

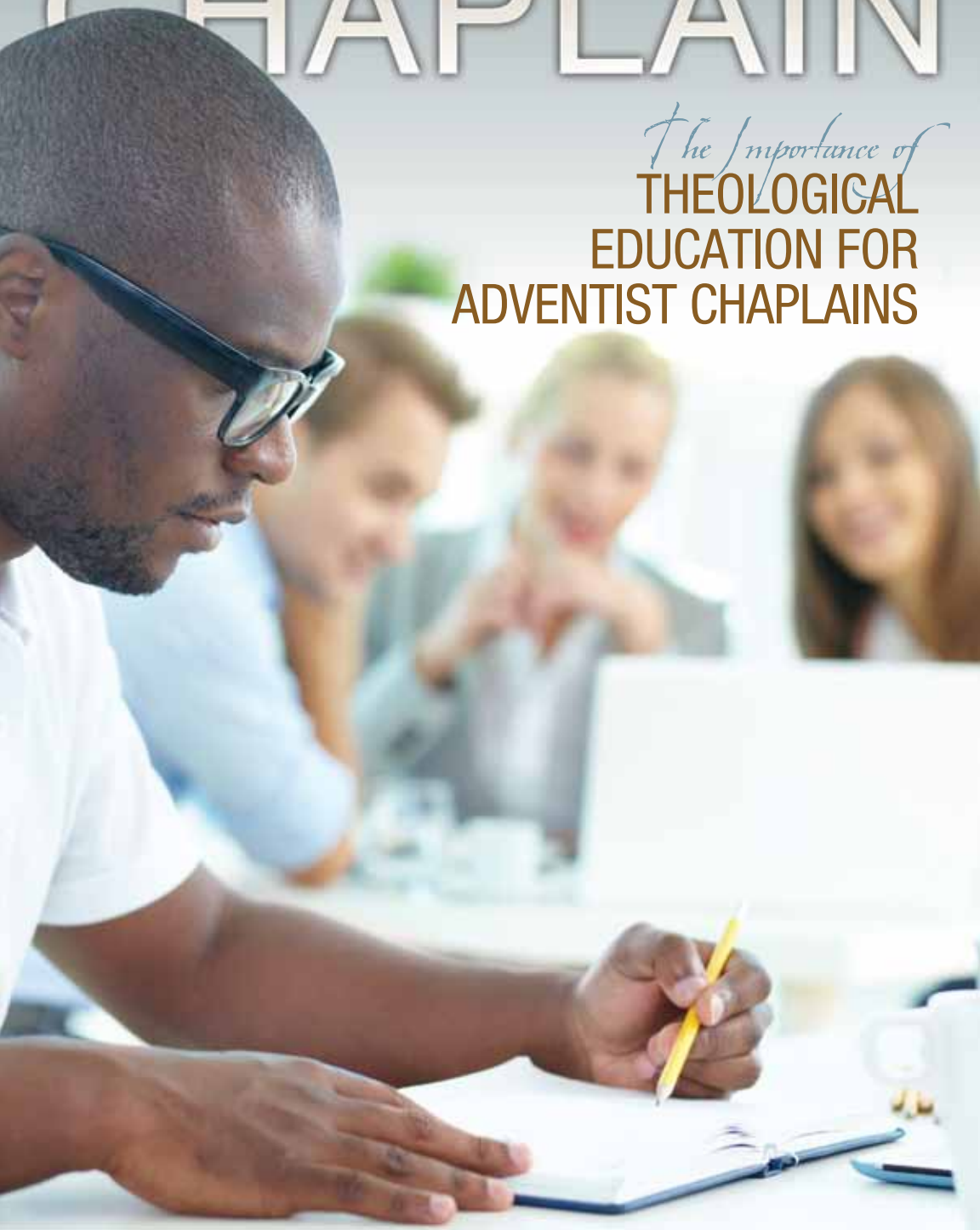
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WHY EDUCATION AND TRAINING?

PERSPECTIVE

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The Seventh-day Adventist Church has developed an extensive network of schools, colleges, and universities around

the world. As leaders at Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, we have the privilege to visit many of these institutions. It is exciting to see the dedication of the schools, workers, and students alike to the education and training of our young men and woman to serve the Master.

“We need men well trained, well educated, to work in the interests of the churches” “religious training shall not be neglected.”¹

The guidance we have received is that our men and women who are to be working on behalf of our church need to be “well trained”² and the purpose of our schools is to provide that training.

Today it is possible to continue working and at the same time

become “well educated”³ to provide the best ministry and spiritual care to those entrusted in our care. The more we grow in the knowledge of our profession and, at the same time, enhance our skills, the better we serve those whom we have been called to serve. We are living in an amazing time. The advancement of communication in audio and video makes it possible to attend school without leaving the comfort of our homes or our jobs.

Chaplains are individuals who *first* received a *call* and an *anointing* from God to labor as ministers in an institutional setting. That call comes in many forms. Many have related how they have attempted to run away from the “call,” but to no avail. Like Samuel we need to embrace the call and promptly reply, “Speak; for thy servant heareth”⁴

The *second* component of the formation of the chaplain is the *training*. Without the training the chaplain “will be crippled and

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inefficient in any position.”⁵ A chaplain’s ministry will be lacking and sub-standard. The training needs to be well-rounded. “Moral philosophy, the study of the Scriptures, and physical training should be combined with the studies usually pursued in schools. Every power—physical, mental, and moral—needs to be trained, disciplined, and developed, that it may render its highest service; for unless all are equally developed, one faculty cannot do its work thoroughly, without overtaxing some part of the human machinery.”⁶

It is “sad” when educational opportunities and training are neglected. “It is with feelings of inexpressible sadness, and sometimes almost with despair, that I contemplate the condition of the young, and see how difficult it is to encourage those to obtain an education to whom I know God has liberally entrusted capabilities.”⁷

The *third* and final component is the recognition or *endorsement* from the church. This is accomplished

when the individual meets established requirements and receives approval to be an ambassador/missionary to represent the church in the institution he/she serves. With the endorsement of the chaplain’s ministry, the church also enables the individual not only to represent the church, but also provides the authority for the chaplain to perform the pastoral duties that are part of his/her work.

This issue of *The Adventist Chaplain* has been dedicated to the importance of the education and training of our chaplains. We pray and hope that God will bless each one of you as you seek to continue preparing yourselves better to serve the Master in the sacred ministry of “chaplaincy.”

