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AUC MINISTERIAL CONVENTION 2018

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Welcome to the Empower Ministerial Convention 2018! From Darwin to Burnie, from Wollongong to Broome, we have come together to be inspired, challenged, refreshed and to reaffirm our calling to pastoral ministry. Right across our vast nation, we all have unique ministry environments and congregations—however, we respond to one call.

Our theme “Empower” (e3) grows out of Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian church (Ephesians 3). Here, Paul prays that “your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong” and that you “experience the love of Christ.” We hope and pray that during our time together over the next few days, you will make space to reflect on God’s love and grow in communion with Him.

Over the next few days, you will also have the opportunity to catch up with colleagues and former classmates to share stories of where God’s call has taken you. Perhaps you can find a quiet moment to reflect on the passion that energised your call to ministry. Perhaps you can share an encouraging thought or prayer with a fellow pastor.

I want to thank each one of you for the way you have responded to the call to ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness, commitment and zeal. It is a privilege to serve with you, and it is my prayer that in 2018 you may know the God who can accomplish “infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

May God bless you as you take part in being His thriving, disciple-making movement

Jorge Munoz

President
Australian Union Conference



Program

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

2-6pm	Registration	College Church Foyer
5.30pm	Dinner	College Cafeteria
7.30pm	Evening Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr Jorge Munoz <i>Welcome</i> Book Launch: <i>Leaves Of Hope</i> Amanda Bews, Jade Zivanovic Dr Cedric Vine <i>The Prophetic Pastor</i> 	College Church

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

6am	Fit Life Gym Prayer Group Riding, Running, Walking Prayer Group	Fit Life Gym Outside Audo
6:30am	Prayer Group	Watson Hall Chapel
7-8:30am	Breakfast	College Cafeteria
9am	Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr Glenn Townend Dr Peter Landless Live More Project Launch Dr Darren Morton —Lifting Your Mood And Your Life 	College Church
11am	SUM Talks: Thinking Theologically—Hermeneutics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Cedric Vine Dr Wendy Jackson Dr Kayle De Waal 	Audo
12:45pm	Lunch	Audo
2-3pm	Workshop Session 1	See p16-21
3:30-4:30pm	Workshop Session 2	See p16-21
5pm	Partners In Ministry Dinner	Ladies Chapel
5pm	Dinner Group 1 (NNSW, NA, SA, SNSW, SPD, GS)	College Cafeteria
6pm	Dinner Group 2 (VIC, WA, QLD, AUC, TAS)	College Cafeteria
7:30pm	Evening Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Launch: <i>Movement Of The Spirit</i> Dr Peter Roennfeldt Pr Benjamin Lundquist <i>Growing Young Adventists - Generational Synergy</i> 	College Church

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

6am	Fit Life Gym Prayer Group Riding, Running, Walking Prayer Group	Fit Life Gym Outside Audo
6:30am	Prayer Group	Watson Hall Chapel
7-8:30am	Breakfast	College Cafeteria
9am	Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Williams <i>Here2Stay</i> <i>Ministry in Motion</i> Pr Anthony Kent Pr Benjamin Lundquist Pr Alina van Rensburg 	College Church
11am	SUM Talks: Church Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pr Jinha Kim <i>Online Tools That Help Build Community</i> Gary Krause <i>The Only Method That Works</i> Rae Townend <i>Domestic Violence In A Nutshell</i> 	Audo
12:45pm	Lunch	Audo
2-3pm	Workshop Session 1	See p16-21
3:30-4:30pm	Workshop Session 2	See p16-21
5pm	Women In Pastoral Ministry Dinner	Ladies Chapel
5pm	Dinner Group 1 (WA, NA, SNSW, QLD, VIC, SPD)	College Cafeteria
6pm	Dinner Group 2 (AUC, GS, NNSW, TAS, SA)	College Cafeteria
6pm	Book Launch: <i>Live More Happy</i> Dr Darren Morton	Ladies Chapel
7:30pm	Evening Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Launch: <i>Hunter Chronicles</i> Pr Jeff Parker, Amanda Bews, Pr Tony Knight Pr Llewellyn Edwards <i>If They Knew...</i> 	College Church

Program

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

6am	Fit Life Gym Prayer Group Riding, Running, Walking Prayer Group	Fit Life Gym Outside Audo
6:30am	Prayer Group	Watson Hall Chapel
7-8:30am	Breakfast	College Cafeteria
9am	Together • Adam Johnstone <i>Natural Church Development (NCD)</i> • Kevin Jackson Sanitarium <i>The Challenge of Christian Leadership</i>	College Church
11am	SUM Talks: Adventist Identity And Leadership • Dr Daryl Murdoch <i>Jesus On The Bench</i> • Pr Llewellyn Edwards <i>Values As Core To Adventist Identity</i> • Pr Anthony Kent <i>Leading In Our Cultural Context</i>	Audo
12:45pm	Lunch	Audo
2-3pm	Workshop Session 1	See p16-21
3:30-4:30pm	Workshop Session 2	See p16-21
5pm	Kevin Price <i>What Do My Health Results Mean?</i>	Ladies Chapel
5pm	Dinner Group 1 (AUC, NNSW, NA, SA, TAS, GS)	College Cafeteria
6pm	Dinner Group 2 (SPD, WA, SNSW, QLD, VIC)	College Cafeteria
7:30pm	Evening Worship • Dr Cedric Vine <i>The Righteous Pastor</i> • Institute of Worship Orchestra	College Church

SABBATH 10TH FEBRUARY

7:30-9am	Breakfast	College Cafeteria
10-10:40am	Together — Mission Focus And Sabbath School • Pr Cristian Copaceanu	College Church
11am-12:15pm	Worship Service • Pr Jorge Munoz	
12:45pm	Lunch	College Cafeteria
5-6pm	Evensong — Institute Of Worship Orchestra	College Church
6pm	Dinner	College Cafeteria
7:30-8:15pm	Closing Sabbath & Charge	College Church

Sunday breakfast (11th Feb) is 7-8:30am in the College Cafeteria, for those who are traveling home on Sunday and have registered for Sunday breakfast.

Speakers



DR CEDRIC VINE // cvine@andrews.edu

Dr Cedric Vine is currently an Associate Professor of New Testament at Andrews University. He is a native of Britain who pastored in the North England Conference for nine years before becoming a lecturer at Newbold. Cedric's PhD, from the University of Sheffield, focusses on the book of Matthew. He is passionate about upholding the authority and role of scripture in a postmodern secular world. Born into a pastoral family, Dr Vine is married with two boys and brings with him an engaging sense of English humour. Dr Laurence Turner recommends Cedric as "a guy you have to listen to."



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Benjamin Lundquist is the Young Adult Ministries Director for the Oregon Conference and also serves as the Young Adult Ministries Coordinator for the North American Division. Benjamin has an M.A. in Youth and Young Adult Ministry from Andrews University. He has spearheaded a variety of innovative young adult ministry projects and mentoring models. He is passionate about inspiring young adults to become growing followers of Jesus and leaders for His cause. Ben and his wife Kim spend much of the year investing in the lives of the the next generation through camps, retreats, speaking appointments, and simply sharing their life with others.



PR LLEWELLYN EDWARDS // llewellynedwards2013@gmail.com

Llew recently retired from the role of Ministerial Association Secretary for the British Union Conference. In retirement he continues as an advisor to the European cohort of the Andrews MA Leadership students. He is originally a Kiwi however has served the church globally as a minister, missionary and administrator—including as Egypt-Sudan Field President. Stanborough Press has recently published Llew's book *Values-led Lives – The way Jesus wants us to Think and Act* which explores many aspects of church life and how often we lead from the wrong place. Llew is married to Karin, who is also at our meetings, and has three children including a daughter who lives in Melbourne.



