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# INVESTIGATING DIVERSITY

Exploring Race, Gender, and Unity in the Adventist Church

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## Gianni Arroyo – Growing up a PK



Hello! My name is Gianni Arroyo but I prefer going by Gia. I was born in the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

My family moved from Puerto Rico to Miami after my dad graduated from Antillian Adventist University. Growing up a pastor's kid I had to deal with moving around quite a few times.

Adjusting to new environments was difficult for me. At an early age I found ways to cope with the changes. Writing. This opened a new world for me.

Being a Seventh-day Adventist is a big part of my life. So much so that I've lost count of how many generations my family has been a part of the denomination.

I have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly in our church, especially as a pastor's kid.

The topic of diversity within our church is a topic that I find very interesting and important. Having diversity in this denomination is critical for its survival.

I believe in the message of our church and would love to see us flourish.

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