Faith Integration Roundtable: Listen and Share Your Practices

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Abstract:

A goal of Andrews University is to help faculty, staff and students “affirm faith.” Our web lists our “first hallmark” as “A Faith-Based University: … Our Seventh-day Adventist Christian faith and values set us apart. Whether or not you share our distinct perspective, we invite you to respect it and be open to the conversation. It really is the basis for everything we do!” How is faith a part of our learning, teaching, advising, research and service. Come and share your best practices and hear what others are doing to create a culture that “affirms faith.”

(https://www.andrews.edu/services/studentlife/handbook/hallmark1.html).

Roundtable Format:

Roundtables at professional conferences are used as thematic sharing space for controversial topics, emerging research or professional practice sharing. A facilitator shares a starting idea, a current topic of debate, a controversial event/case, a professional standard of practice and asks other colleagues “how” they engage that topic. What has been their experience, research or practices related to that topic that have worked and others that have not worked.

Our focus for this roundtable is faith integration. In this case, we will share two major statements related to AU’s official call for faith integration and one statement for non-AU attenders about the federal government guidelines on religious integration in public schools. Then we will ask professionals gathered how faith integration operates in their learning, teaching, mentoring, advising, administration and service as educational professionals.

We plan to also share some resources on the web and books available on how to improve this practice.

For those coming from public schools, we will have a free book available for attendees.