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Dr Wendy Jackson is a lecturer in systematic and historical theology at the Avondale Seminary. Before moving into ministry Wendy specialized in paediatric endocrinology, and has practiced medicine in both New Zealand and the United States. She graduated with an MDiv from Andrews in 2004 and in 2015 completed her PhD (Andrews). Her dissertation explored the unity of the church and church authority. Wendy's interest areas are ecclesiology, discipleship, Sabbath, Adventist history and the role of technology in teaching religion. She aims to help people see that theology is not merely an intellectual exercise, but something that is practical, relevant and to be lived in everyday life.



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Dr Kayle de Waal is the head of the Avondale Seminary and Senior Lecturer in New Testament. He has a PhD (UoA) focusing on a literary-critical analysis of the Book of Revelation. Kayle has worked in ministry in South Korea, South Africa and New Zealand. He has published 4 books and a number of popular and scholarly journal articles. His 2017 book *Mission Shift* explores how we can be a discipling movement while *Ancient Words Present Hope* looks at what the Old Testament teaches us about Revelation. Outside of work, Kayle enjoys playing sport, reading and movies, but mostly spending time with his family and friends. He is married to Charmaine and they have two children.



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Rae Townend is currently a regional assessor at Communitify Queensland, an organization that advocates, connects, informs and offers support around people's needs, interests and issues. Prior to shifting to Brisbane, Rae worked in domestic violence support in Townsville. Rae studied nursing at the Sydney Adventist Hospital and has spent her working life in serving areas. Rae is also a PIM, married to Pr Brett Townend, the president of South Qld Conference. They have three children De-Anna, Emma and Lachlan and two grandchildren. Rae has studied extensively in the area of domestic violence.



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Pr Jinha Kim graduated with a Master of Divinity from Andrews University in 2010. She was an Urban Outreach Coordinator in NYC and pastored in the Michigan Conference before being called to the Victorian Conference along with her husband Roy – whom she met on a ministry team at Andrews Korean SDA Church. Currently Jinha balances being mum to two boys with pastoring, along with Roy, at the Melbourne City Adventist Church – Exchange. Exchange, a church impacting inner city young professionals, meets on Collins St, right in the middle of Melbourne CBD. Jinha uses technology very effectively in leading the church, building community and in outreach.



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Anthony Kent is an Associate Ministerial Secretary at the General Conference and is the worldwide coordinator for pastors continuing education, host of Ministry in Motion and director of the P.R.E.A.C.H program. Prior to heading to the GC in 2005, Anthony was Ministerial Association Secretary for the SPD. His ministry experience includes church planting and public evangelism. He continues to be active in public evangelism. Currently Anthony is pursuing a PhD through the University of Queensland in the New Testament, specifically Luke-Acts. Anthony is married to Debora and they have two daughters, Chelsea and Georgia.



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Gary Krause and his wife, Bettina, are missionaries to the General Conference where Gary serves as director of the Office of Adventist Mission (caring for Global Mission church planting and Mission Awareness). Born in Fiji to Australian missionary parents, Gary previously served as creative director for the Adventist Media Centre and as an editor at Signs Publishing Company. Gary is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Queensland, focusing on urban ministry. Bettina and Gary are proud parents of Bethany, aged 12.



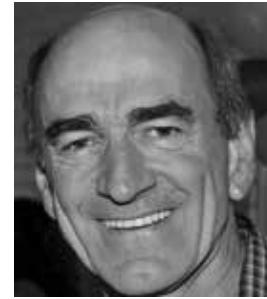
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Dr Daryl Murdoch has served as the National Director of Adventist Schools Australia since 2009. He completed his PhD at The University of Newcastle focusing on educational leadership in small schools. During his forty one years as an Adventist educator he has served in primary school leadership roles, as education director in New Zealand, principal of Lilydale Adventist Academy, and associate National Director of Adventist Schools Australia. Daryl is married to Tiani and is dad to two adult men, Braden and Shannon, and grandad to Christian. His hobbies include fishing, gardening and tennis.



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Kevin Jackson is the CEO of Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing. He is an Australian who grew up in New Zealand. Kevin trained at Auckland University before starting his career with Ernst & Young obtaining experience in Auditing, Insolvency, Corporate Advisory and the Performance Improvement Consulting areas. Kevin joined Sanitarium in 1996 and was appointed as CEO in November 2000. Since this time the company has grown significantly domestically and internationally. Kevin, his wife and two daughters reside on the Central Coast of NSW where he enjoys family life, the great outdoors, and participating in church life.



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Terry trained and worked as a teacher in primary and secondary schools before joining the staff of Scripture Union [SU] Queensland where he has worked for 34 years as a children's ministry specialist. In 2008 Terry join the SU International staff team, for half of his time, serving SU movements and partnering with other global networks. Over the last 5 years Terry has coordinated the Here2Stay project which has brought together interdenominational research on youth retention in the Christian Church in Australia. Terry is married to Margaret and they have three adult children and four grandchildren.



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Dr Darren Morton is a Fellow of the Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine and Course Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies in Lifestyle Medicine at Avondale College. He has a PhD in human physiology and is passionate about the emerging field of lifestyle medicine. Darren has delivered hundreds of presentations on lifestyle-related topics to academic, educational, corporate and community groups throughout Australia and the world. His research has been published in leading medical and scientific journals. His third book *Live More Happy* will be launched at Empower. He is married to Sarah and is dad to Olivia, Elijah and Caleb.



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Adam Johnstone is the Managing Director of Natural Church Development (NCD) in Australia. Adam has been working with NCD since 1999. He has taught on the application of NCD principles in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Denmark, UK and Mexico. He is the developer of the NCD Result Guide approach to the NCD Survey and co-developer with Christian A. Schwarz of the NCD eTests. He lives in Brisbane with his wife and 4 children and enjoys farming and mountain biking.



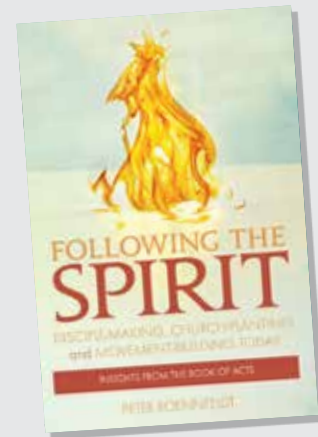
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Pr Alina van Rensburg (nee Coccetti) received her call to ministry while studying to be a physiotherapist and volunteering in the Youth Department in SQld. Alina graduated from Avondale with a Grad. Dip in Theology and Ministry in 2012. She has served as a chaplain for Brisbane Adventist College and is currently serving as the Tertiary and Young Adult director for the conference. Alina heads the 'We The Church' young adult initiative. She is married to Martin.

NEW
Ministry Resources LAUNCHED AT EMPOWER

Four great new ministry resources will be launched at Empower with each one focused on a different area of ministry.

All books launched at Empower will also be available through the ABC.



LEAVES OF HOPE: THE JOHN CORLISS STORY
 by Amanda Bews & Jade Zivanovic

BOOK LAUNCH 1: Tuesday Evening Program.

This is the first in a new series of children's picture books that will tell stories of the early Adventist movement in Australia. Book one is the story of J.O. Corliss. It is an amazing story of God's leading in the face of discouragement. The stories are written by Amanda Bews and are beautifully illustrated by Jade Zivanovic using oil paintings. You can view the original oils along with the paintings for book 2, the story of the Steeds in South Australia, in the lower audio art gallery.

