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ASIAN/PACIFIC PASTORS' CONVENTION

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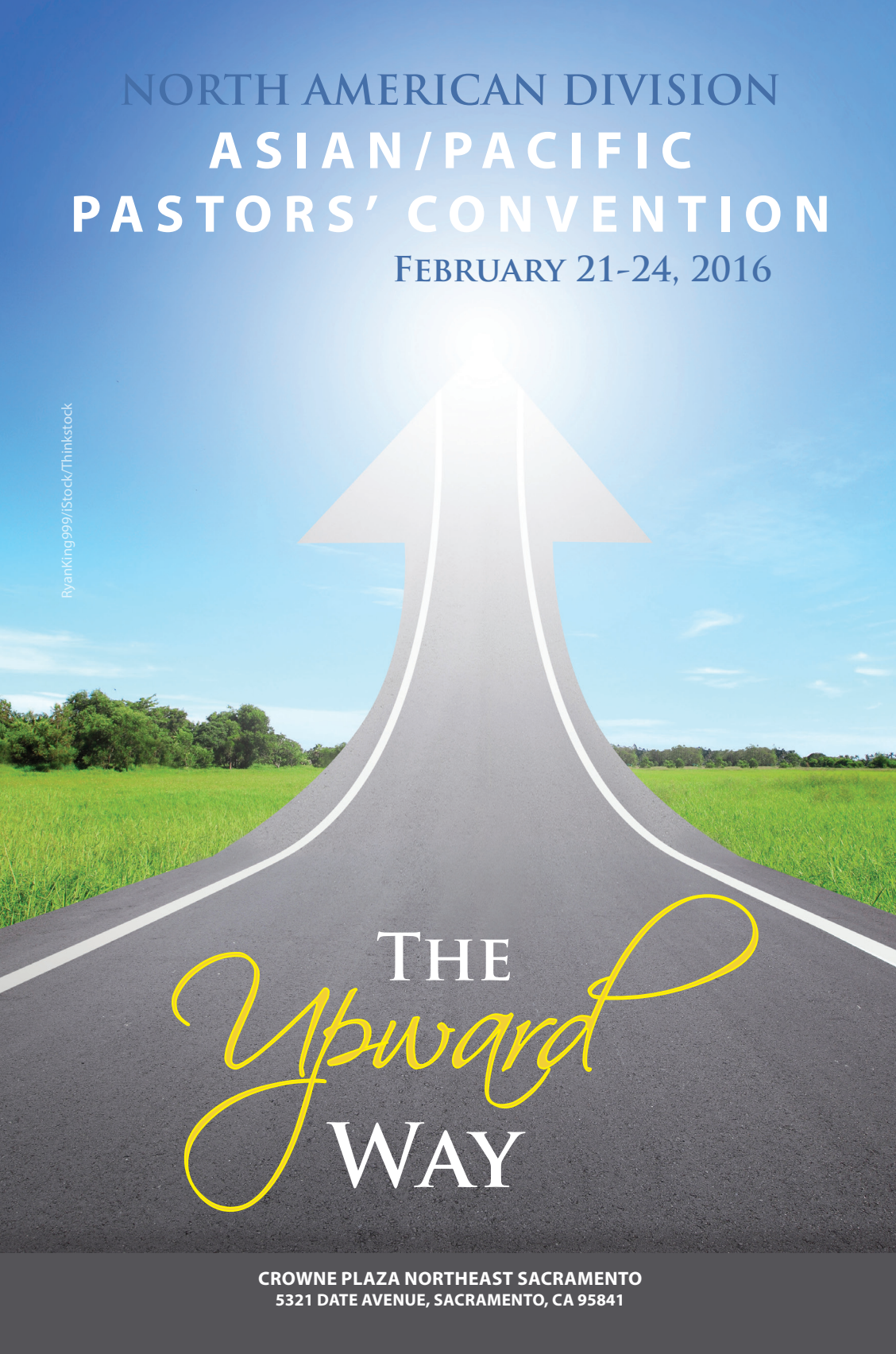

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THE *Upward* WAY

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Greetings

Dear Convention Delegates:

Welcome to our 2016 NAD Asian/Pacific Pastors' Convention here in the city of trees and rivers!

We are all in a journey to "The Upward Way," our theme that will propel our spiritual fellowship as we meet as pastors and spouses in the next few days. To inspire us as we convene together, the messenger of the Lord said: "As we journey in the upward way, let us talk of the blessings strewn along the path. As we think of the mansions Christ is preparing for us, we forget the petty annoyances which we meet day by day. We seem to breathe the atmosphere of the heavenly country to which we are journeying, and we are soothed and comforted....Let us honor God by weaving more of Jesus and heaven into our lives." E. G. White, *My Life Today*, 338.4.

May the blessings of heaven be upon us as we enjoy the higher ground experience! Come on board!

Sincerely,

VicLouis Arreola III, PhD
Director, Asian/Pacific Ministries
North American Division and Pacific Union Conference

Greetings

Greetings!

I pray that the time you share together in the next few days will bring each of you a personal blessing!

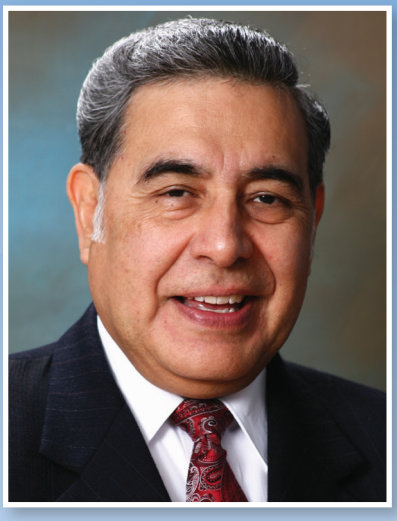
May God's Spirit touch you with a new vision of how we may cooperate together to complete His task on our planet.

