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Dear Sabbath School Superintendents and Sabbath School Teachers/Facilitators:

I wish to acknowledge your ongoing efforts into advancing our Sabbath School's vision of, "Growing Disciples for Christ." In a recent Ministry magazine article, Dr. Kirk Thomas wrote, "**The Seventh-day Adventist Church is losing members at an alarming rate. Even though evangelism is winning people we lose 49 out of 100 members.**" In the light of this statistic, the Sabbath School Department, in collaboration with the Personal Ministries Department, will be hosting a virtual *Retention and Reclamation* retreat under the theme, "**Let's Talk About Him**", April 23-25, 2021.

Our primary focus will be to **equip and empower leaders**, who in turn will seek to incorporate the tools and strategies received into nurturing, retaining, and reclaiming their members. Therefore, I am asking all of our Sabbath School Leadership Team Members and Sabbath School Class Teachers/Holistic Small Group Facilitators to register and attend this retreat. Please see the attached poster for information regarding free registration, the presenters, and the list of seminars. Personal Ministries Department Leaders are also invited to attend.

Finally, the NAD Adult Ministries Department (Sabbath School, Personal Ministries, and Prison Ministries) is beginning a series of webinars entitled, "**TOOLS YOU CAN USE.**" The first *Sabbath School* Edition will feature Pastor Jesse Anunciacion and the members of the Bramalea Filipino-Canadian SDA Church. The topic will be, "**What are Holistic Small Groups?**" It will air on **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM Eastern time** via the NAD Adult Ministries website www.nadadultministries.org, YouTube: [NAD Adult Ministries](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) and Facebook [@NADAdultMin](https://www.facebook.com/NADAdultMin). Please plan to attend, as the use of holistic small groups is featured as an important means of transforming our Sabbath Schools.

With warm regards,

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