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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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The human population around the globe continues to multiply. And the good news of Jesus Christ continues to change lives for the better, to transform. In the cities, villages, and rural areas of our diverse societies, the good news of the gospel liberates people far beyond our human endeavors.

Seminaries are institutions that prepare people to reach non-Christians with the gospel. Considered carefully, that is a radical distinction from the idea that we exist to prepare people to serve existing congregations. It isn't that focusing on non-Christians ignores the development of existing Christians and churches. Rather, it means that we, all of us who are formed as disciples, live our lives in mission. We are a serving community. That defines our lives, and our churches. In a healthy way, I might add.

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DMin Conference

The annual Doctor of Ministry conference provides a venue for DMin faculty, concentration coordinators, and conference administrators to discuss issues, ideas for improvement, and factors that impact DMin education. A specific theme is chosen for each year's focus. If you plan to participate this year, reserve September 26-27, 2013 on your calendar (concurrent with Alumni Weekend). Watch for further details to be announced soon.

It's Time to Apply for Cohorts Forming in 2014

- **A new concentration for chaplains** with dual-track intensives is scheduled March 31 – April 15, 2014 (application deadline **January 31, 2014**). Chaplains specializing in health care will have a separate-but-concurrent track in the first and fourth years of their program. Application deadline: See the [DMin chaplaincy webpage](#) for more details.
- The [Discipleship & Biblical Spirituality](#) concentration launches a new cohort in February 2014; application deadline is **November 29, 2013**.
- The [Family Ministry](#) concentration has scheduled a new cohort to begin in July 2014; application deadline is **April 30, 2014**.
- The [Youth & Young Adult Ministry](#) concentration will form a new cohort to start in February of 2014; application deadline is **November 29, 2013**.

Most cohorts have been filling quickly, so apply early! For more information or to reserve a place in one of these cohorts, send email to dmin@andrews.edu.

Are You Preparing for Your Project Assessment?

You will want to pay careful attention to the incremental deadlines for specific steps leading up to project assessment and preparation for graduation. This information will also prove helpful for those preparing program extension petitions. See [completion deadlines](#) as published on the DMin website. If you have questions, contact dminla@andrews.edu.

ReCharge! Writing Workshop

Looking for a fresh start for your DMin project? Want some help with academic writing, style, or formatting issues in your project? Just need a bit of encouragement? Come to **Recharge!**, a Doctor of Ministry writing workshop to be presented by Dr. Jeanette Bryson. It's designed to sharpen your academic writing skills toward completing a successful Doctor of Ministry project document. The workshop is not required, but is offered as an optional resource. The workshop is scheduled for **May 20-23, 2013**. Registrants will need to make their own lodging arrangements;

[lodging information](#) is provided to help you select a place to stay in the Andrews University vicinity. To register, contact dmin@andrews.edu or 269-471-6130.

DMin Alumnus Serves as Senate Chaplain



Jim Wibberding, pastor of the Cloverdale Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Boise, Idaho area was officially selected by the Idaho Senate President and the Senate Search Committee to serve in the honorable role of Senate Chaplain for the State of Idaho. This will be for a one-year term during Idaho's 2013 Legislative Session, which began in January. [See his first senate prayer.](#)

Dr. Wibberding, a 2010 Andrews DMin graduate, was also a recipient of the Excellence in DMin Research award, and is currently working on a Doctor of Theology Degree in Homiletics from the University of South Africa. In addition to several books and published articles, he is featured on a DVD preaching module in "iFollow Discipleship Resource for Pastors."

He and his wife Laura are the proud parents of a 5-year-old daughter and newborn twins.

[See the complete NRLA article.](#)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Cohort Completes 4th-yr Intensives

The intensive meeting venue for the module "Perspectives on Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leadership Strategies" was the campus of Loma Linda University, February 24-March 6. However, the group's activities also took them to several other sites. Cohort members attended church services at the Los Angeles Spanish-American Church (breakfast was included!); served lunch to guests at the Fred Jordan Mission after leading in a preaching and singing service; enjoyed a meal at the Cheesecake Factory; and mixed with city residents outside the Staples Center.



Y&YAM cohort members serving lunch at the Fred Jordan Mission in Los Angeles



Cohort members on roof of Fred Jordan Mission, Los Angeles city skyline in background

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. (Years in parenthesis identify the cohort according to the year in which it was formed.)

Cohort	Intensive	Dates	Location
(2013) Evangelism & Church Growth	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar	April 30-May 8, 2013	Andrews University
(2013) Evangelism & Church Growth	CHMN724 Recovering the Life and Growth of the New Testament Church	May 8-16, 2013	Andrews University
(2011) Missional Church	CHMN714 Transformational Leadership and Organic Systems Thinking	May 1-10, 2013	Orlando, FL
(2011) Preaching	CHMN744 A History of Preaching	July 8-18, 2013	Andrews University
(2010) Family Ministry	DSRE757 Family Law & Public Policy	July 14-19, 2013	Andrews University
(2012) Pastoral Ministry Spanish	GSEM706 Spiritual & Theological Fdtns for Ministry	September 9-20, 2013	Andrews University
(2013) Leadership (In-residence cohort)	CHMN747 Christian Leadership	September 16-26, 2013	Andrews University
(2013) Leadership (In-residence cohort)	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar	October 3-17, 2013	Andrews University

For Project Advisors and Concentration Coordinators

You will want to note these events:

Annual advisors' orientation (virtual) session: Watch for email coming soon from David Penno, giving several scheduling options

Spring concentration coordinators' virtual meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 3-4:00 p.m. EDST
or
Tuesday, April 23, 2-3:00 p.m. EDST

Contact Dr. David Penno for more information: penno@andrew.edu

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