Annual Meeting

Theme: Ordination

November 15–17, 2012
Hilton Chicago
720 S Michigan Avenue
McCormick Place
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive
Hyatt McCormick Place
2233 S, Dr. Martin Luther King Dr

Thursday Evening, Nov. 15
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Chicago Hilton
7:00 Registration
8:00 Session I: Keynote Address
Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, Presiding
Darius Janklewicz, Andrews University
A Short History of Ordination
Discussion on Keynote Address
9:00 Business Session I
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

Friday Morning, Nov. 16
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
McCormick Place
8:30 Devotional
Ruben Muñoz-Larrondo, Andrews University, Presiding
Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University
8:45 Business Session II
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

9:00 Session II Papers
Ben Holdsworth, Union College, Presiding
Jacques Doukhan, Andrews University
From Subordination of the Woman to Salvation by the Woman: An Exegesis of Genesis 3:16 in the light of Genesis 4:7 and Genesis 3:15
Jean Sheldon, Pacific Union College
Images of Power, the Image of God, and a Kingdom of Priests
Leo Ranzolin, Jr., Pacific Union College
The Case for Women’s Ordination: the Trajectory of an Egalitarian Ethic in the Pauline Letters
John Brunt, Grand Terrace, CA.
Does the NT Contain a Clear Practice of Ordination for Ministry?

10:30 Break

10:40 Session III: Panel
Edwin Reynolds, Southern Adventist University, Presiding
Theme: Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary’s Statement on Ordination
Denis Fortin, Andrews University
Kendra Haloviak Valentine, La Sierra University
Nick Miller, Andrews University
Zdravko Plantak, Washington Adventist University
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University

11:50 Business Session III
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

Noon: Lunch

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 16
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm
McCormick Place
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2:00 Session IV Papers
Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding
Bev Beem, Walla Walla University and Ginger Harwood, La Sierra University
Your Daughter Shall Prophesy
Theodore Levertov, Loma Linda University
Principles of Ordination in the Early SDA Church, 1844-1900
Kessia Reyne Bennett, Andrews University
Divided Anthropology: An Ontological Look at the Vatican’s Rejection of Women’s Ordination
Gilbert Valentine, La Sierra University
The Anglican Journey to Equality in Ministry

3:00 Business Session IV
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

3:30 Session V: Sectional Meetings
Christian Ethics: Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts, convener
Christian Theology and History: Martin Hanna, Andrews University, convener
New Testament: Agniel Samson, Oakwood University, convener
Old Testament: Jacques Doukhan, Andrews University, convener
Philosophy: Abigail Doukhan, Queens College, convener
Practical Theology: Ernie Furness, Southeastern California Conference, convener
Religion and Culture: Carla Gober, Loma Linda University, convener
World Religions/Missiology: Ernie Bursey, Florida Hospital College, convener

4:30 Special Meetings
Black Theology Group: Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, convener
Women in Theology Group: Ginger Hanks-Harwood and Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, conveners
Our Work, The Church, and the Ordination Discussion
NEW VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED

Ranko Stefanovic, professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University, was elected vice president of the Adventist Society of Religious Studies at its annual 2011 meeting in San Francisco, California. Stefanovic holds BTh and MA degrees from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies and a PhD from Andrews University. He has taught on both the undergraduate and graduate levels and is the author of Revelation of Jesus Christ: Commentary on the Book of Revelation, second ed. (Andrews University Press, 2009).

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES
Adventist University of Health Sciences
Zdravko Stefanovic has joined the Department of Health Sciences as Professor of Religion at Adventist University of Health Sciences.

Robert Fish officially retired this summer, creating a vacancy filled by Alicia Patterson.

Andrews University
John Baldwin has officially retired from the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy after 27 years of service at the university.

Leona Running, professor of biblical languages, emeritus, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the spring commencement.

Jiri Moskala was one of the 2012 recipients of the Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Award.

Bruce Bauer and Glenn Russell were recipients of the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Awards. Ante Jeroncic received the university’s annual Spiritual Life Award.

