



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



[NAD Family Ministries Website](#)

## Upcoming Events



### [Couples Retreat Arkansas-Louisiana Conference](#)

March 10-12, 2017

### [International Leadership Conference: Reach the World](#)

May 10-13, 2017

### [ACFRP](#)

July 20-22, 2017

### [Family Togetherness Week](#)

September 10-16, 2017



### [2017 Oregon Conference Men's Summit](#)

May 5-7, 2017

### [Hobres Adventistas de Valor 2017](#)

(Men's Retreat-Spanish)  
October 13-15, 2017

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

September 2, 2017

March 2017

## Important Time Sensitive Items

### Call for Papers Due March 29, 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.](#))

### Speakers for the Adventist Conference of Family Research and Practice (ACFRP), July 20 - 22, 2017

Derek John Morris Derek Morris currently serves as President of Hope Channel, Inc., and host of Hope Sabbath School, an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God broadcast worldwide on Hope Channel. Prior to joining the Hope Channel team, he served as associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association and Editor of Ministry, an international journal for pastors. Born in England, his greatest joy is found in helping people to experience a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. Morris has two doctoral degrees: a DMin in Practical Theology from Andrews University and a DMin in Preaching from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the author of 5 books: Powerful Biblical Preaching, The Radical Prayer, The Radical Teachings of Jesus, Radical Protection, and Radical Evidence.



John Morris Derek

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

[Single Adult Retreat  
Chesapeake Conference](#)  
April 21-23, 2017

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

[NAD Single Adult 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.

## Vision Statement

Healthy families for eternity.

## From our office

We welcome submissions of your conference or union sponsored:

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Shaunti Feldhman is the keynote speaker for ACFRP to be held at Andrews University. Her research findings have served many and are presented concisely for deeper understanding. She received her graduate degree from Harvard University and was an analyst on Wall Street before unexpectedly becoming a social researcher and best-selling author. Today, she applies her analytical skills to investigating eye-opening, life-changing truths about relationships, both at home and in the workplace. Her groundbreaking research-based books, such as *For Women Only*, have sold more than 2 million copies in 23 languages and are widely read in homes, counseling centers and corporations worldwide.



Shaunti Felhman

Where the "Only" series revealed the often-unseen needs of men and women, her newest multi-year research projects, published in *The Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages* and *The Good News About Marriage*, are giving couples and the culture hope that great marriages are possible, likely, and simpler than most people think.

To find out more about ACFRP, please click [here](#).

## 2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Retreat

ADVENTIST SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

# Cruise

Join ASAM on the Carnival Conquest from Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2017!  
This cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale, FL and visit the Bahamas.

THEME: Plugged In  
FEATURED SPEAKER: Mike Tucker, Faith for Today

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Early-bird event registration: \$75 through May 3  
Regular event registration: \$99

Cruise prices start at \$454.59 per person for double occupancy and \$768.59 per person for single occupancy

REGISTRATION: Visit [AdventSource.org](http://AdventSource.org) or call 402.486.8800

Make your reservations today!

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ADVENTIST SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

The 2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Cruise to the Bahamas, sponsored by the North American Division, sets sail August 31 - September 4, 2017. Early bird rate for the event ends May 3, 2017, and group rates for cabins ends April 23, 2017. April 24, 2017, all cabins will be released and regular rates will apply.

- 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).

The featured speaker will be Mike Tucker. Plan now to join single Adventists from across North America as we fellowship and worship together.

To register  
 Event: click [here](#).  
 Cabins: Holly Kaiser, 402.477.2881.

## Out and About Ministry

### **By Talking..Do We Understand Each Other?**

Recently, Dr. Jorge Mayer, Director of Hispanic Ministries in Southern Union, conducted a training series for Family Ministries church leaders in Greater New York Conference on effective communication. 'By Talking..Do We Understand Each Other?' was the thought provoking theme for the series.



Dr. Mayer one of the training sites.

Attendees were very involved in the training and asked many questions. This is one of several series Dr. Mayer in the local area.



Leaders learning new insights in communication.

### **Strengthening Ministry Church Leaders**

On January 29 the Pacific Union Conference Family Ministries director Edwin and Mary Mendoza, hosted a certification completion ceremony at the headquarters of the Southeastern California Conference. Upon completion of the ten-module training program sixteen Family Ministries church leaders were awarded certificates.



Newest Family Ministries local church leaders in Pacific Union. Each leader committed to do their best to enrich the lives of families at church and in the community. The program was organized by the SECC Family Ministries leadership.

Dr. Edwin Mendoza  
Family Ministries  
Pacific Union

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### **Anna's Leadership**

(The following is a part of the devotional Dr. Rene Mobley presented at the ASAM advisory during the Adventist Ministries Convention in Tucson, Arizona, in January of 2017.)

