

Preface

Welcome to the 2010 Family Ministries Planbook: *Becoming Family*. This manual has been designed as a resource tool to complement the special family emphasis weeks in the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Calendar of Special Days and Events. The three special Sabbath days are listed within these weeks.

Christian Home and Marriage Week, February 13-20

- *Christian Marriage Day, February 13*
- *Christian Parenting Day, February 20*

Family Togetherness Week, September 5-11

- *Family Fellowship Day, September 11*

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.

Much of the material for 2010 has been prepared by Family Ministry teams from across the Euro-Africa Division, the Inter-American Division and the West-Central Africa Division with Euro-Africa acting as the lead division in the preparation process. Karen and Ron Flowers of the General Conference Family Ministries have acted as our editors, incorporating other materials to help round out the manuscript.

We trust that *Becoming Families* will serve pastors and family ministries leaders well in strengthening relationships in the family and in the church.

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