



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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## Upcoming Events



### [You Are a Gift! Single Moms & Kids Retreat](#)

June 8-11, 2017

### [South Atlantic Conference NAD Certification Leadership Training](#)

July 14-16, 2017

### [ACFRP](#)

July 20-22, 2017

### [Michigan Conference Marriage Retreat](#)

September 8-10, 2017

### [Family Togetherness Week](#)

September 10-16, 2017

### [EnditNow Pastors' Summit on Abuse](#)

September 11, 2017

### [Carolina Conference Fall Marriage Retreat](#)

September 22-24, 2017

### [Southwest Region Conference Marriage is for Friends](#)

October 6-8, 2017

June 2017

## From Our Directors

### 2017 Mazat and Youngberg Award Recipients

Every year the NAD FM Department presents two awards to honor the contribution of Alberta Mazat and John and Millie Youngberg.

The Mazat Award was established in recognition of Alberta Mazat, marriage and family therapist, educator, published author and public speaker from Loma Linda University who has made a profound contribution to the development of Family Ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The award recognizes an outstanding graduate student or young professional who has begun to make contributions to the field of family ministry, particularly in family counseling or family therapy. Specifically, the individual will either be enrolled in a graduate degree in family counseling or family therapy at a Seventh-day Adventist institution, or a practicing family counselor or family therapist with work experience of five years or less.



Claudio Consuegra,  
DMin Pamela  
Consuegra PhD  
Directors

The Youngberg Award was established in recognition of John and Millie Youngberg, family life educators, published authors, and public speakers from Andrews University who have made profound contributions to the development of Family Ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The award recognizes an outstanding

[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

[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



[South Atlantic Conference  
NAD Certification Leadership  
Training](#)  
July 14-16, 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

[North American  
Division Men's Ministries Day  
of Prayer](#)  
September 2, 2017

[EnditNow Pastors' Summit on  
Abuse](#)

graduate student or young professional who has begun to make contributions to the field of family ministry, particularly in family life education. Specifically, the individual will either be enrolled in a graduate degree in family life education or family ministry at a Seventh-day Adventist institution, or a practicing professional involved in family life education with work experience of five years or less.

### **Mazat Award**

We're happy to announce that the 2017 Mazat Award is being presented to Ashley C. Reddy, from Andrews University. (Read more.) Among the requirements, Ashley submitted her paper entitled, "Family, a preventive and protective factor for children against substance use and abuse (Marijuana), and its implication for Youth Ministry," which was written in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the class "Families and Addictions." Ashley will be presented with the award and a \$500 check which accompanies it. Here's the concluding paragraphs of her paper as a sample of her outstanding work.



Ashley C. Reddy

As delineated throughout this paper, research provides overwhelming evidence that the family is a preventive and protective factor for children against substance use and abuse. The questions then are: why is there still such an annual increase in drug use and addiction, and what is being done to curb such drug use and abuse? If the cycles of addiction are so prevalent, surely more needs to be done to rehabilitate dysfunctional families, and proactively skill and empower those families that have healthy functioning. With addiction engendering both financial and moral deleterious implications at all levels of society, government and private agencies need to synergize their efforts of investigation and program intervention. There appears to be greater fragmented efforts and emphases afforded symptomatic treatment of addiction, than preventive and protective initiatives. Mejía and Restrepo (2009) confirm that between 2000 and 2005, the US government forked out approximately \$3.8 billion towards the prevention of drug trafficking from Columbia to the rest of the world. If such exorbitant amounts were spent on programs to rehabilitate and support families, the market for drugs will dwindle, and governments and societies will be the beneficiaries.

