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## Keeping You Connected

### Dr. Mark Hausfeld appointed president of AGTS at Evangel



Following a national search with the help of CarterBaldwin Executive 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 AGTS at Evangel.

Dr. Taylor received Board of Trustee approval during their June 10 meeting. Hausfeld will succeed retiring president Dr. Byron Klaus and will begin his tenure on July 1.

"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." [Read more.](#)

### Message from retiring president Byron D. Klaus

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I want to offer a final word of thanks to the AGTS alumni family who support this wonderful seminary and made my 16 years here a treasure to be cherished. The AGTS family is a special cadre of people who care deeply about the Church and leadership in Christ's Kingdom. I am so pleased my successor is Dr. Mark Hausfeld! He's a personal friend and a fellow Chicagoan--although he roots for the wrong baseball team.

Dr. Hausfeld is deeply committed to reaching cities for Jesus Christ and passionate about touching the Muslim world with the Gospel.

As an alum of both Evangel University and AGTS, he will be working with our four AGTS members (see below) who serve on the EU Alumni Board to represent over 3,500 seminary graduate alumni within the larger university alumni community. President Hausfeld will lead new pathways to strengthen our joint community including communications to you as members of this great alumni family. Occasionally you will receive news from the university such as The Quad---Evangel's alumni and friends newsletter---and invitations to events.

Thanks again for all the kind words upon my retirement. I am the richer for being part of this wonderful AGTS family. Please extend to your new seminary president, the support and generosity you have given me over the last 16 years. Despite being a White Sox fan, he can be trusted!

Byron D. Klaus  
AGTS President, 1999-2015

## AGTS Alumni serving on the EU Alumni Board



Priscilla Mondt  
'89



Larry Cooper  
'80/'04



Butch Frey  
'99



Ron Morein  
'06

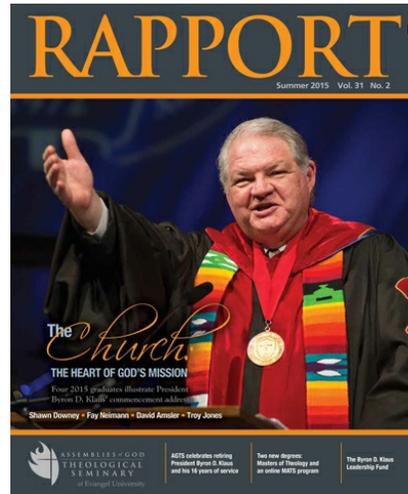
Chief of Chaplain Service at Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, Ark.

Assemblies of God chaplain at CoxHealth with hospitals in Springfield, Monett and Branson, Mo.

Assemblies of God World Missions Member Care Coordinator, Springfield, Mo.

Lead pastor of Oak Grove Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo.

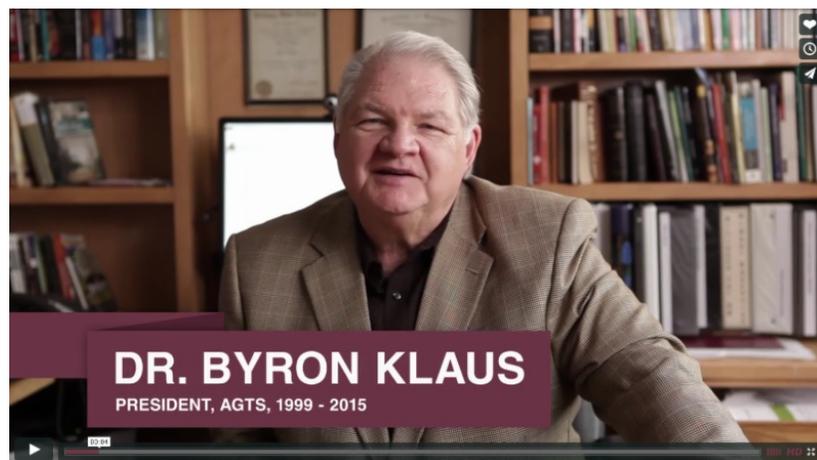
The Summer 2015 issue of *Rapport* magazine is ready for online viewing



- Retiring president Byron D. Klaus' commencement address on the Church as the heart of God's mission and four 2015 graduates whose stories illustrate his message: **Shawn Downey, Fay Niemann, David Amsler and Troy Jones**
- **Two new degrees:** Master of Theology and an online MATS program
- **Admiral Vern Clark Veteran Center** dedicated at EU/AGTS

## Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus

Watch Dr. Byron Klaus reflect on 16 years of service as seminary president



President Byron Klaus will retire later this summer, almost exactly 16 years after beginning his service at AGTS. Klaus is the seminary's longest serving president. [Watch the video.](#)

Don't miss the LAST Prez Release from retiring President Klaus: "I Call You Friend!" [Read it here.](#)

## Following the Prez...

Dr. Klaus will be at the following events:

- *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.

