

# Preface

Welcome to the 2009 Family Ministries Planbook: *Families Building Relationships for Now and Eternity*. This manual has been designed as a resource tool to complement the special family emphasis periods in the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Calendar of Special Days and Events. This resource is divided into two main sections corresponding to the two weeks of emphasis. The three special Sabbath days are listed within these weeks.

*Christian Home and Marriage Week – February 7-14*

*Christian Marriage Day – February 14*

*Christian Parenting Day – February 21*

*Family Togetherness Week – October 17-24*

*Family Fellowship Day – October 17*

The resources for sermons, seminars, children stories and other material found within will aid your preparation for events and programming that will enable individuals, families and church relationships to be enriched.

The material for 2009 has been prepared by Family Ministry teams from across the Trans-European Division, which has acted as the lead division in the preparation process. We have also worked in consultation with the Family Ministries Directors of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division and the Southern Asia Division. The task forces from the various TED unions offer these practical resources as a guide for their fields and for use throughout the world field.

We trust that *Families Building Relationships for Now and Eternity* will be used by pastors and family ministries practitioners to strengthen relationships in the family and in the church.

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