Annual Meeting

Theme: Adventism, Scripture, and Unity

November 21–23, 2013
Royal Sonesta Harbor Court
Miracle Temple SDA Church
Berea Temple SDA Church
Baltimore, Maryland
550 Light Street
100 S. Rock Glen Road
1901 Madison Avenue

Thursday Evening, Nov. 21
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Royal Sinesta
Whitehall Ballroom South

7:00 Registration
Reception provided by Meander Travel

8:00 Session I: Paper
Kendra Haloviak Valentine, La Sierra University, presiding
Jan Barna, Newbold College
Ordination of Women and the Two Ways to Unity: Ecclesiastical and Biblical

9:00 Business Session I
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University and Ranko Stefanovic, Andrews University

Friday Morning, Nov. 22
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Royal Sinesta
Whitehall Ballroom South

8:30 Devotional
Jiri Moskala, Andrews University

8:45 Business Session II
Carl P. Cosaert and Ranko Stefanovic, presiding

9:00 Session II: Papers
Erhart Gallos, Andrews University, presiding

Hanz Gutierrez, Italian Theological Seminary
Bible and Adventism: A Monocentric or a Polycentric Unity

Olive J. Hemmings, Washington Adventist University
Higher Criticism and the Resistance to Women’s Ordination: Unmasking the Issue

Robert Johnston, Andrews University
Unity and Diversity in the New Testament and Early Church

10:20 Break

10:30 Session III: Papers
Ginger Hanks Harwood, La Sierra University, presiding
Richard Rice, Loma Linda University
Inerrancy, Adventism, and Church Unity

11:50 Business Session III
Carl P. Cosaert and Ranko Stefanovic, presiding

Noon: Lunch

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 22
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Royal Sinesta
Whitehall Ballroom South

2:00 Session IV: Papers
Douglas Morgan, Washington Adventist University, presiding

Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts
Living the Peace of Christ: Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Healing of Adventism

Davide Sciarabba, Andrews University
A Lesson of Unity from Catholicism: The Experience of Maurice Blondel and Alfred Loisy During the Challenge of Modernism

Reimar Vetne, Montemorelos University
The Book of Daniel as a Unifying Vision for “Conservative” and “Progressive” Adventists

3:00 Business Session IV
Carl P. Cosaert and Ranko Stefanovic, presiding

3:30 Session I: Sectional Meeting

Christian Ethics: Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts, convener

Christian Theology and History: Martin Hanna, Andrews University, convener

New Testament: Agniesl 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-Park, Loma Linda University, convenor

World Religions/Missiology: Ernie Bursey, Florida Hospital College, convenor

4:30 Special Meetings
Black Theology Group: Agniel Samson, Oakwood University, convenor
Women in Theology Group: Ginger Hanks-Harwood and Trisha Faminaran

Friday Evening, Nov. 23
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Session VI:
Dinner Meeting and Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society

Mark Carr, Kettering College of Medical Arts, and Lael Caesar, Adventist Review, presiding

ATS Presidential Address
Tom Shepherd, Andrews University
The Scholar and the Word of God: Reflections on 2 Peter 1:16-21

ASRS Presidential Address
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University
Paul and the Corinthians: Reflections on Church Unity

Sabbath Morning, Nov. 24
Berea Temple SDA Church
1901 Madison Avenue
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9:45 Session VII: Papers
Glenn Russell, Andrews University, presiding

Eliezer Gonzales, Australia
Trinity, Unity, and Divinity in the Gospel of John: Implications for the Unity of the Church

Adeline Alexe, Andrews University
The Influence of American Protestant Fundamentalism upon the SDA View of Biblical Inspiration in the 1920s

11:00 Worship
Berea Temple SDA Church

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
1. Election of a nominating committee
2. Election of a vice president
3. Future ASRS topic(s)
4. Leadership assistance
5. Society affiliation

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NOTE: At this time, the ASRS program is found at the AAR website on the page providing the “Online Program Book.” You can search by key word or the section of the program book dedicated to “Additional Meetings PDF.” Watch for the program app which will soon be available. Our hotel assignment is the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court located along Baltimore’s Inner Harbor at 550 Light Street.