The following individuals have been promoted to full professorships: Gordon Doss, department of World Mission; Paul Gregor, department of Old Testament and Biblical Archaeology; Wagner Kuhn, department of World Mission; and Jerry Moon, department of Church History.

Richard M. Davidson was awarded the J. N. Andrews Medallion. The 2011 summer commencement inaugurated the Outstanding Dissertation Award. One of the two recipients was Paul Evans for his “A historical-contextual analysis of the final-generation theology of M. L. Andreasen.”

Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary (IATS)
The Board of the Association of Theological Schools’ Commission on Accrediting has voted to grant initial accreditation to IATS for a period of seven years. It approved the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology (Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Venezuela) and the Doctor of Ministry program, (Mexico and Jamaica).

La Sierra University
Fritz Guy was honored as Alumnus of the Year for 2012. The university is reorganizing its School of Religion as the H.M.S. Richards Divinity School. Named in honor of the radio speaker who had many ties with La Sierra University (all his children were alumni), it will offer four graduate programs as well as an undergraduate one. They include the current Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in religion degrees as well as a new Master of Theology Studies degree and a redesigned Graduate Certificate in Ministry for laity. The School is working toward accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools.

In order to coordinate the many and varied archaeologically related activities at La Sierra, archaeologists Douglas Clark, Larry Geraty, and Kent Bramlett, in collaboration with Bailey Gillespie, Warren
Trenchard and Chang Ho Ji, proposed the founding of The Center for Near Eastern Archaeology, which was established during the summer.

Trisha Famisaran has recently been appointed as an assistant professor of Religion and Philosophy, and director of the Honors Program at La Sierra University. She will no longer be the director of the Women's Resource Center.

Loma Linda University

The School of Religion has celebrated its fifth anniversary. It is currently developing its first professional doctorate, which will focus on religion and health. Future plans include a degree in religion and society that would emphasize the interface between Seventh-day Adventist faith and the wider culture.

Maria Magdaena Cantu was awarded the Gayle Saxby Endowed Scholarship. Established in honor of Saxby who taught religion at Loma Linda before her death, the scholarship is for women who have dedicated their lives to ministry. Gerald Winslow, currently vice president for mission and culture at Loma Linda Medical Center, helped found the Gayle Saxby scholarship as the School of Religion’s first endowed scholarship while he was dean of the LLU religion programs.

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson has received a three-year grant from the Kaiser Foundation for community partnership research dealing with faith-based communities in the Ontario, CA, city. The research is a three-way partnership between the city of Ontario government agencies, LLUMC and the School of Religion.

Oakwood University

Keith Augustus Burton has been appointed director of Oakwood University’s new Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations. The Center has created an online program to certifying pastors and church leaders in the area of Adventist-Islam contacts. The courses are designed to help ministers develop joint community programs with Muslims and to seek to build positive relationships with them.

Southwestern Adventist University

Bill Kilgore has returned full-time to the classroom after serving as vice president for spiritual development.

Pacific Union College

Ross Wrinkle successfully defended his PhD dissertation last May at Andrews University. Completed under the supervision of Jon Paulien, it is entitled: “Clothes Make the (One Like a Son of) Man”: Dress Imagery in Revelation 1 as an Indicator of High Priestly Status. The dissertation takes as its starting place the scholarly diversity of opinion over whether Jesus is portrayed as a high priest outside of the letter to the Hebrews. With regards to Revelation—the New Testament work that shares the most cultic imagery with Hebrews—this question finds its focus in chapter 1, where John experienced a vision of Jesus while on the island of Patmos. Utilizing contemporary dress and clothing research about how dress communicates various personal and social identities, the dissertation applies this understanding to three dress and dress-related images in Revelation 1 and concludes that in John’s description of Jesus communicates a high priestly role-related identity for Jesus.

Southern Adventist University

Greg A. King is on sabbatical during fall semester 2012. He is writing a manuscript for a Sabbath School quarterly in which he is involved.

Walla Walla University

The Walla Walla University Board has reappointed John McVay as president.