I look forward to being with you on Wednesday morning.

Your brother-in-Christ,

Daniel R. Jackson
President, North American Division

Greetings



Dear Pastor to the 2016 NAD Asian/Pacific Pastors' Conference:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this Pastors' Conference. I am very pleased and excited to hear and to know of the many accomplishments that have and are presently taking place in our Asian/Pacific Ministries. There is no doubt in my mind that God is richly blessing His people.

I am certain that you have taken Sister White's word seriously when she says in the book, *Acts of the Apostles*, **"The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world."** You are definitely taking the gospel to those closest to you.

Along with my fellow administrators, I applaud your membership growth and encourage you to continue to spread the gospel of Jesus all the more as you see the Day approaching.

As we gather for this Pastors' Conference, let us all be inspired by this our calling and as we prepare to leave, may each one of us determine to be living examples of our theme as we give testimony to the fact that we will take to heart, "THE UPWARD WAY."

Together in His Service,

R. Ernest Castillo
Vice President, North American Division

Greetings

Dear Attendees:

It is a great privilege to be present at this year's Asian/Pacific Pastors' Convention.

I am excited because the challenge before us is still to share the gospel with the varied and diverse people groups in this part of the vineyard.

May the Lord give us an "Upward Way" experience these next few days to spur us onward till Jesus returns.

In the Master's Service,

Ivan Williams Sr., DMin
Director, Ministerial Department
North American Division

Greetings

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Pacific Union Conference, I greet the conveners and attendees of the 2016 Asian/Pacific Pastors Convention. I am happy that Audrey and I can be with you for a portion of these meetings.

The convention theme is "The Upward Way." As each of you opens your heart to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you will indeed be led to follow "The Upward Way." You will be blessed abundantly and uplifted spiritually to meet the challenges that come your way.

May the Holy Spirit bless you as you worship and fellowship together, may you be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and may you continue to work diligently to hasten that day when we can look up into the sky and see Jesus coming in His full glory.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Graham

Ricardo Graham, DMin
President, Pacific Union Conference

Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Morning & Afternoon Events • Maricel P. Felarca, Assistant

9:00-12:30	NAD APM Advisory 1	Cypress Room
1:30-3:30	NAD APM Advisory 2	Cypress Room
3:30-6:30	Registration	Lobby

Opening Night • James Miho Lim, Coordinator

6:30-6:45	Song Service	
6:45-7:30	Welcome Remarks	VicLouis Arreola III, APM R. Ernest Castillo, NAD Ted Benson, PUC Jim Pedersen, NCC
7:30-8:30	Keynote Address	Ricardo Graham
8:30-9:30	Ministry Feature 1	A. Allan Martin
	Ministerial Spouses Session 1	Audrey Graham

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Morning Session • Samuel Lee, Coordinator

9:00-10:00	Devotional	John Bradshaw
10:00-11:00	Plenary Session 1	Clifford Goldstein
11:00-12:00	Plenary Session 2	Dave Gemmell
	Ministerial Spouses Session 2	Berit von Pohle

Midday Meditation/Afternoon Session • David Madrid, Coordinator

12:00-1:00	Message	Shiphrah Fepuleai
1:00-02:30	Lunch	
2:30-3:30	Plenary Session 3	Neil Nedley
	Ministerial Spouses Session 3	Pamela Consuegra
3:30-4:30	Plenary Session 4	P. Richard Choi
	Ministerial Spouses Session 4	Deirdre Martin & A. Allan Martin
4:30-6:00	Language Group Meetings/Dinner	

Evening Session • Ulysses Guarin, Coordinator

6:00-6:20	Song Service	
6:20-6:40	Community Chaplaincy	Geofrey Tio
6:40-7:00	Evangelism	Anthony Zeman
7:00-8:00	Ministry Feature 2	Alan Reinach
8:00-9:00	Message	Mansfield Edwards

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Session • Glenn Sta. Ana, Coordinator

9:00-10:00	Devotional	R. Ernest Castillo
10:00-11:00	Plenary Session 5	John Mathews
	Ministerial Spouses Session 5	Imelda C. Arreola
11:00-12:00	Plenary Session 6	Ross Winkle

Midday Meditation/Afternoon Session • Manuao Mauia, Coordinator

12:00-1:00	Message	Clifford Goldstein
1:00-2:30	Lunch	
2:30-3:30	Plenary Session 7	Johnny Ramirez-Johnson
3:30-4:30	Plenary Session 8	Friedbert Ninow
	Ministerial Spouses Session 6	Jennifer Newton
4:30-6:00	Language Group Meetings/Dinner	

Evening Session • Rolando Baysa, Coordinator

6:00-6:20	Song Service	
6:20-6:30	ASI	Dan Houghton
6:30-7:00	Vision 2028	Joeveney Macabeo
7:00-8:00	Ministry Feature 3	Sung Kwon
8:00-9:00	Message	Brad Newton

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Closing Ceremony • Elizer Sacay, Coordinator

9:00-10:00	Devotional	Ivan Williams Sr.
10:00-11:00	Plenary Session 9	Claudio Consuegra & Pamela Consuegra
	Ministerial Spouses Session 7	Donna Jackson
11:00-12:00	Plenary Session 10	Jose Cortes Jr.
12:00-1:00	Final Keynote	Daniel R. Jackson
1:00-2:00	Consecration	R. Ernest Castillo VicLouis Arreola III

Continuing Education
Attendance to each plenary session is equivalent to one hour of continuing education credit—a total of 10 hours.

