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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 race, social class or gender.

DARRIEL HOY – A FORMER TEAM RECIPIENT



Pastor Darriel Hoy brings her many gifts to a new position as the first Communication Director of the Office of Regional Conference Ministries and the Regional Conference Retirement Plan (ORCM/RCRP) located in Huntsville, Alabama.

Her leadership skills will bring a new dimension to the organization. Hoy will be busy helping shape outcomes, not just telling the story of what is happening. Her goal of "getting the job done" will bring even more possibilities for the Office of Regional Conference Ministries. As a woman on the board of ORCM/RCRP, Hoy will have the opportunity to grow the thinking of the organization and provide insights from her years of pastoral experience.

Hoy's most recent positions include Children's Ministry and Youth Director of Nevada-Utah Conference and former Director of Community and Youth ministries for Central States Conference. Hoy believes that "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people." Hoy has also served as consultant in helping churches with holistic ministry, youth leadership development and grant writing.

ROCHELLE WEBSTER, SENIOR PASTOR, PARADISE VALLEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA – CURRENT TEAM RECIPIENT



My life has been profoundly shaped by both the promise and failure of the church.

I was 14 years old when my father was asked by the Southern Africa Union of Seventh-day Adventists to spearhead the official statement of apology to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, acknowledging the failure of our denomination to be an authentic witness in the face of the heresy of apartheid. My family is South African, and although I was born in the United States while my father was pursuing his studies, we moved back to South Africa when I was eight years old. My family has deep roots in our denomination, and so my experience of church as a child was filled with a profound sense of identity and warmth and connection. Yet as I grew older, I was confronted by the reality that this same church had allowed apartheid's segregating policies to shape how we

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worshiped and who we worshiped with. I share this story because this question of what it means to be an authentic witness to the transformative, boundary-crossing love of God has become a propelling question in my life. I love the church, and I longed for it to better reflect the radically inclusive Jesus of Scripture.

As I grew into adulthood, I resisted a growing sense of calling to become a pastor, working instead briefly as a teacher and in various non-profits. Yet over time, I began to feel a little too much like Jonah, running from a call from the Lord. The church, with all its brokenness, still had a mission. I, with all my questions, could still be used for God's glory.

I feel deeply grateful to have ended up pastoring a local church community that has embraced diversity as one of the markers of what the church is called to be. We have more than 60 nationalities represented, and if you visit our church campus you will hear a multitude of languages spoken, including Tagalog, Spanish, French, Creole, Kinyarwanda, Kiswahili, Laotian, etc. Although ministry continues to be messy, it is also profoundly beautiful as well.

Pastor Rochelle Webster

Senior Pastor

Paradise Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

<http://www.pvchurch.org>

THIRTY YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS WITH TEAM



TEAM has had many great success stories over the 30 years it has awarded scholarships to more than 1,100 women around the world studying theology-related degrees in more than 40 colleges and universities. TEAM celebrates these women, who answered the call to ministry and are making a difference in the world by giving their gifts and talents to God and humanity. A new PowerPoint gives a brief 30-year history of what TEAM has accomplished. It was presented by Zoom to the Faith and Reason Sabbath school class at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church on July 31, 2021.

To view the presentation visit: timeforequality.net/post/30-years-of-scholarship-success-with-team or visit timeforequality.net.

Will You Give A Donation to TEAM?

Your financial support allows us to continue to award scholarships to women in ministry around the world who are following their calling.

To give online, go to timeforequality.net/support-us

A check can also be mailed to: TEAM, PO Box 7816, Langley Park, MD 20787-7816.

Thank you for giving generously to support TEAM

SCHOLARSHIPS

January–August 2021
\$54,160.00

Women receiving scholarships
through August 2021 – **51**

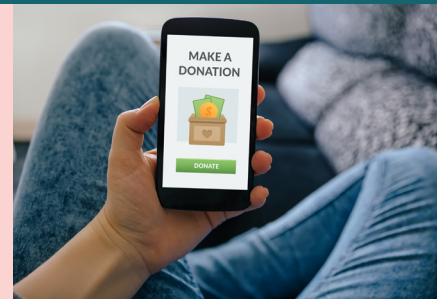
Total laptops purchased
through August 2021 – **50**

Total cost of laptops through August 2021
\$17,565.00

Total - Scholarships & laptops through August 2021
\$72,225.00

See scholarship recipients at:
www.timeforequality.net under "NEWS"

We could not have done this without your support, which is vital as we continue to award scholarships to educate women globally. Thank You!



Vision A church that recognizes that people are called by God to pastoral ministry, regardless of gender, race, or social class.

