



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ELTON DEMORAES



Elton DeMoraes, D.Min., serves as President of the Southwestern Union of Seventh-day Adventists, a role to which he was elected on April 26, 2026. He previously served as President of the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, following a distinguished career in pastoral ministry and church leadership.

Born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, DeMoraes earned his Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Centro Universitário Adventista de São Paulo (UNASP-SP). He is fluent in Portuguese, English, and Spanish. He joined the Texas Conference in 1998, serving first at Houston

Central Spanish and then Houston Central English Seventh-day Adventist Churches. He later earned his Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Michigan.

Upon returning to Texas, DeMoraes pastored the Tyler English and Houston Northwest Seventh-day Adventist Churches before transitioning to conference leadership at the Texas Conference headquarters in Alvarado. Over eight years, he directed Stewardship and Church Planting, Ministerial, and English Evangelism departments, and ultimately served as Executive Secretary. During this period, he completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University.

In 2018, DeMoraes was elected Vice President for Church Ministries, Ministerial, Men’s Ministries, and Stewardship at the Southwestern Union Conference in Burleson, Texas. In 2021, he was called to serve as President of the Texas Conference. In April, he was again called to union leadership and now serves as President of the Southwestern Union of Seventh-day Adventists. His leadership is marked by a deep commitment to evangelism, church growth, the development of volunteer and lay leaders, and mission-focused collaboration across diverse communities.

DeMoraes is married to Alessandra, a dedicated nurse, and they have one daughter, Isabella. Outside of ministry, he enjoys attending NASCAR races when time allows.