The aim of the books is to promote the values of servanthood and ministry and have the next generation capture a dream of their place in the bigger story of our church. The books are part of a bigger 'Next Generation' project which will include a range of resources that engage and equip young people for ministry. The books will be published by Seeds of Faith, the publishing imprint of the AUC Resource Centre, for the AUC Ministerial Association. The project is funded through a grant from the South Pacific Division.

Use the book voucher in your welcome pack to receive a promotional copy that you can use in your ministry. Vouchers can be redeemed at the AUC Resource Centre display. Pastors will be able to access the downloadable pictures for telling the story publicly by using their adventist.org.au account as a login at disciple.org.au/theangelsaustalia.

FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT: DISCIPLE-MAKING, CHURCH PLANTING AND MOVEMENT-BUILDING TODAY
 by Dr Peter Roennfeldt

BOOK LAUNCH 2: Wednesday Evening Program.

This is the follow up to Dr Peter Roennfeldt's widely used *Following Jesus* book. *Following the Spirit* is the next part of the disciple making journey and explores the book of Acts. Peter gives discipleship and leadership insights along the way highlighting issues that relate to ministry in a hostile mission environment. Like the *Following Jesus* resource each section includes a list of application discussion questions, prayer points and a discovery bible reading guide.

If you enjoyed *Following Jesus*, then you will be ready for the next discipleship step with *Following the Spirit*. This resource is published by Signs working with the SPD discipleship team. You can swap the book voucher in your welcome pack for your copy sponsored by the SPD Discipleship team.



VALUES-LED LIVES
 by Llewellyn Edwards

LIVE MORE HAPPY: SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN WAYS TO LIFT YOUR MOOD AND YOUR LIFE
 by Dr Darren Morton

BOOK LAUNCH 3: Thursday 6pm in the College Library

Dr Darren Morton's second book explores strategies for boosting emotional well-being. In an easy-to-read engaging manner Darren explores brain research and summarises extensive research from the field of lifestyle medicine. Handy acronyms and anecdotes make this book very readable and one you will want to share with members and the community as part of your ministry strategy in 2018. This is another Signs resource working with Avondale.

Get your copy of *Live More Happy* at the launch for a special price.

THE HUNTER CHRONICLES: HUNTER AND THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE
 by Amanda Bews & Tony Knight

BOOK LAUNCH 4: Thursday Evening Program.

Our Thursday evening program includes the launch of Book Two in the Hunter Chronicles series – a collaboration between Amanda Bews and Tony Knight. This series is an engaging new approach to Pathfinder age Bible Studies and covers the 28 Fundamentals. The AUC Youth Department has worked with Seeds of Faith in developing a series of 4 books and Bible Study handbooks. Book One, *Hunter and the Forbidden Cave* is getting great reviews. The books are especially useful for pastors studying with juniors/teens, Pathfinder clubs and schools. The captivating adventure continues in Book Two, *Hunter and the Forgotten Treasure*.

Use the book voucher in your welcome pack to receive a promotional copy of either Book One (story and handbook), or if you're already using the series, Book Two and handbook. Pastors receive a special price on this series through the AUC Resource Centre. Extra copies are available for purchase at the AUC Resource Centre display.

Pr Llewellyn Edwards, one of our plenary speakers, has recently launched *Values-led Lives – The way Jesus wants us to Think and Act* published by Stanborough Press. This book explores many aspects of church life and how often we lead from the wrong place. Llew explores what values are

and how they act as a compass in church decision-making and how practising values builds community and reduces conflict. Llew's workshops at Empower grow out of the material in this book. Call past the AUC Resource Centre display to add your name to a bulk order of this book.

Ministerial Development



IMAGINE

IMAGINE GOING TO YOUR MINISTRY PORTAL THAT includes previous development, news of upcoming development opportunities relevant to your current ministry context, conference ministerial news, your natural church development profile and reporting tools.

Imagine then being able to click on an easy-to-use competency assessment tool that generates a profile that aims to generate helpful, supportive conversations around your key ministry ingredients.

Imagine, based on your profile, you can then put together your unique development plan that includes suggested online courses, books, webinars and mentors. Your learning style is taken on board as you click and drag the experiences you will engage in onto your unique development plan.

You are then empowered with the accountability and resources for growth.

MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT IS ON THE WAY

Growing out of the work of Alwyn Salom, Graeme Christian, Graeme Bradford, Jorge Munoz, Russ Willcocks and others the AUC Ministerial Association advisory has developed a competency based approach to Ministerial Development [MD].

MD is an alignment of tools and experiences that engages the minister in conversations, resources and planning with a focus on personal and professional growth in a supportive environment.

Currently the MD process is being trialed in the SQLD Conferences and in a range of pastoral settings across our Union. The SPD, working through Adventist Media and SPD IT, are currently putting significant time and resources into the IT requirements of MD. In 2018 more pastors will be able to join in the MD trial before a wider launch in 2019.

“ We aim for our ministers to be the most passionate, supported and Spirit-filled pastors on the planet. ”
— A Vision for Supported Ministry in the AUC

The Ministry Ingredients

MD shapes its conversations and resources around seven primary competency ingredients.

CENTRE

Healthy ministers are intentional about a vital connection with God that shapes Christ-centred values, attitudes and beliefs.

At the centre is a healthy connection with God. This is vital for healthy ministry and all pastoral functions need to be based on and grow out of this core.

The centre circle is about who the pastor is to be. We believe healthy pastoral ministry flows from a healthy relationship with God. This includes having a healthy picture of God and what it means to be called by Him to Adventist Pastoral Ministry.

Vital to this connection are intentional heart-building practices. Foundational practices include:

- Prayer (Private/family/congregational)
- Growing in God's Word – Bible study
- Introspection – quiet time with God
- Private and Family Devotional/Worship practices

PASTORAL COMPETENCIES GROWING OUT OF BEING HEALTHY IN CHRIST:

1. Spiritually Dependent Self-Leadership - Stewarding

The minister is a person of prayer and Bible study who is able to exemplify a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus – ministering out of the overflow of the time spent with Christ. A healthy pastor is committed to his or her family and exercises spiritually dependent leadership in family life and in the life of the church.

2. Spirit-Driven Leadership - Leading

The minister will diligently seek God's leading to collaboratively shape and cast vision, then drive the movement toward church health and an outward focus.

3. Biblical Knowledge & Application - Modelling

As a diligent and careful student of the Word the healthy minister has a thorough understanding of the Biblical message and enjoys continuous growth and learning. This results in the modelling and teaching of a biblical worldview.

4. Relational Wisdom - Shepherding

A healthy minister is socially and emotionally intelligent; skilled in inter-generational and inter-personal relations.

5. Communication - Communicating

The minister seeks to become proficient in communicating the Gospel in a manner that captivates the attention of the hearers and leads to a life-long commitment to Christ. This includes visitation, small groups and preaching.

6. Management - Managing

The minister is able to adapt to various situations and possesses the attitude and education that enables him or her to successfully lead the operation of a local church. The minister is well organized and able to administer time and available resources.

7. Training & Equipping - Empowering

The healthy pastor has a desire to grow people in ministry. This includes identifying giftedness and heart for ministry and then facilitating growth opportunities as part of resourcing/learning discipleship environment for church leaders.

Core Ministry Functions

The 5 Sauces and Their Ingredients for Pastoral Ministry

The 'ingredients' for ministry mix together to make our 5 basic ministry 'sauces'. Every Pastor should be able to produce the 5 key sauces of pastoral ministry – full of goodness and flavour so that they are tasty and nourishing! If local church leadership were a kitchen and the pastor was the chef, then the 5 sauces of Pastoral ministry are:



THE FIVE SAUCES

1. Relational Ministry
2. Preaching/Teaching
3. Effectiveness in Evangelism
4. Bible Studies
5. Healthy Church Leadership

MD is not about something extra but rather clarifying what we already do in ministry for more effectiveness. It is not to be a burdensome add on but rather a positive, supportive process for development that grows our team personally and professionally.

