Annual Meeting

Theme: Ecclesiology in Doctrine and Practice

November 20–22, 2014
Hilton Bayfront
Grand Hyatt
Paradise Valley Church
San Diego, California
One Park Boulevard
2701 E 8th St, National City

Thursday Evening, Nov. 20
7:00 Registration
Reception provided by Andrews University Press, Kettering College, Faith Search Partners, H M S Richards School of Divinity, Loma Linda Medical Center, Loma Linda School of Religion and NAD Ministries Department.

7:45 Session I: Papers
Welcome: Sandy Roberts, President Southeastern California Conference
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

David E. Thomas, Walla Walla University
From Charisma to Constitution

Kendra Haloviak Valentine, La Sierra University
Community and Change: Hymnody and Ecclesiastical Unity

Mitchell Tyner, retired General Conference Associate General Counsel
How Law Affects Adventist Ecclesiology

Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church Adventist Ecclesiology and The One Project

9:15 Business Session I
Mark F. Carr, Kettering College and Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, presiding

Friday Morning, Nov. 21
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Hilton Bayfront
Aqua EF

8:00 Devotional
David L. Taylor, pastor, University Church, Los Angeles

8:15 Business Session II
Mark F. Carr and Teresa Reeve presiding

8:30 Session II: Papers
Ross Winkle, Pacific Union College, presiding

Esther Knott, Andrews University
Report: NAD Ministerial Education Initiative

Rahel Schafer, Andrews University
Should We Bring Our Dogs to Church? Non-Human Animals and Ecclesiology

Ben Holdsworth, Union College
Rethinking Adventist Ecclesiology for a Climate-Impacted World

Clinton Baldwin, Northern Caribbean University
The Nexus of Church and the Evolution of the Sacred Text

10:00 Session III: Papers
Mark F. Carr, Kettering College, presiding

Ann Gibson, Andrews University
The Chief and the Church

Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University
How Adventist Healthcare Affects Adventist Ecclesiology

Leslie Pollard, Oakwood University
How Regional Conferences Affect Adventist Ecclesiology

Richard Winn, Western Association of Schools and Colleges
How Education Affects Adventist Ecclesiology

11:45 Business Session III
Mark F. Carr and Teresa Reeve presiding

12:00 Lunch

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 21
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Hilton Bayfront
Aqua EF

2:00 Session IV: Papers
Charles Scriven, Dayton Ohio, presiding

James Walters, Loma Linda University
Authentic, Divergent Faces of Adventism—and the Future

Olive J. Hemmings, Washington Adventist University
The Emerging Church, Oprah Winfrey, and the Reshaping of American Consciousness

Richard Rice, Loma Linda University
From Adventist Anthropology to Adventist Ecclesiology

3:10 Business Session IV
Mark F. Carr and Teresa Reeve presiding

3:30 Session I: Sectional Meeting
Christian Theology and History: Martin Hanna, Andrews University, convener

New Testament: Erhard Gallos, Andrews University, convener
Old Testament: Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University, convener

Philosophy and Ethics: Zane Yi, Loma Linda University and Timothy Golden, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, conveners

Practical Theology: Ernie Furness, Southeastern California Conference, convener

Religion and Culture: Carla Gober-Park, Loma Linda University, convener

World Religions/Missiology: Paul Dybdahl, Walla Walla University, convener

4:30 Special Meetings
Black Theology Group: Leslie Pollard, Oakwood University, convener
Women in Theology Group: Ginger Hanks-Harwood and Mindy Bielas, conveners

Friday Evening, Nov. 21
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Paradise Valley Church
2701 E 8th St, National City

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

Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, and Lael Caesar,
Adventist Review, presiding

ATS Presidential Address
Tom Shepherd, Andrews University
“We Give Thanks to God:” Why Gratitude is Essential in Theological Disputes

ASRS Presidential Address
Ranko Stefanovic, Andrews University
The Meaning and Message of the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

Sabbath Morning, Nov. 24
9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Grand Hyatt
Coronado B

9:00 Devotional
Zane Yi, Loma Linda University

9:15 Session VI: Papers
Chris Oberg, La Sierra University Church, presiding

John Brunt, Azure Hills Church
Biblical and Contemporary Metaphors for Church

Ross Winkle, Pacific Union College
The ‘Sanctuary Doctrine’ and the Hydrological Ecclesiology of the Temple

Marlene Ferreras, La Sierra University
How Does Our Reading of Judges 1:14-15 Influence the ‘Practice’ of Ecclesiology in Ciudad Juárez?

