



*By His  
Spirit*

PROGRAM  
GUIDE

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*October 31 - November 3, 2024*

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THEME:

# By His Spirit

"... 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'  
Says the Lord of hosts." - ZECHARIAH 4:6 NKJV

How did Jesus — a carpenter by training — minister as the greatest medical missionary this world has ever seen or will see?

In three years, Jesus restored a leper, gave sight to a blind man, resurrected the dead to life, and performed so many healing miracles that if they were written one by one, even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.<sup>1</sup>

How? *By the Holy Spirit.*

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."<sup>2</sup>

And Jesus promised that "he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."<sup>3</sup>

"By this Christ did not mean that the disciples' work would be of a more exalted character than His, but that it would have greater extent. He did not refer merely to miracle working, but to all that would take place under the working of the Holy Spirit."<sup>4</sup>

Jesus revealed no qualities, and exercised no powers, that men may not have through faith in Him. His perfect humanity is that which all His followers may possess, if they will be in subjection to God as He was.<sup>5</sup>

"The preaching of the word will be of no avail without the continual presence and aid of the Holy Spirit. This is the only effectual teacher of divine truth. Only when the truth is accompanied to the heart by the Spirit will it quicken the conscience or transform the life. One might be able to present the letter of the word of God, he might be familiar with all its commands and promises; but unless the Holy Spirit sets home the truth, no souls will fall on the Rock and be broken.

No amount of education, no advantages, however great, can make one a channel of light without the cooperation of the Spirit of God. The sowing of the gospel seed will not be a success unless the seed is quickened into life by the dew of heaven. Before one book of the New Testament was written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying apostles."<sup>6</sup>

**During our time together, we will explore three aspects of the Holy Spirit:**

1. **Healing:** God wants to heal us to help heal others.  
Before preaching the Gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the earth, Jesus's disciples needed to be healed of sin, especially pride and selfishness, that caused division among them. For this, Jesus rejoiced to give the Holy Spirit because the sickness of sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Holy Spirit.<sup>7</sup>

As the Holy Spirit empowers us to reflect Christ in our everyday interactions with patients and coworkers, we can demonstrate compassion, empathy, and a genuine concern for the holistic well-being of our neighbors – turning regular work days into extraordinary medical mission opportunities where we share the life-transforming message of eternal hope and freedom in Jesus Christ.

2. **Unity:** God has promised that His Spirit can bring unity.  
As the disciples united in prayer and supplication in the upper room, the Holy Spirit united them.<sup>8</sup>

The Holy Spirit unites us in our shared purpose of bringing healing and salvation as we reach out to the world with God's love.

3. **Freedom:** God desires our freedom – freedom from sin, sickness, and death. In a broken and hurting world, the gospel offers true liberation, and Jesus said that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him because he "anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners."<sup>9</sup>

Once the disciples were in one place and one accord, they freely preached the Gospel with divine power from the Holy Spirit.

Through preaching the gospel, we have the privilege of introducing individuals to the transformative power of Jesus – offering them a life of purpose, forgiveness, and eternal salvation by His Spirit.

We invite you to join us as we explore the extraordinary combination of medical missionary work and gospel proclamation. Through inspiring presentations, practical seminars, and heartfelt discussions, we will deepen our understanding of how the Holy Spirit works through us to bring healing, unity, and freedom.

**References:**

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| 1. John 21:25    | 4. DA 664.5 | 7. DA 671.2  |
| 2. Acts 10:38    | 5. DA 664.4 | 8. Acts 1-2  |
| 3. John 14:12-18 | 6. DA 671.4 | 9. Luke 4:18 |





# Schedule

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2024

- Business Meeting:** 5:00 - 6:00 pm Indian Wells Ballroom (OP Sections)  
**Supper:** 5:00 - 7:00 pm Indian Wells Ballroom (OP Sections) + 18th Terrace  
**Evening Meeting:** 7:20 - 9:00 pm Indian Wells Ballroom  
*Guided By His Spirit: Celebrating 20 Years of AMEN's Mission and Ministry*  
*Panel Moderators: Mark Finley, DD and Brian Schwartz, MD*

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

- Partners in Prayer:** 6:00 – 7:00 am Desert Vista: DE  
*Leader: Gem Castor*
- Devotional:** 7:00 – 7:30 am Indian Wells Ballroom  
*By His Spirit: Daily*  
*Speaker: Brian Schwartz, MD*
- Network Walks:** 7:30 – 8:30 am Meet in the Indian Wells Ballroom  
*See list on page 25*
- Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15 am The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)
- Plenary Session I:** 9:30 – 10:40 am Indian Wells Ballroom  
*Speaker: Laren Tan, MD\*^*  
*Leading with Compassion: Christian Principles in Healthcare Leadership*
- Plenary Session II:** 10:50 – 12:00 pm Indian Wells Ballroom  
*Speaker: Calvin Kim, DDS\*^*  
*Learn from Yesterday, Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*
- Lunch:** 1:00 - 2:30pm The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)
- Breakout Sessions A:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- Dental: Berenice Cheng, DDS\*^** Desert Vista - Date Palm  
*Evangelistic Opportunities for Associates in non-Christian Practices*
- Medical: Janie Yoo, MD\* (Ophthalmologist)** Indian Wells Ballroom (OP Sections)  
*The Purpose-Driven Practice*
- Pastor/Physician Team:** Desert Vista - Agave  
**Daniel Binus, MD + Chaplain Kevin Nutchoo\*^**  
*Spiritual Intervention in Medical Practice: Why, Who and How*
- Allied Health: Peter Lingas, DPT** Desert Vista - Bighorn  
*From Distant to Determined: Growing In Spirit as a Physical Therapy Practice Owner*

## Seminar Room Locations

FRIDAY	DESERT VISTA DATE PALM	INDIAN WELLS BALLROOM	DESERT VISTA AGAVE	DESERT VISTA BIGHORN	DESERT VISTA ELDORADO
<b>SESSION A</b> 2:00-3:00 pm	Berenice Cheng, DDS	Janie Yoo, MD	Daniel Binus, MD + Chaplain Kevin Nutchoo	Peter Lingas, DPT	
<b>SESSION B</b> 3:10-4:10 pm	Paul Yoo, DDS	Robert Hunsaker, MD	Harvey Hahn, MD + Pastor Andrea Jakobsons	Ryan Dolinsky, DPT	Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD
<b>SESSION C</b> 4:20-5:20 pm	Christine Han, DDS	Gloria Kim, MD	Neil Nedley, MD + Pastor Don Mackintosh	Genesis Napod, RN	Brad Emde, OD + Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD + Peter Blackburn, MD

### Continuing Education: 5.5 CME; 5 CDE

AMEN (in collaboration with Loma Linda University) is offering 5.5 medical continuing education credits and 5 dental continuing education credits. See pages 26 and 27 for more information\*.

Please remember to stop by the Continuing Education Table in Desert Vista Foyer to verify your attendance. Thank you!

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

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

**Dental:** Paul Yoo, DDS<sup>^</sup> Desert Vista - Date Palm

*Beyond drilling, filling and billing, from a Christian POV*

**Medical:** Robert Hunsaker, MD\* Indian Wells Ballroom (OP Sections)

*The Christian Physician, LGBTQ+, and Epigenetics*

**Pastor/Physician Team:** Desert Vista - Agave

Harvey Hahn, MD + Pastor Andrea Jakobsons\*

*Tag Team: there it is!*

**Allied Health:** Ryan Dolinsky, DPT\* Desert Vista - Bighorn

*Flipping the script: How to foster hope in the hopeless patient.*

**Eye Track:** Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD\* Desert Vista - Eldorado

*Efficient Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS)—*

*Mission Updates from India*

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

**Dental:** Christine Han, DDS<sup>^</sup> Desert Vista - Date Palm

*Building Connections: When God Turns a Trial into a Testimony*

**Medical:** Gloria Kim, MD\* Indian Wells Ballroom (OP Sections)

*Led by the Spirit: Getting Tangible Solutions from an Intangible God*

**Pastor/Physician Team:** Desert Vista - Agave

Neil Nedley, MD + Pastor Don Mackintosh

*Keys For Experiencing Positive Clinical & Spiritual Outcomes -*

*A Summary of the 20+ experience of a Physician / Minister Team*

**Allied Health:** Genesis Napod, RN\* Desert Vista - Bighorn

*Physician Notified. Casting Our Cares Upon Him*

**Eye Track:** Desert Vista - Eldorado

Brad Emde, OD + Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD + Peter Blackburn, MD\*

