

ADVENTIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY RESEARCH AND PRACTICE



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### WELCOME

Welcome to the 2nd annual Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice (ACFRP). For over 35 years, several Adventist organizations under the auspices of Family Ministries have sponsored an annual event to celebrate and educate our constituencies about the importance of ministry to families in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There are several changes this year that we hope will enhance your experience at the Conference. The AAFLP Research forum was integrated into the Friday schedule of the conference. Both research and practice presentations will be offered for CEUs on Friday. Therefore, there will be no Sunday morning research presentations as there have been in the past. Dr. Rene' Drumm will kick off the Conference with important keynote addresses. The spiritual tone of the Conference is highlighted this year with Dr. Carlton Byrd focusing on the conference theme, this year being Families Reaching Across: Nurturing Relationships.

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 the 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, the Family Ministries Departments at the General Conference and the North American Division, and Advent Source. 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 that 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



**Rene' Drumm, PhD**

Dr. Rene' Drumm has served in Adventist higher education for over 20 years. Dr. Drumm holds a doctoral degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Family Studies from Texas Women's University and a Master's degree in Social Work from Michigan State University. Dr. Drumm's current research interests include church social work, marriage enrichment, domestic violence, sexual identity, and service program development and evaluation.



**Carlton P. Byrd, PhD**

Dr. Carlton P. Byrd is currently the Senior Pastor of the Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL, and the Speaker/Director of the Breath of Life Television Broadcast for the SDA Church in North America.

He earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, and a graduate of Andrews University (SDA Theological Seminary) in Berrien Springs, MI, where he earned both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degrees. Dr. Byrd is happily married to his wife of sixteen years, the former Danielle Mounter, and they are the proud parents of three girls, Christyn, Caileigh, and Carissa.

## NAD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



### Phyllis Whitley-Washington

Phyllis Whitley-Washington has been ministering to children for fifty-three years. When asked why she is so passionate about children, she responds, "Your experiences positive or negative can become a platform for your ministry. My childhood was riddled with experiences and environments that forced me to totally depend on the Creator. I found peace and solace in that relationship when it seemed that my world, my reality was spinning out of control. My desire is that every child will have this relationship with God. It is the only thing that will sustain them in their life's journey." Within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination she has worked with Sabbath School, Adventurer and Pathfinder

Clubs, child evangelism initiatives, Vacation Bible School, and community outreach. She also served as the Children's Ministries Director for Lake Region Conference and North American Division. In other venues she has worked with groups and served on the board of directors for federal youth employment programs, centers for the developmentally and physically challenged, homeless shelters, affordable housing, kids at-risk programs, United Way, Red Cross and various community advocate groups. She is a graduate of Andrews University Academy, Michigan State University, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary - Detroit, Michigan and completed a Residency Program in Clinical Pastoral Education from Covenant Hospital - Saginaw, Michigan. She has also been a chaplain at Detroit Medical Center Children's Hospital of Michigan. Phyllis is married to William Washington and together they have a blended family of 14 children, 45 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

## GC SPALDING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALLION



### Curtis A. Fox

Curtis Anthony Fox grew up with a passion for Christ and His Church. He began pastoral ministry after graduating with a BA degree in Theology from the University of the Southern Caribbean. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1989 in the Caribbean Union. Dr. Fox holds a Master of Science degree in Marital and Family Therapy from Loma Linda University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in Family Studies. He worked as an assistant professor of child and family studies at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga and then returned to Loma Linda University to work in the Department of Counseling and Family Sciences. There, he is the director of the

MA and Ph.D. programs in family studies and is presently the department chair. Dr. Fox teaches marriage and the family, family life education, human sexual behavior, advanced family studies, crisis intervention and doctoral seminar. His research focuses on clergy families, physician families, adoptive families, and cross-cultural adolescent development. Also, Dr. Fox is an adjunct professor of family ministries at Andrews University. Dr. Fox conducts seminars and workshops on marriage, pre-marriage, parenting, and sexuality issues nationally and internationally. Dr. Fox is a member and officer of several professional organizations. He has been a member of the Family Ministries Committee of the North American Division since 1999 and an executive officer of the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals. Also, he is a clinical member of the American Association of Marital and Family Therapy, a certified family life educator (CFLE) by the National Council of Family Relations, former chair of the Religion and Families Section as well as chair of the Ethnic Minorities Section of the National Council on Family Relations, and president/CEO of Livewell Ministries. Curtis is married to the former Paula Jacob. They have three wonderful children, Dana, Anthony, and Treasure, a recent and joyous addition to their family unit. Paula is a family physician and practices in Riverside, California. They share wonderful times in life and ministry. Dr. Fox's passion for family ministries is evident and like a consuming fire.

