Trinidad: Southern Caribbean University appoints new president

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The announcement came from Dr. Kern Tobias, president of the church in the Caribbean Union and chairman of the institution, during a special dinner reception held Nov. 8, in Trinidad.

"Dr. Valley's appointment heralds a new day for USC and the university is delighted to welcome a 'son of the soil' to lead the institution as it charts a new way forward," said Tobias. The new appointment is effective as of January 1, 2012, added Tobias.

Dr. Valley currently serves as the Dean of the School of Education at La Sierra University in Riverside, California, United States. Prior to this, Dr. Valley has worked in Trinidad, the United Kingdom and the United States in various capacities as a church pastor, high school principal, university professor and as associate academic vice president of Walla Walla University in Washington, United States.

Dr. Valley is a graduate of the University of the Southern Caribbean, and holds an MA from Andrews University and an Ed.D from Western Michigan University in Michigan, United States. He is married to Martha Jueanville Valley who is a special education teacher. The Valleys have two adult children-- Clintelle and Clinson, who are both married and reside in the United States.

Established in 1927, the University of the Southern Caribbean is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian institution located in Maracas, St. Joseph, Trinidad; and offers bachelors and masters degrees in various disciplines. USC is recognized as a tertiary level institution by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago through its accreditation body, the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT). Additionally, students who are citizens of Trinidad and Tobago benefit fully from the GATE scholarship program.

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