend, we had workshops and one on one counseling sessions offered for the members and community.

The Sabbath service was outstanding with great



Sharing good times and a good laugh with friends.

everyone from the youngest to the oldest doing their part to make the festival a success. And a success it was. We passed out Steps to Christ and invites to evangelist meeting to cars as they passed, Pastor spoke over sound system

## 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 Hernandez@nadadventist.org](mailto:Maria.Hernandez@nadadventist.org).

a prayer for the whole city. God blessed "We Value Family" above and beyond all that we could ask or think.



He went that way!

Dr. Renee Mobley  
Family Ministries Director  
South Central Conference

## North American Division Awards

Contratulations to Ptr. Ronald da Cunha on receiving the Excellence in Ministry Award and Dr. Dionisio Olivo for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Their dedication to Men's and Family Ministries respectively has allowed many hearts to be rededicated to the Lord and comitment of service to fellow men. The extent of their work will be fully seen only in heaven.



Ptr. da Cunha in the center flanked by Dr. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra

Ronaldo da Cunha started his ministry in 1975 at the Rio de Janeiro Conference in Brazil, where he worked as a District Pastor, conference evangelist, and host of the "Momento de Paz" (Moment of Peace) TV Ministry. God has blessed Pastor Da Cunha and wife Doroti with two children, Adonirei (Nurse Practitioner and Certified Health Coach), Adoniram (Navy Commander) and four the most beautiful grandchildren, Cameron, Breanna, Zoe and Leilani. They ministered in New York City, Toronto (Canada), and Miami (Florida, US), and have been blessed with the opportunity to get involved in the planting of over 50 churches and the baptism of thousands wherever they served. He is presently serving as the pastor of Kissimmee SDA Church in Florida and as the Director of the Florida Conference Men's Ministries

Dr. Dionisio Olivo is the founder of the initiative "Nurturing the Nurturer" aimed to give emotional, spiritual and professional support to the conferences Family Ministries directors in the Atlantic Union Conference.





Dr. Olivo (center) poses with Drs. Pamela (left) and Claudio Consuegra (right).

Throughout his career, Dr. Olivo has served as church pastor, conference department director for youth, family ministries, Sabbath school, and personal ministry, among others. He is also former president of the Greater New York Conference having served for 10 years in that capacity. Dr. Olivo currently serves as vice-president in the Atlantic Union Conference and leads the Family Ministries, Sabbath school, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry and Medical Cadet Corps director for the Atlantic Union Conference. Dr. Olivo is husband to Maria A. Olivo and father to three children Diosalma, Ivrys, Ismary and grandfather to five grandchildren Ismary, Anneliese, Gabriel, Emely, Eleazar.

## Front Desk ...

### **2017 Awareness Dates**

February 11 - Christian Marriage Sabbath  
February 18 - Christian Parenting Sabbath  
February 11-18 - Christian Family Week  
May 20 - Adventist Single Adult Ministries Sabbath  
September 2 - Men's Ministries Sabbath  
September 10-16 - Family Togetherness Week

## Resources

### **NEXT STEPS: Adventist Millennial Research empowering Young Adult Ministry**

This study is intended to offer some viable solutions to young adult attrition that could enable our church to equip, empower, and embrace next generations.

Researcher and author A. Allan Martin, PhD, in partnership with Adventist Learning Community and Young Adult Life, have made available a free online course called NEXT STEPS, at [nextsteps.ygchurch.com](http://nextsteps.ygchurch.com).

This online resource helps unions, conferences, and local churches take the relevant research and forge solutions to

young adult attrition in their respective contexts.

Readers are encouraged look it over and imagine how it might be applied in their context. [nextsteps.ygchurch.com](http://nextsteps.ygchurch.com)

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## Self-paced Courses

Online training is available for [Family Ministries](#), [Men's Ministries](#), and [Adventist Single Adult Ministries](#) local church leaders. Each can be accessed by clicking on the respective link above.

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## NEW RESOURCES

### [The Story of Desmond T. Doss](#)

#### [Family Faith](#)

2017 Devotional



Help! I'm a Parent II  
[English](#) | Spanish  
(available soon)

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## OTHER RESOURCES

Help! I'm a Parent (8 - 12 years old)

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

[Every Good Marriage Begins with a Funeral](#)

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

[Biblical Research Institute Newsletter](#)

Welcome to the Family

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

[New Books for Juniors](#)

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

Help! I'm a Parent Kit (birth - 7 years old)

[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](#)

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