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Keeping Alumni Connected

Dr. George Wood To Speak at 36th AGTS Commencement



Dr. George O. Wood, general superintendent of the AG, will deliver the keynote address at the 36th annual Commencement of AGTS on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Central AG, Springfield, Mo. AGTS will award Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees to 126 graduates from 33 states and Puerto Rico, 5 countries and 9 different denominations.

Dr. Wood has served as the chair of the Board of Directors of AGTS since 1993.

A public Doctor of Ministry symposium will be held on Friday, May 1, at 12:30 p.m. in the seminary's chapel. Fourteen graduates will present summaries of field-based doctoral projects.

AGTS Graduation Activities

April 30



AGTS Golf Tournament

Registration required, call (417) 268-1012 by April 24

The tournament is a four-person scramble format and will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Thursday, April 30. Great prizes for the winners!

All proceeds go to student scholarships. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register.

May 1

Doctor of Ministry Symposium 12:30-2:15 p.m.
AGTS Chapel
RSVP, call (417) 268-1043 by April 24

May 2

36th Commencement Celebration 10:00 a.m.
Central Assembly of God
1301 Boonville Avenue
Speaker: Dr. George O. Wood

What's New?

An Update from the President

Report to AGTS/CBC Communities on Current Efforts at Streamlining Structures. [Read the full report.](#)



AGTS Welcomes New Professor



The Executive Committee of our Board of Directors approved the addition to our faculty of Dr. Charles Self as Associate Professor of Church History. He will fill the position created by the death of our colleague, Gary McGee. The loss of Dr. McGee was a huge blow to the AGTS community, both past and present.

Dr. Self is an energetic teacher and seasoned pastoral leader. He has sturdy academic credentials from top quality educational institutions on the West Coast (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA and University of California, Santa Cruz). He has faced vigorous challenges toward his faith and values in these institutions, yet he grew strong as an apologist and dialogue partner. He has served AGTS for the last several years as our AGTS West Coast director, pioneering our efforts with the Northern California/Nevada District Council and Bethany University. He has also taught at George Fox University and Western Seminary in the Portland, OR area.

Resources

Lifelong Learning

Graduate alumni can audit one course free per academic year. Why not use it as an opportunity to take a break and enhance your ministry skills? For a complete list of course offerings, visit the [online schedule](#).

One Week Summer Modules

June 8-12 (M-F) 12:30-4:30/5:30-9:30 p.m.

Dr. DeLonn Rance **Anthropology and Communication Theo. Perspective**

June 22-26 (M-F) 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./1:00-5:00 p.m.

Dr. Mervin Van der Spuy **Psychopharmacology**



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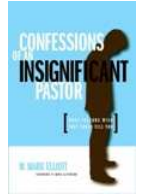
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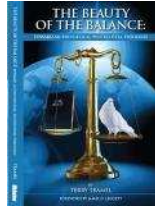
Books and Publications

"Confessions of an Insignificant Pastor: What Pastors Wish They Could Tell You!" by **Dr. Mark Elliott** ('88)

This transparent and pertinent book will challenge you to the core of your being. Mark Elliott takes off the gloves and gets real with what ministry is like and how to persevere in troubled times.



To order online visit the [website](#).



"The Beauty of the Balance – Toward an Evangelical-Pentecostal Theology" by **Dr. Terry Tramel** ('08)

The Beauty of the Balance seeks to find common ground between Evangelical and Pentecostal theology, as well as offering a better articulation of some of the controversial claims of Pentecostalism.

[LifeSprings Resources](#) or 1-800-541-1376

Faculty News

Dr. Roger Cotton ('78) presented a paper entitled "Holiness Ethics Taught in Leviticus" at the annual meeting of the Central States Region of the Society of Biblical Literature in St. Louis, MO.



Dr. Johan Mostert taught "Cross-Cultural Ministry Skills" at CINCEL to more than two dozen missionaries preparing to go into the Latin American mission field.



L-R: Dr. Byron Klaus, Dr. Stanley Horton, Dr. Lois Olena, Dr. Ray Gannon ('82/'84)

Photo taken by Paul K. Logsdon

Dr. Byron Klaus spoke at Evangel University's Dr. Stanley M. Horton Pentecostal Heritage Lectureship Series. The two-day lecture honored Dr. Horton.

Dr. Klaus spoke on "First Things Last" for the Faith and Learning Lectureship at North Central University in Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Annette Newberry ('96/'03/'07) wrote "General Epistles: Faith for Turbulent Times" published in English and French by Life Publishers International for Africa's Hope as part of its Discovery Series. The Discovery Series is a new curriculum designed for African Bible Schools and with the African context in mind.



