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WELCOME

Welcome to the third annual Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice (ACFRP). Since 1975 a family strengthening event has been held on the campus of Andrews University sponsored by the School of Education, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, the Departments of Family Ministries at the General Conference and the North American Division, or a combination of these entities. The purpose has always been to celebrate and educate our constituencies about the importance of ministry to families in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

This year's conference promises to be an excellent one with outstanding plenary and keynote speakers, and the largest offerings of research and practice workshops ever since the ACFRP iteration has been established. This allows participants to select from a broader variety of informative and challenging topics. Six continuing education units (CEUs) have been approved for both social work and pastoral ministry.

We are privileged to have Dr. Scott Stanley commence the Conference with two stimulating keynote addresses based on his research. The principal spiritual tone of the Conference is accented this year with Pastor Roger and Kathy Hernandez focusing on this year's conference theme, *Building Family Memories: Leaving a Spiritual Legacy*.

This event continues to be planned to attract Doctor of Ministry students who have chosen an emphasis in Family Ministry, and MA and PhD students in Religious Education who choose either the Family Life or Children's Ministry emphasis. MDiv students who are taking Marriage, Family and Interpersonal Relationship Skills also attend in large numbers.

The success of this event is due to the collaborative effort of the Department of Discipleship and Religious Education at the Seminary, the Departments of Behavioral Science and Social Work at Andrews University, the Family Ministries Departments at the General Conference and the North American Division, and AdventSource. Thus, it attracts faculty and students from throughout the campus community, family ministry leaders and church members from the Michiana area and throughout the world. If you are in any of these groups, we believe your ministry will be enriched as you participate in the various presentations focused on ministry to families throughout the Conference.

Our prayer is that you will experience the loving embrace of Jesus Christ while you are here. Enjoy the learning, soak in the fellowship, savor the food, and share your experience. If there is anything that we can do to improve your experience, please let one of us know.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Scott Stanley, Ph.D.

Scott Stanley, Ph.D., is a research professor and co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver. He has published widely with research interests including commitment, communication, conflict, confidence, risk factors for divorce, the prevention of marital distress, and couple development. Along with Dr. Howard Markman and colleagues, he has been involved in the research, development, and refinement of the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) for over 25 years. Stanley and Markman are currently engaged in a long term study of the effectiveness of PREP disseminated in the community, funded by NICHD. They are also conducting a large, randomized trial of a variant

of PREP in the U. S. Army, also funded by NICHD; and Stanley, Galena Rhoades, and Howard Markman are conducting a longitudinal study of cohabitation and couple development, funded by NICHD. Stanley has authored or co-authored various books including *Fighting for Your Marriage* and *The Power of Commitment*. He is a founder of PREP and co-author of the *Within Our Reach*, an experiential-based curriculum for couples, and the *Within My Reach*, an experiential-based curriculum for individuals.



Roger Hernandez

The Ministerial and Evangelism Director for the Southern Union Conference (of SDA). He has served in the ministry for over 20 years. Some of his passions have included church plants, small group and youth ministries, and evangelistic work. Roger is a motivational speaker who has been part of events at the division, union, and conference levels. Born in Cuba, and fully bilingual, Pastor Hernandez has had the chance to be part of events in both English and Spanish. He is the author of five books, the most recent being *Epic Fail*, published in 2011. Roger's family includes his wife, Kathy, and four children Yessenia, Deisy, Vanessa & Jonathan.

Kathy Hernandez

A daughter of God (the best father in the world). Mother of 4 children, 2 Biological and 2 Foster daughters, ages 26, 25, 17, 15. She has a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Masters in Youth Ministry. Her life's calling has been to nurture her children and anyone else who has needed the love of a family and to work alongside her husband in ministry. She's been working with youth for over 21 years. Currently she's the Coordinator for the Ministerial and Evangelism Department at the Southern Union Conference. "I love working for the Lord and feel honored every time He chooses to use me. I am nothing without my God."