## AGTS News

### AGTS announces 2015 Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society Awards

The Alliance for AG Higher Education sponsors the Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society. Each year, the seminary faculty nominate a limited number of alumni who satisfy scholastic, character and leadership qualifications and graduated at least 10 years ago. The 2015 recipients include:



**Judy A. Cagle**  
( '02 DMIN)  
*Missionary,  
serving in retirement*



**G. Robert Cook, Jr.**  
( '04 DMIN)  
*Lead Pastor*



**Larry D. Cooper**  
( '80 MDIV/'04 DMIN)  
*Chaplain*

[Read the rest here.](#)

Listen in on a Q & A with Professor Cotton about the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



Photo Credit: Justin Chase Canavan

Dr. Roger Cotton, Th.D., professor of Old Testament at AGTS recently was a special guest speaker at Oak Grove Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo. Take in his fascinating insights regarding the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament [here](#).

For a limited time, pick up president Klaus' newly released ebook for 99¢

[Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#) Kindle ebook editions of *And That's the Way I See It!* are available at Amazon. [Volume 2](#) will be on sale for 99¢ until June 30, 2015.

Print editions of Volumes 1 and 2 can be [purchased here](#).



## Refer a student

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

## Alumni News



Teen Challenge U.S.A. in Springfield, Mo. appointed **Joseph S. Batluck, Sr.** ('75/'76) to serve as president. He currently is the president and executive director of the Teen Challenge Training Center in Rehrersburg, Pa., where he has provided leadership since 2006 to seven Teen Challenge centers covering three states. Prior to that, Joe served as a pastor/chaplain in the United States Army for 29 years.

**John B. Johnson** ('79/'80) is serving as the chief of staff for the Canadian County (Oklahoma) Commissioners Office as of June 1. He also pastors a Bethany First Assembly of God, Bethany, Okla., which is a revitalization project.



Chaplain (Col.) **Richard Quinn** ('83) is retiring after 34 years of service to the Army and God. During his time of service, he developed products his fellow chaplains needed to meet troops' spiritual needs. During retirement, he plans to raise support for a State Department chaplaincy. He hopes to

create a corps of 15 chaplains for the State Department.

**Dean Lewis** ('07) will be serving as executive vice-president at Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, Ala., beginning this fall semester. Alaska Christian College is a two-year college under the auspices of the Evangelical Covenant Church whose primary mission is to the native people of Alaska.



**Priscilla A. Mondt** ('89) was recently recognized in a *Pentecostal Evangel News* article for shattering female stereotypes in her role as an highly accomplished chaplain in the military. [Read the article here.](#)

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**Valerie Rance** ('09) was honored as one of 66 most influential Evangelical women in El Salvador. Last year the Evangelical community petitioned the government to give them a national day of recognition. October 28th is now the Day of Evangelicals. The Evangelical church decided that their first national day would honor their most influential women.





**Marla Woodmansee** ('10) graduated from United Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis in Global Digital Ministry in May 2014. Marla lives in Branson, MO, with her husband, Ray, and her 4 children, hosts a daily Christian radio program on Branson's KLFC, 88.1 FM, speaks at women's conferences, is a magazine columnist for "American Christian Voice," and president of Kingdom Xperience, Visit Marla at: [www.KingdomXperience.org](http://www.KingdomXperience.org).

## Upcoming Events

**Second Summer Session ends**

June 26

**Summer Institute for Islamic Studies**

June 29-July 10

Relate and minister to Muslims no matter your context.

**AGTS Alumni Reception at General Council**

August 5

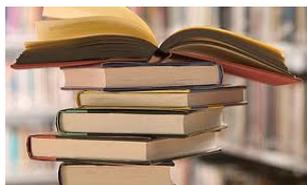
**Fall Semester begins**

August 25

**Labor Day**

September 1 (AGTS building closed)

## We want to hear from you!



Do you have family or ministry news you want to share? Send your recent news and photos to [alumni@agts.edu](mailto:alumni@agts.edu) and we may publish it in the next newsletter, *Rapport magazine*, or in our "Alumni Spotlight" website feature.