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Keeping Alumni Connected



President Byron D. Klaus was recently honored for 10 years of service at AGTS by the board of directors, board of administration, and faculty at a dinner in the seminary great hall. Dr. George O. Wood, AG general superintendent and

board chair, commended Dr. Klaus for extraordinary service with a special presentation.

Dr. Klaus is the longest serving full-time president of AGTS. He was named president in 1999, after 20 years on the administration and faculty of Vanguard University in Southern California. Prior to Vanguard, he was the vice president for Latin America ChildCare (LACC), a child development ministry serving over 80,000 children in 21 nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. His commitment to leadership development in growing churches around the world has taken him to preach and teach national leaders in over 50 nations.

A gifted global visionary leader, preacher, educator, missiologist and writer, Dr. Klaus has brought a depth of leadership and collaboration to AGTS that encourages growth, change and development. During his ten years at AGTS, he has led in the development of two new doctoral programs, the Doctor of Missiology and the Ph.D. in Intercultural Ministries.

Resources



On January 29, AGTS fasted from work and classes to seek God. Listen to these services featuring pastor Bryan Jarrett.

LISTEN TO THE 2009 DAY OF RENEWAL SERVICES

Date Presented	Length	Download (Download Help)
Morning Service	54 minutes	Download the mp3
Afternoon Service	57 minutes	Download the mp3
Evening Service	1 hour 10 minutes	Download the mp3

Weekly chapel services and lectures may also be accessed [online](#).

Coming Soon!

Listen to the inaugural lecture *"The Psycho-Social Implications for the Pentecostal Academy in a Destabilized World"* by Dr. Johan Mostert, Professor of Community Psychology.



What's New?

AGTS receives \$500,000 grant

AGTS was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Kern Family Foundation in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The grant is part of a new matching grants initiative by the Kern Family Foundation entitled, "Leading Through Change: Innovation in Theological Schools." The purpose of the initiative is to strengthen Evangelical seminaries accredited by the Association of Theological Schools through fresh thinking about how theological teaching, learning, research, governance and administration are done. AGTS is one of five seminaries across the nation selected to receive matching grants of up to \$500,000. In 2008, the Foundation awarded AGTS a \$30,000 planning grant for this initiative. President, Byron D. Klaus said, *"This significant grant will help AGTS in its continuing quest to be effective in providing our supporting publics with church leadership capable to lead in challenging times."*

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Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

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| Feb. 23-25 | Kern Foundation Grant Winner's Symposium
Chicago, IL |
| March 1 | New Life Assembly of God, Gilead, OH |
| March 12-13 | Stanley Horton Lectures, Evangel University |
| March 17-19 | Faith and Learning Lectureship,
North Central University, Minneapolis, MN |



Visit www.byronklaus.com for additional resources and pod-casts.

Special Events

Each One Pray One



On March 23-24, AGTS faculty, staff and students will be contacting alumni—to pray for you. We often receive prayer requests from our alumni and want to take this opportunity to connect with you and pray. No fundraising will be involved.

The Alumni Office attempts to keep alumni contact information as current as possible. You can help us by updating your contact information whenever you move, change phone numbers or email addresses. Email updates to alumni@agts.edu.

AGTS Golf Tournament

Make plans now for the 2nd Annual AGTS Golf Tournament to be held April 30th at 1 p.m. at Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, MO. All proceeds will go to student scholarships. Great prizes, great fellowship! Special pricing will be available for AGTS alumni.

Contact Mary Miramonti at 417.268.1012 or development@agts.edu for more details.



Books and Publications

Alum Launches Publishing Company

Jerry Charles ('83) recently launched Peak Vista Press in an effort to help unpublished authors get their works printed. Jerry serves as a book broker utilizing his contacts with a graphic designer and an on demand printer in Phoenix, AZ to publish religious books.

Visit the website at www.peakvistapress.com to see recently published books.

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Faculty News

Dr. Roger Cotton ('78) taught a series on Genesis at Maranatha in Springfield, MO.

Dr. James Hernando ('78) wrote "The Legacy of Life," for the January 18th issue of the *Pentecostal Evangel*.

Dr. Stephen Lim, academic dean, ministered in Singapore and Malaysia in January. He spoke at weekend services for the Missions Convention at Grace AG, taught the modular course "Leadership & Church Management" at the AG Bible College, and spoke at a Leadership Retreat in Malaysia.





Dr. Melody Palm ('96) finished writing a chapter entitled, *"We Have a Scary Secret: Stopping Sexual Abuse in the Family,"* for a soon to be published book, by Oxford University Press, titled, **The Church Leaders Resource Book for Mental Health and Social Problems.**

After a successful first year in operation, Still Waters Counseling Center launched its web site: www.stillwaters-counseling.com.

Recently Dr. Palm was part of a ten part video series titled: *Out of the Darkness*, published by Missouri Families For Access to Comprehensive Treatment. The series deals with issue of mental health, and will be aired on public television in Missouri.

