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UN Secolo DI MINISTERO MONDIALE IN FAVORE DELLE Famiglie

Family Ministries has been making vital contributions to strengthening families in and out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world for 100 years. Below is a summary of those who have given leadership to this important area of church life over the past century:

On October 8, 1919 the General Conference Committee created the *Home Commission* which became operative in 1922 with Arthur W Spalding as director. The Spaldings created literature for the education of the entire family. A series of leaflets were produced dealing with different phases of home life entitled *The Christian Home Series*. A. W. Spalding wrote the lessons and Maud Spalding graded them.

1919



**ARTHUR E MAUD
SPALDING**
(1919-1941)

Arthur and Maud were both born in Michigan, Arthur on January 24, 1877, and Maud on August 2, 1877. At the age of 14, Arthur served as a stenographer. Later, Arthur became private secretary to JH Kellogg and WK Kellogg and secretary to President Sutherland. He and Maud were married on June 13, 1899. Arthur taught in Academy, then became head of the English department at Emmanuel Missionary College, subsequently becoming principal of Bethel Academy in Wisconsin, followed by the same position at Elmshaven school in California. Later, he became editor of the Watchman Magazine, successively becoming secretary of the *Home Commission* of the General Conference. During his lifetime, Arthur Spalding wrote a total of 30 books. Arthur and Maud were faithful companions from the time they married in 1899 until his death on December 15, 1953. Maud died three years later on December 10, 1956, at the age of 79. (Review and Herald Feb. 18, 1954, Lake Union Herald, Jan. 1957).

In June of 1941, a General Conference Convention on the "home" was held, and was, perhaps, the first *Family Life International*. To be sure, the Home Commission became part of the General Conference's Department of Education in 1941. So, during the next three decades, marriage and family life programs were promoted by Parent and Home Education Secretaries from the Department of Education.



**FLORENCE
KNEELAND REBOK**
(1941-1947)

Born on November 12, 1895 in Georgetown, British Guiana, Florence Kneeland Rebok was the daughter of missionary parents. She attended Mount Vernon Academy and Washington Missionary College. After marrying her husband, Denton, they sailed to China, where they served for 23 years. While raising their family in China, she served as a secretary and English teacher. When the family returned to the US, she worked for several General Conference departments. Florence joined the Education department in 1941 where she advanced the work of Family Ministries. She died at the age of 81 on June 28, 1976 in Deer Park, CA (Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald Sep 2, 1976; Review and Herald July 15, 1976).

1941

1947

**ARABELLA
MOORE WILLIAMS**
(1947-1954)

Arabella Moore Williams was born on June 5, 1896. At the beginning of her teaching career she taught at Indiana Academy followed by Adelphian Academy in Michigan. Subsequently, Arabella and her husband were missionaries in South America until his death. Upon returning to the states, she taught at Pacific Union College, and eight years as a German instructor at Emmanuel Missionary College. Next, Ms. Williams work for the Education Department of the General Conference in Takoma Park, MD from 1947-1954, as the Parent and Home Education Secretary. Interestingly, Arabella Williams appeared in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* for being the oldest female water skier at the age of 95. She died on June 30, 1997, at the age of 101 (The Keynote 1947, Pacific Union Recorder, Oct. 6, 1997).





ARCHA O. DART
(1954-1970)

Archa O. Dart was born in Louisiana on October 25, 1903. For 47 years this friend of children devoted his life to the educational work of the Adventist Church. His interest in children led him to conduct many child guidance seminars. Dart was editor of two Adventist journals, wrote many articles for denominational periodicals and authored several books. From 1954-1970 he served as the Parent and Home Education Secretary in the Department of Education of the General Conference. With his sense of humor and storytelling ability, Archa was always in demand as a speaker at camp meetings and other church events. At the age of 89, Dart married Sadie Liles; living in his home at Daytona Beach, FL, in the winter, and Sand Mountain, GA, in the summer. Dart passed away just two days after his 100th birthday celebration, October 27, 2003 (Southern Tidings, volume 73, number 12 2004).

1954

1970

W. JOHN CANNON
(1970-1975)

W. John Cannon was born on September 16, 1908 in Great Britain. Cannon graduated from Stanborough College with a Ministerial diploma in 1931. He married Olive Tasker and entered denominational work as a pastor-evangelist in Great Britain for the next 19 years, and continued his studies at Wolsey Hall, Oxford. In 1950, he came to the US to assist George Vanderman with evangelistic meetings held at Sligo church, on the campus of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. Later, he studied at Andrews University and earned a Bachelor of Divinity followed by a doctoral degree. Dr. Cannon then joined the faculty of Columbia Union College as a professor in 1959. His dear wife, Olive, passed away in 1969 and he remarried in 1971 to Lois Lowery. In 1970 he joined the General Conference Education Department as the Parent and Home Education Secretary until 1975. He died on August 23, 1984 at the age of 76 (Messenger, Nov. 19, 1984).



