



*38th Annual*  
**KAMPMEETING**  
CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

**July 6-8, 2017**

Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley

595 Hotel Cir S,

San Diego, CA 92108

#KM2017

# WELCOME TO #KM2017



Welcome to Kinship's 38th annual Kampmeeting!

Over the past year, we've been highlighting the journeys of LGBTIQ Adventists because we

believe our journeys matter in the wider narrative of what it means to be LGBTIQ and Seventh-day Adventist. At Kampmeeting this year, we gather under that idea of celebrating our journey with one of our best lineups of speakers and activities yet.

Coupled with us being in the beautiful city of San Diego, you are in for a treat; and we trust that you will enjoy all that we have planned for the next few days.

Welcome, once again. Have a good time celebrating you, celebrating our journey— together!

In Kinship,  
Yolanda Elliott, President  
Seventh-day Adventist Kinship, International, Inc.

# THEME SONG CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY AS WE GO

*The theme song for Kampmeeting, 2017 was written by Timothy Amukele. Celebrating As I Go is Timothy's gift to the Kinship community who has been there for him along his journey in many special ways.*



I won't wait until I reach the mountain top,  
I won't wait until I overflow,  
I won't wait until my soul is lifted up,  
I'll be celebrating as I go.  
I won't wait until I've conquered ev 'ry test,  
I won't wait until I reach my goal,  
I won't wait until I find a place to rest,  
I'll be celebrating as I go.

*Refrain*  
*Celebrate, celebrate,*  
*Celebrate the journey as I go!*  
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I won't wait until the day my struggle ends,  
I won't wait until my dreams come true,  
I won't wait until I fully comprehend,  
I'll be celebrating as I go.

I won't wait until I see the rising sun,  
I won't wait until the blessings flow,  
I won't wait until a new day has begun,  
I'll be celebrating as I go.

*Refrain*

*Bridge*  
Though the struggle lingers with no end in sight,  
And my dreams are torn apart right at the start,  
I will thank and praise you ev 'ry day and night,  
For joy can heal the broken heart.

I won't wait until in heaven I belong,  
I won't wait until the streets of gold,  
I won't wait until I join the angels' song,  
I'll be celebrating as I go.

*Refrain*



# PRESENTERS AT #KM2017



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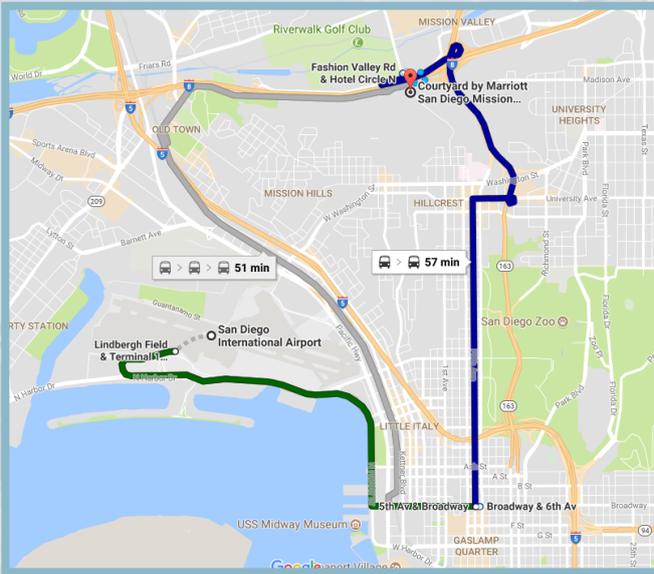


