



Missionary Lee Allison graduated from the Doctor of Ministry Program. He serves nine nations of the former Soviet Union in the areas of theological education and leadership development.

GRADUATION 2006

AGTS celebrated its 33rd annual commencement on May 6, 2006, at Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo. The seminary awarded degrees to 113 graduates from 31 states and ten countries.

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Dr. Melody Palm, director of the counseling program, hoods Christina Chenault. Christina will return to her home state of Michigan where she will pursue ordination with the AG and eventually enter church planting ministry.

The AGTS counseling program is well known for its ability to prepare students for state licensing exams. Graduates enjoy a high success rate at passing the rigorous exams on the first attempt.



Dr. H. Robert Rhoden, superintendent of the Potomac District Council of the AG, delivered the keynote address. He encouraged graduates to be keepers of the story—listening to the lost and to the voice of God, creatively relaying the Gospel message with the power of the Spirit.

In his role as superintendent, Dr. Rhoden oversees more than 300 churches and 900 credentialed ministers. He has ministered as an evangelist and held various pastoral positions in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Virginia. In 1969, he planted West End AG in Richmond, Va., a church that has mothered five churches in Richmond and built 18 churches in other nations.



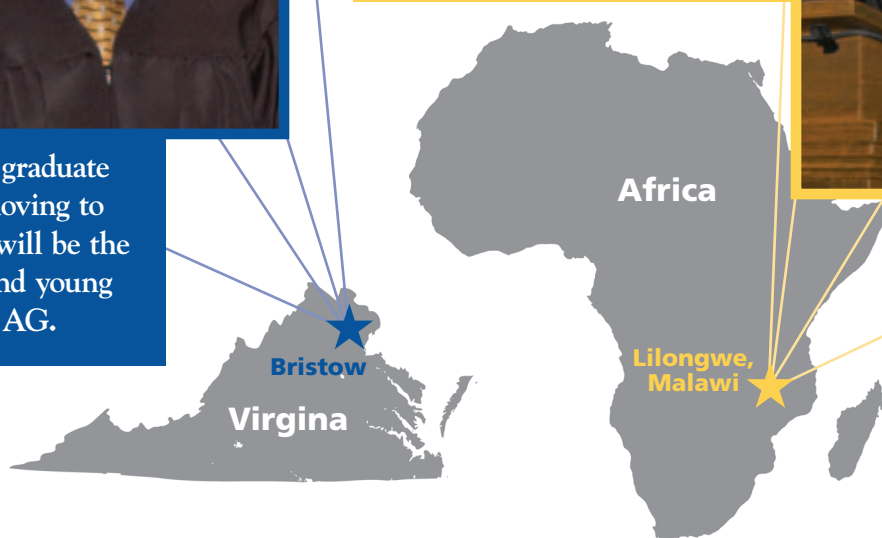
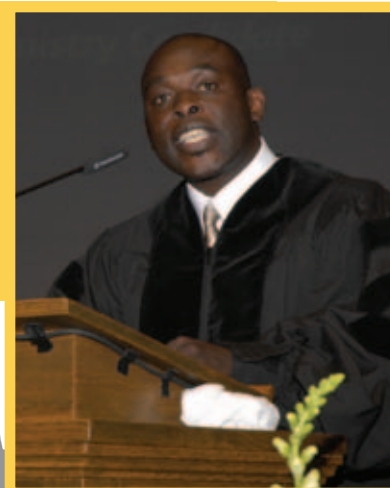
To conclude, the 2006 commencement, faculty and administration formed a circle around the graduates in the audience.

Bishop Ed Peecher, member of the AGTS Board of Directors, led in a prayer of commissioning, and the faculty and administration laid hands on the graduates and joined in prayer over them—a powerfully moving conclusion to the ceremony.



Master of Divinity graduate Doug Dreesen is moving to Virginia where he will be the pastor of mission and young adults at Manassas AG.

Enson Lwesya, chosen from among Doctor of Ministry graduates, delivered a response during commencement. He will return to Malawi where he is president of the AG School of Theology.



Holly Carlson, counseling graduate, is enrolled in a doctoral program for clinical psychology at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, Springfield, Mo. This summer, she will travel to Sri Lanka to help AGTS establish a counseling program at the AG Bible college there.



Marlin Williams and wife Nicole are youth pastors at Havana AG in Arkansas. Marlin earned his M.Div. while commuting to Springfield from Arkansas. He will continue in his current position until his ordination, after which he plans to enter active duty as a Navy chaplain.

