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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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Upcoming Events



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[Texico Conference](#)
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December 1-2, 2017

Christian Marriage Sabbath
February 10, 2018

Christian Parenting Sabbath
February 17, 2018

November 2017

Out and About Ministry

Central California Conference: A First for Men

Four hundred men—some who had served in military service, others who had not—began arriving early Friday afternoon, September 29, 2017. Either way, they found it awe inspiring to board the USS Hornet CV-12,

nicknamed The Gray Ghost, as it loomed above the dock in Alameda, California. At 872 feet long and 147 feet wide at the flight



deck, the US Navy aircraft carrier displaced 36,380 tons at full load.

Launched and commissioned in 1943, Hornet earned nine battle stars for her service in World War II. Her long history includes being front and center in the 1945 Battle of Okinawa and serving as recovery vessel for astronauts from the first moon landing mission, Apollo 11, on July 24, 1969. Now a museum, Hornet was designated a California State Historic Landmark in 1999 and is listed on the National Register of Historic places, #91002065. Bob Baker, one of the ship volunteers, served on on-board host.

Beginning her first presentation, Dr. Taylor put it this way: "There's a lot of testosterone bouncing off the walls

Christian Family Week
February 10-17, 2018

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

[Adventist Conference on
Family Research & Practice](#)
July 19-21, 2018.

Grandparents Day
September 8, 2018

Family Togetherness Week
September 16-22, 2018



[Michigan Conference
Father/Son Retreat](#)
December 1-3, 2017

[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



Single Adult Sabbath
May 19, 2018

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

of this historic aircraft carrier-and I can only imagine what it was like when it was in service with a crew of 3,448."



Envisioned by Steve Horton, Vice-President for Central California Conference (CCC) and his Men's Committee, the

project required a group effort as other church entities, including the Pacific Union, got on board and made donations to help with this first-of-its-kind Men's Convention, held on an aircraft carrier, no less.

The agenda included presentations by Jose Rojas, Pierre Steenberg, Arlene R. Taylor, and Marc Woodson; with music by The Band of Brethren, Michael Harris, Wilson Mackey, and Stanley Mackey. Terry Cantrell and Jim Hobbs, along with the entire technical crew ensured that men throughout the nation were able to see and hear the words of encouragement via Hope Channel. Cindy Chamberlin, Vice-President for Communications for CCC, served as television host for the discussions that followed each presentation.

The meticulous attention to detail given to designing the keepsake program and backdrop by Sergio Cano, son of CCC President Cano, provided a visual ministry that helped the men capture "a view of the Divine."

Attendees had so many positive comments. For example:
*The experience was much more meaningful and fun than I ever expected.



*Getting to sleep on an aircraft carrier and experience what that was like was a bonus.

*"I choked-up" as I listened to the challenges given by Jose Rojas.

*I always wondered about the value of Women's Retreats. We men need to do this again!

*This weekend was such a blessing. We've already got our group of three men organized.

*When I saw a woman listed as a speaker I thought, What's a female doing at a Men's Convention? Hey, she was a tremendous presenter and I learned so much helpful information I never even knew existed!



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

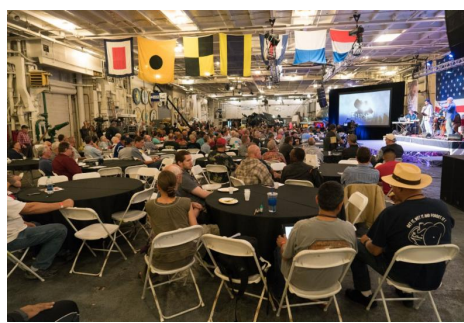
Healthy families for eternity.

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
MariaHernandez@nadadventist.org.



*I thought anointing was for people who were dying. Wow! It's so much more, facilitated by the more than three-dozen ordained

elders present.

The vision and goal of the organizers is that needs-based ministries for men will spread from groups of three to local congregations, conferences, unions, and the entire church. Men have been chosen for action because they are special to God and have key roles to play as partners, parents, role-models, and support to each other. This will result in showing forth the praises to Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Steve Horton M.Div, MPH
Vice President, and Director, Men's Ministries
Central California Conference

Southwest Region Conference: Marriage is for Friends

Psalm 34:8 (MSG)
Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see-how good God is.



Recomitment cake.