Alumni Giving News

Horton Scholarly Resources Endowment Fund

In honor of Dr. Stanley Horton's seven decades of ministry to AGTS and the Pentecostal community, AGTS has established an endowed fund to enhance biblical research resources in the AGTS library. You can contribute online at www.agts.edu/more/horton/



Alumni Encourage Giving to AGTS

In 2008, despite a difficult economy, alumni giving increase 4.2%. Your giving makes a difference. An alumni couple share why they give to AGTS.



Glenn ('96) and **Denise** ('95) **Harvison**, Lead Pastors, Harvest Time Church, Greenwich, CT.

Pastor Glenn Harvison shares

"Eighteen years ago I arrived in Springfield with all my earthly possessions stuffed into my Nissan Sentra. I had \$500 in my pocket and a scholarship letter for my first semester at AGTS. If it had not been for that scholarship, it is unlikely that I would have ever begun my seminary education. I guess you could say it was the scholarship that opened the door and encouraged me to take the leap of faith."

At AGTS I met my wife, made friends for life, and became equipped to succeed in our calling—ministering to business executives, media personalities and professional athletes in one of the world's premier communities. Every day we draw on the faith, skills and empowering of the Spirit we received through our seminary experience.

We feel privileged to be able to give back to the place that gave so much to us. We are forever grateful for the generosity of others that opened the doors for us. Our hope is that our financial support of AGTS will help encourage more and more men and women to take their own 'leap of faith' and answer God's call."

Alum Plans Legacy

Dr. Elizabeth Robinson ('90) had many fond memories of AGTS and its faculty. As a university professor, she came to the seminary having earned a Ph.D. in sociology at Ohio State. More recently she served as a group counselor for sex offenders in Canton and Akron, Ohio. In 2007, Dr. Robinson shared, *"I had such a wonderful experience at AGTS! I want to give something back—so I named the seminary as the beneficiary of my annuity."* Recently her estate planner advised that Dr. Robinson had passed away and sent documents to carry out her intentions to bless the seminary.



Alumni News



Are you an alum in the Seattle, WA area interested in connecting with other AGTS grads? **Timothy Stewart** ('03) would like to connect with you. Contact him by email at timothyastewart@gmail.com.

Interested in connecting with alums in your area? Email us at alumni@agts.edu and we'll post your contact info, meeting dates and locations.

Victor Hoffer ('80) recently passed away in a car accident.

Rev. Dr. David Balasingh ('85) writes, *"I was extremely happy to see the endowment plan in honor of Dr. Stanley Horton who was primarily responsible for my studies at AGGS and then AGTS '82-'85 MA and MDiv."* David taught at Southern Asia Bible College in Bangalore, India for 17 years and completed a Ph.D. at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in 1997. He is presently in Sri Lanka doing missions work.

Donald Kammer ('89) is moving to Wiesbaden, Germany in April 2009.

Dr. Elizabeth Robinson ('90) passed away in January.

James Baker ('97) pastors Zion Christian Fellowship outside Columbus, OH.

Bennie Manion ('99) lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife Lorraine and three children where he owns a logistics company. He will be launching a sports marketing company within the next few months.

Jennifer (Strickland) and Hayward **Hall** ('00) welcomed twins Liam and Aedan on February 13th. Proud grandparents are H. Glynn and Johnnie Hall and **Barbara** ('89/'07) and **Bill** ('80) **Strickland**.



Liam Cooper



Aedan Thatcher



Roman and Janice **Stefaniw** ('02) serve as translation consultants and trainers in Southeast Asia, Australia, and other parts of the South Pacific since 2003. He has a continuing appointment as an international translation consultant. They are back in Springfield to itinerate and renew relationships

with partner churches.

Sheryl Shearer ('03) contributed four entries to the devotional book, *Faith Deployed*. Women from all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces participated in this project. *Faith Deployed* offers daily spiritual encouragement to military spouses.

Cliff and **Cristy Neuman** ('04) are currently stationed in Columbia, SC. In July they move to Camp Zama, Japan for a three year assignment.

Monty and **Cara Galloway** ('05) welcomed Darby Joy in February 2009.



Michael McDonald ('08) was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and commissioned as an Air Force Chaplain assigned to the 375th Airlift Wing at Scott AFB, IL. He also works as a hospital chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, MO in addition to serving as the associate pastor of New Life Community Church, St. Louis, MO.



Congratulations to **Guadalupe Rodriguez** ('87) and **Jeff Green** ('08) winners of the *January AGTS Alumni Birthday drawing*. Guadalupe and Jeff received a limited edition alumni mug! Register when you receive the new birthday card.



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.

Upcoming Events

Campus Events to consider when you are in Springfield...

March 10-12 Spring Lectureship Series with Dr. Richard Foth
AGTS Chapel

- Tues., March 10 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- Wed., March 11 10:30-11:45 a.m.
- Thurs., March 12 9:00-10:15 a.m.

March 12 Get to Know AGTS!

Do you know someone looking for a challenging education experience? Refer them to AGTS! Our annual Seminary Day on March 12th is a great opportunity for them to see all AGTS has to offer.

For registration information, [visit the AGTS website](http://www.agts.edu) or call 800-467-AGTS. You can also refer a student to our Enrollment Office online at www.agts.edu/referral.



Save the Date!

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

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