Ellen G. White, *Child Guidance* (Nashville, Ten: Southern Publishing Assn, 1954), p 314

² *Ibid.*, p. 314

³ *Ibid.*, p. 314

⁴ See 1st Samuel 3:10, KJV.

⁵ Ellen G White, *Christian Education* (Battle Creek, MI: International Tract Society, 1894), p. 210

⁶ *Ibid.*, 210

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those in their assigned circle of influence.² As we face the future, it is important that the church renews its commitment to provide theological education for chaplaincy with a “durable sense of purpose and direction, rooted deeply in values and the human spirit.”³

With this commitment it is also necessary to share a vision for competence, with emphasis on the necessary skills to develop professional chaplains for the workforce. Indeed, “quality knowledge is so valuable that unleashing its potential offers organizations an extraordinary opportunity for value creation.”⁴

ROLE OF CHAPLAINS

Chaplains usually minister to the immediate spiritual and emotional needs of those under their jurisdiction. “Hospital chaplains, campus ministers, and military chaplains provide ministerial services in settings where religious concerns are understood as related, but peripheral to the primary task of the institution which they serve. These specialized ministry settings,

The working policy of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries suggests the scope on which chaplaincy is based. It is “to communicate to all people the everlasting gospel, and therefore restore broken humanity to wholeness in relationship with God.”¹ The purpose also stresses that chaplains care responsibly for the spiritual well-being of all

however, offer many opportunities for addressing spiritual issues' deepest meaning and significance and frequently arise when people are confronting illness, death, crisis, or war."⁵

The most basic goal for campus ministry is to enhance the spiritual well-being of students and faculties. On Christian campuses, this should be clearly expressed in the institution's Spiritual Master Plan. On a public campus, the chaplain needs to understand how a deficiency in policy may be augmented on the practical level. Its primary focus should be to enhance the faith and spiritual life of students and develop opportunities for evangelism.

Chaplains in all settings should have the necessary skills and training to work with a designated population in counseling and critical stress management, leadership, religious education, and active community outreach.

Additionally, health care chaplains will help patients, family, and friends cope with sickness, disabilities, dying, and death. As such, health care chaplains are an integral part of a team comprised of doctors and nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, and spiritual caregivers.

As Stavros Kofinas suggests, the ministry of "health care chaplains cannot be separated from its ecclesiastical identity and content. The question for what the health care chaplain *does* is a question of what the church *is*. A chaplain is not a mere employee of a health care institution or system. He is a vessel and conveyor of Grace, a witness of the Truth. His power and authority is found and given in the Holy Spirit as it is actualized and expressed in the Body of Christ."⁶

BALANCED EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Chaplaincy is a vocation, a call from God to serve the church in fulfilling its mission and to serve society by showing compassion, as well as assisting in the process of restoration of humanity with love and hope. In moving toward that goal, the theological education of chaplains must be a priority for church organizations.

As a specialized ministry chaplaincy not only requires theological education, but specific insights from the behavioral sciences, as well. If chaplains have not received a combination of these courses, they should pursue training in order to function properly in a variety of chaplaincy settings. Balanced study in these areas empowers chaplains in pastoral care and counseling.

Multi-faith understanding is also required for those who serve in the capacity of chaplains. Today's society is a pluralistic environment where chaplains must be equipped to minister among those who are from a variety of denominations, and even with different faith traditions.

Years of experience are valued by the church. However, those chaplains who

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add adequate education to expertise benefit not only themselves, but also those whom they serve. By having a greater understanding of spiritual and emotional needs chaplains will have a greater impact on the individuals who they have contact with.

COURSE OF STUDY

An enhanced course of study will call for learning abilities that augment pastoral reflection on one's self as a person. Chaplains will also need to learn how to relate to individuals who are in crisis. The student's religious formation should focus on personal and pastoral identity, which progresses to a spiritual maturity in Christ.

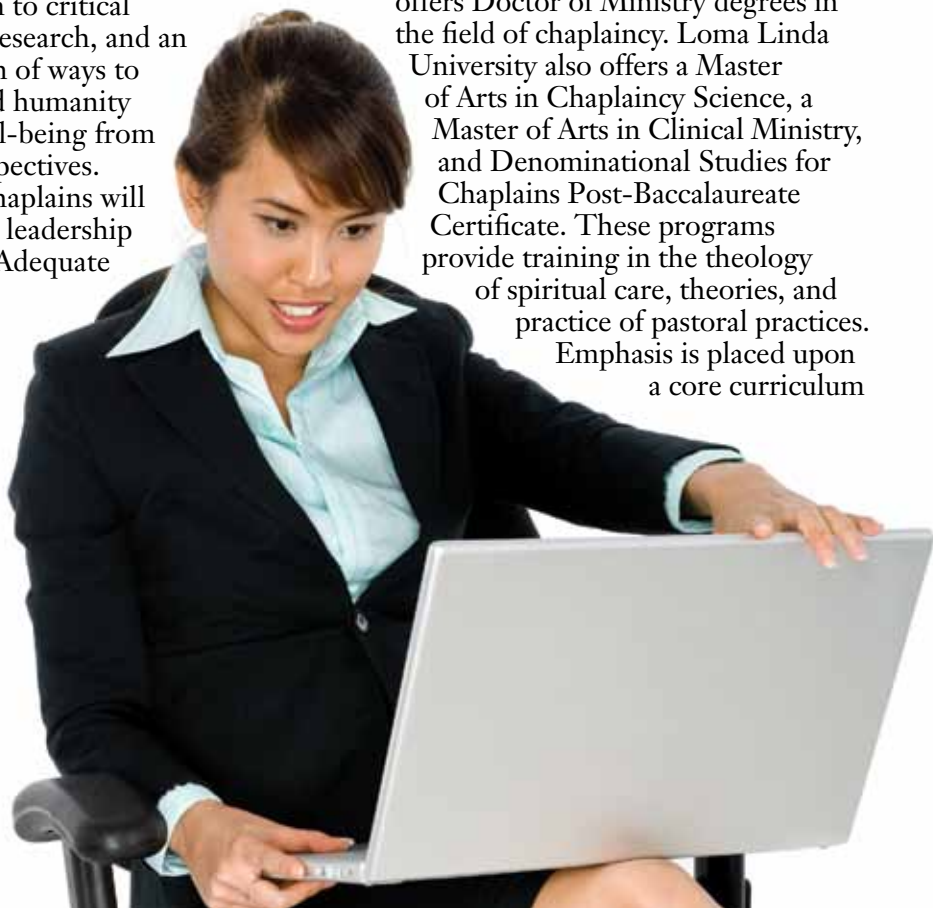
Additionally, competencies will allow chaplains to enhance pastoral skills, theological studies, and knowledge in the behavioral sciences. These courses will also require an orientation to critical thinking, research, and an exploration of ways to understand humanity and its well-being from many perspectives.

