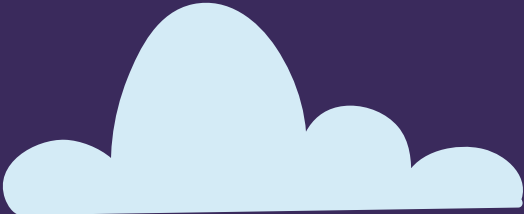


2019 Nurture and Retention Summit

Disciplining,
Nurturing, and
Reclaiming





Then Jesus came
to them and said,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have
commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very
end of the age.”

(Matt. 28:18-20, NIV)

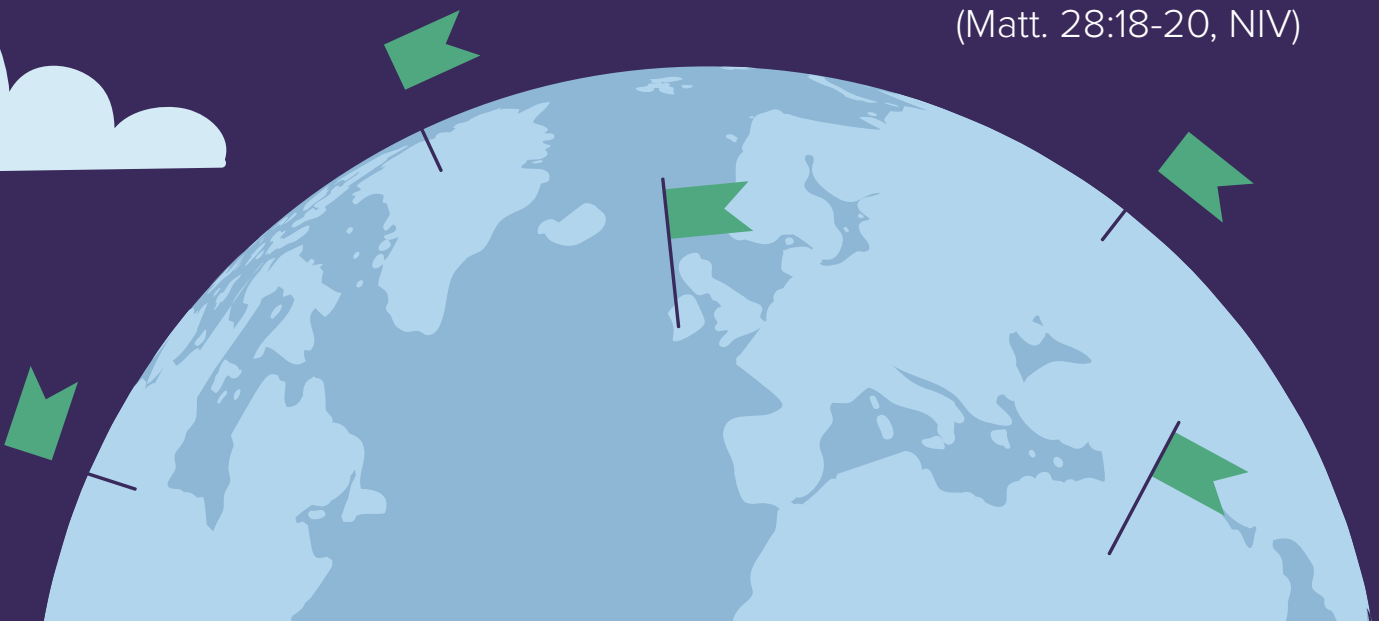


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Dear Attendee of the 2019 Nurture and Retention Summit,

We are so grateful that you accepted the invitation to participate in the 2019 Nurture, Retention and Reclamation Summit. On behalf of the General Conference Nurture and Retention Committee, and the Officers of the General Conference, WELCOME. We believe your presence in these meetings will be a blessing to you individually and for your leadership role in making disciples for Jesus.

Over 2000 years ago Jesus said, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” John 12:32. We are witnesses to the fulfilment of this reality as thousands of people are choosing to follow Jesus, accepting the three angels’ messages. God has appointed us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in making disciples for Christ. It is a noble responsibility that warrants us coming together to pray and study on how best we can efficiently carry our role.

We thank those of you who have been invited to make presentations and share your experiences with us. We value the time you have taken to prepare and be here with us to present. We are also grateful to the leadership of our World Divisions for choosing to attend; your presence speaks a lot. Elder Ted Wilson and the Officers of the General Conference are giving great importance to discipleship hence allocating this time of the Spring Council for the summit.

It is our hope that through these summits we will see increased interest, focus and engagement in disciple making in the church globally. Together we desire to see every soul that accepts Jesus become a true disciple of Christ. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey G. Mbwana
General Vice President
GC Nurture and Retention Committee Chair





 **DID YOU KNOW?**

Since 1965



37,138,884

people have become
members of
the SDA Church

Discipling, Nurturing, and Reclaiming

Discipling

During the last few decades Seventh-day Adventist membership records reported a loss of about forty percent. It is even worse to recognize that more than half of those who left were considered missing or unknown. Membership loss, however, is not unique to this denomination; in recent years, America mainline denominations lost one third of their membership. Christians leaders tribute the current situation to faulty discipleship. The foundation problem of the church is that it embodies “superficial discipleship.” The Apostolic church had a simple but very effective organization, on the other hand, discipleship had high standards. They did not have a clear separation between clergy and laity because all believers constituted the people of God.

