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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Transformed Disciples



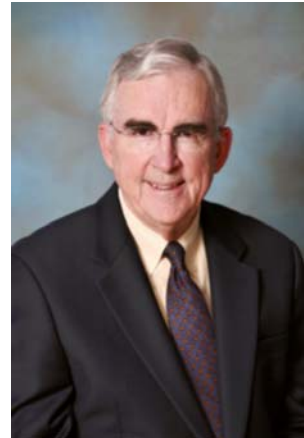
In *Soul Searching* Christian Smith asserts that youth and young adults are very interested in religion today, backing up his argument with empirical research. He qualifies that finding by stressing religion must be service-based and spiritually authentic in order to be meaningful. People must be transformed by their faith, whether they express it in their church, synagogue, mosque, or temple.

We have often noted Jesus' call to radical discipleship, living as transformed disciples who view creation and relationships in a new light. It is our prayer that the Doctor of Ministry program will revolutionize our lives, our church, and our communities. That is our mission: "Changing the People Who Change the World."

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

New Coordinator for Family Ministry Concentration

We are pleased to announce that the Family Ministry cohort that will launch in July will be guided by Dr. Ron Flowers. A native of New Brunswick, Canada, his interest in ministry to families goes back to his early experience in pastoral ministry during which he sensed an urgent need. He is certified in Systematic Training for Effective Parenting, the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (ACME), and in Adventist Marriage Enrichment. Ron, with his wife Karen, is co-director of the Department of Family Ministries for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has worked in this specialized field at the church's world headquarters since 1980. He and Karen have presented family life seminars on marriage, parenting and family living in some 85 countries. Ron has authored, co-authored or edited with Karen more than 35 major books, manuals and resources on family ministries. An adjunct professor with Andrews University, he has presented family seminars on campus and has taught in the DMin program for the Family Ministry concentration.



The Flowers have two adult sons: Jeff, who with his wife, Pam, works in development in Azerbaijan, and Jon, who is a genetics researcher at New York University in Manhattan, New York.

Coming in 2011

It's not too soon to begin planning for entering the Doctor of Ministry program in 2011. Four concentrations will open new cohorts to launch at various times:

Leadership	(non-NAD participants only, full-time in-residence, launching May)
The Missional Church	(launch date to be announced)
Preaching	(launching June 2011)
Urban Ministries	(launching May 2011)

Application deadlines are usually about three months in advance of cohort launch; those who need student visas should apply sooner. Plan ahead and apply early! Call 1-888-717-6244 or email dmin@andrews.edu to request an application.

Announcing a Change in Program Prerequisite

The Doctor of Ministry Committee recently voted to eliminate the prerequisite of a graduate-level research methods course. As of the spring 2010 semester, it is no longer a requirement of the program. The material that has been covered in that course is now being included in the DMin Project Seminar.

A First in Andrews DMin History



A Doctor of Ministry cohort was formed at the Babcock University campus in 2006. The 34 participants in this cohort specialized their study and projects in Global Mission Leadership. For the first time in Andrews DMin history, members of a cohort have completed their degree on the African continent! In a recent ceremony, Missions professors, the Seminary dean and the DMin program director met to sign final approval en masse for the DMin projects/dissertations for the Babcock cohort. In the photo, left to right: Dr. Bruce Bauer, Dr. Denis Fortin, Dr. Skip Bell, and Dr. Rudi Maier.

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