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**CHANGING THE PEOPLE WHO CHANGE THE WORLD**

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

**Hyveth Williams, DMin**

Dear Participants in our Doctor of Ministry program:

Hold unto hope in these difficult times! Hope is a wonderful gift from God defined in Webster's dictionary as "desire accompanied by expectations of or belief in the fulfillment and success" of someone or something. In New Testament Greek, hope is described as a "favorable and confident expectation regarding the unseen or future." In other words, hope is the attitude that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Phil. 4:13). It's the source of strength and courage in the face of life's harshest realities and toughest challenges such as the devastating impact of the COVID19 pandemic. For, when our members are unemployed, when they have no money to pay their bills or present their gifts to God, when we are forced to watch our dreams fade away, hope provides patience to keep trusting that this too shall pass and we will survive.



If you should ever feel rejected, abandoned and alone, as if trapped in a dark tunnel of despair or discouragement and exhaustion is tempting you to quit, hope will step in, lift your spirit and point to the light at the end shouting “You will make it! Yes, you will!” When we struggle with a crippling disease or a lingering illness and fear the worst, when we watch helplessly as the death toll caused by the vicious virus climb higher each day, hope rises to the occasion and inspires us to persevere beyond the loss and pain by reminding us that God is still in control and we will make it - yes we will!

Hope isn't just a nice word or an easy option that temporarily helps us out of a bind or a bad situation. It's an attitude of the heart, soul and mind which is best illustrated in a tremendous story tucked away in the Book of Numbers, chapters 13 & 14. Moses had led God's chosen people to the very edge of the Promised Land where they could see smoke from the cities rising in the misty distance and hear the sound of cattle in pastures which they anticipated would soon be theirs. The new territory was theirs for the taking because God Himself had said so (chapter 13:1-2). However, in order for them to plan an intelligent strategy to take the territory, God commanded Moses to send spies to check out the lay of the land, and he did (13:3). Their instructions were very clear, specific and explicit (verses 17-20 & 21-27).

Imagine how excited the people must have been, when the spies returned with the booty, as they listened and sampled the big, beautiful, delicious fruits. They relished the idea of lots of fertile land for gardening and green meadows where growing healthy kids could roam. On top of it all there were told of an abundance of milk and honey, but hold on a minute! While everyone was getting excited, ten of the spies stepped out of rank, and stood to one side leaving the other two by themselves. Something terrific or terrible was about to happen. And, as we know from experience or the words of Arnold Toynbee, “It is doubtful if the majority has ever been right.” So, something must be wrong, but wait – shush – they are about to speak – let's hear them (verse 28).

“Nevertheless?” Stop! Hold it right there! I hate that word - nevertheless – it sounds negative and always means a bad report is about to follow. But how could the majority paint a pessimistic picture when God promised the people that the land would be theirs? Forgive me for getting carried away. Let's listen without prejudice or preconceived notions to what they said. (verses 28-33). Need I say I told you so? Their unenthusiastic report had a dreadful impact on the previously vibrant, vigorous, visions of the people (Chapter 14:1-4). Have you noticed how negativism seems to always be more infectious than positive thinking? We live in times where the lack or loss of vision in the world is engulfing the Christian church. Human reasoning is overruling our faith in the promises of God and if we aren't careful, it might quench our spirit and hinder us from stepping out in faith to fulfill the mission of Christ to seek and save the lost. In addition to internal discouragement, we are also bombarded by voices of natural thinking from outside like the negative sentiments of the ten spies which immediately stalled the progress of Moses and Aaron, their providentially driven leaders (14:5).

When the majority lose their vision, their shortsightedness and discouraging words tend to take a devastating toll on those, such as yourselves, who are called to lead. But wait! Those ten spies, though they were the majority, were not the only ones with something to say. There were two others, courageous men named Caleb (meaning “dog” because he was as faithful and tenacious as man's best friend), and Joshua (Yahweh is deliverance or salvation). When they saw Moses' and Aaron's faces mirroring deep disappointment, when they saw how the spirits of those loyal servants of God were broken, their confidence shattered and hope destroyed, the two spies tore their garments in solidarity with their champions, stood firm against the negativism of the majority and shouted a message of hope all could hear (14:7-9).



