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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Investing in People

If you have been reading our Doctor of Ministry newsletter you already know that in 2011 the Seminary commissioned the largest study ever done on the attitudes and impact of Doctor of Ministry education on the Adventist church in North America. I have been sharing the discoveries of that study provided by Roger Dudley.

When asked how DMin graduates can make a difference in a conference of churches, 58% of our church administrators and pastor respondents selected the response stating that a person with a DMin is better equipped to serve churches with higher education levels, and 59% selected the response that the graduate can lead the church into more effective ministry in their community. Each respondent could check one or more responses. 57% also selected the response that the graduate could serve a broader range of congregations. Nine of 179 respondents saw little or no value to the conference of churches.

I am reminded of the advice I was given years ago by an extraordinary pastor; "There is no more important appreciating investment the church makes than developing its pastoral leadership."

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Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program

A Summary of 2011 Program Enrollment

In 2011 the Seminary graduated 93 persons from its Doctor of Ministry program, accepted 115, and dropped 54. Those dropped represent persons unable to complete the program for various academic or personal reasons.

The net loss in enrollment in that calendar year is 32. The graduation of the Euro Asia leadership cohort is the largest piece of that net loss. They are being replaced by a new cohort, the applicants for which are identified but yet to be voted.

New Cohorts Forming for 2012 and 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. **This cohort is rapidly filling available seats; 16 have been accepted thus far, and several more applications are in process. A cohort is full at 25 members. If you want to start a DMin program with this cohort, don't delay—apply now!**
- Two international cohorts will be launched in 2012: one in Sagunto, Spain, for the Spanish Union (to study a Pastoral Ministry concentration), and the other at Zaoksky University in Russia for the Euro-Asia Division (Leadership concentration).
- **Coming in 2013:** new cohorts for Leadership, Chaplaincy Ministry, Health Care Chaplaincy, and the Evangelism & Church Growth concentrations (all NAD, English-speaking). For more information or to reserve a place in one of these cohorts, send email to dmin@andrews.edu.

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