IDs
IDs must be worn at all times during the sessions.

Meals for Attendees
- Breakfast - arranged by NAD Asian/Pacific Ministries
- Lunch - by conferences/unions; contact your conference Asian/Pacific coordinator
- Dinner - by Language Group Advisories

Quick Tips

Meals for Guest Speakers
- Submit meal receipts to NAD Asian/Pacific Ministries

Pastoral Banquet
(Wednesday, February 24, 12 p.m.)
- Hosted by the NAD Asian/Pacific Ministries
- Ticket is required

Restaurants
- A list of restaurants near the hotel can be obtained at the front desk

Sessions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address.....Ricardo Graham
"Jesus: The Upward Way"
What is our main point of presentation to the world around us?

8:30 p.m. Ministry Feature 1.....A. Allan Martin
"Engaging Adventist Millennials: A Church Embracing Relationships"
Amidst the startling statistics of young people leaving the church, Dr. Martin presents a beneficial analysis of Adventist millennials and offers research-based recommendations for engaging and empowering next generations in the mission of the church. This interactive session will offer helpful steps and resources for pastors and ministry leaders.

8:30 p.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 1 .....Audrey Graham
"Jesus, Your Real Friend"
As women whose lives are filled with activity—juggling the demands of home, work, church, and relationships, we may sometimes feel overwhelmed, misunderstood, and alone. We must remember that all along the way we have a "real" friend—Jesus, who loves and supports us.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 a.m. Devotional ..... John Bradshaw
"Building the Wall"
Discover the solutions for the challenges being faced on the front lines of ministry.

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session 1 ..... Clifford Goldstein
"The Seeker"
My quest to know truth no matter where it led me.

11:00 a.m. Plenary Session 2 ..... Dave Gemmell
"Pastor: Profession or Calling?"
Can a pastor be a professional but not called to ministry? Can a pastor be called but not professional? We will explore this tension as we seek to reach our full potential as effective pastors.

11:00 a.m. Spouses Session 2 ..... Berit von Pohle
"How to Talk So Teens Will Listen"
Have you noticed a change in your children's willingness to listen as they are reaching adolescence? Are your preteens or teens less interested in your suggestions? As children go through various developmental stages on their way to adulthood, adjustments are needed in parenting. We will discuss concepts that will help you develop and maintain appropriate boundaries for your teens while encouraging independence and self-reliance. Enjoy your teenagers—follow the spiritual admonition to "train up a child..."

12:00 p.m. Midday Meditation ..... Shiphrah Fepuleai
"'A Staring Problem"
Have you ever met someone with a staring problem? How much gets done when you're staring at something—or worse, someone? What is the solution to our church's issues when it comes to…well, staring?

2:30 p.m. Plenary Session 3 ..... Neil Nedley
"Enhancing Emotional Intelligence for Pastors"
Find out why increasing your emotional intelligence is the key to a successful, happy, and thriving pastoral district. What are the necessary steps that improve your ability to know and understand your emotions and the emotions of others? How do you respond to those emotions in the healthiest way possible?

2:30 p.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 3 ..... Pamela Consuegra
"Life Under a Magnifying Glass"
What are the challenges of living a ministerial family life under a magnifying glass? What are the practical ways in dealing with all of the prying eyes?

3:30 p.m. Plenary Session 4 ..... P. Richard Choi
"The Blessings of Jesus"
Is there really a discrepancy between the Old and New Testaments regarding earthly blessings? Why did many OT saints like Abraham and Solomon enjoy material blessings but NT saints like the apostles rejected earthly riches and lived in poverty?

03:30 p.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 4 ..... Deirdre Martin & A. Allan Martin
"The ABCs and Ds of Young Adult Relationships: Discipling the Next Generation"
How do we make a positive impact in the lives of millennials in the midst of the new technological age? What difference can we make, for Christ's sake, in the hearts of the largest generation in the history of the world? Learn about the practical keys for mentoring next generations, important for every Adventist to implement.

7:00 p.m. Ministry Feature 2 ..... Alan Reinach
"The Future of Religious Freedom and the Adventist Church"
Dr. Ben Carson's presidential candidacy has caused some confusion about what Adventists believe concerning religious freedom. Yet, it has also provided opportunities for leaders to gain media exposure for the church, identifying religious liberty as its core value. What does religious freedom mean to us and what future challenges may we anticipate? How can your church incorporate religious liberty into its ministry?

8:00 p.m. Message ..... Mansfield Edwards
"In These Last Days"
Find new inspirations on 2 Timothy 4:1-3.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 a.m. Devotional ..... R. Ernest Castillo
"What Are We Doing Here?"
Are we a part of another Protestant denomination or of a unique, special church? What are some reasons why God, in His great wisdom, put us in this world—just to be another church or what?

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session 5 ..... John Mathews
"Trusting in the Brain Candy"
Money is the god of this world and materialism is its religion. We are all affected by our culture. How do we thrive in a culture that has an economic system of borrow and spend when the Bible teaches to save and invest? This presentation explains the chaos we live in and the antidote for successful living. Stewardship is a walk of faith.

10:00 a.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 4 ..... Imelda C. Arreola
"Optimal Health: What Really May Surprise You!"
Good health is a treasure that each individual should strive to value and develop during a lifetime. It is a complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing, not merely the absence of disease.

