

17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AMEN CONFERENCE

*While it is*

**DAY**

*John 9:4*

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*Program Guide*

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OCTOBER 28 - 31, 2021

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## While It Is Day Theme Description:

Our world has experienced a crisis of pandemic proportions. A fast-moving virus has ravaged country after country at lightning speed and has changed life the way we know it.

Many of our patients are perplexed wondering  
where is this world headed?

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Why is there so much sickness, suffering and death?

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What is the meaning of life?

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There are answers, and as Seventh-day Adventist healthcare professionals we have the unique opportunity to share a message of hope and healing with a hurting world.

In John 9:4, Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." Here, Jesus tells us that there is a window of opportunity during which we must work to advance His kingdom. Recent events have shown us that this window is quickly closing.

**Just as Jesus was sent by God to a hurting, sin sick planet, we are sent on a divine mission into our communities.** As healthcare professionals God gives us opportunities every day to minister to people's physical, mental, and spiritual needs. Jesus never separated physical healing from spiritual wholeness. He was focused on the eternal and not simply physical healing. Christ worked with a sense of urgency.

**Time is running short.** Whether Jesus comes in our lifetime or not, "... what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14). We need to embrace our fragility, our mortality, to realize how quickly energies fade, time flies, and recognize the importance of how we are to occupy our time while we still have air flowing through our lungs and blood coursing through our veins. Our patient encounters have to be more purposeful, more intentional. Our rapport with patients must lead us to a place where connections are made and defensive walls drop.

**Our prayer is that at this conference you will discover new, practical ways to become more intentional about sharing Christ.** In light of the judgment going on in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, men and women are making eternal decisions for or against Christ. The urgency of the times demands something more of each one of us. We are under a divine obligation with a divine mandate, to accomplish a divine objective with divine opportunities before us.

**Our desire is that you leave this conference with a renewed desire to fulfill the divine mandate and passionately share the love of Christ** and the hope we have in Him despite the tumultuous world around us.

**The time is now – While It Is Day.** The mission is clear and the divine mandate echoes in our ears, "[we] must work the works of Him who sent [us] while it is [yet] day; the night is coming when no one can work."

Schedule

## Thursday October 28, 2021

**Supper:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm

The 18th Terrace

**Business Meeting:** 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Indian Wells - Nopales

**Evening Meeting:** 7:20 - 9:00 pm

Indian Wells Ballroom

AMEN Presidential Address - **Brian Schwartz, MD\***

*Building a Wall of Protection While It Is Still Day*

**Exhibits Open:** 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Indian Wells Foyer

## Friday October 29, 2021

**Partners in Prayer:** 6:45 - 7:15 am

Desert Vista - Date Palm

*Leader: Michael Abesamis, PTA*

**Morning Devotional:** 7:20 - 8:30 am

Indian Wells Ballroom

*Eric Walsh, MD - The War for Your Mind*

**Breakfast:** 8:30 - 9:30 am

The Grove

**Plenary Session I:** 9:35 - 10:45 am

Indian Wells Ballroom

*Speaker: David Turay, MD\**

*The 'Right Hand', The Right Time*

**Plenary Session II:** 11:00 - 12:00 pm

Indian Wells Ballroom

*Speaker: Calvin Kim, DDS^*

*One Life To Live, One Life To Give*

**Exhibits Open:** 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Indian Wells Foyer

**Lunch:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The Grove

**Breakout Sessions A:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Gerardo Toledo, DDS\***

Desert Vista - Bighorn

*The Potential Global Impact of a Local Dental Office*

**Roger Seheult, MD\***

Indian Wells - Nopales

*The Definitive Place of COVID-19 in Biblical Eschatology*

**Melinda Skau, MD\***

Desert Vista - Date Palm

*Knowing Jesus Loves Us Through the Tough Times*

**Brittany Ramirez, RN\***

Desert Vista - El Dorado

*Medical Evangelism in the Emergency Room*

**Peter Blackburn, MD**

Desert Vista - Agave

*Small Differences with Big Consequences:*

*A Story of Underrated Maladies*

**Breakout Sessions B:** 3:10 – 4:10 pm

**Adrien Charles-Marcel, DDS<sup>^</sup>**

*Compassionate and Effective Treatment  
for Patients with Dental Infections*

Desert Vista – Bighorn

**Andi Hunsaker, MD<sup>\*</sup>**

*Your Home. A Center of Influence.  
Plant-Based Cooking School.*

Indian Wells – Nopales

**Jeffrey Cho, MD<sup>\*</sup>**

*A Divine Prescription*

Desert Vista – Date Palm

**K'dee Elsen, PhD<sup>\*</sup>**

*What the World Needs... Now*

Desert Vista – El Dorado

**Paul Chung, MD**

*Understanding the changing options with MIGS—Part 1*

Desert Vista – Agave

**Breakout Sessions C:** 4:20 - 5:20 pm

**Claudia Moncada, DDS<sup>^</sup>**

*Beyond the Diagnosis: What's Really Going On?*

Desert Vista – Bighorn

**Jonathan Miller, MD<sup>\*</sup>**

*All In - Lessons Learned from Medical Training  
and Starting a Private Practice in a Pandemic*

Indian Wells – Nopales

**Sarah Belensky, MD<sup>\*</sup>**

*The Call: Unto the Ends*

Desert Vista – Date Palm

**Ryan Dolinsky, DPT<sup>\*</sup>**

*Making Christ-Like Connections:  
Win the Confidence and Trust of Your Patients*

