



**SEMINARY CONVOCATION SERVICE**  
August 31, 2021

**EMBRACING GOD**  
Romans 1:16–17

## MISSION STATEMENT

We serve God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church by preparing effective leaders to proclaim the everlasting Gospel and make disciples of all peoples in anticipation of Christ's soon return.

## VISION STATEMENT

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary prepares spiritual leaders to impact the world for Christ by teaching the Gospel summarized in the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14:6-13. We are a culturally diverse learning and worshiping community that nurtures excellence, provides theological leadership, and shares our ministry and resources around the world.

## CORE VALUES

### ***Christ-likeness with humility***

- Submitting our whole selves, mind, body and spirit to God
- Cultivating Christ-like integrity which reflects the character of God
- Living a passionate and authentic life of obedience and service

### ***Faithfulness with expectation***

- Being faithful in our relationship to Christ as Savior and Lord, and eagerly awaiting His return.
- Being faithful to God and His revelation as expressed in His Word, the Holy Scripture.
- Being faithful in our quest for truth and beauty through a teachable and steadfast spirit.
- Being faithful to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and God's prophetic leading in our story.

### ***Respect with justice***

- Being Christians who are global in vision, sensitive to diversity and inter-culturally competent.
- Respecting all persons, including our family, by exhibiting love, compassion and caring, recognizing everyone's unique giftedness and creative potential.
- Working for fairness, and advocating for justice for those without power or voice.

### ***Community with joy***

- Worshiping with joy and keeping the Sabbath holy.
- Nurturing a community of healing, grace, restoration and renewal.
- Developing a sense of collegiality, family, and friendship in our work as brothers and sisters in Christ.

### ***Discipleship with wholeness***

- Embracing the ongoing transformation by the Spirit in our own life of faith and learning.
- Seeking to see in one another the Spirit's work of restoring the image of our Maker.
- Mentoring others in knowing and following their call and vocation.
- Cultivating a healthy lifestyle.

### ***Service with passion***

- Leading with a servant's heart to equip others for service.
- Striving with passion to reach the lost, serve the poor and grow the church.
- Valuing creation and our call to be stewards in all areas of life.

## WELCOME SEMINARIANS

There are many opportunities for personal and spiritual growth to make your Seminary journey as memorable an experience as possible. We are here to help you as you make your adjustment into the rigors of Seminary life a positive experience. We encourage you to find a place to serve in our

Seminary, get involved in community activities, pay attention to weekly announcements, and familiarize yourself with our Core Values. Welcome back second and third year Seminarians.

As our fabulous fall 2020rgh semester gets underway, we pray for the continued good health of your families and success in all your spiritual, academic, and social endeavors.

—Your Seminary Deans—

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## Seminary Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis (WOSE)

Tuesday, Sept.28 – Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021

Featuring:



**Chaplain Adrienne Townsend Benton**, is in awe of a God who has called her to non-traditional ministry to show how Christ is real and relevant to the needs of people in everyday living. Chaplain Benton holds an A.S. in Early Childhood, B.A. in Elementary Education and Psychology, MA in Curriculum and Instruction, and the Master of Divinity degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Chaplain Townsend Benton formerly served as an Associate Dean of Women for Lamson Hall located on the campus of Andrews University and as an associate minister on the pastoral staff of Andrews University's New Life Seventh-day-Adventist Fellowship. Lieutenant Commander Benton superseded into active duty in June 2008 as the first US Navy Seventh day Adventist female Chaplain. When asked why she chose this particular ministry path, her response was simple, "The opportunity to bring hope and the light of Christ to precious souls in the dark corners of life is a mission that I am privileged to embrace daily." Adrienne and her husband Theron reside in Summerville, SC.

Tuesday, March 8 – Thursday, March 10, 2022

Featuring:



Since 2010, **Pastor Debleaire Snell** has served as senior pastor of the three campuses of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (First Church, Abundant Life, and "The Bridge") in Huntsville, Alabama. He was recently selected as the Breath of Life speaker/director elect. He has conducted several major evangelistic meetings for the church; and throughout his time at First Church, there have been a total of 878 baptisms. In 2020, Snell launched a local television ministry with the Huntsville CBS affiliate.

Before serving in Huntsville, Snell was senior pastor at the Lima Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, from 2006-2010. In two years, Snell and his team conducted three evangelistic series, baptizing more than 100. Snell also served as senior pastor of the Salem Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Mississippi, and the Lee Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Point, Mississippi.

