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INVESTIGATING DIVERSITY

Exploring Race, Gender, and Unity in the Adventist Church

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Hannah D'Avanzo – Just Call Me Hannah



To ask who I am, one would get an answer that is complex, yet straight forward.

My first name is simple, Hannah. My last name, if spelled correctly, comes with an apostrophe...D'Avanzo.

I am a child of two parents who are from different races and have very different cultural practices.

My mother is Filipino and my father is Italian. In our home, strong Asian values prevailed yet I only understood and spoke the language native to my father.

For that reason, I often felt that I should choose which race I would be more a part of than the other. In reality, I am not just one or the other.

Today, as I expand my knowledge of research and race, I realize my background does not define me, but is an accessory of who I am.

I do not have to choose one race because one box can't be as encompassing as I am. I am diverse, and diversity is beautiful.

Having said that, I am very excited to be a part of Interactive Journalism, where we will closely explore and write about diversity, race and unity within the Adventist church.

I hope you will follow our posts and enjoy our discoveries on investigating diversity.

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