Desert Vista – El Dorado

**Paul Chung, MD**

*Understanding the Changing Options with MIGS - Part 2*

Desert Vista – Agave

**Supper:** 6:00-7:00 pm

The Grove

**Evening Meeting:** 7:20 - 9:00 pm

Indian Wells Ballroom

*TJ Knutson, MD*

*Knutson Family Testimony*

**Exhibits Open** 9:00 – 10:00 pm

*(non-commercial only)*

Indian Wells Foyer

## Seminar Room Locations

FRIDAY	DESERT VISTA – BIGHORN	INDIAN WELLS – NOPALES	DESERT VISTA – DATE PALM	DESERT VISTA – EL DORADO	DESERT VISTA – AGAVE
<b>SESSION A</b> 2:00–3:00 pm	Gerardo Toledo, DDS	Roger Seheult, MD	Melinda Skau, MD	Brittany Ramirez, RN	Peter Blackburn, MD
<b>SESSION B</b> 3:10–4:10 pm	Adrien Charles-Marcel, DDS	Andi Hunsaker, MD	Jeffrey Cho, MD	K'dee Eisen, PhD	Paul Chung, MD
<b>SESSION C</b> 4:20–5:20 pm	Claudia Moncada, DDS	Jonathan Miller, MD	Sarah Belensky, MD	Ryan Dolinsky, DPT	Paul Chung, MD

### Continuing Education: 6 CME; 4 CDE

AMEN (in conjunction with Loma Linda University) is offering up to 6 medical continuing education credits and up to 4 dental continuing education credits. See pages 26 and 27 for more information\*.

Please remember you **MUST** sign/initial the form at the registration desk to verify your attendance. Thank you!

\*Refer to page 27 for the Accreditation and Disclosure Statements.

## Sabbath October 30, 2021

**Partners in Prayer:** 6:45 – 7:15 am

*Leader: Michael Abesamis, PTA*

**Morning Devotional:** 7:20 – 8:30 am

*Eric Walsh, MD*

*Playtime Is Over*

**Breakfast:** 8:30 – 9:30 am

**Sabbath School Lesson Study:** 9:35 – 11:15 am

*While It Is Day\**

*Facilitators: Pastor Mark Finley & Adrian Beyde*

**Divine Service:** 11:25 am – 12:45 pm

*Speaker: Pastor Conrad Vine*

**Lunch:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Panel Discussion:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Student/Resident Panel Discussion – Keeping Your Faith Relevant and Urgent Throughout Academic Training**

*Moderators: Josee Bailey, MD and Carlos Moretta, DDS*

**Exhibits Open (non-commercial)** 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**Supper:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Mission Reports & Evening Meeting:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

*Pastor Mark Finley*

*Seizing the Moment*

**Exhibits Open:** 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Desert Vista – Date Palm

Indian Wells Ballroom

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## Sunday October 31, 2021

**Partners in Prayer:** 6:45 – 7:15 am

*Leader: Michael Abesamis, PTA*

**Morning Devotional:** 7:20 – 8:30 am

*Eric Walsh, MD*

*Battle Ready*

**Breakfast:** 8:30 – 9:30 am

Desert Vista – Date Palm

Indian Wells Ballroom

The Grove

+ Sabbath School lesson booklets  
available at the registration desk.

# Call to Prayer

## Partners in Prayer

The prayer room (Desert Vista – Date Palm) will be open from 6am to 10pm daily throughout the conference. There will be a group prayer time from 6:45 – 7:15 am each morning led by Michael Abesamis. All other times of the day there will not be a facilitator, this is simply a quiet place for you to go and pray together and post your prayer requests.

*Prayer requests can be placed in the prayer room at any time. However please note that the Prayer Room is also being used for seminars and children's programs.*

*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen* — Ephesians 3:14-21

The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power.

— Gospel Workers p. 259

*"...Make your requests known to your Maker. Never is one repulsed who comes to Him with a contrite heart. Not one sincere prayer is lost. Amid the anthems of the celestial choir, God hears the cries of the weakest human being. We pour out our heart's desire in our closets, we breathe a prayer as we walk by the way, and our words reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. They may be inaudible to any human ear, but they cannot die away into silence, nor can they be lost through the activities of business that are going on. Nothing can drown the soul's desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the confusion of the multitude, to the heavenly courts. It is God to whom we are speaking, and our prayer is heard."*

— Christ's Object Lessons p. 174



Conference  
Speakers

# Building a Wall of Protection While It Is Still Day

Brian Schwartz, MD - AMEN President



## OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss COVID-19's impact on society and the opportunity this provides to use the Adventist health message as an opening wedge to the Gospel.
2. Discuss great leaders of the past and how their principles can be applied to whole person care today.
3. Describe how restoration of the wall of Jerusalem is related to restoring medical ministry.
4. Discuss how being a Christian healthcare provider changes how we treat patients and the eternal impact it can have on them.

**Dr. Brian Schwartz** is an interventional cardiologist practicing in Kettering, Ohio. As a medical student, he struggled with his faith but was reclaimed when he gained a deeper understanding of Christ's sacrifice and its implications for his personal life.

As a physician, Dr. Schwartz was convicted that medicine should be more than just a job. He longed to make medicine a healing ministry. His association with AMEN has helped him do exactly that. He now naturally integrates prayer and sharing Christ into his practice, transforming it into a ministry.

Dr. Schwartz served as the editor of the Medical Evangelist (AMEN's journal) for 10 years. His tenure as AMEN President began in October 2017. He and his wife, internist Lyndi Schwartz, MD are a powerful ministry team in Dayton, Ohio.



## Battle Ready *Eric Walsh, MD, DrPH*

### Friday: The War for Your Mind

Many Christians believe that the war they are facing is happening in the world around them. However the Scripture teaches that the real battle is for hearts and minds. The weapons of this warfare are found in what we eat, how we are entertained, and what we study. Every day we are fighting to either prepare our minds for the seal of the living God or the Mark of the beast.

