

Alvin Maurice Kibble
Candidate for Honorary Degree
Doctor of Divinity



Alvin Maurice Kibble currently serves as vice president for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He has exemplified courage, integrity and vision in the face of conflict, injustice and prejudice through his contributions to the church. Having been a conference and division leader in North America for many years, Kibble is viewed by many as an invaluable resource person in the areas of church ministry, leadership, governance, community outreach, church growth and race relations, as demonstrated by his pastoral ministry, administration and service on church, institution and hospital boards and committees. In 2017 he celebrates his 48th year in ministry.

Kibble received his Bachelor of Arts in theology from Atlantic Union College in 1967. He went on to complete a Master of Divinity at Andrews University in 1969 and a Master of Sacred Theology from New York Theological Seminary in 1974. He is currently a fourth residency student in the Doctor of Ministry program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts.

His broad experience and innovative approach to ministry as a pastor, conference secretary, president and division leader have contributed to his ability to counsel, mentor and effectively lead each organization he has supported. As a grandson of one of our pioneer ministers and son of one of our early regional conference presidents (Lake Region Conference), he brings not only a wide breadth of knowledge about the growth and expansion of the Black work in America but also a unique understanding and expertise in the history and development of the Adventist church.

As one of the presidents and former chair of the Regional Conference Presidents' Council, Kibble was instrumental in establishing the Regional Conference Ministries Fund, Office of Regional Conference Ministries, Bradford-Cleveland-Brooks Leadership Center and the Seventh-day Adventist Regional Conference Retirement Plan, which has an investment portfolio that is now valued at 85 percent of employee benefits earned to date. This plan addressed certain inequities and secured more favorable retirement benefits for employees of the regional conferences of the North American Division.

Additionally, while president of the Allegheny East Conference, Kibble initiated the planning and subsequent construction of three Adventist apartment buildings for low- to moderate-income seniors in partnership with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns and revivals throughout the United States and in Bermuda, England, Jamaica and Africa.

He was awarded the 1981 Newark, New Jersey Human Brotherhood Award, the 1998 Atlantic Union College Alumnus of the Year Award, and the 2014 Pastoral Evangelism Leadership Center Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers and Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Kibble is married to the former Jewel L. Peck of Mt. Vernon, New York. They are the proud parents of two adult sons, Santo and Jason, one daughter-in-law, Danielle, and grandparents to four grandchildren.

His personal mission statement is "Cooperating with God in the work of salvation to live a full, rich, well-balanced, Christ-centered life of disinterested benevolence with eternity in view."

For his outstanding dedication, leadership and scholarly contributions to the field of theology, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Alvin Maurice Kibble with the degree, Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

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