For a complete overview of MD visit: www.aucministerial.org/md or call by the MD display in the expo area.



THEN *Christ*
WILL MAKE HIS
HOME in YOUR hearts
as you
Trust
in Him... EPHESIANS 3:17

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WORKSHOP STREAM 1

Biblical
KNOWLEDGE



VENUE — LT2

WEDNESDAY

2pm **The Divinity of Jesus Part 1: Identifying the Issues**
Dr Cedric Vine
The divinity of Jesus is once more a topic of discussion amongst Adventists. This workshop will cover: (1) an overview of divine self-disclosure from the OT to the NT; (2) different ways of defining divinity; and (3) the divinity of Jesus in current NT scholarship.

3.30pm **Hermeneutical Trends Affecting Ministry and Practise**
Dr Kayle DeWaal
How do your church members read scripture and what are the implications? What would it take to grow your members in the area of hermeneutics and be able to apply scripture to current topics in a theologically sound manner.

THURSDAY

2pm **The Divinity of Jesus Part 2: Jesus and the Acts of God**
Dr Cedric Vine
In this presentation we will consider how the Evangelists fuse in the person of Jesus the OT story of Yahweh with that of His various agents.

3:30pm **Seeking Unity in Diversity: First Steps**
Dr Wendy Jackson
Paul considers diversity in the body of Christ in a positive light, but all too often diversity pulls us apart instead of working to strengthen the body of Christ. In this workshop, we will examine practical ways in which we can reduce the tensions that pull us apart and identify the first steps to lead a diverse church towards the unity that God desires.

FRIDAY

2pm **The Divinity of Jesus Part 3: A Fusion of Identities**
Dr Cedric Vine
This workshop explores how in the Gospels the presentation of Jesus is more than the sum of OT traditions. We will cover the OT backgrounds to the titles 'Son of God' and 'Son of Man' and see the Gospels merging of these two roles in a fresh and creative way.

3:30pm **By Faith Alone—Communicating the Salvation Story**
Pr Joe Webb
This workshop explores why some still have a hard time accepting salvation by faith alone. What are the false teachings that we have been plagued with? What is the difference between 'saving' and 'empowering' grace and are we still in line with the protestant reformers?

WORKSHOP STREAM 2

Communication



VENUE — LT1

WEDNESDAY

2pm **Preaching for Life Change—Evangelistic Presentations That Connect**
Pr Anthony Kent
What plan do you have to grow in your effectiveness as an evangelistic preacher? What do our best evangelistic preaches do that we can learn from? Anthony will share lessons, tools and tips from his preaching journey.

3.30pm **Connecting With the South Asian World**
Dr Cliffmond Shameerudeen
This workshop will explore how we best connect and communicate with the South Asian worldview particularly Hinduism, Jainism and Sikkism. Cliffmond Shameerudeen is the director of the General Conference Centre for South Asian Religion (CSAR).

THURSDAY

2pm **God in Pain Part 1: Rethinking Digital and Urban Discipleship**
Shelley Poole
Shelley will share a new approach to our mandate to empathise, meet needs, and share a radiant picture of Jesus, through an arts-based project exploring the question "How could a loving God allow suffering?" Highly recommended for pastors and members with a passion for creative ministry.

3:30pm **God in Pain Part 2: Meeting Real Needs in Your City**
Shelley Poole
This workshop explores innovative ways to minister to the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of the people in your city. We'll be looking at new approaches to building authentic community, exploring biblical themes and engaging Adventist fringe-dwellers for the kingdom impact

FRIDAY

2pm **#Social M3dI @ 4 M!\$51*N**
Kym Piez & Pr Cristian Copaceanu
Can social media be used to advance the gospel mission? Join us for this interactive, visual, jam-packed workshop on how to use social media to make an eternal impact in your local community and beyond.

3:30pm **Communicating Confidence in Creation**
Dr Sven Ostring & Dr Ross Grant
In this workshop, we will guide you through the philosophical, scientific, Biblical and prophetic evidence for Creation and share a set of conversation starter kits that enable you to lead people to greater confidence in our Creator.

WORKSHOP STREAM 3

Management
CHURCH LIFE



VENUE — T107

WEDNESDAY

2pm **A Journey Into Values**
Pr Llew Edwards
Values are one of the most critical aspects of healthy church life. In this workshop Llew shares the story of his convictions regarding the importance of being values-led and how that took him to see our church cultures differently. He will explore the Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy foundations of values and how they act as a compass in church decision-making.

3.30pm **Starting A Food Bank Ministry in Your Church—Why, How and Lessons Learnt**
Pr Loren Pratt & Sau Finau
Both Loren and Sau lead very effective food bank/pantry ministries. In this workshop Loren and Sau combine their wisdom in regard to what it takes to start and sustain an outward focused service ministry.

THURSDAY

2pm **Retirement Ready—Planning Now to Retire Well Part I**
Dr Bruce Manners
In a changing society, retirement itself is changing, so knowing the right questions to ask and finding credible information is all the more important. This workshop offers a practical guide to making the most of retirement and planning well for this stage of life.

3:30pm **Retirement Ready—Planning Now to Retire Well Part 2**
Dr Bruce Manners
Bruce Manners (author of *Retirement Ready?* and founder of *RetireNotes.com*) will be joined by Melanie (Mel) Tull, a Senior Financial Advisor who understands the Adventist system—including sustentation.

FRIDAY

2pm **Natural Church Development—The SDA Story**
Adam Johnstone
Adam Johnstone is the director of NCD Australia. In this workshop he will explore the latest NCD report for the Adventist Church in the AUC and what it means for our denomination and your congregation.

3:30pm **Natural Church Development—The Next Step**
Adam Johnstone
This workshop will focus on what you do with your NCD report. Adam has developed tools that help you go about the process of working with your leadership team and how to use NCD to create momentum in moving toward greater church health.

WORKSHOP STREAM 4

Training
& EQUIPPING



VENUE — E16

WEDNESDAY

2pm **Mission to Cities "Should I Not be Concerned About That Great City?"**
Dr Gary Krause
Gary will share examples of where adventist communities are making a difference in western urban environments. What values and ideas are transferable? How might your church make an impact?

3.30pm **Save the Contacts - AdHub**
Pr Cristian Copaceanu
AdHub is a new tool developed specifically for Adventist pastors and lay leaders to support contact follow-up and member visitation. This workshop will provide a brief overview of AdHub along with training and feedback on how to continue enhancing the platform.

THURSDAY

2pm **Leadership For Mission**
Dr Gary Krause
How do we go about getting church members to care about mission? What are churches doing where people are engaged? How can we move our church to be more outward focused?

3:30pm **The Missing Link—Sabbath School for Life**
Pr Cristian Copaceanu
This workshop explores an innovative approach to Sabbath School transforming it into a relational, missional group while experiencing life-changing Biblical insights each week. Simple, practical and easy to implement ideas to revitalise Sabbath School.

FRIDAY

2pm **Introducing the 'I Am' Evangelistic Series.**
Pr Sven Ostring
The 'I Am' evangelistic series has been developed to reach aspiring young professionals. It highlights the difference that Jesus brings into our lives and then leads people along a practical journey of having a relationship with Him. We'll introduce you to this new evangelistic tool which can be used in a small group, interactive youth group and online environments

3:30pm **Live and Let Learn—Online Church Member Training**
Pr Cristian Copaceanu
Bridge is an online learning platform developed by conferences and the AUC to support pastors in training members for leadership, service and evangelism. This workshop provides basic training on how to use bridge, engage members, track progress and build your own courses.