Snell has taught at Oakwood University as an adjunct professor since 2010. In addition to starting a devotional column in a local newspaper while in Kentucky, Snell has authored six books. He graduated from Oakwood University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in theology. In 2001, Snell earned his Master of Divinity from Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

# CONVOCATION SERVICE • TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

## Respect Christ's Call

Opening Voluntary

*Alleluia* – W. A. Mozart  
*Wachet Auf* – J. S. Bach  
*Ode to Joy* – L. V. Beethoven

Lakeshore String Quartet

Welcome

L. Fernando Ortiz—*MDiv Director*

Invocation

Vernetta Bryan—*Chaplaincy President*

Hymn of Praise

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*  
See next page for text

Congregation

## Reflect Christ's Word

Scripture Reading

Tyler Kern & Nashonie Chang—*SSF Co-Presidents*  
*Romans 1:16–17*

Worship Meditation

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

Guimel Gonzalez,  
Gabriela Melgar, Evelyn Mendoza,  
Myrna Araujo-Constantine

Introduction & Prayer

Wagner Kuhn—*Interim Associate Dean*

Sermon

*“Embracing God and His Promises”*

Jiří Moskala—*Dean*

## Revere Christ's Mission

Hymn of Response

*“Standing on the Promises”*  
See next page for text

Congregation

Benediction

Godwin Sang—*BSAS President*

Postlude

*Fugue in C, BWV 564*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

David Williams—*Organ*

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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## STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

- 1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Thru eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.
- 2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

### Refrain (in Czech)

Slovo Boží,	(Standing, standing,)
Písmo jest vždy	(Standing on the promises)
Víry základ náš	(of God my Savior;)
Slovo Boží,	(Standing, standing,)
Jen Písmo jest vždy	(I'm standing on the)
Víry základ náš	(promises of God.)

- 3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

# WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLY CALENDAR | Tuesdays, 11:30am –12:20pm

## FALL 2021

<b>Aug. 31</b>	Seminary Convocation—Jiří Moskala
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Worship—David Penno
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Seminary Care Team Assembly Part 1
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Worship— Bill Wells
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Worship— Elaine Cruz
<b>Sept. 28-30</b>	WOSE—Adrienne Townsend Benton
<b>Oct. 5</b>	Worship—Ricardo Norton
<b>Oct. 7</b>	Seminary Care Team Assembly Part 2
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Worship—Wintley Phipps
<b>Oct. 19</b>	Worship—Merlin Burt
<b>Oct. 26</b>	Worship—Daniele Fantoni
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Assembly—Women's Ordination Discussion
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Worship—Christie Chui-Shan Chow
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Seminary Care Team Assembly Part 3
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Worship—Ann Hamel
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Worship—José Cortes
<b>Nov. 21-28</b>	Seminary's Thanksgiving Vacation
<b>Nov. 30</b>	Worship—Richard Davidson & Jerome Skinner
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Graduation Dedication Service
<b>Dec.17-Jan. 8</b>	Winter Break

## SPRING 2022

<b>Jan. 11</b>	Worship—Jiří Moskala
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Worship—Boubakar Sanou
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Worship—Richard Choi
<b>Feb. 1</b>	Worship—(BSAS), Black History Month Marlon Reid
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Seminary Scholarship Symposium (SSS) Jiří Moskala
<b>Feb. 10</b>	Thursday Worship (SSS)— David DeRose
<b>Feb. 15</b>	Worship—Rogelio Paquini
<b>Feb. 17-19</b>	18th Annual AU Music & Worship Conference
<b>Feb. 22</b>	Worship—Zachary DeLeon
<b>Mar. 1</b>	Worship—Shintell Izquierdo
<b>Mar. 3</b>	Thursday Assembly—Deans' Dialogue
<b>Mar. 8-10</b>	WOSE—Debleaire Snell
<b>Mar. 15</b>	Worship—Richard Davidson
<b>Mar. 18-27</b>	Spring Break
<b>Mar. 29</b>	Worship—Kevin Burton
<b>Apr. 5</b>	Worship—Fernando Ortiz
<b>Apr. 12</b>	Worship—Ivan Williams
<b>Apr. 15</b>	Seminary Memorial Service Remembering Lost Family and Friends
<b>Apr. 19</b>	Worship—Richard Davidson & Rahel Wells
<b>Apr. 26</b>	Worship Through the Sanctuary
<b>May 2-5</b>	FINAL EXAMS WEEK ( <i>no worship</i> )
<b>May 7</b>	Seminary Graduation Dedication Service

## SUMMER 2022 CALENDAR

### May 16-Jun. 10

Term 1

### Jun. 13-Jul. 8

Term 2

### July 11-Aug. 5

Term 3

### Aug. 6

Seminary Graduation Dedication Service

# SEMINARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE POLICY

*Worship is the heart of our relationship with God, both as individuals and as a believing community. Worship is crucial for our spiritual health. By worshipping together as a Seminary community we ground and grow our ties to our Almighty and Loving God and to each other as a Seminary family. In Seminary worship our spirituality and identity is forged as we encourage one another by expressing our spiritual beliefs, emotions, and values and thus etch them deeply into our life and experience. God's Spirit, gathers with us in a special way as we open ourselves to God's Presence, and He shapes us into His likeness, unifying us, and sends us to service.*

