Health of the SDA family

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What others say

- Reverend Ted Karpf (yesterday)
  - “Where does the WHO stand on the issue of spirituality? We don’t, but we are here in this room together for a purpose at this time.”
  - “Few of us (at the WHO) have been raised in a culture of health.”
  - “You’ve found a way to keep the family together. Connection, not just theoretical, but entirely practical. There is something going on in your families. What is it?!?”

What others say

- Dan Buettner (author of *The Blue Zone*)
  - “They put family first” (speaking of one of the reasons why Adventists live longer)

What we claim

What we say…

PsychINFO citations with keyword “Adventist”

2009 - 1947

141 Citations (last 67 years) in PsychINFO with keyword “Adventist”

- Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals: 21
- Chapters in books: 3
- Dissertation abstracts: 117
22 Published Articles (PsychINFO) 2009 through 1947

- 2009 through 2009: 6 articles

- 1990 through 1999: 9 articles
  - 1990 through 1999: 8 articles
  - 1990 through 1999: 3 articles
  - 1990 through 1999: 9 articles
  - 1990 through 1999: 0 articles
  - 1990 through 1999: 1 article
  - 1990 through 1999: 1 article

- 1980 through 1989: 3 articles
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- 1950 through 1959: 1 article
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- 1940 through 1949: 1 article
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15 articles

- 2000 through 2009: 8 articles
- 1990 through 1999: 4 articles
- 1980 through 1989: 3 articles
- 1970 through 1979: 1 article
- 1960 through 1969: 0 articles
- 1950 through 1959: 1 article
- 1940 through 1949: 1 article

1 book (1992: A woman’s place)

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- 1960 through 1969: 0 articles
- 1950 through 1959: 1 article
- 1940 through 1949: 1 article

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Result of wider search

- Articles within the last 10 years


Total (last 10 years: PsychINFO and wider search of all databases)

- Searches
  - “Adventist” (from PsychINFO)
  - “Adventist and family” (all databases)
  - “Adventist and mental health” (all databases)
- Total = 14 published articles in peer reviewed journals
  - (that have anything to do with the Adventist family and emotional/mental/spiritual health or faith development)

Return to the question

- Question: What is the current health of the Adventist family?
- Answer: We do not know.
But we will…

- Adventist Family Research Project (AFRP)
  - Goals
    - Gather current research about the Adventist family into one location
    - Encourage discussions between Adventist scholars to promote collaborative research
  - Design, implement and evaluate further research projects
- Work towards greater openness in knowing the “truth” about ourselves (we should not be afraid of research)
  - Establish guidelines for sharing information and the use of information
  - Encourage those who complete dissertations to publish their work
  - Use the research in guiding the development and continuation of programs and the development of materials

A developing resource:

- New website on wholeness:
  - explorewholeness.com
  - NOT AVAILABLE YET
  - Collaborative project
    - Originates in the Center for Spiritual Life & Wholeness (LLU – LLUAHSC)
    - Collaborating with entire Adventist system

Explorewholeness.com

- Educational
- Interactive
  - Goal-setting
  - Goal-tracking
- Research
- Networking
- Advertising