## Schedule/July 17-19, 2014

### Thursday, July 17, 2014

- 6 - 7:15 pm Conference Check In - Seminary Commons
- 7:30 - 9 pm ACFRP Opening Session
- Welcome - Christon Arthur
- Conference Information and Introduction of
- Keynote Speaker - David Sedlacek
- Prayer - Elaine Oliver
- Keynote Address - Rene' Drumm - Gathering Rye and Mackerel: Seven Ordinary Steps to Initiating Extraordinary Family Life Ministries

### Friday, July 18, 2014

- 8:30 - 10 am **Plenary Session** - Rene' Drumm - (Not) Airing Dirty Laundry: How Research Impacts Ministry Efforts
- 10:15 am - 12:15 pm **Research & Practice Workshops** \*Eligible for CEU in Social Work
- 10:30 - 11:15 am Seminary for Improving Marital Satisfaction in the New Bethel Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Antigua/Barbuda by Mark Braithwaite, MA, DMin - Room N235\*
- "Sacred Silence" of Romanian Adventist Abused Spouses by MargiAnne Isaia, MD, MPH, Counseling MS Student - Room S340\*
- 11:15 am - 12:30 pm The Prevalence of Divorce Among the Parents of Seventh-Day Adventist College Students and the Impact on their Future Romantic and Spiritual Relationship Formation and Membership in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church by Eva Starnier, PhD, LPC - Room N235\*
- Development and Implementation of a Seminar to Combat the Effects of Pornography on Marriage in the Madison Community SDA Church and Strategies for Prevention by Abraham Swamidass, MA, DMin - Room S340\*

The Relationship Between Parental and Adolescent Religiosity Factors and Adolescent Sexual Risk-taking Among Older Adolescents in the Anglophone/Latin Caribbean by Karen C. Flowers, PhD - Room S120

*Dedication & Acknowledgment Service*  
Graduate Certificate Recipient Dedication

David Sedlacek

12:30 - 1:45 pm **AAFLP and Advent Source Lunch Reception**  
Whirlpool Room/Lobby (CSH)

*AAFLP Certificates*

Ron Flowers & Claudio Consuegra

2 - 3:30 pm **Research & Practice Workshops**  
2:00 - 3:30 pm

*NAD Distinguished Service Award*

David Sedlacek  
& Claudio Consuegra

Using the Spiritual-Holistic Model of Healing in Work with Children and Adolescents with a Mental Health Diagnosis by Tracy Anderson, MA, LPC, CAADC – Room N235\*

*GC Spalding Distinguished Service Medallion*

Willie & Elaine Oliver

Narrative and Attachment Theory: A Faith Based Application by David Sedlacek, MSSA, PhD, LMSW, CFLE – Room S340\*

Praise & Worship in Song

Seminary Team

3:30 - 7 pm **Break**

Scripture

Derek Timms

7:30 - 9 pm **Friday Evening Worship**  
Welcome - Claudio Consuegra  
Introduction of the Speaker - Willie Oliver  
Prayer - Pamela Consuegra  
Praise and Worship - Seminary Team  
Message - Carlton Byrd  
Benediction - David Sedlacek

Introduction of Speaker

Willie and Elaine Oliver

Special Music

Cynthia Robinson

Message

Carlton Byrd

Special Music

Cynthia Robinson

Benediction

Elaine Oliver

**Sabbath, July 19, 2014**

3 - 4:30 pm

**Seminar/Seminary Chapel**

Carlton Byrd

10 - 11 am **Sabbath School** David Sedlacek

11 am - 1 pm **Morning Worship**

Welcome and Introductions Willie & Elaine Oliver  
Claudio & Pamela Consuegra  
David Sedlacek

Prayer Mark Braithwaite

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2015



### **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."



### **Scott Stanley, PhD**

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.

### **Sponsored by:**

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## Conference Evaluation Form

Please evaluate each of the following activities that you attended for the Conference this year (Please circle your response and add comments):

### Thursday evening keynote address by Dr. Rene' Drumm

- Did not attend       Extremely Helpful and Inspiring  
 Somewhat Helpful and Interesting     Not helpful/boring

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Friday morning keynote address by Dr. Rene' Drumm

- Did not attend       Extremely Helpful and Inspiring  
 Somewhat Helpful and Interesting     Not helpful/boring

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Friday evening Vespers with Dr. Carlton Byrd

- Did not attend       Extremely Helpful and Inspiring  
 Somewhat Helpful and Interesting     Not helpful/boring

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Sabbath morning worship message with Dr. Carlton Byrd

- Did not attend       Extremely Helpful and Inspiring  
 Somewhat Helpful and Interesting     Not helpful/boring

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Sabbath afternoon seminar with Dr. Carlton Byrd

- Did not attend       Extremely Helpful and Inspiring  
 Somewhat Helpful and Interesting     Not helpful/boring

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Workshops (Please check the workshop you attended):

- 10:15**    M. Braithwaite – Marital Satisfaction  
           M. Isaia – Sacred Silence

Please circle the level of helpfulness for this workshop.

Very helpful to my  
ministry/profession

Not at all helpful to my  
ministry/profession

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 11:30**    E. Starner – Divorce  
           A. Swamidass - Pornography  
           K. Flowers - Sexual Risk Taking

Very helpful to my  
ministry/profession

Not at all helpful to my  
ministry/profession

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- 2:00**    T. Anderson – Spiritual Holistic Model  
           D. Sedlacek – Narrative and Attachment

Very helpful to my  
ministry/profession

Not at all helpful to my  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please give your feedback on the following:**

NOTES:

Friday noon meal: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who would you suggest for future keynote speakers and Sabbath speakers? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there topics that you would be interested in for future workshops?

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Would you be interested in presenting a workshop? If yes, title of workshop and your contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are we currently doing that we should stop doing?

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What are we not currently doing that we should be doing? \_\_\_\_\_

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General Comments about Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you!**

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