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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Research Study Results: Doctor of Ministry Education in NAD

Roger Dudley, Director of the Institute of Church Ministry, a research organization that serves the church in North America, implemented the most comprehensive study ever done on the attitudes and perspectives of pastors and other church leaders on Doctor of Ministry Education in North America. I want to use this space over several months to share some insights he has reported to us.

The first discovery is that 16.9% of the respondents have earned their DMin degree; 10.7% at Andrews. Another 5.1% are enrolled in the Andrews DMin program currently. This would indicate that across our division over 1 in 5 pastors or other church leaders have or are in the process of earning their DMin degree. Another 38.2% of respondents indicated they wish to engage in the DMin program.

The per cent of pastors responding who have earned their DMin degree is 10.7%. Another 4.6% are enrolled in the Andrews DMin program currently. Another 45.8% of pastoral respondents indicated they wish to engage in the DMin program.

Another discovery is that 30% of the ministerial director respondents have earned their DMin degree, and 37% of those serving as presidents of a conference or union.

When Roger shared the report with us he interpreted the results (integrated with other questions in the survey I will share in coming months) to indicate a strong interest in the DMin program as a contributor to meaningful ministry. We pray God will bless those who pursue their development in the program to that end!

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Chaplain Mario Ceballos to Coordinate Chaplaincy Concentration

Dr. Mario Ceballos has joined the Andrews DMin team! New cohorts are scheduled to form in early 2013 for the Chaplaincy Ministry and Health Care Chaplaincy concentrations under his leadership.

Dr. Ceballos holds a DMin degree from Boston University, and MDiv from Andrews. He is a chaplain (Commander, ret.) with the United States Navy Reserve and is a Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. He has been a pastor in the Texas and Southern New England conferences, served as Assistant Director of Pastoral Care at Florida Hospital, and as Vice President of Spiritual Services and Missions for Kettering Medical Center Network.

Dr. Ceballos is currently the associate director for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he is responsible for the endorsement and certification of chaplains and chaplain training for the world church.

New Cohorts Forming Now to Begin in Early 2013

A new cohort is forming now for the Pastoral Ministry (Spanish) concentration; the first intensive will be in September of 2012. This is open to Spanish-speaking ministry professionals in the North American Division. Ministry professionals from other divisions may also participate in this cohort if they remain in full-time ministry in their home fields and travel to the United States once each year to attend intensives as scheduled with their cohort.

Also coming in early 2013: new cohorts for Leadership and the Evangelism & Church Growth concentrations (NAD, English-speaking). For more information or to reserve a place in one of these cohorts, send email to dmin@andrews.edu.

DMin Conference Hosts 40

This year's conference, held at the Andrews campus September 26-27, featured the theme "Church, Conference, and Seminary: Partnering to Change the World." Approximately 40 adjunct faculty, Seminary faculty, concentration coordinators, conference administrators, and DMin staff were in attendance.



Lake Union President Donald Livesay (right) listens carefully as Michael Horton makes a point in the panel discussion: "What We Envision in the Doctor of Ministry— Perspectives from the Field."



Participants in a lively break-out session: Hyveth Williams (Preaching concentration), James North (project advisor), Ernie Furness (Southern California Conference Ministerial Director & DMin project advisor), Ron Flowers (Family Ministry concentration).