NAD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jeanne and Ray Hartwell

Jeanne and Ray Hartwell both grew up in Seventh-day Adventist homes and attended Adventist schools up through their college experience. They graduated from Southern Adventist University in May of 1978 and were married two weeks later. Over their years of ministry Ray and Jeanne have worked to make strong couples and families in their congregations through both counseling and church programs and activities, and also through leading by example. In the last church they were in before going into administration they announced to the church that their family day would be Thursday and that they wouldn't be available to the congregation except in emergencies on those days. At first this was met with some resistance, but before long families in the church started following their example. After they moved away church members requested that the conference send them another pastoral couple that highly valued their family. Ray and Jeanne have served in the Kentucky-Tennessee, Iowa-Missouri and Carolina Conferences. In their last church the conference hired Ray as senior pastor and Jeanne as associate pastor.

The Hartwells work at the Pennsylvania Conference office. Ray is the President and Jeanne is the Family Ministries Director and the Associate Ministerial Director. Jeanne has served in this position for 19 years. Ray has served as the Secretariat and Ministerial Director for the first 9 years in PA and as President for the last 10 years. They have two children. Josh is married and has just provided them with their first grandchild, and Abby has just graduated with a BA in Interior Design. Life has definitely been an adventure for them!



THE ARTHUR AND MAUD SPALDING MEDALLION

Monte Sahlin

Monte Sahlin entered the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1970 and worked full time as an Adventist minister until early 2014 when he retired. He worked in urban ministry and as a pastor in Washington DC, Boston, Pittsburgh, Allentown and Columbus.

Sahlin served as a co-leader for Family Ministries in the Pennsylvania Conference and as director of Family Ministries while assistant to the president of the Ohio Conference, and then became the first Family Ministries Director for the newly constituted North American Division in January 1987. In 1998, when he became vice president of the Columbia Union Conference, he also served as director of the Family Ministries department until he returned to the Ohio Conference in early 2007.

The author of 24 books and 117 research monographs, Sahlin directed and wrote reports on two major studies of Adventist family life: *A New Generation of Adventist Families* and *Adventist Families in North America*.

Family life and ministry with families continue to be a research and writing interest of Sahlin. He regularly writes on the topic and related subjects for *Adventist Today* and on his blog (*Faith in Context* at www.montesahlin.com) and on Facebook. He also regularly conducts Webinars for the Center for Creative Ministry that is often related to family ministry.

Sahlin served as an adjunct instructor in the Doctor of Ministry program at Andrews University from 2007 through 2014. He was an associate faculty member in urban studies at the Tony Campolo Graduate School at Eastern University from 2000 through 2013. His college education was in theology and mass media at La Sierra University in 1970. He completed a Master of Community Mental Health at Windsor University in 1973. Married to Gretchen, Sahlin is the father of three adult daughters: Stephanie, Melissa Sahlin, and Najwa.

SCHEDULE/JULY 16-18, 2015

Thursday, July 16, 2015

6:00 - 7:15 pm

Conference Check In - Seminary Commons

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Opening Plenary Session

Welcome

President Niels-Erik Andreasen

Conference Information

David Sedlacek

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Willie Oliver

Prayer

Elaine Oliver

Keynote Address: Scott Stanley

Sliding vs. Deciding: How Romantic and
Sexual Histories Impact Lasting Love

Friday, July 17, 2015

8:30 - 10:00 am

Plenary Session: Scott Stanley

The Power of Commitment: Research-Based
Insights for Preserving Lasting Love

10:15 am - 12:30 pm

Research Workshops

10:15 - 11:15 am

*Eligible for CEUS

"A Quest for Answers" (homosexuality)

H. Peter Swanson (N150)

"Biblical Spirituality in the Seminary's MDiv Program:
Implications for the Family"

Michael Harris (S120)

"The Effects of Pornography on the Brainw
& Breaking it's Addiction Through Rewiring Your Brain"

Abraham Swamidass (S340)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

*Eligible for CEUS

"A Quest for Answers" (homosexuality)

H. Peter Swanson (N150)

"Factors Contributing to Romantic Relationship Formation While
in College and the Role that Spirituality Plays in this Formation"

Eva M.Starner (S120)

"I'm An Inferior Specimen of PK:
Examining the Aftermath of Pressure put on Pastor's Children"
Alina Baltazar and René Drumm (S340)

12:30 - 1:45 pm **AAFLP and Advent Source Lunch Reception**
Howard Arts Performing Centre (HPAC) lobby

2:00 - 4:15 pm **Practice Workshops**
2:00 - 3:00 pm

"Single Man Walking" (pornography/sexual addiction)
Michael Carducci (N150)

