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Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry (TEAM) is a private organization supporting the ordination of candidates to pastoral ministry regardless of gender, race, or social class.

VERSACARE GRANT
THE VERSACARE FOUNDATION AWARDED TEAM A GRANT OF \$40,000 ON MARCH 23 TO BE USED FOR TEAM SCHOLARSHIPS.

TEAM had applied for \$35,000 but was delighted to receive \$5,000 over the amount requested. Versacare has been making grants for educational and pastoral work in the United States and Inter-America for more than 30 years and has supported TEAM in its mission since 2016. Versacare Board Chairman Charles Sandefur said one reason VERSACARE had awarded more than the amount requested was that foundation appreciated TEAM’s careful process of vetting candidates for scholarships.



Darriel Hoy

VERSACARE’S board has a majority of female members. One board member, Darriel Hoy, was a past recipient of a TEAM scholarship and pastors a church in Louisiana.



JACQUELINE PEART, THE MOTTO “CHANGING THE PEOPLE WHO CHANGE THE WORLD” REFLECTS PASTOR JACQUELINE PEART’S JOURNEY LEADING TO HER DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROJECT.



Her ministry kept growing along with her and became an indicator, a barometer that gauged her spiritual, personal, and professional transformations.

After graduating from the Master of Divinity program, finding no prospect for employment in her home country of Canada, she was advised by her colleagues to “tone down” her enthusiastic disposition and out-of-the-box ideas. She began to feel that being a woman in ministry would not happen. Immediately after praying a specific prayer, begging God not to let her faith be put to shame, opportunities came to preach. She soon became an itinerant preacher.

During the summer of 2014, she traveled as part of a group of Adventist health practitioners. One trip took them to a remote community in northern Ontario, Canada, to conduct a Vacation Bible School

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(VBS) program on a First Nation reserve. The nearest Seventh-day Adventist church was four hours away, and the Adventist community working there wanted to become a formal company. She was hired to lead the project, but the opposition to a female pastor was so strong she withdrew and began doubting whether God had called her to ministry. She questioned, “How could I be God’s mouthpiece if I cannot be sure I know His voice? How could I have been so wrong? What if the voice I attributed to God was not His?” She went through a time of great confusion and turmoil, eventually retreating into silence and isolation. Turning from God was not an option she wanted to explore. So, she again pressed into Him with her complaints, tears, fears, and questions. While He did not immediately provide the answers, she felt safe and received comfort.

During this time, she was enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. She found her dissertation topic to assist those experiencing trauma and family violence engaged her interest. She successfully gained employment with the Child Protection Agency in the region, and working with families renewed her sense of competency and value within an organization.

God opened the door for her to return home in May 2017 to take care of her mother, whose health

had started to decline. There, as the COVID pandemic grew, she again connected with community members serving the marginalized and disenfranchised people groups facing complexities ranging from grief, domestic violence, addiction, mental health, and suicidal ideation. She had found her ministry focus.

In the fall of 2022, Pastor Peart completed her Doctor of Ministry degree! Today, she continues to head the independent ministry and non-profit organization, SOVEREIGN Core (SC), based on her project for her dissertation. SC has received over \$225,000 through government grants to support free counseling programs, coaching/mentoring, and skill-building workshops for marginalized women, girls, and families. She and her team in Canada have also sponsored support and mentoring groups for men and boys through their “My Brother’s Keeper” program. Her ministry serves approximately seven hundred individuals annually and countless congregations. She has received endorsements and ongoing referrals from the Family Life Department of the Ontario Conference, local pastors, and administrators at the local Adventist academies. She also receives invitations to speak to leaders of other denominations.

As a woman in ministry, she continues to face challenges and continues to learn to expand her gifts and the unique way God uses them. She has come to embrace and appreciate her preaching voice and style as she preaches and teaches across North America, the Caribbean, the U.K., and Africa. She is eternally thankful for the presence of God and ardent supporters like TEAM, who have been with her all along her ministry journey.

Pastor Jacqueline Peart shares with TEAM the desire to see women in ministry as God continues to change the acceptance of women to change the world.

Pastor Peart delivering a sermon at Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church in October 2022.



