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Featured participants in the panel discussion include Alfredo Lee, who was born into an Adventist family in Mexico and immigrated to Los Angeles. Lee will share the immigrant experience of many in his generation of Adventists. He served as a pianist every Sabbath for his father's congregations until he left home for college. He identifies himself as a mystic and a queer man of color, and works for a child advocacy organization in California;

Dr. Keisha McKenzie is originally from London and attended Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica before completing a PhD at Texas Tech University. She is engaged in research about the way scientific information is used in government communications, civic participation and organizational development. She is a consultant to nonprofit organizations, public sector groups and educational institutions. She worships both with a Seventh-day Adventist church and a Quaker group and cohosts weekly Twitter chats on religion;

Edgar N. Momplaisir is a writer and film director from northern California. He was born into an Adventist family in New York City and attended Adventist schools for most of his life. He is expecting to graduate from Pacific Union College in June with a degree in Film and Television;

Pastor Courtney Ray was first introduced to the Adventist faith as a student in an Adventist school. She is associate pastor at the Tamarind Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Compton, California. She completed an undergraduate pre-medicine program and later studied in the seminary at Andrews University. She has served as a pastor at Adventist churches in Baltimore, Maryland, and Hanford, California, as well as completing a master's degree in neuroscience and psychology at Loma Linda University;

Syd Shook joined the Adventist Church in 2010. Since then her church home has been the Hollywood Seventh-day Adventist Church where she has served as an elder and staff assistant. She is currently a graduate student at Fuller Theological Seminary and has worked in faith-based international development organizations for several years. She lives with her husband, the poet David Shook, in the Silverlake neighborhood of Los Angeles.

The event is cosponsored by the Adventist Today Foundation as part of the Humanities Series of the School of Religion at Loma Linda University. Monte Sahlin, executive director of the foundation, will provide a summary at the end of the panel discussion. Ryan Bell, a board member, will moderate the question-and-answer period.

The gathering is open to the public free of charge, and will be held at the Damazo Amphitheater in the Loma Linda University Centennial Center. A question-and-answer period will follow the panel, and a freewill offering will be taken. More information is available by phoning (503) 826-8600.