Whilst efforts are concentrated at the macro level, is there an answer to the 'cries' at the micro level, and what impact will this have? The answers lies in youth ministry which is strategically positioned at the micro level, can direct a catalytic influence on families and

September 11, 2017

[South Atlantice 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



[Kentucky-Tennessee  
Conference You Are a Gift!  
Single Moms & Kids Retreat](#)  
June 8-11, 2017

[Oregon Conference Singles  
Spiritual Retreat](#)  
July 7 - 9, 2017

[South Atlantic Conference  
NAD Certification Leadership  
Training](#)  
July 14-16, 2017

youth in what could be the last ditch effort to rescue the family by improving and increasing its preventive and protective influence, and subsequently curtailing the use and abuse of drugs (addiction). Local communities, businesses and religious groups would do well to support and help build thriving youth ministries, ensuring that interventions are characterized by holistic, collaborated and integrated efforts, facilitated by competent personnel.

### **Youngberg Award**

We're also happy to announce that the 2017 Youngberg Award recipient is Arceli Lopes (photo not available), from Andrews University, who presented a three-session workshop on communication. Among other things she wrote, "The main purpose of this seminar is to enrich our communication skills towards God, towards each other and towards our children that we may have success and prosperity in our relationships."

Arceli will be presented with the award and a \$500 check which accompanies it.

### **2018 Awards**

We encourage the chair of the Psychology, Social Work, Marriage and Family counseling, and related fields of all our SDA colleges and universities to begin considering candidates for the 2018 award season. As stated above, these awards are presented to graduate students or young professionals. The deadline for submission of candidates is April 15, 2018. For more information on requirements, please contact Maria Gregory-Hernandez at maria.gregory-hernandez@nad.adventist.org.

Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra  
FM, MM, and ASAM Directors

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## **2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Retreat**

There is still time to register and book the cabin. The 2017 Adventist Single Adult Ministries Cruise to the Bahamas, is sponsored by the North American Division. The ship sets sail August 31 - September 4, 2017. Our featured speaker is Mike Tucker of Faith for Today. Plan now to join single Adventists from across North America for fellowship and worship together.

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

[Florida ConferenceConexion  
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

[EnditNow Pastors' Summit on  
Abuse](#)

September 11, 2017

[Central States Conference  
Single Adult Retreat](#)

September 15-17, 2017

[Chesapeake ConferenceFall  
Retreat](#)

October 1-15, 2017



Out and About Ministry

**Pastors' Summit on Abuse**

Assist us in spreading the word about the End It Now!online summit scheduled for September 11, 2017. We hope to reach a wide audience and make an impression with this online training seminar. We are inviting you to become a social media ambassador for the 2017 End It Now summit by sharing about your interest and involvement to your fans and followers using #enditnowNAD. [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



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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.

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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 consicely for deeper understanding.

## 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.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org](mailto:Maria.Gregory-Hernandez@nad.adventist.org).

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 ...

## New to Family Ministries Network

I live in Regina, Saskatchewan and attend Hill Avenue Seventh-Day Adventist Church with my family. My husband, Jeremy and I have been married for 18 years and have three children; Ava, Morgan and Jake.

When Jeremy and I began a family, I left my career to stay home with our children full time. Last year I opened a home-based preschool, Lakeview Christian Preschool, which God has richly blessed beyond what I could have imagined. I feel Family Ministries is an important ministry because supporting our families will only strengthen the work of sharing Jesus that individuals do for the church. I



(L-R)

Ava, Jeremy, Morgan, Debbie and Jake.

am excited to learn more through the programming and resources that the NAD has developed for this ministry. Also, to learn from and share with the families of our conference. I am passionate about the children's programs that I am already involved in such as teaching the Primary Division at Camp, leading VBS, Children's Church and Sabbath Schools at our local church and being Home and School leader for our school. I consider it a privilege to work with the conference and NAD in another ministry, that is still closely tied to ones that are close to my heart.



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## North American Division is moving ...



We are pleased to announce that on July 14, 2017, the North America Division will be moving to our new headquarters located at 9705 Pautuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046. The phone numbers will be the same until further notice.

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### 2017 Awareness Dates

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](#)

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### 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

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

**OTHER RESOURCES**

[Coming Out Ministries](#)

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

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