11:00 a.m. Plenary Session 6 ..... Ross Winkle
"Fluvial Fantasy? The Liquid Temple and the Spirit"
What is Jesus Christ doing now? Seventh-day Adventists have taken a special interest in the doctrine of the sanctuary throughout their history, particularly focusing on the ministry of Jesus as our heavenly high priest. But the biblical sanctuary was not just about such concepts as law, sin, mediation, judgment, sacrifice, and ritual. It also conveyed truths about healing, vitality, life, abundance, transformation, and the outpouring of the Spirit. It is these latter truths that can help transform our understanding of and appreciation for Jesus' ministry in the heavenly sanctuary.

12:00 p.m. Midday Meditation ..... Clifford Goldstein
"The Thief on the Cross"
What does the thief on the cross teach about salvation?

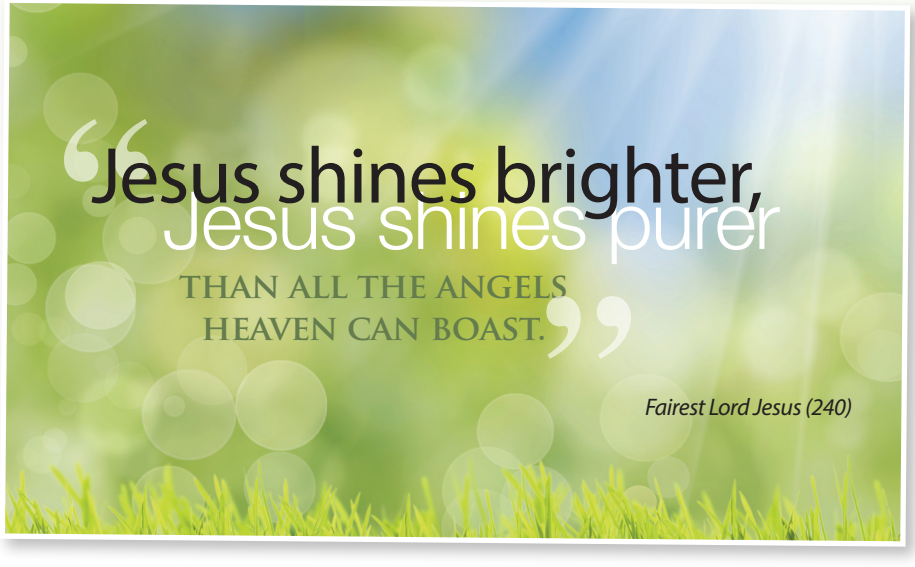
2:30 p.m. Plenary Session 7 ..... Johnny Ramirez-Johnson
"Christ Is the Center of Intercultural Ministry: A New Testament Model for Multicultural Ministry"
A practical theology reading of Acts 6:1-7 to learn New Testament models on how to deal with ethnic conflict and promote reconciliation.

3:30 p.m. Plenary Session 8 ..... Friedbert Ninow
"Entering the Gates of the Temple"
After a short historical introduction, take a virtual tour around the temple mount to survey the remains and traces of the Herodian Temple which are still visible today. Are there possible remains on top of the temple mount?

3:30 p.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 6 ..... Jennifer Newton
"The ABCs of Budgeting"
Learn money management strategies and budgeting tips as simple as ABC.

7:00 p.m. Ministry Feature 3 ..... Sung Kwon
"The Leader as Servant"
The old command and control model is dead. The entire business world has changed. Leadership is about pulling people to succeed. Lead with a whole new skill to become a vital part of your organization's future.

8:00 p.m. Message ..... Brad Newton
"Lift Him Up"
The cross of Jesus is the central focus of our ministry and witness to the world. Our work as ministers is to uplift the Jesus of the cross and as John 12:32 says, this message will draw all people to Him. We will explore the ways to do this in our churches and communities.



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

09:00 a.m. Devotional ..... Ivan Williams Sr.
"Heir-dentity"
In a world where perceptions, labels, and ideologies rule, God has given us an identity through His Son.

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session 9 ..... Claudio Consuegra & Pamela Consuegra
"A Balancing Act"
A pastor's schedule is unpredictable, unrelenting, and unstructured. At the same time, the demands of ministry may intrude into the pastors' family life. Find out how to maintain a healthy balance between pastoral responsibilities and family life. This seminar gives you PERMISSION to set boundaries.

10:00 a.m. Ministerial Spouses Session 7 ..... Donna Jackson
"Crucibles in the Life of a Pastor's Wife"
Explore through short videos and small group discussion the three topics in the journey of ministerial spouses: the calling, the unwanted move, and Sabbath morning stress.

11:00 a.m. Plenary Session 10 ..... Jose Cortes Jr.
"These Three Things"
There are many essential ingredients in pastoral ministry and these three things are not just essential but vital in the personal, family, ministerial, and evangelistic lives of pastors and their spouses. Without them nothing can work and be long-lasting in our lives as servants of God and humanity.

12:00 p.m. Final Keynote ..... Daniel R. Jackson
"The Grand Collaboration"

Speakers

Dr. Imelda C. Arreola is the coordinator of NAD Asian/Pacific Ministerial Spouses Association and director of academic affairs of Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry. She is an educational consultant and a community health and family educator. She is married to Dr. VicLouis Arreola III. They are blessed with a son, Pastor VicLouis Arreola V.

Dr. VicLouis Arreola III serves as director of Asian/Pacific Ministries of the North American Division and Pacific Union Conference. He is a church growth strategist, executive leadership coach, adjunct professor, and international evangelist. He continues to train many pastors and church leaders in North America and abroad. He stays passionate in proclaiming God's grace through Our Great Hope Ministries and conducting evangelistic and revival meetings. He is the president of Pacific Institute of Christian Ministry (PICM), an equipping ministry which he founded in 2006.