Many chaplains will advance to leadership positions. Adequate

courses should be included to provide chaplains with a strong foundation in this area. Other areas of knowledge such as bioethics are suggested for those engaged in clinical ministry.⁷

Certainly it is important to support all varieties of chaplaincy education, but this is not enough. Chaplains cannot only learn from course requirements and critical thinking. They must also learn from the wisdom and experience of their teachers and the interaction among their peers in the academic setting.

The General Conference ACM working policy suggests that Adventist educational institutions should offer graduate courses that focus on a core curriculum.⁸ Examples that could be emulated at other Adventist universities include programs at Andrews University and Loma Linda University. Andrews University offers Doctor of Ministry degrees in the field of chaplaincy. Loma Linda University also offers a Master of Arts in Chaplaincy Science, a Master of Arts in Clinical Ministry, and Denominational Studies for Chaplains Post-Baccalaureate Certificate. These programs provide training in the theology of spiritual care, theories, and practice of pastoral practices. Emphasis is placed upon a core curriculum



of theology, ethics, sociology, and psychology, Scripture, leadership, and research with a clinical practicum component in the different areas of expertise. This type of chaplaincy education prepares chaplains with a solid foundation for their ministry.

In both of these settings, the outcomes focus on three main principles of being, knowing, and doing with a variety of learning modalities.⁹

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The worldwide Adventist church at all levels needs to revitalize the value of theological education for chaplaincy. Possibilities abound for working outside the church and serving chaplains who are properly prepared can fill this growing need. The Adventist church and its educational institutions have the capabilities to provide advanced academic chaplaincy programs that have substantive intellectual work and training for every type of chaplaincy ministry. They also must provide the necessary education to develop all chaplains in a holistic manner.

However, a new paradigm is needed. Generations of chaplains change with the years. Within the context of today and the future for such a specialized ministry, a new generation of professionals is needed.

A clear understanding and

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cooperation should exist between church organizations and the institutions that provide chaplaincy education. Each world division within the Adventist church needs to establish a vision for the future of chaplaincy ministries. Plans should include advanced education for chaplains in all settings—education, health care, military, corrections, community (law enforcement and fire), industry, business, and others.

Professional chaplains will be able to meet needs of individuals no matter where they may be in their faith journey. Advanced training affords the chaplain the tools necessary to fulfill the mission of the church by sharing the hope of Jesus in today's pluralistic communities.

¹ *General Conference Working Policy 2011-2012*, (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2011), 233.

² Ibid.

³ Lee G. Bolman, Terrence E. Deal, *Reframing Organizations, Artistry, Choice, and Leadership* (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2003), 432.

⁴ Stephen R. Covey, *The 8th Habit, from Effectiveness to Greatness* (New York: Free Press, 2004), 255.

⁵ Karen Lebacqz and Joseph D. Driskill, *Ethics and Spiritual Care* (Nashville, NC: Abingdon Press, 2000), 107.

⁶ Father, Stavros Kofinas, "The Tension of

Ecumenism," *Christian Bioethics* 9 (2003): 49.

⁷ Martha R. Jacobs, "What are we Doing Here? Chaplains in Contemporary Health Care," *Hastings Center Report* 38 (2008): 17.

⁸ *General Conference Working Policy 2011-2012*, 234.

⁹ See website www.andrews.edu

SHARPEN THE SAW®



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Whatever the life's work, all can benefit from a balanced approach toward goal achievement that leads to self-renewal. Renewal in this sense is an internal process where a conscious choice is made to replenish the vacuums within one's physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual stores.

In his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, best-selling author Stephen Covey stated that it is necessary to balance and renew resources, energy and health for a long-term and sustainable lifestyle. He suggests that in order to experience this type of renewal, the saw must be perpetually sharpened. In other words, one must intentionally work toward improving every faculty in order to create both personal and professional growth that results in positive life changes

for self and others within the immediate sphere.

Covey used the analogy of a woodcutter who sawed continuously over several days, but became less and less productive, as the saw steadily dulled during the cutting process. The obvious solution in this scenario was to periodically sharpen the saw. Unfortunately, many chaplains resemble the woodcutter, faithfully and tirelessly serving a growing population in war, in peace, in prisons and hospitals, on campuses and within other realms, without replenishing the drivers of human potential through continued education—or sharpening the saw.

While human potential is a phenomenal attribute, if it's not developed over time, it remains dormant and unrealized—a contrary notion to God's high estimation of what can be

accomplished through His power: “*God’s ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach.*”¹

A HIGH CALLING

The nature of the chaplain’s work will always be spiritual. Those within the field of chaplaincy likely have some cognizance of its true purpose. More than providing counseling, nurturing, or even conducting worship services, Seventh-day Adventist chaplains must ultimately aspire for the salvation of souls—most often, without imposing religious beliefs. This unique challenge requires, among many skills and attributes, commitment, holy consecration, critical thinking, and a broad knowledge of the Bible as well as many different religious beliefs. Cultivation of these areas, at a minimum, is essential for the chaplain who seeks to dually serve as a disciple of Christ.

Time with God—in prayer, and in His Word—will help to awaken a sense of the chaplain’s high calling and sharpen all that is spiritually dull.

COMPETITION

Over the past years chaplaincy positions have increased in number within many organizations. In addition to some of the more common service areas, *i.e., hospital, military, and prisons*, chaplaincy has been added to home health care organizations, residential care facilities, other health care organizations, and labor unions. Some corporations, businesses and sports teams have even hired chaplains to assist employees with faith-based issues.

In consideration of current and potential growth within the field of chaplaincy, it is prudent to stay on the cutting edge of both knowledge and practice. Chaplains must continually participate in training and professional development that

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will keep them marketable in very competitive work environments. In reality, chaplains must become lifelong learners in order to effectively meet the diverse needs of an ever-expanding service population. Continued education is an excellent way to keep pace, and has never been more accessible. Multiple and varied opportunities are available for continued education. Some of these include online virtual learning platforms that offer the comfort and convenience of participating flexibly with both time and location. Remarkably, formal education can occur today at the kitchen table, while on vacation, after the children are sleeping at night, or during the lunch hour.

