



2021
COMMENCEMENT

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINEth YEAR

May 10, 2021

2:00 PM

Washington National Cathedral

Washington, The District of Columbia

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please stand as you are able.

*PROCESSIONAL MUSIC CYCLE OF PROCESSIONALS DAVID N.
JOHNSON

Order of Procession

Professor Works
Master of Arts Graduates
Professor Cho, *Director of the M.T.S. Program*
Master of Theological Studies Graduates
Professor Elgendy, *Associate Professor*
Professor Peck-McClain, *Visiting Professor*
Master of Divinity Graduates
Professor Tzan, *Director, D.Min. Program*
Sara Sheppard, *Assistant Director, D.Min. Program*
Doctor of Ministry Graduates

Registrar Arnold
Associate Dean Lee
Professor Sondra Wheeler, *Speaker*
Dean Wingeier-Rayo
President McAllister-Wilson
Rev. Berlin, *Chair of Board of Governors*

GREETING

ASA LEE, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CAMPUS LIFE
PRESIDENT-ELECT, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Leader: Astonishing Maker of all that is,
Swirling Breath of life and love,
Patient Teacher of faithful service,
you are our dwelling place,
the true home of our hearts.

People: *Before you formed the earth and stars,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Leader: You call us to live in your holy presence,
made known to us through Jesus our Savior.
He has shown us your love, justice, and mercy,
and calls us to live so that your Church will be
a harbor of safety and joy.

All: *Fill us with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice in you.
We give thanks for the very gift of life
as we share in the joy of this day. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

KYUNGLIM SHIN LEE
VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

DAVID McALLISTER-WILSON
PRESIDENT OF THE SEMINARY

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF AWARDS TO STUDENTS

PRESENTATION: SOCIETY OF JOHN WESLEY AWARD OF MERIT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM BERLIN
CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Holy God, made known to us in the writings
of Israel, the teachings of Jesus, and the
witness of the Church;

By the power of the Holy Spirit interpret to us
the scriptures as they are read and expounded.

We pray for the grace to live out their truth,
for your glory and for the sake of the world
you have redeemed through Christ our Savior.

All: *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE

CARLA WORKS, PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12: 9-12; 21

ADDRESS

SONDRA WHEELER
THE MARTHA ASHBY CARR PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PAUL CHO
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEBREW BIBLE

Leader:

Loving God,
We gather in your presence and
bring our hearts before you as we pray:

God our Rock and Stronghold,
we give you thanks that you have brought us
through the deep waters of seminary formation
and across the high mountains of academic study
to reach this day of joy and celebration.
As we go out from this place,
give us assurance of your never ending love,
and hold us fast to the sure ground of your unfailing strength.

Let us pray to the Lord,

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader:

God our Great Physician,
we pray not only for ourselves but for the world:
 a world suffering wounds of pandemic and racism,
 a world suffering the sickness caused by sin and hatred.
Pour your Spirit of healing out on us and on our world:
 give us hands to help and hearts to heal,
 and go ahead of us,
 preparing the fields and vineyards into which we are sent.

Let us pray to the Lord:

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Leader:

God our Good Shepherd,
we give thanks for your shepherds who have led us to today,
 and for all those to whom you send us as shepherds.
We give thanks for teachers and students,
 for those who serve us and those whom we serve,
 for those whom we follow and those whom we lead.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit of discernment and wisdom
 that we may learn to lead by following you.

Let us pray to the Lord:

People: *We give our thanks for all your many gifts,
 and for your presence that abides always with us.
It is right to give our thanks and praise to you:
Holy One, Maker of all,
who has filled us with your Spirit,
and given us eternal life in Christ.
Amen.*

RECOGNITION OF TEACHING MINISTRY SETTINGS

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Dean of the Seminary

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Dean of the Seminary

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS

David McAllister-Wilson, President of the Seminary
Joseph E. Arnold, Registrar

CHARGE TO THE CLASS

EVERETT B. McALLISTER
2021 M.Div.

Leader: Called by God and the church, we now go forth to be God's people in the world. Our calls come in many forms, yet we have all said: "Here I am; send me." Having been trained, nurtured, and challenged in seminary, we now seek to share God's love and justice through service in the world.

Class: *Our hope rests on divine promises. We look to God for a spirit of willingness, courage to witness, and strength to lead. We give thanks for the love and support of our families and communities of faith. We believe that God shows us where love, hope, and faith are needed, and helps us to act with wisdom and courage.*

BLESSING

BISHOP LATRELLE EASTERLING
BISHOP OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Toccata Festiva, Op. 921

Carson Cooman

Thomas Sheehan is the organist for today's service.

