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# **Health Care Chaplaincy Concentration Deadline Approaches**

If you wish to participate in the cohort that begins February 2009, the very latest to submit your application is the end of this year—December 31. Call now to reserve a place: 1-888-717-6244.

#### **Doctor of Ministry Conference in October**

The second annual Doctor of Ministry Conference will convene October 27-28, 2008, at the Andrews campus. This year's presentations and discussions will focus on the subject of student success. The conference is designed to provide opportunity to Doctor of Ministry professors/lead teachers, DMin Committee members, and concentration coordinators for "vision casting," team building, and professional growth. DMin participants in the local area who wish to attend will also be welcome. Please RSVP to Rita Pusey: dmin@andrews.edu, 269-471-3544. (See details of the planned program)

## A Message from Yvonna Applewhite, Assistant for Learning & Assessment



If you plan to have your degree conferred December 31, you must submit an application to graduate with the Academic Records office by October 1. There is no ceremony in December, but persons whose degrees are conferred then are eligible to participate in the May 3, 2009 commencement. The form is provided on the DMin website, or I can help you with this process-call me.

Custom-made regalia must be ordered early in the semester, usually about three months in advance of graduation. See more information about regalia.

It is important to schedule your project defense early in the semester when you plan to graduate. We prefer your defense to be two months before graduation. I will be happy to help you make the arrangements. Call me at 1-269-471-3552.

Please note, I have a new email address: dminla@andrews.edu.

### **Change in DMin Application Requirements**

This will be of particular interest to those planning to apply to the program in the near future. It is no longer necessary to submit a written sample of past academic work. Instead, a 1500-2500 word double-spaced paper that describes your personal spiritual journey and sets forth your purpose in seeking the Doctor of Ministry degree is required. The paper should manifest deep theological reflection and familiarity with current literature in selected areas of pastoral ministry.

This change replaces the requirements for both a 500-word statement of purpose and a copy of a research paper.

### Plan NOW for joining the Doctor of Ministry program in 2009!

Cohorts are forming for concentrations in

- Health Care Chaplaincy (launching February)
- **Hispanic Ministry** (launching September)
- Leadership (in residence, for non-NAD pastors only)

Don't wait! Call or email NOW to start the application process!

Director, Doctor of Ministry Program