WORKSHOP STREAM 5

Leadership



VENUE — E14

WEDNESDAY

- 2pm **Leading for Planting — Tools and Tips for Starting a Church Plant**
Dr Wayne Krause
Where do I start with Church Planting? Should I plant a church? What does a church plant involve? This workshop looks at the church planting process and includes tips and tools for getting started on the church planting journey.
- 3.30pm **The Journey—Church Plant Lessons Along the Way**
Dr Wayne Krause
This workshop includes lessons learnt from church plants around the AUC. What have we found works in our context? What would we do different with hindsight? How might you learn from people along the church planting journey?

THURSDAY

- 2pm **Start With Why – End With Who**
Pr Llew Edwards
Llew considers Simon Sinek's conviction that it is organizations that know the "Why" of their existence that capture our hearts and loyalty but then argues that Sinek does not go far enough. It is the "Who" we are that matters most – and that means being values-led!
- 3:30pm **The Power of Prayer—Prayer Ministry in Your Life & Church**
Pr Greg Pratt
The heart of a healthy ministry is always a healthy connection with God through prayer. This workshop explores the power of prayer and what a healthy prayer life looks like for the pastor and the congregation. What might it take for your church to be prayer driven?

FRIDAY

- 2pm **Creating a Personal and Congregational Values Statement**
Pr Llew Edwards
Llew shares the how to and the difficulty of writing your own values statement and then considers a tool for guiding a church in creating it's values statement.
- 3:30pm **Act Your Size—Large Church Leadership Discussion**
Pr Brendan Pratt & Nimrod Maua—discussion facilitators
An interactive discussion for pastors of multi-staff churches. How does the church organism change at various sizes and how do you negotiate the transitions in a healthy way?

WORKSHOP STREAM 6

Self-Leadership AND HEALTH



VENUE — LADIES CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

- 2pm **The Live More Project—How to Live More: Happy**
Dr Darren Morton
Many people today are struggling emotionally. Ironically, over the past few decades there has been an explosion in the scientific study of what makes people happy. In this workshop we will explore evidence-based strategies for improving mental health and emotional wellbeing and how to apply them in simple ways. Participants in this workshop will gain new insights into the 'how and why' of living more, happy. This workshop will be repeated on Thursday and Friday.

- 3.30pm **Pastor and Physician: Prescription for Effective Team Ministry**
Dr Peter Landless
What does a blended ministry approach look like when pastor and physician work together effectively and become 'allies'. Dr Peter Landless has experience in both ministry areas and will share ideas for making the synergy work.

THURSDAY

- 2pm **The Live More Project—How to Live More: Happy**
Dr Darren Morton
This workshop is a repeat from Wednesday, and will be repeated again on Friday.

- 3:30pm **Applied Lifestyle Coaching in Health Ministry**
Pr Neil Thompson
This introductory workshop looks at how applied lifestyle coaching can dramatically improve follow up to your health ministry programmes. Explore how you can build people who are committed to outstanding health in every area of their lives.

FRIDAY

- 2pm **The Live More Project—How to Live More: Happy**
Dr Darren Morton
This workshop is a repeat from Wednesday and Thursday.
- 3:30pm **Managing the Pastoral Load—Boundaries and Burnout**
David Haupt
33 % of young pastors indicate a burnout within their first five years of ministry, whilst more seasoned pastors report their 'silent' struggle. Is there a better way of doing ministry? This workshop will provide steps towards not just survival, but putting joy back in your ministry.

WORKSHOP STREAM 7

Relational WISDOM



VENUE — W203

WEDNESDAY

- 2pm **Healthy Pastoral Marriage Part 1**
Dr Trafford Fischer
Finding the Balance in Ministry: Ministry can swallow our marriages. This workshop will equip you with tools to keep both your ministry and your marriage thriving.
- 3.30pm **Healthy Pastoral Marriage Part 2**
Dr Trafford Fischer
Masters of Marriage: This workshop will provide insights into the ways successful couples build and sustain a long-term, strong healthy marriage.

THURSDAY

- 2pm **Ministry in the Context of Domestic Violence—Ministry Essential**
Rae Townend
An unpacking and understanding of domestic and family violence and the Myths of Domestic Violence. What about the Men? Why doesn't she just leave? What about Adventist marriage principals? Religious abuse. Includes resources and question time.

- 3:30pm **Raising Children Who are Positive About the Church and Ministry**
Pr Glen and Pamela Townend and Family
What is the difference in pastoral families where children grow up with a positive picture of the church and ministry? Glen and Pam don't claim to be experts however they do have three adult children who love the church and who will join them for insights into their family.

FRIDAY

- 2pm **Synergising Church and School**
Dr Daryl Murdoch and Education Team
What do church communities look like when school and congregation work together well? What are we learning from the research about school, church and discipleship? This workshop will include insights from where church and school are synergising well.
- 3:30pm **We Have the Data, but What Does it Mean? Measuring the Faith Climate of Schools.**
Mark Hansen
Adventist Schools Australia recently begun a journey in utilising data to better inform it's self improvement journey. This included 'measuring' the 'Faith Climate' of our schools. If you have an interest in 'measuring' Spirituality and discussing it's implications and application, this workshop is for you.

WORKSHOP STREAM 8

Children YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



VENUE — WATSON HALL CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

- 2pm **Calling Youth & Young Adults to Leadership in Jesus**
Pr Benjamin Lundquist
8 essentials for effective leadership and how you can empower youth and young adult to lead well.

- 3.30pm **Before and Beyond Baptism – Research Project Report**
Dr Barbara Fisher
This workshop explores the challenging and encouraging findings from the extensive research that Barbara has coordinated on baptism. What do we know about effective pre-baptism and post-baptism mentoring? What about age of baptism and church engagement?

THURSDAY

- 2pm **Here2Stay—Rethinking Discipleship - Why Young People Stay With & Leave The Church**
Terry Williams
With current data telling us that the Western church has been losing more than 50% of young people every year from the church and the Christian faith, there is an urgent need to rethink how we are outworking Jesus' final command to "make disciples." A consideration of 10 key pillars may form the basis of a renewed long term discipling strategy for the children and young people in your context.

- 3:30pm **Why Children's Ministry Matters to You**
Kym Piez & Children's Ministry Team
What does a healthy children's ministry look like and how can your church be a community where children and families thrive? This workshop will include a panel of children's ministry leaders from various contexts.

FRIDAY

- 2pm **Building a Mentoring Culture at the Local Church for the Next Generation**
Pr Benjamin Lundquist
A proven model for building a culture for mentoring at any local church breathing energy, health, and purpose into all generations.
- 3:30pm **Keeping and Engaging Young People at Your Local Church.**
Pr Jeff Parker and Youth Ministry Team
While we are rightly concerned about youth retention some churches across the AUC are doing a great job of engaging young people in ministry. What happens at churches young people want to be part of and what does it mean for the churches you serve in?

WORKSHOP STREAM 9

Technology IDEAS



VENUE — W211

WEDNESDAY

- 2pm **Using LOGOS—Basic Tools and Tips**
Brock Goodall and James London
Do you have LOGOS? Do you use it effectively? LOGOS is an amazing tool for ministry however simply having it on your computer is not the point. This is a basic class that shows how LOGOS can impact your ministry.
- 3.30pm **Using LOGOS—Masterclass**
Brock Goodall and James London
Are you a regular LOGOS user? This masterclass is for those who use LOGOS often but would like to play with some of the latest features and ideas.