Pastor John Bradshaw is the speaker/director of It Is Written, an international broadcast media ministry based in Tennessee. He conducts evangelistic projects worldwide, speaks at partnership meetings, writes books, and leads his team in positively impacting the world for Christ's soon return. He has conducted more than 100 evangelistic series in six out of seven continents and in hundreds of cities. He and his wife, Melissa, have two children—Jacob and Shannon.

Elder R. Ernest Castillo was elected as vice president of the North American Division in 2005 to serve and lead the 13 multiethnic groups, comprising about one-third of the division's aggregate membership. He has served the church in different capacities as a pastor, director, and administrator. His leadership continues to inspire language groups across

the division. Elder Castillo has two sons with his wife, Sarah. Raul is the vice president of Risk Management at Loma Linda University and Loma Linda Medical Center, and Robert is the associate director of athletics department at La Sierra University. They have four lovely grandchildren—Maya, Emily, Ashton, and Ethan.

Dr. P. Richard Choi is a professor and chair of New Testament department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. His recent scholarly contributions include the 'Introductions' and the 'Notes' for Romans, Galatians, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and Philippians in *The Andrews Study Bible*, "The Pauline Epistles" in *Servants and Friends* (2014), and the 'Study Helps' for lessons 2, 7, 8, and 9 in the teacher's edition of the *Sabbath School Lesson* on Proverbs (2015). His areas of expertise are Paul, Jesus, New Testament Ethics, the Septuagint, the Pseudepigrapha, and Early Judaism. He is married to Louise and they have two grown children.

Dr. Claudio Consuegra is the director of Family Ministries of the North American Division. He has pastored in various conferences throughout the United States and has served as a chaplain, marriage and family counselor, department director, and administrator. He and his wife, Pamela, work as a team in various conferences. They have served as hosts for a live call-in family show for LifeTalk Radio and have authored numerous journal articles and several books. They have two daughters—Diana, an English teacher at Tacoma Academy, and Hadassah, a general surgery resident in Pennsylvania.

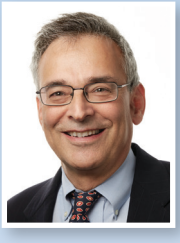
Dr. Pamela Consuegra teams up with her husband, Dr. Claudio Consuegra, in serving as director of Family Ministries of the North American Division. She has served as a teacher, academy principal, and superintendent of schools. The Consuegras have a rich background in the area of family ministries and are passionate about helping others in building strong, healthy marriages and families for God's kingdom.

Pastor Jose Cortes Jr. treasures and loves Joanne Cortes, his wife and companion in ministry. They are blessed with two boys, Jose III and Joel Benjamin. Next to God and family, his greatest joy and passion come from ministry. He has over 23 years of pastoring, soul winning, church planting, and serving as conference and union departmental director. He currently serves as associate ministerial director for evangelism for the North American Division and responsible for outreach, transformational evangelism, global mission, church planting, church growth, and Mission to the Cities. He continually asks the Holy Spirit for a double portion of love, vision, courage, grace, wisdom, power, and compassion to reach, retain, and reclaim others for Christ.

Dr. Mansfield Edwards is the president of Ontario Conference in Canada. During his seven-year tenure as a pastor of Apple Creek SDA Church in Markham, he founded the TV program, "Discover the Power," aired around the world via satellite on Vision TV and Hope TV. He is a recipient of distinguished awards including the Mayor's Award for his outstanding contribution to the city of Markham in 2008 and for community leadership in 2010. He and his wife, Sharon, are blessed with two sons—Craig and Matthew.

Pastor Shiphrah Fepuleai is currently the young adult pastor at Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, California. Straight out of the MDiv program at Andrews University, she began her pastoral ministry in June 2011. Her very first weekend "on the job" involved a plane ride on China Airlines for a mission trip to Thailand. She is the daughter of Pastor Aleni and Sepela Fepuleai of the Vista Samoan SDA Church.

Dr. Dave Gemmell is the associate director of ministerial department of the North American Division. His role is to discover, develop, and distribute resources for NAD pastors. He also serves as a volunteer associate pastor for New Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fulton, Maryland. His wife, Eileen, is a family nurse practitioner. They have three grown children—Nathan, Rika, and Jacob.



Elder Clifford Goldstein is the editor of the Adult Bible Study Guide, an adult Sabbath School resource used by millions in Adventist churches around the world. He has authored numerous books and has written hundreds of articles in various publications both within and outside the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has served as editor of Liberty magazine for six years. Aside from his passion in writing and studying, he is also a public speaker and a lover of philosophy. He currently hosts Hope Channel's program, "CLIFF!" He and his wife, Kimberly, have two adult children, Zachary and Hannah.

Mrs. Audrey Graham is a teacher and department chair at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Senior High School in Stockton, California, where she has taught for the last 24 years. She has initiated Women's Prayer and Bible Study Ministries in Market and E. Street SDA Church in Stockton and Capitol City SDA Church in Sacramento. She is an avid world traveler with only three more continents left on her 'bucket list.' She is married to Dr. Ricardo Graham and they have two adult children, Jessica and Jonathan.

Dr. Ricardo Graham is the president of Pacific Union Conference. He has pastored several churches in Lake Region Conference and Northern California Conference before assuming administrative responsibilities. He was elected as executive secretary of the Northern California Conference in 1995 and president in 2001. He became the executive secretary of Pacific Union Conference in February 2006. He enjoys writing and has been published in *Ministry Magazine*, *Message Magazine, Signs of the Times* (Australia) and the *Adventist Review*. His wife, Audrey Weir-Graham, is an educator.

