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▲ EU president Carol Taylor with AGTS president and EU vice president Mark Hausfeld

MARK HAUSFELD appointed AGTS president

Following a national search, Evangel University president Dr. Carol Taylor is pleased to announce that Dr. Mark Hausfeld has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as president of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University.

Hausfeld succeeded retiring president Dr. Byron D. Klaus and began his tenure on July 1. He will also serve as a vice president at the university.

“As a graduate of both Evangel University and AGTS, Dr. Hausfeld is uniquely positioned to lead AGTS into the future as part of the larger Evangel University,” Taylor said. “He possesses broad pastoral, missionary, academic and leadership experience, and I am eager for him to join the senior leadership team for the university.”

Most recently, Hausfeld served as international director for Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim People. He is also director of the Center for Islamic Studies at AGTS and has been an associate professor of Urban and Islamic Studies at AGTS since 2009.

“I am absolutely thrilled over the appointment of Dr. Mark Hausfeld as president of AGTS,” said Dr. George Wood, chairman of the EU Board of Trustees and general superintendent of the

Assemblies of God. “He brings to this office a distinguished record as a Pentecostal church planter, missionary, educator, administrator and scholar. He has a passion to reach this world for Christ through the preparation of leaders for ministry.”

Hausfeld previously served as area director of Central Eurasia for AG World Missions and was stationed in Pakistan.

He was an adjunct professor at AGTS from 2002 to 2008, and in 2007, he was named the J. Philip Hogan Chair of World Missions at AGTS.

“Dr. Hausfeld brings a deep sense of mission, a clarity of academic vision, an embrace of Pentecostal spirituality and a commitment to servant leadership,” said Dr. Warren Bullock, chair of the Seminary Board of Advisors (SBOA).

Dr. Beth Grant, SBOA chair-elect, added, “Dr. Hausfeld brings real-life experience in fulfilling God’s mission across religious, ethnic and spiritual boundaries. I cannot think of a more qualified leader for the seminary in equipping men and women for Knowledge on Fire ministry in today’s changing world.”

Hausfeld earned his BA from Evangel University, MDiv from AGTS and DMin from Northern Seminary. He is an ordained minister and presbyter in the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God. ■

A NEW

Vision
FOR A NEW

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President Mark Hausfeld unveils his vision for the future of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University.



AGTS has made an eternal impact on my life, and I have an exciting vision for the future of this seminary!

The mission of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University is to *shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.*

This statement resonates profoundly within me. Why? I am a product of both EU ('80) and AGTS ('83).

EU gave me a tremendous biblical studies foundation. While there, I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to further my ministry preparation by going to seminary.

As I looked at the programs and faculties of various potential seminaries, a unique feature stood out at AGTS that was not present at other fine institutions.

These other schools had excellent, academically qualified professors, just like AGTS. *The difference was the actual pastoral and missionary field experience of the faculty.* I wanted to learn from women and men who had successfully pastored local churches, evangelized the lost, made disciples and planted churches in global contexts. I needed to be

educated, trained and counseled by practitioner-scholars. This is what AGTS offered. I entered the Master of Divinity program and began an incredible spiritual, academic and relational pilgrimage that continues to this day.

I also longed for greater depth in another spiritual aspect—*being led and empowered by the person and work of the Holy Spirit.* I needed Knowledge on Fire, and I found it at AGTS. The faith and academic community prepared me with scholarly excellence and with a biblical pneumatology in the ethos, logos and pathos of the Assemblies of God

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Pentecostal tradition.

The education I received at AGTS is integral to the foundation of every ministry in which I have participated: the churches we planted in Chicago, the Teen Challenge Center founded in Pakistan, the two churches planted in Pakistan and the leadership we provided to workers in Central Asia as Area Directors with Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) and, most recently, to those with Global Initiative: Reaching Muslim Peoples (AGWM).

This is why I am filled with excitement for every master's and doctoral student who attends AGTS. They, too, will be filled with knowledge, skill and passion to fulfill all that God has ordained for their lives.

So, what can we add to AGTS to enhance its ability to *shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit?*

Diversity of races and ethnicities

Springfield is the third largest city in Missouri. The area is a hub for southwest



Missouri, northwest Arkansas, southeast Kansas and northwest Oklahoma. Local universities and hospitals are drawing diverse races and ethnicities—Saudi Arabians, Chinese, Pakistanis, Moroccans and others. Yet our AGTS campus does not reflect the incredible peoples of color, culture and language reflected in the Assemblies of God World Fellowship. More diversity and inclusivity would be healthy for AGTS' faith and academic communities. We need to attract people from around the world to live, build relationships and prepare for ministry among us. AGTS also plans to intentionally engage African-Americans, Hispanics and other ethnically diverse people in the Assemblies of God USA and like-minded American Pentecostal church traditions.

