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The Andrews University Department of Leadership is offering a new certificate aimed at nurturing professionals, students, entrepreneurs and organizational leaders into world changers with a spiritual mission.

The Global Leadership Certificate, offered online beginning September 2021, was established with the goal of empowering people in the workplace “to be catalysts for social reformation, soul healing, and spiritual regeneration.” Erich Baumgartner, director, shares further, “The Global Leadership Certificate was created as a laboratory to equip professionals for their spiritual calling to be World Changers. It is designed for the marketplace.”

The curriculum consists of five classes taught online over five semesters

followed by a “World Changer” capstone event. The set of classes is available as a Professional Leadership Certificate or a Graduate Leadership Certificate for credit that can later be transferred into the Andrews’ MA or doctorate in leadership.

Instructors for the certificate are Thom Wolf, a social entrepreneur who has trained hundreds of change makers; Gabriela Phillips, the Adventist Muslim Relations coordinator for the North American Division; Boubakar Sanou, associate professor of Cross-cultural Leadership at Andrews University; and Erich Baumgartner, the director of the Global Leadership Institute as well as the PhD in Leadership program at Andrews University.

For more information, please visit [andrews.edu/go/global](https://andrews.edu/go/global) or send questions to [leader@andrews.edu](mailto:leader@andrews.edu). ■

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## Allegheny East Conference mourns loss of president and wife in house fire

Early Sunday morning, July 18, Henry J. Fordham III, president of the Allegheny East Conference (AEC), and his wife, Sharon Elaine (Wright) Fordham, passed away due to a fire in their home in Douglassville, Penn. Their son, Shawn Fordham, who was with them at the time of the fire, sustained minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation. He is in stable condition and expected to be released soon. The cause of the fire has not been determined and is still under investigation.

### CAREER

At the time of his death, Elder Fordham was serving as president of AEC, a post he held since October 2012.

After graduating from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., in 1973 with degrees in Theology and History, he went on to attend Ohio State University where he obtained a master’s degree in Jewish Theology. Elder Fordham spent his entire 47-year ministerial career serving the AEC as a teacher, pastor, departmental leader and administrator.

For two years, he taught history at Pine Forge Academy (Penn.), where he previously attended as a student. He then pastored the Sharon Temple Church in Wilmington, Del., the Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., and the Berea Temple church in Baltimore. From Berea Temple, he was elected as the Ministerial, Personal Ministries and Religious Liberty director for AEC, headquartered in Pine Forge. While in this role, he also served as interim pastor at several churches within the AEC territory. He later was elected to serve as conference executive secretary, a position he held for several years before