### Sabbath: Playtime Is Over

We are constantly being seduced by a world of entertainment. Always being pushed to play hard and enjoy life. The secular world is in a panic as they believe that the world as we know it will soon cease to exist, yet Christians act like they have all the time in the world. It is now that we must make a stand for the cause of Christ and realize that playtime is over.

### Sunday: Battle Ready

The time of trouble has already begun for Christians. How we live now is preparing us for when trouble reaches us here in America. What must the people of God do to be ready for the battle that is coming?

**Dr. Eric Walsh** is a physician who enjoys sharing the gospel. Not only as a healthcare provider but as a preacher. He is a graduate of the university of Miami school of medicine, Loma Linda university school of public health where he received his masters and doctorate in public health. His most important educational experience was his time at Oakwood University. He has served two US presidents (George W Bush and Barak Obama) as an advisor on HIV/AIDS.

Dr Walsh has served at several churches as an associate Pastor. He is now a practicing physician and healthcare administrator. He travels the globe speaking on many subjects. Most importantly he seeks to serve the Lord through the preaching and healing ministries. He is here with his wife Jackie and they are partners in ministry.



## The Right Hand, The Right Time

*David Turay, MD*

### OBJECTIVES

The Adventist Health message, with its emphasis on prevention and the use of simple remedies to manage common ailments was a timely gift; not only to a then young movement, but society at large. The health challenges encountered at the sun set of this current civilization, once again offers a unique opportunity to Adventists, laity and trained medical personnel alike; to present to the world, GOD's ideals regarding health and wellness. Is it time for the 'right hand' of the gospel to take its proper place in this movement?

1. Review the historical perspective of the Adventist Health message, and contrast it to the existing 'science' of that era.
2. Explore contemporary applications of the Adventist Health message
3. Provide additional insights into CHRIST's perspectives on Disease and wellness.

**Dr. David Turay**, a native of Sierra Leone West Africa. He started out my professional life as an elementary school teacher and completed Medical School at the Adventist Medical School in Mexico. He went through Surgical Residency and completed a graduate degree in Anatomy at Loma Linda. Dr. Turay returned to Loma Linda following a Fellowship in Trauma & Critical Care Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital campus of Harvard Medical School and served on the faculty for over a decade with 6 years of that period as head of Trauma Surgery.

He recently moved to Minnesota to take up his current position.

He has been married to his wife June for fourteen years and is privileged to be a dad to Mary 11, David 9 and Sarah 6.

## One Life To Live, One Life To Give

*Calvin Kim, DDS*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss how to discern and prioritize your patients single greatest need.
2. Illustrate how to incorporate spiritual care into your practice.
3. Identify three practical ways to bridge a long-term connection with your patients.



**Dr. Calvin Kim** is a dentist from Olympia, WA and enjoys spending time with his wife Amy and their two daughters, Charis and Caia. His passion is ministry and is the co-founder of ARME Bible Camp and F5 Challenge. Dr. Kim believes that everything we do for our patients, while worthwhile, is only provisional but connecting them to Jesus is eternal! His motto in life: One life to live, One life to give!

## Knutson family testimony

*TJ Knutson, MD*



Whether we are expanding our horizons with witnessing and evangelism or struggling through grief with the loss of a child and quadriplegia, we have found that God is faithful, God is good, and he can work out beauty through sadness.

**Dr. TJ Knutson** graduated from Loma Linda University school of medicine in 2008, completed residency in emergency medicine in Kalamazoo Michigan, and has been working in Northern California as an ER physician in Redding and the surrounding area since 2011. He has been married to his wife, MaryAnn for almost 16 years. They have four children. TJ and MaryAnn have always enjoyed an active outdoor lifestyle including backpacking, mountain climbing, and gardening. These interests are being adopted by their children as well.



## The Hard-Hearted, the Half-Hearted, and the Hard to Reach

*Conrad Vine*

The pagan sailors, the fish, and the inhabitants of Nineveh all responded positively to God. But God's own missionary – he was much harder to reach!

God calls us as medical professionals and disciples into mission today, while there is yet time, to transform us just as much as to reach the unreached. Learn how God worked on His hard-hearted missionary, and how He wishes to transform each of us today.

Born into a pastoral family, **Elder Vine** grew up with his twin brother and two sisters in homes across the UK. After graduating with a business management degree (1995), he served in the UK public healthcare system before God led him to ADRA (1996). Initially serving in Azerbaijan, Elder Vine served with ADRA through 2002 in a variety of roles worldwide. Following seminary training at Newbold College (2002-2004), he and Luda began their pastoral ministry in London, UK. After serving as Secretary-Treasurer in the Middle East Union, they transitioned to pastoral ministry for 4 years in Minnesota before Elder Vine answered the call to serve as President of Adventist Frontier Missions ([www.afmonline.org](http://www.afmonline.org)). Conrad and Luda were married in December 1999, and regard their marriage and their two children as a personal blessing from a loving Heavenly Father.



## Seizing the Moment

Mark Finley, DDiv

During this presentation Pastor Finley will discuss the single most important principle in sorting through life's complexities and living wholly for the glory of God. Understanding this principle will simplify your life. It will enable you to focus on the things that matter most in the light of eternity.

Although semi-'retired', **Pastor Finley** still serves as an assistant to the president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is a renowned evangelist, having presented well over 200 evangelistic series around the world. Medical ministry is near and dear to Finley's heart. He has been working with physicians and other healthcare professionals throughout his career.

Pastor Finley and his wife Teenie founded the Living Hope School of Evangelism in Haymarket, VA. They have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren.



