



ASSEMBLIES *of* GOD  
THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY

*42nd Commencement Celebration*





# GRADUATION 2015

*42nd Commencement Celebration*

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**Saturday, May 2, 2015**  
**at 10 a.m.**

*CENTRAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
1301 BOONVILLE AVENUE  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI*

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*“Shaping servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize  
the Church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.”*

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# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Commencement at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) acknowledges several streams of influence. The medieval academic tradition is part of the seminary culture so there are measures of formality: robes that reflect various academic disciplines and certain ceremonial dimensions that are integral to this event.

AGTS is firmly rooted in the Pentecostal faith tradition. We affirm worship that is celebratory and vibrant, and we welcome the dynamics of the Holy Spirit in our congregational life. We are committed to the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ that is empowered by the Holy Spirit. These elements of the Pentecostal tradition are also integral to commencement.

AGTS is committed to thoroughness in graduate theological education. The ceremonial dimensions of this event acknowledge our graduates' significant achievements in study. The celebratory dimensions demonstrate our belief that today's graduates are people of destiny in God's eternal plan of redemption. These elements find root in the biblical theme of "zeal with knowledge" found in Isaiah 11:2.



Please silence all cell phones.

*\*Audience is requested to stand.*

## PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

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### **Thomas R. Matrone and Music Ministry Team**

*Chair of the Music Department, Evangel University  
Director of Choral Activities, Evangel University  
Director of Worship Arts, Central Assembly*

### **“How Great is Our God”**

*Hillsong*

## \*CELEBRATORY WORSHIP

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### **Thomas R. Matrone and Music Ministry Team**

#### **“MADE ME GLAD”**

*Miriam Webster*

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

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### **Exodus 33:15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)**

#### **Del Tarr**

*President (1990–1999), Assemblies of God  
Theological Seminary  
Missionary to Africa*

## INVOCATION AND WELCOME

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### **George O. Wood**

*General Superintendent of The General Council of  
the Assemblies of God  
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Evangel University*

## PRESIDENT’S REMARKS AND AWARDS

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### **Byron D. Klaus**

*President, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary*

### **David R. Bundrick**

*Academic Dean*

## *Alumni of the Year 2015*

### **Daisuke and Yoriko Yabuki**

*Class of 2009, 1999*

*International Ministry Pastors at Central Assembly  
of God, Springfield, Missouri*

Daisuke and Yoriko Yabuki serve as the International Ministry Pastors at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri. They are the first supported missionaries sent by the Assemblies of God of Japan to serve in the United States.

At Central Assembly they minister to Japanese people, their American families, and international friends and teach conversational English classes. They partner with the Office of Ethnic Relations at the Assemblies of God National Leadership and Resource Center to host Japanese conferences and have recently formed the first Japanese fellowship in Assemblies of God USA, of which Daisuke is the president.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

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### **George O. Wood**

### **Carol Taylor**

*President, Evangel University*

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### **Byron D. Klaus**

### **Shawn P. Downey**

*Master of Divinity Candidate*

### **Fay R. Niemann**

*Doctor of Ministry Candidate*

### **David L. Amsler**

*Master of Arts Candidate*

### **Troy H. Jones**

*Doctor of Ministry Candidate*

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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**David R. Bundrick**

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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**Byron D. Klaus**

## CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

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**Carol Taylor**

## \*\*DEGREE AND HOODING CEREMONY

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**Lois E. Olena**

*Doctor of Ministry Project Coordinator  
Associate Professor of Practical Theology and  
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Professor Emeritus of Leadership and Ministry*

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*Director of Doctor of Ministry Program  
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**DeLonn L. Rance**

*Director of Intercultural Doctoral Studies  
Chair of the Global Missions Department  
Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies*

**James D. Hernando**

*Chairperson, Bible and Theology Department  
Professor of New Testament*

**Jay P. Taylor**

*Director of Spiritual Formation  
Chair of the Practical Theology Department  
Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation*