THURSDAY

- 2pm **Ideas that Work Part 1—Technology, Gadgets, Tools and Tips for Ministry**
Ray Pratt
Staying organized, keeping track of contacts, putting together great presentations and managing the life of your church are just some examples of where technology can help. Ray Pratt, owner of Cloud, Copy, Click and Telstra stores will share gadgets, tools and tips for the effective use of technology in your ministry.
- 3:30pm **Ideas that Work Part 2—Church of the Future Communication Technology**
Ray Pratt
How will communication technology change the face of how we connect and what does it mean for your church. Ray will give an overview of where communication technology is heading and implications for building community.

FRIDAY

- 2pm **Using the Power of Big Data for Mission**
David Jack & Royden Howie
This workshop will help you understand emerging technologies and demonstrate how church datasets and public domain data can be combined for fresh insights into our churches and the communities they serve. Become familiar with Dataview, a system being made available to local churches throughout Australia.
- 3:30pm **Using Technology to Cultivate Community**
Jinha & Roy Kim
From 'meet up' study groups to online Bible Studies and Board meetings the Melbourne City Adventist church plant is innovative in the way it uses technology to cultivate community. In this workshop Roy and Jinha will give you an overview of how it works and what to keep in mind in regard to technology and church life.

WORKSHOP STREAM 10

AdSafe



VENUE — W207

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

- 2pm **Adsafe Part 1—A Safer Church Environment Child Safety and Church Culture**
Nick Coyte
In this workshop Nick Coyte, Training and Development Specialist at AdSAFE Ltd, explores the Royal Commission and implications for the local church. This workshop includes practical advice on how to ensure that we are able to meet the requirements for compliance, without losing focus on our mission. The Workshop is designed to support the church to reduce the risk of child abuse, to respond appropriately if and when it occurs and to embed child safety into everyday thinking and practice. There will be an opportunity for Q&A.
- 3.30pm **Adsafe Part 2—Beyond the Royal Commission - Best Practice and Compliance for Faith-Based Organisations**
Ann Woodridge
Ann Woodridge from Adsafe will discuss the reality of the highly regulatory and litigious child protection landscape that we operate in. She outlines how we need to improve our responses to vulnerable groups and ensure we know what to do to be compliant in providing protection for children and the vulnerable within our churches. The workshop will have an intentional focus on the need for and implementation of Safety Agreements in order to manage offenders and the potential risks—first and foremost the safety of the vulnerable and ultimately the reputation of the church. You will receive handouts that provide an overview of the processes and also the opportunity for Q & A.

SPECIAL

Research

VENUE — LIBRARY

THURSDAY

- 2pm **Keeping Up-To-Date with Research Techniques and Tools**
Tracey Cox & Avondale Library Team
The world of research has changed. If you're involved in research or just want to access resources more effectively for study then join the Avondale Library team as they give you an overview of new research techniques and overview the databases available to alumni students of Avondale.

At The Expo

Around the edges of the College Audo you will find a range of resources and ministry support displays. Take some time to explore!



Adventist Media will have a photographer on site – update your headshot.



Look at new ministry resources from AUC Resource Centre and Signs Publishing



Drop by the tech bar and get some LOGOS tips.



In the Lower Audo you will find a gallery of oil paintings depicting Adventist History by Jade Zivanovic. Jade will be in the gallery during expo hours on Feb 7. The gallery will also be open for viewing on Sabbath afternoon.

Visit the *God in Pain* art display by Shelley Poole on the mezzanine level of the College Church Foyer. Make some time before or after the evening program to look through the display.

Make sure you visit the Tutankhamun Roadshow and chat with Pr Wayne French about this exciting new ministry.

Expo Hours

12:45-2:00pm
4:30pm-6:00pm
Wednesday to Friday

Chat through your church's NCD score with Adam Johnstone and pick up a free copy of *All By Itself—Adventist*.

NCD

We Need Your Story!

Dusty Feet—A Shepherds Journey Devotional.

As part of our Impacting the Next Generation project the Ministerial Association is working with Seeds of Faith in putting together a devotional book for 2019.

The aim of the devotional book is to share stories of God's calling, leading and guidance from our pastors. The content will be aimed toward a 12 year old with the intention of the devotional being a family worship resource. In telling stories from our pastors we aim to highlight how pastoral ministry is an adventure with God.



Each day will include a devotional story (up to 400 words), a matching Bible passage and three family worship discussion questions. The reader/family will then be invited to pray for that pastor.

So, what story comes to your mind when you think of God's leading in ministry?

Stories may be submitted at:

www.aucministerial.org/dustyfeet

Here you will find a template to work through and then submit.

Why not find a quiet place and make your contribution while we're at Empower?

WHAT STORY OF calling, leading OR inspiration WILL YOU SHARE FROM your ministry?

Youth Engagement

“50,000 Australian young people a year are leaving the Christian faith and deciding that they have no religion.”

— Philip Hughes,
Christian Research Australia

“ Our higher calling—and God’s ultimate desire—is for our students to connect, in a real way, with Him. We fight to compete for the attention of our students in a modern world that pulls at the materialistic, mind dulling, self-loving human nature in all of us. How then, can we truly nurture in our students a meaningful encounter with God? ”

— Encounter Bible Curriculum Overview

Our Children’s/Youth/Young Adult workshop stream will be focusing on the youth engagement and retention challenges. We have invited Pr Benjamin Lundquist, an innovative youth/young adult specialist to be one of our international guests at our meetings. Benjamin is a certified speaker for the Fuller Youth Institute’s Growing Young Project for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On Thursday morning Terry Williams, from

Scripture Union, will address us about the key findings of the inter-denominational Here2Stay research.

These presentations and workshops are part of the lead up to The Youth Retention and Faith Summit in May which aims to join the dots between groups already working through the issues while highlighting implications for the whole church family. It will work toward and foster implementation of recommendations that will make our church community more conducive to the healthy faith development of our young people.

It’s about synergy and how ministries work together to develop plans that work across ministries and departments. The overall strategy will include conference departments, pastors and local church leadership teams, teachers and parents combining ideas and resources to stimulate positive faith development.

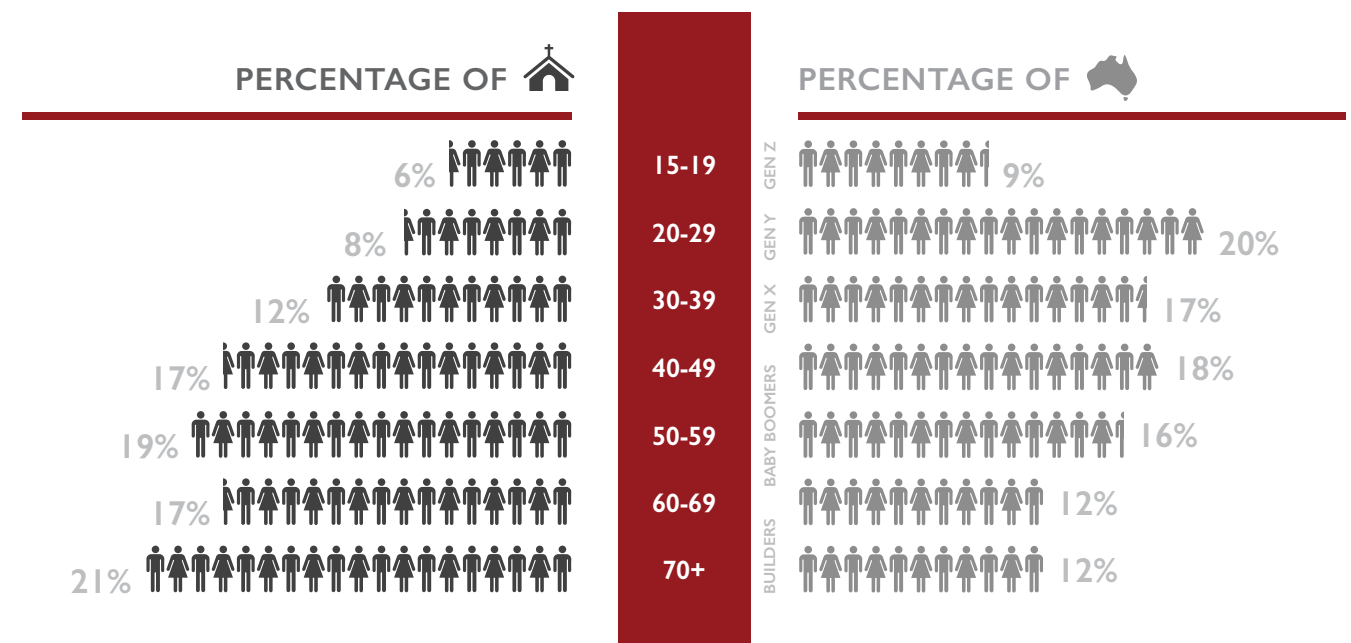
DID YOU KNOW THAT A CHILD’S WORLDVIEW is already shaped by the time they are seven? When it comes to shaping faith, there is no such thing as just babysitting. From Beginners right through to teens the picture a young person has of God is being shaped. What happens in the home, school, Sabbath School and local church is vital in helping to shape a life-long connection with God. This church is only ever one generation from extinction.

