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You've felt the call for ministry, and you've decided to become a pastor. You also happen to be a woman. In what has been a traditionally male-dominated profession, more and more women are heeding the call of the Great Commission in the terms of a full-time career.

The 94 women currently enrolled at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University—an increase of 20 from two years ago and making up 13.8% of the 678 total enrollment—are evidence of that.

In an effort to help answer the question that many of these women are asking, "I've answered the call, now what?" the Center for Women Clergy officially opened fall 2004 at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary on the campus of Andrews University.



Dilys Brooks, Center for Women Clergy coordinator

Building on the foundation laid by previous students, seminary student Dilys Brooks, Center coordinator, began working towards its

formation when she came to campus three years ago.

One of the Center's goals is to promote community among women seminarians on campus. In 2003, the tradition of a fall "meet and greet" began when incoming female seminarians had the opportunity to meet current female students and faculty. Other events, including a special week of emphasis and graduation dinner, are planned throughout the year.

The Center for Women Clergy is more than just an on-site AU ministry. Once fully established, the Center will be a resource for all women currently working in the ministry or those who would like to, serving its membership through mentorships, providing ministry resources, educational workshops, and support.

"For this time we've been brought, for this time we've come together," Brooks comments.

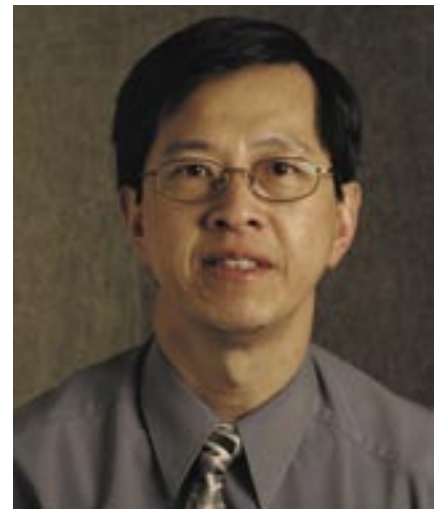
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Teacher in the Spotlight

Whoever said "Life is in the details" must have been talking about Boon Chai Ng, associate professor of engineering at Andrews University. While most of us struggle to make sense of what we can see with the naked eye, Ng likes to spend his time looking at the world through the lens of an electron microscope.

Ng's work with the small things in life has produced research that could greatly benefit the world of space aeronautics. As part of his doctoral work at Michigan State University, where he will complete a philosophy of science degree in materials science in June 2005, Ng has developed a way to predict the paths of cracks in gamma-titanium aluminide (TiAl) alloys.

Gamma-TiAl alloys are being looked at as a potential replacement



Boon Chai Ng, associate professor of engineering at Andrews University

for current alloys used in the automotive and aeronautics fields due to their light weight, strength, and ability to withstand high temperatures. However, they have not yet been put into use due to their low level of toughness, which is associated with the ability to resist cracks. Through his study of gamma-TiAl alloys, which is sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Ng has discovered a way to predict the propagation of cracks. This breakthrough leads to a greater understanding of gamma-TiAl alloys and opens the door for other researchers to now find ways to stop/prevent cracks from forming. The use of gamma-TiAl alloys will decrease the weight of aircraft significantly, enabling them to fly faster and reach greater heights. The understanding of the formation of cracks will also lead to the creation of a safer machine.

Before joining the AU faculty in 2002, Ng worked as an intern for General Motors in their research and development center. Ng also taught for eight years as a training officer for the Vocational and Industrial Training Board in his native country, Singapore, before moving to the U.S. in 1990.

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