During the weekend of October 13th, Twenty-nine couples came together at the invitation of Family Ministries leader, Elder Ishmael Ali to taste the goodness of the Lord in their marriages with Elder and Mrs. W.S. Lee, Family Ministries Directors of Southwest Region Conference.



Joyful hearts looking towards a better future.

The theme of the weekend: Marriage is for Friends was developed through the opening session on Friday night and culminated on Sunday morning with a couples' communion and vow renewal. Couples were given opportunity to build skills in the areas of boundaries, communication, affirmation, and forgiveness. Time was given for couples to develop strategies for personal application in their unique marriages. One of the ways

couples implemented new skills was the Saturday night date night.



Pastor and Mrs. Ali of the SWRC.

The closing renewal was accompanied with cake, bubbly, and bubbles! Many of the couples expressed materials provided were wonderful information to take home and continue the building of their healthy, safe marriages. Others expressed that God's stamp was on the entire weekend.

Isaiah 58:13-14 (MSG) "If you treat the Sabbath as a day of joy, God's holy day as a celebration...Then you'll be free to enjoy God! Oh, I'll make you ride high and soar above it all."



Elder Willie and Wilma Lee.

Wilma Kirk-Lee
Family Ministries Co-Director
Southwest Region Conference

Carolina Conference: 30 Couples Promised "I Still Do"

Recently, the Carolina
Conference Family Ministries

co-directors, Dr. Eric and Ann Marie Bates organized and hosted another "I Still Do" marriage retreat. Though there is a great amount of work involved, the response from attendees both inspires and fuels them to continue with including this important event to support married couples in their marriage's journey. Below are a few of the comments attendees made as published in Southern Tidings.



Dr. Eric & Ann Marie Bates

"Even the most seasoned spouses were able to learn something new that would strengthen their bond. "I began to wonder if Eric and Ann Marie had been looking in our window. They seemed to be speaking straight to me," joked one attendee. "Honestly, this weekend reminded me that conflict takes two, and changing my approach to my wife could make a big difference for our marriage." Carpenter, Rebecca. (2017 October) *"Carolina Conference Sponsors 'I Still Do'", Southern Tidings*, 19(3).

Chesapeake Conference - Men's Ministries Retreat

"Give me this mountain" the words of Caleb (Joshua 14:12) were the theme for this year's Maryland Men of Faith (MMOF) Conference. More than 175 men gathered at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, to be inspired, encouraged, and challenged from the Word of God.

Visit www.mmof.org and mark October 6, 2018 on your calendar for the 13th annual MMOF conference. -Tony Williams, MMOF Coordinator

submitted by:
Dr. Eli Rojas
Men's Ministries Director
Chesapeake Conference

Family Research Papers Requested

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. 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 below links below.

Deadline: All abstracts must be submitted by January 31, 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, his 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 2018 Adult Sabbath School Quarterly, *Love Stewardship*. . . Love Money, co-author of *Steady Mountain: How to Recycle the Gospel* (3 Kingdom of the Heart) and along with Janice the force behind the Stewardship Jack book series.

DR. & MRS. BEN & MARY MAXON
Born in Caracas, Venezuela, of missionary parents, Ben Maxon has spent much of his pastoral ministry in the Northwest and Southern United States. Moved to Spain, 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 at the World Headquarters of Seventh-day Adventists from 1996 to 2004. During this time, he discovered and developed a new paradigm emphasizing biblical stewardship from a discipleship perspective and shared this vision with the world church. Currently Ben is serving as Senior Pastor of the Pasadena California Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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REGISTRATION	EARLY BIRD (until June 1, 2018)	REGULAR
Professionals	\$60	\$70
Student/graduate (non-credit)	\$40	\$45
Faculty/Staff	\$60	
Student (credit)	Regular AU cost	
Students (credit)	Regular discounted cost per credit	
Churches (group discount) up to 10 people	\$200	

Front Desk ...

2018 Awareness Days

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 Seventh-day Adventist
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"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 (2017 Graduate), Senior Pastor of the New Market, Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Church. Interview published in the Q3 2018 CALLED digital magazine.

Family Ministry Cohort

Applications due May 25, 2018. Please contact
888.717.6244 or dmin@andrews.edu.

Resources

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

MINISTRY RESOURCES

Family Ministries

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

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OTHER RESOURCES

[Coming Out Ministries](#)

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



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