Nurturing

The 2015-2020 Seventh-day Adventist Church Strategic Plan—Reach the World—reflects several strategic issues related to the need of strengthening pastoral care, spiritual growth and discipleship. Many local churches lack robust mechanisms for member care, especially for those who are at risk of leaving the church. Local churches need pastors to equip elders and members collectively to provide pastoral care for each other. Discipleship programs should be greatly strengthened, with baptism being seen as the beginning of a life as a fruitful disciple of Jesus Christ. A baptismal certificate must be understood as a birth certificate, not as a graduation diploma. In recent years, research has shown that among those who left, 40% said nobody contacted them, only 9% reported they were visited by the pastor and 17% by the local elder. One may consider that some of them may have forgotten any attempt to be reached or they were trying to blame others for their decision. However, it is crucial to reconsider the importance of pastoral care.

Reclaiming

In Luke 15, Jesus stressed the need to care for the lost. When one per cent of the flock is lost, the Good Shepherd searches tirelessly and relentlessly until the sheep is found (Luke 15:1-7). In the parable the shepherd goes out to search for one sheep – the very least that can be numbered. “So, if there had been but one lost soul, Christ would have died for that one.” (Ellen G. White, COL, 187). As a church, we have a challenge—we need to improve our efforts in caring and nurturing our members into a discipleship path. During this Summit, we hope you will be challenged to reconsider your priorities, to strength your discipleship processes and to mobilize your church for service and mission.

Gerson P. Santos

Associate Secretary

GC Nurture and Retention Committee Secretary



 **DID YOU KNOW?**



In 2017, someone has become an Adventist every 23 seconds.

2019 Nurture and Retention Summit Program

Discipling, Nurturing, and Reclaiming

Friday, April 5

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Registration

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Opening of the Summit: Worship — GC Auditorium

- Prelude - Juliana Baioni & Meredith Herzel
- Welcome - Galina Stele
- Prayer - Anthony Kent
- Song Service - Meredith Herzel
- Address - Geoffrey Mbwana
- Testimony: “A Prodigal Son in Today’s World” - Brian Litzenberger
- Special Music - Emmanuel Fortin, Fernanda Rinza, and Gabriel Moraes
- “The Power of Discipleship” - Jim Howard
- Audience Reactions - Moderator: Sam Neves
- Synopsis of Presentations - Sam Neves
- Closing Song
- Prayer & Announcements - Gerson Santos

9:00 pm

Shuttles leave for hotels

Sabbath, April 6

9:00 am

Shuttle leaves for local churches

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Reclamation services at local churches

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Lunch at local churches

2:00 pm

Shuttle/cars leave for GC

3:00 - 3:55 pm

Breakout Session 1**Room: 2F-12 Moderator:** Audrey Andersson**Presenters:** *Leigh Rice & Glenn Townend, “Membership or Discipleship: What you Aim for is What you Get”**Room: 2I-18 Moderator:** Abner de Los Santos**Presenters:** *Edward Heidinger & Charles Rampanelli, “People Behind Numbers: A Positive Perspective of Membership Auditing”**Room: 2I-19 Moderator:** Leonard Johnson**Presenters:** *Magdiel Perez Schulz & Emmanuel Guimarães, “The Care and Rescue of Members who Left the Church: ‘Reencounter Project’”**Room: 2I-13 Moderator:** Ella Simmons**Presenters:** *Kleber De Oliveira Gonçalves, “SigaMe (FollowMe): An Experience in Creating a Culture of Discipleship”
Bruce Bauer, “The Importance of Contextual Discipleship”**Room: 1F-12 Moderator:** Katia Reinert**Presenters:** *Alina Baltazar, “Living Up to Adventist Standards: The Role Religiosity Plays in Wellness Behaviors of Adventist College Students”
*Paul Tompkins, “‘Feeding the Core’ not ‘Entertaining the Fringe’”

Room: 2I-14 **Moderator:** Elbert Kuhn

Presenters: *Bonita Joyner Shields, “Growing Fruitful Disciples and Faithful Stewards”

*Brian Litzenberger, “Connecting with the Disconnected”

** This presentation will be repeated on Sunday.*

3:55 - 4:05 pm

Break

4:05 - 5:10 pm

Plenary Session – Chair: David Trim, GC Auditorium

- Division Report on Nurture & Retention: IAD
- Interviews - Sam Neves
- Debrief & Prayer - G.T. Ng
- Announcements - Rachel Bustamante

8:00 pm

Musical Concert at Southern Asia SDA Church - Williams Costa

April 7, Sunday

8:30 - 10:00 am

Plenary Session – Chair: Geoffrey Mbwana, GC Auditorium

- Prelude - Linda Elliot & Meredith Herzel
- Welcome & Prayer - Geoffrey Mbwana
- Song Service - Meredith Herzel
- Division Report on Nurture & Retention: NSD

Presentations:

- David Trim, “Building Healthy Relationships with Members and Former Members”
- Paul Tompkins, “What’s Missing CH--CH?”