*His Way is Better Than Our Way*

**Supper:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)

**Evening Meeting:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm Indian Wells Ballroom

AMEN Missions – International AMEN Chapter Reports/Testimonies

*Speaker: Stephen and Katie Waterbrook*

## SABBATH NOVEMBER 2, 2024

- Partners in Prayer:** 6:00 – 7:00 am      Desert Vista: Date Palm & El Dorado  
Leader: Gem Castor
- Devotional:** 7:00 – 7:30 am      Indian Wells Ballroom  
By His Spirit: Go!  
Speaker: Jonathon Thorp, MD
- Network Walks:** 7:30 – 8:30 am      Meet in the Indian Wells Ballroom  
See list on page 25
- Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15 am      The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)
- Sabbath School:** 9:30 – 11:00 am      Indian Wells Ballroom  
Discussion Leaders: Lyndi Schwartz, MD and Mark Quion (Medical Student)
- Divine Service:** 11:10 am – 12:50 pm      Indian Wells Ballroom  
Speaker: Pastor Mark Finley
- Lunch:** 1:00 – 2:30 pm      The Grove + Grand Salon
- Music & Student Panel Discussion:** 2:30 – 3:45 pm      Indian Wells Ballroom
- Break & afternoon walk**
- Supper:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm      The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)
- Evening Meeting:** 7:20 – 9:00 pm      Indian Wells Ballroom  
Speaker: AMEN Presidential Charge – John Shin, MD

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

- Partners in Prayer:** 6:00 – 7:00 am      Desert Vista: Date Palm & El Dorado  
Leader: Gem Castor
- Devotional:** 7:00 – 7:30 am      Indian Wells Ballroom  
The Key to Effective Medical Evangelism  
Speaker: Phil Mills, MD
- Network Walks:** 7:30 – 8:30 am      Meet in the Indian Wells Ballroom  
See list on page 25
- Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15 am      The Grove (outside past the tennis courts)

+ Sabbath School lesson booklets available at the registration desk.

\* = CME    ^ = CDE

# Led "By His Spirit" in Prayer

**PARTNERS IN PRAYER • DESERT VISTA BALLROOM (DE) • LEADER: GEM CASTOR**

There is a great need for us to be led "By His Spirit" that we may experience the full blessing of this conference. We invite you to join us for 'Partners in Prayer' each morning at 6:00 am.

**... 'NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT,' SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS. - ZECHARIAH 4:6**

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" - Luke 11:13

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 3:21

Those who meet together for prayer will receive an unction (anointing) from the Holy One. There is great need of secret prayer, but there is also need that several Christians meet together and unite with earnestness their petitions to God. – In *Heavenly Places*, p. 91

It is in the order of God that those who bear responsibilities should often meet together to counsel with one another and to pray earnestly for that wisdom which He alone can impart. Unitedly make known your troubles to God. Talk less; much precious time is lost in talk that brings no light. Let brethren unite in fasting and prayer for the wisdom that God has promised to supply liberally. – *Gospel Workers*, p. 417

If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit... Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the daily baptism of the Spirit every worker should offer his petition to God. – *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 50

What marvelous results would appear if the united prayers of this company were to ascend to God in living faith! Jesus stands ready to take these petitions and present them to His Father, saying, "I know these persons by name. Send answers to their prayers; for I have graven their names on the palms of My hands." — *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists*, 152 (1886). – *Evangelism*, p. 414

We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost. Without the Spirit and power of God it will be in vain that we labor to present the truth. *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 158

Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved. Prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the Well-spring of life, and strengthens the sinew and muscle of the religious experience. – *Gospel Workers*, p. 254





## GENERAL SESSIONS

### Guided By His Spirit: Celebrating 20 Years of AMEN's Mission and Ministry

Panel Moderators: Mark Finley, DD and Brian Schwartz, MD



#### DESCRIPTION:

Since its inception, AMEN has been committed to motivating and equipping healthcare professionals to become more effective witnesses in their practices, their local churches, and mission outreach. Our panel will review AMEN's history focusing on how God raised up AMEN and has blessed its members in service for Him over the past 20 years. A highlight of the panel will be discussing the miraculous ways God has led AMEN as an organization and how AMEN members have embraced living 'By His Spirit' utilizing the methods of Jesus to reach people for the kingdom of God.

#### PANELISTS:

- Elizabeth Chung, MD - AMEN Board Member
- Gohalem Felema, MD - AMEN Board Member
- Mark Finley, DD – AMEN Board Advisor
- Todd Guthrie, MD - Past AMEN President
- Carlos Moretta, DDS - Past AMEN Board Member
- Brian Schwartz, MD – Past AMEN President
- John Shin, MD - AMEN President

# Speakers

#### Devotional:

- Friday - By His Spirit: Daily | Brian Schwartz, MD
- Sabbath - By His Spirit: Go! | Jonathon Thorp, MD
- Sunday - The Beloved Physician | Phil Mills, MD



**Dr. Schwartz** is an Interventional and Structural Heart Cardiologist and serves as Medical Director of the Heart and Vascular Service Line at Kettering Health in Dayton, Ohio. Having been personally touched by the power of the gospel, Dr. Schwartz longed to make his medical work a healing ministry. His association with AMEN has helped him integrate prayer and Christian spirituality into his practice in a more intentional and natural way. Dr. Schwartz served as the editor of the Medical Evangelist (AMEN's journal) for 10 years and as AMEN President for 5 years. He is married to Dr. Lyndi Schwartz, together they have a passion for the gospel and ministry.

**Dr. Jonathon Thorp** is the Medical Director of Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic. He and his wife Allie, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, have the joy of raising James (7), Joseph (5), Tabitha (4), and Caleb (3m) while serving in this service capacity. Previously the Thorps were cross-cultural missionaries in Nepal. They are thankful for answering the Matthew 28 call!

**Dr. Phil Mills** is a graduate of Loma Linda School of Medicine with board certifications in Dermatology and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Now retired he remains active in ministry. He is a past president of AMEN.

## Leading with Compassion: Christian Principles in Healthcare Leadership

Laren Tan, MD



**OBJECTIVES:**

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Describe the principles of Christian leadership and their application in healthcare.
2. Identify strategies for integrating faith-based values into medical & dental practice to enhance patient care and organizational culture.
3. Develop skills to lead with compassion, integrity, and a servant-leadership approach in a healthcare setting.

**Dr. Laren Tan** is a Professor of Medicine at Loma Linda University and serves in many leadership roles. Dr. Tan earned his Doctor of Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Loma Linda University. He completed his fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care at the University of California at Davis. Dr. Tan has led in the development of the most comprehensive and cutting-edge asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program in the region. He has been featured twice in TIME magazine for his work in obstructive lung disease. In addition to numerous clinical and academic achievements, Dr. Tan has a passion for spiritual care. He routinely prays with his patients and has organized prayer seminars to assist healthcare providers in meeting the spiritual needs of patients and their families.

## Learn from Yesterday, Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Calvin Kim, DDS



**OBJECTIVES:**

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify principles for success and fulfillment in both the personal life and professional practice.
2. Recognize the impact of a service-oriented lifestyle on the practice of dentistry and medicine.
3. Provide practical strategies for overcoming burnout and addiction by discovering purpose in God's calling.
4. Examine key motivating factors for providing whole person care.

**Dr. Calvin Kim** is a dentist from Olympia, WA and the co-founder of F5 Challenge and ARME Bible Camp. He currently serves as ASI Vice President for Evangelism. He is passionate about inspiring others to live their best lives and winning souls into God's kingdom. Dr. Kim is married to his beautiful wife Amy of 22 years and together they have two daughters Charis and Caia.

**AMEN Involvement:**

I attended my first AMEN conference in 2015, an experience that shaped my perspective. If I were to encapsulate the impact this organization has had on me, it is that AMEN has illuminated the distinction between my career and my calling. While dentistry is my profession, it is not my ultimate purpose. My true calling transcends the restoration of oral health, it is the greater and nobler mission of restoring humanity to the image of God through whole-person care. Dentistry simply serves as the platform through which I fulfill this higher purpose, my genuine ovation in life.

## To A Land I Will Show You

Stephen (MD) and Katie (RN) Waterbrook



**DESCRIPTION:**

Stephen, Katie, and children Savannah, August, and Scarlett were called to Chad Africa to serve as medical missionaries.

How did Stephen and Katie go from a busy surgical practice and family life in the US to heed the call to a rural and very resource poor part of Africa? By His Spirit, and as Martin Luther said, "I'm not guided by God, He pushes me forward."

The Waterbrooks' story is one of heeding God's voice even if it leads to discomfort or inconvenience.

**Dr. Stephen Waterbrook** graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 2004. He is board certified in general surgery. Stephen has been involved with AMEN as a member or on the Board of Directors for almost 20 years. Katie is a registered nurse with a masters in public health.