Please refer to ASRS’s website, www.lasierra.edu/divinity. On the opening page, choose the link on the bottom left, “The Adventist Society for Religious Studies.” We will post any program changes on this site. Hotel accommodations can be found on both the SBL and AAR web sites.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED

Mark F. Carr, chair and professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Kettering College, was elected vice president of the Adventist Society of Religious Studies at its annual 2012 meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Carr holds degrees from Walla Walla College, Andrews University, and the University of Virginia and specializes in teaching ethics.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Atlantic Union College

The Board of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has awarded Atlantic Union College the authority to award the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in Theology/Religion and Bachelor of Science in Health Science/Biology. The Board of Trustees will be working during the coming months to develop faculty and staff, to seek accreditation, and to develop plans for recruitment.

Andrews University

Jiří Moskala, professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology and former chair of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary’s department of Old Testament, has been inaugurated as dean of the seminary. His appointment began July 1, 2013. Previous dean Denis Fortin desired to return to full-time teaching in the Department of Theology and Christian Philosophy.

John Peckham has been appointed professor of theology and Christian philosophy.

Ranko Stefanovic, professor of New Testament at the Seminary was awarded a J. N. Andrews Medallion at the spring 2013 university commencement.

Fernando Canale, professor of theology and philosophy at the seminary, and Oystein LaBlanca, professor of anthropology, received 2013 Siegfried H. Horn Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship Awards. Darius Jankiewicz, 2232 professor of theology in the seminary, received a 2013 Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award.

JoAnn Davidson, professor of theology in the seminary, received a 25 Years of Service Award.

Kettering College

Mark Carr is the new chair of the Kettering College Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. His appointment began July 1,
2013. Before accepting this position, Carr was a professor of Religion at Loma Linda University, where he served as a faculty member since 1997.

La Sierra University

La Sierra’s HMS Richards Divinity School has received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools after a 10-year self-study process. The initial accreditation period is for five years. The Divinity School became an associate member school of ATS in 2003 and in 2009 ATS granted school candidacy for full membership.

The Divinity School sponsored a conference entitled “The Desk and the Pulpit: Collaborating for Ministry.” More than 250 pastors from the Southeastern California Conference and the Southern California Conference attended. The Divinity School also conducted an Archaeology Adventures Program to introduce high school students to biblical archaeology.

Norman Yergen has been named La Sierra University’s vice president for university advancement.

Oakwood University

Leslie Pollard, president of Oakwood University, was chosen to be the convener of the Black Theology Sub Group at the next annual meeting to be held in San Diego in 2014.

Walla Walla University

Brant Berglin has joined the faculty of the School of Religion. A 1995 graduate of Walla Walla, he is currently working on a doctorate in New Testament studies.

Paul Dybdahl, professor of Mission and New Testament at Walla Walla University, received the 2013 Presidential Award for Excellence in Advising.

Darold Bigger is the new assistant to the university president. He will serve half time in the president’s office and the other half continuing to teach religion and social work classes.

AMONG THE MEMBERS

The Jesus 101 Biblical Institute has become an official media ministry of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Founded in June 2009 by Elizabeth Viera Talbot under the auspices of Voice of Prophecy and Faith For Today at the NAD Media Center, it has produced four programs, two in English and two in Spanish, with Talbot as speaker. Jesus 101 is the first “teaching/training” ministry with an emphasis on biblical studies. The first female speaker/director of an NAD ministry, she has written a number of Jesus 101 training booklets published by Pacific Press.

Talbot has also authored an article in volume 1 of a series by T&T Clark entitled “What Does Scripture Say?” It deals with Jesus’ pronouncement of rest in Matthew 11:28-30 and its linkage to the Sabbath.

IN MEMORIAM

Lucile Knapp, teacher of English, Hebrew, and Greek for many years at Walla Walla University, died April 30, 2013, in Walla Walla. Born September 25, 1925, in Roundup, Montana, she graduated from Walla Walla College with a degree in biblical languages in 1947. Later she earned a master’s degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary while it was in Takoma Park, Maryland. After having seven children in eight years, she began teaching at Walla Walla in 1961. Eventually she focused on Greek for ministerial students. She retired in 1990 after spending her last summer of teaching at the Adventist college in Singapore.