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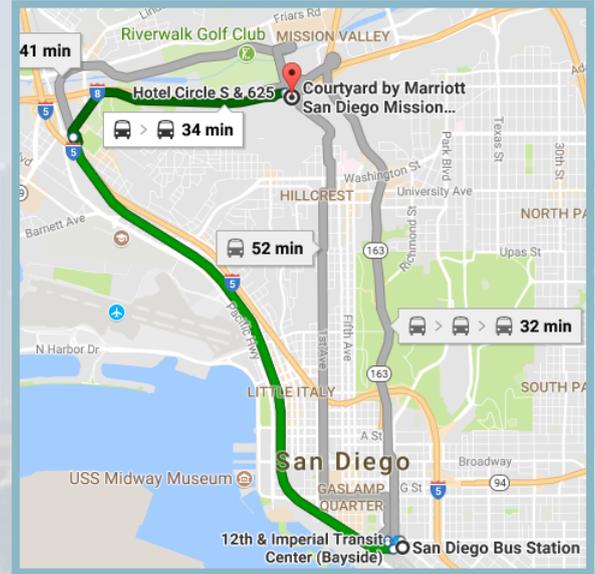
# LOCATION

Our host hotel for Kampmeeting is the [Courtyard San Diego Mission Valley](#), located at 595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. In addition to accommodation for many of us, they are providing complimentary parking to all our attendees. Mention that you are with SDA Kinship if asked.

The hotel is located 6 miles from the San Diego International Airport, accessible by [public transportation](#) (Bus 992 to Bus 120), and 6.5 miles from the San Diego Bus Station ([Green Line](#) connected to the [Bus 88](#)). You are also welcome to use local taxi services, Uber, or Lyft.



From SAN



From Bus Station

# CHECK IN AND REGISTRATION

For hotel check-in, please follow the Courtyard's check-in policy provided when you made the reservation.

The Kampmeeting Registration Desk opens from 4 p.m. through 6 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in the Inspire A room, which will also be the location of our meetings.

The opening program will commence promptly at 6 p.m.; please plan to have dinner prior to this. For others arriving at later times during Kampmeeting, we will post Registration Desk information during Kampmeeting.

# PROGRAM

This Kampmeeting the program is structured around the theme, *Celebrating our Journey*, a tribute to our journey as a people and journeys as individuals. Each of the sessions within the program will highlight varying aspects of our journey, past, present, and future, and should provide rejuvenation and sustenance to help us live enhanced lives.

We will feature a diverse roster of speakers and presenters, including former Kinship president, Bob Bouchard, former Adventist pastor, Alicia Johnston, and other renown speakers like Justin Lee, and Ryan Bell, among others ([click here for complete list](#)). You will also have opportunities to showcase your talents at various times, including the Saturday morning sacred concert and Saturday night's spectacular talent show. So come prepared to share your talents.

For the first time, we have commissioned a theme song specifically for this year's Kampmeeting, thanks to composer/songwriter Dr. Timothy Amukele. He shares his amazing talent as a gift to Kinship for being a blessing in his own life along his journey.

We are so excited about this theme song that we want to showcase it early. We want you to be able to play it over and over and over again so that by the time you arrive on Thursday it will be stuck in your ears and rolling off your tongues. Our team has edited a music video for your previewing pleasure so check it out.

## LINKS

- See Music Score: <https://goo.gl/2AhZdU>
- Watch Video: <https://youtu.be/-DTe5mV3gaM>

# AFTER-HOURS, AMENITIES AND WHAT TO PACK

Some of us like to take in the night air after others have already retired to bed. The hotel features indoor and outdoor gathering spots for your sojourn. Make sure you pack your swimwear for the hotel swimming pool and outdoor spa, and bring your workout gear for their complementary 24-hour fitness center. And on the subject of packing, I tend to live by the three-Cs of packing: clothes, cosmetics, and cash/card. Add to that your favorite card or board game to share a fun evening of Go Fish, or Uno with others.

San Diego is also host to a number of public beaches, the renowned San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and other must see attractions. Make the most of these vacation opportunities should you arrive early or leave late.

# NEW THIS YEAR

This year Kinship is piloting a new model for Kampmeeting that has not been operationalized by the organization before. As you have noticed, attendees are responsible for their accommodation directly with the facility and you are responsible for your own meals at mealtimes. This makes Kampmeeting more affordable for you our members, in the midst of rising costs and financial hardships.

