



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Upcoming events



Renovación: Un Fin de Semana Para Recordar
Agosto 28-30, 2015

Retiro para Familias
Agosto 28-30, 2015

Second Annual Marriage Retreat
September 25-27, 2015

Love for a Lifetime
October 16-18, 2015

Marriage Encounter: A weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love
October 23-25, 2015

Allegheny West Hispanic Couples' Retreat
November 6-8, 2015

Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations 2015 Conference
October 16, 2015



Men's Ministries Day of Prayer
September 5, 2015

Michigan Men of Faith
September 26, 2015

Set Your House in Order - Kentucky- Tennessee Conference
October 23-25, 2015

Men's Retreat - Nevada-Utah Conference
November 13-15, 2015

Rendezvous Point- Webinar
August 21, 2015



S.H.I.N.E. Ministries at Drumheller
August 15, 2015

Singles Retreat—British Columbia Conference
September 11-13, 2015

S.H.I.N.E. Ministries at Hanna
October 3, 2015

Singles Retreat—Chesapeake Conference
October 9-11, 2015

Fall Weekend at Casey's Cabin
November 20-22, 2015

Christmas for a Single Parent & Family
December 20, 2015

This newsletter will be coming to you quarterly. We invite you to share challenges you may be facing and for which your colleagues may give you help, ideas, and prayers. But we also encourage you to share the victories which can encourage and give ideas to your colleagues.

Please tell us about upcoming events, stories, pictures, and videos of recent events, and/or your ministry newsletter so we can share in our next newsletter and post it on our website and Facebook. Please email them to:

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MINISTRY IN ACTION

Upon our invitation to share what's happening, below we have experiences shared by Jean Hartwell, Pennsylvania Conference Family Ministries Director and Cheri Corder, Oregon Conference Family and Adventist Single Adult Ministries Director. They both highlight the opportunity for creativity and meaningful ministry. Here's what they had to say.

Camp Meeting Family Worship

By Jeanne Hartwell
Family Ministries Director
Pennsylvania Conference

This year for Family Worship the theme was "God's Big Ideas." We often put ourselves in a box (and/or others do) and see ourselves in that way, but that's not how God sees us. He knows the plans He has for us and has big ideas about what He wants to do in our lives. The themes each day were: with Him we have 1) Value, 2) Acceptance, 3) Forgiveness, 4) Incredible Possibilities; and then when we realize this God 5) needs us to tell others what we've experienced with Him and how He feels about us. God helped me break the themes down each



Me in my "box dress".

day so that there was something for every age. It's always so neat to see the adults "getting it" when they think it is a program for kids. You can say and do things that get to adults hearts when they've let their guard down!

Every day I wore a "dress" that I made from a box that had shoulder straps that held it up. And the speaker I chose took stories from the Bible about people that were in each of the "theme boxes" and showed how God helped them



Volunteers having fun.

"come out of their box" and live well for Him.

For the special feature every day I ordered a bugs bunny costume and asked one of the pastors to have a health feature each day. I asked him to find a doctor's lab coat, etc. so he looked like a doctor and I called it "What's Up Doc?" And we also had music,



"He saw them."

skits, puppets, etc.

I pray, work and plan hard, but it always amazes me the extra sparks God gives the programs!

Good News About Marriage

By Cheri Corder, Family and Adventist Single Adult Ministries Director
Oregon Conference

I promised to send a summary of my sermon on The Good News About Marriage. First, I showed photos of my grandparents when they were young, casting the vision they had for their lives when they were married in 1913, and brought out my grandmother's wedding gown. Then I showed a picture of them after more than 50 years of marriage and told how differently their lives had gone from what they had imagined...how they had experienced "For better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health." I then did that with my parents.

I showed a couple of pictures from my own wedding -- on my grandmother's 65th anniversary -- including one of my grandmother standing next to

I ended the photos with one from my daughter's wedding reception, where there were five wedding dresses on display -- 3 from my side and 2 from the groom's side -- with my daughter in her dress standing in the middle. I have not recovered from my disappointment that it rained and we were forced to set the scene with

brown carpeted walls instead of the beautiful outdoors... but it was still quite memorable and wonderful.)

I then transitioned and had everyone take a little 5-point quiz. I went briefly through the 2 sets of "The Fantastic Five" and a few of the "Secrets", like "Go to bed mad" and "Get real". I gave away a copy of each of the books "Surprising Secrets of Highly Happy Marriages" and "Good News About Marriage". I ended with the assurance that marriage is God's idea -- and it was SUCH a good idea that it still works, even after 6,000 years of dysfunction, AND that he has promised to give us what we ask for when we ask for things according to His will. We know it is His will that we have strong and happy marriages, so we know this is an area where He will work for us and bless us.



My daughter in her wedding dress.

Unknown to me until this point was that one of the guys sitting up toward the front, whom I hadn't met because he is just working here this summer, is getting married in two weeks!! So we had a spontaneous special prayer of dedication and blessing for him. I had noticed that he was hanging onto my every word... and beaming...!

Then I served everyone cinnamon rolls... not exactly wedding mints or cake, but it seemed right for a Monday morning.

We had a good time and people were blessed. Thank you for being interested!

MINISTRY RESOURCES

Help! I'm a Parent

English kit

¡Auxilio, Somos Padres!

Spanish kit

Help! I'm a Parent

Devotional

A New Generation of Adventists

A study on Marriage and family within the Church.

Family, ASAM, and Men's

Ministries training programs AdventSource offers a handy record card for the trainee to chart their progress in the curriculum process. Free to Conferences.

Men's Ministries Day of Prayer.

This booklet contains everything you need for a Men's Ministries Sabbath. Contents include a suggested order of service, children's story, sermon, additional stories and illustrations, and suggestions for men's ministries activities.