MEET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Dr. Jeanne Mogusu, TEAM's representative in Africa, meets with University of Eastern Africa-Baraton (UEAB)-Kenya students

JEANNE MOGUSU

University of Eastern Africa-Baraton (UEAB)-Kenya

TEAM's representative in Africa, Dr. Mogusu met with Gravine Nyaata, Joyce Bamai, and Peninah Ondiek, TEAM scholarship recipients at UEAB. The women were very glad for Mogusu's presence and encouragement. Challenges and resistance are part of the journey, and Mogusu reminded them that despite the resistance, we do not serve human beings, we serve a God who is faithful and especially those He has called us to serve. They conveyed their deepest gratitude over and over for the support of TEAM. Another recipient who heard that Mogusu was on campus ran 10 kilometers from her home to thank TEAM for their support—a walk she makes twice a day round-trip to attend her classes.



ALINA D. MARTIN

Andrews University

My calling into the ministry came while studying Theology. God persuaded me this was the path He wanted me to walk. I had a difficult childhood, which shaped my life. I worked for Adventist World

Radio as well as the local Adventist radio station for 10 years in Madagascar. After graduation, I worked as a secretary for the president of the Central Malagasy Conference in Madagascar.

After getting married, I moved with my husband to the United States. I am the first woman from Madagascar taking the Master of Divinity degree at Andrews. This MDiv degree will help my personal challenges and bring me into a deeper involvement

to preach the gospel and introduce others to Jesus. I await God's calling to where He wants me to work whether in the church, conference, or community. My goal is to work under the direction of the Holy Spirit to bring souls to salvation. There is no bigger, more noble, or amazing mission than to bring people to Jesus.

My husband and I also continue to support children in school, orphans, and handicapped people from Madagascar.

CONGRATULATIONS Alina

May God continue to richly bless your ministry!

THANK YOU FROM TEAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

How much gratitude I feel toward the Creator and toward you for all that you do in favor of this servant. I thought that I could not advance in my studies, but I was very happy when I saw the account statement and was able to enroll. Words are not enough to express all Gratitude. Derlin – UNAC Colombian Adventist University Corporation, Colombia

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we serve. I take this opportunity to submit my gratitude to you for having supported me this far with my Master's [degree] education program, I'm so grateful I received your scholarship this year. May the Almighty God continue to bless your ministry as you continue to reach out to others in His vineyard. Rosemary – Adventist University of Africa (AUA), Kenya

Thank you for all the prayers and support over the years. I crave your continued prayers that God will continue to guide me in working for His glory and the wellbeing of my fellow beings.

Jasmine – Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, U.S.A., Assistant Professor of Religious Education Director, Masters, and PhD (Religious Education) Programs



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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP



Sandra E. Roberts is elected as the first woman in the Pacific Union Conference (PUC) Administration as Executive Secretary

Sandra E. Roberts, former president of the Southeastern California Conference (SECC), since 2013, was elected August 17, 2021, at the Pacific Union (PUC) Constituency to serve as the first woman in the administration of PUC as executive secretary. She is also the first woman to serve in the administration as executive secretary in a union conference in the North American Division. All the gifts she used as the president of SECC, and other positions will be present in her new position. Roberts is praising God for this opportunity and asking for our prayers.

Roberts previously served as executive secretary of SECC from 2004 to 2013. Prior to 2004, she worked as a teacher, chaplain, youth director, and pastor. She received her master's degree from Andrews University in 1984 and received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2006 from Claremont School of Theology.



Dr. Edyta Jankiewicz is appointed as the first Associate Ministerial Secretary for women in ministry in the South Pacific Division (SPD)

This new appointment was made during the quinquennial meetings of the South Pacific Division (SPD) in July 2021, and it is the first time that the SPD has had such a position.

Edyta Jankiewicz has participated in team ministry

with her husband for over 30 years. Together, they have served in pastoral ministry in Australia, church planting in the USA and missionary service in Fiji, while raising their two young daughters across these three cultures. During this time, she completed an MMin in Family Life Education, and a PhD in Religious Education (Discipleship). More recently, she served as Assistant Professor in the Discipleship and Religious Education Department at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and as Family Ministries specialist at the SPD.

Please pray for Edyta and her family as she and other church leaders forge a vision and engage action across this Division to have more women in ministry, leadership, and decision-making bodies, all for God's glory.

COMPUTERS FOR ONLINE LEARNING STILL NEEDED!

Mercy Hiuko TEAM laptop and scholarship recipient from Bugema University giving an Evangelistic meeting at Karura High School in Nairobi, Kenya. TEAM received a \$12,500 donation in 2020 from the trust of Sonja A. Nicola for the purchase of laptop computers. In addition, other donors have contributed \$400 or more to purchase laptops. *TEAM will be funding laptops for at least the next year for women who are studying online in countries where vaccines have yet to become widely available.* **Donate at: timeforequality.net.**



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