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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Building Wisdom in Community



British theologian David Ford describes theology as an attempt to discern and draw upon the wisdom of scripture and of tradition in ways that contribute to wise understanding and living before God in the present. Wisdom of this kind develops through listening to God's word, being attentive to God's interaction with life, and respect for the experience of faith lived out in our community.

We seek to develop doctors of ministry who are blessed with wisdom. Practical theological wisdom is best developed in small relational communities where action ministry, relationship, inspired text, and meaning mutually inform.

The cohort groups we form in the Doctor of Ministry program, and the small groups within the cohorts that provide ongoing relational learning, thus are essential to our purpose.

We pray for doctors of ministry who are blessed with wisdom!

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

Prepare Now for Fall Registration

DMin participants are expected to register every semester; in the semesters of intensives, you register for credits, and between intensives, for continuation. In either case, you cannot register without financial clearance. Even if your conference sponsors some portion of your tuition, monitoring your financial clearance is your responsibility. Be proactive! Pick up the phone now and call Vicki Thompson at AU Student Financial Services to arrange your financial clearance so your fall semester registration can be done for you as seamlessly as possible! The number is 1-269-471-6995.

Project Dissertations, the APA Style, and a Bibliography

Some time ago the Andrews DMin program transitioned to the American Psychological Association writing standards for project dissertations. When we did so, we chose to maintain a traditional bibliography. However, that is changing. From this point forward you may follow the APA standard of a reference list limited to sources you actually cited. You may include a traditional bibliography as an option for an appendix if you wish.

Going Paperless!

Instruction in the DMin program assumes participants have computer access if not their own notebook computers. That is, in fact, required. Materials to support instruction such as notes, handouts, or reports will be available only in electronic media. We will save some trees! This will require a bit of adjustment for some faculty as well as students. Thank you for moving forward into the digital world with us.

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

Cohorts are forming for concentrations in

- Leadership (for NAD)
- Discipling and Spiritual Formation
- Family Ministry
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Don't wait! Call or email NOW to apply!