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July 2016

From our Directors

A Wedding!

It's June, the month to traditionally celebrate many graduations and weddings. Our family was just privileged to enjoy such a celebration.

As a parent, one of our biggest desires was that our little girl would make a wise choice in a life partner. Even as a child, we prayed that God would provide a husband who would love her the way Ephesians 5 describes. On June 19, our prayers were answered as we made our way to Washington DC to witness our daughter, Dee, exchange marriage vows with her groom, Andrew.



The venue chosen for the occasion was the DC War Memorial. It is a stunning open-air rotunda, which serves as a memorial to those who gave their lives in WWI. Dedicated in 1931, it is a circular 47 foot tall monument that rests upon a solid

marble foundation. The dome is supported by 12 tall stately marble columns.

As symbolized by their wedding venue, it is our prayer that our daughter's love for her new husband will be like a never ending circle and that the home they are now building together will rest upon a firm foundation of

**Marriage Encounter
Weekend**

November 4-6, 2016

**Hispanic Couples
Retreat**

November 18-19, 2016

Beyond The Pew

January 8-11, 2017

**International Leadership
Conference: Reach the
World**

May 10-13, 2017



Conexion 2016

July 1-3, 2016

HAV Mechanica

August 19-21, 2016

**Men's Ministries Day of
Prayer**

September 3, 2016

Engage Life: In It to Win It

September 30, 2016

Dare to be a Daniel

October 1, 2016

**Men's Ministries Spanish
Convention**

October 15, 2016

**Men's Ministries Spanish
Convention**

November 12, 2016



Conexion 2016

July 1-3, 2016

Tent Camping

July 8-10, 2016

**The Ultimate Amazing
Grace: Team Challenge
Campmeeting 2016**

July 14-23, 2016

faith. It is also our desire that they will always be lifted up and supported by each other, and most of all, that they will remember the One who gave His life for them.

If married, it is a good time for each of us to renew our



own wedding vows and that our love for our spouse will reflect Jesus in all our interactions.

Blessings,

Drs. Claudio &
Pamela Consuegra

2017 Adventist Ministries Convention

January 8-11, 2017

Registration Now Open!

www.adventistministriesconvention.com



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New to the Family Ministries Network



Pastor Mark A. Brown, ASAM, Men's and Family Ministries Director at Southeastern Conference, was born in Manchester, England to Mavis and the late Ezekiel Brown; the last of three children.

At the age of six his family migrated to Jamaica, West Indies; there he received his formal education. He attended West Indies College, now Northern Caribbean University, and Oakwood College, now Oakwood University, respectively, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. Pastor Brown also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and a PhD in Clinical Christian Psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.

Battles Can Become Blessings

October 14-16, 2016

Dare to Dream

October 21-24, 2016



Claudio Consuegra, DMin
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.

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.

Pastor Brown worked as a Chaplain for the Florida Department of Corrections for ten years; eight of those years as a Senior Chaplain. He has seen many souls give their hearts to God after hearing the message while incarcerated.

In 1998 he was called to Church Ministry and has since pastored the Macedonia - Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie SDA Church districts, the First Ephesus and Mt. Pisgah Churches in South Florida, and the Breath of Life and Ephesus SDA Churches in Jacksonville, Florida. In May of 2016, Pastor Brown was voted as the Family, Health and Religious Liberty Ministries Director for the Southeastern Conference of SDA in Mount Dora, Florida.

He is married to the former Sandra Daley who has a Master's degree in Education; specializing in Adult Education, Curriculum and Instruction. They have two grown sons - Johann (Yohann), married to the former Krista Hanson, and Marc. They also have one grandson. Pastor Brown can be reached by phone at 352-735-3142 or e-mail at markbrown@secc.org.

2016 Single Moms & Kids Retreat

Parenting is challenging especially for those who do it alone with no one to lean on for support! These parents can find themselves worn out and discouraged simply trying to make ends meet as well as trying to meet the mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of their children. In the Kansas- Nebraska Conference we want to be Jesus' hands and feet to encourage these single moms in their difficult situations and equip them with skills to help them successfully deal with the challenges they face.



