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Welcome new graduates!



AGTS recently held its 34th Annual Commencement at Central Assembly. We want to take this opportunity to welcome the 107 graduates of the **Class of 2007** into the AGTS Alumni Association! Our goal is to assist in keeping you connected to alumni, faculty, and the seminary community. Please be sure to notify us whenever you move or change jobs. You can update your information by logging on line through the Alumni Directory. Your access key will be mailed to you shortly. Take a minute to go online at www.agts.edu/alumni. You can also share any personal news and ideas you may have for alumni activities by e-mailing us at alumni@agts.edu or calling 1-417-268-1022.



We look forward to hearing from you.

Graduation Photos

Coming Soon!

Visit the AGTS Graduation website at www.agts.edu to view candid photos, purchase diploma frames, and listen to graduation events. Available soon.

Alumni Awards

2007 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



Maria Khaleel, ('02), was honored at this year's graduation events as the *2007 Alumna of the Year*. She is the senior pastor of New Life Assembly of God in Pembroke Pines, Florida, which she started in 1992. This multi-cultural congregation of more than 700 includes over 30 nationalities. Eighty percent are first-time converts. Each year they replace about 35% of the congregation who migrate back to their homes. Ordained in 1988, Rev. Khaleel was the first woman elected as presbyter in the Peninsular Florida District, 1998-2006.

A nationally recognized evangelist, Pastor Maria is a motivating and dynamic speaker who skillfully applies the Word of God to people's lives. Her passion for the lost takes her throughout the United States preaching revivals, camp meetings, district retreats and seminars.

Visit [New Life Assembly's](#) website.

SIGMA CHI PI HONOR SOCIETY

The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education sponsors the *Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society*. The seminary faculty nominate a limited number of graduates who satisfy the scholastic, character and leadership qualifications. A second category honors alumni who graduated at least 10 years ago and meet similar criteria. This year's recipients are:



Dr. David R. Bundrick, ('81), is the vice president for student development at Evangel University in Springfield. He received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of Missouri-Columbia. At Evangel, Bundrick oversees the departments of Academic and Career Development, Conference Services, Counseling Services, Health Services,

Security, Spiritual Life, Student Activities, Student Life and Student Services. A former U.S. Naval Academy midshipman, he also holds the Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Bundrick has also served as national director of the Alliance for AG Higher Education (formerly COCHE).

Rev. Randy G. Hurst, ('81) is a missionary-evangelist who also serves as commissioner of evangelism for the AG and director of communications for AG World Missions. His position involves the oversight of video, media production and fund-raising for special World Missions projects, including Senders Fund, AG Relief and General Emergency Fund. He has also served as a pastor, college teacher, linguist, editor and author. His passion for ministry is the unreached and the responsibility of all believers to share the message of Jesus Christ. An international speaker, Hurst has ministered throughout the United States and in more than 50 countries.



Rev. Stephen R. Tourville, ('79) is the superintendent of the Pennsylvania-Delaware District Council of the AG. Experienced in pastoral ministry for 35 years, he holds an M.Div. from the Evangelical School of Theology, and is pursuing a D.Min. at AGTS. He served as a presbyter and the national director of the AG U.S. Intercultural Ministries Department. He has also ministered in Tanzania,

Burkina Faso and Bolivia. Tourville believes that missions begins at home

and must be a vital part of our strategy in reaching the world for Christ. A key to accomplishing that mission is the local pastor, and he is an encouraging resource to home missions pastors.

Pillars of the Faith Honorees

During graduation, AGTS unveiled a new initiative called Pillars of the Faith to give special recognition to men and women who dedicated their lives to serve Jesus Christ and followed the call of God in ministry, missions, and the training of ministers. In addition to approval by the

and establishing an endowment at AGTS of \$25,000 or more to honor the minister's legacy. AGTS acknowledges the generous contributions made on behalf of the initial Pillars of the Faith Honorees for 2007:

- Philip Bongiorno--*Philip Bongiorno Scholarship*
- Cordas C. Burnett--*Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching*
- Charles Hackett--*Charles Hackett Center for Pentecostal Leadership*
- J. Philip Hogan--*J. Philip Hogan Chair of World Missions*
- Arthur Klaus--*Arthur Klaus Preaching Scholarship*
- Edgar R. Lee--*Edgar R. Lee Double Honors Scholarship*
- Anthony D. Palma--*Anthony D. Palma Scholarship*
- Del Tarr--*Del Tarr Missions Scholarship*

Through a gift or estate planning, you may want to consider honoring someone who has dedicated his or her life to Christ and followed the call of God in ministry, missions, and the training of ministers, and who shares the mission of AGTS to shape servant leaders. For information on ways to honor ministers, churches, and lay leaders, contact President Byron Klaus, Paul Martinez or Dorothea Lotter at 1-800-467-2487.

Investing in the Future

There are a variety of ways you can invest in the mission of AGTS, including bequests. AGTS has been the recipient of large and small bequests from alumni and friends over the years. These donors needed their capital during their lifetimes, but made arrangements to make a gift later that would forever associate them with the mission of AGTS. If you would like further information, please call the Alumni Office at 1-800-467-2487, ext.1022.

Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be speaking at the following events:

May 21-22 Illinois District Council, Peoria, IL
May 27 Pentecost Sunday (AM Services)
Central Assembly of God, Springfield, MO
June 30- Minnesota District Family Camp
July 3 Lake Geneva Camp, Alexandria, MN



AGTS Bids Farewell

Academic Dean named new President of Northwest University



AGTS Academic Dean, Dr. Joseph Castleberry has been named the sixth president of Northwest University, Kirkland, WA. He will assume the presidency on August 15. [Read more . . .](#)

Doctor of Ministry Director to plant church in Berkeley, CA

Dr. Earl Creps ('02) leaves AGTS in July of this year to plant a church in Berkeley, CA. After six years of leading the Doctor of Ministry Program, Earl and his wife Janet ('04) begin a new phase of ministry. They commented, "We are defenseless against this call of God on our lives." Earl will continue his teaching relationship with AGTS.

Visit [Earl's blog](#) to stay connected with his ministry journey.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Creps recently won a first-place 2007 Evangelical Press Association award for his article, "The Azusa Effect," which appeared in the May/June 2006 issue of Ministry Today.

Read the [article](#) or review all [2007 EPA Awards](#).

Doctor of Ministry Abstracts

D.Min. Symposium abstracts are available online. [Click here](#) to access.

Upcoming Events

52nd General Council August 7-11



AGTS ALUMNI RECEPTION AT GENERAL COUNCIL IN INDIANAPOLIS

- Wednesday, August 8, 2007, after evening service, 9 p.m.-midnight
- Marriott Indianapolis Downtown

Join us for these enriching pre-General Council seminars in Indianapolis:

Do You Know Your Neighbor? The Growth of Islam in America

- August 7, 8:45-9:45 p.m.; August 8, 8:45-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to Noon
- Dr. Mark Hausfeld, AGWM Area Director, Central Eurasia, and the AGTS 2007 J. Phillip Hogan Professor of World Missions

Biblical Exposition: Foundations for Pentecostal Preaching

- August 8, 8:45-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to Noon
- Dr. Douglas Oss ('80), Director of the AGTS Cordas C. Burnett Center for Biblical Preaching and Professor of Bible Exposition

Women in Leadership Track: Leading with Courage in a Changing World

- August 7, 8:45-9:45 p.m.; August 8, 8:45-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to Noon
- Susanne Cox, Dr. Eve Fenton, Kate Gordon, June Lui, Dr. Lori O'Dea ('91, '02), Dr. Carolyn Tennant, Dr. April Westbrook

Register for these and other Pre-General Council Leadership Seminars at www.ag.org. Graduate credit available. Call 1-800-467-AGTS, ext. 1044.

Where are you now?

We want to know what you have been doing since your time at AGTS. Fill us in! E-mail or send us your latest news, photos, address changes, and new degrees earned. We may publish news in our Alumni Newsletter or include it in the next issue of the *Rapport*. We want to hear from you!

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