*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45*

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# Breakout Session Speakers

FRIDAY

SESSION A: 2:00 - 3:00 PM • SESSION B: 3:10 - 4:10 PM

SESSION C: 4:20 - 5:20 PM



## The Potential Global Impact of a Local Dental Office

*Gerardo Toledo, DDS*

### OBJECTIVES

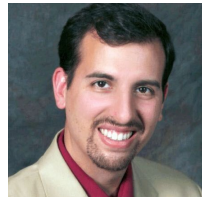
As dental providers it is very easy to focus our existence on our families, our practices, our staff, and our patients. This presentation aims to explore how global initiatives can enhance the attendee's practice and life. During this presentation the attendee will:

1. Appreciate the privileges God has bestowed on us both in education and the portability of our specialty in healthcare.
2. Recognize that while dentistry and American society as a whole are trying to navigate through the negative effects of Covid-19 pandemic, we are called to remember and help those on a global scale, who have to navigate through this pandemic with little to no resources.
3. Learn how our private practices, alone or in collaboration with other organizations, can provide not only dental treatment, but also "whole person" care, to the underserved throughout the world.

**Dr. Gerardo Toledo** was born in Argentina where he completed his DDS training in 1993. In 1994 he went to Bangladesh to work as a missionary dentist for 4 years. He then came to Loma Linda University to complete training in Clinical Ministry (Chaplaincy.) By God's providence, he was accepted in the Endodontic Residency Program at the same University, where he completed his training in 2006. After working 2 years as a full-time faculty, he opened his endodontic practice in Redlands, California, where he still practices. Gerardo is part of Banglahelp ([www.banglahelp.org](http://www.banglahelp.org)) a USA based non-profit organization that provides education for children and adults living in the slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital. Banglahelp is now also working to rescue women from prostitution.

## The Definitive Place of COVID-19 in Biblical Eschatology

*Roger Seheult, MD*



### OBJECTIVES

After attending this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the map of Biblical Eschatology laid out for us until Christ's return
2. Understand where COVID-19 fits into our faith's framework
3. Understand why the term "while it is day" is so appropriate for our work both in the church and outside the church

**Dr. Seheult** is currently an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine and an Assistant Clinical Professor at the School of Medicine and Allied Health at Loma Linda University. Roger is quadruple board-certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases, Critical Care Medicine and Sleep Medicine through the American Board of Internal Medicine. Roger's current practice is in Beaumont, California where he is a critical care physician, pulmonologist, and sleep physician at Beaver Medical Group. He was formerly the Director for Intensive Care Services at San Geronio Memorial Hospital. He lectures routinely across the country at conferences and for medical, PA, and RT societies. He is the co-founder of MedCram - a medical education website. His passion is to demystify medical concepts to students. This has carried over to Biblical eschatology where his interest is in studying the stories of the Bible.



## Knowing Jesus Loves Us Through the Tough Times

*Melinda Skau, MD*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Explore how to encounter the love of Jesus Christ when we are in tribulation. How to use ACES (Adverse Childhood Events) as a springboard to improve patients' quality of life and, more importantly, connect them with Jesus.
2. Discuss how we and our patients can have peace and strengthen our relationship with Jesus during the crucible experiences of our life - while it is yet day!
3. Identify practical ways to introduce patients to Jesus beyond the office walls. What is "The Mountain and the Molehill" concept?
4. Discuss ways to teach patients to find healing for larger past woundedness through the everyday difficult events of life.

**Melinda Skau** is a family medicine and lifestyle medicine physician in Oroville, California and the Medical Director of Feather River Tribal Health. She has served on the AMEN board. She worked as a missionary in Nigeria for ten years with her husband Randy, a general surgeon.

Melinda has lead Bible study groups in her home and church and mentored new Christian patients. She has been active in a non-denominational women's conference "Hearts Being Healed" and the associated after study "Treasures Out of Trauma."

## Medical Evangelism in the Emergency Room

*Brittany Ramirez, RN*



### OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss practical ways to provide whole person care through medical evangelism in the hospital setting.
2. Identify simple treatments that patients with COVID-19 can do at home when they are not 'sick enough' for hospitalization.
3. Challenge participants to seek a deeper walk with God so they can be His hands, feet, and lips.

**Brittany Ramirez** is an Emergency Room (ER) registered nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA. She finished her Associate Nursing Degree in 2016 and is currently working on her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her passion is medical evangelism, whether it be in the ER or her community. She enjoys the outdoors and spending time with her husband, two dogs, and her friends and the rest of her family, gardening, canning, knitting, baking, and sharing baked goods.

# Small Differences With Big Consequences: a Story of Underrated Maladies

Peter Blackburn, MD



## OBJECTIVES

The Common pathophysiologic pathways of diabetic blindness and spiritual blindness.

1. Discuss in a short review the pathophysiology of diabetic retinopathy.
2. Discuss the natural history and current treatment options for diabetic retinopathy.
3. Relate the similarities of this ocular malady and spiritual pathophysiology and their natural history.

**Dr. Peter Blackburn** is an ophthalmologist focusing on diseases of the retina and vitreous. He has practiced and taught at the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical center in Lexington, Kentucky since 2004. He graduated from the University of Colorado medical school and ophthalmology residency in 1997 and 2001, respectively. He completed a surgical, retinal fellowship at the University of Kentucky in 2003. Dr. Blackburn together with his wife, Dionne, of 28 years and their family (3 daughters-Sydney, Sophia, Samantha) have enjoyed mission service over the past decade. This has included short- and long-term trips to Cuba, Mongolia, Laos, and several medical mission trips nationally. Recently, their mission has been more focused in Lexington in spreading the love of Jesus and His second advent.

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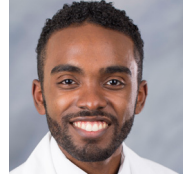
## Compassionate and Effective Treatment for Patients with Dental Infections

Adrien Charles-Marcel, DDS

### OBJECTIVES

By the end of this presentation attendees will be able to:

1. Recognize the signs and symptoms of a patient who has, or is developing, a dental infection
2. Describe the different treatment modalities available to the general dentist and oral & maxillofacial surgeon for treating dental infections
3. Utilize evidence-based guidelines to guide antibiotic therapy for dental infections
4. Recognize the signs and symptoms of a patient who is in emotional or physical distress and provide whole person care which is based on the best practices of the Great Physician Jesus Christ.