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

TO GRADUATES OF PREVIOUS YEARS:
Society of John Wesley Award of Merit
Asa J. Lee, M.Div., 2007

TO 2021 GRADUATES:
Award for Competence and Interest in Methodist History
Hyungsuk Oh
Lenora Fay Whitecotton

Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts Award
Techika Chiniece Rhodes
Lenora Fay Whitecotton

Interpretation Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies
John Stephen Langenstein

Maryland Bible Society Award for Proficiency in Biblical Preaching
Vennece Nicole Fowlkes

Order of Saint Luke Hoyt Hickman Award in Liturgy
Eun Jin Kim

Student Council Award for Outstanding Service to the Community
Techika Chiniece Rhodes

Margaret Pittman Award in Urban Ministry
Kenia Vanessa Rodriguez

Diedra Kriewald Award for Commitment for Excellence in the
Teaching Ministry
Nadia Akanisi Moira Fitzcharles

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Laurence Hull Stookey Award for Outstanding Leadership in Liturgy and Worship

John Stephen Langenstein

Hyungsuk Oh

Excellence in Public Theology

Chet Mitchell Jechura

Cassandra Marie Lawrence

To CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Upper Fairmount Christ United Methodist Church Award (to a student who has one more year of study and who has exhibited proficiency for ministry in small churches)

Beth Heller

James Morris Miller Senior Fellowship (to a student who has one more year of study and who has exhibited interest and proficiency in Christian social ethics and in campus social action)

Heather Taylor

2021 GRADUATES AND DEGREES



Honors are based on a possible 4.0 Grade Point Average
and are designated as follows:

* with Honors (GPA 3.70-4.0)

Graduates from 2020 walking today are designated with ^

Master of Arts

Deborah Jean Ambush *	Thomas H. Lyons *
Charles Andrew Borek *	Armand Rashad Peterson
Ralph A. Butler *	Janice C. Phipps-Harmon
Caldwell Coleman Jr. *	Mary E. Robinson
Shawn Levette Cooper	Alfredo Santiago
LaShawn Monique Demery	Joseph LaDonna Saunders ^
Kristina Neal Fites ^	Jacquelyn Anderson Stranathan
Nadia Akanisi Moira Fitzcharles *	Willie James Sullivan, III *
Carmen Cecilia Ford ^	Donna Lyn Taylor *
Asha Mary Rubina John	Christina Nicole Trager
Elliot Tryshawn Jones ^	Maxine Samms Washington ^
Suzanne White Junod *	James Rodney Watson
Keith Anthony Peters Loudermill	
Nathan Charles Lundy	

Master of Theological Studies

Robert Taylor Bradshaw	Bryan Michael Franklin *
Heewon Choi *	Margaret Borden McKinnon Gardner *
Yenny Delgado Collao *	Anthony Dean Haines
Jonathan David Deters *	Esther Inuwa ^
Nadia Akanisi Moira Fitzcharles *	Sangrok Lee *

Master of Theological Studies

Hyungsuk Oh *	Shane Michael Sonnenberg
Melinda Paczàri-Pongor *	Christian Daniel Van Dyke *
Miriam Rajkumar *	Robert Michael Vanzant ^
William Hall Schneider ^ *	Renée Williams
Marcus Antwone Smith *	Adrianus Yosia *

Master of Divinity

Rhonda Y. Anderson	Tonya Anne McClain
Shelly Lynn Ballard	Lamar Parrish McIntyre ^
Antonio Jermaine Baxter	Brian Jeremy Means-Koss ^ *
Teresa Lynn Bernard	Pamelia Kent Moore^
Cornelius Berry	Lynaya Rae Morris *
Jazmine Lenae Brooks	David Guy Norton ^ *
Tiffany Bianca Brooks	Daein Park *
Kasango F. Butler ^	Joseph Perry Jr. ^
Ellie Elizabeth Crain ^	Brooke Dahgren-Christensen
Vennece Nicole Fowlkes *	Phulesar *
Hannah Marie Godfrey	Jeffery Devonn Postell
Sean Michael Gray *	Susan Marie Pullin
Jennifer Nicole Grimelli *	Lawrence Wesley Rebelo
Janice Deneise Herman	Techika Chiniece Rhodes
Naylo Terrell Hopkins ^	Kenia Vanessa Rodriguez *
Betsy Taylor Hudson ^ *	Sara Ellen Sadler
Ilgha Monga Ilunga ^	Chelsea Lynn Spyres *
Marcela Mosquera Jarman	Shemaiah Strickland
Marcus Jean *	Heather Lorraine Taylor *
Chet Mitchell Jechura *	Kara Ann Togel *
Ebonie Tyla Johnson Cooper ^ *	Samuel Robert Tryon ^ *
YouJung Jung	Jennifer Cathleen Ward
Eun Jin Kim *	Kristin Amy Weschler *
Christine P. Kumar	Rebecca Kaye Wessinger *
John Stephen Langenstein *	Paige Danielle Wheeler
Cassandra Marie Lawrence *	Lenora Fay Whitecotton *
Yongfang Li	Stephanie Hicks Willett ^
Christopher David Long	Terri Krishawn Williams
Everett B. McAllister *	