Luke 2:36-38 talks about a person that showed the 4 principles that are a must for being a leader for the Lord. This is the story of Anna and her being a woman is a plus (that is meant for a smile, not a dig). In unpacking the story of Anna, there are 4 principles we will look at.

**\*\*\*A\*\*\* AVAILABLE.**

For Anna to make herself available, I feel sure was not an easy thing to do. Her family lineage was from Phanuel, the place where Jacob wrestled with the angel. Despite all the blessings bestowed on the tribe of Asher, Anna's tribe, the tribe failed to help drive out the Canaanites when God commanded. They failed to trust in God and honor His plan. This lack of trust was grounded in fear, therefore, Anna had the blood of fear running through her veins. Also, Anna was a widow after only seven years of marriage and at 84 had no sons to take care of her, no home, no social security or Medicare. She certainly had reason to say to God, "For sure you are going to have to get someone else Lord, because you must have forgotten that I am a woman living in a time when it isn't accepted or expected for a woman to be called and used by God." But none of this stopped her from making

herself AVAILABLE which leads us to our next principal.  
(Read more.)

### \*\*\*N\*\*\* NON-CONFORMIST

Our sister Anna understood Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God". Like Anna, we can't allow ourselves to be drawn into how things have always been. If this is not how God is calling us to lead, then we can't allow other's "mediocre is good enough" way of doing things to rub off on us when God has called us to Excellence. Also, like Anna, we can't allow fear of what others may say, how they may react or their attempts to block progress cause you to conform because, as we know, God didn't give us the spirit of fear. Now for the 3rd of Anna's leadership principal.

### \*\*\*N\*\*\* NEED

I firmly believe that God called Anna because she was a forward thinking person. She didn't wait for someone to vote her in or to have a committee meeting. When she heard the voice of God and He revealed to her a need, she moved into action. She saw the need for someone to not leave the temple, to fast and pray, and speak of God to all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. She didn't question her talents and abilities, nor did she do as we southerners do and say, "I am fixin to." When she saw the need, she went into turbo mode which leads us to our final principal.

### \*\*\*A\*\*\* ATTITUDE

Anna possessed an attitude of gratitude in living by "In everything give thanks". This is the sign of a Good-Great Leader. As we look at Anna and her situation, we can see she had every reason to just have a not so good attitude, however; making herself AVAILABLE, having a NON-CONFORMIST mindset, being up to the challenge when a NEED presented itself, all gave her the ATTITUDE that "All things work together for my good", so I will "Praise the Lord at all time and His praise shall continually be in my mouth". God is calling you, me, all of us to have The ANNA APPROACH to our leadership for the work of Christ.

Dr. Renee Mobley, Director  
ASAM/FM  
South Atlantic Conferent

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## **Certificate Masters for Family Ministries, Men's Ministries, and Adventist Single Adult Ministries**

Within the coming days all FM, ASAM, and MM ministry directors will receive the official North American Division ministry certificate master to award those who have completed the ten-module training program. This step makes it available for directors to award the certificates immediately

upon completion or at a specified time. It is the responsibility of the conference director to ensure attendee compliance of training requirements culminating in award of certificate. Please contact Maria Gregory-Hernandez at 301.680.6442 with any questions you may have.

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### **Three (3) CEUs for Completed Training**

The Family Ministries Department of the North American Division will grant 3 CEUs for those completing the training requirements as described in the training program. Whoever wants to use the CEUs, simply submits a copy of the certificate to their organization.

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### **2017 Awareness Dates**

May 20 - Adventist Single Adult Ministries Sabbath  
September 2 - Men's Ministries Sabbath  
September 10-16 - Family Togetherness Week

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### **Preschool Shyness Study at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland**

Drs. Andrea Chronis-Tuscano and Kenneth Rubin are conducting a National Institute of Mental Health-funded study examining two early intervention programs for shy children ages 45 to 64 months (3 years, 9 months - 5 years, 4 months) and their parents. Research has found that both programs are effective in helping children feel less nervous in social situations. We are currently looking for families to enroll in our groups that are due to start at the end of March.

Please contact them at (301) 405-5227 or by email at [littleturtles@umd.edu](mailto:little turtles@umd.edu) if you have any questions about the program or your involvement.

### **Resources**

Online training: [Family Ministries](#), [Men's Ministries](#), and [Adventist Single Adult Ministries](#).

### **NEW RESOURCES**

**Coming Out Ministries**

<http://comingoutministries.org>

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

[Family Faith](#)

2017 Devotional





Help! I'm a Parent II (ages  
8-12)  
[English](#) | [Spanish](#)

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## OTHER RESOURCES

[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

[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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