Caleb and Joshua had hope deeply rooted in the promises of God. Their “yes we can” attitude reminds us that with God on our side and hope in our hearts we need not fear or be dismayed. We can march forward in faith and finish the course in which we have invested time and talent. This is the hour to be confident and let Jesus shine. This is the day the Lord has made for us to stand on the permanent promises of God! And, after the powerful Caleb and Joshua speech, the people were ready to applaud and shout “Yes we can! Yes, we can! Yes, we can!” Right? WRONG! Look for yourself – check it out with your own eyes – read it in Hebrew or English in Numbers 14:10a. They lost hope or the ability to see beyond the majority. They lost the capacity to sense God’s presence and claim His precious promises when others don’t. They lost the facility to perceive God’s power and focus on His plans in spite of the objections of the majority or even the obvious obstacles of reality.

Today, because of the pain inflicted on our nation by the pandemic, due to the moment by moment breaking bad news as the death toll and social distancing rules increase and as financial and food resources decrease, more and more people are finding themselves alone and depressed. Many have become residents, some temporary and others permanent, in the state of hopelessness aptly described as a type of “Hell on Earth,” filled with endless despondency and despair. There, without hope students get discouraged and drop out of school. Without hope marriages lose their passion and lifelong partners denounce each other and divorce. Without hope addicts run out of determination and return to their old habits. Without hope relationships with God lose their vitality and devotees fall into slumps where prayer lacks potency and is merely pretentious lip service. Without hope preachers lack power in the pulpit, church leaders lose confidence in God’s promises and congregations dwindle and die for want of purpose.



We, who are pledged to do something extraordinary, join you who are called to change the people who change the world as you hold unto hope, the wonderful mixture of vision and optimism, in these difficult times. Pessimists have no hope. They see difficulty and impossibility in every opportunity while optimists see opportunity in every difficulty. But hope demands that we think out of the box, dream impossible dreams of what can or ought to be, and dare to achieve them despite frustrations, burdens, sorrows, work furloughs, faded dreams or stalled visions.

Therefore, my faithful colleagues and fearless partners in Christ, don’t give up. It’s too soon to quit. Hang in there, help is on the way!” In the timeless words of Calvin Coolidge, “Press on. Nothing can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men and women with talent. Genius will not. Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not. The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination are overwhelmingly powerful,” but it’s standing on the promises of God that will win the day. So, press on! 2020 looks gloomy right now, but it’s going to end great because the Lord is with us and we are going to achieve something extraordinary as we hold unto hope in these difficult times.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR DMIN



## CLASS OF 2020

*Nathaniel Eric Elías*



*Deadra Lorraine Griffeth*



*Arthur Donta Jennings*



*Troy Solomon Levy*



*Iosif Salajan*



*Joshua William Voigt*



*Dwayne Wilson*



The Seminary virtual commencement service will be Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. at [www.andrews.edu/livestream](http://www.andrews.edu/livestream) (students will be receiving a letter with information).

It will also be available on and Andrews YouTube channel afterwards. The video will contain speeches from the President, the Dean of the school, the conferral statement, then a rolling slideshow of students, each with their own slide containing a photo, their name, and degree. The service will end with the alumni welcome, the President's charge, and a dedicatory prayer by the Provost.



# FUTURE COHORTS

## SUMMER

All summer cohorts will be held in online class format.

## FALL

Updates will come regarding the fall cohorts.

## SUMMER

The online registration  
for the  
**SUMMER COHORTS**  
is now available.

For questions please email  
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### CHANGES PREACHING COHORT

(From Summer 2020 to  
Spring 2021)



### CHANGES CHAPLAINCY + ACPE

(From Fall 2020 to Fall 2021)



### CHANGES 2019 Leading for Growth and Church Multiplication for SAD, Brazil

(From 03/23/2020 -  
03/30/2020 to  
03/30/2020 - 04/02/2020 &  
04/21/2020 - 04/24/2020)



### CHANGES 2018 Discipleship for SAD, Argentina cohort for Summer (06/10-07/03/20)

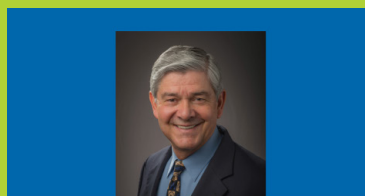
**Postponed indefinitely**  
The new date will be an-  
nounced once decided.



