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Dr. Willie and Elaine Oliver are well-known faces associated with ministry to marriages and families in both North America and on many continents. With “keeping it real” the hallmark of their presentation style, Willie and Elaine have brought encouragement to couples and parents wherever ministry has called them. Many marriages have been strengthened by their “From This Day Forward” marriage conferences and long-standing column in *Message* magazine, as well as their recently-released DVD series “Marriage in God’s Hands.” Together Willie and Elaine are also the founders and directors of “Journey Toward Intimacy” marriage retreats.

Among the many ways Willie has distinguished himself and the Church as Director of Family Ministries for the North American Division over the last 15 years have been the professional connections he has forged with established family practitioners and researchers in wider public and religious circles in North America. As the Executive Director of the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals, he has also worked to grow the organization and strengthen the ties that bind church-based professionals desiring to bring their faith and expertise to the care of families. Among his many significant departmental initiatives, his program for training local church Family Ministries directors has helped to prepare many for service. The Oliver’s have been married for 25 years and are the parents of university students Jessica and Julian. Willie holds a PhD in Family Sociology, and Elaine holds a graduate degree in Higher Education. Their service represents the high quality of leadership in Family Ministries which characterizes recipients of the Arthur and Maud Spaulding Family Ministries Distinguished Service Medallion.

Dr. Donna J. Lugenbeal Habenicht has distinguished herself in service to Adventist families around the world through her professional career as Andrews University Professor of Educational and Counseling Psychology (1977-2000) and pediatric psychologist in private practice (1983-2000), as well as through her personal ministry in churches across Europe, the Far East, Africa and the Americas. Whether in the classroom teaching teachers of children and parents or in a local church interacting with children and their families, Donna has been about her mission—introducing children and their families to the Jesus she knows and loves and calling them to join her in following Him.

Donna is a widely published author in both professional journals as well as the popular press. Her books, now translated into many languages, have extended her ministry far beyond her travels. Among the best known are *How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus, Ten Christian Values Every Kid Should Know: A How-To Guide for Families,* and most recently, *Teaching the Faith: An Essential Guide for Building Faith-shaped Kids* (with Larry Burton). Donna’s research has contributed significantly to an understanding of the spiritual growth and family relationships of children. Together with her physician husband Herald, her partner in ministry for 57 years, she is proud to be parent and grandparent of two adult children and four young-adult grandchildren. Donna holds an EdD in Educational Psychology and Counseling and is now Professor Emerita at Andrews University. Truly she stands tall in the tradition of Arthur and Maud Spaulding and deserves to be counted among the elite awarded the medallion bearing their name in recognition of her distinguished service to families.
Family Celebration Sabbath, July 16

Worship, 8:00 pm
- Introductions and Family Prayer
- Welcome
- Praise & Worship Experience
- “Unto the Third and Fourth Generation”
- Benediction

Chapel
- Karen Flowers
- Allan Martin
- Fidi Mwero
- Kiti Freier Randall
- Willie Oliver

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 17

Seminary Sabbath School, 9:45 am
- Praise & Worship
- Welcome and Prayer
- Special Music & Offering
- Becoming Family
- Closing Prayer

Chapel
- Fidi Mwero
- Allan Martin

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 17

Worship, 10:55 am
- Introductions and Greetings
- Prayer
- Scripture Experience
- Praise & Worship Experience
- Dedicated and Acknowledgment Service
  - Graduate Certificate Recipients Dedication
  - AAFLP Youngberg Award
  - NAD Distinguished Service Award
  - General Conference Arthur & Maud Spaulding Family Ministry Distinguished Service Medallion
- “From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King”
- Special Music
- Benediction

Chapel
- Willie Oliver, Karen & Ron Flowers
- Jeffrey Brown
- Alina Baltazar
- Fidi Mwero
- Kiti Freier Randall
- Fidi Mwero
- Ron Flowers

Seminar N150

Seminary and Q & A, 3:00 pm
- “Serving God and Family”

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- Kiti Freier Randall
Thanks to SDAME, John and Carolyn celebrated their 50th anniversary, and produced a book, Marriage in God’s Hands, for Hope TV. They have conducted many Family Life Education seminars, Family Enrichment events, and have authored the book, Why Good Relationships Turn Bad.

Drs. Alanzo and June Smith were born in Jamaica and are graduates of Northern Caribbean University, Andrews University (Alanzo: MA, MDiv, DMin; June: MA, PhD) and other academic institutions. Since 1986 Alanzo has served in the Greater New York Conference as senior pastor, Sabbath School director, Communication director and Family and Men’s Ministries director. He is a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist, presenting at camp meetings and Family Life Education seminars for Teacher of Family Life Education candidates. Dr. Alanzo is a 4th generation Adventist whose grandparents emigrated from Japan to the United States. June completed an MSW at Yeshiva University since leaving Andrews University, and works as a tenured professor in Counseling at Long Island University. In 2005 she received the Dr. David Newton Award for Distinguished Service.

Families 4 Heaven is a non-profit organization that promotes the health of families. It is a network of volunteers and professionals who work together to help families in need of support. The organization was founded by John and Carolyn Wilt, members of the church in Sacramento, California, who attended the first SDAME event in 1977. Since then, John and Carolyn have continuously donated thousands of hours, supplies, and dollars to help maintain SDAME. They personally have supported about 200 weekend workshops, presented in over 100 family enrichment events, and have authored the book, Marriage in God’s Hands, for Hope TV. They have conducted many Family Life Education seminars, Family Enrichment events, and have authored the book, Why Good Relationships Turn Bad.

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