- Anthony WagenerSmith, “Implementing a Mission Scorecard for Membership and Retention”
- Audience Reactions - Moderator: Andrés Peralta
- Announcements - Rachel Bustamante

10:05 - 10:15 am

Break

10:15 - 11:10 am

Breakout Session 2

Room: 2F-12: Moderator: Greg Whitsett

Presenters: Edward Heidinger & Charles Rampanelli, “People Behind Numbers: A Positive Perspective of Membership Auditing”

Room: 2I-18: Moderator: Michael R. Ngwaru

Presenters: Cheryl Doss & Oscar Osindo, “The Role of Culture in Nurture and Retention”

*Gorden Doss, “Cross-Cultural Disciple Making”

Room: 2I-19: Moderator: Guillermo Biaggi

Presenters: *Marcos Antonio Salas Núñez, “Effective Discipleship: What Jesus Did to be Followed by Multitudes” – Part 1

*Bienvenido G. Mergal, “Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle: A Framework for Nurture, Discipleship, and Reclamation of Southern Asia-Pacific Division”

Room: 2I-13 Moderator: Barna Magyarosi

Presenters: Ramon Canals, “The Amazing Influence of Sabbath School for Discipleship and Growth”

Jim Howard, “How to Use the Discipleship Handbook”

Room: 1F-12 Moderator: Alain G. Coralie

Presenters: Kleber De Oliveira Gonçalves, “SigaMe (FollowMe):
An Experience in Creating a Culture of Discipleship”
Brian Litzenberger, “Connecting with the Disconnected”

Room: 2I-14 Moderator: John Wesley Taylor V

Presenters: *Tim Madding, “The Reclamation of Discipleship as the Primary
Missional Focus in the Seventh-day Adventist Church”
Heather Dawn-Small, “Discipleship—Woman to Woman”

**This presentation will be repeated.*

11:10 - 11:20 am

Break

11:20 - 12:15 pm

Breakout Session 3

Room: 2F-12: Moderator: Gary Blanchard

Presenters: Pako Mokgwane, “Intergenerational Churches of Refuge (iCOR)”
Andrés Peralta, “Youth Retention through Pathfinder Ministry”

Room: 2I-18: Moderator: Hensley Mooroooven

Presenters: Magdiel Perez & Emmanuel Guimarães, “The Care and Rescue
of Members who Left the Church: ‘Reencounter Project’”

Room: 2I-19: Moderator: Hudson Kibuuka

Presenters: Lisa Beardsley-Hardy & John Wesley Taylor V, “The Role of
Seventh-day Adventist Education in Youth Retention”

Room: 2I-13 Moderator: John Thomas

Presenters: Jerry Page, “How to Avoid Broken Relationships”
 Anthony Kent, “Barnabas: Epitomizing Discipling and Nurturing”

Room: 1F-12 Moderator: Saustin Mfuné

Presenters: Paul Tompkins, “‘Feeding the Core’ not ‘Entertaining the Fringe’”
 Linda Koh, “Intentional Discipleship of Children and Teens”

Room: 2I-14: Moderator: Ray Wahlen

Presenters: Alina Baltazar, “Living Up to Adventist Standards: The Role
 Religiosity Plays in Wellness Behaviors of Adventist College Students”
 Bonita Joyner Shields, “Growing Fruitful Disciples and Faithful Stewards”

12:15 - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 - 2:25 pm

Breakout Session 4

Room: 2F-12: Moderator: Petras Bahadur

Presenters: Gordon Doss, “Cross-Cultural Disciple Making”
 Bienvenido G. Mergal, “Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle: A Framework for
 Nurture, Discipleship, and Reclamation of Southern Asia-Pacific Division”

Room: 2I-18: Moderator: Nenad Jepuranovic

Presenters: Leigh Rice & Glenn Townend, “Membership or Discipleship: What
 You Aim For is What You Get”

Room: 2I-19 Moderator: Jerry Page

Presenters: Tim Madding, “The Reclamation of Discipleship as the Primary Missional Focus in the Seventh-day Adventist Church”

Marcos Antonio Salas Núñez, “Effective Discipleship: What Jesus Did to be Followed by Multitudes” – Part 2

Room: 2I-13 Moderator: Richard Elofer

Presenters: Marcos Bomfim, “Nurture and Heart Retention”

Eric J. Aniel Barbe, “Growing Faithfulness in the Local Church”

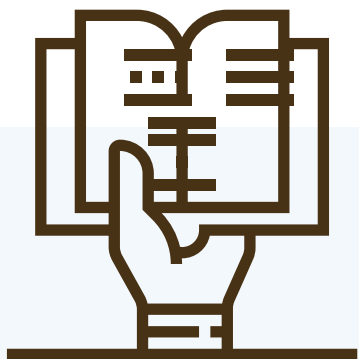
Room: 1F-12 Moderator: Karen Porter

Presenters: Willie & Elaine Oliver, “The Spiritually Vibrant Adventist Home”

Room: 2I-14 Moderator: Artur Stele

Presenters: Fylvia Fowler Kline, “Nurture through Service: Creating Opportunities that Strengthen Faith”

Galina Stele, “What does the 2017-18 Global Research Reveal about Adventist Young People?”



**DAILY OR MORE
THAN ONCE A DAY:**

 **DID YOU KNOW?**

65% have personal prayer

48% read the Bible

52% engage in personal devotions

36% study the Sabbath School lesson

37% have morning or evening worship with members of their families



**IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS,
EVERY WEEK OR MORE
THAN ONCE A WEEK:**

2018 Global Church Member Survey Data (n = 63, 756)

DID YOU KNOW?

