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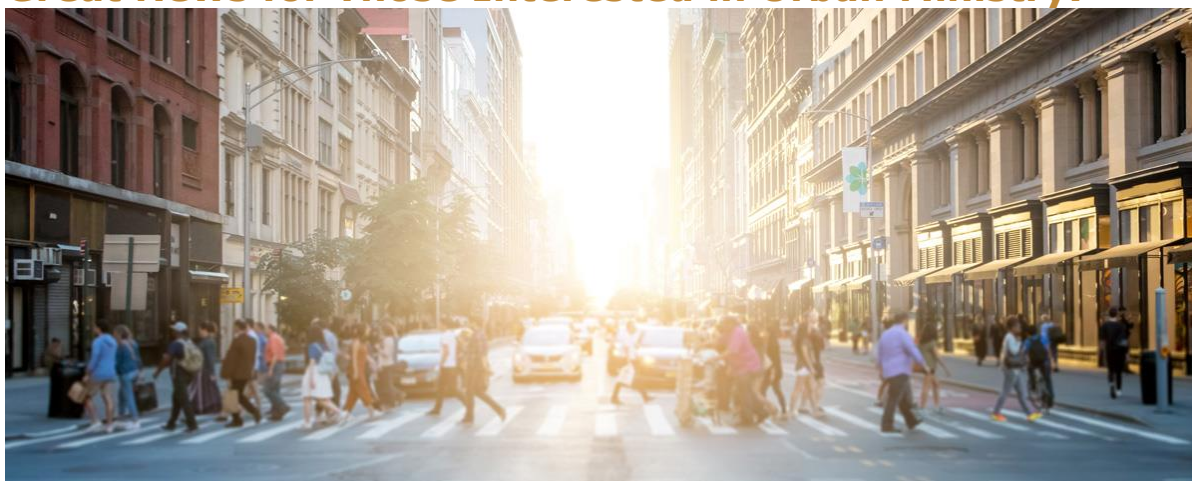
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY



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Great News for Those Interested in Urban Ministry!



The North American Division Adventist Community Services will offer TEN scholarships of \$1,000 per year (for four years) for participants in this cohort!

Thanks to NAD ACS Board for their support; and also to Dr. Skip Bell, coordinator and lead teacher for the DMin Urban Ministry concentration, for his vision in urban mission and ministry. This note comes from Dr. Sung Kwon, Executive Director of NAD ACS:

"I am privileged to have participated in the 2015 Cohort, and I can testify to its invaluable tremendous learning opportunity. I have been enlightened with a broad understanding of the complexity of the urban mission and ministry. Field-based learning opportunities will increase your knowledge, enhance your competencies, and influence your outlook on urban ministry in real life settings. Please either consider for yourself or encourage someone to pursue this doctoral program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [the DMin program office]."

The application deadline to have a place in the new [Urban Ministry](#) cohort is **January 31, 2019**. Don't miss this tremendous opportunity!

Registration reminder for current DMin students

For those who have spring semester intensives, it's time to think about registration! The DMin program has four year-long study modules, referred to as "open learning." Each DMin module has a 365-day life span. It officially begins about 60 days prior to the start of the intensive portion, and ends when the last assignments and final grades are due. Online registration may be entered by the student up to the start of the 365-day period. With the open learning format, registration during the first four years of the program will be required only once a year and will not need to be renewed for the semesters between intensives. You may now find the course start and end dates included in your cohort's four-year course schedule in the DMin website.

After the fourth year up to the time the project/dissertation is completed or the end of the six-year program limit—whichever comes first—registration **will** be necessary each semester for the 0-credit DMin Project Continuation (no additional registration fee). It is important to keep registrations current. Lapses could result in a participant being required by the University to reapply to the program before he/she may continue.

If you need enrollment verification, follow this path on the DMin website:

www.andrews.edu → Current Students → Vault Intranet → Registrar → NSC Enrollment Verification

A day in the life of a chaplain

2014 DMin alumnus Sunday Adelakin recently visited the DMin office and shared one of his experiences as Chaplain for Pediatrics and Trauma at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana:

Sunday was at the bedside of an elderly patient who was about to be released to hospice care. Family members were present, and it was revealed that her "favorite" great-granddaughter who had been especially close with her grandmother, was to be married on the coming Sunday, just a few days away. To be present at the granddaughter's wedding was the last thing on Grandma's wish list. Considering the grandmother's condition, the family looked at Chaplain Adelakin and asked if he would perform a marriage ceremony for them right then, at the hospital, to fulfill the grandmother's wish, since she was in no condition to be taken out to a church wedding. After some careful consideration of the situation, Sunday asked for a nurse's assistance to put the patient in a wheelchair and take her to the hospital's chapel, where he was able to give the couple a short, meaningful ceremony in a sacred setting with the grandmother witnessing the event. The family was very appreciative, especially when just three hours later, the grandmother passed away.