Elder Dan Jackson was elected as president of the North American Division in 2010 and re-elected for another five-year term at the General Conference Session in San Antonio, TX in 2015. He has served the church as a pastor, teacher, and administrator. He was a former president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. He and his wife, Donna, are blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Donna Jackson is the coordinator of Ministerial Spouses Association of the North American Division. She has served as director of Family and Women's Ministries of the Ontario Conference and liaison coordinator for Women's Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

Dr. Sung Kwon is the director of Adventist Community Services of the North American Division. He has served as a pastor in the Allegheny East Conference and had the privilege of planting the Korean congregation as a company under the favoring influence of the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dayton, Ohio. He was recognized in the "40 Under 40: Dayton's Brightest Young Business Leaders" by the Business News of Dayton, Ohio in 2000. He has earned the designation of chaplain for Civil Air Patrol – US Air Force Auxiliary, Pi Lambda Theta – National Honor Society of Educators, and Society of Certified Senior Advisors.

Dr. A. Allan Martin is the teaching pastor of Younger Generation Church [www.YGchurch.com], the vibrant young adult ministry of the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church in Texas. He is an adjunct faculty for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, specializing in discipleship and family ministry. He tours internationally with his wife, Deirdre, speaking about relationships and equipping new generations in Christian lifestyle and leadership.

Mrs. Deirdre Martin is a neonatal intensive care nurse at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, TX. She is an avid tri-athlete, recently completing her first half Ironman. Alexandria, her lovely daughter with her husband, Dr. A. Allan Martin, is a nursing student at Southern Adventist University.

Dr. John Mathews is the stewardship director of the North American Division. He has served as a pastor in Florida, Alabama, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, and Nebraska. His passion is teaching stewardship principles, especially as they relate to the spirituality of money management in postmodern culture. His wife, Janice Schram-Mathews, is a nurse practitioner. They have one married daughter, Angela, and are proud grandparents.

Dr. Neil Nedley is a practicing physician in internal medicine with emphasis in gastroenterology, mental health, lifestyle medicine, and the difficult-to-diagnose patient. He has provided continuing education courses to physicians and health professionals around the globe and has authored various studies that have been published in the peer-reviewed medical literature. He has also given numerous health education seminars to general public audiences worldwide. He has created a highly successful test in identifying areas that an individual can do to improve depression, anxiety, and emotional intelligence, and has developed DVD/workbook-based educational programs in these areas, including optimizing the brain. This test helps determine the specific operative causes that impair mental performance. He is the founder and author of the highly successful *Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program*™.

Dr. Brad Newton is the executive secretary and ministerial director of Pacific Union Conference. He has served as president of the Nevada-Utah Conference and as government relations director and associate director of the public affairs and religious liberty department of the Pacific Union Conference. He has pastored the Simi Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern California and a number of congregations in Illinois Conference. He has two children with his wife, Jennifer Christian-Newton. Amanda works in the finance department at Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Tyler is the employment manager at Sonora Regional Medical Center in Sonora, California.

Mrs. Jennifer Newton is the associate ministerial secretary of Pacific Union Conference on a volunteer basis. She serves as the department's event planner and provides support to pastoral spouses and families. She previously worked as assistant vice president and regional audit manager for GMAC Commercial Finance. She now runs her own consulting business in health care management. Her proudest achievements include being a wife to Bradford, mother to Amanda and Tyler, and new grandmother to Macy.

Dr. Friedbert Ninow is the dean of HMS Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University. He has served as a pastor for several years in Germany before he became president of Friedensau Adventist University from 2011 to 2015 where he also taught as professor of Old Testament and biblical archaeology. He has two adult sons with his wife, Bernina.

Dr. Johnny Ramirez-Johnson is a professor of religion, psychology, and culture at Loma Linda University. He previously taught at the Seminario Latinoamericano in San José, Costa Rica and Fuller Theological Seminary. He has authored two books—*A Way Up the Ladder, Motivation Achievement Via Religious Ideology: An Ethnography of a Seventh-day Adventist Puerto Rican Church* and *AVANCE: A Vision for a New Mañana*. He has written many articles dealing with the role of culture in church affairs and was involved in planting churches around the world. He volunteers as chaplain at Saint Bernadine Medical Center, mentors at a local Hispanic church, and conducts Bible studies and pastoral care counseling for LLU students and the community.

Atty. Alan Reinach is the executive director of Church State Council, the religious liberty ministry of Pacific Union Conference. He has served in this capacity for the past 22 years and has faithfully labored in protecting and defending religious freedom. He actively litigates discrimination cases for Adventist workers, such as those fired on account of Sabbath scheduling conflicts. He also hosts a weekly radio show, "Freedom's Ring," and supervises the council's active legislative program.

Dr. Berit von Pohle is the director of education department of Pacific Union Conference. She has worked for 35 years in several educational settings as an academy teacher, guidance counselor, and principal. She has served as superintendent of schools for Northern California Conference and currently serves on several committees of the North American Division.

Dr. Ross Winkle is a professor of New Testament and chair of religion department at Pacific Union College. He is an ordained minister and has pastored for 13 years. He has given academic presentations on various aspects of biblical interpretation for the Society of Biblical Literature in Baltimore, Boston, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, Vienna (Austria), and Edinburgh and St. Andrews (both in Scotland). He and his wife, Darla, have three children—Tristan, Elise, and Alexis.