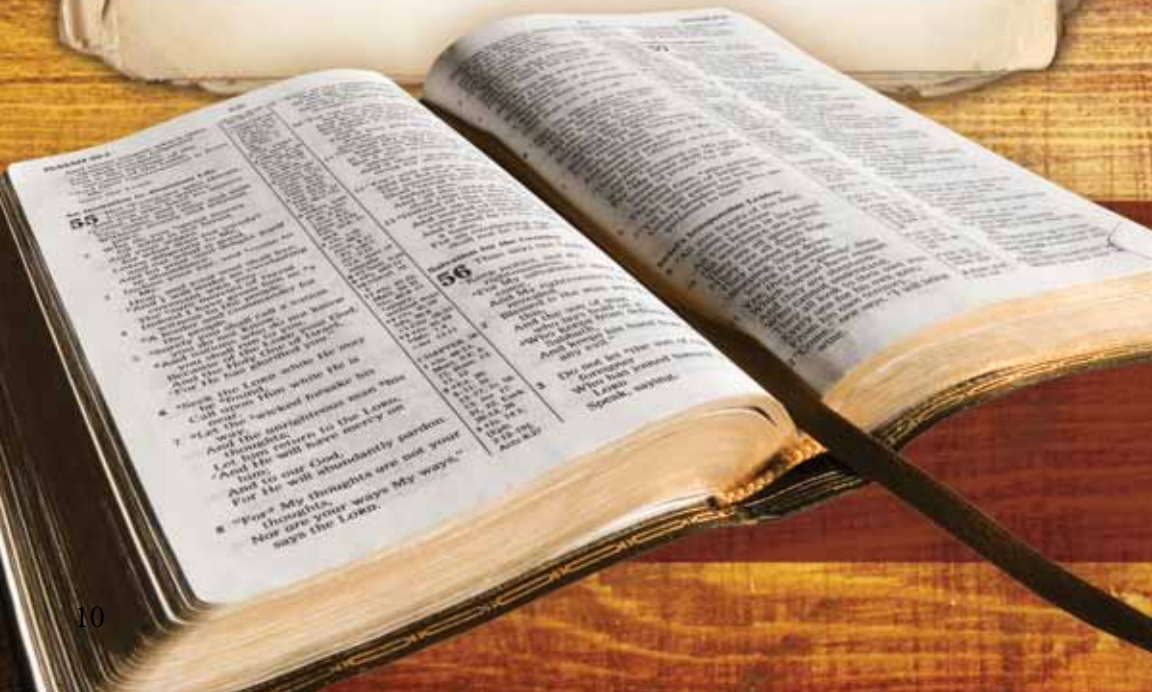
Employers have discovered that well trained and equipped employees are most likely to maximize discretionary work

efforts that will result in both personal and organizational gains. Accordingly, many organizations that employ chaplains offer supplemental training (optional and mandatory) at a minimum, on an annual basis.

Various reading materials (this publication included) are also made available to chaplains with a designated degree of frequency. Chaplains who demonstrate self-initiation in continued education endeavors are best served by this abundance of professional development offerings.

WHAT MATTERS MOST

At the end of the day, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). This represents the foundation of all true knowledge, intelligence, and attainment of education at any level. Knowledge of



God is where real growth and development have their source. This encompasses any type of educational pursuit, including continuing education. "In a knowledge of God, all true knowledge and real development have their source. Wherever we turn, in the physical, the mental, or the spiritual realm; in whatever we behold, apart from the blight of sin, this knowledge is revealed. Whatever line of investigation we pursue, with a sincere purpose to arrive at truth, we are brought in touch with the unseen, mighty Intelligence that is working in and through all. The mind of man is brought into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the Infinite. The effect of such communion on body and mind and soul is beyond estimate."² God's divine influence is what inspires human subjects to embrace every opportunity to learn,

grow, achieve, and perform good works that will bring glory to His name.

Are the blades of your working faculties sharpened? Are your skills, knowledge, personal and professional relationships, and commitment displayed at an optimal level? Anything less than an affirmative response presents an opportunity to sharpen the saw. Solomon's admonishment in Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV) speaks well to this need: "*If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.*"

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¹E. G. White, *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, (Nashville: Southern Pub. Assn., 1923), p. 365.

E. G. White, *Education* (Review and Herald Publishing Assn., 1893, 1894), p. 14.

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The INFILTRATED CAMPUS

“A Christian is not one who withdraws but one who infiltrates.” Bill Glass, Champions for Life

Throughout New York State, students who have a message of hope are infiltrating public university campuses. From the streets of Manhattan to the cities in upstate New York, Adventist students, enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs, are finding community with each other through Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) groups on their college campuses.

Alex España, Student Affairs Senior Assistant Dean at Columbia University has served in the department since 2001. “A student came into my office one day and saw my diplomas from Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University on the wall,” recalls España. “She asked if I was an Adventist. When I replied that I was, she told me she was too.”

During that encounter, España and the student discussed the faith communities represented on campus. “After that I began meeting other Adventist students and the idea evolved to form an official student group on campus,” says España.

Initially five students were identified and they set out to gather the signatures needed from other



Nearly 170 university students from across upstate New York worshipped together at a recent Adventist Christian Fellowship Sabbath in Ithaca, New York. The public campuses that were represented included Cornell University, SUNY-Binghamton, University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Monroe Community College, and Syracuse University. The guest speaker was Dustin Hall, newly appointed New York Conference ACF Director. His topic was *God Cares About Your Life: What the Bible Says About Dating, Relating, Mating, and Waiting*.

students to be granted official club status by the university. “The beginnings of the group were organic and very grassroots,” says España.

As this was happening at Columbia, Alex’s wife, Annette was working at Princeton University. “One day a student mentioned to Annette that it was Friday and she would need to leave before Sabbath,” says España. From that one remark, more Adventist students were identified and an ACF group was begun at Princeton also.

“One of the critical ways to engage young adults today is to make Christianity relevant in the daily walk,” says España. “As our

group began to grow we decided that an annual ACF Summit would be an opportunity to bring students from the tri-state area together for a weekend of speakers, breakout sessions, and fellowship. “Attendance through the years has ranged from 75-200 students.”

In 2012, ACF Columbia joined with the national ACF program and ACM to offer a national ACF Summit. “Our vision for the summit was an outreach event that would also be relational evangelism,” says Alex. “Our topics were picked with the idea that they would be used as on-ramps to introduce students to Christianity. We dealt with ways to have healthy relationships, how Christianity and career can fit together, and how to live a healthy life.” The summit was such a success that plans are already being made for the next national summit to be held in 2015.