Ernie Bursey, Adventist University of Health Sciences
“And to the church that meets in your house:” Plumbing the Plural in Philemon

11:00 Worship
Maury Jackson, La Sierra University, sermon
A Complex Temple or a Temple Complex: Denominational Families and Theological Traditions

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

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 words or the section of the program book dedicated to “Additional Meetings PDF.” Watch for the program app which will soon be available.

Please refer to ASRS’s website, www.lasierra.edu/divinity-school/. On the opening page, choose the green box, “Centers, Tours, Resources, and Events.” Under “Other Resources” the is the link to the ASRS website. 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

Teresa Reeves, assistant dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University, was elected vice president of the Adventist Society of Religious Studies at its annual 2013 meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. She has been assistant professor of New Testament contexts and holds a Ph.D. from Notre Dame University.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Andrews University
Teresa Reeves has been appointed assistant dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

La Sierra University

Kent Bramlet, assistant professor of archaeology and history of antiquity, presented a paper at the 2013 annual meeting of the American
Schools of Oriental Research entitled, “The Late Bronze Age Pottery from Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan.”

Doug Clark, associate dean of the H. M. S. Richards Divinity School, presented a paper at the 2013 annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research entitled “Who Owns This Part of the Past? The Cultural Heritage of Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan, in Jeopardy.”

Gilbert Valentine, chair and professor of administration and leadership, had six articles included in the 1,465-page Ellen G. White Encyclopedia (Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2013). The February/March issue of Journal of Adventist Education printed his article “W. W. Prescott: Adventist Education’s Renaissance Man.” He also co-authored the concluding chapter, “Legacy,” in the Oxford University Press volume on Ellen G. White, American Prophet. He also presented a paper at the triennial conference of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist historians, March 21-23, 2014, at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. It was entitled “How We Did Business: Conflict of Interest and Early General Conference Electoral Processes 1897-1926.” During April 24, 25, 2014, he was the keynote speaker at the German Adventist Forum at which he presented two papers: “1888 and the Reprogramming of Adventism” and “Church in the Crucible: The 1888 Conference that Shapes 21st Century Adventism.” Spectrum is publishing an article by him on the theological development of the doctrine of the trinity within Adventism.

Lawrence Geraty, president emeritus of La Sierra University and professor of archaeology and Old Testament studies, organized a conference on archaeology and the Exodus held at the University of California, San Diego. The conference invited approximately 70 scholars from around the world. Geraty presented the introductory paper. All the papers will be printed in a future book. He also has written a chapter for a book published by the Biblical Archaeology Society titled The Parting of the Ways. His chapter is titled “From Sabbath to Sunday.”

The H.M.S. School of Divinity has formed a Panel of Teaching Pastors. It is chaired by John Brunt, senior pastor of the Azure Hills Church, Grand Terrace, California. Besides continuing at Azure Hills, Brunt will teach several classes for the School of Divinity. The panel will team pastors with Divinity School faculty to mentor pastors already in full-time ministry. In addition the panel will supervise students assigned to local congregations. The panel is seen as a way of supporting the increasing enrollment in the Divinity School.

Loma Linda University
The School of Religion hosted the “Wholeness and Holiness in Health: Ontario Clergy Convocation” October 2, 2013.

AMONG THE MEMBERS

The University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, has awarded Elizabeth Talbot a Ph.D. degree in biblical studies. Her thesis was entitled “Rest and Sabbath in Matthew’s Gospel: An Investigation of Matthew 11:25-12:14 in the Context of the Gospel’s Theology and Setting.”

Gerald Wheeler has retired as head book editor from the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

IN MEMORIAM

Leona Gildden Running, professor emerita of biblical languages at Andrews University, died January 22, 2014, at age 97. She had taught for nearly six decades at the Seventh-day Adventist seminary and Andrews University, being the first female professor at the Seminary when it was in Takoma Park, Maryland. And she was the first Adventist woman to earn a doctorate in ancient Near Eastern studies from Johns Hopkins University, specializing in ancient Syriac texts. Although she lost her husband early on in her marriage, she built a new life in the academic world.

A graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College with a concentration in modern languages, she then earned an M.A. in Greek and Hebrew from the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955 before getting her Ph.D. in Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University. Besides teaching, she worked in the foreign language division of the Voice of Prophecy radio program, translating and typing scripts in German, Spanish, and Portuguese during 1944-1948. In 1950, she moved to Washington, D.C. to be copy editor for Ministry magazine. She joined the seminary in 1955 to teach Greek and Hebrew, and moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, when the seminary did. There she became the first female president of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research (1981-1982). In 1975 she published a biography on the biblical archaeologist William Foxwell Albright. Although she retired on her 65th birthday, she continued to teach Egyptian, Akkadian, and Syriac for another 21 years, not quitting until May 2002.

John J. Robertson, born August 22, 1918, died November 27, 2013. He pastored churches in Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts, and California. He also taught religion at La Sierra University and Atlantic Union College. At Atlantic Union College he served as chair of its department of religion. He held a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover-Newton Seminary in Newton, Massachusetts.

Gordon M. Hyde, born June 20, 1918, died May 27, 2014. After pastoring in Wisconsin, he went to Southern Adventist University to teach religion and speech for 13 years. Then he served as secretary of the Biblical Research Institute at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was a field secretary at the GC for 13 years, and then assumed the head of the religion department at Southern Adventist University after his retirement from the GC.

William Loveless, born January 17, 1928, died September 15, 2014. His 51 years of church service included pastoring both the Sligo and Loma Linda University churches, president of the Pennsylvania Conference and president of Washington Missionary College. He was a frequent adjunct instructor at La Sierra University, Loma Linda University and Washington Missionary College. Among his contributions was the introduction of the Student Missionary program, the establishment of an urban service corp, the launching of one of the first adult education evening programs while at WMC and early advocating for women in ministry. Bill was a leader ahead of his time, whose impact and leadership was lasting because he was a devout and dedicated follower of Jesus and Adventist.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Pacific Press Publishing Association has released the following titles: "Marvin Moore, The Close of Probation; Seth J. Pierce, Prophecies of Daniel Made Simple; Ken Wade, Journey Through the Bible; Elizabeth Viera Talbot, Surprised by Love DVD Bible Studies; Elizabeth Viera Talbot, Revelation, the Fifth Gospel; Dan Jackson, Is Jesus Enough?; Nathan Brown, Alex Bryan, Japhet de Oliveria, For the One; Kendra Haloviak Valentine, Signs of Life. In process is a festschrift in honor of George R. Knight.


BUSINESS SESSION MINUTES

13:01 VOTED: the following to serve on the ASRS Nominating committee: Denis Fortin, Teressa Reeve, Ed Allen, Chris Oberg and Clinton Baldwin.

The association meets on Sunday morning of the annual Pastoral Evangelism and Leadership Council held at Oakwood University every December. Annual reports will be made to the Black Theology group at our ASRS meetings. Those interested in submitting proposals can email Finbar at fsbcnre@mac.com or call 256-653-9680.

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

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13:03 Approved the following change to the ASRS constitution:

**ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS** The SOCIETY shall hold an Annual Meeting, usually in conjunction and association with the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and/or the Society of Biblical Literature, to conduct the business of the SOCIETY and to feature presentations and events that foster its purposes and objectives. It shall hold such other meetings as may be called by the Executive Committee.

**Association of Black Adventist Religion Scholars**
Oakwood University School of Religion

The theme for this year’s ABARS meeting (December 7), is *Orality, Texts, and Textures: The Making of a Religious Tradition*. Three papers will be presented, followed by two Works in Progress, and a business session.

**Paper one:** *Orality, Formulae and Ancient Hebrew Poetry*, by Julian Thompson (University of Oxford).

**Paper Two:** *The Formative Processes of Sacred Text: New Testament Manuscripts as Witnesses to Orality, Diversity and Sacred Traditions*, by Clinton Baldwin (Oakwood University).

**Paper Three:** *Text and Orality: Toward a Black Seventh-day Adventist Practical Theology*, Finbar Benjamin (Oakwood University).