## **Because of this:**

Regular and punctual attendance is required at seminary worship services and assemblies for faculty, staff and students in residence, except students registered for 7 credits or fewer, and faculty who have assignments off-campus or are on an approved research term. Student requests to be excused from this requirement should be addressed to the deans' office in writing. Regular worship attendance is a graduation requirement for students in residence. (AU Bulletin)

To clarify, the following guidelines are offered:

- All Master-level students registered for more than 7 on-campus credit hours are required (a graduation requirement) to attend:
  - 10 worships in the fall
  - 10 worships in the spring
  - 4 worships in the summer
- If a student is more than 5 minutes late, no credit will be given.
- Students who do not have their ID card during the first two weeks of a semester will be accommodated by a manual sign-up sheet in the seminary deans office. After the first two weeks, no credit will be given for students who do not have their ID card with them at worship.
- There may be special University or Seminary events at which credit will be given. The Seminary Dean's office will notify Seminary students via email of the event and how to receive credit.

## **Check Your Seminary Worship Attendance**

1. Vault.Andrews.edu
2. My Account
3. Banner Web
4. Student Services
5. Accounts Receivable
6. Seminary Chapel Attendance

## **Make-up Policy**

Students may make up for up to three missed worships in a semester by attending an additional three in another semester; however, students cannot make up worship in their final semester. Alternatively, a student make up for an absence by listening to the recorded service and writing a two-page, typewritten reaction to the event and turning it in to their program office. Most worship services are recorded and posted online at <https://www.andrews.edu/sem/sem-chapel/chapel/index.html> under "Current Students" in the Seminary website.

*In all our worship, let us seek reverence, joy, solemnity, awe, humility, and peace together before the throne of our God.*

# GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEMINARY WORSHIP

1. Make-up of team: Try to have at least three to four singers. Other vocalists are welcome, but our mics are limited. Seek to represent the rich diversity of students in our Seminary.
2. Strive to have a number of instrumentalists with a balanced representation from melodic instruments (flute, violin, trumpet, sax, organ), harmonic instruments (organ, piano, guitar), and percussive instruments (piano, guitar, bass, hand drums). Piano and organ are encouraged over the use of synthesizers. Emphasis should be placed on the melodic and harmonic elements of music, so as to be conducive to congregational singing. Rhythm and syncopation should be easy to follow and promote strong congregational participation. Seek to incorporate a range of instruments in all styles of music.
3. Percussion instruments may be used in the Seminary chapel during the Tuesday worship service.
4. Song selection should be varied between the rich tradition of hymnody and newly composed congregational music. Encourage congregational singing by avoiding compositions intended for solo voice.
5. Most songs selected should be familiar to the congregation. Intentional planning should be done for new songs, selecting and leading songs the congregation can learn and sing with confidence. If three or more songs are sung, begin and end with well-known songs.
6. Song text should be projected on the screen. For new compositions, try to include even the music for the melody. This will encourage stronger congregational participation. All song lyrics should be sent to the Seminary Worship Coordination Team by Friday, the week before your assigned Tuesday Worship.
7. Worship Teams should rehearse prior to Tuesday. It is strongly recommended that a sound check be performed prior to Tuesday as well.
8. SPECIAL MUSIC: Do everything in your power to avoid using a sound track. We strongly encourage you to seek the skilled accompaniment from one of the many instrumentalists at the Seminary.
9. All sound checks must be finished fifteen minutes before the start of worship, usually 10:15 a.m.
10. Music volume should generally be kept under 90 decibels. Rehearsals provide opportunity to ensure a safe and courteous volume for all worshipers. You may download an app to test this on your smartphone.

In all our services, let us seek reverence, joy, solemnity, awe, humility, and peace in the worship experience at the Seminary. The Tuesday Worship provides the opportunity for us to grow and appreciate the beauty that each person brings from their own cultural backgrounds. If you have any questions or comments, please contact David Williams, or Nashonie Chang. Thank you for contributing to the ministry of the Seminary Tuesday Worship!

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# HEALING TOGETHER

HEBREWS 10:24-25

*19th Annual Music & Worship  
Conference*

*February 17-19, 2022*

## Call for Papers

**Hybrid Event:**

We invite paper proposals that reflect on how gathering together to worship promotes healing from the scars and wounds of the pandemic, life, and sin. When will we consider ourselves healed? When will we get back to normal? We encourage scholarship from many disciplines, including but not limited to: biblical studies, theology, liturgy, and musicology. Presenters are encouraged to present their papers in person, but may also present virtually. Registration is free for all presenters. Paper presenters are responsible for room and board.