The Church of the Advent Hope has long been active in collegiate ministry and provided a supportive environment for the students. Seeing the need for a full-time university chaplain, they appointed Reuben Sanchez to fill the role during the 2012-2013 school year. “During

this year we are involved in several projects,” says Sanchez. “Organizing more ACF groups on other campus within the city is a priority. We are also targeting our outreach to students who have various faith traditions or are secular in mindset.”

One of the ACF groups formed is in Greenwich Village, in the trendy area of Manhattan. “Our student group has members who are studying politics, law, media studies, and acting,” says Sanchez. “These students will have the opportunity to shape the world one day. It’s important that we help them now to build bridges between their faith and the real world.”

New York City isn’t the only place where ACF is active. In the New York Conference, ACF groups have been expanding since 2006. “Today we have student groups active on 10 campuses,” says Gary Wagner, New York Conference Adventist Refugee and Immigrant Ministry (ARIM) Director. Wagner served as the New York Conference ACF Director until his recent appointment as ARIM Director.

“The ministry and community of these students plays an important role in their own faith journey,” says Wagner. “Several students have been baptized because of the relationships that have been built through the ACF groups.”

A recent campus Sabbath held at Cornell University brought together 170 students from each of the campuses. Dustin Hall, newly appointed ACF director for New York Conference was the featured speaker.

“A significant action recently taken by the New York Conference was the designation of Adventist Christian Fellowship as a department,” says Wagner. “Future plans include expansion to other campuses throughout upstate New York.”

Over 200 students from across the North American Division attended the 1st Adventist Christian Fellowship National Summit held at Columbia University in New York.



A GROWING LIGHT IN THE UKRAINE

The involvement of various religious faiths within the prison system of the Ukraine is growing, which has enlarged the need for trained Adventist corrections chaplains. Leadership in the Ukrainian Union Conference has been proactive in enhancing the training of chaplains for this ministry.

“During a previous Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Advisory held in Russia, Elder Anatoly Begas, then ACM Director for the Ukrainian Union extended the invitation for ACM to conduct training for corrections chaplains in the Ukraine,” says Gary Councill, General Conference ACM Director. Ukrainian pastors have previously been involved in prison ministry, functioning mainly as volunteers. They have provided Bible studies

and evangelism in some very difficult settings throughout their country.

As planning for the conference went forward, Begas was appointed ADRA Director for the Ukraine, yet he worked closely with Lev Vertylo, newly appointed ACM Director. The training took place at the Ukrainian Institute of Arts and Sciences in Bucha. “An excellent and packed training program for 50 pastors who are training for corrections chaplaincy was developed by these two men,” says Councill.

Chaplain Councill sensed the need to utilize the training and experience of corrections chaplains from the United States and Europe as a part of the conference. Richard Baldwin, corrections chaplain at Richland Correctional Institution in Mansfield, Ohio and Christian Bultinck, corrections chaplain at Dendermonde Prison in Belgium were invited to participate as trainers and presenters.

“The contributions of both of these men helped lay a broad perspective of the work of chaplains within the corrections system,” says Councill. “Chaplain Bultinck’s participation proved providential and made the training highly effective and meaningful by presenting a European perspective.”

“It was a great pleasure for me to be able to share my experiences as a full-time prison chaplain,” says Bultinck. “The focus of my seminars was on the Biblical perspective of *Restorative*

Pastors from across Eastern Europe attended an ACM-sponsored training session on corrections chaplaincy. Chaplains Richard Baldwin (fourth from left) and Gary Councill (fifth from left) are pictured with pastors from Belarus.



Justice, based on the concept of restoring *Shalom* between the crime victim, the offender and, ultimately, with God. This is in contrast to the Greco-Roman view of *Retributive Justice*, which is based on keeping balance between suffering of society and the offender.”

the world. This was followed by an extensive discussion about the involvement of religious faiths in state prisons. “The door was opened for Seventh-day Adventists to become prison chaplains and for the church to engage actively in prison ministry,” says Councill. “The Ukrainian prison

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Other training aspects included the philosophy of chaplaincy, ACM policies, the use of sports ministry as a method to engage inmates, the concept of religious freedom and ministry in a pluralistic setting, and the Angel Tree program that ministers to inmates’ families. A graduation ceremony completed the sessions.

“During a presentation about the Biblical mandate for prison ministry, I asked if any of the pastors had been in prison,” says Chaplain Baldwin. “To my surprise, six or seven raised their hands. Most had suffered for their faith because of political reasons.”

“One older gentleman wanted to have a photo taken of the two of us together,” says Baldwin. “I was glad to stand beside him. I felt as if this man put me to shame. His demeanor and countenance spoke of a deep abiding faith in Jesus Christ. I have never had to suffer for Jesus as he did.”

Following the conference, Chaplain Councill attended a meeting arranged by Elder Begas. “We met with senior Ukraine prison officials, ecclesiastical leaders of other faiths, and union conference leaders,” says Councill. “Our discussions centered on what and how Adventists can contribute to prison ministry in the Ukraine.”

Councill gave an in-depth briefing about the work of ACM around

official appealed for the religious faith community to assist them with re-integration of released inmates back into their families and neighborhoods. Adventists have much to offer with our programs in community services, family life and health awareness.”

A final highlight was an interview for Ukrainian television. “A documentary was being produced on the Ukraine prisons,” says Councill. The interview covered the work of chaplains and how this ministry can help improve the spiritual well-being of inmates and all those associated with the Ukrainian prison system.

“This was one of the most productive and rewarding conferences I have attended during my tenure as ACM director,” says Councill. “The invitation to be involved in corrections chaplaincy in the Ukraine has been given and received. Now it is up to the church how and when it will respond.”



Elder Anatoly Begas (left) with a pastor who attended the conference.



TELL ME YOUR STORY

In his book, *Tell Me a Story*, Daniel Taylor writes, “*Stories tell me not only who I am but also who you are, and what we are together. In fact, without you and your story I cannot know my story and myself. No one’s story exists alone. Each is tangled up in countless others. Pull a thread in my story and feel the tremor half a world and two millennia away.*”

Moses Taiwo believes in the healing power of story. In his work as a supervisor for students involved Clinical Pastoral Education, Moses finds the many threads of his story continue to entwine his current work with his ties to experiences from his past.

