

ELLEN WHITE
ISSUES
SYMPOSIUM

April 06, 2026

VIRTUAL EVENT

Break new ground in understanding
Ellen White and issues relating to her
life, ministry, and prophetic gift.



PRESENTERS



Francis Gayoba (Ph.D. student) is currently in the PhD in Religion program, with an emphasis in Systematic Theology, at Andrews University. He and his wife, Ainee, both come from the Philippines, where Francis has served as a pastor, campus chaplain, and adjunct theology instructor, and Ainee has served as an early childhood educator. They welcomed their first child, a daughter, in February 2026.



Walter Steger (Ph.D. Student). A native of Argentina, Walter Steger holds a master's degree in Theology from River Plate Adventist University and is currently pursuing a PhD in Religion with an emphasis in Adventist Studies at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the Seminary. Previously, he worked as an editor and writer for the South American Adventist Publishing House in Buenos Aires and has published several book chapters, peer-reviewed scholarly articles, and popular articles. An ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he is married to Emilia Steger, an educational psychologist specializing in neuropsychology, and they have two sons.



Cindy Tutsch (DMin) worked for more than twelve years as an associate director of the Ellen G. White Estate, speaking and teaching in all 13 Divisions of the Adventist church. She has served as a pastor, conference youth director, television host, academy Bible teacher, and literature evangelism director and has published extensively.

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Theodore N. Levterov (Ph.D.) is an Associate Director of the Ellen G. White Estate, Inc. at the General Conference in Silver Spring, MD. He previously served as a branch office director of the White Estate and as a professor of Religion at Loma Linda University, California.



Sebastian Reichert (MA Student) is an MA student in Religion at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, where he concentrates in Church History. He earned his bachelor's degree in Theology from the Theological Seminary at Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen in Austria. An ordained pastor, he has in recent years served with pastoral responsibility for a local congregation in southern Germany.



Katrina Blue (Ph.D.) is Professor of Theology & Christian Spirituality at Pacific Union College. Her Ph.D. in Theological Studies is from Andrews University, with a dissertation titled “Union with Christ in the Writings of Ellen White.” She has taught the Life & Ministry of Ellen White course at PUC for the past nine years.

ZOOM LINK

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PROGRAM

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9:00 A.M.

Welcome and Introduction

Denis Kaiser, Ph.D.

Andrews University

Morning Session of the Ellen White Issues Symposium

Facilitator: *Yvonne Gameti, Ph.D. Student, Andrews University*

9:05 A.M.

The Law and Gospel in Tension?: Ellen White on the Sabbath and Salvation, 1847-1900

Francis Gayoba, Ph.D. Student

Andrews University

Response: *Esther Louw, Ph.D. Student, Avondale University*

10:00 A.M.

The Use of “Begotten” in Reference to the Pre-Incarnate Christ in the Writings of Ellen G. White

Walter Steger, Ph.D. Student

Andrews University

Response: *Merlin D. Burt, Ph.D., Ellen G. White Estate*

11:00 A.M.

The Spiritual, Ethical, and Social Leadership of Ellen White

Cindy Tutsch, Dmin

Ellen G. White Estate

Response: *Kevin M. Burton, Ph.D., Center for Adventist Research*

12:00 P.M.

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session of the Ellen White Issues Symposium

Facilitator: *Jonathan Burt, Ph.D. Student, Andrews University*

1:00 P.M.

Reclaiming the Prophet from *Reclaiming the Prophet*

Theodore N. Levterov, Ph.D.

Ellen G. White Estate

Response: *Abner F. Hernandez, Ph.D., Andrews University*

2:00 P.M.

Ellen White’s Understanding of Inspiration: A Comparative Analysis of Three Versions of a Testimony

Sebastian Reichert, MA Student

Andrews University

Response: *Jud Lake, Ph.D., Southern Adventist University (retired)*

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3:00 P.M.

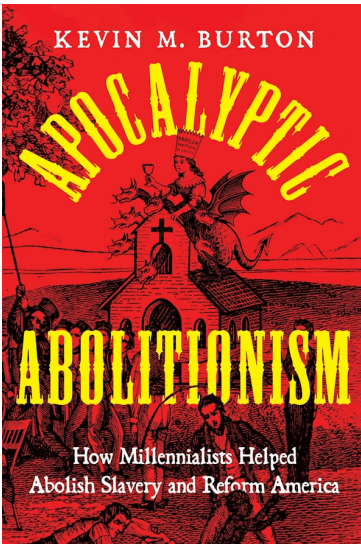
A Vital Connection: Finding Union with Christ in the Plan of Salvation
Katrina Blue, Ph.D.
Pacific Union College

Response: *Adriani M. Rodrigues, Ph.D., Andrews University*

4:00 P.M.

Panel Discussion
Facilitator: *Denis Kaiser, Ph.D., Andrews University*

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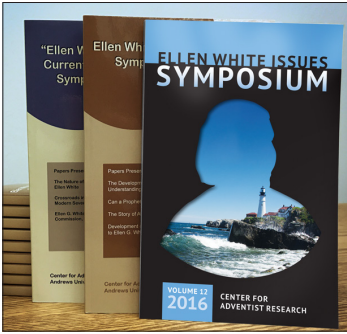
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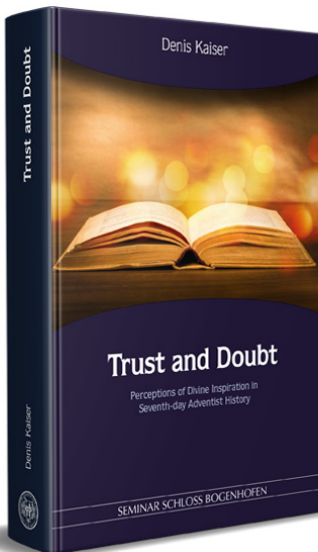
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Kaiser.

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