



JOHN HORVATH MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY PRIZE

Purpose of Prize

This prize (est. 2024) is awarded to support the professional development of four first-year ministry and theology students who show promise as faith sharers. It recognises Pr John Horvath's commitment to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in health, lay and local church ministry, church planting, particularly in cross-cultural contexts, and pastoral leadership.

John graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Theology) from Avondale College in 1987. He has since served as a missionary, notably in Tonga and Papua New Guinea, in departmental or field ministry—sometimes both—in New Zealand, Tasmania and Western Australia, and in pastoral leadership as president of the church in Kiribati. His experience as a faith sharer includes presenting evangelistic programs in countries such as Burundi, Ethiopia, Sudan, Timor Leste and Uganda.

Selection Criteria

The prize is awarded to four ministry and theology students who have completed the first year of the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology or Master of Ministry degree and who demonstrate an aptitude for and interest in faith sharing, particularly through health, their daily lives, the local church or public evangelism, or across cultures.

Administration of Prize

1. The Scholarships and Prizes Officer or equivalent will confer with Financial and Business Services each year to determine the balance of the John Horvath Ministry and Theology Prize Reserve, to ensure monies are available for the current year, then confer with the Head of School (Ministry and Theology).
2. The Scholarships and Prizes Officer or equivalent will confer with the Head of School (Ministry and Theology) each year to determine any changes to criteria. The Scholarships and Prizes Committee will approve any changes.
3. The Head of School (Ministry and Theology) will nominate recipients for the prize each year, subject to recipients meeting the criteria.
4. The School of Ministry and Theology will present nominees for the prize to the Learning and Teaching Committee for approval.
5. A recipient can receive the prize only once.

Sponsorship

The prize is sponsored by Pr John Horvath and shall be provided by way of a Better Books & Food gift card valued at \$250.

Presentation of Prize

The prize will be presented at an event the School of Ministry and Theology deems appropriate near the beginning of the next academic year.

Citation

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It supports the students' professional development as ministers or theologians in training.
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[name of recipients]