**Melody D. Palm**

*Professor of Counseling Psychology*

**Johan H. Mostert**

*Professor of Community Psychology*

**Randy Walls**

*Director of Continuing Education  
Associate Professor of Leadership and Spiritual  
Formation*

## CONGRATULATIONS

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**David R. Bundrick**

## \*PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING AND CELEBRATORY BENEDICTION

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**Thomas R. Matrone and  
Music Ministry Team**

“GOD, I LOOK TO YOU”  
*Jenn Johnson*

**Byron D. Klaus**

“10,000 REASONS”  
*Matt Redman*

## PRESIDENT’S CLOSING REMARKS

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**Byron D. Klaus**

## \*RECESSIONAL

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“GOD, I LOOK TO YOU”



*\*Audience is requested to stand.*

*\*\*Please hold applause until all candidates have received degrees.*

# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

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### **John Davidson**

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Ph.D. Dissertation: "The Impact of Formal Theological Education on Church Planter Formation"

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B.A., Western Bible Institute  
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Ph.D. Dissertation: "A Middle-Range Theory for Contextual Worldview Transformation: The Missiological Engagement of Traditional Worldview Perceptions of Afflictions and the Spirit World"

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B.S., North Central Bible College  
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Ph.D. Dissertation: "The Development and Validation of a Theory of Missionary Expatriate Effectiveness Among Assemblies of God World Missions Personnel"

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### **Vance Massengill**

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Project: "Diasporic Missionary Engagement: The Malayali Church of God in the United Arab Emirates"

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# CELEBRATING PRESIDENT **BYRON D. KLAUS** AND HIS 16 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AT AGTS

**W**ith the mind of a scholar, the passion of a visionary, the soul of a servant and the heart of an advocate for the marginalized, retiring president Byron D. Klaus has led the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary for 16 years. He will retire late this summer. AGTS is celebrating his distinguished service alongside the 42nd annual graduation activities.

Klaus is the seminary's longest serving president. Under his leadership, AGTS has 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 have, in turn, influenced tens of thousands of people around the world.

Evangel president, Dr. Carol Taylor, commented on Dr. Klaus' leadership:

*Dr. Klaus has been a tireless and visionary champion for seminary education and for the benefits of an embedded seminary where ministerial education can now be provided from baccalaureate through doctoral levels. I have had the privilege of seeing Dr. Klaus' leadership and faith up close. One needs look no further for an extraordinary example of sacrificial, servant leadership deeply rooted in the best of Pentecostal heritage of the Assemblies of God along with an inspiring vision for the future.*

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Dr. George Wood, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and chair of the Evangel University Board of Trustees, reflected on Dr. Klaus' leadership of the seminary:

*Byron has a sure and steady compass and passion for graduate and undergraduate ministerial preparation and has set AGTS and Evangel's School of Theology and Church Ministries in a direction that will thoroughly prepare the next generation of ministers for effective Spirit-empowered service. The Assemblies of God owes Byron a huge debt of gratitude for his tireless service, and I am grateful that AGTS has had such a godly leader at its helm for these past 16 years.*

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Dr. Klaus was named AGTS president in 1999, after serving as vice president of Latin America ChildCare (1990–1999) and on the faculty and administration at Vanguard University of Southern California (1980–1999). Previous to serving at Vanguard, he served local churches in California, Texas, and Illinois. His scholarly work includes publications and books published by Baker Book House, Moody Press, Logion Press, Regal Books, Hendrickson Publishers, Regnum Books International, and Routledge Publishers. He is coeditor of *Called and Empowered: Pentecostal Mission in Global Perspective* and *The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made to Travel*.

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. Donate online at [agts.edu/link/klaus\\_fund](http://agts.edu/link/klaus_fund).

*The public is invited to leave messages for Dr. Klaus online  
at [agts.edu/link/klaus\\_message](http://agts.edu/link/klaus_message).*

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President Klaus and his wife, Lois, at his inauguration in 1999.



# ABOUT AGTS

AGTS is a unique graduate-level educational institution embedded within the larger organizational structure of Evangel University. It offers four doctoral degrees (including two Ph.D.s), a Master of Divinity and three Master of Arts degrees.