There are a number of restaurants and eateries within walking distance of the hotel and there is also a bistro located within the hotel that provides sandwiches and small items. We encourage you to grab a few new friends to go to lunch and dinner with. Also, look out for details of the KinYouth and Friends, Family, and Allies specialty lunches when you check in at the registration desk.

Saturday afternoon we will be providing a special shuttle service to help you get around during lunch, and Kinship will subsidize lunch costs for friends and families attending on Sabbath. We look forward to welcoming your friends, families, and allies on Sabbath. So if you haven't reached out to loved ones nearby San Diego, it is not too late to invite them to join us.

You will notice that the schedule includes 'Brown Bag Breakfast.' "What is this?" you may ask. It is a special morning gathering for early risers who like to get together while some of us logs are still asleep, and it has taken the form of morning walks or morning worships from time to time. Since breakfast is not included, we are promoting this as a time to bring your own breakfast to the gathering, if you are a breakfast person.

Bring cereal, fruit, a sandwich, your coffee tumbler, or whatever you choose, order room service for the occasion, pick up some granola bars from the grocery store, or grab something from the hotel bistro.

# HOUSEKEEPING

- **24-HOUR POC:** Each day we have a Kampmeeting 24-hour point of contact (POC) assigned for your safety and convenience, so that at no point should you feel disconnected from the group. If you should need to reach someone on the Kampmeeting staff you can call or text the number for the POC which will be announced and updated daily at the registration and sales desks, as well as at the hotel reception desk.
- **BE ON TIME:** Although Kampmeeting has been curtailed in length this year, we want you to leave fully energized, and so the program is loaded with activities and speakers to satisfy your needs. We also want to honor our commitments to our speakers and to you, so we will be very sensitive to time. Programs look to begin on time at the time slated for them, so we ask that you enter the meeting hall and choose your seats on time so that the program can proceed on time.
- **BUSINESS MEETING AND NEW ATTENDEES MEETING:** Please be aware that there will be a business meeting per organization bylaws, and a meeting for new attendees immediately following the opening session on Thursday evening.
- **SMS:** We will be using sms messaging for communication with attendees. Please be aware of this and other daily updates during Kampmeeting to stay abreast of details and any changes.
- **NAMETAGS:** Please wear your nametag around the facility so that hotel staff can identify that you belong in the facility. We recommend that commuters parking at the hotel also have it to show when they arrive each day.
- **PRIVACY:** Kinship is dedicated to protecting your privacy. We recognize that attendees are all at different stages of life, and that while for some privacy is a non-issue, others may, for personal or professional reason, elect to maintain confidentiality. Each attendee is required to complete a privacy preference release form during registration. You will also receive a nametag that corresponds with your elected preference: a black nametag indicates no privacy restrictions, while blue nametags indicate that confidentiality is required. Red nametags indicate Kampmeeting staff. In this social media age, we are quick to overlap our physical with our virtual lives. Please use mature discretion with posting to social media: ask individuals' permissions before posting, and ensure that no one with blue name tags appear in your photos anywhere.
- **ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY:** Kinship demands that each attendee maintains appropriate behavior at all times. Respect all individuals' personal spaces, boundaries and individual wishes and preferences. Kinship prides itself as an inclusive safe space, and together we are the ones who make it the safe space that we desire; so we must be respectful toward each other. Harassment of an attendee by another attendee will not be tolerated by any means. If you are a victim of harassment, please bring the concern to the attention of your Kampmeeting staff immediately. We are a family, and here at Kampmeeting we love to give hugs... lots of hugs, and we are simply bursting with love. At the same time know your limits, and practice mutual respect.

# #KM2017 SCHEDULE

This is a snapshot of the activities we have planned as we *Celebrate our Journey* here in San Diego. All sessions will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley.