Arthur Nelson Patrick died March 8, 2013. Born February 23, 1934, in Cooranbong, Australia, in a family who had direct contact with Ellen G. White and others who founded Avondale College, he graduated from Avondale, pastored in New Zealand, the United States, and Australia, lectured in theology, ministry, and Adventist history in Australia and the United States, and was the first director of the Ellen G. White/Adventist Research Centre in Australia. In addition, he served as a college registrar and as a chaplain at Sydney Adventist Hospital. He authored more than 100 periodical articles. The Charles E. Weniger Society posthumously awarded Patrick its award of excellence in scholarship.

Steven Parfitt Vitran, former religion teacher at both the undergraduate college and Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, died May 4, 2013, in Auburn, California. Born October 18, 1922, Vitran first planned to become a graphic artist, then chose to enter the ministry. After graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College, he spent several years as an evangelistic pastor in Illinois and five years as a missionary in India. Completing his M.Div., he began a 40-year career at Andrews University as a professor of religion and philosophy. He was chair of the theology department and acting dean of the seminary. Earning a doctorate in speech from Michigan State University, he wrote several books on preaching. Retiring in 1998, he moved to Auburn, California, and taught at the Weimar Institute in Colfax, California, as well as served on its board of directors.

NEW PUBLICATIONS


Jacques Doukhnan has published On the Way to Emmaus: Five Major Messianic Prophecies Explained through Messianic Jewish Communications with a Kindle e-book edition by Amazon Digital Services, Inc.

Continuum has released A Philosophy of Exile by Abi Doukhnan Levinas.

Oxford University Press as announced it will be publishing Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet, eds. Terrie Dopp Aamodt and Gary Land. The volume developed out of an October 2009 conference on Ellen White held in Portland, Maine, her childhood home. The book has 19 chapters written by 20 authors and covers White’s 70 year public career.


The Review and Herald Publishing Association has released the following titles: George R. Knight, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: An invitation to spend a year with your Best Friend; William G. Johnson, Life Is Good ... the Best Is Yet To Come; Dwain N. Esmond, As I Follow Jesus: 20 Essentials Every Leader Should Know; Delbert W. Baker, The Unknown Prophet (rev. ed.); Angel Manuel Rodriguez, ed., Message, Mission, and Unity of the Church: Biblical Research Studies in Ecclesiology-2; Hyveth Williams, Secrets of a Happy Heart; Jeff Scoggins, You Can Understand the Book of Revelation: A Clear Guide to Interpreting Prophecy; Martin Pröstle, Where God and I Meet; Zdravko Stefanovic, Thus Says the Lord: Messages From the Minor Prophets; Derek Morris, Radical Evidence.

Forthcoming publications include Kevin L. Morgan’s White Lie Soap for removal of lingering stains on Ellen White’s integrity as an inspired writer; Advent Pioneer series biographies of J. N. Loughborough and Uriah Smith, Keith Burton on Christ and His law, Gloria Bell on Bible instructors, Bertram Melbourne on the book of James and Ranko Stefanovic, The Apocalypse in Plain Language.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association is completing a major work edited by Denis Fortin and Jerry Moon. Ten years in the making, The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia covers the biographical details of her life, the issues she wrote about, the places she lived and visited, the people she wrote to, and the questions and concerns that have risen in understanding her mission. The hundreds of articles and essays come from a wide range of contributors and represent a major contribution to Seventh-day Adventist scholarship. More information will be presented at the annual meeting of ASRS

**BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES**

12:01 **VOTED**: the following to serve on the ASRS Nominating committee: Paul Dybdahl, Trisha Famisaran, Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson, Zac Plantac, and Liz Talbot.

12:02 **ELECTED**: Mark Carr, professor of religious ethics at Loma Linda School of Religion.

**ASRS Officers**: Carl P. Cosaert, president, Ranko Stefanovic, president elect, Mark Carr vice president, Gerald Wheeler, newsletter, and Ernie Furness, secretary-treasurer.

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