



Adventist  
*Family Ministries*  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



[NAD Family Ministries Website](#)

December 2017

## Upcoming Events



Christian Marriage Sabbath  
February 10, 2018

Christian Parenting Sabbath  
February 17, 2018

Christian Family Week  
February 10-17, 2018

[Central CA Conference 2018  
Marriage Retreat](#)  
February 16-18, 2018

[Pennsylvania Conference Fun  
in the Sun Marriage Retreat](#)  
February 23-25, 2018

NAD Day of Hope and  
Compassion  
April 21-22, 2018

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

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

[Greater NY Conference  
Marriage Retreat-Punta](#)

## Director's Desk



## Out and About Ministry

### Prepare-Enrich training for the Guam-Micronesia Mission Pastors

Dr. Claudio Consuegra trained 19 pastors and administrators in Guam in the Prepare-Enrich program. The Guam-Micronesia Mission is a mission outpost of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The mission is made up of Guam and the Federated Islands of Micronesia which include places like Yap, Chuuk, Ebeye, Kosrae, Majuro, Palau, Pohnpei, and Saipan. Once each year, all the pastors and school principals gather at the mission office in Guam for several days of training, study, and encouragement. This year, I spent one day with the pastors offering the PE training. The picture includes most of the pastors and the guidance counselor at one of the

[Cana, Dominican Republic](#)  
August 23-26, 2018

Grandparents Day  
September 8, 2018

Family Togetherness Week  
September 16-22, 2018



[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



Claudio Consuegra, DMin  
Pamela Consuegra, PhD  
Directors

**Mission Statement**

schools, as well as the president of the mission (Dr. Ken Norton - far left), and Dr. Consuegra (far right).



Pastors trained in the Prepare-Enrich Program.



## Family Ministries within Pacific Union Conference

2017 has been a vibrant year Family Ministries within Pacific Union Conference. Within the last two quarters Dr. Edwin & Mary Mendoza have trained 35 local church leaders to launch, strengthen, and grow Family Ministries within their local churches.



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).



Trained local church leaders within Northern California Conference.

"In total we had nine Family Life meetings in 2017. These are the places that we visited with seminars and certifications: Southeastern California Conference, Central California Conference, Perris Spanish Church, Arizona Conference, Anaheim Spanish Church, and Northern California Conference."

Dr. Edwin Mendoza  
Director, Family Ministries  
Pacific Union

## Texas Conference-Men's Ministries Hit A Home Run

Men's Ministries of Texas Conference celebrated their ministry awareness day, November 25, 2017, by having a church dedicated service in which they wore a 'guayabera.'" The guayabera (/ɡwaɪ.əˈbɛrə/) is a men's shirt distinguished by two vertical rows of closely sewn pleats that run the length of the front and back of the shirt. The special day ended with a great game of baseball. The fellowship, friendly competition, and recomitment to God and family all served to make a memorable day for everyone present. Great job Pastor Sergio Rodriguez!



Men in the park.



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## **Greater New York Conference–2018 Training Series**

The office of Family Ministries of Greater New York partnering with Andrews University will begin its 2018 Family Ministries certification trainings beginning January and culminating with graduation in April of 2018. Please click [here](#) for more information in a short video clip.

Also, Family Ministries of Greater New York had their annual retreat in a cruise bound for the Carribean Sea. Click [here](#) to see the enjoyment of attendees as they St. Kitts and Barbados this past summer.

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic is the site for their next retreat.

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## **Texas Conference-New Appointment**

Pastor Ruber Leal has been appointed as full-time Family Ministries Director and Associate Ministerial Director of the Texas Conference. He has been serving as the pastor of the Garland Faith Community Church and Family Ministries Director for the conference for several years but will be transitioning to full-time effective March 1, 2018. We wish Ruber, Ketty, and their family many blessings in their new responsibilities and as they transition from church pastoring to conference ministry.



Strengthening families in Texas.

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## **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.

# Family FINANCES\$

JULY 19-21, 2018

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**DR. JOHN MATTHEWS**  
An ordained minister, his ministry has included service 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's degree from Andrews University. He is the principal author of the 2018 Fall of Sabbath School Quarterly, *Live Stewardship...* Live Happier, co-author of *Smiley Mountain House*, received the popular ICB honor of *My Heart and Song* with *Justice* in honor behind the *Stewardship: Look back, move on.*

**DR. & MRS. BEN & MARY MAXON**  
Born in Caracas, Venezuela of missionary parents, Ben Maxon has spent much of his personal 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 had 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 to focus stewardship from a life-creating perspective and spread this vision with the world church. Currently Ben is serving as Senior Pastor of the Paradise California Seventh-day Adventist Church.

REGISTRATION	EARLY BIRD (Until June 1, 2018)	REGULAR
Professionals	\$60	\$70
Student's/Spouse (non-credit)	\$40	\$45
Faculty/Staff	\$50	
Students (credit)	Regular AU cost	
Students spouse (credit)	Regular discounted cost per credit	
Churches (group discount) (up to 10 people)	\$200	

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Front Desk ...

## NAD Social Media Guidelines

We all are involved with social media in one way or another. We follow people on Facebook, receive tweets from family, friends, and others, and we watch what others send. At the same time, we also tweet or post on Facebook- some as part of our ministry, others on a personal page.

The NAD has just established a set of guidelines for employees for the use of social media - not just employees of the NAD but for anyone who works for the church in the NAD. Please take the time to read through the guidelines and familiarize yourself with these guidelines. More importantly, do your best to adhere to them.

You may find the guidelines by clicking [here](#).

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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."  
— Steve Anderson (2017 Graduate), Senior Pastor of the New Market, Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Church. In a notice published June 20, 2018 @CALAD. Rights reserved.

## Family Ministry Cohort

Applications due May 25, 2018. Please contact 888.717.6244 or [dmin@andrews.edu](mailto:dmin@andrews.edu). For more information online, please click [here](#).

## MA in Counseling Psychology/MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Washington Adventist University begins a new cohort for its accelerated evening program every eight weeks. For more information, contact 301-891-4092.

### 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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