"Defending the Faith"

Annual Convention 2026

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Plaza Building - Lobby Level: Director's Row E

Moderator: Alan Parker

3:00-3:40 p.m. | Gary Burdick - *Scientific Defenders of the Faith: Kepler, Newton, and Maxwell*

3:50-4:30 p.m. | Cristian Cardozo Mindiola - *Canonizing the Book of Revelation in Caesarea through Textual Apologetics*

4:40-5:20 p.m. | Craig Keener - *Christobiography: Gospel Genre and Reliability*

5:30-6:10 p.m. | Tihomir Lazic - *Reimagining Apologetics in a Secular Age: Christian Witness as Faithful Improvisation*

6:20-7:00 p.m. | Presidential Address - Eike Mueller

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Tower Building - Terrace Level: Terrace

Moderator: Efrain Velazquez

9:30-10:10 a.m. | Anthony Bosman - *The Miracle of Mathematics: Intelligibility, Creation, and the Imago Dei*

10:20-11:00 a.m. | Roy Graf - *In Defense of a Biblical Theological System*

11:10-11:50 a.m. | Laurentiu Mot - *Defending Jesus Against Porphyry of Tyre: An Incursion into Early Christian Apologetics*

12:00-12:40 a.m. | Vincenzo Morandini - *The Glory of the Lord: Toward an Aesthetic Apologetic*

Sabbath, November 21, 2026

Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2975 S. Downing St., Denver, CO 80210

10:00-10:45 a.m. - Sabbath School Panel Discussion with ATS Members

11:00 a.m. - Sabbath Worship Service | John McVay - "And having done all, to stand": Defending the Faith in Ephesians 4-6

Fellowship meal following the service – all are invited

Afternoon Symposium: 2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Business Meeting and Supper: 5:15 p.m.

Check Out New Publications!

Visit our publications room at the Denver South Church to see newly published titles

ATS for 2027

We're already looking ahead to our 2027 gathering in Washington, DC! Please take a moment to complete this brief survey and let us know your preferences.

AAW/ASRS Announcement

The Association of Adventist Women (AAW), in conjunction with the Adventist Society for Religious Studies (ASRS), warmly invites all Adventist women scholars to a complimentary lunch on Friday, November 20, in Denver. Please contact Lena Toews for more information.

Afternoon Symposium: "Defending the Faith"

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Time	Church Sanctuary: Adventist Apologetics	Chapel: Applied Apologetics
2:00	Efrain Velazquez and Nestor H. Petruk: *From Proof to Context: Biblical Archaeology and Adventist Hermeneutics*	Thiago Fiuza: *Storytelling and Apologetics: The Power of Narratives to Defend the Faith*
2:45	Erick Mendieta: *Defending the Faith in Apocalyptic Context: The Interpretation of Revelation 13:11–18 and Its Development within Adventist Thought*	José Ricardo Ferrer: *Relational Apologetics: The Role of Small Groups in Defending the Faith in Post-Christian Contexts*
3:30	Alberto Tasso Barros: *Defending White's Originality: Christ in the War-in-Heaven Narratives of Milton and Ellen G. White*	Filip Milosavljev: *Defending the Faith by Living the Truth: Doctrine, Love, and Embodied Witness in an Age of Disillusionment*
4:15	Hebert Liessi: *Beyond Argumentation: Religious Education as a Formative Apologetic in the Adventist Higher Education*	Mark Jacob Garao: *Analysis of Timothy I's Peaceful Approach on Apologetics and Its Implications on Interfaith Dialogue with Muslims in the Asian Context*

Time	"The Room" (upstairs): Biblical Studies
2:00	Luiz Gustavo Asis: *Defending the Faith in Southern Babylonia: Literary Strategies to Overcome a Theological Crisis in the Scroll of Ezekiel*
2:45	Jim Orbe: *Defending God: A Christocentric, Canonical Response to Divine Hiddenness, Evil, and the Character of God*
3:30	Bohdan Kuryliak: *Temporal Markers in the Book of Revelation: Defending the Historicist Reading*
4:15	Houston Beckworth: *Revitalizing the Day of Atonement in Revelation*

Presenter	Institution
Assis, Luiz Gastavo	Southeastern California Conference
Beckworth, Huston	Covenant Theological Seminary
Ferrer, Jose' Ricardo	SALT FAAMA Adventist College of the Amazon
Fiuza, Thiago	Andrews University
Garao, Mark Jacob	AIIAS, Philippines
Kuryliak, Bohdan	University of Zurich
Liessi, Herbert	Northeast Brazilian Adventist University
Mendieta, Erick	Antillean Adventist University
Milosavljev, Filip	Loma Linda University & Church
Orbe, Jim	Liberty University/Paradise SDA Church
Petruk, Nestor H.	Israel Institute of Biblical Studies
Tasso Barros, Alberto	Adventist University of São Paulo
Velazquez, Efrain	Collegedale Spanish-American Church