Alumni currently serve in all 50 states and 125 countries. The seminary's mission is to *"shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the Church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit."*

## ALPHA CHI AWARD

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Since 1922, the Alpha Chi National Honor Society has sought to recognize students whose scholarly merit and character contribute to the academic advancement of the entire student body. Its name derives from the first letters of the Greek words for truth and character.

## KAPPA DELTA CHI

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The faculty elect no more than 10 percent of the graduating class into the *Kappa Delta Chi Honor Society* each year. Students selected to receive this award must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7, show potential for ministry and be in good standing with AGTS and the community. Current graduates receiving this honor are noted in the program.

## SIGMA CHI PI

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Students who receive this award are in the top 10% of their student class for the semester. Graduates receiving this honor are noted in the program.

## W.I. EVANS AWARD

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This inaugural award is made in honor of the legendary Central Bible College "principal," W. I. Evans, for whom Evans Hall is named. This award is to acknowledge the legacy of Central Bible College's emphasis on vocational ministry, anticipating that the award should go to a graduate with promise as a minister or missionary. The graduate receiving this honor is noted in the program.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

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A tradition derived from ancient European universities, academic dress in American higher education follows guidelines adopted by the American Council on Education.

A bachelor's gown is traditionally black and has pointed sleeves. The master's gown is distinguished by its oblong sleeves, while the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves with velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck and down the front. In a few instances, the doctoral gown may be another color representing a specific institution.

The colorful hood linings represent the colors of the institution conferring the





degree. Hood linings for AGTS are royal blue and gold.

The velvet border on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree has been conferred. Those degrees conferred by AGTS are **Dark Blue**, Ph.D.;

**Scarlet**, Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity; **Burnt Orange**, Doctor of Missiology; **Golden Yellow**, Master of Arts in Counseling; **White**, Master of Arts in Christian Ministries, Intercultural Ministries and Theological Studies.

## THE PULPIT

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The pulpit used during commencement is a gift on loan from Central AG. When not in use, it is located in the Khoo Kay Peng World Prayer Center at the seminary. Every general superintendent of the AG—except the first, E.N. Bell—and every president and executive vice president of AGTS has preached behind this pulpit.



## THE SEMINARY MACE

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The seminary mace is an artistic rendering of the mandate and mission of AGTS. Approximately 36 inches tall, it is made of West African Bubinga wood and gold-plated brass.

The head of the mace is a carved wood globe representing all people in God's world. The globe is mounted on a horizontal cross symbolizing humanity's dependence on the atoning death of Christ. Above the globe is a descending dove with wings and tail configured to resemble a flame, a reminder of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in Christian life and ministry. "AGTS" is engraved on the face of the globe, which is also encircled by an unwound scroll depicting

the Word of God and bearing the text, "By my Spirit,' said the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

Since the sixteenth century, the mace has been a symbol of the institution that it represents. It is carried by the faculty marshal in all academic processions.



## BRIEF AGTS HISTORY

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The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, originally incorporated as the Assemblies of God Graduate School in 1972, first opened its doors for classes to missionaries in the summer of 1973 and began with a student body of 77. For 42 years, AGTS has nurtured Pentecostal leaders in a context of academic excellence and spiritual passion.

For its first 24 years, the seminary occupied facilities at the national headquarters of the AG. After completion of its "For Such a Time" capital fund campaign, the seminary broke ground for a long awaited and functional 55,000 square foot facility in March 1996 and in July 1997 moved to its first permanent home.

The Michael J. and Frances Cardone Building is an eloquent statement of theological purpose. Powerful symbols of creation and redemption, Pentecost and mission, servant-leadership and Pentecostal heritage are found throughout; particularly in the Great Hall, the William J. Seymour Chapel and the Khoo Kay Peng World Prayer Center.

In May of 2013, AGTS joined forces with Evangel University, becoming an embedded seminary within the University's larger organizational structure. It's name, mission and identity remain unchanged.



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