

Missio Theological Seminary

Presents

The 52nd Annual

Commencement



Saturday, June 3, 2023

11 o'clock a.m.

Sharon Baptist Church

3955 Conshohocken Ave.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Program

Welcome

Susan Post

Chair, Board of Trustees

***Congregational Singing** I Will Bless the Lord

Sharon Baptist Church Worship Team

***Prayer**

Marcella Rolle

Assistant Professor of Counseling

Testimony

Garth Hutchinson

Master of Divinity Student

Scripture Reading

Stephen S. Taylor

Thomas V. Taylor Associate Professor of New Testament

Introduction of Speaker

Frank A. James, III

President and Professor of Historical Theology

Commencement Address

Clarence E. Wright

*Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, PULPIT Fellow,
President-elect of Missio Seminary*

Announcement of Awards

Faculty

Testimony

Diane Galmore

Doctor of Ministry Student

**Recognition of Certificates Completion and
Conferral of Degrees**

Frank A. James, III, president

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Chad Hinson

*Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Sr. PULPIT
Fellow and Diploma Program Director*

David Lamb

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

Hannah Wildasin

*Assistant Professor of Counseling and Director of the
Graduate School of Counseling*

R. Todd Mangum

*Les & Kay Clemens Professor of Missional Theology,
Academic Dean, and ThM Program Director*

Kyuboem Lee

*Director of DMin Program and Associate Professor of
Missiology*

***Congregational Singing** Praise Him

Sharon Baptist Church Worship Team

***Benediction**

Rev. Keith Reed

Bishop/Sr. Pastor of Sharon Baptist Church

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

****Congregation Standing***

Commencement Speaker

Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Wright has been the Senior Pastor of the Love Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia since 2013 where he has served for more than 20 years total. His life and career have been devoted to public service including community economic development, homeless advocacy, anti-violence initiatives, service in the local church and international missions on 5 continents. After graduating with his MDiv from Missio Seminary, he earned the Doctor of Ministry at the historic Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School where he was the recipient of the Gene and Jean Bartlett Preaching Prize. His thesis topic, "...The Sunday After: Effective Preaching in Response to Current Events" has now been developed into a book, published by Judson Press. Dr. Wright is an active member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, currently serving as Pennsylvania State president and cofounder of the Pennsylvania Progressive Baptist Alliance. Additionally, he serves as 1st Vice President of the Baptist Pastors and Ministers Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and chairman of the board for Chosen 300 Ministries an international missions organization with more than 20 locations worldwide.

Resident Faculty

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Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Sr. PULPIT Fellow, and Director of the Diploma Program

Frank A. James III, DPhil, PhD

President and Professor of Historical Theology

David T. Lamb, DPhil

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

Kyuboem Lee, DMin

Director of DMin Program and Associate Professor of Missiology

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Les & Kay Clemens Professor of Missional Theology, Academic Dean, ThM Program Director

Chang Hoon Oh, EdD, '14

Vice President for International Relations and Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies

Marcella Rolle, PhD, LAPC, NCC

Assistant Professor of Counseling and Fieldwork Coordinator

Stephen S. Taylor, ABD

Thomas V. Taylor Associate Professor of New Testament

Hannah Wildasin, PhD, LPC, '10, '16

Assistant Professor of Counseling and Director of the Graduate School of Counseling

Clarence E. Wright, DMin, '16, '17

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Director of Urban Programs, and PULPIT Fellow

Affiliate Faculty

Susan S. Baker, PhD

Assistant Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program

J.R. Briggs, DMin, '11, '20

Affiliate Faculty in Practical Theology

Andre D. Ivy, DMin

Affiliate faculty in Pastoral Care and Counseling

Shannon T. Lamb, DMin, '10, '18

Affiliate Faculty in Biblical Pedagogy

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The board of Trustees has voted unanimously to appoint **Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Wright** as the next president of Missio Seminary, effective 1 July 2023. Clarence is well known to the Missio community. He has both an MA and an MDIV from Missio and his DMin is from the historic Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY. He currently serves as Professor of Practical Theology at Missio as well as Senior Pastor of the Love Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

As I step into retirement, I am especially gratified that Dr. Wright will continue to advance the missional heritage in Philadelphia. I know of no one who better exemplifies our core values (Charity, Humility, Integrity, Mutual Respect and Excellence). Those core values are not just institutional standards but transformative kingdom ethics.

Please join me in welcoming and supporting Missio Seminary's 5th president, Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Wright.

Frank A. James III, DPhil, PhD
President and Professor of Historical Theology

