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Keeping You Connected

AGTS celebrates retiring Byron D. Klaus and 2015 graduating class

Alumni are invited to attend the 2015 AGTS graduation activities. [Visit the graduation website](#) to see how you can be involved.



AGTS will celebrate its 42nd annual graduation activities April 30 through May 2, 2015. In addition, the seminary will celebrate retiring president Byron D. Klaus and his 16 years of distinguished service at AGTS. AGTS will award 77 degrees at commencement on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m., at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo.

President Klaus will retire late this summer. He and the graduating class of 2015 will be honored at a banquet on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at the White River Conference Center ([buy tickets here](#)). Klaus is the seminary's longest serving president. Under his leadership, AGTS added 3 doctoral programs, a Master of Pastoral Leadership, a Master of Theology and 12 certificate programs. His commitment to shaping servant leaders has empowered the ministry of AGTS alumni, who in turn, have influenced tens of thousands of people around the world.

To recognize Dr. Klaus for his exemplary leadership, AGTS has established the Byron D. Klaus Leadership Fund to strategically invest in influential, proven ministry leaders. Through scholarships of \$5,000 per recipient, this fund will help AGTS attract top-tier leaders seeking to enhance their ministry through doctoral studies. [Donations are accepted here.](#)

The public is welcome to [leave messages and photos for Dr. Klaus here.](#)

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Donate to the Byron D. Klaus Leadership Fund



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Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus

Check out the latest Prez Release: ["The Cross"](#)

The Cross, as a symbol of faith, topic for preaching, or theme for theological discussion, usually gets placed on hiatus after Easter. Even during the Lenten season, we happily allow the exuberance of the Resurrection to marginalize the

agony present in the Cross. It seems like such a downer to talk about self-denial when "resurrection" can be a real boost to our quest to be on the winning side.

Popular culture's dominating influence captures our attention and interest largely because of its "cool" factor and high visibility to a broad scope of our population, regardless of age. The reality of the Cross doesn't yield much that can be considered cool, hip, or popular and inevitably gets ignored. At its core, the message of the Cross is focused on the intersection of our will and God's character, challenging all people to face the limits of human achievement. [Read the rest.](#)



Following the Prez...

Dr. Klaus will be at the following events:

- *May 29:* Speaking at commencement for Cornerstone Church High School, San Antonio, Texas
- *June 18-20:* Speaking at a plenary session for Open Bible Missionary Summit, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- *June 22-23:* Attending ATS on Global Partnerships, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- *June 28-July 3:* Teaching at Michigan District AG Summer Camp Meeting, Lost Valley, Mich.



President Klaus at the Southern Missouri District Council with Susan Jaramillo. Susan participated in one of the Seminarian's Conferences hosted at AGTS.

AGTS News

Watch the dedication of EU's Vern Clark Veterans Center located at AGTS



A ceremony was held Tuesday, March 24, to dedicate the new Admiral Vern Clark Veterans Center at Evangel University. The center is located on the first

floor of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. Admiral Clark is the retired Chief of Naval Operations for the U.S. Navy.

Clark, a 1967 graduate of Evangel, served in that position and on the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2000-2005. He is the second-longest serving CNO in U.S. history. [Watch it here.](#)

New AGTS partnership provides African leaders with Doctor of Ministry program



The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) and Pan-Africa Theological Seminary (PATHS) recently entered into a fraternal affiliation to provide a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program on the continent of Africa.

PATHS, an initiative of the Africa Assemblies of God Alliance, currently offers a PhD in Theological Studies accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research of Togo. The new DMin program will offer four tracks of study: Missions, Bible-Theology, Education, and Leadership. [Read the rest.](#)

"Lord bless ISIS!" *Huh?* Check out AGTS professor Mostert's challenging blog entry



Boko Haram, al Shabaab and ISIS are frightening new words that are being added to our political vocabulary. The vitriolic hatred of these radicals and the

violence that they've perpetrated against Christians are revolting!

A friend of mine has just returned from Egypt where the Coptic Christians are mourning the martyrdom of the 21 Libyan Christians after ISIS publically beheaded them in February. This week, as our Holy Week draws to a dimax, al Shabaab terrorists from Somalia crossed the border and killed 147 Christian students in northeast Kenya on Thursday. [Read the rest.](#)



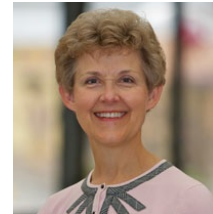
Refer a student

Do you know someone interested in attending AGTS? Use this [online form](#) or connect with [Brett Jacques](#), AGTS Enrollment Representative.