71% attended the church services

68% attended Sabbath School

35% attended a small group organized through their local church

28% helped with a church ministry during the week

25% witnessed to non-Adventists in their communities

20% spent time meeting needs of non-Adventists in their communities

2:25 - 2:35 pm

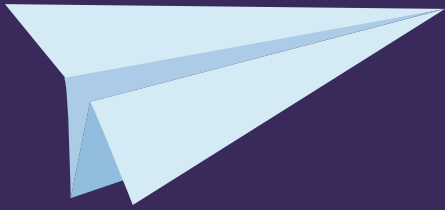
Break

2:35 - 4:30 pm

Plenary Session – Chair: Gerson Santos, GC Auditorium

- Division Caucuses & GC Departmental Directors
- Division Report on Nurture & Retention: TED
- Review of the 2013 Nurture & Retention Summit Resolution and Recommendations - Anthony Kent & David Trim
- Preliminary Draft of the 2019 Nurture & Retention Summit Resolution - Writing Committee
- Reports from Division Caucuses and GC Departmental Directors – Moderator: Cheryl Doss
- Approval of the preliminary list of the 2019 Nurture & Retention Summit Recommendations - Writing Committee
- Closing Remarks - Ted Wilson
- Closing Song - Meredith Herzel
- Prayer - Geoffrey Mbwana

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Plenary Sessions



Friday, April 5, 2019

Opening

Presenter: Jim Howard, BSBA, Associate Director, Department of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *The Power of Discipleship*

Abstract: This summit is about discipleship, nurture, and reclamation. Over the past 50 years, at least 4 out of every 10 Adventists have left the church. This has of course caused much concern as the church grapples with how to reverse the trend. “Improve retention!” has been our rallying cry. But our ultimate goal is far more than retention. It’s more than making sure church members don’t leave. It’s about making disciples. We don’t merely want to retain, but to nurture, train, equip, and mobilize. The most successful retention plan is found in the mission given to us by Christ: “Go . . . and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). Because active disciples have staying power!

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Plenary Session 2 – 8:30-10:00 am

Presenter: David Trim, PhD, Director, Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Building Healthy Relationships with Members and Former Members*

Abstract: This presentation draws on two major studies of lapsed and former members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, undertaken in 2012-13, and other human-subject research conducted for the world Church and managed by the Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research. It shows that the key factors precipitating members to stop attending church and to leave membership are conflict and/or stressful life events. It argues that the intentional creation of caring, loving communities of believers, organized for nurture and

wholistic discipleship, rather than evangelism alone, is the way to reduce the horrific loss rates (42% over 50+ years) suffered by the Adventist Church. It highlights the importance of Adventist education and small groups in preempting member loss. It concludes by suggesting strategies for reconnecting with and reclaiming lapsed and former members.

Presenter: Paul Tompkins, DMin, President, Scottish Mission of Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *What's Missing: CH--CH?*

Abstract: Reclamation is of vital importance and as a church we have been holding global summits focusing on Seventh-day Adventist Church membership retention since 2013. As a reminder, the headline from the first summit was “1 in 3 leave over the past 50 years.” They are leaving church, your church, my church, our church and the undeniable fact is that many of these are young adults. They are our family, friends and loved ones. We long to have them back. In this presentation we will seek to move the conversation forward, and raise the bar, by focusing on some key, but often overlooked, questions: What is Church? What do young people really want in church? And, how can we help make our church a spiritual home for everyone? The fact is that no matter how long someone has been away returning is always possible. Is our church ready for our prodigals to come home?

Presenter: Anthony WagenerSmith, DMin, Associate Director, NAD Evangelism Institute; Professor of Christian Ministry, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Title: *Implementing a Mission Scorecard for Membership and Retention*

Abstract: The way new people come into the church shapes the way in which they continue with the church. While God's job is to grow His church and bring conversion, our job is to make disciples. Therefore, as churches prayerfully identify, measure, and create accountabilities around a mission scorecard, they position themselves for growth in membership and retention.

Breakout Sessions

Sabbath, April 6, 2019

Breakout Session 1 – 3:00-3:55 pm

Room: 2F-12

Presenters:*Glenn Townend, MA, President, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Leigh Rice, DMin, Team Leader, Discipleship Ministry, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Membership or Discipleship? What you Aim for is What you Get*

Abstract: The South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is experimenting with models of discipleship based on the gospels. The processes and methods SPD are working with are truly making a difference and this presentation will discuss those results as seen in churches across all the region.

Room: 2I-18

Presenters: *Edward Heidinger, ThM, Executive Secretary, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Charles Edson Rampanelli, ThM, Executive Secretary, Southern Brazil Union Conference, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *People Behind Numbers: A Positive Perspective of Membership Auditing*

Abstract: People are the greatest treasure of the church. After all, they are the church. It's important for leadership to know the condition of each individual, for the personal development of individuals and of the whole church. However, do we get this information? Do we know, as leaders, the situation of each person who is a member of our church, even

at the local level? How relevant is knowing the state of our sheep? How do we use member auditing in a positive sense? How do we manage to see people through numbers? How do we make the data collected by the Secretariat a tool for the development of the church? How to continue to run diagnostics initiated by the Secretariat? Undoubtedly, the answers to these questions can help us work intentionally to see people through these numbers.

Room: 2I-19

Presenters: *Magdiel Pérez Schulz, MEd, Assistant to the President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Emmanuel Guimarães, MA, Executive Secretary, Central Brazil Union Conference, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *The Care and Rescue of Members who Left the Church: "Reencounter Project"*

Abstract: The church has many methods of evangelism: but what kind of evangelism can reach those who have left the church? How can we involve church members in seeking those who were once a part of our church? What real efforts are being made? What biblical foundations support a restoration ministry for those that have abandoned their faith? The Reencounter Project has reached thousands of members who have ceased to attend church and have strayed from God's paths. This presentation will examine successful evangelistic strategies for rescuing distant members, the resources used in this process, and the resulting testimonies from members who returned to the church.

