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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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From the Director

A note in the February *Christian Century* quoted Vaclav Havel differentiating between hope and optimism. Hope, he said, "is not prognostication. It is an orientation of the spirit, and orientation of the heart; it transcends the world that is immediately experienced. ... It is an ability to work for something because it is good...not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

As we pursue a God-inspired vision for ministry, sometimes in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, we would do well to remember God is the author of our hope. Realities may disappoint us, but our hope is in Christ, and our joy in His constant service!

Skip Bell

Project Advisors' Training Sessions

For project advisors and second readers: please email Dr. David Penno, penno@andrews.edu, indicating which session you want to sign up for. He will send you the *GoToMeeting* link as we get closer to the time of your session.

New Advisors Training

1. Tuesday, March 27, 3:00 pm (EDT)
2. Wednesday, April 4, 10:00 am (EDT)
3. Monday, April 9, 3:00 pm (EDT)

Advanced Advisors Training

1. Thursday, March 29, 2:00 pm (EDT)
2. Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 pm (EDT)
3. Thursday, April 12, 3:00 pm (EDT)
4. Monday, April 16, 2:00 pm (EDT)

Virtual Meeting for Concentration Coordinators

All concentration coordinators are asked to attend one of the virtual sessions for updates and collaboration this spring. The options are Tuesday, April 17, 3:00 – 4:00 or Thursday, April 26, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Connection information will come to you.

Changes in the Program Extension Policy

Effective August 1, 2012, participants requesting a one-year extension to the time limit for their program will be required to have their proposal approved, and chapters two and three completed, as well as the previously required support from their advisor and a schedule for completion.

ReCharge! Writer's Workshop

Program participants who wish to sharpen their writing skills may take advantage of the writer's workshop presented by Dr. Jeanette Bryson May 21-24 at the Andrews campus. Registration fee is \$100; to make your reservation, contact Kelly Youngberg at the DMin office: 269-471-6130, Kelly@andrews.edu. Lodging information is provided on the DMin website at <http://www.andrews.edu/sem/dmin/about/locations/andrews.html>.

Topics in the workshop include writing introductions, an overview of syntax, sentence patterns, paragraphs, essay writing, introduction to graphic organizers, academic writing, how to locate sources in the James White Library and online, using various search engines, using the *Endnotes* program, an overview of the requirements for writing a project document, note-taking, preparing outlines, quoting, paraphrasing, writer's block, and editing.

2013 Doctor of Ministry Conference

This year's focus will be "Doctor of Ministry: A Journey of Transformation." Meetings will be September 27-28 at the Andrews University campus, immediately preceding Homecoming Weekend. Seminary faculty, DMin lead faculty, DMin staff, concentration coordinators, and representatives from conference administrations are invited to attend. RSVP to Kelly Youngberg: Kelly@andrews.edu.



The Project Oral Assessment

As spring graduation approaches, oral project assessment activity increases accordingly. A number of participants have completed this stage of their DMin journey in past weeks. One such person is Pastor Olivier Rigaud (pictured at left), who is the pastor of two congregations in France. His project focused on a servant leadership model applied in France. Pastor Rigaud did his coursework as a full-time in-residence cohort participant at the Andrews campus, but returned to his ministry in France while he implemented and completed his project.

Please note—assessments may be done virtually if appropriate teleconferencing equipment is available. Check with program assistant Yvonna Applewhite (dminla@andrews.edu) for help to identify equipped sites.

Registration for Summer Semester Starts Now

Summer semester begins immediately following the May 6 spring graduation. Registrations for the summer semester are prepared in early April. Personnel in the DMin office will prepare your summer registration for you, **but it can be completed only if you have secured your financial clearance for summer**. Even if you are sponsored by your conference, it is important that you monitor your account and make sure it is current so your registration can proceed without interruption. Contact Vicki Thompson at Student Financial Services: 1-269-471-6995.

Non-US citizens, be sure to apply now for this year's I-20 to enter the country. A new one is required for each year's trip.

New Cohorts Forming for 2012 and 2013

- A new cohort has formed for the Pastoral Ministry (Spanish) concentration; the first intensive will be in September of 2012. **This cohort is full to capacity and has a waiting list; no more places remain!**
- Two international cohorts will be launched in 2012: one in Sagunto, Spain, for the Spanish Union (a Pastoral Ministry Spanish concentration), and the other at Zaoksky University in Russia for the Euro-Asia Division (Leadership concentration).
- **Coming in 2013:** Applications are being taken now to form new cohorts for concentrations in **Leadership, Chaplaincy Ministry, Evangelism & Church Growth, and Health Care Chaplaincy** (all NAD, English-speaking). For more information or to reserve a place in one of these cohorts, send email to dmin@andrews.edu.

Schedule of Upcoming Intensives

DMin alumni are welcome to utilize their ongoing benefit of guest attendance at any of these intensives. Call or email the DMin office to make a reservation. (Dates in parenthesis identify the cohort according to the year in which it was formed.)

Cohort	Intensive	Dates	Location
(2011 cohorts) Missional Church Preaching Urban Ministry	GSEM706 Spiritual & Theological Foundations for Ministry	May 7-17, 2012	Andrews University
(2011) Global Mission Leadership – AUA cohort	GSEM706 Spiritual & Theological Foundations for Ministry MSSN731 Cultural & Religious Analysis I	June-July, 2012	Adventist University of Africa, Kenya
(2012) Pastoral Min Spanish – EUD	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar CHMN747 Christian Leadership	July 2-30	Sagunto, Spain
(2010) Family Ministry cohort	DSRE779 Parenting Education & Guidance DSRE759 Human Sexuality	July 15-27, 2012	Andrews University
(2012) Leadership – ESD cohort	CHMN747 Christian Leadership GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar	July 18-Aug 13, 2012	Zaoksky University, Russia
(2011) Leadership International In- residence	CHMN780 Leading & Managing the Church Organization	August 6-15, 2012	Andrews University
(2009) Pastoral Min Spanish – NAD	CHMN789 The Missional Church	Sept 9-21, 2012	Andrews University
(2012) Pastoral Min Spanish – NAD	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar CHMN747 Christian Leadership	Sept 10-27, 2012	Andrews University