2013 SPRING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Ordination: *Disentangling the Gordian Knot*

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April 13, 9:30 a.m.

*Meet the Speaker* buffet lunch, 12:30 p.m.

**Synopsis:** The year 2012 was historic for the question of the ordination of women in the Seventh-day Adventist church. What does it all mean? This presentation will include a brief history of the issue, personal reflections as a woman in ministry during the past twenty years, and possibilities for the recent study commissions.

**Questions to ponder:**

1. What created the knot in the first place?
2. What efforts have been made to untie it?
3. Which recent events pulled it tighter?
4. Is it finally unraveling?

**Kendra Haloviak Valentine, PhD**

Kendra enjoyed working as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor (1989-1993) before joining the Religion Department at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). Experiences both in congregational and classroom ministry influenced Kendra’s interest in the book of Revelation. She pursued these interests in a
doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. In July, 2001, Kendra accepted an invitation to join the faculty at La Sierra University, in Riverside, California, where she now serves as an associate professor of New Testament Studies. Recently Kendra accepted an invitation from the Southeastern California Conference to serve as the assistant to the president for women in ministry. She and her husband Gil Valentine love to travel and to discuss many different topics during their morning walks together.

*The Gordian Knot is often used as a metaphor for an intractable problem (disentangling an "impossible" knot)

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