Around our Union in various forums the issue of faith development of our young people, particularly in terms of remaining active in the church community, is being discussed and addressed. Youth engagement has been listed as one of the core challenges our Union faces and the answers will take all of us.

At our Empower Minister’s Convention we are making youth retention a focus area in the lead up to the Youth Engagement Summit which will be held May 25-27 2018.

CHURCH ATTENDERS & TOTAL POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

From McCrindle Research



The Seventh-day Adventist Church is breathing new life into its Adventist health message, as part of a new strategy designed to empower our Church to thrive and meet the needs of the community.

DESIGNED TO THRIVE



THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH STRATEGY STARTS WITH YOU

The Comprehensive Health Strategy (CHS) starts with encouraging you, as a leader of our Church, to give greater focus to your own emotional wellness and your families health. We want you all to live the best life for God's service (John 10:10). This approach to minister to our employee's wellness first, will empower our people with new vitality, and lay a foundation for a stronger impact with the Church and community. The South Pacific Division (SPD) and Australian Union Conference (AUC) are investing in our leaders and pastors by offering a new emotional wellness initiative called 'The Live More Project' at the Empower Ministerial Convention.

The Live More Project has been developed in response to the increasing rates of stress, anxiety and depression in our Church and community.

The 10-part video series, features Dr Darren Morton, Senior Lecturer for Lifestyle Medicine at Avondale College of Higher Education. This innovative project takes the latest in lifestyle medicine, positive psychology and neuroscience to give you practical evidence-based strategies to increase vitality, mental health and reduce stress, anxiety and depression indicators, so you can live your best life.

"Mental health is an area that we have not dealt with before as a Church but there is a great need in the community. According to the latest Australian Psychological Society of National Stress and Wellbeing Survey, 1 in

10 adults in Australia are on anti-depressants, and anxiety symptoms were the highest they have ever been in the five years of the survey," said Dr Darren Morton.

Emotional wellness is a significant community need. The Live More Project is one tool that can be used to help us build relationships, and learn how we can meet further needs in the community.

Take your first two steps in improving your wellness by:

- 1 **Participating in The Live More Project**
- 2 **Participating in a Health Assessment**

See corresponding numbers on the next page.

CHAMPIONING CHRIST'S METHOD OF HEALTH MINISTRY

The CHS aims to equip you and your Church with tools and resources so that we can champion Christ's method of health ministry. "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" Ellen White, Ministry of Healing p 143. Meeting the communities needs and building relationships are key in winning their confidence and sharing the gospel.

"Despite our rich heritage in the area of health and wellness in the Adventist Church, our health statistics are declining", says Dr Chester Kuma, SPD Health Director.

Our Church once had an edge in this space, but we have lost ground, and now we are dealing with similar rates of lifestyle diseases as the rest of the nation.

In order to turn this situation around, the CHS is focused on collaborating with our Church, Avondale College of Higher Education, Sydney Adventist Hospital, Sanitarium, and Adventist health experts to build a world class reputation for lifestyle medicine.

7 DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS

A unique 7 Dimensions of Wellness (7DW) assessment tool has been created using a number of validated research instruments which creates a wellness score for each dimension. This shows where a person is doing well, and areas they can improve, allowing you to create a wellness improvement pathway for an individual that builds a long term relationship and engagement.

The 7 Dimensions of Wellness framework:

- Positions spiritually as part of wholistic wellness from the beginning.
- Is relevant to individuals and communities.
- Creates pathways to build relationships and learn how further needs are met.
- Engages with the wellness concerns of millennials.

The 7 Dimensions of Wellness will be available in web-site and app format as a free digital resource for the community, enabling them to find and connect to local Churches who are running wellness programs.

We want to make a big impact in the community and with health professionals so that when people think about health, they come to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Geraldine Przybylko
Division Health Strategy Consultant



1 THE LIVE MORE PROJECT

GIVE YOUR LIFE A BOOST TODAY

- One-hour session per week for a ten-week period
- Course can be done online at your convenience
- Investment: \$70 +GST per person (Check with Conference on which allowance can be used for reimbursement).
- Spouse or family member: \$30 + GST (max of 2)

SIGN UP NOW

Sign up using the email invitation, or if you have deleted it, go to www.livemore.me and press "Forgot Password?" to set a new password.

2 YOUR HEALTH ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Australasian Research Institute (ARI), San Pathology and Adventist Health (SPD) again combine their expertise to provide a valuable health screening opportunity including an ultrasound of your carotid artery and a 10 year Framingham heart health risk score. **Limited spots - Don't miss out!!**
For detailed information www.livemore.info/health

STAGE 1 REGISTRATION: TUE 6 FEB AFTER OPENING MEETING

What: Assessment registration, allocation of testing time slot and receipt of questionnaires
Where: In the College Church Foyer

STAGE 2 HEALTH TESTING: WED 7 FEB 6.30 - 8.50AM

What: Actual fasting pre-breakfast testing
Where: Ladies Chapel (Ella Boyd Chapel)

STAGE 3 HEALTH REPORTING: FRI 9 FEB 5.00 - 5.50PM

What: Receive your personal confidential reports and an explanation of the meaning of your results
Where: Ladies Chapel (Ella Boyd Chapel)

Information

MEALS

Lunch each day – apart from Sabbath, will be in meal packs. Sabbath lunch will be in the cafeteria.

Evening meals Wed-Fri are in the cafeteria in two sessions.

WED

5pm: Session 1 – NNSW, NA, SA, SNSW, SPD, GS
6pm: Session 2 – VIC, WA, QLD, AUC, TAS
Partners in Ministry tea, 5pm, Ladies Chapel.

THURS

5pm: Session 1 – WA, NA, SNSW, QLD, VIC, SPD
6pm: Session 2 – AUC, GS, NNSW, TAS, SA
Women in Pastoral Ministry tea, 5pm, Ladies Chapel.

FRI

5pm: Session 1 – AUC, NNSW, NA, SA, TAS, GS
6pm: Session 2 – SPD, WA, SNSW, QLD, VIC

Sabbath evening meal will be in a meal pack.

PURCHASING MEALS

For those who are not registered but would like to purchase meals, this can be done online at \$22.50 a meal. Visit <www.avondale.edu.au/onlinestore>.

