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Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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An Unexpected Ministry

Dr. Marion Duncan received her Doctor of Ministry degree in 2015 with a concentration in Missional Church. Her project title was *Equipping Church Leaders to Minister to Abused and Oppressed People*.

With years of experience as a guidance counselor, crisis counselor in a women's shelter, private practice therapist, and long-term care facility chaplain, Marion also developed a Christian non-profit organization working in child/spouse abuse prevention and recovery. After retiring from her chaplain position, she worked in private practice counseling for a year. She then accepted an invitation to visit her son, an officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and his wife, a teacher, in Ulukhaktok (formerly known as Holman Island), Northwest Territory, where she says "there is no other settlement between us and the North Pole."



Access to the community is by air only. As Marion arrived for the first time at the airport, she met the community's Anglican minister on his way out. There is only one church in the community, and he can be there only two or three days every three months. When Marion introduced herself as a ministry professional from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, his response was "Good; these people need someone!" She fell in love with the people of the community, and once they learned she is a trained pastor, they invited her to preach week after week, even providing an interpreter. Before long, Marion decided to downsize everything she had left behind 'down South,' and became a permanent resident of the Northwest Territories. Now, in addition to the Inuinnaqtun church service, the community asked Marion to start a second weekly service in English for the younger marrieds and youth. Within four weeks she had 20 attendees for this new service. They also asked for Bible studies, which she gives on Saturdays. Marion says she is using all her life experience and what she learned in her Missional Church doctoral courses.



While Marion had once thought her career path would be in some conventional form of ministry in denominational employment, she is now serving as a volunteer guest pastor for the entire community in cooperation with the Anglican minister, preaching on themes common to both faith traditions. This gives her opportunities she would not otherwise have to work in creative ways outside of formal worship services to help the members of the small community to a better understanding of God's Word. As Marion puts it, "Every part of me is being utilized and I'm having a ball!"

Doctor of Ministry Conference

On October 25 and 26, over 50 faculty, staff and guests were treated to several presentations from the well-known author, Dr. Richard Blackaby. Over 100 more persons participated via livestream. This year's featured concept was the value of mentoring in development of ministry skills. Dr. Blackaby shared his wisdom on leadership through mentoring, gained from his years of experience as a parent, pastor, teacher, and administrator. Following the program, Dr. Blackaby made himself available for a book-signing. His approachability, warmth, and insights were greatly appreciated.



Apply Now for New Cohorts Launching in 2017!

[Leading for Growth and Church Multiplication](#)



The goal of this all-new concentration is to develop ministry professionals for effective outreach, comprehensive spiritual renewal, reproducible models, and integral growth. Fresh new study modules include elements of church renewal, church growth, coaching, and much more. The concentration coordinators are Drs. [Tom Evans](#) and [Ed Schmidt](#).

Some of the competencies to be gained are:

- Engage in a process of personal ministry development
- Experience personal spiritual renewal
- Develop strategic thinking abilities
- Coach reproducible ministry teams with the aim to reach the lost
- Create a culture of evangelism responsible to reach every person
- Reach specific people groups responsive to the gospel
- Utilize coaching skills to develop outreach-oriented leaders
- Practice incarnational ministry with the surrounding culture
- Lead the church to health

The application deadline for this cohort is December 30, 2016. First-year intensives will be March 6-21, 2017 at the [Andrews University campus](#).

[Multiethnic/Multicultural Mission and Ministry](#)



Following Jesus' prayer that His Father's house would be called a house of prayer for all nations, the Multiethnic/Multicultural Mission and Ministry concentration is designed to develop visionary ministers and equip them with the competencies needed to lead multiethnic/multicultural churches and ministries. For most post-moderns, racial diversity should be the norm and celebrated. In order to minister effectively in the 21st century context, there is a need to develop effective models for doing multiethnic/multicultural ministry and mission. The concentration will be coordinated by Drs. [Kenley Hall](#) and [Bruce Bauer](#). Some of the issues to be addressed are...

- The changing demography of the United States
- Postmodern and metamodern views on racial inclusivity
- The principles of racial reconciliation
- Appreciation and awareness of the personal spiritual life as foundational for mission and ministry
- Systems thinking and change theory

The application deadline for this cohort is June 30, 2017. First-year intensives will be September 11-26, 2017 at the [Andrews University campus](#).

[Liderazgo \(en Español\)](#)



Drs. Ricardo Norton and Fernando Ortiz will guide a cohort of professionals who wish to build on their knowledge and increase their understanding of leadership skills.

- Engage in a learning process aimed at enhancing personal spirituality, enriching personal life.
- Develop an advanced understanding of sound theological and theoretical foundations that support Christian leadership and how those foundations contribute to responsible ministry for the worldwide church.
- Contribute to the mission of the church by wise and competent application of leadership theology and theory to practical and innovative solutions for ministry leadership challenges.

The application deadline for this cohort is July 31, 2017. First-year intensives will be September 11-28, 2017 at the Andrews University campus.

All cohorts are limited to 25 participants. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis, so it's to your advantage to apply early! [See the online application](#) to start the process.

Fall 2016-Spring 2017 Program Schedule

DMin alumni are welcome to utilize their ongoing learning benefit as participants at any of these intensives at no tuition charge. Spouses of enrolled or alumni participants are also invited. 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.) **Pay careful attention to the venues, as some have changed from the originally-published schedule!**

Cohort	Intensive	Dates	Location/Professor
(2015) Urban Ministry, Preaching, and Missional Church	Implementation Symposium	Dec 13, 2016, 1:00-5:00 EST	Virtual meeting via Zoom David Penno
(2014) Organizational Leadership	CHMN780 Leading & Managing the Church Organization	Jan 23,-Feb 2, 2017	Riverside, CA Stan Patterson
(2014) Discipleship & Biblical Spirituality	DSRE709 Constructs of Corporate Ministry for Discipleship and Biblical Spirituality	Feb 5-15, 2017	Andrews University Allan Walshe
(2017) Organizational Leadership	CHMN747 Christian Leadership	Feb 6-15, 2017	Riverside, CA Skip Bell
(2017) Organizational Leadership	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar	Feb 16-22, 2017	Riverside, CA David Penno
(2014) Youth and Young Adult Ministry	DSRE721 Perspectives on Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership Strategies	Feb 16-26, 2017	Loma Linda, CA Allan Walshe
(2017) Leading for Growth	CHMN7—Effective Strategic Growth	March 6-14, 2017	Andrews University Eduard Schmidt
(2017) Leading for Growth	GSEM790 DMin Project Seminar	March 15-21, 2017	Andrews University David Penno
(2016) Millennial Church and Leadership cohorts	GSEM706 Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Ministry	March 16-30, 2017	Andrews University Allan Walshe

(2015) Urban Ministry

CHMN778 Church Growth and
Discipleship in the Urban
Church

April 11-20,
2017

Toronto, ON
Skip Bell

The Doctor of Ministry reduced residency (for intensive venues other than the Andrews University campus) is offered as an approved exception to Association of Theological Schools Degree Program Standard B, section E.3.1.1.

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