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on Adventist college and university campuses who sense God's call to ministry; 3) Compile and maintain a list of highly-qualified females who are available for pastoral leadership; and 4) Create a website for women to register their interests and be identified

Mentoring/Nurturing: 1) Identify female students who sense God's calling; 2) Partner those identified with current female pastors; 3) Develop a curriculum that would train current female pastors as successful mentors; 4) Sponsor an annual conference for female pastors; and 5) Organize regional partnerships through teleconference and online communication

Funding Support: 1) Create a funding formula to encourage the hiring of female pastors; 2) Structure the formula with participation from the division, union and local conference; 3) Promote the funding formula and its availability throughout the division; and 4) Review the funding initiative after five years

The recent appointment of Esther R. Knott as associate director of the NAD Ministerial Department and formerly associate pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church is in keeping with this initiative. Knott is based at the Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University. One of

Knott's responsibilities is to function as an adviser for women clergy issues.

In order to finish God's work, we need the women who are called of God to work alongside the men who also are equally called. Join us as we provide a partnership to support females who feel called by the Lord from college level through the seminary, leading to full employment into the local conference.

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Women in Pastoral Ministry, NAD Secretariat (adapted)



Leona Glidden Running (Aug. 24, 1916-Jan. 22, 2014)

Leona Glidden Running leaves a legacy of learning and giving

Leona Glidden Running, 97, professor emerita of biblical languages at Andrews University, died January 22, in Berrien Springs, Mich., after nearly six decades of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Andrews University.

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University, says, "Dr. Running broke new ground in the University and in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was the first female professor at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Takoma Park, Md., and later here at Andrews. ... She was an

inspiration to many and an example to us all."

Jiří Moskala, dean of the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, says: "Dr. Running holds a special place in the hearts of her Old Testament and Seminary colleagues and former students."

Born on Aug. 24, 1916, in Flint, Mich., Running showed an early attraction to languages. She graduated from Andrews University (then Emmanuel Missionary College) as valedictorian in 1937 with a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in modern languages. She earned a M.A. in Greek and Hebrew from the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1955, and a Ph.D. in Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University in 1964.

Running married Leif "Bud" Running on May 17, 1942. On Aug. 20, 1946, he died while undergoing his third lung operation.

From 1944-1948, Running worked for the "Voice of Prophecy" radio ministry, translating programs and typing scripts in German, Spanish and Portuguese. In 1950, she moved to Washington, D.C., to become the copy editor for *Ministry* magazine. During these early years, Running often earned far less than her male counterparts for doing the same amount of work. Nevertheless, she continued to do God's work.

Running began working for the Seminary in 1955, teaching Greek and Hebrew. The president was skeptical about a woman's ability to teach male students and their willingness to be taught by a woman. She began on a trial basis, but in 1956 was granted regular status and full tenure, shortly thereafter. Her guidance helped countless individuals find their voice. Her strength and determination during a time when women were not always treated as equals with men, even within the Church, were an inspiration to many.

When the Seminary was moved from Takoma Park, Md., to Berrien Springs, Mich., in 1960, Running continued as a valuable, dedicated professor of biblical languages. She also collected articles, journals and books on women in ministry, and donated the collection to the Center for Adventist Research in the James White Library.

She retired from full-time teaching at 65, but for 21 years continued to teach Egyptian, Akkadian, Syriac, Hebrew, Aramaic at the Seminary, finally quitting in May 2002. At the May 2012 Commencement ceremony, Running was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Andrews.

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