



The Global Notebook

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Waves of Accolades at GMU!

GMU Mourns the Passing of Professor



[Andrew Kille, Ph.D.](#), a GMU faculty member, passed away last month. Dr. Kille had been on our teaching staff for about twelve years and taught a scripture course entitled *Introduction to the Gospels*. He was also

the founder and chairperson of an interfaith organization, the [Silicon Valley Interfaith Council](#) in San Jose, CA where he resided. He worked with a nonprofit religious educational and community organization for over 30 years and in pastoral ministry for more than 25 years. He was an outstanding person, as well as an excellent instructor, and he will be missed. (Read the President's Column for more information related to the life of Dr. Kille.)

Graduation Ceremony Takes Place in Philadelphia

Global Ministries University will host a graduation ceremony at the FCM Assembly in Philadelphia on Saturday, July 21st. There are ten graduates, five will be in attendance: **Colleen Fay**, M.Th., Mount Rainier, MD; **John Jeffery**, D.Th., Blairsdon, CA; **Lee Ann McCoy**, D.Min., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; **Frank Pisciotta**, D.Th., Yonkers NY; and **Mary Theresa Streck**, D.Min., Menard, NY. Those graduates unable to be present are: **Barbara Beadles**, D.Min., Silver Springs, MD; **Chich-Ju Chern**, Graduate Certificate, Taiwan; **Peggy Holthaus**, Celebrant Training Certificate, Louisville, KY; **Virlane Torbit**, Celebrant Training Certificate, Catlin, IL; and **Sydnee VanDyk**, Celebrant Training Certificate, Edson, Alberta, Canada. Among those planning to observe the ceremony are the Administration Staff, Deans of the programs, several instructors and alumni, including our very first graduate in 2004, Leo McIlrath, D.Min.

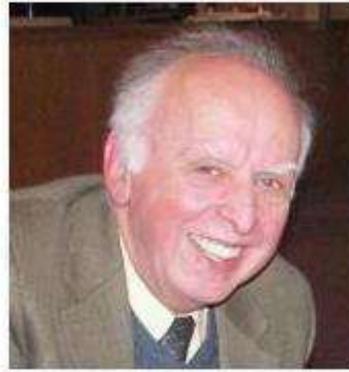


GMU Is an International University



Global Ministries University receives applications – not only from prospects who reside in the United States – but also from many other countries as well. Most international applicants are from Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom; however, we also receive applications from Ireland, Norway, Italy, Portugal, Hong Kong, British Columbia, Taiwan, and Kenya. Our staff is extremely proud of the GMU student body, many of whom come into their program with masters and doctoral degrees. We frequently receive applicants that are changing careers or are going into ministry after retirement. Other individuals are ministers and would like to update their theology. Whatever their intent, the administration of GMU feels privileged to have the opportunity to assist individuals from all over the world in reaching their academic and/or ministerial goals.

President's Column



On Saturday night, June 30, 2018, Doctor D. Andrew Kille passed from this world after an illustrious career as an ordained Baptist clergyman, scholar in the field of biblical studies, and interfaith leader in the San Francisco Bay Area.

After his graduation from Stanford University, Andrew earned a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. He was the author of several books and many articles on biblical spirituality and psychology and taught biblical studies for Global Ministries University for the past several years. Andrew also taught psychology and spirituality courses at Holy Names College in Oakland, the Pastoral Ministries graduate program offered through Santa Clara University, and the Institute for Leadership in Ministry of the Diocese of San Jose. Andrew lived in San Jose for the past 40 years coinciding with my own time here in the Bay Area and living in San Jose. I first met Andrew in the context of interfaith events held either at Santa Clara University or the Interfaith Pacifica Institute in Sunnyvale, CA. In 2015 he and I were part of an Interfaith delegation that attended the Parliament of World Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Andrew worked tirelessly to make San Jose a partner city with the Parliament. He also served on the San Francisco Interfaith Board at the Presidio and coordinated an Interfaith Academy there as well. He edited the monthly newsletter of the Interfaith Center at the Presidio called *Bay Area Interfaith Connect*. Andrew served as Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in San Jose for 14 years.

Marita Grudzen, also a GMU faculty member, now works closely with Grace Baptist Church's homeless program called HOPE. Grace Baptist houses many homeless persons each night in their sanctuary and provides meals, counseling and mentorships for homeless persons in San Jose.

We are collaborating with Andrew's family, Grace Baptist Church, and the Pacifica Institute to arrange a service of remembrance for our friend, GMU colleague, and faculty member, D. Andrew Kille. Andrew combined a rare talent for incorporating interfaith understanding, social justice, pastoral leadership and academic scholarship into his personal journey. We will continue to draw inspiration from his life of service and dedication.

-Gerald Grudzen, Ph.D.

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think – rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men [and women].

~Bill Beattie