



Adventist
Family Ministries
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



[NAD Family Ministries Website](#)

Upcoming Events



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

May 10-13, 2017

[Chesapeake Conference Developing Family Ministries](#)

May 13, 2017

[ACFRP](#)

July 20-22, 2017

[Michigan](#)

[Conference Marriage Retreat](#)

September 8-10, 2017

[Family Togetherness Week](#)

September 10-16, 2017

[Carolina Conference](#)

[Fall Marriage Retreat](#)

September 22-24, 2017

[Michigan Conference](#)

[Mother/Daughter Retreat](#)

October 13-15, 2017

[Florida Conference](#)

[Couples Retreat](#)

October 20 - 22, 2017

[Michigan Conference Family Life Northwood Romance](#)

November 3-5, 2017

April 2017

From Our Directors

Training Programs Certification and CEUs

As Family Ministries, Men's Ministries, and Adventist Single Adult Ministries Union and Conference directors, you have the opportunity to provide training to the local church leaders of each of these ministries.

When a participant attends the presentations for each of the ten modules and fulfills the independent learning requirements, he or she is ready to receive Basic Family Ministries, Men's Ministries, or Adventist Single Adult Ministries Certification.

The Basic Family Ministries certification also meets the requirements for the Level I certification offered by our department.

At the beginning of the training each student is given a checklist that must be dated and signed by each workshop presenter. As a Union or Conference director or workshop presenter, you can help participants remember to complete this step by closing your presentation with a time to have these checklists signed. You can find a similar check list at the back of the training manual. (Read more.)

Secondly, participants must complete an additional 2.5 hours of individual study for each module, relevant to that module. They must then complete the independent



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[Georgia-Cumberland
Conference Marriage Retreat](#)

November 3-5, 2017

[Michigan Conference
Crystal Mountain Marriage
Retreat](#)

November 10-12, 2017

[Montana Conference
Caring for Marriage Retreat](#)

November 11-13, 2017

[Michigan Conference
Father/Son Retreat](#)

December 1-3, 2017

[Texico Conference Marriage
Retreat](#)

December 1-2, 2017



[Kansas-Nebraska Conference
Men's Retreat](#)

April 7-9, 2017

[Minnesota Conference
Men's Retreat](#)

April 21-23, 2017

[Hispanic Men's Retreat
Wisconsin Conference](#)

April 28-30, 2017

[Northern CA Conference
Christian Men's Retreat](#)

May 5-7, 2017

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

May 5-7, 2017

[Ohio Conference Men's
Retreat--Band of Brothers:
God's Mighty Men](#)

May 19-21, 2017

[Alaska Conference
Men's Ministries Retreat](#)

July 14-16, 2017

[Central States Conference
Men's Retreat](#)

August 17-20, 2017

[Michigan Conference Men of
Faith Campout-Northwoods](#)

August 17-20, 2017

study form which is also available at the back of your training manual.

When the participant has attended all ten workshops and completed the independent learning requirements, the participant will give her or his Conference or Union Director of Family Ministries a copy of the completed workshop attendance checklist and the completed independent learning form.

The final requirement for certification is for the person receiving the training to apply the information he or she has learned in previous modules by developing and presenting a 60 to 90-minute workshop to a group and having the presentation evaluated.

In the past, we simply asked that you as Union or Conference director would send us the names of those who completed all the requirements and then we would send you the certificate. In an attempt to simplify this process, we are now making the certificates available to you to complete and present to those who fulfill all the requirements. We encourage you and plead with you to make sure participants fulfill the requirements before receiving the certificate. We want to ensure the integrity of the training process and that those who are leaders of these ministries are properly trained and have a good knowledge of the ministry to which they have been elected by their local church.

Some people have asked if there are CEUs available for those who complete the training. For some professionals, it is required of them to have a number of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) every year in order to maintain their license, endorsement, or certification, which is why they ask if they can receive CEUs with this training. We have made the determination, in consultation with the Adventist Learning Community, that upon completion of all the requirements in each of these training programs, participants may receive 3 CEUs. That has already been listed on the new certificate, which is why they should not be given to the participants until they have completed all the requirements.

We hope these changes will help you as you train local church leaders and will also make the training program even more valuable with the addition of the CEU value.

Please let us know how else we may be of service to you.

Continued blessings to you, your families, and your ministry.

Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra
FM, MM, and ASAM Directors
North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

[North American Division Men's Ministries Day of Prayer](#)

September 2, 2017

[South Atlantic Conference Hispanic Men's Retreat](#)

September 22-24, 2017

[Carolina Conference Men's Retreat](#)

September 29 - October 1, 2017

[Central CA Conference Men's Ministries Convention Chosen for Action](#)

September 29 - October 1, 2017

[Montana Conference Men's Ministries Summit](#)

September 29-October 1, 2017

[Chesapeake Conference Maryland Men of Faith](#)

October 7-9, 2017

[Hombres Adventistas de Valor 2017](#) (Men's Retreat-Spanish)

October 13-15, 2017

[South Atlantic Conference Men's Retreat](#)

October 13-15, 2017

[Kentucky-Tennessee Conference](#)

[2017 Men's Conference](#)
October 27-29, 2017

[Michigan Conference Father/Son Retreat](#)

December 1-3, 2017



[Northern CA Conference Singles' Miniature Golf](#)

April 9, 2017

[Chesapeake Conference Single Adult Retreat](#)

April 21-23, 2017

[Single Adult Sabbath](#)

2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Retreat

The 2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Cruise to the Bahamas, sponsored by the North American Division, sets sail August 31 - September 4, 2017. Group rates for cabins and early bird rate for the event end May 3, 2017. The featured speaker is Mike Tucker of Faith for Today. 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

Sask Men's Ministry Report

"He doesn't need you to be perfect. He needs you to be present." Pastor Roy Ice said that in explaining that the criteria for "making it" to heaven, "the wedding banquet" of Matt 22. We must accept the Father's invitation and all that entails.



Guest speaker Pastor Roy Ice flanked by organizers

20+ men accepted the invitation to be present at this year's Saskatchewan Men's Ministry Retreat. They were

May 20, 2017

[Oregon Conference Singles Spiritual Retreat](#)

July 7 - 9, 2017

[Florida Conference Conexión 2017](#)

July 21-23, 2017

[Florida Conference Single Parent Retreat](#)

August 4-6, 2017

[Northern CA Conference Broadway to God's Way](#)

August 25-27, 2017

[NAD Single Adult Cruise](#)

August 31 - September 4, 2017

[Central States Conference Single Adult Retreat](#)

September 15-17, 2017



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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

Pastor Chris Arbeau and Pastor Dave Miller challenged to re-examine their view of God and their relationship with Him.

Dallas Gareau of Kinley, SK said, "It was incredible, a lot of things were enlightened that I never thought of before."

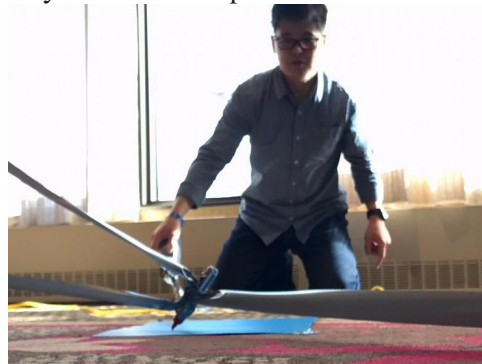
One practical fix Pastor Roy highlighted was our prayer life. How long would you be employed if you walked into your boss's office every morning to shower him

with thanks, nicely ask for things and then walked out...without listening for his requests of you? Not long. So why do we pray like that



A Band of Mighty Men!

to our Heavenly Lord? Men were challenged to take time to listen to what God might be requesting of them while they make their requests of Him.



Making things work.

Michael Zoerb from Delisle, SK said, "I really liked the fellowship with guys I'd never met before. To learn the word of God through different

voices and different people it can really open your mindset."

Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming camping trip with Men's Ministry and please take the time to



Group activity.

invest in seeking God in your personal life today!

Brian Bell
Communications Director
Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

New to Family Ministries Network

Pastor Maurice Valentine, Director
of Men's Ministries for Lake

From our office

We welcome submissions of your conference or union sponsored:

- upcoming events
- photos or videos of recent events
- ministry news letters

Please email them to Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org.

Union received a B.A. degree in theology and an A.S. degree in communications from Oakwood University in 1985. He completed his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in 1992.



Pastor Maurice Valentine

Valentine brings many gifts, talents and productive years of experience serving on institutional boards, ministry advisories, strategic plan development, evangelism strategies and pastoral development.

He has conducted a number of workshops and forums, served as guest professor and presenter at Union College, provided assistance for health systems in assessing missional outreach, to mention a few. "I support nurture and mission as the chief objectives of the church by assisting, resourcing, and connecting church leaders through the development of collaborative ministry networks which in turn foment the growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by enhancing discipleship at all levels," says Valentine.

The Valentines enjoy taking walks in nature and listening to Christian music of all genres.

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,



John Morris Derek

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.

Shaunti Feldhman is the keynote speaker for ACFRP to be held at Andrews University. Her research findings have served many and are presented

consicely 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](#).

Front Desk ...

2017 Awareness Dates

May 20 - Adventist Single Adult Ministries Sabbath

September 2 - Men's Ministries Sabbath

September 10-16 - Family Togetherness Week

Resources

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

[Family Faith](#)
2017 Devotional



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

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](#)

[Coming Out Ministries](#)

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

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