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## **Oakwood University President Receives New Appointment**

**Huntsville, Ala.** — Oakwood University congratulates Delbert W. Baker, Ph. D., on his appointment to serve as a general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Baker, who has served as president of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, for the past 14 years, was nominated by the World Church's 246-member Nominating Committee and confirmed by the General Conference Session delegation to his new post on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

The appointment took place at the church's 59th General Conference Session, being held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia. Baker will remain president of Oakwood University until July 31, after which he will assume his new position at the General Conference headquarters, located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Baker, will fill one of the general vice president positions vacated by Ted N. C. Wilson, who was appointed president of the General Conference last Friday, June 25, during this GC Session. Wilson served as a general vice president since 2000 and replaces Jan Paulsen, who served as president of the General Conference since 1999. The search for a new Oakwood University president begins as Baker goes on to serve the 16.3-million member global church. Under his administration as Oakwood's 10<sup>th</sup> president, Baker facilitated progress in various areas, including peak enrollment, maintaining a strong financial base for institution, completing numerous major

facilities on campus, and leading out in record fundraising. During his administration, Oakwood achieved university status and began offering graduate degrees in 2008.

Baker credits success to providence, his wife, an excellent administration, faculty and staff team, the Board of Trustees and the gracious support of alumni and friends.

Dr. Susan Baker, a licensed physical therapist and an associate professor and director of the Allied Health Program in the Chemistry Department at Oakwood University since 2002, will also be leaving the community. A formal announcement will be made in the near future regarding the Bakers' departure from Huntsville, along with details concerning congratulatory celebrations planned in their honor.

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