

100 *Years*
1919-2019

Reaching families for Jesus



Adventist *Family* Ministries

Total *Family*
Involvement

2015-2020
**FAMILY
MINISTRIES**
**STRATEGIC
PLANS**

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The 2015-2020 quinquennium promises to be a dynamic and historic period for the Department of Family Ministries. Dynamic, because we will join the World Church in our own brand of Reach the World, employing the tagline Reaching Families for Jesus: Total Family Involvement as our strategic focus. The centennial celebration of Family Ministries in the Seventh-day Adventist Church during October 2019, is what will make this administrative period historic. A truly remarkable reality.

Family Ministries focuses on people in relationship. It is a ministry that provides tools for couples, parents and children, single adults, and all members of the wider family circle as they pass through life's predictable stages, and confront unexpected changes in their lives.

FAMILY MINISTRIES STRATEGIC FOCUS

Reach Up To God

1 Because Biblical understanding is so central to our spiritual life and mission:
OBJECTIVE: To involve Adventist families in regular family worship and Bible study

KPIs

- Significant increases in the number of family members engaging in individual Bible study
- Significant increases in the number of families engaging in family worship

2 Because Biblical doctrines express universal truth, and because research shows that an Adventist understanding of doctrines needs attention:
OBJECTIVE: To engage families in doctrinal study, as essential to spiritual maturity

KPIs

Significant increase among families in the understanding and acceptance of the church's Fundamental Beliefs, and in particular the following:

- Salvation by faith (FB 10)
- State of the dead and the power of prayer over witchcraft and spiritualism (FB 26, FB 11)
- The church (FB 12, FB 14)
- The Second Coming (FB 25)
- Creation (FB 6)
- Sanctuary/Investigative Judgment (FB 24)
- The nature of the Fundamental Beliefs as a whole as Bible-centered doctrines that reflect a loving, gracious God

3 Because Ellen White's writings help us to understand the Bible better and provide practical and inspired counsel to the church, especially in family relationships:

OBJECTIVE: To make all families better acquainted with Ellen White's counsel and prophetic ministry

KPIs

- Increase the reading of *The Adventist Home* and *Child Guidance*
- Better understand the process of her inspiration
- Faithful applications of her counsel for twenty-first century families
- Increase availability of her writings in local languages
- Significantly increase availability via mobile devices and on social media of her writings, and of information about her impact and ministry
- More effective use of social media to promote Ellen White's writings

REACH IN WITH GOD

4 Because the church is called to be a spiritual community characterized by love and mutual forbearance, reflecting God's love and presence:

OBJECTIVE: To enhance unity and stronger community within the families of the church

KPIs

- Provide premarital education/counseling for all couples planning to marry
- Facilitate marriage conferences and retreats to help strengthen the unity and health of married couples
- Offer parent education programs and events to support parents in raising and discipling their children
- Organize workshops for single parents, stepfamilies, single adults, and other often marginalized family groups and individuals

5 Because our Christ-given mission is to create communities of faithful disciples:

OBJECTIVE: To nurture families in a life of discipleship and to involve them in service

KPIs

- Family members express life-long commitment to the church and personal prayerful involvement in its mission
- Families will be involved in service to the church and the community
- Families will nurture their children to love God and be committed to the church
- Families will support their local church and the organization of the world church

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REACH OUT WITH GOD

Because the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church has a message to share with the world:

OBJECTIVE: To enhance Adventist outreach and presence everywhere

KPIs

- Families will involve their members in the *Mission to the Families in the Cities* initiative
- Local churches and families will utilize the *Family to Family* modality to reach out to and influence their neighbors, relatives and friends
- Families will be encouraged to participate in the Total Member Involvement - Total Family Involvement initiative
- Families will engage in mission trips and other outreach activities to win other families for Jesus



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