DELMER E BETTY HOLBROOK

(1975-1988)



1975

In 1975, at the General Conference Session held in Vienna, Austria, the Home and Family Service (HFS) was voted into existence with Delmer & Betty Holbrook, a husband and wife team, as leaders. The Holbrooks organized and conducted training seminars for administrators, pastors and laity in every division of the world. Delmer was born on February 23, 1923 to US missionary parents in Brazil. Betty was born on March 28, 1926, the youngest of eight children in a Norwegian immigrant family. She was an author, teacher and church leader. Betty taught almost continuously from 1946-1965 in the United States and in Lima, Peru. She worked with Delmer on the plan which was voted at the Vienna world church session and were also featured in a 14-hour marriage and family series on WGTS, the radio station on the campus of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland in addition to conducting marriage and family training seminars. Delmer and Betty also produced a film series on pre-marriage education for college students. Betty died on May 23, 1996 at the age of 70. Delmer on March 2, 2015 at the age of 92 (The Washington Times, May 28, 1996, The Montgomery Journal, May 29, 1996 and The Burtonsville Gazette).

1988

RON E KAREN FLOWERS

(1988-2010)

Ron and Karen Flowers joined the Home and Family Service (HFS) staff in 1980. Delmer W Holbrook directed the HFS from 1975 to 1982 and Betty Holbrook served as director from 1982 until 1985 when HFS became part of the Department of Church Ministries, continuing as an associate director in Church Ministries for Family until 1988 when she retired. Ron and Karen were associates of the Church Ministries department with responsibilities for Family Ministries until 1995, when at the World Session in Utrecht, in the Netherlands, the Department of Church Ministries was disbanded, and they became co-directors of the newly established Department of Family Ministries until June 2010 when they retired. The Flowers presented family seminars on marriage, parenting and family living in some 85 countries, instituted the Annual Family Ministries Planbooks, developed a curriculum to train Directors of Family Ministries around the world, and established the Arthur and Maud Spalding Distinguished Service Medallion, the highest honor awarded by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Family Ministries. Together they have authored more than 35 major books, manuals, journal articles and resources on family ministries.



IDEE PER *Celebrare* IL CENTENARIO

1. **Celebra le due settimane speciali nel 2019:** la Settimana della famiglia e matrimonio cristiano, a febbraio; la Settimana della comunione in famiglia, a settembre.
2. Pianifica di coinvolgere l'intera comunità a partecipare alla distribuzione del libro missionario per il 2019 **Speranza per le famiglie di oggi** durante le due settimane speciali, o in altre date del 2019, se quelle di febbraio e settembre non vanno bene per la tua comunità.
3. Promuovi lo studio del **Lezionario della Scuola del Sabato degli adulti, Le stagioni della vita**, del secondo trimestre, che parla di come sviluppare e aiutare le famiglie, e le relazioni in genere, a essere più forti e più sane.
4. **Onora una coppia, una persona o una famiglia della tua comunità** che ha fatto veramente tanto per aiutare le famiglie a diventare più forti e più sane nella tua chiesa e/o nella comunità locale.
5. Organizza un banchetto, o una cena speciale, il **sabato sera di febbraio o settembre** per celebrare i 100 anni dei Ministeri della famiglia della Chiesa Cristiana Avventista del Settimo Giorno.
6. Usa il file PDF (in inglese) della brochure sulla **storia dei Ministeri della famiglia** (scarica da famiglia.avventista.it).
7. Usa il file PDF del nostro **logo del centenario** per pubblicizzare e promuovere le celebrazioni del centenario (scarica da famiglia.avventista.it).
8. **Usa il Planbook del 2019**, con sermoni, seminari e altre risorse utili, per le celebrazioni del centenario (scarica da famiglia.avventista.it).

Visita il centro risorse per le celebrazioni del centenario:

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WILLIE E ELAINE OLIVER (2010-PRESENTE)

Willie e Elaine Oliver sono diventati direttori del dipartimento Ministeri della famiglia in occasione della Conferenza Generale ad Atlanta, in Georgia, del 2010. Hanno condotto conferenze sul matrimonio, ritiri e seminari sulla relazione in tutto il mondo. Sono i fondatori delle conferenze sul matrimonio *From This Day Forward* e *Journey Toward Intimacy*, oltre ad aver scritto molti articoli, capitoli di libri, diretto il volume annuale *Family Ministries Planbook*. Curano una rubrica su *Message Magazine* e *Adventist World* online, e hanno scritto diversi libri, tra cui il libro missionario dell'anno per il 2019 *Speranza per la famiglie di oggi*. Conducono anche *Real Family Talk*, un programma televisivo trasmesso su Hope Channel. Gli Oliver sono stati rieletti direttori del dipartimento per un secondo mandato il 6 luglio 2015, in occasione della 60ª sessione della Conferenza Generale a San Antonio, in Texas.



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