Born in the country of Nigeria, Moses faced challenges in his early

years. “I grew up not knowing my parents,” says Moses. “My grandmother became my surrogate mother and raised me. The stories she told me and the values she embedded in me during my formative years shaped my life.”

When Moses was seven-years-old he was taken from his grandmother and sent to live with an uncle who had three wives and eight children. “That was a very traumatic event for me,” says Moses. “I cried and could not be consoled. That is a thread of my story that I am able to use today. When I minister to

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families who are coping with an emergency event in their child's life, I understand their feelings in an event that they have no power to control."

Eventually, Moses was able to return to live with his grandmother and attend school. Life did not become easier. Funds for schooling were always in short supply. Moses loved to learn and when he had to drop out of school for a year in high school he was deeply saddened. "I watched my peers going to school, and I couldn't not attend."

Undaunted, Moses continued his learning process. "I befriended a few of them and they were willing to share their notes," says Moses. "I taught myself until funds were available for me to return to school."

During his time away from school, Moses became depressed and ill. "I entered a state of despondency and hopelessness," says Moses. "I was admitted to the hospital and truly felt abandoned by God and my family." But God hadn't forgotten Moses. During his hospital stay, a pastor read these words to Moses—"Though I am surrounded by troubles, you will protect me from the anger of my enemies. Your reach out your hand and the power of your right hand saves me." Psalm 138:7.8 NLT. "Those words have remained with me for years and the meaning continues to guide my thinking and feeling about life in general," says Moses.

During this same time, Moses met an American missionary couple who introduced him to the Baptist faith. Moses believes that God led him to meet this couple who intervened in his situation and saved his life. "In my hour of need, God used this couple to give me back a life," says Moses.

Years later, when Moses first heard of the concept of a Sabbath rest and Seventh-day Adventists, he chose to join the Adventist church. His baptism meant risking rejection from his family and for five years he was cut off from them. This wasn't the only time that Moses risked the wrath of his family. "I am from the Yoruba people in Nigeria," says Moses. "My wife Chioma is of Ibo descent from the eastern part of Nigeria. Through our marriage God has demonstrated His power of bringing people together

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Moses Taiwo, Ph.D., BCC



The Moses Taiwo family (left to right) Emmanuel Ayodeji, Margret Titilayo; Chioma Chike, (nee Uchendu), Moses, and Grace Oluwaseun

in spite of a culture of inter-tribal conflicts and wars.”

In 1997, Moses and his family left their native Nigeria and moved to Andrews University, where Moses became a doctoral student in religion. During his course of study, Moses became very ill and was admitted to the hospital. “During my hospital stay, I discovered a need to reach out to people. Some of these people want the presence of a minister in their last hours,” says Moses. “Some are un-churched and need to be reached at their level and understanding of spirituality.”

A reading of *Leaving a Career to Follow a Call* by Michael Milton followed this experience. “This book was an eye-opener to my calling to the ministry of chaplaincy,” says Moses.

During his doctoral studies Moses was introduced to the concept of Clinical Pastoral Education

(CPE). “The world of chaplaincy and pastoral care was a strange phenomenon to me,” says Moses. “I had been working in academia for more than a decade. The introductory CPE unit sparked something in me and the story has never been the same.”

Clinical Pastoral Education was a turning point for Moses in several ways. “CPE changed my way of thinking and practicing theology,” says Moses. “For example, I began to develop a new theological construct for Sabbath and learned to view it as both relational and meaningful in my own history of restlessness as a seeker and sojourner. Today this guides my practice of ministry in how I develop and implement a curriculum to assist students in their learning goals and practices.”

In November 2012, Moses received certification as a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor.

“I believe learning occurs in a pastoral context of relationship and interconnectedness between student and supervisor,” says Moses.

Today in his role of CPE supervisor at the Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, Illinois, Moses draws from his experiences in CPE to help others understand the strength of an interdisciplinary team. “During my CPE training a woman with a two-month old child had been in an auto accident,” says Moses. “After being discharged from the ER, she had no way to return to her home in another part of the state. Her distress seemed more of an annoyance to the hospital staff.”

Moses intervened with a call to Social Services. “Within 20 minutes the department provided a hotel room, diapers, formula, and food for the mother,” says Moses. “In reflection, I realized that the staff felt they had done their part by meeting the physical needs. The emotional needs had been left untended. If those needs hadn’t been met the woman’s anxiety and frustrations would likely have escalated.”

One day Moses hopes to return to Nigeria and take the blessing of

Moses Taiwo learned how to cope with hard issues from stories his grandmother told him while he was child in his native Nigeria.

CPE to the people of his country. The story of Moses began in Nigeria, as a young boy who was taunted, scolded, and mistreated. Deprived of an environment of encouragement and support, Moses determined with God’s help to change the course of his story. There have been times when the threads of Moses’ story have seemed tenuous. Stronger threads have tightened the weaker threads as Moses has learned to understand the meaning of his story through eyes of God’s grace.



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A MAN OF MANY FIRSTS

Horace Walsh is the first Seventh-day Adventist chaplain worldwide to be ecclesiastically endorsed by the Adventist church.



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Horace Walsh is a man of first accomplishments. If he had chosen a different journey as a young man, he would never have been the first person in the Seventh-day Adventist church to receive a Master's of Divinity degree. He also would not have been the first Adventist minister to become a military chaplain and the first chaplain to be ecclesiastically endorsed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In his early teens, Horace was selected as an official batboy for the Washington Senators baseball team. He spent time with the team during their spring training in Orlando.

Music could also have claimed Horace's interest. "I trained with a vocal instructor in Scranton, Pennsylvania," says Horace. "When I wanted to accompany myself, I decided to learn to play the piano." This was

followed with the opportunity to attend Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland.

Medicine was another career path that Horace contemplated. "In 1939, I enrolled at Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University)," says Horace. "Originally I was a pre-medical student. When I began to feel the call to the gospel ministry I knew that I could not ignore it and eventually changed my major to theology."

Following graduation, Horace combined his musical training with his ministerial education and became a singing evangelist for a series of meetings in Salisbury, Maryland. "My first pastoral district was in Wilmington, Delaware," says Horace.

Eventually, Horace found himself at the seminary ready to tackle his next educational experience. After the prescribed course of study, Horace became the first Adventist to receive a Master of Divinity degree granted by the seminary.

"To my surprise the National Service Organization at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists contacted me following my graduation," says Horace. "I was asked to consider becoming the first Adventist to become a military chaplain." Horace prayed about the matter and eventually knew that this was God's leading.



