

Missio Theological Seminary

Presents

*The 53rd Annual
Commencement*



Saturday, June 8, 2024

11 o'clock a.m.

Sharon Baptist Church

3955 Conshohocken Ave.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Order of Service

Processional

All Hail the Power of Jesus

Welcome

Dr. Susan Post

Chair, Board of Trustees

*Congregational Singing (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Sharon Baptist Church Soloist

*Prayer

Dr. Chad T. Hinson

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology

Student Testimony

Woon Yong Park

Master of Theology Student

Scripture Reading

Professor Stephen S. Taylor

Thomas V. Taylor Associate Professor of New Testament

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Clarence E. Wright

President and Lester and Kay Clemens Professor of Missional Theology

Congregational Hymn (Great is Thy Faithfulness)

Sharon Baptist Church Soloist

Commencement Address

Rev. Dr. Valerie Andrews

Program Administrator for the Ministers Council for the American Baptist Churches, USA

Announcement of Faculty Emeritus Award

Dr. David Lamb

Allan A. MacRae Professor of Old Testament and Dean of the Faculty

Announcement of Lifetime Achievement Award and Remarks

Dr. Kyuboem Lee

Associate Professor of Missiology, Director of DMin Program

Announcement of Student Awards

Faculty

Student Testimony

Willie Singletary

Master of Arts Student

Conferral of Degrees for Missio Seminary
Recognition of Completion from Kairos
University

Dr. Clarence E. Wright, President

Master of Theology

Dr. Chang Hoon Oh

Vice President for International Relations, Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies and

Master of Arts

Dr. David Lamb

Dean of the Faculty, Allan A. MacRae Professor of Old Testament and

Master of Divinity

Dr. Chad T. Hinson

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology

Doctor of Ministry

Dr. Kyuboem Lee

Director of DMin Program, Associate Professor of Missiology

*Congregational Singing (Standing on the Promises)

Sharon Baptist Church Soloist

*Benediction

Rev. Keith Reed

Bishop/Sr. Pastor of Sharon Baptist Church

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance

Please allow time for all graduates, board, and faculty to leave the auditorium before exiting.

*Congregation Stands

Commencement Speaker

Reverend Dr. Valerie Andrews earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts English and a Master of Counseling Education from Millersville University. She continued her education at Palmer Theological Seminary where she earned her Master of Divinity in 2008, and in 2021, Dr. Andrews graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a doctorate in Management of Strategic Leadership. Dr. Andrews previously served as the Program Director for the PULPIT (Program for Urban Leaders and Pastors in Transition) at Missio Seminary. Presently, she is the Program Administrator for the Ministers Council for the American Baptist Churches, USA, where she provides direct and administrative assistance to 2000+ clerics. Dr. Andrews serves on the United Theological Institute's Committee of Advisors of United Lutheran Seminary. She also serves as an instructor for United Lutheran Seminary's Urban Theological Institute's Certificate Program, teaching Servant Leadership, Church Administration and Managing Church Conflict. In March, 2019, she was installed as the Pastor of the Eternal Life Missionary Baptist Church in Southwest Philadelphia.

Resident Faculty	
<p>Chad T. Hinson, DMin, '20 <i>Assistant Professor of Practical Theology</i></p> <p>David T. Lamb, DPhil <i>Dean of the Faculty, Allan A. MacRae Professor of Old Testament</i></p> <p>Kyuboem Lee, DMin <i>Director of DMin Program, Associate Professor of Missiology</i></p>	<p>Chang Hoon Oh, EdD, '14 <i>Vice President for International Relations, Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies</i></p> <p>Stephen S. Taylor, ABD <i>Thomas V. Taylor Associate Professor of New Testament</i></p> <p>Clarence E. Wright, DMin, '16, '17 <i>President, Lester and Clay Clemens Professor of Missional Theology</i></p>
Affiliate Faculty	
<p>Shannon T. Lamb, DMin, '10, '18 <i>Affiliate Faculty in Biblical Pedagogy</i></p>	

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Missio Seminary has been training and ministering in the Philadelphia region since 1971.

As we look back we also look forward. We recognize the foundation that was laid by our two founders: Dr. Allan MacRae and Dr. Jack Murray; the former was a scholar and the latter an evangelist. Together they embodied a spirit that joined serious Bible study with a missionary's zeal to share the Gospel — but always with a gracious and respectful understanding of the cultural context. Theirs was “a Gospel with legs.”

One of the signs of a healthy organization is growth. Not just numerical growth, but spiritual growth. At Missio Seminary, we have grown in our self-understanding; we have grown in our understanding of Scripture; and we have grown in compassion, grace, and love of God and neighbor. We have recommitted ourselves to metro Philadelphia — urban and suburban.

Nothing demonstrates that growth better than the missional turn nearly 20 years ago. Dr. David Dunbar led what was then Biblical Seminary to become one of the first seminaries in the US to embrace a full-throttled missional theology. President Frank James, who came in 2013 as Missio's fourth president, has propelled this missional emphasis even further, leading the board of trustees to change our name to reflect better our missional commitment. Our main campus in Philadelphia is near center city to live out God's mission. We have tried our best to be strategic, wise, and faithful to the original vision of MacRae and Murray as we seek to serve Philadelphia and the North East corridor from New York City to Washington DC. It has been quite a ride even if it has been bumpy at times. Today, we still stand on the shoulders of remarkable leaders.

Join us in looking forward to what God has in store for Missio Seminary.

Dr. Clarence E. Wright
President
Missio Seminary