## Sabbath School: By His Spirit

Lyndi Schwartz, MD



**DESCRIPTION:**

We are told that the truth for this time, the third angel's message, is to be connected with true medical missionary work. As physicians and dentists, we sense a call to mission, a call to action compelled by the gospel commission declared in the first sentence of Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations", and the promise in verse 20, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Jesus tells us that He will be with us through the presence and work of His Holy Spirit. We will study the office work of the Holy Spirit in three key areas: Health, Unity, and Freedom. We will draw from a book written by a physician, the Book of Acts.

**Dr. Lyndi Schwartz** went to Medical School at Loma Linda University and completed her residency there as well. Her 40-year career has been rewarding with the opportunity to do both clinical and academic medicine. As Program Director for the Internal Medicine residency at Kettering Health, she has had the privilege of training hundreds of residents for the practice of General Internal Medicine or its subspecialties. Most recently she has been named Vice-President of Medical Education for Kettering Health. But with the apostle Paul she would say, "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." It is always an honor not only to lead discussions and teach the word of God, but especially to live it. She is married to Dr. Brian Schwartz.



## Experiencing the Spirit's Power

### Pastor Mark Finley



#### SERMON DESCRIPTION:

The gospel writer Luke, one of the first century's renowned medical evangelists, declares, "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit..." What is this anointing of the Holy Spirit that empowers each one of us to "do good works" and be a channel of divine healing?

In this presentation Pastor Finley will explore the New Testament teaching of the infilling or anointing of the Holy Spirit as the basis for our service to others. He will share how By His Spirit our lives can be renewed and our medical practices transformed.

Although semi-'retired', **Pastor Mark Finley** is extremely active in ministry. He 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, most recently, Hope for Africa, the largest evangelistic campaign in SDA history with well over one hundred thousand baptisms.

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 are a dynamic ministry team passionate about sharing the love of Jesus and using the health message as an entering wedge. They have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

## The 1% Difference

### John Shin, MD



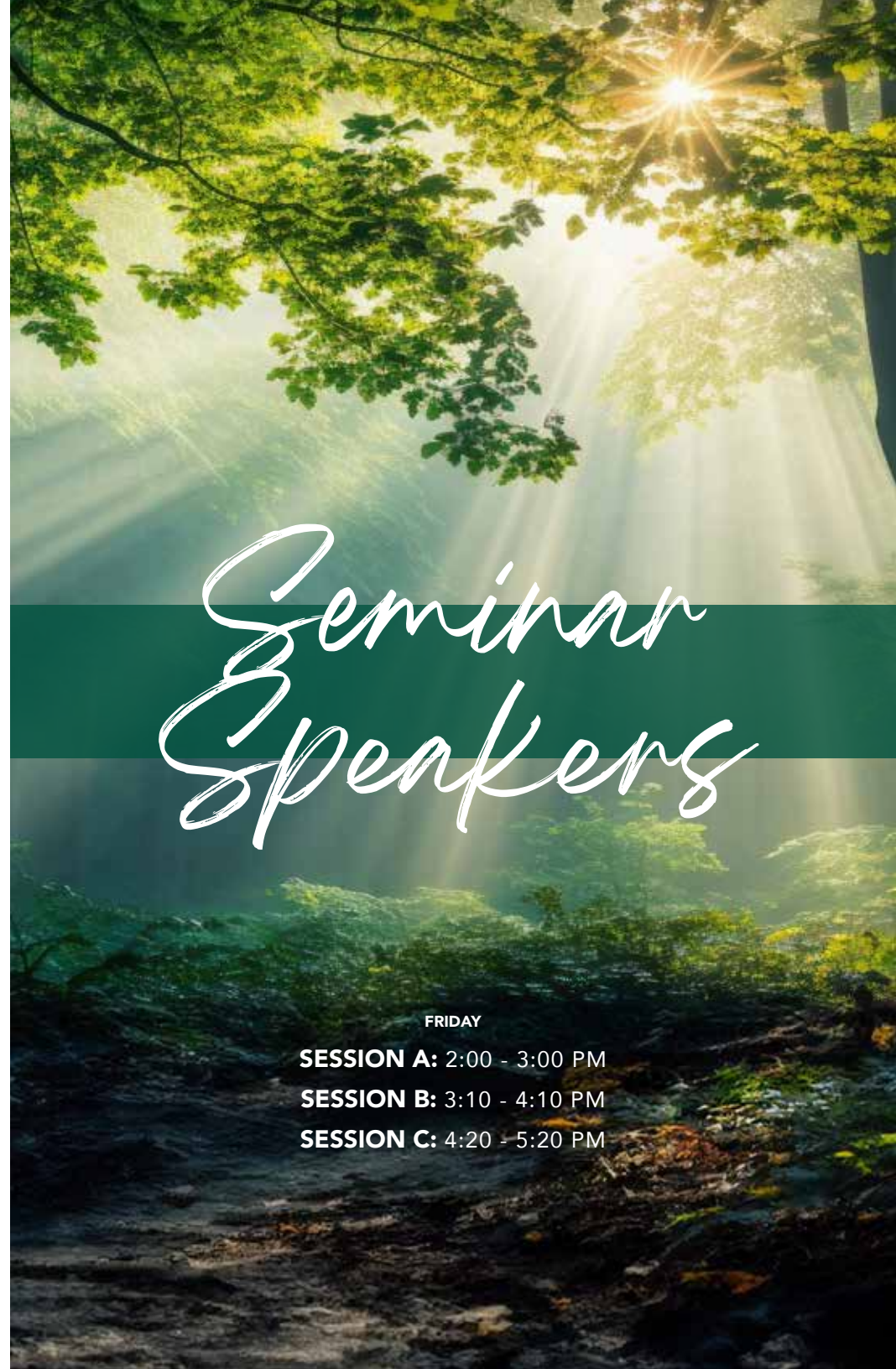
#### DESCRIPTION:

We claim the promise of the Holy Spirit and pray for the Spirit's power to be revealed in our lives, but so often we fail to see it materialize. Whether at work or in ministry, much of what we do seems to be propelled by our strength and not God's. In his closing presidential charge, Dr. John Shin will talk about the greatest obstacle that prevents us from experiencing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and what we can do to change that.

**Dr. John Shin** graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine then completed his internal medicine residency and hematology/oncology fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He also completed an advanced fellowship in cancer immunotherapy at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Shin currently works as a medical oncologist at Loma Linda University and has a burden to share Christ with cancer patients. Dr. Shin is grateful to have been mentored by the AMEN organization throughout his time in training and seeks to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals to dedicate their careers to Christ. As president, Dr. Shin's vision for AMEN is that it will serve as a catalyst for all people to engage in effective medical ministry for the purpose of spreading the gospel message. His wife Elisa is a dentist by training, and they are blessed with three children: Sophia, Charis, and Kyle.

#### AMEN Involvement:

AMEN was instrumental in helping to sustain my faith while I was a medical student. By connecting me with healthcare professionals who were passionate about serving God with their careers, I was able to stay inspired and motivated through the rigors of training. It has been said that the power of one good example can negate a thousand bad ones. Imagine then the impact of AMEN exposing me to hundreds of good examples. Now that I'm done with training, AMEN challenges me to do more and to be more for the Lord in my work as a physician, and I am able to give back by mentoring students and getting involved with AMEN's projects.



# Seminar Speakers

FRIDAY

**SESSION A: 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

**SESSION B: 3:10 - 4:10 PM**

**SESSION C: 4:20 - 5:20 PM**



## Evangelistic Opportunities for Associates in Non-Christian Practices

Berenice Cheng, DDS



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the unique challenges and opportunities for dentists and physicians that are not practicing in clinics with fellow believers.
2. Illustrate ways Adventist dentists and physicians can thrive in a secular workplace culture that may not be overtly supportive of medical evangelism.
3. Implement collaborations with secular/Christian entities in their community evangelistically.
4. Recognize how their witness as a dentist or physician extends beyond patient care, and consider their role as citizen/business provider in a community at large.

**Dr. Berenice Cheng** has practiced in Australia and Canada as a general dentist for the past 10 years. International mission is one of Dr. Cheng's passions, having led and participated in missions in Malaysia, Thailand, Tanzania and the Philippines. She is currently pursuing further training in Pediatric Dentistry at Loma Linda and is passionate about discovering the true meaning of service in healthcare.

## The Purpose-Driven Practice

Janie Yoo, MD



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss how to structure one's life and practice with purpose and intention.
2. Illustrate outside-the-box thinking in starting and building out a medical practice.
3. Identify different ways in which success can be defined.
4. Recognize the utility of having God as your business partner.
5. Evaluate the results that come from living "by His Spirit."

**Dr. Janie Yoo** is an ophthalmologist who trained at Loma Linda University for medical school and residency, then Harvard for her cornea fellowship. After graduating, she and her husband served in Lusaka, Zambia, for six years as missionaries. She, her husband Paul, their three children (ages 11, 9, and 7), and their dog, Mango, currently live on Kauai.