L-R: Dr. Lois Olena, Dr. George O. Wood, Dr. Stan Burgess, Dr. Stanley Horton, Dr. Ken Horn, Bishop Lemuel Thuston, Dr. Martin Mittelstadt

Dr. Lois Olena ('06) wrote "Stanley M. Horton: A Pentecostal Journey," *AG Heritage* (Spring 2009): 4-14. She also attended the Society of Pentecostal Studies (SPS) in Eugene, OR in March where she presented for a panel discussion on the upcoming Horton biography.

Alumni News

The Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) recently reappointed AGWM missionary **Don Tucker** ('81/'84) as secretary-treasurer and **Dr. Enson Lwesya** ('06) of Malawi was appointed as the AAGA missions director.

Tami Halstead ('83) completed a 2 week medical missions trip to India, and will go to Nairobi, Kenya on July 30 with a medical missions team of 30 people. Tami is a dental hygienist and a borough councilwoman in her local community.



Paul Hughes ('86) is the senior pastor at the Assembly of God Church in Cuero, TX.

Eugene and Carolyn **Hunt** ('86) are AG missionaries serving Spanish-speaking Latin America and the Caribbean.



James Ferrell ('89) moved to McDonough, GA. He attends, supports and participates in the First Assembly of God Church in Griffin, Georgia. He comments, *"I appreciate the wonderful contribution the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary has, and is making on my life and many others."*



Chaplain Lane Stockeland ('91) right, U.S. Army chaplain, was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in January 2009.

Chaplain Lane Stockeland writes

"I feel it is important to support AGTS as they prepare servant leaders in three key areas: spiritually, relationally, and academically. I can honestly say that I am as well prepared academically as any of my professional peers or colleagues, due to the quality of instruction at AGTS. This is an important arena as God uses our alumni in various stages and venues around the world."

Stockeland is assigned to the 88th Regional Support Command, Fort McCoy, WI. The mission of the 88th RCS is to provide base operational support to the 19 northwestern US states.

Jill Holm ('95) served on a missions trip to Guyana where she was involved in church services, tent meetings, and other activities which included miracles of healings and the team being on national television.

David Crosby (97/'07) pastors Pocono Community Church in Mt. Pocono, PA. David writes, *"After meeting in rented facilities for six years, we moved into our first facility on February 8. We had 2,200 people celebrate the grand opening in three Sunday morning services. Since moving into the facility, we have had over 200 people give their hearts to Christ and 147 are signed up to be baptized on Palm Sunday. God is doing some amazing things and we are humbled to be part of it. It's awesome to be living our dream!"*

Priscilla Mondt ('89) is the chief chaplain at Veterans Health Services of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, AR (VA Hospital). Her area of responsibility

includes 50,000 veterans spread over 3 states: southern MO, eastern OK, and northern AR.

Rob and **Sarah (Herman) Malcolm** ('03) welcomed their new son, Cameron Isaac in March.

Unyong Statwick ('03) is a hospital chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, MO. There are opportunities for pastoral volunteers one morning a week and the lunch is provided. Call (417) 820-2735 (office) or 820-2734 (director) for details.



The American Indian College in Phoenix, AZ, announced the election of **Dr. David DeGarmo** ('04) as their new president. He has served the college as an instructor, Christian ministry department chair, chief academic officer, and executive vice president.

Holly Carlson ('06) is working on a Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology through Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA. She has also been adjuncting in the state of Texas University of Houston system teaching abnormal psychology.



Visiting soldiers in Pakistan.

Kevin Mucher ('07) serves as an army chaplain in Afghanistan. The following excerpt comes from a recent newsletter.

My new chaplain assistant and I have been circulating throughout AO Chosin where the soldiers of my battalion are spread out between five different operating bases and combat out posts.

They are not like home by any stretch of imagination, but are sufficient and provide all the basic necessities: hot showers, hot chow, laundry services, and availability to call or e-mail home. We are now postured to help secure the Afghan population and assist the civil political leaders increase infrastructure capacity, and provide a better future for the Afghan citizens through various aid programs and jobs.



Conducting a service at a patrol base for soldiers.

Cindy Kam ('08) serves on staff at New Horizons Christian Church, Las Vegas, NV (www.nhccvegas.com). She directs the visitor's outreach/assimilation and is on the teaching team with the senior pastor.



Mike McCrary ('08) taught for a week at Southern Asia Bible College in Bangalore, India at ReFuel National Youth Leaders Conference. He is pictured with some of the students.

Send Us Your News!

We want to hear from you! Send your latest news and photos for possible publication in the *Alumni E-Newsletter* and/or *Rapport*. Email your news and photos to alumni@agts.edu.



Looking to fill a ministry position or know of someone who is? Email the job requirements to alumni@agts.edu and we'll post the information on our secure alumni website.



Congratulations to **Laverne Freeman** ('83/'84) winner of the *March AGTS Alumni Birthday drawing*. Register when you receive the new birthday card.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 5 **AGTS Alumni Reception**
General Council in Orlando, FL

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