Active as a chaplain and in ministry kept Horace fit and trim. On the day of his retirement, following 67 years of ministry, Horace was still able to don in Army uniform.

There were challenges to be faced, but Horace appreciated the challenge of overcoming them. While working with chaplains of other faiths, he sought to find common ground. “We developed good friendships and were able to minister together to the troops under our care,” says Horace.

During his military service, Horace baptized a young soldier by the name of Ted Furnish. “Ted had made the decision to not carry a gun, even though he was serving in the Army in Germany,” says Horace. Ted’s decision upset his superior officers. Eventually, a friend told him that an Adventist chaplain might be able to help him. “Ted attended our church service and afterwards he asked to speak to me,” says Horace. “Soon he began taking Bible studies and was eventually baptized. Ted’s baptism and his faithfulness since that day is the highlight of my military chaplaincy,”

With the completion of his military service, Horace continued in chaplaincy ministry at Loma Linda Hospital, which is known today as Loma Linda University Medical Center. Horace not only served as chaplain at the hospital, he also served a Bible instructor.

Parish ministry was also important to Horace and he returned to it following ten years at Loma Linda. The ministry of Horace, his wife, Pat, and their two children Bronwyn and Bryan blessed churches in New York and Florida.

In 1983, Horace retired from pastoral ministry. During the next two years he continued to accept speaking appointments in various churches. Retirement didn’t last long and in 1985 Horace helped plant the Kendall Church in Miami, Florida. He then pastored churches in Pennsylvania and Florida. His final pastorate and chaplaincy has been at the Florida Living Church in Apopka, Florida where he served for 17 years.

With 67 years of service, Horace Walsh has ministered faithfully, along with his first wife Pat, and his second wife Aimee, to the flocks under his care. Today hundreds of students have graduated from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary with their master of divinity degree. More than two hundred Adventist men and women have served in the United States Armed Forces as chaplains.

Horace Walsh paved the way for those who would follow. Well done, faithful servant.

Compassionate, gentle, and having a passionate love for his God are the qualities that many individuals use when they describe Horace Walsh.



ADVENTIST CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE



◀ SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

During a recent visit to the Southern Asia Division, Dr. Mario Ceballos, ACM Associate Director met with chaplains at the Roorkee Adventist College in Roorkee, India and Spicer Memorial College in Pune, India. Dr. Ceballos gave an ACM update and reviewed the college's spiritual master plan with the chaplains.

WEST CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION ▶

Adventist University Cosendai in Nanga-Eboko, Cameroun was the site of a recent visit by ACM Associate Director Dr. Mario Ceballos. Senior theology students and university chaplains attended a training course conducted by Dr. Ceballos.



NORTH AMERICAN ▼ DIVISION

CAMPUS CHAPLAINS GATHER

The annual conference for chaplains from Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities across North America was held in Schaumburg, Illinois. Dr. Mario Ceballos provided an ACM update. The chaplains also learned more about the endorsement process from ACM. The conference was held in Schaumburg in conjunction with *The One Project*. Several of the chaplains were featured speakers during the two-day gathering of more than 500 individuals who celebrated “the supremacy of Jesus in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”



▲ SOUTHERN ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION

Lemuel Arit, CPE Supervisor of Adventist Medical Center—Manila, was invited by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) in Germany to conduct a 10-week CPE course at Cikini Hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia. Thirteen UEM pastors of member churches in Indonesia participated. Six of the participants were under Arit’s supervision while the others were supervised by Nursini Sihombing, a Supervisor-in-Training (SIT).



JAMES NORTH



Ministry for James North has meant serving in parish ministry, military chaplaincy, and as an educator and mentor to young seminarians. On June 30, 2013 North will retire with 50 years of service to God and Country.

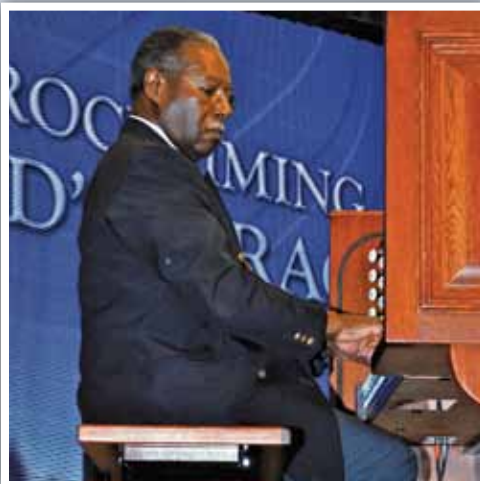
As an Air Force Chaplain, North served in Vietnam, Germany, as well as Dover Air Force Base, Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer Air

Force Base, and Beal Air Force Base in the United States.

North also taught at the Air Force chaplaincy school. “This helped to prepare me for role of seminary professor,” says North. For the past 25 years North has taught at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary (SDATS) at Andrews University in Berrien Springs Michigan. Among his assigned classes have been chaplaincy formation courses. “Teaching is always a joy,” says North. “I’ve enjoyed the opportunities of visiting and teaching at other Adventists college and university campuses.” One of his other prized experiences is that he has had the opportunity to play all of the organs on the Andrews University campus, as well as numerous ones in the region.



During his time at SDATS, North has also served as the representative for Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries. His impact on seminary students and influencing them towards a ministry in the area of chaplaincy has been significant. North estimates that between 50 and 75 students who he taught have gone on to become chaplains.





New York City has been chosen as the first of about 650 cities where the Seventh-day Adventist Church plans to hold evangelistic meetings over the next several years. It is an urban center

whose population reflects a microcosm of the world. Church leaders are also following the counsel of Ellen White in the Spirit of Prophecy that the work done in New York City should be a “symbol of the work the Lord desires to see done in the world.”

Representatives from all of the 13 divisions of the world church will be involved in this effort and the knowledge gained from their participation will allow them to be able to do a similar work in their fields. Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries supports urban center evangelism, both in New York City and around the world.

