

HONORARY DEGREE—MAY 2025

E. Edward Zinke

Doctor of Divinity

E. Edward Zinke, a theologian and businessman, is the son of missionary parents who served in Mexico. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in theology from Loma Linda University, Master of Arts in Old Testament and Master of Divinity from Andrews University, and doctoral candidate status in systematic theology at The Catholic University of America.

Zinke served as a pastor in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference in 1967 before working at the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from 1971–1986. Later, he was president and co-owner with his wife, L. Ann Christensen, of Ann’s House of Nuts—an international supplier of packaged nuts, dried fruits and mixes—until 2008, when he and his wife sold the company.

From 1994–1996, Zinke served as co-founder and president of the Adventist Theological Society, where he presently serves as treasurer. During this time, he helped develop the publication *Perspective Digest*, where he continues as associate editor.

Throughout his career, Zinke has contributed regularly to the theological thinking of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church in the area of creationism and has offered many significant lectures for scholars, theologians and church administrators.

Zinke has promoted a methodological and hermeneutical approach to education in which the Bible and its worldview are the foundational epistemological starting point. He, additionally, has fostered a collaboration between top Evangelical, Adventist and Jewish scholars on the composition of the Pentateuch.

Zinke is the author of several articles, essays and book chapters, as well as co-author of the “Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide” for the fourth quarter of 2024 and its accompanying book, “Themes in the Gospel of John.” He serves as senior advisor for the *Adventist Review*, editorial executive committee member of the *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society* and associate editor of the “Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary.”

Over the years, Zinke has organized and financially supported numerous educational and theological conferences, symposia, and publications. He has generously donated to a variety of causes at churches and universities, including scholarship programs at Loma Linda University and Andrews University.

Zinke currently serves on the Board of Trustees at both Andrews University and Oakwood University, the Biblical Research Institute Committee, the Seminary Executive Committee, the Faith and Science Council, and the International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education. He is vice-chair of the Ellen G. White Estate Board and a member of the Missions, Inc. Board of the Adventist Laymen's Services & Industries.

For his ongoing support of theological dialogue, especially in areas of faith and science, and use of Scripture as the foundation of education, Andrews University takes great pleasure in honoring E. Edward Zinke with the degree Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.