

EDUCATION *Matters*

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Southwestern Union Conference EDUCATORS' CONVENTION

August 3-6, 2026
Embassy Suites • Frisco, Texas

Breakouts  Consecration  EDtalks

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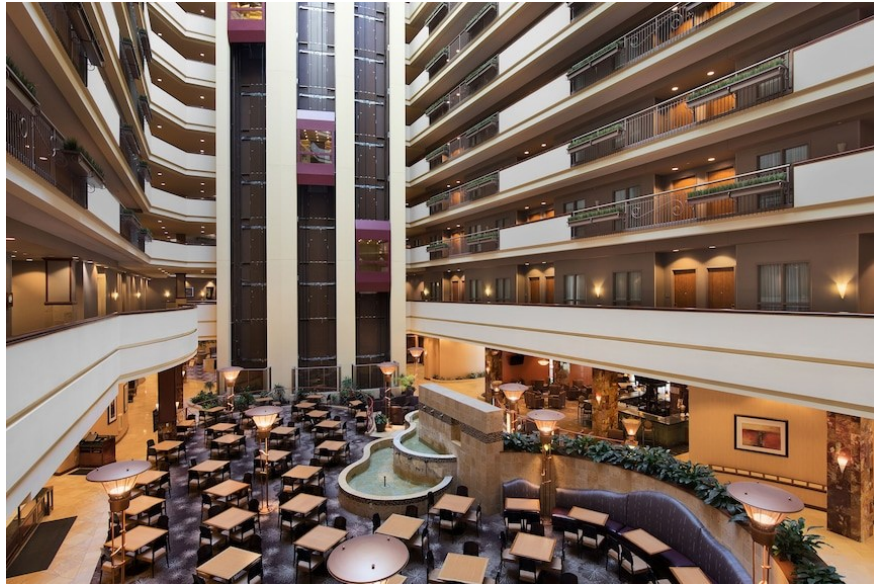
Guest Speakers



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Our convention hotel is Embassy Suites at 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr. in Frisco, TX.

Every room is a suite and **breakfast is included for everyone in the room.** Two lunches will be provided for teachers attending the convention and for family members, if you ordered meals for them.

Parking is covered by the Union.

Hotel check-in is 4:00 pm and checkout is 11:00 am. There will be a luggage storage area on the morning of our last day. **Wi-Fi is complimentary.** For any last-minute changes to rooms, please contact your conference office of education. You will need to provide a credit card to the hotel at check-in for additional charges.

[Frisco](http://www.visitfrisco.com/things-to-do) is a city that has a lot to do. You can check out events that week and places to go at www.visitfrisco.com/things-to-do.

The Southwestern Union covers lodging expenses for the convention, as well as Programming costs. Your conference covers your travel and per diem expenses.



EDtalks teaching worth sharing

- We are looking for teachers with great ideas to share at the SWUC Educators' Convention on Wednesday evening, August 5, 8:00 pm.
- Up to 15 slots available. Talk is to be 2 minutes. Don't use your two minutes to state your name, your title or what you do. Get right into it.
- The talk is to be given by memory with no notes and no visuals. The teacher may provide a link or their email for the audience to request information.
- Share your successful program, teaching strategy, innovative project or exciting outreach ideas.
- Here is a suggestion to develop your talk: Form your idea; Catch the attention of the audience; Give an explanation; Share your expertise; Support your idea; Imagine the presentation; Put everything in a logical order; Be concise and choose words carefully.
- Teacher names, titles and any contact information needed by July 1.

Sign up to give an EDtalk. Contact your conference office. Share what you know with others.

Would you like to give an interview on Adventist education? We are looking for stories of your joys and successes. Sign up at the Union convention booth.



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Convention Schedule

Monday, August 3

2:00-5:00 pm – CONVENTION REGISTRATION


7:00 pm – GENERAL SESSION I

Concert

Speaker  Ruth Horton, NAD VP of Education

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 am – MORNING DEVOTIONAL I

Host  Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

Speaker  Cedric Belcher

9:30 am – GENERAL SESSION II

Speaker  Mario Acosta

LUNCH

2:00 pm – GENERAL SESSION III

Host  Oklahoma Conference

Speaker  John Almarode

3:05-4:00 pm – BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

4:05-5:00 pm – BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

Wednesday, August 5

8:30-9:30 am – MORNING DEVOTIONAL II

Host  Southwest Region Conference

Speaker  Cedric Belcher

9:30 am – GENERAL SESSION IV

Speaker  Robyn Jackson

10:45-12:00 pm – BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

LUNCH

7:00 pm – GENERAL SESSION V

Host  Texas Conference

Speaker  Stephen Mackey

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Thursday, August 6

8:30 am – MORNING DEVOTIONAL III

Host  Texico Conference

Speaker  Cedric Belcher

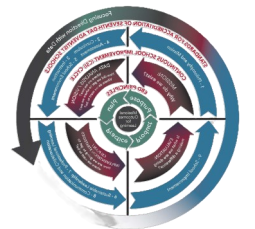
9:45 am – GENERAL SESSION VI

Speaker  Ingrid Slikkers

10:45-12:00 pm – CONSECRATION SERVICE

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Climate
Symbols **Mission**
Rituals **Network**
School Culture
Norms **Ceremonies of Celebration**
Heroes **Vision** Stories
Values and Beliefs
Language

Check out what is needed for [CSI Certification](#). The first certificates will be issued at the convention.



Twenty clock hours will be given as non-academic credit **for certificate renewal.**

The Texas Adventist Book Center will be there, too.



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