Faculty News and Publications

Deborah Gill ('78/'79)

- *Summer*: Participating in a 32-day silent, individually guided retreat in Louisiana in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Wrote "My Barnabas, Pasta Dowdy," in *Destiny Calling, Your Beginning Does Not Determine Your End* (Dallas, Texas: Naomi Dowdy Ministries, 2015), 282-286. A Festschrift for Naomi Dowdy on the occasion of her 80th birthday.



Johan Mostert

- *May*: Presenting a paper in the discipleship track at the Empowered21 conference in Jerusalem.
- *June*: Teaching community psychology to an masters cohort in Lilongwe, Malawi.
- *July*: Addressing the Executive Council of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church of South Africa on his discipleship research.



Charles Self

- *May 28-30*: Speaking at the PAOC gathering of Canadian Ministers in Newfoundland and Labrador
- *June 16-19*: Presenting at the Acton University event in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- *June 26-28*: Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute Retreat in Washington, D.C.
- *August 3-7*: Highlighting Discipleship Dynamics at the General Council in Orlando, Fla.
- *August 19*: Hosting the fourth regional Kern-sponsored conference for the AGTS Discipleship Network, Chicago, Ill.



Alumni News

Larry Anoa'i ('14) received his certification at the Southern Missouri District Council.



Matthew J. Bell ('09) was ordained at the Southern Missouri District Council.

Daryel and Rachel Erickson ('92) serve as AG missionaries working with Global Teen Challenge. They are missionaries-in-residence at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, N.D. They have completed 32 years of missionary work, primarily in Europe.



Danielle Paulson-Jones ('12) was ordained at the Southern Missouri District Council.

Shaun Lotter ('05) received his ministerial credentials at the Southern Missouri District Council. He serves as a licensed therapist at the Relationship Center in Springfield, Mo.



Chad Nelson ('05) received his ministerial credentials at the Southern Missouri District Council.



Owen and Allison Pinckney ('14) and their family will soon head to West Africa as Assemblies of God World Missions missionaries. Owen also received his ministerial credentials at the Southern Missouri District Council.

Chaplains **Brian Tung** ('07) and **Lou DelTufo** ('94/'95) shared this photo from Easter services held in Iraq. CH (MAJ) Brian Tung serves as the 3/82 Brigade Chaplain and Chaplain (LTC) Lou DelTufo serves as the CJFLCC-I and 1st Infantry Division Chaplain.



Brooke Urich ('14) received her ministerial credentials at the Southern Missouri District Council.

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The online AGTS Alumni Directory is being discontinued due to system upgrades. Please contact the AGTS Alumni Office to update your information or share news/photos.

Upcoming Events

Spring Semester Ends

April 24

Graduation Events

Thursday, April 30

AGTS Golf Tournament

April 30, 8:30 a.m. (Rivercut Golf Course)

AGTS Graduation and Retirement Banquet

Honoring AGTS Graduates and Retiring President Byron D. Klaus

6:30 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner

(White River Conference Center, 600 West Sunshine St.)

Friday, May 1

AGTS Doctoral Celebration

Doctor of Ministry Symposium and Intercultural Doctoral Studies Investiture

12:30-1:45 p.m. (AGTS)

Reception

1:45-2:15 p.m. (Great Hall at AGTS)

Celebration Service

2:15-3:15 p.m. (William J. Seymour Chapel, AGTS)

Saturday, May 2

AGTS Graduation

42nd Commencement Celebration

10 a.m. (Central Assembly of God, 1301 Boonville Avenue)

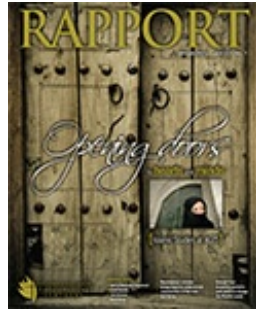
Summer Classes Begin

May 4

Summer Institute for Islamic Studies

June 29-July 10

Relate and minister to Muslims no matter your context.



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