Purpose of the Prize

Pr Graham Miller’s wife Zita set up a trust (est. 1976) managed by the South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD), in honour of her late husband’s outstanding contribution to the youth in the South Pacific Division. Graham was a graduate of the Theology program of Avondale College (1947). During the following twenty-nine years of service he served eight years in evangelism then seventeen years in devoted service to the youth of the church. During this time he served as Youth Director for the Australasian Division and Dean of Students at Avondale. He was always concerned for the spiritual safety of young people of the church and had a gift to communicate with them and draw them to Christ. He loved young people.

Pr Miller was a man of God, a strong counsellor, a man of vision, a lover of life, and a friend to all...he had the marks of nobility upon him, he had the charisma of a leader about him and he had the compassion of humanity within him. He was much loved and highly respected.

Selection Criteria

This prize will be awarded to a fourth year theology student who demonstrates an aptitude for youth ministry and a keen interest in winning souls for the Kingdom. Academic ability is to be secondary to the keen demonstrated interest in winning souls.

Administration of Prize

1. The Graham Miller fund was set up in 1976 by the South Pacific Division at the request of Mrs Zita Miller, Graham’s wife, and continues to be managed by the SPD.
2. Each year the Executive Assistant to the President (Prizes Coordinator) will request ledger details for the GR Miller fund (account – 522200) from the SPD treasury. This fund must not fall below $24,000 to ensure interest accrued over a twelve-month period delivers $1,000 to fund the prize.
3. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Chair of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee in consultation with the Head of Discipline (Theology) on the recommendation of the ministry lecturers. The Chair shall also arrange for a review of academic records of nominees for the prize. The endowment can support up to 3 people who qualify for this prize. The name/s will be presented to the College Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval at least three weeks prior to the academic prizes presentation ceremony.

Sponsorship

The value of the prize will be $1,000 from accrued interest from the preceding calendar year. The Prizes Coordinator will arrange with Avondale’s business office to provide a cheque made out to the prize recipient and to debit the SPD Graham Miller fund.

Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented during the prizes presentation ceremony held annually in October. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Nursing & Theology will appoint someone to present the prize along with a commemorative certificate.

Citation

The GRAHAM MILLER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY
is awarded
in recognition of an aptitude for youth ministry
and a keen interest in winning souls.

This prize has been established to honour the life and work of Pr Graham Miller (1926-1976)
in memory of his outstanding contribution to Youth Ministry.

This prize has been generously sponsored from the Graham Miller Memorial Fund,
set up in his honour by his wife Zita

and is awarded to
[name of recipient]