**Dr. Adrien Charles-Marcel** graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 2018 and subsequently completed an internship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. He is currently in his third year of the combined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – Doctor of Medicine program at Loma Linda. He strongly believes that God has guided his educational path and finds deep meaning in showing the love of Jesus to patients in their times of distress. He is happily engaged to be married and looks forward to a life of service as God leads.



## Your Home. A Center of Influence. Plant-based Cooking School

Andi Hunsaker, MD

### OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the importance of health ministry and the impact health education can have on patients and your local community.
2. Illustrate ways in which we can reach a difficult audience for Christ, our neighbors.
3. Present my own experiences with door-to-door work and our in-home Plant-based cooking school.
4. Discuss the health benefits of a plant-based diet.
5. Inspire and equip participants to labor for Christ in any way available to them, using 'whatever is in their hand'.

**Andi Hunsaker MD** is a graduate of LLU school of Medicine and is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Radiology, her chosen specialty. After completing her residency in Radiology at Loma Linda University, she completed a fellowship in Thoracic Imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston while her husband, Bob, also a graduate of LLU school of medicine, did his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. After finishing her fellowship, she was invited to remain on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital as an attending radiologist. She is currently Chief of Thoracic Imaging at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Associate Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School. She is married to Bob Hunsaker MD and together they are active in ministry in their church and neighborhood.



## A Divine Prescription

*Jeffrey Cho, MD*

### OBJECTIVES

I will be sharing part of the story of how the Lord is leading at Haiti Adventist Hospital and discuss how medical missionary work as described in Isaiah 58 is critical to the success of our mission as a church.

1. Highlight the importance of medical missionary work
2. Discuss the benefits that can be experienced as a result of engaging in medical missionary work
3. Challenge participants to engage in medical missionary work wherever the Lord leads them

**Dr. Jeffrey Cho** is a family and preventive medicine physician serving as the assistant medical director at Haiti Adventist Hospital with his wife, Michelle, and 2 daughters, Eden (2 years old) and Selah (7 months old). He trained at Loma Linda University for medical school and residency and he is able to serve overseas through the Deferred Mission Appointee program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has a special interest in medical missionary work through lifestyle medicine and global health.

## What the World Needs... Now

*K'dee Elsen, PhD*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the mental health crisis, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the projected trajectory of this crisis from an end-time perspective; including discussing the precipitating and perpetuating factors of the crisis.
2. Identify the primary needs of the world at large and individuals (including patients) to be equipped to combat this mental health crisis.
3. Demonstrate practical ways to address these needs by learning from the Wonderful Counselor and incorporating different skills like Motivational Interviewing.
4. Identify the challenges and barriers of addressing these needs, collectively as a church and individually in our personal and professional lives.
5. Inspire attendees to assess for, and address these identified needs in their respective spheres of influence.



Growing up as a pastor's kid, **Dr. K'dee Elsen** witnessed much hardship and brokenness, both in and out of the church. Over the years, God evoked a personalized sense of responsibility and calling to address this suffering. She currently serves Him as a Christ-centered psychologist at Beautiful Minds Medical, an international speaker, and a podcast and YouTube host. Her ultimate joy is sharing how the truth of a compassionate God can heal our broken world, lives and hearts.

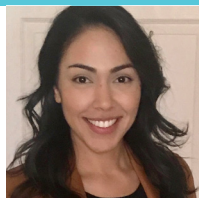
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## Beyond the Diagnosis: What's Really Going On?

*Claudia Moncada, DDS*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the power of your personal journey to connect with patients at a deeper level.
2. Develop and implement soft skills to diagnose beyond the dental chief complaint.
3. Identify your place in the stages of change, towards your ideal mode of operation in your practice of dentistry.

**Dr. Claudia Moncada**, a Loma Linda School of Dentistry graduate class of 2017, is currently practicing as an associate general dentist, in Northern California. She was born in Colombia & raised by her mother in Miami, Florida. Her love for dentistry began in high school and continued on despite the difficulties of her circumstances where her motivation was tried and refined. She believes God used dentistry to reach her and she now seeks to use dentistry as a ministry.



## All In - Lessons Learned From Medical Training and Starting a Private Practice in a Pandemic

*Jonathan Miller, MD*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the experience of starting a medical and surgical dermatology practice during COVID-19.
2. Discuss the importance of practical spirituality in private practice.
3. Describe different ways of incorporating prayer into a busy medical practice.
4. Challenge participants to strive for circumstances that develop character over comfort.

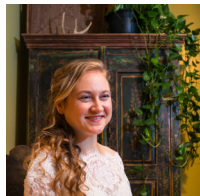
**Jonathan Miller, MD**, is a board-certified dermatologist and fellowship-trained Mohs surgeon. As owner and founder of Uderm, PLLC, he practices medical and surgical dermatology in his hometown of Ooltewah, TN. He received his undergraduate degree in nursing at Southern Adventist University, medical doctorate at East Tennessee State University, dermatology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and Mohs micrographic surgery and dermatologic oncology fellowship in Birmingham, AL. Prior to medicine, Dr. Miller worked as an ICU nurse for 2 years, and also spent a year as a missionary in the Philippines. Outside of medicine, Dr. Miller enjoys spending time with his wife, Becca, and their four daughters. He loves sharing about Jesus with his patients, and is also passionate about aviation, fishing, and mountain climbing.