Room: 2I-13

Presenter: *Kleber De Oliveira Gonçalves, PhD, Director, Global Mission Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies; Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Associate Professor of World Mission, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Title: *SigaMe (FollowMe): An Experience in Creating a Culture of Discipleship*

Abstract: What would happen if what Jesus did with 12 men more than 2,000 years ago could be done again today ... in our churches? Would that be possible? In reality, this is not a question of possibility, but responsibility. Everything started with a simple invitation: “Come, Follow Me...” (Matthew 4:19, NIV). What does it really mean? This breakout session will explore some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the development of discipleship processes that are crucial for the nurture and retention of true disciples of the Master. The SigaMe (FollowMe) Forum will be explored as a case study on the intentional establishment of a culture of discipleship at the local church level.

Presenter: Bruce Bauer, DMiss, Director, Doctor of Missiology Program, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Title: *The Importance of Contextual Discipleship*

Abstract: In addition to good biblical teaching concerning the 28 Fundamental Beliefs, recent research highlights a disconnect between what people say they believe and their application of those beliefs to cultural and contextual issues. More emphasis must be given to helping people apply the Word of God to the everyday issues of life.

Room: 1F-12

Presenter: *Alina Baltazar, PhD, Director of Prevention Education at the Institute for the Prevention of Addiction, Associate Professor, Social Work Department, Andrews University

Title: *Living Up to Adventist Standards: The Role Religiosity Plays in Wellness Behaviors of Adventist College Students*

Abstract: The Health Message has had a profound effect on the SDA church and the world. Unfortunately, our SDA college students don't always apply the health message to their lives. There is a concern of rising anxiety and depression rates among college students throughout the world, and our young people are no exception. A survey and follow up focus groups were conducted on a Seventh-day Adventist college campus to examine the relationship between wellness behaviors and religiosity. This presentation will summarize those results and teach us how the church can play a role in improving the wellness behaviors of SDA young adults.

Presenter: *Paul Tompkins, DMin, President, Scottish Mission, Trans-European Divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *'Feeding the Core' not 'Entertaining the Fringe'*

Abstract: The Seventh-day Adventist church is losing far too many of its young people. The trend is hurting the world-wide church, the local congregation, and individual families. The church has prioritized discipleship as a key factor in reversing this decline, but the method to achieve this remains unclear and often falls into the category of "one size fits all." We know that we must focus on children and youth as an immediate priority, a strategic priority and a critical issue for all church leaders. This workshop will propose that the way forward is that young people wish to be challenged and they want to be part of a church that inspires them to act. To do this we need to work inside out rather than outside in.

Room: 2I-14

Presenter: *Bonita Joyner Shields, MAPM, Director, Department of Stewardship, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Growing Fruitful Disciples and Faithful Stewards*

Abstract: Both fruitful discipleship and faithful stewardship are essential to the mission of the Church. In this presentation, I intend to show how fruitful discipleship and faithful stewardship align in the sanctification process of God's people.

Presenter: *Brian Litzenberger, BA, Lay Minister at Orlando Central Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Connecting with the Disconnected*

Abstract: Young people of the 21st century are leaving the church and the unchurched are seemingly unreachable. The traditional church mindset of expecting young people and unchurched alike to believe as we believe, act like we act, and to become like us is failing miserably. This presentation will discuss the best way to connect with the disconnected and show how important it is to no longer operate under the, "this is how we have always done it" ideology.

**This presentation will be repeated.*

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Breakout Session 2 – 10:15 - 11:10 am

Room: 2F-12

Presenters: Edward Heidinger, ThM, Executive Secretary, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Charles Edson Rampanelli, ThM, Executive Secretary, Southern Brazil Union Conference, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Room: 2I-18

Presenters: Cheryl Doss, PhD, Director, Institute of World Mission, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Oscar Osindo, PhD, Associate Director, Institute of World Mission, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *The Role of Culture in Nurture & Retention*

Abstract: Every Adventist is embedded in multiple layers of culture—ethnic, national, social

class, and so on—that impact their relationship to the church. Thus, the role of culture is an important factor to consider as the Adventist Church around the world seeks to develop best practices in the nurture and retention of her members. This workshop will discuss cultural differences that can significantly affect how church members view their Adventist identity and shape their openness to various church activities and discipling strategies. Responses to cultural differences that foster nurture and retention will be offered.

Presenter: *Gorden R. Doss, PhD, Professor of World Mission, Andrews University

Title: *Cross-Cultural Disciple Making*

Abstract: Adventists seek to make disciples of Christ in a bewildering variety of cultural-religious contexts. The journey to becoming a mature disciple varies greatly, even if the destination is the same. Disciple-makers must practice receiver-oriented methods that best lead people of different backgrounds to fullness in Christ. The session will suggest important perspectives and different approaches.

Room: 2I-19

Presenter: *Marcos Antonio Salas Núñez, MAPT, Director of the Hispanic District, North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Effective Discipleship: What Jesus Did to be Followed by Multitudes*

Abstract: Based on Matthew 4, we will try to answer the following question: how did Christ move from being alone in the desert to being followed by crowds? The Bible answers this question by telling us that Christ had a very careful plan which he followed very strictly. This plan had a clear message and was focused on the lost, with a special interest in small groups and youth as fundamental units and an emphasis on community service. As a result, Christ's message grew to become a global social phenomenon. Today, we need to follow his example in the consolidation and projection of our mission.