### AMEN Involvement:

I attended the very first AMEN conference held in Palm Springs as a medical student (I remember the cost was subsidized, for which I was so grateful), and I have been a huge supporter of the mission and spirit of this organization since its inception.

## Spiritual Intervention in Medical Practice: Why, Who and How

Daniel Binus, MD and Chaplain Kevin Nutchoo



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Describe the importance of spiritual evaluation and intervention to improve patients' mental and physical health.
2. Define holistic health care in the context of a secular environment.
3. Discuss how to perform a spiritual assessment for individual patients.
4. Identify appropriate spiritual interventions for individual patients.
5. Describe the process of forming a spiritual intervention protocol in your medical practice.

**Dr. Daniel Binus** completed his medical training and psychiatry residency at Loma Linda University, where he became fascinated by the beauty of the mind. He is passionate about treating the cause of mental illness, and not just masking the symptoms. Dr. Binus completed a master's degree in Public Health Education and enjoys conducting lectures and workshops on depression and other mental health topics. Dr. Binus serves as clinical director of Beautiful Minds Medical.

### AMEN Involvement:

Dr. Binus has been involved in AMEN since residency, about 2008. He states, "I've been tremendously blessed by many of the presentations and the fellowship. I've also been privileged to serve on the AMEN board. It is a beautiful thing to connect with like-minded individuals seeking to further Christ's healing ministry. It has given me motivation and encouragement to integrate more of a holistic and spiritual approach in my own practice."

**Kevin Nutchoo** was born in the Northeast of France and grew up in an Adventist family. Blessed by the Bible stories at an early age, I experienced Jesus' encounter at the age of 15 when my parents were about to divorce. Discovering my call for the Pastoral Ministry, I came to Weimar University in a miraculous way in the middle of COVID-19. During my time at Weimar, I had many experiences connecting pastoral ministry and medical missionary work, such as health coach for NEWSTART online (Follow-up program), a health evangelist in an Indian community (in New Jersey), Screening for depression and anxiety and lifestyle program assistant (Stallant Clinic), and more recently spiritual coach at Beautiful Minds Clinic. My wife and I met at Weimar, and a pastor-physician team married us as a symbol of our family call.

## From Distant to Determined: Growing In Spirit as a Physical Therapy Practice Owner

Peter Lingas, DPT



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Illustrate how our childhood experiences have a significant effect on our worldview and relationship with God.
2. Illustrate how life events have the potential to strengthen or weaken our walk with God.
3. Illustrate how to balance and thrive despite work and life stressors by prioritizing our spiritual well-being.

**Dr. Pete Lingas** is a sports and orthopedic physical therapist at Precision In Movement in Redlands, CA. Beyond his duties as a physical therapist, Pete is a clinic owner that encourages innovative thinking, personal growth and spiritual development. He finds daily fulfillment in building genuine relationships with his patients, co-workers, and the people he interacts with. Not only is Pete passionate about physical recovery, he truly believes mental and spiritual healing is at the center of all long-lasting remedies. Pete is currently involved in multiple ministries in the Loma Linda area, in which he is able to connect, teach and empower other individuals to cherish and nurture their relationship with Jesus.

## Beyond drilling, filling and billing, from a Christian POV

Paul Yoo, DDS



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify ways in which health ministry, including dentistry and medicine, can support the work of Christ, and how that improves the provider's quality of life and patient outcomes.
2. Discuss creative ways of nurturing the "golden goose" (dental or medical practice) to support and sustain His Kingdom.
3. Discuss how to embrace God's blessings and the talents He entrusts us with, and how that impacts dental and medical practice and reduces provider burnout.
4. Illustrate how to build with the end in mind, daring to go beyond dentistry or medicine and treat the whole patient.
5. Recognize the One Spirit amongst diverse methods and approaches in dental or medical ministry.

**Dr. Paul Yoo** Graduate of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, Mission Dentist in Zambia for six years, Private practice owner on Kauai, Living the dream and doing ministry on the island of Kauai, Married with three children and a dog

### AMEN Involvement:

Dr. Yoo attended his first AMEN conference as a student. "I was inspired and encouraged to stay the course which the Lord has set before me."

## The Christian Physician, LGBTQ+, and Epigenetics

Robert Hunsaker, MD



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the relationship between (epi)genetics and behavior, including LGBTQ+.
2. Discuss the most important studies relating to LGBTQ+ issues.
3. Evaluate the pitfalls in dialoguing with LGBTQ+ patients, and colleagues regarding LGBTQ+ issues.
4. Illustrate how the unique Seventh-day Adventist perspective on the nature and identity of man speaks hope to LGBTQ+.
5. Discuss how the humanity of Jesus speaks hope to ALL - including the LGBTQ+.

**Dr. Robert Hunsaker** and his amazing physician wife Andi, both practice in Boston, MA. He is active in his local SDA church and conference as an elder, SS teacher, public speaker, and conference committee member. He is an active participant in short-term missions, is a member of ASI, AMEN, and the 1888MSC. His academic appointment is at Tufts and Boston University Schools of Medicine, and is a fellowship program director and division chief.

### AMEN Involvement:

"I've been blessed to attend AMEN since its very inception at Cohutta Springs 20 yrs ago. AMEN has taught me the vital difference between being a physician who happens to be a Christian, and being a Christian physician.

## Tag Team: There It Is!

Harvey Hahn, MD and Pastor Andrea Jakobsons



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of health ministry for providers, church members, and the local community.
2. Distinguish between an evangelistic project versus a culture of evangelism.
3. Illustrate the concept of empowering people rather than finding powerful people.
4. Discuss medical and non-medical ways to evangelize.

**Dr. Harvey Hahn** is a board certified cardiovascular specialist with special interest in cardiac imaging and lifestyle medicine and the spiritual aspect of medicine. He has used lifestyle on himself to lose weight and get off of medications and wants to share these benefits with his patients. He currently serves as the Program Director for the Kettering Health Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Training program and is active in teaching and training the next generation of physicians in whole person care.

**Pastor Andrea Jakobsons** loves teaching God's Word, getting to know people, and seeing them give their lives to Jesus. She was born in the Czech Republic and moved to the US when she was 15 years old. After many years of running away from God's call to ministry, she enrolled in the seminary and has since served as a Bible teacher, a youth pastor, and now a lead pastor at Kettering, OH. She and her husband Michael have a precious miracle son Jānis.

## Flipping the script: How to foster hope in the hopeless patient.

Ryan Dolinsky, PT



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the role that hope and purpose have on patient recovery and healing (especially with chronic illness and pain).
2. Identify negative beliefs and illness narratives that influence a patient's health decisions and behaviors.
3. Implement motivational interviewing principles to reframe negative patient beliefs and narratives toward hopefulness.
4. Discuss how to create opportunities for the Holy Spirit to reach our hopeless patients to give them eternal hope.

**Dr. Ryan Dolinsky** works as a physical therapist at Loma Linda Outpatient Rehabilitation Center. He pursued residency training in orthopedic physical therapy care, which eventually led to his passion of helping those suffering from chronic pain. This passion has led him to educate students, residents, and community physical therapists. He desires to reveal the character of Christ through all his patient interactions. He is married to Kristy and a new father to their son Jonathan.



## Efficient Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery (MSICS)— Mission Updates from India

Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify time saving steps a surgeon can take to contribute to efficiency with less technology dependence, fewer surgical instruments and consumables and thereby offer high quality, cost-effective community based MSICS procedure.
2. Illustrate how to reduce postoperative astigmatisms and other complications as compared to conventional extra capsular cataract surgery.
3. Discuss how to prevent and manage complications during MSICS.

**Dr. Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu** is the Medical Director of three Adventist Mission hospitals in India and a full time Ophthalmologist at Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, Jalandhar. Dr. Chindrupu is renowned for his ability to perform high-quality MSICS within two minutes. He has traveled across India and abroad with his medical team, conducting over 1,350 free high volume eye camps, performed over 190,000 cataract and other procedures in a span of 30 years. He received the US Presidential Gold Medallion for Voluntary Service from the US India SME Council, Inc. in 2024, the J. Lawton Smith Award from the Christian Ophthalmology Society, USA in 2022 for lifetime "practicing first-class medicine in the spirit of love." And an honorary doctorate in Humanities from Montemorelos University, Mexico, in 2017. Driven by a passion to serve humanity, Dr. Chindrupu believes that restoring physical sight will help individuals experience the love of Jesus and transform lives.

