

Seventh Day-Adventist



Symposium

Location: DeVere Hotel, Staverton Park, Daventry, NN11 6JT

Date: 8-10 October 2010

Description: *Seventh-day Adventist International Children's Ministries Symposium:* The theme of this ground breaking event is that Christ valued children for who they are now and not just for what they can become so shouldn't we?

This event is for children's ministries leaders, parents, pastors, social workers, lay people etc. In fact it is for anyone who has or hasn't yet realised that ministry to children is vital for the growth and survival of the gospel of Jesus.

Over this weekend you will be inspired by specialists in various fields of Children and Family Ministries to reach new heights in your home, community, church, conference and mission field. You will have an opportunity to receive spiritual nourishment, be lifted up and work together towards a document with recommendations to our church leaders.

Come and let us encourage you, give you insight, wisdom and practical advice on how to make children's ministries the centre of your life and the life of your church.

The following speakers will be involved in this momentous weekend:



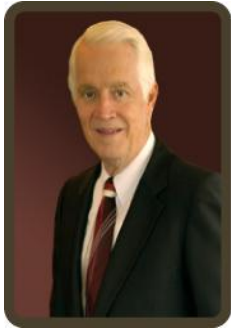
Dr Rebecca Nye has been working in the field of Children's Spirituality as a researcher, consultant and practitioner since 1994. She has been a post-doctorate researcher at the University of Cambridge 1996-2004, and was a reader at Anglia Ruskin University between 2007-2009. She is a leading UK trainer for Godly Play, and research associated with this. She's been a member of the Board of Education (Archbishop's Council) since 2003.



Karen Holford originally trained as an Occupational Therapist and later studied Educational and Developmental Psychology with a special interest in play therapy. She has written numerous books and articles about creative ministries with children and several books for children. She is currently a self-employed writer living in Auchtermuchty, Scotland. She has three children.



Pastor Leslie Ackie has almost 15 years of service for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is currently serving as the Director for Family Ministries in the South England Conference. In addition to his vocational qualifications he holds an Advanced Certificate in Christian Counselling and specialises in the area of couples counselling. He has two children.



Pastor Richard and Betty O'Ffill is an author, revivalist, and seminar speaker. He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than forty years as a pastor, teacher, and departmental director on three continents, including seven years at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor O'Ffill hosts a weekly radio program over 3ABN Radio and also appears on 3ABN Television and the Hope Channel.



Janet Hackleman is a registered nurse and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a Master of Science degree in Marriage, Family and Child Counselling from Loma Linda University. She is the founder and director of *The Family Connection*, a for-profit counselling centre that focuses on self-management and parent-child relationships for all ages. She is currently the Clinical Director of Loma Linda University's new Pediatric "Wholistic" Medicine Clinic, at the Centre for Health Promotion.



Malika Bediako is the Children's Ministries Director for the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Malika has a tremendous amount of experience in legal and educational community work and is currently consulting for various community forums. She has three children of her own; and has a passion for underprivileged children.



Cliff Hilton has been supporting the SEC Personal Ministries & Sabbath School department and the BUC Evangelism and Church Planting departments for the past 2½ years. He works full time as Project Manager (Civil Engineering) for the Mouchel Group, based in Essex. Cliff has also served as a lay pastor for approximately ten years. He has recently been appointed Men's Ministries Director for the South England Conference.