Walla Walla University honored Alden Thompson with its 2011 Excellence in Scholarship Award and David Thomas with its Outstanding Teaching Award.

The North Pacific Union Conference, in partnership with Walla Walla University, funds and operates on the College Place, Washington, campus the Northwest Mission Institute. The Institute serves as a personal evangelism training school. Graduates will receive a Bible worker coordinator certificate that seeks to increase employment opportunities for them at the local church leadership level. David Thomas, WWU School of Theology dean, sits on the NMI board.

The Walla Walla University Alumni Association has named Darold Bigger one of its honored alumni for 2011.

Ferdinand Regalado (PhD, Old Testament, AIAS) has joined the School of Theology at Walla Walla University as a Professor of Biblical Studies.

Walla Walla University School of Theology instructor Susan Bungard was awarded the 2012 President’s Excellence in Teaching Award. Ms. Bungard has been teaching in the School of Theology since 2005 and teaches New Testament entry-level courses.

Washington Adventist University

The Bible Translation Institute, based at Washington Adventist University and directed by Mikhail Kulakov, plans to publish a new full translation of the Bible into contemporary Russian by 2015. The New Testament, the Psalms, and the Pentateuch have already been released in print.

OTHER NEWS

Following 15 years and nearly 300 students, enrollment in the ACA summer biblical languages programs dropped significantly last summer, prompting the programs director to poll all religion and theology students this fall to assess awareness and interest. Options on the table include Intermediate Greek in Athens and Introductory Hebrew in Jerusalem (at the East Jerusalem Adventist Center), with the goals of reducing costs and enhancing the learning experience. Suggestions are welcome as are attempts by everyone to advertise the opportunity to learn biblical languages in the lands where they were born.

BLACK THEOLOGY SUB GROUP

Finbar S. Benjamin, assistant professor in the religion and theology department of Oakwood University, will serve as convener of the Black Theology Sub Group at the 2012 annual meeting in Chicago. Clinton Baldwin from Northern Caribbean University will take over preparation for next year.

IN MEMORIAM

Elly Helen Economou, a longtime professor of Greek at Andrews University, died February 9, 2012, at age 83. Born in Thessalonica, Greece, she began her higher education at the Anatolia Greek-American College. After coming to America in 1962, she earned a B.A. from Pacific Union College in 1966, majoring in biblical and modern languages. Then came a master’s degree in biblical languages from Andrews University in 1967. In 1972 she started postgraduate work at the University of Strasbourg, France, and received her doctorate in 1975. During her doctoral program she deciphered for the National Library of Strasbourg a number of papyri dating back to approximately 300 B.C.

BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

11:01 VOTED: the following to serve on the ASRS Nominating committee: Ernie Bursey, Paul Dybdahl, Ross Wrinkle, Ranko Stefanovic and Elizabeth Talbot.

11:02 ELECTED: Ranko Stefanovic, professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

11:03 VOTED: to increase annual dues to $30.00.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Andrews University Press has released volume 5 of the Tall al ‘Umayri excavation series authored by Larry Herr of Canadian University College. His volume 6 is already in the editorial process. He has also done the entry “Periodization” in the Oxford Encyclopedia of Archeology in the Near East.


The Religious Roots of the First Amendment: Dissenting Protestants and the Separation of Church and State (Oxford University Press, 2012), by Nicholas Miller

Jon Paulien is also publishing a five-volume series on Revelation in Japanese (not available in English), in conjunction with Japanese scholar Akira Yamaji.


Andrews University Press Releases Homosexuality, Marriage, and the Church: Biblical, Counseling, and Religious Liberty Issues. It is a collection of 14 major essays on a range of topics, and an additional six personal testimonies from individuals who have struggled with homosexuality in their personal lives. The content of the book, including the testimonies, is material largely based on presentations at a conference on the same subject held at Andrews University and sponsored by various entities of the Adventist Church in October 2009.


Theology of Mission and Evangelism: An Adventist Perspective, and Mission to the World: Adventist Perspectives, by Carlos Martin. Published by the School of Religion, Southern Adventist University.


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