Swimming

Once a year, at Broken Arrow Ranch in Olsburg, Kansas, the KS-NE Conference Women's & Family Ministries departments provide these challenged families a brief time of fun, relaxation and learning at our Single Moms & Kids Retreat. A speaker, typically a counselor, presents four 75 minute presentations designed to encourage and equip these moms with strategies and techniques so they can better handle the stresses they face and be their best!

This retreat is

the first camp of the season held at our conference youth camp each summer and is presented in collaboration with the



Back from a trail ride.

Conference Youth Director

and his camp staff. It begins on a Thursday afternoon and ends on a Sunday morning. The moms enjoy four presentations by our speaker while their children enjoy the wonderful activities provided and supervised by the camp staff...archery, crafts, nature, jet skis, swimming, bounce house, Frisbee golf, horseback riding, zipline and more. The schedule is designed for moms to also enjoy these great activities together with their children making beautiful family memories!



Guest speaker, Melanie Gabberts, Union College Psychology professor, and her children.

Each day begins and ends with the camp staff presenting lively, uplifting sing-alongs, skits and a brief worship presented by our camp pastor sharing stories illustrating how Jesus is our best friend and Savior! Moms and kids are refreshed, encouraged, make new friends, and take home practical ideas to improve their lives and those of their children.

One mom, who used to attend this retreat, but is now married, brings every mom a nice tote bag full of practical personal care items and each child a small



Campers at crafts.

tote bag of fun toys. She works all year to collect items and solicits donations from other church members. It makes the ladies feel special to receive the lovely filled tote bags.



Skit done during evening program by camp staff.

In order for these moms to be able to afford the retreat the cost is kept very low. We charge \$40 per mom and \$15 per child for this Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning retreat. The Conference subsidizes this retreat to keep it affordable. We encourage our churches to sponsor their single mom families and give them gas money for their trip to camp.

These moms leave encouraged, better able to face their challenging circumstances. One mom shared her experience in this way... "It is so good to be able to sit back and relax knowing the kids are safe and having fun. We are going to try to come every year! The kids have a blast with all the activities and songs! I love all of the sermonettes! We look forward to seeing you next year."

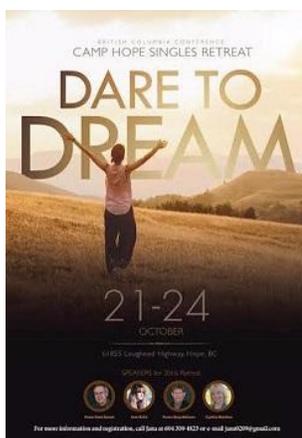
One mom, who was especially appreciative, shared that she had been out of the SDA church for twenty years, but was now coming back and so thankful for having been able to come to the retreat. She especially connected with the camp pastor.

May God bless you as you consider how you can minister to these wonderful, but challenged families.

Sue Carlson,
Children & Family Ministries Director
Kansas-Nebraska Conference

Dare to Dream Singles Retreat

You are invited to the upcoming SINGLES RETREAT in Camp Hope, Hope, B.C. October 21 - 24th, 2016. Please forward to your friends and churches. The site offers great accommodations, food, program, music and nature trails galore. You can come for 2 or 3 nights and have a private room, or share. Join us for lots of fun, inspiring sermons, great people, beautiful music, movies, or just to walk in the nature, swim in the thermal pools of Harrison Hot Springs or rest.



Come and experience the beauty of the lodge and the forests, waterfalls, the river and the lakes and the many lasting friendships, that can come your way. For more information, pricing and registration, please phone or email:

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2016 Awareness Dates

September 3 - [Men's Day of Prayer](#)

September 11-17 - Family Togetherness Week

September 17 - Family Togetherness Sabbath

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 (Available soon.)

[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
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