## "The Call: Unto the Ends"

*Sarah Belensky, MD*

### OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss Biblical and Spirit of Prophecy teachings about reaching 'unreached people' for Christ and ministering to them using His method of whole person care.
2. Explore who and where the 'unreached people' are in 2021.
3. Discuss the unique health challenges of the unreached.
4. Illustrate practical ways we can use our healthcare career to minister to people as Jesus did and reach the 'unreached'.



**Dr. Sarah Belensky**, Gabriel, Elijah and baby Juliana have been missionaries in Chad for the past 3 years. They have recently started Gabriel's masters in divinity at Andrews in preparation to serve as a pastoral family in France. Sarah trained in family medicine in Boise and completed a fellowship in high risk obstetrical deliveries in Seattle. They are passionate about reaching the unreached and spreading the good news about God's heart of love.

# Making Christ-Like Connections: Win the Confidence and Trust of Your Patients.



*Ryan Dolinsky, DPT*

## OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss and explore the need for building therapeutic alliance/rapport with patients in order create opportunities for patient behavior change and opportunities to share the gospel.
2. Understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has opened up more opportunities to establish connections with patients.
3. Learn basic interview/communication skills that enhance Christ-like patient-centered care in clinical settings.

**Dr. Ryan Dolinsky** graduated from Loma Linda University in 2014 with his doctorate in physical therapy and practices at Loma Linda University Medical Center in the outpatient rehabilitation center. He is also an educator at Loma Linda University for the physical therapy department and has a passion for teaching. He is married to his lovely wife Kristy. They enjoy traveling; spending time with friends and family; and most importantly, ministering for Christ together.

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# AMEN

Exists to:

- Inspire medical professionals to share Christ.
- Connect medical professionals through its annual conference and mission opportunities.
- Mentor students as they learn to deliver spiritual care.
- Provide Christ-centered medical evangelism resources.
- Unite with local congregations by sponsoring free outreach clinics.

This is AMEN.

If you have the desire to share Christ but you're struggling to learn how to do that in a comfortable way, then I'd encourage you to get involved with AMEN.

If your heart beats with a desire to share Christ, then AMEN is for you.

If you believe, as I do, that time is very short and that the medical ministry needs to combine with the gospel ministry, blending them together more effectively, then AMEN is for you.

*- Dr. Brian Schwartz, AMEN President*

We invite you to join AMEN and experience spiritual fellowship with like-minded colleagues and discover new insights into sharing Christ in your practice.

You are AMEN!



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# Network Walks

## Sabbath October 30

### 4-5pm

Would you like to go on a walk Sabbath afternoon while networking with others that share your same ministry passion? We invite you to join one of our networking walks. This is time dedicated to brainstorming and dreaming. What ideas do you have to help AMEN fulfill its mission, vision, and objectives? What is the Holy Spirit placing on your heart? Would you like to get more involved with AMEN? To join a Networking Walk simply go to the AMEN Registration Desk and sign up under one of the leaders. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

#### MISSION

To motivate, train, and equip Seventh-day Adventist physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals to team with pastors and members, uniting the church to restore Christ's ministry of healing to the world, hastening His return.

#### VISION

The training of Seventh-day Adventists to be effective medical evangelists. Christ's methods of loving service through the ministry of healing will naturally open hearts to the gospel and the truths of the Bible. AMEN will cultivate the following essential qualities:

1. A living faith, a temperate life, and a commitment to family.
2. A deep yearning for souls to be restored to the image of God.
3. A conviction that each must participate in finishing the great commission.
4. Obedience to Bible and Spirit of Prophecy counsel on medical ministry.
5. Skill in applying practical, spiritual approaches in a clinical context.

#### OBJECTIVES

1. Annual national conferences which promote medical evangelism through:
  - Inspirational messages
  - Testimonials
  - Seminars and workshops to examine and apply prophetic principles and guidelines
  - Networking opportunities
  - Mission opportunities
2. Regional chapters that provide fellowship, accountability, and training.
3. A journal dedicated to Medical Evangelism.
4. Support of medical/dental interdivisional employees (IDE).
5. Mentor Seventh-day Adventist medical/dental students, residents, and fellows.
6. Actively cooperate with the Seventh-day Adventist church and its supporting ministries to promote and foster medical evangelism through charitable clinics and other mission opportunities.

# Continuing Education Information

## **DENTAL: (CDE – 4 credits)**

AMEN (in conjunction with Loma Linda University School of Dentistry) is pleased to offer up to 4 dental continuing education credits.^

## **MEDICAL: (CME – up to 6 credits)**

AMEN (in conjunction with Loma Linda University) is pleased to offer up to 6 continuing medical education credits at the 2021 conference.\*

## **STATEMENT of PURPOSE**

This program is designed to provide practical ways to help busy physicians effectively incorporate whole person care on a daily basis to their patients. This program strives to inspire healthcare providers by first building a strong foundation in strengthening their own personal relationship with Jesus and by being so filled with the love of Christ that it spills over to how they treat their patients. Physicians will be motivated because of their personal walk with Christ to provide more than ordinary medical care. They will aspire to treat the whole body: physically, emotionally, and spiritually and introduce patients to Christ, the true source of power and healing. This course will also discuss the importance of lifestyle changes and ways to build a strong immune system. As a result, patients will become more engaged in their wellbeing leading to better outcomes.

## OVERALL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe the importance of practical spirituality in the professional setting.
2. Explore the foundational importance of a personal relationship with Christ to effectively engage in whole person care “While It Is Day”.
3. Discuss opportunities we, as Christian providers, have despite significant challenges in healthcare today, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Challenge attendees to routinely incorporate whole person care and the Adventist health message alongside introducing patients to the source of motivation and power to make those changes – Jesus Christ.

