

Southern Factor

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Theology of Ordination

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has requested that each division establish a committee to study the biblical theology of ordination. I am chairing the committee appointed by the North American Division (NAD) and will be working with 16 pastors, administrators, and theologians from across the nation.

I don't have to tell you that ordination is a very sensitive subject in these times in our church. Nowadays, most people think "women" when the topic of ordination comes up, and many people have very strong convictions and feelings about this one way or another. However, the job of the committee is to study ordination in general. Our goal is to crystallize a useful, straightforward statement that reflects a consensus of the NAD on what the Bible teaches about ordination.

I think the General Conference has chosen a reasonable process to tackle a very complex issue. The reports from divisions all over the world will be presented to the Biblical Research Committee of the General Conference, and the plan is that a document will then appear on the agenda of the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Bietz".

HATS OFF!

I appreciate all that **Mike McClung, Josh Rhodes, Eli Courey** and their associates are doing to keep us safely network-connected to each other and to the outside world. Thank you for doing what you can to block hackers and spammers, and for helping us with our equipment.

The City of Collegedale would like to thank Southern Adventist University for its assistance in making the July 4th celebration a success again this year. The following people went above and beyond to make this happen: **Marty Hamilton, Clair Kitson** and staff, **Mark Antone** and staff, **Don Hart, Jason Smith, and Brooks Kirschmann.**

PERSONAL NEWS

Samson, Carol and Bwalya Chama send their warmest gratitude to all who visited with, comforted, and supported them during days of mourning the loss of their beloved son, Chakomboka Chama, who was laid to rest in Zambia. Praise the Lord as their faith is strengthened and hope assured in full anticipation of the second coming of Jesus Christ so that they may be finally reunited with their son and loved ones who have gone before them.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

from Energy Management

- + Caulk or weather strip any leaks around windows or doors to trap escaping air.
- + Maintaining one mature tree on the south side of your house can provide as much summer cooling as five mid-size air conditioners.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ken Caviness, with the help of a few others, has now completed recording 64 percent of the Bible into the planned language Esperanto. **John Beckett** and students in the School of Computing have created a “mash-up” of the recording to allow visitors to listen to the Bible while they follow along reading the text.

Ray Carson, Linda Crumley, and Pierre Nzokizwa participated in a faculty exchange with Universidad Adventista del Plata (UAP) of Argentina this summer. The UAP is a six 1-1 week program where participants learn Spanish and fellowship with other faculty and students. During the program **Carson** gave a Power Point presentation on "The Value of Practical Skills," and **Crumley** also made several presentations.

Ray Carson had an article published in the June 16th issue of the *Adventist Review* called, "The 'Very Best' for Our Children."

Alan Parker published an article on discipleship in the latest *Journal of Adventist Education* titled, "The Reinventing of Adventist Higher Education." The article highlighted the use of cohorts and experiential learning in the School of Religion. He also led a group of students in conducting a Field School of Evangelism in Memphis, as part of a worldwide emphasis on city evangelism.

Rick Christman will be joining the School of Religion as the interim Soul-winning and Leadership Training (SALT) program outreach coordinator.

Michael Hasel will present the five-part "Astonishing Discoveries" series with Ron Clouzet in Ashville and Hendersonville, North Carolina, August 15-18. The Institute of Archaeology has also been awarded a \$10,000 sponsorship by Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) International for the final publications of the Khirbet Qeiyafa excavations at its annual meetings in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 8-12.

Carlos Parra made a presentation titled "Representación y Simulación Autorial en SAB de G Gómez de Avellaneda" at the 2012 Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana Conference. He will also be making a presentation titled "Dual Enrollment for Global Education" at the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Teacher's Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Michael Cafferky presented two peer-reviewed papers in British Columbia at the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) annual conference. His papers were titled "Sabbath & Management, Theology & Application" and "Why Do We Have to Learn This Stuff? Revising or Developing a Course Using Essential Questions." The paper on the Sabbath was the first on that topic presented at or published by the CBFA. During the conference **Cafferky** was elected to a three-year term as a Board of Trustees member for the CBFA.

Michael Cafferky also presented three papers for the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division conference on "Biblical Foundations to Adventist Education" July 29-31 in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Rene Drumm presented at a Spirituality Conference in Thunder Bay, Canada, in June. Her presentation was titled, "Spirituality and Domestic Violence: Global and Regional Intersections of Copying and Safety Challenge." She also attended the Social Work Social Development 2012: Action and Impact Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, in July. Her poster labeled "Action and Impact in Domestic Violence Prevention: Results from a Pastoral Response Training Study" was on display during the conference. A Social Work graduate student presented a paper at the conference as well.

Rick Norskov attended the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) June 11-14, in Sandestin, Florida. He was also one of the judges for the yearly poster presentations by emergency medicine residents from southeastern residency programs.

Ray Hefferlin will present a keynote address to a conference on periodicity in small particle systems in Cuzco, Peru, August 14-16.

Marketing and University Relations

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BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Valerie Lee , Biology Kenneth Lehmann , Plant Services
August 3	Donna Watson , Food Services
August 5	Mark Peach , History Marty Miller , Education
August 6	Dennis Pettibone , History Krystal Bishop , Education Evonne Crook , Advancement Jay McCubbins , Plant Services
August 7	Margaret Seifert , McKee Library
August 8	Daniel Brown , Plant Services
August 10	Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez , Psychology Renita Klischies , Student Success Center Geovanny Ragsdale , Advancement Christy Showalter , Nursing Donald Van Ornam , Business
August 11	Donald Lighthall , Service Department
August 14	Deyse Bravo , McKee Library Brent Hamstra , Chemistry Pamela Harris , Journalism
August 17	Alfredo Fuentes , Education Pamela Gammenthaler , Nursing Nicholas Livanos , Visual Art and Design
August 18	Michael Boyd , P.E., Health and Wellness Ruben Covarrubias , Enrollment Services Jamie Thompson , English Thomas Watson , Village Market
August 19	Robert Benge , P.E., Health and Wellness Rhonda Scott , Chemistry
August 20	Ryan Herman , Enrollment Services
August 22	Regina Bailey , Student Success Center
August 23	Cynthia Rima , Nursing
August 24	Peggy Flynt , Online Campus
August 25	Sherri Schoonard , Food Services
August 26	Andrew Compton , Accounting Services Jaclynn Huse , Nursing
August 27	Andrew Langshaw , Landscape Services Emiko Miyagi , Technology Jesse Rademacher , Visual Art and Design
August 28	Tina Smith , Marketing
August 29	Giselle Hasel , Visual Art and Design Sylvia Mayer , Nursing John Sager , Talge Hall
August 30	Perry Pratt , Village Market

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Stephanie Patmon to Campus Safety

John Willis to Southern Village

Judy Crabtree to Food Services

Setsuko Carey to Food Services

Stephen Barber to Food Services

Sarah Shelburne to Human Resources

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Joy Mckee from Advancement

Ivan Delgado from Technology

Colleen Mitchell from Education & Psychology

SAVE THE DATE

Employee In-Service	August 20-21, 9 a.m.
Wellness Assessment	August 22, 6-10 a.m.
Employee Picnic	August 23, 6 p.m.
New Employee Picnic	August 24, 5:30 p.m.
We-Haul	August 24, 10 a.m. August 26, 10 a.m.
Faculty In-Service	August 28, 8 a.m.
Classes Begin	August 30