Greetings members,

We trust you have each received your email with an attached program document for our upcoming Baltimore meeting of the Adventist Society for Religious Studies. We have an engaging addition for our planning and agenda for these meetings. For years as a society we have encouraged interaction with our society on the part of the Ministerial Department of the NAD. They would like to join us this year to present and get feedback on some of the recent work of the Board of Ministerial Training and Education (BMTE). We want to encourage each of you to plan on attending the Thursday evening meetings. As is routine, at the end of the paper presentations we will have our first business meeting. After officers are nominated, attendance at this meeting typically disperses rather rapidly. This year, plan on staying on further so we can engage our kin from the NAD Ministerial Department.

Thanks,  ASRS Officers: Carl P. Cosaert, Ranko Stefanovich, Mark F. Carr, Ernest Furness, Gerald Wheeler

NAD Ministerial provided us with the following information.

“Pathways for Effective Pastoral Ministry—NAD Ministerial
Within the next few years 50% of NAD pastors will be eligible for retirement. As the division ramps up to welcome a couple thousand new pastors into ministry they are presented with an unprecedented opportunity to create a fully integrated growth and development journey from call through retirement. NAD Ministerial would like to dialogue with religious educators about developing a set of core competencies that could give alignment for the entire journey.”

Attached is the program for this year’s ASRS meetings.

Location and Directions

As you will note we are meeting on Thursday and Friday at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court. The Hotel provides the following information regarding its location:

The Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore is conveniently located to BWI Airport and the Amtrak's Penn Station.

From BWI Airport to our hotel in Baltimore, Maryland:
12 miles
Served by most major airlines
Taxi is approximately $32

From Penn Station to our hotel in Baltimore, Maryland:
20 blocks
Amtrak service from most US cities
Taxi is approximately $10

Driving Directions To Our Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel
From New York/Philadelphia:
Take 95 South to the Fort McHenry Tunnel.
After exiting the tunnel, take Exit 53 onto 395, following signs reading: DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE - INNER HARBOR.
Make a right turn onto Conway Street and follow it to the end.
Turn right onto Light Street and go 1.5 blocks to the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore.
Make a right into our Maryland hotel courtyard.

From Washington, DC:
Take 95 North to Baltimore.
Take Exit 53 onto 395, following signs reading: DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE - INNER HARBOR.
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From BWI Airport:
Take 295, Baltimore-Washington Parkway, north to BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR.
Make a right onto Pratt Street.
Proceed approximately 4 blocks to Light Street.
Turn right onto Light Street and go 1.5 blocks to the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore.
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Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore

550 Light Street
Baltimore, Maryland, USA 21202
1.410.234.0550
Friday Evening, Nov. 23
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Miracle Temple SDA Church
100 S. Rock Glen Road

Session VI:
Dinner Meeting and Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society
Mark Carr, Kettering College and Lael Caesar, Adventist Review, presiding
Tom Shepherd, Andrews University ATS Presidential Address
The Scholar and the Word of God: Reflections on 2 Peter 1:16-21
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla University ASRS Presidential Address
Paul and the Corinthians: Reflections on Church Unity

Sabbath Morning, Nov. 24
Berea Temple SDA Church
1901 Madison Avenue

9:45 Session VII: Papers
Glenn Russell, Andrews University, presiding
Eliezer Gonzales, Australia
Trinity, Unity, and Diversity 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
6. Constitution adjustment as follows:

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS The SOCIETY shall hold an Annual Meeting, usually in conjunction 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.

Web Address: www.lasierra.edu/asrs

Current Officers: Carl P. Cosaert President; Ranko Stefanovic, President-elect; Mark Carr, Vice President; Ernest Furness, Secretary/Treasurer; Gerald Wheeler, Newsletter Editor

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2013 Program
THEME — Adventism, Scripture, and Unity

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Thursday Evening, Nov. 21
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Royal Sonesta
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 Sonesta
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 Sonesta
2:00 Session IV: Papers
Douglas Morgan, Washington Adventist University, presiding
Charles Scriven, Kettering College
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 Vete, 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 Theology and History: Martin Hanna, Andrews University, convener
New Testament: Erhard Gallos, Andrews 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, convener
World Religions/Missiology: Ernie Bursey, Adventist University of Health Sciences

4:30 Special Meetings
Black Theology Group: Clinton Baldwin, Northern Caribbean University, convener
Women in Theology Group: Ginger Hanks-Harwood and Trisha Famisaran

Denis Kaiser, Andrews University
The Word, the Spirit of Prophecy, and Mutual Love: Lessons from the “Daily” Controversy for Conflict Resolution
Michael Campbell, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
Adventism, Unity, and the Development of a Statement of Fundamental Beliefs