Dr. Ivan Williams is the director of ministerial department of the North American Division. He also currently serves as chaplain for the California State Assembly and for the 129th California Air National Guard Rescue Wing. He is the president of Brighter Hope Ministries, Inc., a multifaceted media ministry with weekly broadcasts on various radio and television stations around the country. His pastoral ministry spans over 25 years in three conferences—South Atlantic Conference, Southeastern California Conference, and Northern California Conference. He is married to Kathleen Scott-Williams. They have two children—Imani and Ivan II.

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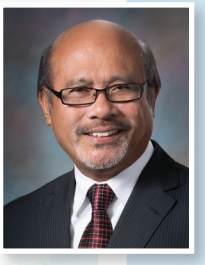

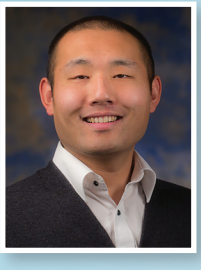

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ALL THAT THRILLS MY SOUL (189)
Who can cheer the heart like Jesus,
By His presence all divine?
True and tender, pure and precious,
Oh, how blest to call Him mine!

Refrain:
All that thrills my soul is Jesus;
He is more than life to me; (to me;)
And the fairest of ten thousand,
In my blessed Lord I see.

Love of Christ so freely given,
Grace of God beyond degree,
Mercy higher than the heaven,
Deeper than the deepest sea.

Every need His hand supplying,
Every good in Him I see;
On His strength divine relying,
He is All in All to me.

By the crystal flowing river
With the ransomed I will sing,
And forever and forever
Praise and glorify the King.

AMAZING GRACE (108)
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

BECAUSE HE LIVES (526)
God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because
He lives.

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE! (462)
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

BURDENS ARE LIFTED AT CALVARY (476)
Days are filled with sorrow and care,
Hearts are lonely and drear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

Refrain
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary,
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

Cast your care on Jesus today,
Leave your worry and fear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

Troubled soul, the Saviour can see,
Ev'ry heartache and tear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary
Jesus is very near.

THE CHURCH HAS ONE FOUNDATION (348)
The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

DAY BY DAY (532)
Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He Whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day, the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear,
and cheer me,
He Whose Name is Counselor and Power;
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble
meeting,
Ever to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

DOES JESUS CARE (181)
Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song;
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?

Refrain
O yes, He cares- I know He cares!
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
The long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares. (He cares.)

Does Jesus care when my way is dark
With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades into deep night shades,
Does He care enough to be near?

Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye
To the dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks ¬
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

FAIREST LORD JESUS (240)
Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

FILL MY CUP, LORD (493)
Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy:
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
" Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Refrain
Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more–
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world
who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

So, my brother, if the things this world
gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.

THE GLORY SONG (435)
When all my labors and trails are o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the Lord I adore,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

Refrain
O that will be
O that will
Glory for me, Glory for me,
Be glory for me, Glory for me,
Glory for me; When by His grace
Glory for me;
I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me.

When, by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

Friends will be there I have loved long ago;
Joy like a river around me will flow,
Yet, just a smile form my Savior, I know,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (100)
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

THE GLORY SONG (35)
When all my labors and trails are o'er,
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,
Just to be near the Lord I adore,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

Refrain
O that will be; O that will
Glory for me, Glory for me,
Be glory for me, Glory for me,
Glory for me; When by His grace
Glory for me;
I shall look on His face,
That will be glory, be glory for me.

When, by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

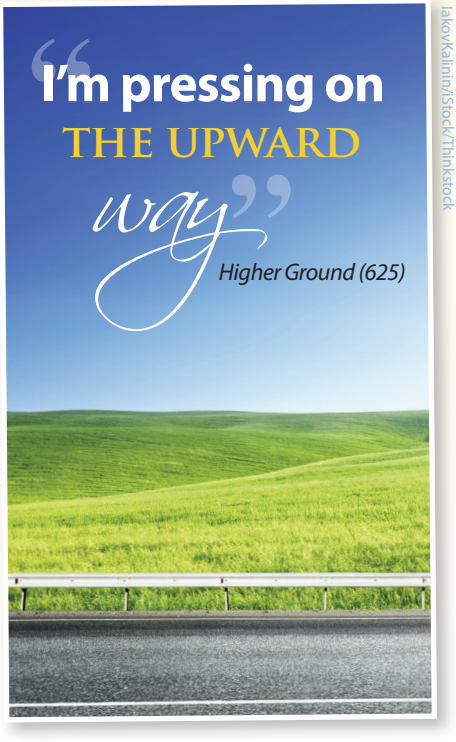
Friends will be there I have loved long ago;
Joy like a river around me will flow,
Yet, just a smile form my Savior, I know,
Will through the ages be glory for me.

HAVE THINE OWN WAY LORD (567)
Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!



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HIGHER GROUND (625)
I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.
I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

HOW GREAT THOU ART (86)
O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook and feel the gentle breeze

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And then proclaim
"My God, how great Thou art!"

IN A LITTLE WHILE WE'RE GOING HOME (626)
Let us sing a song that will cheer us by the way,
In a little while we're going home.
For the night will end in the everlasting day,
In a little while we're going home.

Refrain
In a little while, In a little while,
We shall cross the billow's foam;
We shall meet at last, When the stormy winds are past,
In a little while we're going home.

We will do the work that our hands may find to do,
In a little while we're going home.
And the grace of God will our daily strength renew,
In a little while we're going home.

We will smooth the path for some weary, wayworn feet,
In a little while we're going home.
And may loving hearts spread around an influence sweet!
In a little while we're going home.

There's a rest beyond,
there's relief from every care,
In a little while we're going home;
And no tears shall fall
in that city bright and fair,
In a little while we're going home.

