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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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What Do We Mean by Theological Reflection?



We ask participants in the Doctor of Ministry Program to engage in theological reflection. What do we mean by that?

In a few words, it is faith seeking understanding of God's nature and work in the world we live and minister in. It draws us to serious examination of acts of ministry. It involves not only mining God's speaking through inspired text, but also how we understand Him through the lens of concrete realities in the world and embodied ministries of the church.

Monika Hellweg describes theological reflection as the art of simultaneously cultivating contemplation, empathy, and reason. Thus considered, one must be immediately present in a community to think theologically. You cannot do theological reflection in isolation; a relational community in which the practitioner is engaged is required.

We believe this is the unique and priceless contribution of the Doctor of Ministry degree program, and pray this will contribute to transforming each participant!

Skip Bell, DMin
Professor of Church Leadership
Director, Doctor of Ministry Program

Discipleship & Spiritual Formation to Launch New Cohort Soon

Shape the church into an 'authentic community' involved in a life of evangelism through loving and maturing relationships. Understand and integrate the spiritual disciplines into one's own life and ministry. The new Doctor of Ministry concentration in Discipleship and Spiritual Formation will launch its first cohort in February of 2010. The application deadline is December 1. To reserve your place, call or email today: 1-888-717-6244, dmin@andrews.edu.

The First Doctor of Ministry Cohort on the African Continent!

Andrews can mark this day in history! Thirty-four Doctor of Ministry students formed the first AU Doctor of Ministry cohort on the African continent, perhaps the first of any accredited seminary. During the summer 2009 semester, all have successfully defended their projects and await graduation in June 2010. The cohort was formed in the West-Central Africa Division of the church and gathered annually at Babcock University during the course of their program. Thank you to our Seminary faculty—Bruce Bauer, cohort coordinator, with the significant contributions of Rudi Maier, Gordon Doss, and others!

Plan **NOW** to join the Doctor of Ministry program in 2010!

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- Discipling and Spiritual Formation
- Family Ministry
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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