DAY	TIME	EVENT
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 6	4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Registration
	6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.	Opening Program
	7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<b>SESSION 1: Bob Bouchard:</b> <i>The Early Days Of SDA Kinship: What And Who Made Us What We Are Today</i>
	9 p.m.	Evening Activity
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 7	7:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Breakfast/ Family Worship
	8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Devotional
	9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	<b>SESSION 2: Alicia Johnston:</b> <i>Love &amp; Leaving Adventist Ministry</i>
	10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<b>SESSION 3: Grant Helbley:</b> <i>I am Many: Understanding the Gender Spectrums</i>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>12 P.M. TO 2 P.M.</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 7	2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<b>SESSION 4: David &amp; Colin Evans-Carlson:</b> <i>Celebrating the Journey of Relationship</i>
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>4 P.M. TO 6 P.M.</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 7	6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	<b>COMMUNION: Chaplain Regina Araujo</b>
	8 p.m. to 9 p.m.	<b>SESSION 5: Ryan Bell:</b> <i>We Are Made of Stories</i>
	9 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Sharing Our Stories – Part I. Facilitator: Dr. Reg G.
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 8	7:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Breakfast and Family Worship
	8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Devotional
	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Kinship in Concert
	10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	<b>SESSION 6: Justin Lee:</b> <i>What If They Don't Understand? Your Journey's Power to Change Hearts and Minds</i>
	11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Song Service
	11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	<b>SESSION 7: Alicia Johnston:</b> <i>The Spiritual Discipline of Coming Out and Living Out</i>
	12:15 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Kampmeeting Family Photo Session
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>12:45 P.M. TO 2:45 PM</b>	<b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY LUNCH (LOCATION TBA)</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 8	3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<b>SESSION 8:</b> Breakout Session. Kinship Communities.
	4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Sharing our Stories – Part II. Facilitator: Ronoldo Appleton
<b>DINNER</b>	<b>5 P.M. TO 7 P.M</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 8	7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.	<b>SESSION 9: C. L.:</b> <i>Everything in Between: Understanding bisexual, pansexual, omniseual identities and visibility in the LGBT community</i>
	8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Kinship and The Arts
	10 p.m.	Closing Program
<b>SUNDAY</b> July 9	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Board Meeting

# THINGS TO DO IN SAN DIEGO

The beautiful city of San Diego is known for its beaches, parks, and warm climate. Here are some suggested things to do to discover and enjoy the beauty of this city.

## TOP FREE THINGS TO DO

- Mission Bay Park. Mission Bay.
- Moonlight State Beach. Beach Cities.
- La Jolla Shores Beach. La Jolla.

More things to do at <https://goo.gl/RzTC4s>

## HIGHLIGHTS – SAN DIEGO IN 3 DAYS

- San Diego Zoo
- USS Midway Museum
- Seaworld

More highlights at <https://goo.gl/aEBRsB>

## FESTIVALS

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- CONCACAF Gold Cup (Mexico VS EL Salvador) \$35 - \$125 More info at <https://goo.gl/UW5Ctj>
- Everfest.com – Festivals in San Diego area. More info at <https://goo.gl/qv7pYo>



***Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Inc. is a nonprofit support organization. We minister to the spiritual, emotional, social, and physical well-being of current and former Seventh-day Adventists who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex individuals and their families and friends.***

Kinship facilitates and promotes the understanding and affirmation of LGBTIQ Adventists among themselves and within the Seventh-day Adventist community through education, advocacy, and reconciliation. Kinship is a global organization which supports the advance of human rights for all people worldwide.

Founded in 1976, the organization was incorporated in 1981 and is recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the United States. There are also regional and population coordinators in specific areas. The current list of members and friends includes approximately 2,500 people in more than 43 countries.

Kinship believes the Bible does not condemn or even mention homosexuality as a sexual orientation.

Ellen G. White does not parallel any of the Bible texts that are used to condemn homosexuals. Most of the anguish imposed upon God's children who grow up as LGBTIQ has its roots in the misunderstanding of what the Bible says.

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