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**To all Pastors and Family Ministries Leaders**

Dear Pastors and Leaders:

**Re: 2023 Updates**

Please accept New Year greetings from the Family Ministries Department of the Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We are, indeed, grateful for your faithful support during the past year. Here are some updates as we go forward:

**Quadrennial Theme and Subthemes**

Theme for the Quadrennium (2022-2026)

*I Will Go: Creating & Maintaining the Ideal Home*

\*The *ideal* home is being defined within three intersecting goals - the *holy* home, the *healthy* home, and the *happy* home.

The Jamaica Union Conference requires that this year, the fields maintain an emphasis on the **mental health** of our families.

Therefore, special mention is being made of our *healthy* home objective.

Subtheme for 2023

*Becoming the Ideal Family Member: I'm In!*

\*Holy, healthy, and happy member of the family

Subtheme for 2024

*Becoming the Ideal Spouse: I do!*

\*Holy, healthy, and happy husband or wife

Subtheme for 2025

*Becoming the Ideal Parent or Child: I am!*

\*Holy, healthy, and happy parent or child

**Christian Home & Marriage Week**

February 11-18 has been calendared by the General Conference as Christian Home & Marriage Week. We commend our congregations who have coordinated a nightly series for the entire week. Still, each church is encouraged to at least carry the Family Ministries focus on the Sabbaths, and your Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

**Resources**

To supplement the creative plans you already have to engage the families in your congregation and communities, the following files are attached:



- 2023 Calendar of Events
- *The Tale of Two Families* - Sermon suggestion for Christian Home & Marriage Day(February 11 or 18)
- General Conference Resource Manual

## **Couples Retreat**

Mark your calendars! June 2-4 is Couples Retreat! We are asking that each church sponsor one married couple. The rewards in enriched relationships and strengthening of Godly affection will be worth your budget. Of course, couples are also being encouraged to save towards the event, as a special treat for themselves. Please look out for the promotion that will provide details on this event.

## **Quarterly Family Feature**

You will notice that the Calendar carries a *Special Family Feature* at the beginning of each quarter. Please own this segment (plan your own activity) and make it an outstanding part of the day's programme. You may find it helpful to allow different families within your congregation to run this feature each quarter.

Every leader and congregation are encouraged to keep evangelism and discipling as the purpose for celebrating marriages and families. By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us ardently prepare each family for the Kingdom of God. Thanks again for your commitment to this ministry. God's blessings for an exceptional 2023!

Respectfully,

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