## Urban Ministry (Spanish) will launch as scheduled in Fall 2020.

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Ricardo Norton, Coordinador de Concentración

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*"El trabajo de misión debe hacerse en  
todas nuestras grandes ciudades. Hay un  
talento especial entre nosotros para esta  
línea de trabajo, y este talento debe ser  
educado y capacitado"*

— (MTC 56.1)

COHORTE EN MINISTERIO URBANO - HORARIO DE TRABAJOS DE CURSO

| Nombre del Curso   | Fechas de Intensivos                                   |
|--|--|
| La Iglesia en la ciudad (4 cr)<br>Contexto urbano para la misión y el ministerio (4 cr)  | Septiembre 14 - Octubre 1, 2020<br>Universidad Andrews |
| Fundamentos teológicos y espirituales para el<br>ministerio (4 cr)<br>Seminario para la tesis profesional (2 cr)<br>Tesis profesional (2 cr) | Septiembre 13-28, 2021<br>Universidad Andrews          |
| Crecimiento y discipulado en la Iglesia urbana (4 cr)<br>Seminario de métodos de Investigación (2 cr)<br>Tesis profesional (2 cr)            | Septiembre 12-27, 2022<br>Universidad Andrews          |
| Liderazgo y gestión de la Iglesia urbana (5 cr)<br>Tesis profesional (3 cr)  | Septiembre 11-21, 2023<br>Altamonte Springs, Florida   |

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY STAFF SUPPORT

Due to COVID-19 related decisions, our three fulltime support staff have been reduced from 100% to 55% work hours each.

As a result, the average wait time for answers to your request may be longer than our usual speedy response. However, we will do our best to respond quickly to requests.

Please be patient as we continue praying for the health and safety of all our staff and program participants.

## DMIN STAFF RECOVERING FROM COVID-19



**JESSICA BO UN JUN**  
Coordinator for Marketing and Enrollment

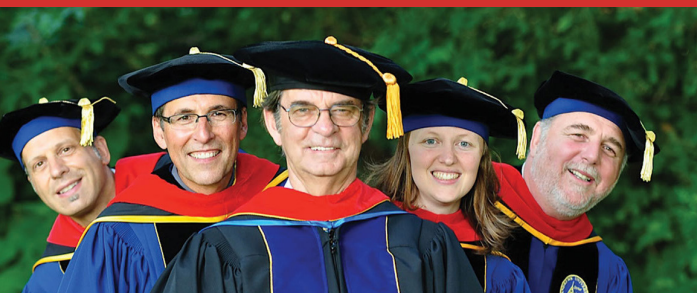
We are praising God for the recovery of Jessica from COVID-19. "Praise the Lord that I am on recovery and I am being able to retake the work and catch up slowly."

## THANK YOU ABEL



**ABEL MORROBEL**  
Graduate Assistant for Student Learning

We are grateful for the work Abel has done during his years as DMin Graduate Assistant. He has trained Gerson to assume his responsibilities and leaves campus after graduation May 3rd



## Doctor of Ministry Virtual Graduation May 3, 2020

As Andrews University continues to respond to COVID-19 related restrictions on large group gatherings, and with ongoing complications with travel in Michigan, the U.S. and globally, the University has announced the 2020 Spring graduation ceremony will be virtual.

The Seminary virtual commencement service will be Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 10 a.m. at [www.andrews.edu/livestream](http://www.andrews.edu/livestream). It will also be available on and Andrews YouTube channel afterwards.

This is a most exciting time in the Doctor of Ministry program. It is also a surprising and incredible honor to be chosen to lead and serve as Director.

As we start this new journey together, let me quickly say I am here for the sole purpose of changing the people who change the world through the most rigorous scholarship, excellence and faith.

**While the DMin program has enjoyed success over the past years, we are thirsty for more and will accomplish this by implementing a collaborative strategy.**

To this end, we've already re-organized our staff. For instance, Dr. David Penno is now Associate Director of the DMin Program. We've engaged concentration coordinators' and teachers' assistance in making our DMin the preferred program for Seventh-day Adventist ministry.

Why? Because we are doing something extraordinary!

Here's how you can help us achieve our goal of making this the preferred DMin program among the many choices available today.

Spread the word and send your ideas and comments to [hyveth@andrews.edu](mailto:hyveth@andrews.edu).

**Be part of doing something extraordinary!**



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