Presenter: *Bienvenido G. Mergal, PhD, Vice President, Southern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle: A Framework for Nurture, Discipleship, and Reclamation of Southern Asia-Pacific Division*

Abstract: The Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) is confronted with challenges in nurture, discipleship, reclamation, and evangelism. While it is growing in membership, statistics show that about 40% of its newly baptized members leave the church within a year after their baptism due to lack of nurturing. An equally important challenge is on how to inspire, motivate, and generate support from all the different sectors of its membership for total involvement and participation in lifestyle evangelism. With these pressing issues, a contextualized program called Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle (IEL) was designed. Under this IEL principle, an implementing program called “SSD for Christ” (“Seeking, Saving, and Discipling for Christ”) was designed to integrate spiritual nurture, discipleship and reclamation activities. Its framework emphasizes “mandate,” “mission,” “manner,” “method,” “means,” and “motivation/mobilization.” This presentation will discuss the successes that this simple program has had an instrument in addressing the major issues on nurture, discipleship, reclamation and evangelism in the SSD.

Room: 2I-13

Presenter: Ramon Canals, DMin, Director, Department of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *The Amazing Influence of Sabbath School for Discipleship and Growth*

Abstract: Christianity has been experiencing a continuing decline in Bible study and prayer. Our own church is being affected. If transformation is to happen in the church, the study of

the Bible must be front and center, for without it there is no spiritual growth. As Seventh-day Adventists we are blessed to have a religious-education institution for members of all ages—Sabbath School! Sabbath School was designed with the purpose of helping its members grow in spiritual understanding as they get into the Word of God daily. Sabbath School has a tremendous qualitative and quantitative influence in making disciples and growing and developing the church. What changes must happen in local church Sabbath Schools to harness their potential to improve and enlarge the church?

Presenter: Jim Howard, BSBA, Associate Director, Department of Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

Title: *How to Use the Discipleship Handbook*

Abstract: Unless a discipleship plan is straightforward and easy to use, most churches won't adopt it. The Discipleship Handbook has been developed with local church members in mind. It is thorough, but simple. It includes a Bible and Spirit of Prophecy reading plan. It includes easy to follow steps for lay mentors to integrate new members into the life and mission of the church. It includes vital instruction in areas such as the devotional life, personal witnessing, church life, Christian lifestyle, and the cycle of evangelism. Come to this breakout session and learn how you can begin using the Discipleship Handbook to mentor every new member baptized into your church or territory.

Room: 1F-12

Presenter: Kleber De Oliveira Gonçalves, PhD, Director, Global Mission Center for Secular and Postmodern Studies; Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Associate Professor of World Mission, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Title: *SigaMe (FollowMe): An Experience in Creating a Culture of Discipleship*

Abstract: What would happen if what Jesus did with 12 men more than 2,000 years ago could be done again today ... in our churches? Would that be possible? In reality, this is not a question of possibility, but responsibility. Everything started with a simple invitation: “Come, Follow Me...” (Matthew 4:19, NIV). What does it really mean? This breakout session will explore some of the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the development of discipleship processes that are crucial for the nurture and retention of true disciples of the Master. The SigaMe (FollowMe) Forum will be explored as a case study on the intentional establishment of a culture of discipleship at the local church level.

Presenter: *Brian Litzenberger, BA, Lay Minister at Orlando Central Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Connecting with the Disconnected*

Abstract: Young people of the 21st century are leaving the church and the unchurched are seemingly unreachable. The traditional church mindset of expecting young people and unchurched alike to believe as we believe, act like we act, and to become like us is failing miserably. This presentation will discuss the best way to connect with the disconnected and show how important it is to no longer operate under the, “this is how we have always done it” ideology.

Room: 2I-14

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Presenter: Heather-Dawn Small, MAML, Director, Women's Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Discipleship—Woman to Woman*

Abstract: It is our desire to help new members find their place in the church and we have good intentions to nurture them, but these seem to fall apart after a few months. God has uniquely blessed women with the gift of nurturing and caregiving. How can churches use these gifts to disciple and nurture new members and help them become part our church family?

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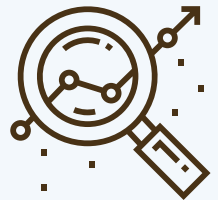
44% often help others with their religious questions and struggles

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69% agree or strongly agree that youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying mission of their local church

82% say it is very likely they will be attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church for the rest of their life

OVERALL



Room: 2F-12

Presenter: Pako Mokgwane, MTh, Associate Youth Director, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Intergenerational Churches of Refuge (iCOR)*

Abstract: Young people need the church and the church needs young people. The age of adolescence is marked by spiritual, physical, psychological, social and economic transition. Youth are no longer children, but they have not yet become completely integrated in the life and world of adults. Youth are dynamic, energetic, creative, innovative and productive. The history of the Adventist Church also bears the marks of the influence and spiritual dynamism of young people. They have always been supporting pillars of a thriving church community, and therefore need our special attention. Unfortunately, we are losing many of them. Studies reveal that the reasons for leaving the church have more to do with relationships than with doctrine. This is a growing trend in Adventist churches worldwide. Thus, iCOR is both a philosophy and youth framework for healthy relationships and youth involvement at the local church within the context of mission.