**BREAKOUT SESSION C: 4:20 – 5:20PM**

## Building Connections: When God Turns a Trial into a Testimony

Christine Han, DDS



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the importance of praying for the Holy Spirit and following The Spirit's guidance in your dental or medical practice.
2. Identify practical ways to create meaningful connections with your patients and coworkers through listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and how that improves patient outcomes and increases job satisfaction for the dentist/physician.
3. Incorporate your personal testimony in the conversations with your patients and coworkers.
4. Recognize the influence the Holy Spirit plays not only in your professional journey but also in the lives of your patients and coworkers through your witnessing.

**Dr. Christine Han** is a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. She is a general dentist who practices in Southern California. Her greatest joy at work is sharing about Christ to her patients and coworkers through meaningful conversations and praying with them. She attributes her spiritual journey and life lessons to her late father. Through the example of his faith, she is also passionate about ministry and hosts a weekly prayer meeting for dentists. She has been involved with AMEN through participating as a pre-dental/dental student and dentist in various clinics and as a mentor for AMESA Sabbath afternoon gatherings. She is grateful for the spiritual impact and like-minded community that AMEN brings as well as its influence on her professional and personal life.

## Led by the Spirit: Getting Tangible Solutions from an Intangible God

Gloria Kim, MD



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the role of personal faith in decision-making.
2. Discuss practical spiritual approaches to dealing with uncertainties in our personal lives and medical practice.
3. Illustrate how praying for divine appointments can transform your work from a job to a healing ministry.
4. Describe examples of how personal faith in medical practice can impact outcomes.

**Gloria Kim** is an obstetrician-gynecologist in a small private practice in Downers Grove, IL. God began transforming her life and practice through prayer 9 years ago. She is learning that living by faith and being led by the Spirit is an unpredictable, sometimes terrifying, but always amazing journey.

### AMEN Involvement:

I joined and attended AMEN for the first time in 2023 and was amazed and humbled by the many mission-minded and spiritually-dedicated health care providers I met!

## Keys For Experiencing Positive Clinical & Spiritual Outcomes - A Summary of the 20+ Experience of a Physician / Minister Team

Neil Nedley, MD and Don Mackintosh, BSN MDiv



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify key findings concerning the value of integrating faith in the care of patients dealing with physical, emotional, mental health needs.
2. Illustrate the nuts and bolts of integrating faith into our professions.
3. Discuss practical examples of life transformation through testimonies from patients.
4. Share the testimony of a physician/pastor team who have been mentored.

**Dr. Neil Nedley**, a practicing physician in Weimar, CA, is the founder and medical director of the community-based and residential Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Programs™ and *Optimize Your Brain*™. He also serves as president of Weimar University and is well known as an author, public speaker, and teacher throughout the world. He is married to Erica, and they both love the outdoors.

**Pastor Don Mackintosh** has a rich history in health care and ministry. He is the Director of the HEALTH program, spiritual counselor for the Nedley Depression Recovery Program, and pastor of the Weimar University church. He is married to Luminitsa, and the father of four children: Elizabeth, Katherine, Donald, and James.

## Physician Notified. Casting Our Cares Upon Him

Genesis Napod, RN



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Illustrate how surrendering our burdens to the Great Physician will help us become better health care providers.
2. Discuss ways to deescalate tense work environments and conditions.
3. Implement practical tips on how to be a witness and blessing to your patients and coworkers.

**Genesis Napod** is a registered nurse with experience in home health, hospice and the hospital. He is, at times, referred to as a "purse" (preaching nurse). Genesis has a passion for sharing God's word through Bible study and in casual conversation with friends and coworkers.

## His Way is Better Than Our Way

Brad Emde, OD and Jacob Prabhakar Chindrupu, MD and Peter Blackburn, MD



### OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Illustrate the importance of asking God to direct our paths in all things.
2. Discuss how our reliance upon God's leading directly affects the success of our service to our patients and those whom God puts in our path.
3. Identify the importance of flexibility, especially when we see our plans seemingly failing, and understand this could actually be the key to the overall success of our medical missionary work.
4. Illustrate with real life examples from three different doctors who have experienced that God's plan was better than their own.

**Dr. Brad Emde** received his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center School of Optometry in 1997. He currently lives in the countryside of beautiful East Tennessee. He owns East View Eye Care, P.C., a private 4-doctor group practice in Greeneville, TN. His wife of over 31 years, Angela, is a high school teacher at Greeneville Adventist Academy. They have three daughters. Dr. Emde has a passion for medical mission work and has traveled extensively overseas providing free eye care and glasses to those in need.

### AMEN Involvement:

I first heard about AMEN in 2013 and listened to as many of the presentations on Audioverse as I could. It didn't matter what specialty I listened to, because I was able to learn and apply the principles they shared to my own practice. But it wasn't until 2016 that I started actually attending AMEN conventions. AMEN has so revolutionized the way I practice, that of all the conventions I consider attending each year, AMEN is the one I won't miss. It has helped me to keep the proper perspective in my practice and in my personal life. Not only have my patients really appreciated the ministry focus in our practice, but I also have benefitted tremendously by experiencing the joy in being used by God to connect my patients and staff to Jesus. I am very grateful for all the AMEN speakers and the attendees that I have met through the years and the positive influence they have been in my life. Thank you!

**Dr. Peter Blackburn** is an ophthalmologist at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. He specializes in vitreoretinal surgery and diseases. Dr. Blackburn has been in this position since 2004 and enjoys teaching medical students, ophthalmology residents, and surgical retina fellows. Dr. Blackburn and his wife Dionne have been married for 30 years and are high school sweethearts. They have 3 daughters and 1 son-in-law. They help lead their church, Bluegrass Connections, in Lexington, Kentucky.

# Music

## Worshipping By His Spirit Through Music

AMEN would like to thank the incredible music team led by Dr. Elizabeth Chung. Her team of assistant leaders is affectionately known as J3: Jeremiah Waworoendeng, Janessa Charles-Marcel, and Jeffrey Hwang have done a wonderful job coordinating the music for the conference! We would also like to thank their team of volunteer musicians listed below.

### Thank you for your participation!

Michael Abesamis, PTA	Elijah Hartman, MS2	Justin Nedley, MS1
Kyle Allen, MDiv	Payton Heisler, D4	Rebecca Nelson, RN
Sunny Arakawa	Nathan Hold, D4	Jacqueline Neumann, DDS
Josianne Bailey-Abesamis, MD	Jeffrey Hwang, DDS	Melisa Ramos Bryant, BSN
Erin Banks, BSN, RN	Larry Karpenko, DPT	Michael Reeves, MS1
Mark Brown, DDS	Tobin Kearns, Nursing Student	Andrew Roquiz, MD
Rolando Brutus, Med Student	Andrew Jaeger, Med Student	Adam Sabangan, MS1
Liviu Burciu	Bowon Joung, MD	Gratiela Sabangan
Jedel Butoy, MD	Esther Kang, LCSW	Brian Schwartz, MD
Adrien Charles-Marcel, DDS	Esther Kim, MS2	Pierre Scott, DMFT, LMFT
Janessa Charles-Marcel, MD	Jamie Kim, DDS	Stephanie Shin, DDS
Berenice Cheng, BDSc, MPH	Josh Saejin Kim, MS2	Raina Son, MS4
Daryl Cheng, MBBS, MPH	Josh Kim, Premed Student	Laura Tobing, MD
Kenneth Choi, MS4	Yeji Kim, MS4	Claudio Villalobos, MS3
Peter Choque, MS3	Alva Lee, BA	Katie Waterbrook, MPH, RN
Insook Chung, MSN, RN	Jason Leng, MD	Stephen Waterbrook, MD
Jason Chung, MS2	Stephanie Leng, MD	Savannah Waterbrook
Joelle Chung, BSN, RN	Emerald Leung, BA	August Waterbrook
Jed de la Paz, DDS	Richard Lim, DDS	Scarlett Waterbrook
Deborah De Souza, MD	Eugene Looi, MD	Jeremiah Waworoendeng, RN
Jonathan Emerson, MS2	David Manestar, PT	Nicole Yim, DDS
Joaquin Ferreti, MDiv	Elodie Manalo, MS2	
Jaymie Gacula, MS3	Annie Moretta, MD	<b>Abrigo Vocal:</b> Nicolle Dias,
Rhonda Grakov, MS2	Carlos Moretta, DDS	Julie Pereira, Cindy Pereira,
Todd Guthrie, MD	Dafne Moretta, MD	Diana Quiroz, Nicolas De
William Guthrie, MD	Paula Moretta	Souza, Anthony De Souza,
Christine Han, DDS	Lindsey Nakashima, DDS	Tiago Bechara



# Network Walks

## PURPOSE:

Create a space where attendees can process together what they are learning and brainstorm ways of implementing living "By His Spirit" in their personal lives and how that affects their practices, work situations, and home lives.