Doctor of Ministry

Taiwo Akinwumi Arowosegbe

The Burden of Care: Healing Through Sharing

Giovanni Arroyo ^

*Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Ministry in the Latino Context:
Learning to Listen to Our Stories– Intercultural Competency 101
for Latino Communities*

Kip Bernard Banks, Sr. ^

Assisting the Black Church in the Task of Child-Making

Lisa Crump Bank-Williams ^

Clergy Couple Care

Rachel McPhail Boyd ^

*A Call to Action: Identifying and Actualizing the Social Justice Voice
of the First Baptist Church in Highland Park*

Yvonne Williams Boyd ^

*Strength Through Elevating Sacred Arts of Kindness: Supporting
Individuals Living With Sickle Cell*

Freda L. Briggman ^

*Reframing Our Narratives: Using the “Curse of Ham” and the Arts
to Reframe the Narrative of Inferiority and Otherness for African
Americans*

Jungmin Byon

*A Study on Ways to Activate Evangelism Groups Through
Evangelism Training*

Howard Frederick Cantrell

*The Army’s Chaplain Assistant Name Change to Religious Affairs
Specialist in 2015*

Juan Carlos Castro Buitrago

*Spiritual, Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Treatment for
Suicide (S.P.I.R.T.S.):A Clinical Pastoral Approach to Save Lives
from Suicide at Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, KS*

Ingyo Chung

*A Study on the Approach to the Christian Education for the Old
Ministry in Sidong Church*

Mijin Chung

*Passing on the Faith through Worship Education: Young Children
and Their Parents Learn Together at Samchung Methodist Church*

Doctor of Ministry

Lisa Renée Coleman

*The Significance of the Church in Community Engagement -
A Mobile Church*

Daryl William Densford

*Identifying and Filling Gaps in Junior Chaplain's Seminary
Education and Initial Military Training*

Emma Arely Escobar ^

*Reclaiming Salvation as Health, Healing and Wholeness in the
Wesleyan Tradition: A Contextualization for First-Generation
Hispanic Latinos*

Anthony Tyrone Fleming

*Refocusing the mission of the Rural Reclusive Church: Addressing
the disenfranchised student through an Adopt a School Program*

Aaron A. Gonzalez

*Effectively Living Out Your Mission, Vision and Core Values:
A Closer Examination into Methodist Healthcare Ministries of
South Texas*

Kimberly Hall ^

Building Healthier Marriages in a Military Community

Yonghua Rachel He

*From Seekers to Servants of Jesus: A Strategy of Reaching Out the
Newcomers as a Special Way of Fulfilling the Great Mission at
Haiden Christian Church*

Eric Alberto Hernandez Lopez

*Centering Prayer as a means of grace to reduce clergy burnout levels
in a community characterized by natural disasters*

Lloyd Anthony Hicks

Soul Care for Veterans

Lynne Humphries-Russ

*Dancing in the Garden of Hope: Identifying and Cultivating the
Imago Dei in the Susquehanna Charge of the United Methodist
Church*

Oyedji Olayiwola Idowu ^

*"A Triple C" (Arouse, Control, Convert and Connect) Model:
Effect of Spiritual Resiliency Model in Curbing Suicide in Service
Member's Lives*

Doctor of Ministry

Jun-Tae Jang

*Converting Newcomers through Incarnational Nurturing Methods:
Focused on the Newcomer Program of Yesan First Methodist Church*

Khen Su Andrei Kim

*A Study on Wesleyan Understanding and Practice of the Holy
Communion in the United Methodist Church in Eurasia*

Dong Uck Kim

*A Study on the Restoration of Prayer by Intercessory Prayer Team
Members through Prayer Renewal School in Ulsan Methodist Church*