Presenter: Andrés J. Peralta, DMin, Associate Director, Club Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Youth Retention through Pathfinder Ministry*

Abstract: : As our world changes and our youth is constantly surrounded by distractions that can deter them from salvation, we must look for solutions and effective ways to direct them to Jesus and assist with their spiritual growth and leadership. The Pathfinder Club is a ministry whose curriculum is centered around keeping youth engaged and paving a way for them to take their place as leaders within our church and throughout our communities. Keeping our young people within the church has proven to be a difficult task but the Pathfinder Club has proven to be an effective antidote to our ongoing crisis.

Room: 2I-18

Presenters: Magdiel Pérez Schulz, MEd, Assistant to the President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Emmanuel Guimarães, TBD, Executive Secretary, Central Brazil Union Conference, South American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *The Care and Rescue of Members who Left the Church: “Reencounter Project”*

Abstract: The church has many methods of evangelism: but what kind of evangelism can reach those who have left the church? How can we involve church members in seeking those who were once a part of our church? What real efforts are being made? What biblical foundations support a restoration ministry for those that have abandoned their faith? The Reencounter Project has reached thousands of members who have ceased to attend church and have strayed from God’s paths. This presentation will examine successful evangelistic strategies for rescuing distant members, the resources used in this process, and the resulting testimonies from members who returned to the church.

Room: 2I-19

Presenters: Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, PhD, Director, Department of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

John Wesley Taylor V, PhD, Associate Director, Department of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *The Role of Seventh-day Adventist Education in Youth Retention*

Abstract: Adventist education is the longest and largest evangelistic event held by the Seventh-day Adventist church. But is it effective? This presentation examines findings from a set of research studies spanning the past three decades that have explored the relationship between Adventist education and young people joining and remaining in the Adventist church. Implications will be discussed and specific actions proposed to reinforce the redemptive purpose of Adventist education.

Room: 2I-13

Presenter: Jerry Page, MDiv, Ministerial Secretary, Ministerial Association of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *How to Avoid Broken Relationships*

Abstract: One of the major reasons we lose such large numbers of our members, and especially youth, is because of hurt and brokenness in many of our relationships in the church. Jesus prayed earnestly on His way to Gethsemane and the Cross for us, that we would have the true “one accord” experience in our churches and families. It happened in the “Upper Room” and led to the powerful coming of the Holy Spirit upon His people at Pentecost. One of Satan’s main strategies to distract us from our mission and cause many fine people to leave the church, is to incite many conflicts, hurts and barriers in relationships. This presentation will share practical principles learned through experience that can help us cooperate with Jesus in answering His prayer of John 17 for real “oneness” in our churches and families today.

Presenter: Anthony Kent, PhD Candidate, Associate Ministerial Secretary, Ministerial Association of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Barnabas: Epitomizing Discipling and Nurturing*

Abstract: Barnabas is Luke’s Levite hero of Acts! While one Levite, in the Good Samaritan parable, wouldn’t cross a road to help a victim of a violent robbery, Barnabas crisscrossed cities and countries discipling and nurturing individuals, communities, and churches. Barnabas’ courage, character, and commitment enabled him to be the ultimate human change agent of the book of Acts. Don’t miss this opportunity to discover more of his inspirational story and how your ministry can be enhanced by the amazing ministry of the “Son of Encouragement.”

Room: 1F-12

Presenter: Paul Tompkins, DMin, President, Scottish Mission, Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *What's Missing: CH--CH?*

Abstract: Reclamation is of vital importance and as a church we have been holding global summits focusing on Seventh-day Adventist Church membership retention since 2013. As a reminder, the headline from the first summit was “1 in 3 leave over the past 50 years.” They are leaving church, your church, my church, our church and the undeniable fact is that many of these are young adults. They are our family, friends and loved ones. We long to have them back. In this presentation we will seek to move the conversation forward, and raise the bar, by focusing on some key, but often overlooked, questions: What is Church? What do young people really want in church? And, how can we help make our church a spiritual home for everyone? The fact is that no matter how long someone has been away returning is always possible. Is our church ready for our prodigals to come home?

Presenter: Linda Mei Lin Koh, EdD, Director, Children's Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Intentional Discipleship of Children and Teens*

Abstract: No matter how busy we are, we need to make the spiritual discipleship of our children and teens a top priority. Research has shown that many children accept Jesus as their personal Savior before the age of 13. Hence, it is imperative that we nurture the faith of children in this 4-14 age Window. Discipling these youngsters may mean your time, your energy, and being intentional in making disciples of our children and teens. Come to this workshop to learn some important principles of discipling children and teens.

Room: 2I-14

Presenter: Alina Baltazar, PhD, Director of Prevention Education at the Institute for the Prevention of Addiction, Associate Professor, Social Work Department, Andrews University

Title: *Living Up to Adventist Standards: The Role Religiosity Plays in Wellness Behaviors of Adventist College Students*

Abstract: The Health Message has had a profound effect on the SDA church and the world. Unfortunately, our SDA college students don't always apply the health message to their lives. There is a concern of rising anxiety and depression rates among college students throughout the world, and our young people are no exception. A survey and follow up focus groups were conducted on a Seventh-day Adventist college campus to examine the relationship between wellness behaviors and religiosity. This presentation will summarize those results and teach us how the church can play a role in improving the wellness behaviors of SDA young adults.

Presenter: Bonita Joyner Shields, MAPM, Director, Department of Stewardship, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Growing Fruitful Disciples and Faithful Stewards*

Abstract: Both fruitful discipleship and faithful stewardship are essential to the mission of the Church. In this presentation, I intend to show how fruitful discipleship and faithful stewardship align in the sanctification process of God's people.

