

HONORARY DEGREE—MAY 2026

Bettina Krause

Doctor of Laws

Bettina Krause, editor of Liberty magazine and associate director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department at the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, has worked to strengthen public awareness of the Adventist Church's distinctive religious freedom message, rendering biblical and prophetic principles into the language of contemporary public policy debates.

Originally from Australia, Krause graduated with a Bachelor of Laws with first class honors from Macquarie University. She received several awards for academic excellence and worked as a legal editor for the Butterworths Legal Publishing Company.

After obtaining her degrees, she relocated to the United States and began working as a legislative liaison for the Council on Religious Freedom. There, she represented the council at events and advocacy meetings; provided legal support; edited reports and articles; and managed fundraising and event planning.

In 1999, she became the media relations manager and assistant news editor for the General Conference (GC) of Seventh-day Adventists Communication Department, where she oversaw media relations, oversaw media relations, coordinated daily press conferences and managed staff during the 2000 GC session in Toronto, Canada.

Krause went on to become the news editor and director of the Adventist News Network (ANN). In addition to overseeing ANN's day-to-day operations, she served as a member of the crisis communication team for the Adventist world church, communication liaison with GC administration, and news director and writer for the television program "Adventist Newslines."

Later, in 2002, she transitioned to the role of special assistant to GC President Jan Paulsen for global initiatives. Krause managed the evangelistic initiative "Sow 1

Billion,” coordinating communication within the world church. She continued supporting the Office of the President for several years, managing media relations and government protocol. Krause also served as writer, host and producer of “Intersection: Your Faith, Your World” for Hope Channel International.

Krause joined the GC’s Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) Department in 2011 as assistant director and became the communication director of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA). Beyond representing both entities at worldwide events, she served as managing editor of multiple publications for the organizations.

In 2019, she became the associate director of PARL, with responsibility for government affairs, and deputy secretary-general of the IRLA. Within this expanded role, Krause has represented the Adventist Church on Capitol Hill and engaged with Congress, the White House, and Washington D.C.’s diplomatic and non-governmental organization communities. Along with her efforts in public policy, she has produced the Hope Channel program “Global Affairs Today” and provided training for PARL directors around the world.

Krause became editor of Liberty magazine, the world’s oldest religious freedom journal, in 2021. Published from a distinctly Adventist perspective, the publication addresses law, politics and church-state issues. That same year, she began serving as associate director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. For her demonstrated commitment to sharing the integral role of religious liberty in both public and private spaces around the world, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring Bettina Krause with the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.