

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Bietz Optimistic for Unity After Ordination Committee Meeting

On January 21-25, 2014 the General Conference (GC) Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC) met in Columbia, Maryland, to continue their study on the issue of women's ordination to the gospel ministry. Historically the church has approved the ordination of only men as pastors. Some regions of the world have been issuing credentials for women to serve as Commissioned Ministers, but not for full ordination.

The TOSC was formed at the request of the delegates at the 2010 GC Session held in Atlanta, Georgia. Each world division also formed their own Biblical Research Committees which have been meeting over the past two years and formulating the reports which were shared at the beginning of the January meetings.

Of the 13 world divisions, five have shared that they are in favor of women's ordination, two have said that they have divided opinions, while five others are not in favor but will not stand in opposition if the world church votes in favor of it. One division reported that they are not in favor of women's ordination at all. All of the reports emphasized that research was done through a delicate process of studying the Bible and the



(From left) Michael Hasel, Edwin Reynolds, Gordon Bietz, Greg King, and Stephen Bauer represent Southern Adventist University on two different committees studying the theology of ordination. For more information regarding ordination committee work, visit nadordination.com.

Spirit of Prophecy while under a season of prayer. The division reports will be compiled into a larger report that will be presented to the GC for consideration at Annual Council in the fall of 2014.

"The opportunity to talk, listen, and fellowship with those who have differing convictions on the subject of women's ordination was valuable and increased my understanding of the variety of ways that we approach the words of scripture," said Gordon Bietz, president of Southern Adventist University and chair of the North American Division (NAD) TOSC. "I am deeply appreciative of the strong commitment that everyone had to maintaining the unity of the church

and I am optimistic that we will find a way forward to maintain our unity."

At the end of its presentation, the NAD TOSC presented what had been voted by the NAD Executive Committee at their 2013 Year-end Meetings: "The North American Division humbly recommends that the General Conference Theology of Ordination Study Committee support the authorization of each division to consider, through prayer and under the direction of the Holy Spirit, its most appropriate approach to the ordination of women to gospel ministry."

The GC TOSC next meets in June.

— Article prepared by
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Lockdown Protocol

In light of recent events, Southern wants faculty, staff, and students to be aware of campus protocol for keeping themselves safe during a lockdown. Actual crisis scenarios may vary wildly, which is why these instructions are more general in nature.

- Immediately stop current activity and go to a safe place. Follow instructions from Campus Safety or law enforcement.

- Inform others to seek a safe place or come with you. If they refuse, do not argue. Make a note of their last known location and report it to Campus Safety when safe to do so.

- Stay away from windows and doors.

- Lock the door. Be wary of anyone requesting entry, as this may be the assailant.

If you did not receive text alerts during the lockdown, please sign up for these critical messages immediately

by visiting southern.edu/notify. In the event of any emergency situation, all official information will come directly from the university—primarily text alerts, email, and Southern's website—as quickly as it can be verified and cleared for release.

While the media (of both the social and traditional variety) may report additional details, it is imperative that you not add to the confusion by passing along rumors.

— Staff Report

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On January 13-17, **Michael Cafferky** participated in “Fundamentos Bíblicos de las Disciplinas Académicas” at Universidad de Montemorelos in Mexico. While there, he presented two papers: “The Bible on Commerce and Management” and “Biblical Foundations for Administration and Finances.” He also provided one-on-one coaching for 18 business scholars writing papers related to biblical world-views of their academic disciplines.

Adrienne Royo preached a sermon at the Harrison Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church on January 25 titled, “A House for Sale.”

HATS OFF!

Kudos to **Marty Miller** and **Steve Barber** for starting a new men’s ministry at Southern called “Man Up!” Groups meet on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday evenings.

-John Nixon

Campus Safety did a great job protecting us during the first-ever campus lockdown. Making life or death decisions in such a time crunch is an unenviable responsibility. I appreciate the gravity of their daily tasks and the preparation required to move with confidence in these situations.

-Lucas Patterson

“Thank you” to all **essential staff** who braved the icy roads and reported during the snow January 28-29. Your work keeping sidewalks safe and preparing food (among many other jobs I simply don’t know about) allowed students to focus on what matters most during such a rare occurrence—having a fun and making memories!

-Lucas Patterson

SAVE THE DATE

February 9	Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert
February 10	E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
February 11	Dean’s Luncheon Archaeological Museum Lecture
February 12	International Tax Preparation Seminar
February 13	Graduate Council Convocation: SA Election Speeches E.O. Grundset Lecture Series
February 17	E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
February 18	Faculty Portfolio Workshop Piano: Marcus Roberts Trio
February 20	University Mental Health Day Convocation: Health Career Fair
February 23	Board of Trustees Meeting
February 24	University Assembly E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
February 26	Faculty Portfolio Workshop

BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Casey Henson , Campus Shop Richard Johnson , Food Services
February 2	Scott Brankshire , Plant Services Cynthia Gettys , Academic Technology Bonnie Hunt , Nursing John Nixon , Religion
February 3	Ryan Pierce , Marketing Leon Weeks , Business and Mgt.
February 4	Leslie Ann Schwarzer , Advancement Derek Sherbondy , Information Systems Larry Turner , Plant Services
February 7	Stephen Barber , Food Services Krystin Flash , Campus Safety Emily Kurlinski , WSMC
February 8	Stephen Ruf , Journalism and Comm. Faye Steen , Village Market
February 9	Randy Bishop , Biology
February 10	Elisabeth Anderson , Enrollment Services Robert Coombs , Education and Psych.
February 11	Janita Herod , Journalism and Comm.
February 12	Bonnie Eder , Education and Psych. Kathy Goddard , English Ben McArthur , History and Political Studies
February 13	Adolfo Granada , Plant Services
February 14	Janice Lyons , Village Market
February 15	Michael Dant , Computing Ruben Muriente , Campus Safety
February 16	Delores Franks , Village Market
February 17	Magdana Philossaint , Social Work
February 18	Chamra Anthony , Thatcher Hall Greg Cook , Food Services Lisa Diller , History and Political Studies Ruth Saunders , Nursing
February 19	Genevieve Cottrell , McKee Library Cheryl Martin , Social Work
February 20	Chad Raney , Plant Services
February 21	Cindy McBryar , Enrollment Services Jeri Pewsey , Food Services Keith Snyder , Biology
February 22	Angela Teague , Accounting Services
February 24	Donn Leatherman , Religion
February 25	Lucas Patterson , Marketing
February 26	Tia Baum , Food Services
February 27	Carol Heath , Village Market Mike McClung , Information Systems Laura Racovita-Szilagyi , Social Work
February 28	Michael Cafferky , Business and Mgt. Pierre Nzokizwa , Modern Languages

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