*^\* All attendees wishing to obtain continuing education credit must sign in at the registration desk to verify attendance.*

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelism Network). The Loma Linda University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Loma Linda University School of Medicine designates this Live Activity for a maximum of **6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This program has been planned and implemented in accordance with ACCME essentials and standards. The Loma Linda University School of Medicine Office of Continuing Medical Education relies on its CME faculty to provide program content that is free of commercial bias. Therefore, in accordance with ACCME standards, any faculty and/or provider industry relationships will be disclosed and resolved.

# Children's Schedule

Theme: Little Lights

## Thursday October 28, 2021

- Families on their own.
- Bike rental available at the bell desk (*complimentary with hotel stay*)

**Evening Meeting:** 7:15 – 9:00pm

Indian Wells Ballroom

(Parent pickup requested by 9:15pm)

## Friday October 29, 2021

**Breakfast:** 8:30 – 9:30 am

The Grove

**Living Desert Zoo & Gardens Fieldtrip:** 9:30 am – 1:00pm

- **Meet at the conference center entrance** (*near the oval drive pullup area*)  
at 9:30am. (*Please sign up at the registration desk for to Carpool.*  
*All children going without a parent/guardian MUST have a signed permission slip.*)
- **The Living Desert Zoo & Gardens**  
47900 Portola Avenue • Palm Desert, CA 92260

**Lunch:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm

The Grove

**Afternoon:** Meet at the Registration Desk to walk over together

**Swimming for ages 5+:** 2:00 - 5:30pm

(*with a parent or need to have a signed waiver/permission slip*)

**Childcare for ages 0-4:** 2:00 - 5:30pm

Indian Wells Ballroom

(*with a parent or need to have a signed waiver/permission slip*)

**Supper:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The Grove

**Vespers:** 7:15 – 9:00 pm

Desert Vista Ballroom

(Parent pickup requested by 9:15pm)

## Sabbath October 30, 2021

**Breakfast:** 8:30 – 9:30 am

The Grove

**Sabbath School:** 9:30 – 11:15 am

Desert Vista Ballroom

**Church:** 11:25 – 12:45 pm – with parents

Indian Wells Ballroom

**Lunch:** 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The Grove

**Afternoon Service Project:** 2:00 - 3:00pm

Desert Vista Ballroom

**Supper:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The Grove

**Vespers:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Desert Vista Ballroom

(Parent pickup requested by 9:15pm)

## Exhibitors

**Juanita Staten**

1888 Message Study Committee

**John Baxter**

Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM)

**Kyle Allen**

Adventist World Radio

**Francisco Ramirez**

AWHN

**Sylvia Small**

Black Hills Health and Education Center

**Ostap Dzyndra**

Build and Restore International

**Eliseo Lozano**

Changing People's Lives International  
Ministries

**Chelsea Carena**

Eden Valley Institute Of Wellness

**Howard Scoggins**

Global Mission of Seventh-day  
Adventists

**Christina Im**

HealthMotivate

**Diana Fish**

Holbrook Indian School (HIS)

**Ronnie Mills**

Hope Channel International, Inc.

**Curt Dolinsky**

It Is Written

**Mike Unterseher**

Loma Linda University Faculty  
Medical Group

**Joseph Cadiz**

Nevada-Utah Conference of SDA  
(Thrive)

**Steve Chang**

Palau Adventist Wellness Center

**Ivan Golubic**

Pathway To Health

**Randall Steffens**

Stallan Health

**Vaughan Sparrow**

Wildwood Health Institute

# Thank You

The AMEN board members would like to thank you for attending our 17th Annual Conference. We hope you were blessed and will plan to join us again next year.

Please remember to complete your evaluations before departing. Thank you!

We wish you God's richest blessings as you daily seek to share Christ '*While It Is Day*' and reflect His Character by ministering to those around you.

## 3ABN

We are so grateful for AMEN's new partnership with 3ABN and would like to thank their entire team for the work they have put into recording the conference. Presentations will be aired on 3ABN November 18 - 20, 2021.

## AUDIOVERSE

We would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank AudioVerse for recording the conference. Their dedication to AMEN for many years is greatly appreciated! Presentations will be available free of charge at [amensda.org](http://amensda.org) and [audioverse.org](http://audioverse.org).

## FOOD DONORS

AMEN would like to thank Vibrant Health Products for their generous donations. These items greatly enhance the quality of our meals and help us keep the food costs as low as possible.

### **One Degree Organic Foods**

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[www.onedegreeorganics.com](http://www.onedegreeorganics.com)

### **Little Northern Bakehouse**

Abbotsford, BC, Canada  
[www.littlenorthernbakehouse.com](http://www.littlenorthernbakehouse.com)

### **Silver Hills Bakery**

Abbotsford, BC, Canada  
[www.silverhillsbakery.com](http://www.silverhillsbakery.com)

## MUSIC

AMEN would like to thank Jessica Ahn and Josee Bailey for coordinating the music for the conference. We would also like to thank their team of volunteer musicians. Thank you for your participation!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

AMEN would like to thank Chasity Petersen and her team for providing excellent children's programs.

## Announcements

### **AMEN Membership:**

If you are not already an AMEN member, we invite you to join us! AMEN is committed to equipping physicians and dentists to be effective medical evangelists. It is our prayer that through your involvement with AMEN you will be motivated, trained, and equipped to share Christ daily as you seek not only to heal your patients physically, but to also have an eternal impact on them by introducing them to Jesus Christ the healer of their body and soul. You can join online at: [amensda.org/membership/join/](https://amensda.org/membership/join/) or go to the AMEN registration desk and we will be happy to sign you up.

### **Prayer Room:**

The prayer room will be open daily from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be a group prayer time from 6:45 - 7:15 each morning led by Michael Abesamis. All other times of the day there will not be a facilitator, this is simply a quiet place for you to go and pray together and post your prayer requests.

Note: Due to space constraints, the prayer room will also be used for seminars and children's programs this year.

