



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



[NAD Family Ministries Website](#)

## Upcoming Events



Christian Marriage Sabbath  
February 10, 2018

Christian Parenting Sabbath  
February 17, 2018

Christian Family Week  
February 10-17, 2018

[Central CA Conference 2018  
Marriage Retreat](#)  
February 16-18, 2018

[Pennsylvania Conference Fun  
in the Sun Marriage Retreat](#)  
February 23-25, 2018

[Southwest Region Conference  
Marriage is for Friends](#)  
March 23-25, 2018

NAD Day of Hope and  
Compassion  
April 21-22, 2018

[Kansas-Nebraska  
Conference  
Parenting Solo Retreat](#)  
June 7 - 10, 2018

[Adventist Conference on  
Family Research & Practice](#)

February 2018

## Director's Desk

### Feature Families in February

Perhaps because of Valentine's Day, February carries a special message of love. For us, Family Ministries Directors throughout the NAD, February gives us an opportunity to emphasize much more than the romantic love that cupid promises and instead reinforce the caring love that couples, parents, and families long for and should have.

That's why we have an entire week of emphasis - February 10-17 - which we refer to as Christian Family Week. This week begins on February 10 with Christian Marriage Sabbath and ends on the 17th with Christian Parenting Sabbath.

Each year's Planbook provides you with sermon and seminar ideas that pastors, elders, and anyone else may use during those days, and during that week. We appeal to you to connect with the pastors in your conferences, remind them of these dates, and encourage them to speak about these important family relationships. Ask them to speak about the beauty of marriage, as God designed it to be, and the benefit to their children and for generations to come. Ask them to speak about the important role parents play in helping their children become disciples of Jesus. Ask them to schedule events during that week which will strengthen the families in their congregations and communities. It's not too late to contact the leaders of your churches and appeal to them to take advantage of these dates to strengthen the families, including those who are not married, over which God has placed them as overseers.



Drs. Claudio &  
Pamela Consuegra

July 19-21, 2018.

[Greater NY Conference  
Marriage Retreat-Punta  
Cana, Dominican Republic](#)  
August 23-26, 2018

Grandparents Day  
September 8, 2018

Family Togetherness Week  
September 16-22, 2018



[Florida Conference  
Men's Retreat-Thy Kingdom  
Come](#)  
March 9-11, 2018

[Kansas-Nebraska  
Conference  
Parenting Solo Retreat](#)  
June 7-10, 2018

Men's Ministries Sabbath  
September 1, 2018

Florida Conference--Men's  
Ministries Conference  
Thy Kingdom Come  
March 9-11, 2018



Upper Columbia Conference  
[Rosario Singles Retreat](#)  
April 5-8, 2018

Single Adult Sabbath  
May 19, 2018

[Kansas-Nebraska  
Conference Parenting Solo  
Retreat](#)  
June 7-10, 2018

For our part, we will be as busy as we normally are in February. On February 10, we will have a one-day marriage conference for the Iowa-Missouri Conference, one of the community events they are using in preparation for the evangelistic meetings that John Bradshaw, Speaker/Director of It Is Written, will be doing in Kansas City. February 16-18 we will have our Love for a Lifetime couples retreat for the Central California Conference in San Francisco, and February we'll be at Camp Cedar Falls, in Southern California, to conduct a similar retreat, but this time for the Hispanic Pastoral couples of that conference. On February 26, on the way back from Orange County, I (Claudio) will be taping a class on Law Enforcement Chaplaincy in Berrien Springs for the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries and the Adventist Learning Community.

In addition, we will have our annual evaluation which all the NAD department directors have to go through, we will continue writing and/or revising some resources, and will use the rest of the time to take care of all the requests and responsibilities that come across our desk almost daily. We feel it an honor and privilege to have been asked to take care of all these and more. But our biggest privilege is to know and work with each of you, wonderful people, amazing colleagues, and special friends. May our Loving God and Father continue to bless you and reward you for your efforts on behalf of His children.

Claudio & Pamela Consuegra  
Directors for Family, Men's, and Single Adult Ministries  
North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist  
Church

## Out and About Ministry

### Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Men's Ministries Training

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference hosted its Men's Ministries certification training 1/26-28/2018 at which 10 men who completed all the requirements based the 10-module training program *Adventist Men's Ministries:*

*A Training  
Program  
for Local  
Churches*  
received  
their  
certificates.



Duly recognized lay leaders.

In addition, an intensive training took place for 80 more men who will receive their certificates in the future after completing all



Claudio Consuegra, DMin  
Pamela Consuegra, PhD  
Directors

### Mission Statement

Our mission of evangelism is to provide resources, training, and networking opportunities that will instill hope and bring wholeness to 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:

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

Please email them to [Maria Hernandez@nadadventist.org](mailto:Maria.Hernandez@nadadventist.org).