## LOCATION:

ALL groups will meet immediately following the devotional at the back of the Indian Wells Ballroom. Please be on time so the group can proceed promptly to the specified location/begin the walk.

## DESCRIPTION:

At the 2024 AMEN conference we have intentionally incorporated networking sessions into the conference with the goal of enhancing the 'equipping' component. The network walks will meet Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday mornings at 7:30am. See leaders & topics listed.

The goal is to highlight networking and effectively EQUIP attendees as a central part of the conference. We believe providing an opportunity to cultivate closer relationships in small groups and giving you time to process and discuss the messages presented will greatly enhance learning. By sharing ideas for implementation of concepts presented, it is our hope you will leave the conference feeling more equipped and be ready to make changes and share Christ more effectively on a daily basis when you return home.

## OUR GROUP LEADERS



**Erin Banks, BSN, RN**



**Ryan Dolinsky, DPT**  
Hope in Practice



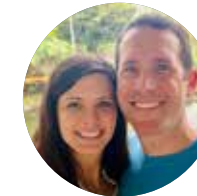
**Todd Guthrie, MD**  
Sharing the third angel's message in medical missionary work



**Giorgia Maghelli (Med student)**  
Redefining expectations: spiritual conversations for trainees



**Kevin Nutchoo**  
Reviving Oneness in Pastor-Physician Teams



**Stephen Waterbrook, MD**



**Berenice Cheng, DDS**  
for Sabbath and Sunday  
Managing Burnout



**Dafne Moretta, MD**  
for Sabbath and Sunday  
Sacred Balance:  
Integrating, Faith,  
Family, and Medicine



**Westney White (Med student)**  
for Sabbath and Sunday  
THRIVE at Medical  
Evangelism

# Continuing Education

## **DENTAL: (CDE – 5 CREDITS)**

AMEN (in conjunction with Loma Linda University School of Dentistry) is pleased to offer up to 5 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credits at the 2024 conference. Dentists will need to sign in on-site and list their license number.

## **MEDICAL: (CME – 5.5 CREDITS)**

AMEN, in collaboration with Loma Linda University, is pleased to offer up to 5.5 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits at the 2024 conference.

The Associate Director for Continuing Medical Education from Loma Linda University will be available on Friday to issue CME certificates. If you would like to receive your certificate at the AMEN Conference, please see Dana at the CME table in the Desert Vista Foyer.

You can also claim your CME credit online at [www.eeds.com](http://www.eeds.com) by clicking 'sign-in' and entering the code 00NICE, or use the QR code provided.

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

This conference will focus on practical ways to live 'By His Spirit' through focusing on building a strong personal relationship with God and caring enough about our patients to provide them with whole person care. As providers are filled with the love of Christ it will spill over to how they treat their patients and improve quality of life in both the patient and provider. 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 conference 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.



Scan to sign in

## **OVERALL COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

At the end of the conference, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the importance of maintaining a continuous connection with the Holy Spirit and how that connection positively impacts professional interactions with colleagues, employees, patients, and patients' families.
2. Discuss the need for the Holy Spirit to guide Spiritual Care (SC) in the clinical setting and develop practical and effective ways to implement SC on a daily basis.
3. Discuss how being connected to the Holy Spirit daily improves job satisfaction, increases resiliency, and reduces burnout in physicians leading to a better quality of life for both the provider and their patients.
4. Implement whole person care by sharing principles of living "By His Spirit" including the Adventist health message and most importantly, introducing patients to Jesus Christ as the source of true healing and inner peace.

## **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 5.5 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 Standards for Integrity and Independence. 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:  
**BY HIS SPIRIT**  
TRUE WISDOM BEGINS  
WHEN WE SEEK HIM

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 31, 2024

**Supper:** 5:00 – 7:00pm (with parents) 18th Terrace  
**Evening Meeting:**  
Ages 0-4 years: Desert Vista - AB  
7:15 – 8:15pm (Parent or guardian required to be present)  
Ages 5+: Desert Vista - DE  
7:15 – 9:00pm (Child drop off allowed - Parent pickup required BEFORE 9:15pm)

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2024

**Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15am (with parents) The Grove  
**Morning:** Meet in Desert Vista Ballroom  
Ages 0-4 years: 9:25am – 12:00pm – Fieldtrip Living Desert Zoo with parent  
(no on-site option offered)  
Ages 5+: 9:25am – 12:00pm – Fieldtrip Living Desert Zoo  
**Lunch:** 12:45 – 1:45 pm (with parents) The Grove  
**Swimming:** Meet in Desert Vista Ballroom  
Ages 0-4 years: 1:55 – 5:30 pm (Parent or guardian required to be present)  
Ages 5+: 1:55 – 5:30pm (Child drop off allowed - Parent pickup requested by 5:35pm)  
**Supper:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm (with parents) The Grove  
**Evening Meeting:**  
Ages 0-4 years: 7:00 – 8:15pm Desert Vista - AB  
(Parent or guardian required to be present)  
Ages 5+: 7:00 – 9:00pm Desert Vista - DE  
(Child drop off allowed - Parent pickup required BEFORE 9:15pm)

## SABBATH NOVEMBER 2, 2024

**Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15am (with parents) The Grove  
**Sabbath School:** 9:25 – 11:00am Desert Vista Ballroom  
Cradle Roll - Ages 0-4 years: 9:25 – 11:00am (Parent or guardian required to be present)  
Ages 5+: 9:25 – 11:00am (Child drop off allowed - Parent pickup requested by 11:05am)  
Kindergarten/Primary • Junior/Earliten  
**Divine Service:** 11:10 am – 12:50 pm (with parents) Indian Wells Ballroom  
Speaker: Pastor Mark Finley  
**Lunch:** 1:00 – 2:30pm (with parents) The Grove + Grand Salon  
**Break**  
**Supper:** 6:00 – 7:00pm (with parents) The Grove  
**Evening Meeting:**  
Ages: 0-4 years: 7:15 – 8:15pm Desert Vista - AB  
(Parent or guardian required to be present)  
Ages 5+: 7:15 – 9:00pm Desert Vista - DE  
(Child drop off allowed - Parent pickup required BEFORE 9:15pm)  
Special Music – Children's Choir to sing 'When We Seek Him' for the Sabbath evening meeting.

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:15am (with parents) The Grove

# Exhibitors

## 1888 Glad Tidings Publishers

Galina Dyman  
Booth #2

## Adventist Health

Iman Kissana  
Booth #19

## Adventist World Radio

Suzanna Facundo  
Booth #7

## AMEN Free Clinics

Nicole Braxton

## AMEN Students/AMESA

Giorgia Maghelli

## ASAP Ministries

Colleen Louw  
Booth #8

## AudioVerse

Alistair Huang, ChFC®  
Booth #12

## Beautiful Minds

Daniele Kuhn, MS, RD  
Booth #18

## Berrien Springs Village SDA Church/Village Health

Michael Hess  
Booth #24

## Burnout Check-In

Julie Cook  
Booth #1

## Crystal Dental Services Incorporated

Michelle Song  
Booth #20

## Djibouti Adventist Health Center

Carlos Prado  
Booth #25

## Disciples Software

Booth #26

## Georgia Cumberland Conference HHES

Tammy Mapes  
Booth #21

## Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic

Dora Desamour  
Booth #3

## Holbrook SDA Indian School

Loren Fish, LCSW  
Booth #23

## Hope Channel International, Inc.

Miriam Taylor  
Booth #5

## International Children's Care

Pastor Rick Bowes  
Booth #9

## Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group

Kaitlin Rice  
Booth #14

## Loma Linda University Health Preventive Medicine Department

Lifestyle Medicine Intensivist Fellowship  
Belliny Phaeton, MD  
Booth #15

## Pathway to Health

Kathryn Proffitt  
Booth #6

## Pickleball Joy

Calvin Kim, DDS  
Booth #11

## RipplAffect

Narcisa Mikov  
Booth #16

## SAC Health

Jessie Lopez Abdul-Karim,  
MDiv, MSW, CGC  
Dora Desamour  
Booth #13

## Stallant Health

Randall Steffens, DO  
Booth #17

## Topsham Dental Arts

Kate Jones  
Booth #27

## Weimar University

Maite Oliva  
Booth #10

## Wildwood Health Institute

Henri du Plessis  
Booth #22

## Wings of Life Alas de Vida

Anna Carvajal, MD  
Booth #4

# Thank You

The AMEN board members would like to thank you for attending our 20th Annual Conference. We hope you were inspired to live 'By His Spirit' and will join us next year as we explore being 'Touched by Grace'. The 21st AMEN Conference will be held October 30 – November 2, 2025 in Hilton Head Island, SC.

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

We wish you God's richest blessings as you daily seek to live By His Spirit and share His love with your patients, colleagues, and all those that God places in your path.