Breakout Session 4 – 1:30 - 2:25 pm

Room: 2F-12

Presenter: Gordon R. Doss, PhD, Professor of World Mission, Andrews University

Title: *Cross-Cultural Disciple Making*

Abstract: Adventists seek to make disciples of Christ in a bewildering variety of cultural-religious contexts. The journey to becoming a mature disciple varies greatly, even if the destination is the same. Disciple-makers must practice receiver-oriented methods that best lead people of different backgrounds to fullness in Christ. The session will suggest important perspectives and different approaches.

Presenter: Bienvenido G. Mergal, PhD, Vice President, Southern Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle: A Framework for Nurture, Discipleship, and Reclamation of Southern Asia-Pacific Division*

Abstract: The Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) is confronted with challenges in nurture, discipleship, reclamation, and evangelism. While it is growing in membership, statistics show that about 40% of its newly baptized members leave the church within a year after their baptism due to lack of nurturing. An equally important challenge is on how to inspire, motivate, and generate support from all the different sectors of its membership for total involvement and participation in lifestyle evangelism. With these pressing issues, a contextualized program called Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle (IEL) was designed. Under this IEL principle, an implementing program called “SSD for Christ” (“Seeking, Saving, and Discipling for Christ”) was designed to integrate spiritual nurture, discipleship and reclamation activities. Its framework emphasizes “mandate,” “mission,” “manner,” “method,”

“means,” and “motivation/mobilization.” This presentation will discuss the successes that this simple program has had an instrument in addressing the major issues on nurture, discipleship, reclamation and evangelism in the SSD.

Room: 2I-18

Presenters: Glenn Townend, MA, President, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Leigh Rice, DMin, Team Leader, Discipleship Ministry Team, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Title: *Membership or Discipleship? What You Aim For is What you Get*

Abstract: The South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is experimenting with models of discipleship based on the gospels. The processes and methods SPD are working with are truly making a difference and this presentation will discuss those results as seen in churches across all the region.

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Presenter: * Marcos Antonio Salas Núñez, MAPT, Director of the Hispanic District, North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Effective Discipleship: What Jesus Did to be Followed by Multitudes*

Abstract: Based on Matthew 4, we will try to answer the following question: how did Christ move from being alone in the desert to being followed by crowds? The Bible answers this question by telling us that Christ had a very careful plan which he followed very strictly. This plan had a clear message and was focused on the lost, with a special interest in small groups and youth as fundamental units and an emphasis on community service. As a result, Christ's message grew to become a global social phenomenon. Today, we need to follow his example in the consolidation and projection of our mission.

Room: 2I-13

Presenter: Marcos Bomfim, DMin Candidate, Director, Stewardship Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Nurture and Heart Retention*

Abstract: How to counteract the current church evasion trend in the Seventh-day Adventist Church is a concern for all church leaders at any administrative level. One of the challenges is to identify members who are at a higher risk of apostasy and to offer appropriate pastoral care before it happens. Based on the Bible, in the Spirit of Prophecy, and also on recent

data, this presentation aims to identify a peculiar church evasion predictor—the absence of spiritual financial giving—which can be easily assessed and verified, even before church attendance stops. A strategy to offer appropriate pastoral care is also suggested.

Presenter: Eric J. Aniel Barbe, MA, Associate Director, Stewardship Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Growing Faithfulness in the Local Church*

Abstract: A well-established correlation exists between a growing liberality and a higher retention rate. It is also known that a culture of liberality does not flourish in a vacuum. There are some decisive prompting elements to financial partnership in God's mission: change of attitude toward finances, spiritual growth, education, trust, and empowerment. The challenge is to encapsulate these into sustainable programs in the local church. Through some concrete examples, participants are triggered to reflect on how to make the local church more conducive to liberality, hence impacting retention.

Room 1F-12

Presenters: Willie Oliver, PhD, Director, Family Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Elaine Oliver, MA, Associate Director, Family Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *The Spiritually Vibrant Adventist Home*

Abstract: How do Seventh-day Adventist Christians describe the atmosphere in their homes? How do family relationships contribute to a spiritually vibrant environment? In what ways can parents influence their children's faith development and maturity? What spiritual traditions in the family are linked to meaningful faith practices in adulthood? In this session, we will look at current research on how relationships and rituals can create a spiritually

nurturing environment for everyone in the home. We will also discuss which spiritual and family rituals contribute to faith formation and are most effective in future denominational loyalty and commitment to God. New insights and practical applications will be shared.

Room: 2I-14

Presenter: Fylvia Fowler Kline, MA, VividFaith Manager, Secretariat, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *Nurture through Service: Creating Opportunities that Strengthen Faith*

Abstract: How have some organizations and churches, such as the Salvation Army, gained name recognition and connected with their communities? This presentation gives you principles and methods used in the non-profit industry to help you identify ways to help church members 1) stay engaged with their church beyond Sabbath services, 2) express their faith through intentional relationship-building in their community, 3) support and strengthen one another in spiritual growth, and 4) be part of a dynamic church rebranding that reflects the Adventist faith and lifestyle. You will leave this presentation with at least three measurable methods—customized for your church, community, and culture—with which to nurture your members.

Presenter: Galina Stele, DMin, Research & Program Evaluation Manager, Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Title: *What does the 2017-18 Global Research Reveal about Adventist Young People?*

Abstract: The 2017-18 Global Church Member Survey conducted in all world divisions has a sizable sample of young people. The data reveals young people's perception of local church, their devotional practices, beliefs, and involvement in church ministry and outreach. The research findings show what can be improved to make young people feel at home in their congregations and contribute more to the life and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



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