



Adventist
Family Ministries
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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Upcoming Events

October 2017



[Southwest Region Conference](#)

[Marriage is for Friends](#)

October 6-8, 2017

[Michigan Conference](#)

[Mother/Daughter Retreat](#)

October 13-15, 2017

[Wisconsin](#)

[Conference Certification
Program](#)

October 19-21, 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](#)

Out and About Ministry

Plugged In ... 2017 ASAM Cruise



Over the 2017 Labor Day weekend, 180 adults from across the North American Division (NAD), and two singles from Australia, sailed from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to the Bahamas on the Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) cruise themed "Plugged In."

NAD ASAM directors Pamela and Claudio Consuegra planned the cruise to provide an opportunity for single adults to find spiritual renewal, meet people with whom to develop new relationships and to do activities together, says Pamela.

"Sabbaths can be lonely if you go to church alone, sit in a pew alone, and go home alone for Sabbath dinner," she says. "A sense of loneliness or isolation is one of the top issues for singles in the church," she adds.

Many churches are not single-friendly places, as many

[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



[Chesapeake Conference
Maryland Men of Faith](#)
October 7, 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

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



[Chesapeake Conference Fall
Retreat](#)
October 13-15, 2017

well-intentioned church members don't know how to reach out to single adults, says Frank Bondurant, a vice president at the Columbia Union and the union's director of ASAM. "Some members think their role is 'match making' when really it would be more helpful just to invite singles over for a meal, or family social activity."

Renee' Mobley, director for Family Ministries for the South Central Conference in the Southern Union, added that non-single members should ask singles what their needs are, then plan activities for and with them.

Malela Rozier, a member of the First church in Dublin, Georgia, attended the cruise in hopes of meeting and mingling with other singles during the worships and other activities. "We have a lot of single people in the church and if we can come together with activities, we can support each other."

In a workshop, Claudio encouraged attendees to get involved in ministry at their local churches. "The cruise is a wonderful thing, but if you depend only on an annual cruise or convention, it isn't enough," he said, and added that there needs to be an ongoing ministry on a regular basis - once a week or month.

During his worship talks, Mike Tucker, speaker/director for Faith for Today Television, encouraged attendees to not wait for the church to create ministries and connections for them. He said singles shouldn't wait to get plugged into the true source of fulfillment - Jesus Christ.

"You make connections by choosing to be of service to others, rather than saying why isn't the church doing this for me?" said Tucker.

Find out more about ASAM activities around the North American Division by following them on Facebook (link: <https://www.facebook.com/ASAMNAD/>); or on their website at <http://www.adventistsingleadultministries.org/>.

- V. Michelle Bernard is news, features, and online editor for the Columbia Union Visitor.

Oregon Hispanic Pastors Trained

Fifteen Hispanic pastors of the Oregon Conference, and their wives, were trained in the Prepare-Enrich program by Dr. Claudio Consuegra on August 20 at the Oregon Conference office. Pastor David Paczka, Hispanic Ministries Coordinator organized this training session. The Hispanic pastors are now better trained to help couples prepare for their marriage and to help married couples enrich their relationship.



Claudio Consuegra, DMin
Pamela Consuegra, PhD
Directors



Oregon Conference Hispanic pastors.

Our goal in the North American Division is that every pastor be trained and use this program for all the couples they marry. If you'd like to host a training session, please contact Dr. Consuegra at claudioconsuegra@nadadventist.org.

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).

Georgia Cumberland Conference Hosts "Letting It Go"

This year Georgia Cumberland Conference initiated our first ever Letting it Go conference, a healing weekend for those experiencing grief and loss, held at Cohutta Springs August 25-27. Speakers David Sedlacek Ph.D, LCSW and his wife Beverly DNP(c) from Andrews University ministered to 97 attendees. In addition to their presentations, the weekend format allowed time for open dialogue, discussion questions, journaling and personal counseling (5 counselors were onsite).

