KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2016

David Olsen, Ph.D.

David H. Olson, 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.