2013 Spring Meeting
April 13, 9:30 a.m.
Meet the Speaker buffet lunch, 12:30 p.m.

Ordination: Disentangling the Gordian Knot*

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Directions:
From Orange County:
I-5 south to I-805 south to Hwy 52 east to Santo Rd south to Clairemont Mesa Blvd left (east) to 11260.  (SDA church is nicely nestled between a Lutheran and a Catholic church on a hill to the left of the boulevard.)

From Riverside/San Bernardino:
I-15 south to Clairemont Mesa Blvd/ Hwy 52 exit.  Turn left (east) and proceed two miles to church on left.

From San Diego/South Bay:
I-5 or I-805 north to I-8 east to I-15 north to Clairemont Mesa Blvd then right (east) two miles to church on left.

From East County:
Hwy 52 west to Santo Road, then south to Clairemont Mesa Blvd, then left (east) one mile to the church.

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)
Standing room only at Winter meeting lunch/discussion session. On February 9, Gerald C. Bryant, PhD, Director of the Geology Field Institute at Dixie State College presented All Features Great & Small: confessions of a conventional geologist in which he discussed the geologic and Biblical histories of the earth. All chairs were filled in the Tierrasanta SDA Church “Board Room” during the lively and congenial Meet the Speaker luncheon / discussion that followed. Several geology professors from nearby Loma Linda University and La Sierra University were in the audience. The session was finally adjourned at 3 p.m. out of concern for the speaker. A more detailed report of the meeting is available on our website and where mp3 audio files of the meeting may be immediately downloaded or CDs ordered: www.sandiegoadventistforum.org

“Next generation” attend special Board meeting. On Sunday morning, February 10, the SDAF Board of Directors held a strategic planning meeting to determine the scope and direction of the Chapter’s future. In this latest attempt to reach the “next generation” of Forum members and leaders, a half-dozen young people were invited to share their thoughts about current issues, relevant speakers and new ways to connect with and market SDAF. For two hours five vivacious attendees voiced their opinions on the pertinent questions and all agreed to become directly involved in the process of making SDAF a vibrant, meaningful voice within Adventism in San Diego and also to the rest of the world through our media programs.

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Your feedback…please! We welcome your suggestions, comments, concerns and prayers as we endeavor to bring you the best speakers on the most relevant topics in 2013. Your email input reaches us the quickest—sdaf.org@gmail.com—but snail mail to the address on the masthead works too!

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