**3 ANGELS BROADCASTING NETWORK** We would like to take this opportunity to thank 3ABN for recording and live streaming the AMEN conference. Programs will be aired on 3ABN at a later date. It is a privilege for AMEN to partner with 3ABN and share the importance of health evangelism with their viewers. We greatly appreciate the 3ABN leaders and their amazing staff! It is a joy to work with them!

**AUDIOVERSE** AudioVerse has been recording the AMEN conferences since 2008 and all 20 conferences are posted on their website. What a joy it is to partner with Audioverse in ministry and spread the gospel together through health evangelism. So, once again, we say a heartfelt thank you to AudioVerse for recording the conference. Their dedication to AMEN for the past 20 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 and Wayfare foods 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

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

## Wayfare Foods

Bozeman, MT  
<https://wayfarefoods.com>

## Silver Hills Bakery

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

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** Many parents have expressed their appreciation for the fantastic children's program provided at AMEN. For several years Chasity Petersen has led out and AMEN is so grateful. Chasity's love for kids and her dedication to instilling a love for Jesus in them is amazing! This year we are also grateful that Alix de la Paz has joined her in leading the program for our toddlers. Thank you, Chasity, Alix, and your wonderful team, for organizing an excellent children's program.



# A Look Back

Guided By His Spirit – 20 Years of AMEN's Mission & Ministry

## Naren James, MD (1962 – 2021) AMEN Founder and 1st President

Dr. Naren James practiced medicine for 24 years. He incorporated his Christian faith with every patient he saw and many people were impacted by his love for Christ. He had a passion for medical evangelism and was the Founder of AMEN.



Dr. James was passionate about using health ministry as the opening wedge and strove to live "By His Spirit". In the first issue of the AMEN Journal he wrote...

"As I studied the life of Christ I was impressed and as I looked closer, I realized that His effectiveness was a direct result of His devotional life. I decided to double my morning devotional time and then tripled it. Today, I find myself spending 4 times as much time as I did with the Lord a little over 5 years ago.

Believe me, the results have been tangible. First, the stress of practice left, fear departed and my heart was changed to where I have a deep love for my wife, my daughter, my patients, my employees and the people who work around me. From that flows my own personal effectiveness for Him in all my endeavors, both secular and spiritual. He invites all of you to experience the same. He calls us to set aside a portion of your most precious commodity, your time, for communion with Him. In doing so, your effectiveness will be multiplied and your impact for His kingdom will be much more far-reaching."

"I have always been convinced that because there is a Divine Mandate for an organization like AMEN that our success is only limited by the limits we place on our vision of the Almighty God and what he wants to do for us... I encourage you to renew your consecration and redouble your efforts towards finding ways to

*share your faith within your professional sphere of influence."*

- Naren James, MD

## Brian Schwartz, MD Past AMEN President

Being invited to the AMEN organizing meeting in 2005 by Dr. Fred Bischoff was life changing. I had been convicted that I needed to engage my patients spiritually but I had no practice experience in doing this. I was challenged by Pastor Finley to begin praying with my patients and then to start sharing simple bible verses of encouragement. I left that meeting convicted and immediately put it into practice when I got home. It initially was way out of my comfort zone but the response from patients was so amazing I quickly embraced this approach. Since that time my practice has become a ministry as opposed to a career. Burnout became a thing of the past. Every day as I start with prayer I wonder who God is going to send my way and what impact sharing Jesus can have in their lives. AMEN has inspired me over the years to incorporate new things and has helped keep me centered on why I was called to medicine. It has led to explosive results by combining the power of the gospel with medical ministry. I believe that this combination will be like fire in the stubble to complete the call to share the SDA message around the world.



## Phil Mills, MD Founding Member & 2nd AMEN President



### How did you become involved in AMEN?

My father was a minister that was very interested in medical missionary evangelism and outreach. He worked with many physicians in evangelistic outreach. Occasionally we went to conference or union Doctor-Minister conferences. My Dad was actively involved with Dr. MacFarland and we were at the first New York City Stop Smoking Plan that started in a blizzard and still was crowded to capacity. Such exposure made me very interested in working with ministers after becoming a physician. During my practice I found that unions and conferences were not interested in doctor-medical retreats, so I was very excited to become acquainted with Dr. Naren James at ASI and see we shared the same passion. I joined a small group which became a steering committee and board for what became AMEN two decades ago. With the guidance of Pastor Finley we quit talking about it and launched the first national AMEN conference and the AMEN Journal.

### How has Amen Impacted your life?

AMEN has introduced me to many wonderful health providers around the world that have not only provided new friendships, but given me helpful insights into bringing soul-winning into my practice. I learned how to pray with patients and staff at AMEN. I have learned much about health evangelism methods that leads beyond health education to souls in the kingdom. This includes wiser ways to bring bridge-building literature into my practice. My family benefited from the valuable tips I gleaned on how to include and involve our family in our medical evangelism outreach.

## Pastor Mark Finley AMEN Board Advisor

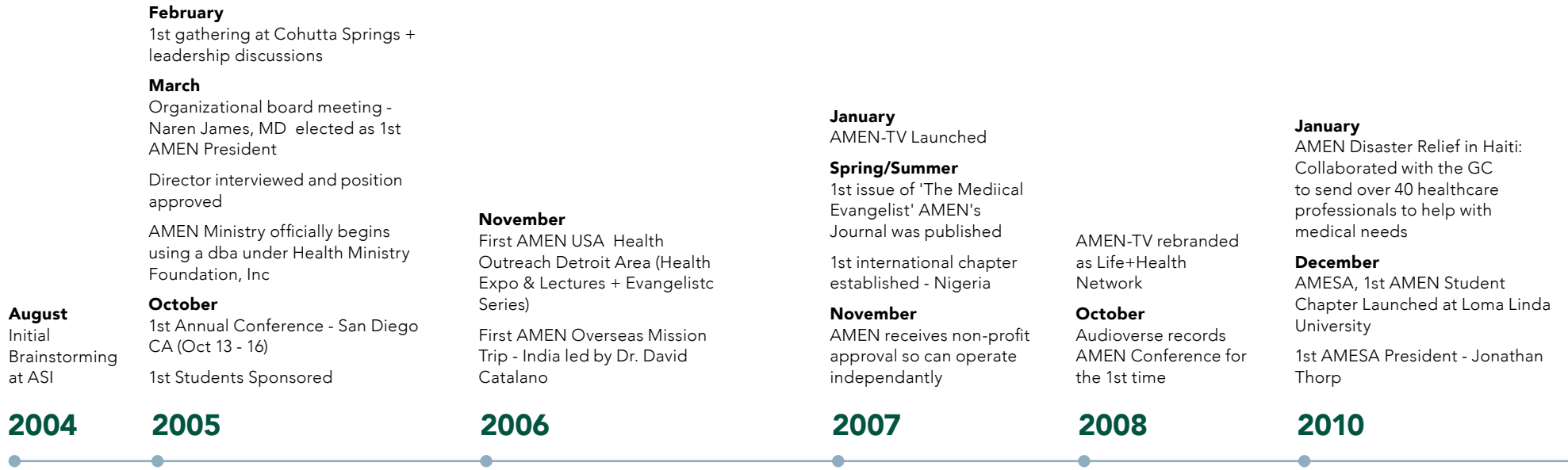


### How did you become involved in AMEN?

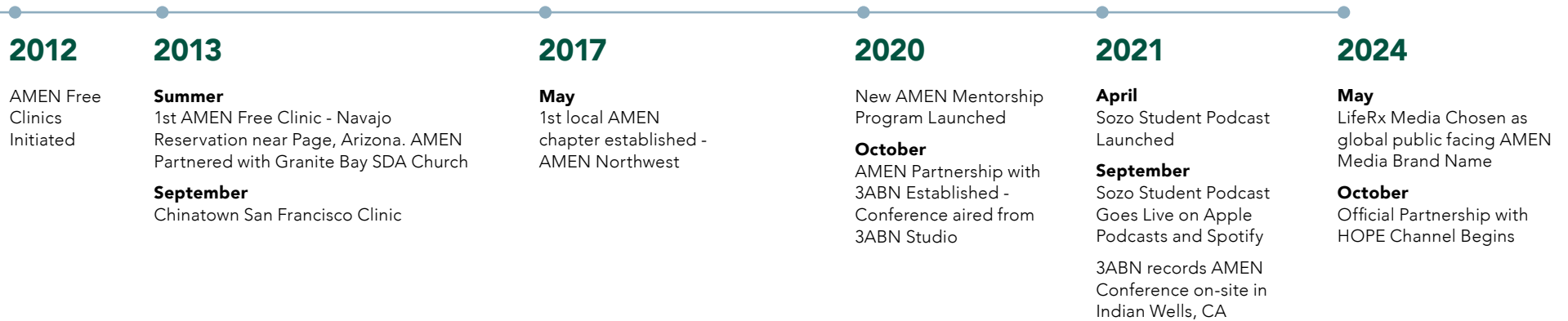
Twenty Years ago, at a National ASI Convention, Dr. Naren James approached me with a Spirit-inspired idea. When we visited about the possibility of an organization of medical professionals focused on mission his thoughts resonated with me. I sensed almost immediately that our committed medical professionals had unprecedented opportunities to share Christ's love with their patients. The concept of an organization that would facilitate mission and further equip medical professionals to be more effective witnesses for Christ and participate in a variety of multi-faceted outreach initiatives was certainly a heaven inspired idea. In that brief encounter AMEN was conceived, and the last twenty years have demonstrated the positive results of medical professionals focused on mission.