## **NETWORK GROUPS**

### **Sabbath Afternoon – Network Walks:**

This is an opportunity to meet with people to discuss various aspects of AMEN's outreach ministry and present ideas that will be reported back to the AMEN leadership.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups go to the registration desk and sign up so they don't leave without you. These are designed as walks so people can meet together and discuss ideas, yet still get in physical activity. Please see page 25 for more details.

## **EVALUATION**

Your feedback is very important to AMEN. We ask that you complete the evaluation form. You can do so online at: [amensda.org/evaluation/](https://amensda.org/evaluation/) or scan the QR code below. If you prefer to fill out a paper form you can pick one up at the AMEN registration desk anytime. They will also be distributed at the meeting on Saturday night. Thank you!





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**Brian Schwartz, MD**

Interventional Cardiologist

**Mark Finley, DDiv**

Pastor



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AMEN Conference 2021

# COVID-19 Precautions

We're so glad you have chosen to join AMEN for the in-person conference this year. We recognize that while the pandemic continues around us there is no 'zero risk' when it comes to any kind of gathering. You may be at risk of COVID-19 whenever you get together with people.

The AMEN meetings will be held indoors; meals will be outdoors. Indoor seating will be somewhat spread out but not completely 'physically distanced'. We encourage all attendees to wear a mask during indoor events.

All AMEN staff and volunteers working at registration, and those in the children's divisions, have tested negative for COVID-19 test within 72-hours of conference commencement.

AMEN encourages adherence to local health department and CDC guidelines.

To help keep everyone safe, AMEN encourages the following:

1. Wearing a mask when attending meetings indoors.
2. If you begin to experience symptoms of COVID-19, please self-quarantine and do not attend the meetings.

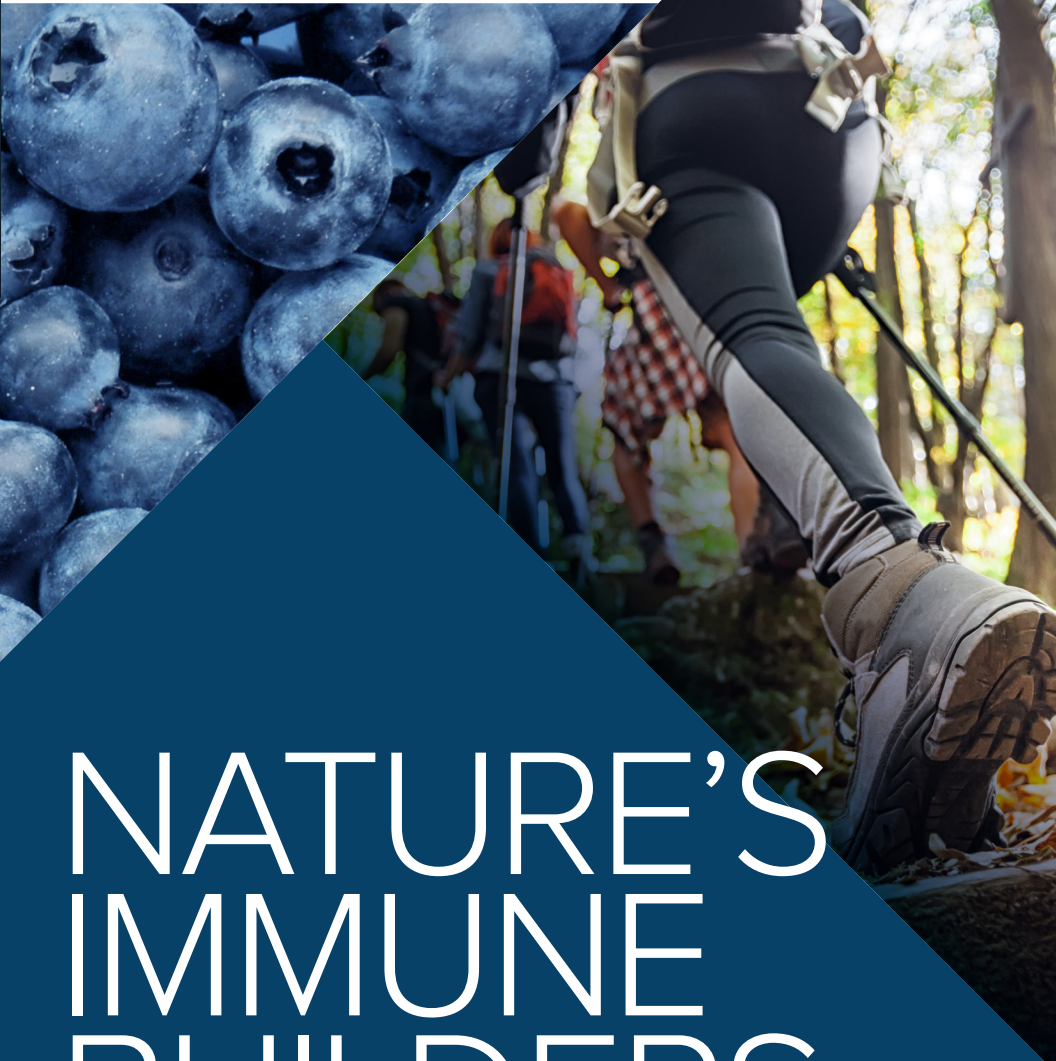
Sanitizer and masks are available at the AMEN registration desk.

If you are unvaccinated or otherwise concerned about your personal health please remember that we will also be live-streaming the conference.

AMEN is committed to providing an environment of love and unity during this conference so that we can focus on our mission of spreading the gospel through health evangelism.

Thank you for your continued support of AMEN. Please join us in praying that all attendees stay safe and healthy and that lives are eternally saved as a result of the information learned and experiences shared at this year's AMEN conference.

*The AMEN Leadership Team*



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