

Becoming Family



Family Celebration Sabbath

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Welcome!



Allan, Alexa and Deirdre Martin

We are delighted you have joined us for Family Celebration Sabbath! Becoming family, especially in the 21st century, has such complexity--both wondrous and challenging. How might we transform the family experience in a way that honors God and reflects His kingdom in our real day world? We are delighted to have Dr. Kiti Freier Randall here to lend expertise and inspiration to us.

May you encounter God's goodness in the fellowship and worship that awaits. Pastor Fidi Mwero, as well as the entire worship team, invite you to bring God praise and to experience His presence. As a courtesy, we kindly ask that you turn your cell phone off during our services throughout the weekend. Know that we are here to be of service, so please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of help or support.

A special welcome to our Doctor of Ministry, Masters, and Graduate Certificate students on campus for summer intensives. Greetings to the variety of professionals and educators who are passionate about our families in the church and greater community. May you find refreshment and reminders of God's grace throughout this time.

Activities at a Glance

Friday, July 16

12:00 pm	AdventSource Reception	<i>Commons</i>
8:00 pm	Worship	<i>Chapel</i>
	"Unto the Third and Fourth Generation"	
	Kiti Freier Randall	

Saturday, July 17

9:45 am	Seminary Sabbath School	<i>Chapel</i>
10:55 am	Worship	<i>Chapel</i>
	"From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King"	
	Kiti Freier Randall	
3:00 pm	Seminar	<i>Seminary N150</i>
	"Serving God and Family"	
	Kiti Freier Randall	

Arthur and Maud Spaulding Family Ministries Distinguished Service Medallion Recipients

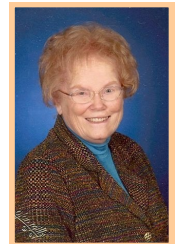


Dr. Willie and Elaine Oliver are well-known faces associated with ministry to marriages and families in both North America and on many continents. With "keeping it real" the hallmark of their presentation style, Willie and Elaine have brought encouragement to couples and parents wherever ministry has 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- and community-based professionals desiring to bring their faith and expertise to the care and well-being 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

Chapel

Introductions and Family Prayer

Karen Flowers

Welcome

Allan Martin

Praise & Worship Experience

Fidi Mwero

“Unto the Third and Fourth Generation”

Kiti Freier Randall

Benediction

Willie Oliver

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 17

Seminary Sabbath School, 9:45 am

Chapel

Praise & Worship

Fidi Mwero

Welcome and Prayer

Allan Martin

Special Music & Offering

Becoming Family

Closing Prayer

Alina Baltazar

Family Celebration Sabbath, July 17

Worship, 10:55 am

Chapel

Introductions and Greetings

Willie Oliver, Karen & Ron Flowers

Prayer

Jeffrey Brown

Scripture Experience

Alina Baltazar

Praise & Worship Experience

Fidi Mwero

Dedication and Acknowledgment Service

Graduate Certificate Recipients Dedication

AAFLP Youngberg Award

NAD Distinguished Service Award

General Conference Arthur & Maud Spaulding Family Ministries Distinguished Service Medallion

“From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King”

Kiti Freier Randall

Special Music

Fidi Mwero

Benediction

Ron Flowers



Graduate Certificate Recipients Dedication 2009

Seminar and Q & A, 3:00 pm

Seminary N150

“Serving God and Family”

Kiti Freier Randall

NAB Distinguished Service Award Recipients



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 Sabbath School director, Communication New York Conference as senior pastor, 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 enrichment evangelistic series in North America, Africa, England, and the West Indies. During the last fifteen years his meetings have resulted in more than 100 baptisms each year; but 750 baptisms in 2007. Alanzo is the author of four books and several peer-reviewed articles. He has been an adjunct professor in the DMin program at Andrews University and has trained family ministries leaders on behalf of the NAB and other Conferences.

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 *David Newton Award* for Teacher of Excellence. She is a licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, in private practice, and has published in several peer-reviewed journals.

The Smiths have hosted the 3ABN series *Marriage in God's Hand*, and produced and hosted the series *Families 4 Heaven* for Hope TV. They have conducted many family seminars nationally and internationally, and have co-authored the book *Why Good Relationships Turn Bad*. Their daughter, Lyn, is married, a nurse practitioner, and a PhD in nursing candidate.

John and Carolyn Wilt, members of the Carmichael Seventh-day Adventist church in Sacramento, California, attended the first northern California Seventh-day Adventist Marriage Encounter (SDAME) weekend held April 1977. That weekend started their relationship and their family of three teenagers on a new and extremely beneficial path.



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, and encountered over 2,000 couples.

Since 1975 SDAME has encountered over 26,000 couples throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines; and John and Carolyn have led at all positions both locally and internationally. The Wilts represent the Adventist Church on the World Wide Marriage Encounter Interfaith Board which works with 12 other faiths. Thanks to SDAME, John and Carolyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April — an event they strongly believe would not have occurred without their Marriage Encounter experience.

Kiti Freier Randall, PhD



Dr. Kiti is a Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Psychologist with an extensive background working with high-risk infant and youth populations for over 20 years. As a consultant for Children's Network and First Five San Bernardino, Dr. Kiti works with the San Bernardino County SART centers, Desert Mountain SELPA and San Bernardino County Preschools in California. She holds an academic appointment in the Department of Pediatrics and Public Health at Loma Linda University & Children's Hospital in California and at Andrews University in Michigan.

Dr. Kiti has served as a School Psychologist in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and currently in California. She has worked with high risk youth in a number of settings including juvenile corrections, community mental health and children's hospitals. Dr Kiti has specialized expertise in the area of children ages zero to five and drug affected children and youth.

Dr. Kiti obtained her PhD in Clinical Psychology at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science. She completed an internship and fellowship in High Risk Pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital and Northwestern University. She has had a considerable academic career with professorship positions at the University of Miami, Brown University, Andrews University and Loma Linda University. Dr Kiti was awarded the Distinguished Service Award (2007) and the Centennial Vanguard Award for her service in 'Wholeness' (2006) from Loma Linda University. She has been an investigator on several NIH, Federal, State, and Private Foundation grants.

Dr. Kiti is co-chair of the NPAI working group and Advisory Board Member for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She is a member of the California State Alliance for DEC and San Bernardino County DEC Committee. She is an expert in both research and training related to youth high-risk behavior prevention and intervention nationwide and internationally. Through her work Dr. Kiti has emphasized and facilitated moving from understanding risk to promoting resiliency via numerous presentations and training in over 40 countries and throughout the United States.

Dr. Kiti has dedicated her career to providing direct service and training to children, families, professionals, organizations and communities to enhance the physical, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual lives of children and their families in order to promote optimal and healthy living.

Graduate Certificate Candidates

Campus Spiritual Leadership

Isaiah Abolarin

Family Life Education

Nelida Agüero

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Bryan Cafferty

Andy Hunte

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Jared Miller

Katie Miller

Fidi Mwero

Fenades Obinchu

Cornelius Ousnada

Rita Santos

Sherise Snowden

Amarilis Velez