



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



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## Upcoming Events



[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](#)  
August 11-13, 2017

Wisconsin Conference  
[Celebrating Life in Recovery](#)  
September 8-11, 2017

[Southwest Region Conference Marriage is for Friends](#)  
October 6-8, 2017

[Michigan Conference Mother/Daughter Retreat](#)  
October 13-15, 2017

[Florida Conference Couples Retreat](#)  
October 20 - 22, 2017

September 2017

## Out and About Ministry

### Chesapeake Conference: Love for A Lifetime

Chesapeake Conference's Family Ministries Department launched its first one-day retreat for married couples in

New Castle, DE. Fifty (50) couples from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey came with the expectation of learning more to enjoy their marriage and deepen their understanding of each other. There were couples married for decades, a few months, or on the



Drs. Pamela and Claudio Consuegra



Couples appreciating each other.

verge of getting married. Presenters, Drs. Pamela and Claudio Consuegra, equipped with research, poignant images, light humor and experiences covered basic needs for men and women. Activities

included meeting and praying with other couples, winning

[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



[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](#)

September 11, 2017

[South Atlantic 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

valuable resources and the afternoon was topped off with the divine requirement and benefits of forgiveness. According to Dr. Claudio Consuegra "If they [married couples] decide to make it work, within 5 years the marriage is actually better."

The one-day retreat proved to be a good option for attendees. They were away from home and the children only for a few hours, there was no need to stay overnight, and the registration fee was pocket friendly. Noting the very



Couples preferred a one-day event.

positive support for the one-day retreat concept, Dr. Eli Rojas, Director of Family Ministries at the Chesapeake Conference announced that "This is the beginning of a new tradition in our Conference."

Maria Gregory-Hernandez  
NAD/Family Ministries

### Carolina Couples "Still Do"

August 11-13 the Carolina Conference Family Ministries team hosted a marriage retreat themed, "I 'Still' Do" at the Riverstone Resort and Spa in Pigeon Forge, TN. Twenty-five couples from North and South Carolina gathered to hear Dr. Eric and Ann Marie present on the purpose of



Eric and Ann Marie Bates



marriage, divorce proofing your marriage, and emotional, spiritual and physical intimacy. Natasha Perez provided

beautiful music for the weekend. The Carolina Family

[Montana Conference Men's Ministries Summit](#)  
September 29-October 1, 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 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 Conference Fall Retreat](#)  
October 13-15, 2017

Ministries Department will host its annual Romance at the Ranch in February, 2018 at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Army Chaplain Jorge and Evelyn Torres will present for the English weekend February 9-11, 2018 and Pastor Nilton and Sara Garcia will present for the Spanish weekend February 16-18, 2018.



Couples' activity.

Dr. Eric Bates, Family Ministries Director  
Carolina Conference

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## 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

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## Important Event for Church Pastors

Assist us in spreading the word about the End It Now!online summit is 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 your interest and involvement with your fans and followers using #enditnowNAD. For more information please see [description](#) and share using this [promotion](#) piece. To register to watch and receive summit resources, please





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 Hernandez@nadadventist.org](mailto:Maria.Hernandez@nadadventist.org).

click [here](#).

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## 2017 Awareness Dates

September 2 - Men's Ministries Sabbath  
September 10-16 - Family Togetherness Week

## 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



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—Steve Anderson, 2012 Graduate, Senior Pastor of the New Market, Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a notice published in the 2Q 2016 CALLER digital magazine.

## 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](#)

**OTHER RESOURCES**

[Coming Out Ministries](#)

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

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