I SHALL SEE THE KING (426)
I shall see the King where the angels sing,
I shall see the King someday, in the better land,
On that golden strand,
And with Him shall ever stay.

Refrain
In His glory, I shall see the King,
And forever endless praises sing;
'Twas on Calvary Jesus died for me;
I shall see the King someday.

In the land of song, in the glory throng,
Where there never comes a night,
With my Lord once slain I shall ever reign
In the glory land of light.

I shall see the King, all my tributes bring,
And shall look upon His face;
Then my song shall be how He ransomed me
And has kept me by His grace.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (530)
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin–oh, the joy of this glorious thought–
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

IT TOOK A MIRACLE (111)
My Father is omnipotent
And that you can't deny;
A God of might and miracles;
'Tis written in the sky.

Refrain
It took a miracle to put the stars in place;
It took a miracle to hang the world in space.
But when He saved my soul,
Cleansed and made me whole,
It took a miracle of love and grace!

Though here His glory has been shown,
We still can't fully see
The wonders of His might, His throne;
'Till eternity.

The Bible tells us of His power
And wisdom all way through;
And every little bird and flower
Are testimonies, too.

JOY BY AND BY (430)
O there'll be joy when the work is done,
Joy when the reapers gather home,
Bringing the sheaves at set of sun
To the New Jerusalem.

Refrain
Joy, joy, joy, there'll be joy by and by,
Joy, joy, joy, where the joys never die;
Joy, joy, joy, for the day draweth nigh
When the workers gather home.
Sweet are the songs that we hope to sing,
Grateful the thanks our hearts shall bring,
Praising forever Christ our King
In the New Jerusalem.

Pure are the joys that await us there,
Many the golden mansions fair;
Jesus Himself doth them prepare,
In the New Jerusalem.

MARVELOUS GRACE (109)
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord.
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

MOMENT BY MOMENT (507)
Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine,
Living with Jesus, a new life divine,
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

Refrain
Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment I'm under His care.

Never a heart-ache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Savior, abides with me still.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE (517)
My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.
May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.

NEARER, STILL NEARER (301)
Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
Nought as an offering to Jesus my King-
Only my sinful now contrite heart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine;
Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign,
All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last;
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
Through endless ages, ever to be,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

POWER IN THE BLOOD (294)
Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE
Saving grace
Sweet favor from the Lord above
Winning grace
That draws us to His heart of love
Wondrous grace
That He should care for you and me
Boundless grace
So deep, so full, so rich, and free
Redeeming grace
His pardon frees us from our sin
Transforming grace
His Spirit makes us new within
Triumphant grace
He comes!
And we shall see His face
And evermore proclaim
God's matchless grace!

THE SAVIOR IS WAITING (289)
The Savior is waiting to enter your heart
Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart
What is your answer to Him?

Refrain
Time after time
He has waited before
And now He is waiting again
To see if you are willing
To open the door
Oh, how He wants to come in.

If you'll take one step
Toward the Savior, my friend,
You'll find His arms open wide.
Receive Him, and all of your darkness will end
Within your heart He'll abide.

SEEKING THE LOST (373)
Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating
Wanderers on the mountain astray;
"Come unto Me," His message repeating,
Words of the Master speaking today.

Refrain
Going afar (going afar)
Upon the mountain (upon the mountain)
Bringing the wanderer back again, back again,
Into the fold (into the fold)
Of my Redeemer (of my Redeemer)
Jesus the Lamb for sinners slain, for sinners slain.

Seeking the lost and pointing to Jesus
Souls that are weak and hearts that are sore,
Leading them forth in ways of salvation,
Showing the path to life evermore.

Thus would I go on missions of mercy,
Following Christ from day unto day,
Cheering the faint and raising the fallen,
Pointing the lost to Jesus, the Way.

UNTIL THEN (632)
My heart can sing when I pause to remember,
A heartache here is but a stepping stone.
Along a trail, thats winding always upward,
This troubled world, is not my final home.

Refrain
But until then, my heart will go on singing,
Until then, with joy I'll carry on,
Until the day my eyes behold the city,
Until the day God calls me home.

The things of earth will dim
and lose their value,
If we recall they're borrowed for awhile;
And things of earth that cause
the heart to tremble,
Remembered there, will only bring a smile.

WE GATHER TOGETHER (008)
We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name;
He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side,
all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

Theme Song

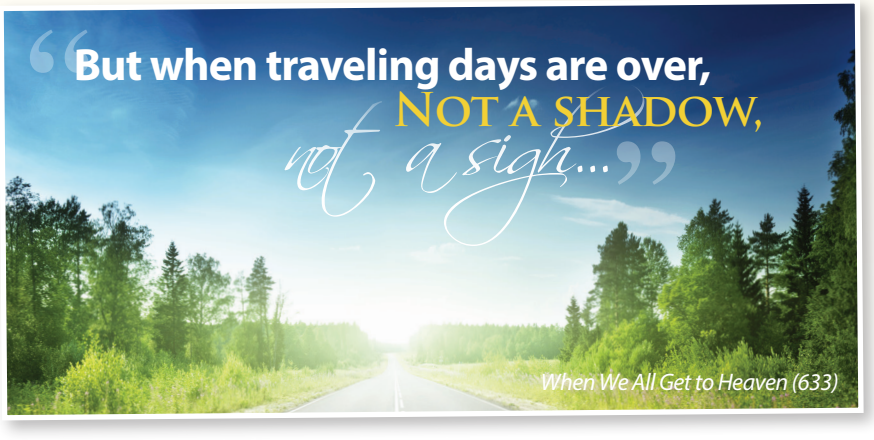
WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN (633)
Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
Sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain
When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread
the streets of gold.



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