The depth of loss heard in participant stories was overwhelming at times, but in listening to one another, each learned that although we all may be at different stages of the grief process, our stories became a "connecting point." Building friendships with others who had also experienced a significant loss brought a sense of HOPE to everyone.

Here are 2 stories worth sharing:

1. A hospice nurse from the Calhoun community heard about the event and called asking if she could help with the weekend! Jo felt impressed to meet with her and quickly recognized her passion for serving those who are hurting. Jo then invited her to do a presentation on The Importance of Self-Care. What a positive influence she was --- though not [YET] an Adventist!
2. Read this Thank you received (names withheld): "I just want to say thank you so much for hosting the Grief Recovery Weekend. Both ___ and ___ thoroughly enjoyed it and came away refreshed. ___ just called me to thank me for sending her and to say that she was helped tremendously by the main speakers' topics and delivery. She also said that she is finally ready to commit fully to God's calling and join our church through baptism!! I believe the grief she carried from the death of her mother, sister, and a divorce is what was holding her back. PTL, through this weekend, she found God's path beyond these tragedies in her life and can move forward with His plan for her and her family. (No emoji can

express my joy!!)"

Mary Jo Dubs
Family Ministries Director
Georgia Cumberland Conference

Your Love Is Strong: Contemporary Christian View on Sex

In a joint production of New Dawn Christian Village & Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern California explore in the video the varying issues-- waiting for marriage, sex before marriage, adultery, teenage pregnancy, are explored to help church leadership address these issues with compassion and grace while staying true to biblical teachings. Please view the promotional video by clicking on the link below and share it with your church, friends and family.

[Promotional Video Clip](#)

Celebrating Life in Recovery

Wisconsin Conference is having a 5-session program led by creator of the "Celebrating Life In Recovery" program, Cheri Peters who will be kicking off her addictions seminar tour September 7th in Black River Falls at the Best Western Hotel & Conference Center 600 Oasis Rd, starting at 7:00 P.M. In La Crosse, Cheri will conduct four seminars and a workshop at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 2117 La Crosse Street on Friday, Sept 8th @ 7P.M., the seminar topic will be on Neurochemistry & Addictions. On Saturday Sept. 9th @ 11:00 A.M. the topic is "Forgiveness & Recovery," a fellowship meal will be provided. Then at 7:00 P.M. Cheri will speak on Restoration. Sunday morning starting at 10:00 A.M. there will be a workshop for leading a friendship recovery group, with a luncheon provided. Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P.M, Cheri will conduct her final seminar regarding the "Addictive Personality & Healing." For details, please click [here](#).

Michael Ehm, Men's Ministries Director
Wisconsin Conference

New to Family Ministries Network

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to the new Family Ministries Co-Directors at Ontario Conference, Pastor Orlando and Elizabeth Pule.



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Front Desk ...

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.

[Process details](#) [Workshop Form](#)

Evangelism-Let Us Know

For over two years local churches throughout NAD have been using the Help! I'm a Parent kit developed by Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra as a tool for evangelism. We would like to hear about the results of their efforts in regards to attendance by members and visitors, baptisms, renewed commitments to family and consecration to God, new groups formed to reach out again, celebrating the completion of the study, etc. Please share with us your experience by emailing them to our Administrative Assistant, Maria Gregory-Hernandez, mariagregory-hernandez@nadadventist.org.

Family Ministries Mission and Vision

The Family Ministries Committee unanimously voted to refine their mission and vision statements to align with

North American Division's mission to [REACH North America](#). Family Ministries mission and vision statements are as follows:

- 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.
- Reaching Families For Eternity

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

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- Shane Anderson (2017 Graduate), Senior Pastor of the New Market, Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a private published from 2016 © 2017 Andrews University.

Doctor of Ministry - Family Ministry Concentration

Application deadline for the Family Ministry cohort held at Andrews University is May 25, 2017. Please click [here](#) for course requirements details.

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

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

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