Inclusion of Evangelicals seeking the theology and power of the Spirit

Several years ago, I attended the Wheaton College Theology Conference. One evening, the auditorium was packed with undergraduates who had come to hear one of the speakers, Gordon Fee. Dr. Fee pulled no punches. He began by saying, "I am a Pentecostal. When I pray, I pray in tongues as the Holy Spirit enables me. I am a Pentecostal that has spent his entire academic career teaching in Evangelical educational institutions." He continued, "You Evangelicals get it right. You do things well. You love the Father, the Son, and the Word." Then he paused and said, "but I have this against you. You do not know the Holy Spirit. You are binatarians... not Trinitarians." You could have heard a pin drop. The lecture ended, and Dr. Fee welcomed questions. All nine microphones had a line of people behind them, most of whom were Wheaton College students. Each expressed

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the same sentiment: "Dr. Fee, I do not know the Holy Spirit. Dr. Fee, I am a binatarian. How can I know the Holy Spirit? Dr. Fee, how do you experience the power of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry?" My eyes filled with tears as I listened to these fine Evangelical students. In my spirit and mind, I was shouting, *Come to the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. Come and receive Knowledge on Fire!* We are going to reach out to recruit Evangelical undergraduate students to influence their lives and ministries with Pentecostal Knowledge on Fire.

Support and education for armed services veterans

Our son, Karl, is a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army. I have a special place in my heart for women and men who serve and have served in our armed forces. As a missionary to Muslim peoples for the last 23 years, I have ministered to soldiers who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. My heart aches for them and their families. War has marred the soul of many of these women and men. AGTS must provide

▲ *Lois Olena, Doctor of Ministry project coordinator at AGTS, and Charles Abihudi, 2014 graduate from Tanzania, East Africa*



▲ *Evangel University dedicated the Admiral Vern Clark Veterans Center, located at AGTS, during a ceremony on March 24.*

encouragement, counseling, healing and guidance to our veterans who are called to fulfill the mission of God as pastors in the local church or as missionaries in the lands where they once served in battle. Veterans are a priority at AGTS.

Accessible and rigorous online degrees

Nothing beats learning in real time and engaging in thought and relationships with a professor and fellow students on campus. Yet due to circumstances, many people don't feel they can pull up roots and transplant themselves in Springfield. So AGTS is giving concentrated attention to developing online courses and degrees to serve people who cannot relocate. This fall, we will launch the first online version of an AGTS degree program—the Master of Arts in Theological Studies. It will join the recently unveiled Master of Pastoral Leadership, a hybrid degree program offering a combination of face-to-face and online delivery systems. *Online programs will enhance our global campus.*

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Center for Islamic Studies

Radical Muslims, Islam and ISIS dominate the global headlines. President Obama said, “This larger battle for hearts and minds is going to be a generational struggle.” The answer is not military, political or economic. The answer to Islam is spiritual. Islam is the second largest evangelistic faith in the world, behind Christianity. Its goal is to see the world come under the rule of the Qur’anic Allah through the spread of Islam. To many people, the spread of Islam seems ominous, the challenges it presents daunting. However, as citizens of the kingdom of God, our biblical mandate is to go across the street and around the world to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is the core of what it means to be Pentecostal: we are filled with the Holy Spirit to evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit. To do this, the church, locally and globally, must be revitalized through education to reach the Muslim world at its doorstep. AGTS has developed an answer to this global opportunity.

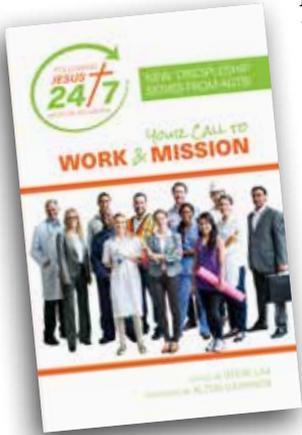
Since 2012, AGTS has hosted the annual Summer Institute for Islamic Studies and has established the Center for Islamic Studies. Women and men with AGWM, other denominations, parachurch organizations and local churches participate in courses taught by missionary practitioner-scholars. Our goal is to be the leading graduate Islamic Studies program of its kind in the world.

The mission of AGTS at EU is *to shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.* Come and experience Knowledge on Fire at AGTS! ■

See you in Orlando at General Council 2015!

Meet President Hausfeld and connect with faculty, staff and friends at the AGTS at EU booth and at the AGTS Alumni Reception, Wednesday, August 5, 9 p.m., Rosen Centre Hotel, Signature 1 Room. ■

New resource: *Your Call to Work and Mission*



Is Jesus Lord of every part of your life? *Your Call to Work and Mission* is the first book in a series published by AGTS that addresses serious gaps in following Jesus 24/7. Distinguished practitioner-scholars offer biblical insights, relevant stories and illustrations, and practical applications. They include the following AGTS professors: Byron Klaus, DeLonn Rance, Charlie Self, Johan Mostert, Lois Olena and Steve Lim.

The book investigates God's purposes for work, business and the economy. It proposes fresh insights for engaging in God's call to the Great Commission. And it deals with our often-ignored calling to serve the needy,

bring justice to people unfairly treated and care for God's creation.

This book provides fresh material for preaching and teaching. Each chapter includes questions for small groups or personal reflection and application. *Get your copy here: agts.edu/link/book313.* ■

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Doctoral Programs

Visit the AGTS booth at General Council in Orlando to learn more about our **well-established** and **proven doctoral programs**. The following program directors will be there to answer your questions.



DeLonn Rance
PhD in Intercultural Studies
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Intercultural Studies



Cheryl Taylor
Doctor of Ministry



Doug Oss
PhD in Biblical
Interpretation and
Theology

If you can't be there, **call 1-800-467-AGTS**.



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- **Scholarships for the Summer Institute for Islamic Studies (SIIS)**, intensive courses that equip participants to relate and minister to Muslims globally.
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- **Program support** for Islamic studies.
- **Strategic events** to equip/mobilize the American church to reach Muslims.
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