ACM UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5-10

Seventh-day Adventist Military Chaplains Annual Conference, Cohutta Springs, Georgia (NAD)

June 8

Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Offering (NAD only)

June 18-21

Inter-American Division Chaplains Training, Medellin Columbia (IAD)

June 27-30

Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Chaplains Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida (NAD)

July 5-7

Seventh-day Adventist Community Chaplains Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas (NAD)

July 18-29

Southern Asia Division Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Advisory, India (SUD)

August 18-26

Evangelism and Health Exposition, Manila, Philippines (SSD)

August 21-27

Seventh-day Adventist Corrections Chaplains Annual Conference, Mansfield, Ohio (NAD)

September 22-29

Central America Chaplaincy seminar, Costa Rica (IAD)

September 27-October 6

Chaplaincy Training Course, Zaoksky Adventist University Zaoksky, Tula Region, Russia (ESD)

October 10-16

General Conference Annual Council, Silver Spring, Maryland

October 17-23

Staff Assistance Visits to SDA Military in Europe-Germany and Italy (EUD and NAD)

October 24-31

Southern Africa Indian Ocean Division Chaplains Summit, Pretoria, South Africa (SID)

November 13-24

Northern Asia Pacific Division Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries Advisory, Seoul, Republic of Korea (NSD)

NAD ORDINATIONS, RETIREMENTS, CREDENTIALS, ENDORSEMENTS

MILITARY COMMISSIONING AND GRADUATIONS

- CH (1LT) David Thompson is congratulated by CH (BG) Charles R. “Ray” Bailey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, US Army, following his graduation from U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. Thompson is currently serving as the 63rd Ordinance Battalion Chaplain at Fort Drum, New York.

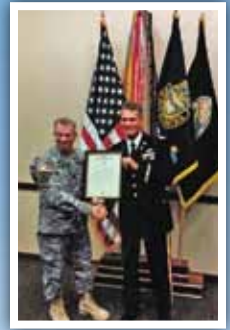


- CH (CPT) Terencio Mendez (right) with CH (COL) David Colwell at his graduation from U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. Mendez is currently serving as battalion chaplain at Fort Hood, Texas.



PROMOTIONS

- CH Daniel Petsch has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He is currently the Brigade Chaplain for the 165th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson.



ORDINATIONS AND COMMISSIONINGS

The following chaplains have been ordained to the gospel ministry.

- CH (CPT) Michael Kim, U. S. Army
- LT Charles Noles, CHC, U.S. Navy
- LT Michael Tagaloa, CHC, U. S. Navy
- Chaplain Robin Walker was commissioned to the gospel ministry. Walker, (right) is pictured with Chaplain Gary Councell at her commissioning service. Walker is a chaplain at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Johns Hopkins.



- Chaplains Geoffrey Tio and Ron Yabut were ordained in a joint service. Tio is a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor and CEO at Community Care Chaplains in Tucson, Arizona. Yabut is a chaplain with Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Arizona.



Left to right Geoffrey and Magdalena Tio, Jennevi and Ron Yabut.

- Tricia and Paddy McCoy (left) listen as Max Torkelson II, President, North Pacific Union Conference (right) speaks at Paddy's ordination service.



Other participants included (back row) John Loor, Executive Secretary, North Pacific Union Conference; John McVay, President, Walla Walla University; Dave Thomas, Dean, School of Theology, Walla Walla; and Pastor Jon Griebel. Paddy serves as Chaplain at Walla Walla University, Walla Walla Washington.

- Dilys Brooks (center) during her ministerial commissioning

service. She is currently serving as Associate Campus Chaplain at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.



Participants included: Dr. Jim Greek, Director, Chaplain Services, Loma Linda University Medical Center; Dr. Delroy Brooks, pastor, Fontana Juniper SDA church (Dilys' husband); Mavis Dowdie (Dilys' mother); Dr. Terry Swenson, Campus Chaplain, Loma Linda University; and Dr. Jerry Winslow, vice president for Mission and Culture, Loma Linda University Health.

- CH (CPT) Roland Geyronzaga is serving as battalion chaplain for the 501st Airborne at Fort Bliss, Texas. Participants at his ordination service included (back row left to right) Rob Lloyd, Executive Secretary, Hawaii Conference, Walter Nelson, Pastor, Honolulu Central SDA Church, and Ralph Watts President, Hawaii Conference, Elana & Roland Geyrozaga.



RETIREMENTS

ED COUSER



Upon his retirement Chaplain, Lt.Col., Edward R. Couser Jr., USAF Reserve (Retired), received a letter of appreciation, certificate, and plaque from Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for his dedication and faithful service to the men and women of the Armed Forces. Chaplain Couser served twenty-eight years in military ministry.

Chaplain Couser (left) serves as the pastor for the Asheville North and Fairview Seventh-day Adventist Churches in North Carolina. LCDR Arthur M. Slagle, CHC, USN (Retired), Assistant ACM Director, Southeast NAD, made the presentation.

HERMAN KIBBLE

As a child, Herman Kibble came within inches of dying when a bullet fired from a gun by a four-year-old playmate punctured his abdominal wall. "My mother and father believed that my life was spared for good reason

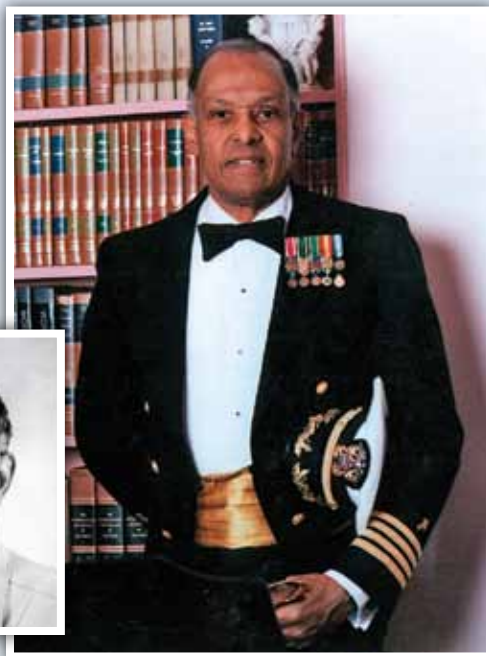



and they kept me aware of this belief," says Kibble.

Kibble's adult life has been one dedicated to ministry. For 17-and-a-half years Chaplain Kibble was involved in parish ministry in Southern California.

Kibble was commissioned as a United States Navy Chaplain, For 23-and-a-half years Chaplain Kibble served on land, in air, on and under the sea. He was the first African-American Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain to attain the rank of O-6, as well as being the first African-American Adventist chaplain in the Navy. He also holds the distinction of being the first Adventist chaplain to be assigned duty on an aircraft carrier. Kibble retired from the Navy in 1993 with the rank of Captain.

For the last 18 years Kibble has provided ministry to veterans as a Staff Chaplain at the Jerry Pettis Memorial Veterans Affairs Hospital. Kibble has a combined military and civilian ministry of 60 years.





Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



Proverbs 1:5-7 NIV





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