Proposals must be submitted in MS Word, no more than 250 words. Please do not include any self-identification on the proposal. Papers must be written in Chicago/Turabian style.

Paper proposals due by

**November 1, 2021 | [icwm@andrews.edu](mailto:icwm@andrews.edu).**

For more information, please visit:

[www.andrews.edu/icwm](http://www.andrews.edu/icwm)

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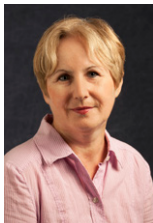
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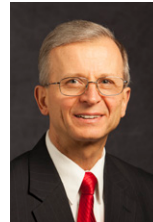
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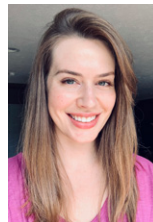
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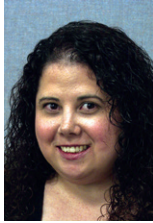
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## SEMINARY DEANS



**Dr. Jiří Moskala** is the Seminary Dean, born in Cesky Tesin, Czech Republic. Moskala received a Master of Theology in 1979 and a Doctor of Theology in 1990, all from the Comenius Faculty of Protestant Theology (now Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University), Czech Republic. In 1998, he completed his Doctor of Philosophy from Andrews University. He began his ministry as a pastor for the Czecho-Slovakian Union, serving in this capacity until 1989. When the Communist regime fell after the Velvet Revolution, he established and served as the first principal of the church's theological seminary in Prague for training pastors. He has also served in various other capacities including the Department of Education and Health for the Czecho-Slovakian Union and as professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology, as well as chair of the Department of Old Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Moskala's vision is "for the Theological Seminary to be the light for the world and the theological resource for the church. We are here to serve the worldwide church in various capacities to prepare future church leaders to work and deal with different challenges in order to proclaim the eternal Gospel with conviction, urgency, and passion, to make a difference for good, and prepare people for the soon second coming of Jesus."



**Dr. Wagner Kuhn**, Interim Associate Dean, is originally from Brazil and has extensive cross-cultural experience. He has worked in three continents in various capacities within the SDA Church, including Country Director for ADRA Azerbaijan, and traveled in the other three continents. He started his pastoral career in Brazil working for the Publishing Department and later served as professor of Mission and Theology for the SDA Theological Seminary in São Paulo.

Kuhn has worked for Andrews University since 2005, first as Associate Director of the Institute of World Mission, General Conference, and Associate Professor, Department of World Mission. In June 2011, he became a fulltime faculty (Professor of Mission and Intercultural Studies) and served as Director of the Doctor of Missiology from 2014-2016. He is the Chair of the Department of World Mission and Director of the Post-Doctoral Programs.



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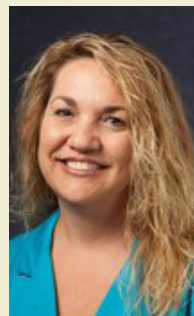
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Coordinate convocations, publications, programs, and activities of an academic nature, in accordance with the objectives of the SSF team



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Coordinate between SSF and other student organizations and disseminate essential information regarding activities and programs



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Represent the special needs and sensitivities of the international community within the Seminary



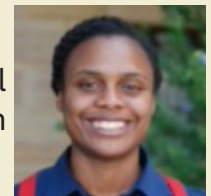
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Coordinate all religious convocations, programs and activities, in accordance with the objectives of the SSF team



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Disburses, accounts for, and informs necessary groups regarding SSF funds and takes responsibility for the task of fund-raising



Crystal E.  
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Assist the presidents, stand in place of presidents in their absence, serve as recorders and custodians of all information vital to the organization, keep records of all SSF events planned or associated with, and ensures SSF Officer pictures are in the Andrews University Cardinal Yearbook



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Coordinates programs and activities of a recreational or social nature sponsored by this organization, in accordance with the desires of the Executive Committee.



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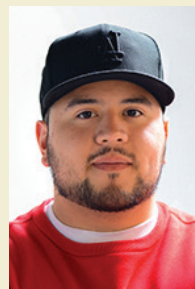
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- Religious education programming
- A children and family friendly resource library
- Scholarship funds for Christian education

**OUR VISION:** Every child a growing disciple

**OUR MISSION:** First the Blade is here to support Seminary students to nurture and disciple their families. We try to make it possible for all children of Seminary students to have religious education while their parents are studying, and for them to leave even more dedicated Seventh-day Adventist Christian disciples of Jesus Christ than they are right now.

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