### How has Amen Impacted your life?

AMEN has impacted my life in significant ways. Based on the ministry of Christ and the divine inspiration of the writings of Ellen White, I have always believed that God has called ministers and medical professionals to unite in mission. AMEN has practically demonstrated the mission effectiveness of physicians ministering to the needs of their patients. Over the last twenty years attending AMEN Convocations and listening to stories of physicians and dentists praying with their patients, transforming their offices into mission outreach centers, becoming actively involved in AMEN clinics and overseas mission trips has been incredibly inspirational for me. Interfacing with these medical professionals at the AMEN Convocations and listening to their commitment to mission has renewed my own spiritual life. It has been especially beneficial to participate with a number of these physicians in comprehensive medical evangelism. AMEN has been a blessing to my own soul and I thank God for it.



# AMEN 20 year historical timeline



# Program Committee



**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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# AMEN Free Clinics

If you desire to share Christ and are eager to change lives through medical evangelism, then AMEN Free Clinics are for you.

Our clinics provide free medical, dental, vision and other services to the uninsured and underinsured community members. We'd love to have you join us! Volunteer for our upcoming clinics at: [amenfreeclinic.org](http://amenfreeclinic.org).

“Only heaven will reveal all the stories and lives infused with hope as a result of the presence of the Amen clinic.”

- AMEN Free Clinic Volunteer

**UPCOMING CLINICS** (Stay tuned for additional clinics on our website)

**Upcoming AMEN Clinics**

Trenton, GA

Lansing, MI

Midland, MI

**AMEN Clinic Dates**

November 10, 2024

November 17, 2024

December 8, 2024

We invite you to join AMEN Free Clinics and experience medical evangelism in action.

For questions, contact: [clinics@amensda.org](mailto:clinics@amensda.org)

Join the conversation [sozobeyond.com](http://sozobeyond.com)

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# Mentorship Program

The AMEN mentorship program strives to connect students, trainees, and young healthcare professionals with physician and dentist mentors who hold a common passion for medical ministry. It is our prayer that God will use this program to pass on the knowledge and wisdom gained by one generation of gospel medical missionaries to the next and to encourage healthcare workers everywhere to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

## Goals of the AMEN mentorship program:

- To inspire students and early career healthcare workers to dedicate their personal and professional lives to God
- To provide networking opportunities with physicians and dentists who practice spiritual care
- To provide physicians and dentists with the opportunity to leave a spiritual legacy in the lives of mentees

## ATTENTION PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS – BECOME A MENTOR

Are you looking to leave a legacy of faith in the lives of young healthcare professionals? **Become a mentor now.**

## ATTENTION STUDENTS/TRAINEES – SELECT A MENTOR ONLINE

### Reasons why you may want to seek an AMEN mentor:

- You have been looking for an example of how to practice spiritual care in your profession
- You have become disillusioned by the practice of medicine or dentistry in the world
- You feel impressed by the Holy Spirit to seek a spiritual mentor who works in your field
- You are looking for Godly advice at a pivotal point in your medical or dental career

[amensda.org/mentorship](https://amensda.org/mentorship)

# 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.

*"It's easy to feel like an island when you try to incorporate your faith into your practice, but AMEN has shown me that I am not alone. Through AMEN, I have had the opportunity to meet and learn from many physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals who are committed to spreading the gospel message, and it has had a tremendous impact on how I practice medicine. I go to work each day with a renewed sense of purpose, and my job has become a ministry. AMEN has also provided me with precious opportunities for service which have helped to keep my passion for medical ministry alive. If you want to be inspired and challenged to do more for the Lord with your life and career, I encourage you to join AMEN and to get involved!"*

*- John Shin, MD*, 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.



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# AMEN Testimony Series

We are filming a series of short testimonies that will be sent out to AMEN members/conference attendees weekly throughout 2025 in celebration of the Lord's providential leading over the past 20 years. So we need you!!!

These testimonies are designed to motivate and inspire each of us to think about medical evangelism throughout the coming year. We pray that they will also create a stronger connection and bond us together through sharing our stories.

## AMEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES CRITERIA:

1. 3-7 minutes in length (about 700 - 1000 words)
2. Include a testimony/story
3. Begin with when/how you got involved with AMEN.
4. Include how AMEN has impacted you, your career, your ministry, etc.

We are looking for inspiring stories of God working in your life and the lives of your patients, colleagues, family, etc. We would like an AMEN connection but we do not want these to be 'AMEN advertisements'. The purpose is to inspire and motivate each other by sharing the providences of God.

Filming slots are 30 minutes. Each person is welcome to film 2 programs if they would like. You can film both programs during your 30-minute slot, or you can sign up for 2 separate slots, whichever works better for you.

A teleprompter will be available if you would like to write a script. However, we want these to showcase your personality and be heartfelt so please try not to just read the teleprompter. Perfection is not the goal; connecting and sharing stories is!

Schedule an appointment to film your testimony while at the AMEN conference. **Sign up now!**



SCAN TO SCHEDULE

# AMEN Health Videos

AMEN is producing a series of health videos. The purpose of the videos is to promote health and spirituality in medical, dental, and optical offices, as well as providing a resource to Seventh-day Adventist churches to be shown as a 'health spotlight' encouraging church members to share them with their friends/neighbors/colleagues as a witnessing tool. Each video is 5 – 20 minutes in length and can be easily looped and/or used independently.

## TOPICS COMPLETED

- Alcohol
- Anxiety & Depression
- Cancer
- Epigenetics
- Forgiveness
- Neuroplasticity
- Oral Health
- Positive Thinking
- Sleep
- Youth Addictions

These videos will be branded under LifeRx Media – AMEN's new global, public facing media brand. Along with the videos, we are creating reference cards featuring QR codes linking to each video. Providers can use these cards to prescribe specific videos to patients, or they can be used by anyone as a witnessing tool to share with family, friends, and colleagues.

These videos connect spiritual and physical well-being in a short, appealing way, that gives scientific credibility to God's laws of health and points people to Him as the Source of life and healing.

Once rebranded for the public, the video series will be released in sets of 13, which makes them excellent for using as health spotlights in your local church for a quarter, or to include in an evangelistic series. AMEN is also working on a streaming platform that will be available by subscription. Stay tuned for more information.

To view the videos go to: [amensda.org/resources/healthvideos](https://amensda.org/resources/healthvideos)

# Announcements



## 2024 CONFERENCE WEB-BASED 'APP':

We are excited to announce that AMEN has created a web-based conference 'app' this year. We invite you to use it to easily find all the conference information you need and updated announcements throughout the weekend. Go to [amensda.org/2024-conference](https://amensda.org/2024-conference) or use the QR code.

## MEALS:

**Meal Tickets:** Meals are included for registered attendees. If you have guests joining us for Sabbath, please have them purchase the meal tickets they need online at [amensda.org/conference/meal-tickets](https://amensda.org/conference/meal-tickets) BEFORE 5pm on Friday November 1. After that time no additional meal tickets can be purchased and guests will not be able to eat with you on Sabbath. Thank you for understanding.

**Sabbath Lunch Location:** We are expecting a full house on Sabbath, therefore Sabbath lunch will be served at The Grove (outside beyond the tennis courts where most of the other meals have been served) and in the Grand Salon Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the Hyatt hotel building. We hope that people will self-select indoors vs outdoors but if one location fills up, we will begin sending you to the other location. Thank you for being flexible.

## PARKING:

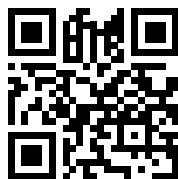
Parking at the Hyatt is complimentary for AMEN conference attendees. However, the parking lot will not hold all the vehicles, especially for those driving in for the day on Sabbath. Therefore, parking has been arranged for nearby with golf carts provided by Hyatt to bring attendees to the Hyatt Conference Center. Please let friends know and ask them to watch for the signs.

## 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](https://amensda.org/membership) or go to the AMEN registration desk and we will be happy to sign you up.

## 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. 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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