Days after this took place, the newly-married couple, family members and even the Methodist minister who performed the "second" wedding ceremony on the originally planned date expressed their deep appreciation for the chaplain's compassionate act.



Participants in the upcoming [Chaplaincy](#) cohort will be in Altamonte Springs, Florida, April 1-18, 2019 for their first-year intensives. You can be a part of this too; it's not too late to apply—the application deadline is **February 1, 2019**. Apply now and avoid last-minute stress!

Intergenerational Church – A Brand-New Concentration



[Intergenerational Church](#) is a brand-new concentration which will be conducted for the first time in the fall semester of 2019. Projects done within this concentration could be chosen from a wide range of approaches, encompassing family ministry, outreach and church growth, discipleship, worship, the challenges of the second- and third-generations, and more. Developed under the leadership of Dr. Steve Case, the application deadline is **July 31, 2019**.

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](#) for graduate programs to start the process. Questions about the program? Contact dmin@andrews.edu.

Reminder about time limits and program extensions

If you are nearing the end of your six-year limit to complete degree requirements, do not ignore the need for a formal program extension. You will not be registered without it. When a student fails to register for three consecutive semesters, the University no longer considers you to be a current student in the DMin program. Anyone wishing to resume program activity or make a fresh start with a new cohort will be required to re-apply to the program.

The extension petition process is not complicated; [instructions are posted on the DMin website](#).

Welcome to two new team members



Abel Morrobel recently joined the DMin office staff as our graduate assistant. He is a pastor's-kid-turned-pastor from the Dominican Republic who has a passion for ministry. He is a graduate from Adventist University of Health Sciences (BS in Biomedical Sciences) and Southern Adventist University (BA in Theology). He is currently working on a Master of Divinity at Andrews University. In his free time he likes to lead worship, play guitar and the saxophone.

Abel speaks both English and Spanish, and facilitates the program office's communication with members of the Spanish cohorts, assists with marketing and recruitment, maintains the Spanish DMin website, and many other tasks.



Ruth Rivera comes from a missionary family who has served in pastoral and community development service. This history has involved her in a longtime ministry of advocacy for mission moving around different places such as Colombia, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, and the United States. No stranger to the Midwest, Ruth completed her MDiv at Andrews University and CPE Units from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. Ruth served for two years as Youth and Young Adult Pastor at the Grace Place Church in South Bend, Indiana. Prior to taking up the responsibilities as Administrative Assistant for Learning and Assessment for the Doctor of Ministry program, she served for almost three years as a pastor for outreach and evangelism in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Ruth is currently engaged in completing the requisites for Active Duty Navy Chaplaincy and post-graduate studies in Mental Health Counseling.

Ruth speaks English, Spanish (and some Portuguese!) also facilitating the program office's communication with Spanish and Portuguese speaking students. Other responsibilities include guiding all DMin participants through the final processes of the project oral assessment and preparation for graduation.

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 and dates, as some have changed from the originally-published schedule!**

Cohort	Intensive	Dates	Location/Professor
(2016) Leadership	CHMN 780 Leading & Managing the Church Organization 5 cr	Jan 7-18, 2019	Riverside, CA Stan Patterson
(2017) Organizational Leadership	CHMN 760 Advanced Leadership Competencies 5 cr	Jan 21-Feb 1, 2019	Riverside, CA Stan Patterson
(2017) Leading for Growth and Church Multiplication	CHMN 779 Leading Growth 5 cr	February 18-27, 2019	Riverside, CA Tom Evans
(2018) Discipleship and Multiethnic/Multicultural Mission and Ministry cohorts	GSEM 706 Spiritual & Theological Foundations for Ministry 8 cr	Mar 28-Apr 22, 2019	Andrews University Allan Walshe
(2019) Chaplaincy	CHMN 787 Theory and Research in Chaplaincy 4 cr	April 1-10, 2019	Altamonte Springs, FL Johnny Ramirez
(2019) Chaplaincy	GSEM 790 DMin Project Seminar 4 cr	April 11-18, 2019	Altamonte Springs, FL James Wibberding
(2019) Urban Ministry	CHMN 774 The Church in the City 4 cr	April 2-10, 2019	Chicago, IL Skip Bell
(2019) Urban Ministry	GSEM 790 DMin Project Seminar 4 cr	April 11-18, 2019	Chicago, IL David Penno
(2016) Millennial Church	CHMN 773 Discipling Congregational Leaders 5 cr	April 22-May 3, 2019	Andrews University Gilbert Cangy

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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