

# GRAHAM MILLER MEMORIAL PRIZE for YOUTH MINISTRY

## 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 University (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. Each year the Prizes Coordinator will request ledger details for the GR Miller fund (account 522200) from the SPD treasury.
2. The endowment can support up to three people who qualify for this prize, dependent on the interest accrued. This fund must not fall below \$24,000 to ensure interest accrued over a twelve-month period delivers at least \$1,000 to fund the prize.
3. Nominations for the prize shall be made by the Head of School in consultation with the Avondale Seminary lecturers and will include a review of the nominee's academic record.
4. The name/s will be presented to the Learning and Teaching Committee for final approval.

## Sponsorship

The prize is funded by accrued interest from the GR Miller Fund and shall be provided by way of a pre-paid gift card to the value of \$1000 for each recipient. Avondale will invoice SPD for this amount.

## Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented during the year-end graduation ceremony.

## 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.  
The prize is awarded to  
[name of recipient]