"Changing the Family: One Brain At A Time"
Beverly Sedlacek (S120)

"Strengthening Marriages through Small Group Dynamics"
Roger & Peggy Dudley (S340)

3:15 - 4:15 pm

"Clergy Sexual Misconduct:
A Systematic Preventative Agenda of Family Research & Practice"
Michael Hall (N150)

"Addressing Domestic Violence in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church:
Past, Present and Future"
Melissa Ponce-Rodes, Orleanys del Carmen, René Drumm,
David Sedlacek (S120)

"Leaving a Spiritual Legacy in Mongolia: Starting from Scratch"
Sally & Chek Yat Phoon (S340)

4:30 - 7:30 pm **Break**

7:30 - 8:30 pm **Friday Evening Worship**

Welcome & Introduction of the Speaker	Claudio Consuegra
Prayer	Pamela Consuegra
Praise & Worship In Song	Seminary Team
Message: "Epic Fail"	Roger & Kathy Hernandez
Benediction	David Sedlacek

Sabbath, July 18, 2015

10:00 - 10:50 am

Sabbath School

David Sedlacek

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Morning Worship

Welcome and Introductions

Willie & Elaine Oliver

Claudio & Pamela Consuegra

David Sedlacek

Prayer

The Guzman Family

Dedication & Acknowledgment Service

Graduate Certificate Recipient Dedication

David Sedlacek

Mazat and Youngberg Awards

David Sedlacek

Claudio Consuegra

NAD Distinguished Service Award

Claudio & Pamela Consuegra

The Arthur and Maud Spalding Medallion

Willie & Elaine Oliver

Praise & Worship In Song

Seminary Team

Scripture:Phillipians 1:6

The Poama Family

Introduction of Speakers

Claudio & Pamela Consuegra

Special Music

Kendra & Jalen

Message: "Decisions"

Roger & Kathy Hernandez

Special Music

Sarah Oliveira-Augustin

Danielle Pilgrim

Benediction

Elaine Oliver

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Seminar/Seminary Chapel

Roger & Kathy Hernandez

"Home Rules"

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2016



David Olsen, Ph.D.

David H. Olsen, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN and Founder and CEO of PREPARE/ENRICH.

He is past President of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) and the Upper Midwest Association of Marital and Family Therapists (UMAMFT). He has received over 10 national awards for his contributions from a variety of national organizations. Distinguished alumni awards from St. Olaf College, Penn. State University & University of Minnesota.

He developed the PREPARE/ENRICH Program, which has been taken by over 3 million couples and offices in 13 countries (8 different languages). He has written 20 books and over 100 articles in the field of marriage and family. Marriage & family textbook (7th edition) is used in over 850 colleges and universities. His most recent books include: Couple Checkup (2008) and Remarriage Checkup (2010).

He has appeared numerous times on national television including the NBC Today Show, CBS Morning Show, ABC Good Morning America and the Oprah Show.



Lael Caesar, Ph.D. & Lena Caesar, Ed.D., Ph.D.

Lael and Lena Caesar love each other, love their neighbors and their enemies, and love to work for God. He welcomed her to the campus of the University of the Southern Caribbean the day she arrived, and not too long after that, asked her for a date. She immediately said "Yes." Back in her room she decided that it gave the wrong impression to say "yes" on the spot. So she told him that she had changed her mind. Since then, he

has been working on getting her back. In 1974 they both said "yes," and now they share a permanent honeymoon in Laurel, Maryland.

Lael has worked as district pastor, conference departmental director, and college professor. He holds a Ph.D. in Hebrew & Semitic Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Lena has been a High School English teacher, Modern Language Institute director, and professor of Speech Language Pathology. She holds an M.S. from UW Madison, an Ed.D. in Special Education and a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Studies from Western Michigan University. Lael and Lena taught for 4 ½ years at Montemorelos University, and for 15 years at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Currently, Lael is an associate editor of the Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, and Research Professor of Hebrew Bible at Andrews University. Lena taught and directed the department of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology at Andrews University as she does now at Loyola University. Lena and Lael have authored scores of professional and scholarly articles in their respective fields and are in demand as speakers and seminar presenters. Their son, Lloyd, and daughter, La Vonne are both graduates of Andrews University.

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