CHOIR

If you would like to be part of a choir that joins the orchestra for Sabbath practise time is Wed and Thurs evenings at 5-6pm in the College Church. Choir members will then be in the second meal group regardless of conference.

INTERNET

1. Connect your device to the “Conference” wifi network.
2. If the authentication window does not appear, open an internet browser and navigate to <www.avondale.edu.au>.
3. Use the following credentials and follow the prompts:

CONFERENCE: AUC MM
PASSWORD: aa72B4e8

POOL

The pool is part of the FitLife gym facility. The pool will be open Tues 6am-9pm, Wed & Thurs 6am-11pm and Friday 6am-5pm.

LIBRARY

Avondale Library hours are 1pm-7pm on Tuesday-Thursday and 9am-12noon on Friday.

If you are a former Avondale student ask about library services for Alumni.

RETURN SHUTTLES

If you require the shuttle service to Newcastle airport on Sunday 11th please call past the information desk and make sure your details are included on our list.

Returning shuttle service is available to Morisset after closing Sabbath and then again to meet required trains on Sunday morning.

Newcastle airport shuttle service will be Sunday morning (please check with information desk).

RECREATION OPTIONS

Tennis, squash and sports on the field are available for use. Tennis and squash racquets and balls plus soccer, rugby and afl balls are available from the information desk. Please remember to sign borrowed equipment out and back in.

FIT LIFE GYM

Your Fit Life gym membership has been paid for the convention. Please remember your lanyard for entry.

Gym is open 6am-9pm Tues-Thurs, and 6am-5pm Friday.

SUNNYSIDE HISTORIC HOME & SOUTH SEA ISLAND MUSEUM

Sunnyside (home of Ellen White while on Cooranbong) is only a short walk from the end of girls walk at 27 Avondale Rd, Cooranbong NSW 2265, Australia. It will be open Wed 2pm-4pm and Sabbath 2pm-4pm.

HOW TO GET THE EMPOWER APP

All Empower schedules, speaker profiles, extended workshop outlines and notes will be available on the Empower Convene App. If you're a registered delegate you will have received registration instructions for the app.

Otherwise: In the App Store choose the Thomson Reuters Convene App. Sign in with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Plus or your email address.

INFORMATION DESK

Information desk will be in the College Church Foyer and open 8-9am, 10:30-11am, 7-7:30pm and 9-9:30pm.

For general questions ask one of the Empower Ask Me team wearing the red shirts or see FAQ on the convene app or visit <aucministerial.org/empower>.

LOST PROPERTY will be at the information desk.

AVONDALE COLLEGE OFFICE will be open Tues-Thurs 8.30am-5pm, and Fri 8.30am-12 noon.

ATM is available 24/7 outside the Admissions Building.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency	000
Waratah Medical Services	02 4978 1100
Cooranbong Pharmacy	02 4977 1757
Wyong Hospital	02 4394 8000

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Norwood Industries

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Signs Publishing

SPD Comprehensive Health Ministry and Adventist Health.

www.AUCMinisterial.org

Your go-to site for ministry resources, support and networking.





EMPOWER AUC MINISTERIAL CONVENTION 2018 BRINGS together over 480 pastors and 140 partners in ministry. Each one is a person called and gifted by God. As a Ministerial Association, our aim at Empower is to honour and recalibrate around that calling to ministry and create an environment that inspires and refreshes our ministerial passions along with sharpening our gifts and competencies for effective ministry.

Our theme is based on Paul's prayer of empowerment in Ephesians 3:14-21 (e3). Our focus for Empower is on growing our roots deep into Jesus and how God can do more than we can possibly imagine. How about you set yourself a challenge to use the cards and have this passage memorized by the end of the convention.

Empower is structured in a way that we cover a variety of core areas of ministry together before going deeper in the workshops. Our first program together each morning takes on more of a magazine format with interviews, resource updates and interactive worship. The second program, in the Audo around tables, groups three SUM talks (based on a TED talks format) together and includes a short discussion time after the talks. Each SUM talk will be expanded on by a following workshop.

The afternoon includes workshops and recreation. The workshops are grouped around the seven ministerial development competencies. The evening will include worship, the launch of a new resource and a plenary. It makes for a fairly intense few days which is why we have purposely made Sabbath a more relaxed time together. Sabbath morning is a highlight with the Institute of worship orchestra while Sabbath afternoon is time to take a break, sit and chat, take a walk to Sunnyside or look through the art displays before Evensong and closing Sabbath.

The planning for Empower has include a lot of prayer and dedicated people. We have an excellent team of conference ministerial secretaries who have put a lot of time into this program. Our AUC team have been very supportive particularly Jacqui Wall, who has worked many hours beyond a usual work day to make sure registrations are sorted and that details are followed through, and Jessica Symes who has looked after the graphic design and more.

In 2018 our ministerial association will continue work on implementing the MD process, intern development, resource sharing and implementing our strategy to support chaplains more effectively. Check the website for updates and for our ministerial webinars.

God Bless as you allow Him to work in and through you in 2018.

Brendan

www.aucministerial.org

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OF *Empower*
2018



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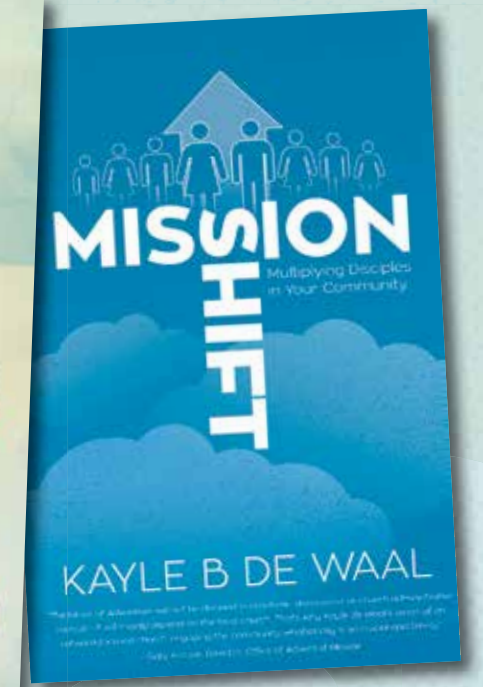
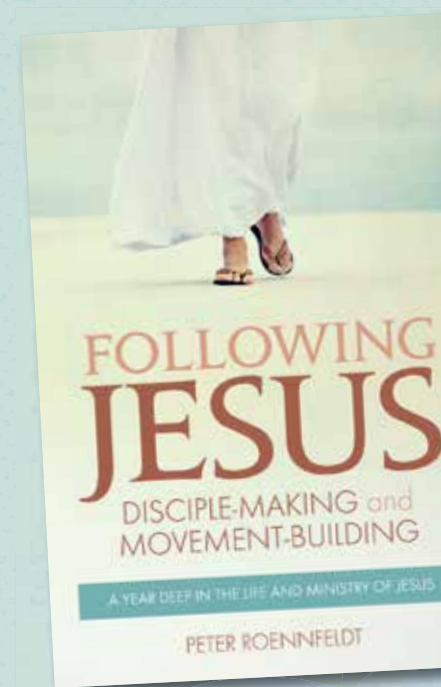
WITH DR DARREN MORTON AND OTHER GUESTS

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Grow discipleship!



"These books share the vision that we have for the church in the South Pacific—to make more and better disciples. They also give reasons for and practical suggestions in how we will live out our calling to be the last great disciple-making movement." —Glenn Townend, President, South Pacific Division

Ask your local Adventist Book Centre manager for special bulk pricing to share these resources with your church leaders and members.





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