Minervino Labrador and Pastor Minner Labrador.

*The Adventist Men's Ministries: A Training Program for Local Churches* is a 10-module training tool developed by Men's Ministries of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

the requirements.

All who attended were touched by the special recognition given to Minervino Labrador, father of Pastor Minner Labrador, Men's Ministries Director of the Southernwestern Union for all the work he has done in nurturing future leaders including his son, Pastor Labrador.



Special moments of prayer.



### Family Research Papers Requested

The Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice is held annually at Andrews University and is 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. We are interested in papers with a family-related research or practice focus for the Friday workshops, particularly those with an emphasis on integrating faith and practice. The theme of the 2018 ACFRP conference is "Finances and the Family." Papers will be accepted on a variety of family-related topics, and will be reviewed by a panel of family life experts. Presenters are responsible for their own travel expenses and must register for the ACFRP Conference. For more details, please click [here](#).



Deadline: All abstracts must be submitted by February 28, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RESEARCH & PRACTICE

# Family FINANCES

JULY 19-21, 2018

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**DR. JOHN MATTHEWS**  
An ordained minister, the ministry has included serving in Florida, Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, and Nebraska. He has conducted stewardship and family finance seminars throughout the North American Division since 2010. John is a graduate of Southern Adventist University and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University. He is the principal author of the 2015 Adult Sabbath School Quarterly, *Love Seward*... Lee Hays, co-author of *Smoky Mountain Rescue*, recorded the popular CD *Keeper of My Heart* and along with Lauren the horse trained the Shaver-Kemp Jack back in the...

**DR. & MRS. BEN & MARY MAXON**  
Born in Canada, members of missionary parents, Ben Maxon has spent much of his pastoral ministry in the Northeast and Southern United States. He is a speaker, he also graduated back to his roots in South America to serve in two missions there. Dr. Maxon held the position of Director of Stewardship of the World Headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists from 1996 to 2004. During this time, he discovered and developed a new paradigm emphasizing to be a stewardship from a life to living perspective and to use this as a gift with the world church. Currently Ben is serving as Senior Pastor of the Paradise California Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**INFORMATION/REGISTRATION:**  
[www.andrews.edu/familyconference](http://www.andrews.edu/familyconference)

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REGISTRATION	EARLY BIRD (until June 1, 2018)	REGULAR
Professionals	\$60	\$70
Students/Non-credit	\$40	\$45
Faculty/Staff	\$50	
Students (credit)	Regular AU cost	
Students (non-credit)	Regular discounted cost per credit	
Churches (group discount) up to 10 people	\$500	

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## NAD Social Media Guidelines

We are resending the link for the [NAD Social Media Guidelines](#) for those who were not able to open the document sent previously.

### 2018 Awareness Days

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Doctor of Ministry | Family Ministry

Reserve your place now for the new 2018 cohort!  
Application deadline: May 25, 2018, First Intensive: July 23 - August 7, 2018  
Contact 888-717-6244 or dmin@andrews.edu

 Seventh-day Adventist  
Theological Seminary  
Andrews University

"The DMin program at Andrews University...is life-changing. You owe it to yourself, your family, and your church to revisit the possibility of obtaining your doctorate."  
—Shane Anderson (2012 Graduate), Senior Pastor of the New Market, Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Interview published in the Q3 2016 CALLED digital magazine.

## Family Ministry Cohort

Applications due May 25, 2018. Please contact 888.717.6244 or [dmin@andrews.edu](mailto:dmin@andrews.edu). For more information online, please click [here](#).

## MA in Counseling Psychology/MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Washington Adventist University begins a new cohort for its accelerated evening program every eight weeks. For more information, contact 301-891-4092.

### Resources

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

## MINISTRY RESOURCES

### Family Ministries

2018 Family Ministries Planbook ([cover](#), [interior pages](#))

Help! I'm a Parent! (birth-7 years of age) [Eng](#) | [Spa](#)

Help! I'm a Parent (8-12 years of age) [Eng](#) | [Spa](#)

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

[Family Faith: A Devotional on Family Dynamics \(2017\)](#)

### Men's Ministries

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

### Discipleship

Welcome to the Family

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

A Follower of Jesus - Discipleship Guide

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

Making Jesus My Best Friend - Baptismal Guide

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

**OTHER RESOURCES**

[www.GatewaytoWholeness.com](http://www.GatewaytoWholeness.com) NEW!

[Coming Out Ministries](#)

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

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