LUZ VIVANCO CANCHERI, MY TESTIMONY



When I graduated from the Theology Department of Peruvian Union University in Lima, Peru, in 2001, I was one of only a few women completing that program. As happy as I was to graduate, I was disoriented. My male associates had all received letters with their calling before they graduated. I had not received such a letter and knew one would not be coming. Yet I knew God was in charge of my life and had a plan for me, because I believe Isaiah 41:9 and 10: “I have chosen you. . . . Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. . . . I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (NKJV).^{*} So I decided to become a literature evangelist the same afternoon as I graduated.

I soon learned the road we sometimes choose is not what God has planned for us. After I started working as a literature evangelist, I received a call from my mother. She said ADRA Peru was looking for me. They were offering me a job and wanted me to start as soon as possible. I thought my mother must have misunderstood. But when I returned the call from ADRA, they told me they had a job waiting for me.

That was when I began to realize God had a special plan for me, better than what I could do for myself. I worked with ADRA Peru for 10 years. I worked with basic education projects, where I developed a love for teaching. I learned it was a way to reach others, just as Jesus did when He was on earth.

I became a religious education teacher in Adventist schools. Now I am a theology professor at the same university where I studied and graduated years ago. I completed a Master’s degree, then was challenged to complete a doctoral degree in order to continue as a professor at the university. I didn’t know how I would be able to afford to continue in my studies, but with the help of a scholarship from TEAM, I have completed the doctoral classes. This year I hope to defend my thesis and be the first Adventist woman to earn this degree in Peru.

It has been a blessing to be able to share the gospel message with children, adolescents, and young and older adults. When Jesus comes the second time, I am certain I will see many of my students in heaven.

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who graduated from the Cuba Adventist Theological Seminary last year, thanks to TEAM donors. Because of COVID, graduation was postponed until January 2023, but all have been employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Left to right, are as follows: Nallibis Pérez Casa, Yurianny Royero Mohinelo, Daliris Castañeda Cadena, Bertha Esther Zamora Núñez, and Taimara Cuesta Ramón.

Scholarships

To date - Total - Scholarships and Assistance
\$26,700



Women receiving scholarships
2023 - To date - **31**

Thank You for your continued support!

*“Each time a woman stands up for herself,
without knowing it possibly, without claiming
it, she stands up for all women.”*

— Maya Angelou

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TEAM has many great success stories over the **31 years** of awarding scholarships to over **1,175 women** around the world studying theology related degrees in over **41 colleges and universities**.

TEAM celebrates these women who answered God's call to ministry and
ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY
in spreading the gospel around the world.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING WOMEN HAVE BEEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BY TEAM – FEBRUARY - APRIL 2023

Adventist University of Africa Kenya

Monica Kimaiga

MA Chaplaincy

Zipporah Ongweso

MA Chaplaincy

Andrews University Michigan, U.S.A.

Alina Danielle Martin, MDiv

Felicia Williams, MDiv

Sonia Wellington, MDiv

Trevelee Rowe, MDiv

Yasmina Herinirina, MDiv

Chreso University Zambia

Linah Blessing Chatambudza

Masters in Psychology and Counseling

Colombia Adventist University Corporation Colombia

Derlin Zúñiga

Bachelor in Theology

Elizabeth Murillo-Ante

Bachelor in Theology

Sylvia Sanchez

Bachelor in Theology

Yamaris Santa Cruz

Bachelor in Theology

Cuba Adventist Theological Seminary Cuba

Ana Estepa Deulofeu

Bachelor in Theology

Elizabeth Sánchez Borrero

Bachelor in Theology

Ismayr Ramírez Díaz

Bachelor in Theology

Karina Vasconcelos Ortiz

Bachelor in Theology

Loida Esquivel Suárez

Bachelor in Theology

Maria Cedeño Pérez

Bachelor in Theology

Cuba Adventist Theological Seminary Cuba (Continued)

Nadia Jiménez García

Bachelor in Theology

Regla Migdalia Gala Hidalgo

Bachelor in Theology

Yaima Aguilera Quevedo

Bachelor in Theology

Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary Florida, U.S.A.

Kezlynn Daisley-Harrow

Doctoral student (DMin)

Northern Caribbean University Jamaica

Yuly Villamizar

One-year postgraduate student

River Plate Adventist University Argentina

Candela Albornoz

Bachelor in Theology

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