Ohhyun Kim

*A Study on Effective Mission Plan for Multicultural Families
in Korea*

Daniel Uchenna Korie

*Integrating Full Spectrum Clinical Care Process and Principles in
CPE Training and Pastoral Care*

Brian Gene Koyn

*Fortify the Warrior Soul: The Chaplain's Role in Preventing
Moral Injury*

Abel Nemuel Lamido

Building Peace and Security Network for Community Development

Jonathon Adam Landrum

Combat Medical Grief: Grief Care for Military Physicians and Nurses

William Luke Lauderback

*A Thousand Tongues to Sing: Wesleyan Hymns for the Modern
Church into an Institutional Approach to Holistic Caring*

Chang Sun Lee

*Philippines Rural Church Growth Through Financial Stewardship
Ministry: An Assessment to the financial status of select churches of
the Bukidnon District of the United Methodist Church*

Dea Sung Lee

*A Study on the Changes of Recognition toward the Church through
the Korean Settlement Program for Russian-Korean Migrants:
Focusing on the Case of All Nations Church in Korea*

Kwon Hee Lee

*A Study of the Settlement Plan for Newcomers from the Society of
Hinduism*

Doctor of Ministry

Kiskama Dennis Richard Lemor

*Impacting the Spiritual Life of Palliative Care Patients at Fort Belvoir
Soldier Recovery Unit Through the Use of Symbols and Rituals*

Valerie Jean Loner

Celebrating in Chaotic Times through the Wesleyan Tradition

LeRoy Gregory Mack, III

*Professional Spiritual Sustainment Protocol (PS2P): A Framework
for Incorporating Ethical and Spiritual Concerns of Medical Students
into an Institutional Approach to Holistic Caring*

Tiffany Juanita Malone

African Americans Hiding in our Closets: Mental Illness

Joseph Robert Mason

*Beyond the Chapel Walls: How Theologies of Belonging and Space
Equip Army Chaplains for Soldier Ministry*

L.A. McCrae

*#j4j2020 Organizing for Black Liberation to honor the life and legacy
of Jai Lateef Solveig "Lil Jerry" Williams by #DefundingPolice
and #DefendingBlackLives A Prison Abolition Theology for a World
on Fire*

Kori Phillips McMurtry

*Rising from the Threshold: Empowering Women through the Stories
of Sexual Violence in the Bible*

Daniel Mejia ^

*The Early Methodist: Lessons in Renewal and Transformation for the
Contemporary Church*

Eunice Beatrice Meredith

*A Study on Developing a Lay Counseling Ministry to Support
African American Women*

Drexel Norman Mitchell ^

Nurturing Clergy and Laity Relationships for Effective Ministry

Katie Ashton Morgan-Harper

*Pursuing a Playful God: Implementing Differentiated Inquiry-Based
Learning in Spiritual Formation Programs through Creative
Learning Stations*

Bianca LePri Morris

*From the Pulpit to the Couch: Counseling as Necessary Soul Care
for the Cloth*

Doctor of Ministry

- Mwevi Ismail Mwilima
Spiritual Resiliency Through An Integrated Mental Health Care Program
- Dung Van Nguyen
Self-Care: Resistance and Transformation through the Lens of Buddhism
- David Matthew Norvell
Improving Healthcare Through Listening: The Spiritual Intervention of Reflection Sessions with Physicians in Training
- Laura Manny Norvell ^
A Practical Theology for Fundraising: Practicing Abundant Life in Community
- Francis Ifeanyi Oforka
Meeting the Struggles and Challenges of Igbo Cultural Context on Igbo Priestly Identity in Chaplaincy Ministry: The Way Forward
- Robert Ortiz
Holy Collaboration: The Benefits of Collaboration in Inner-City Ministry
- Michael Wayne Palmer
Maintaining Pastoral Authority Through Resignation and Termination
- Katherine Carson Phillips
Big, Bad Idea: Collaboration, Creativity, and Listening - An Antidote to the Status Quo
- Colleen Hallagan Preuninger
Serving Students in Higher Education: Empowering Congregations to Support Students at Colleges and Universities
- Evan Hunter Pugh
Disenfranchised Grief: Creating (Virtual) Space and Finding Voices Through Lament for Grieving in a Disconnected World
- Myoungdae Pyo
The Research on Pastoral Mentoring for LTP, MOT Pastors of Methodist Church in Cambodia

Doctor of Ministry

- Justin Andrew Ridley
Disenfranchised Grief: Creating (Virtual) Space and Finding Voices Through Lament for Grieving in a Disconnected World
A Study of Mission Strategies through Oral Bible Study Methods
- Azande Mangeango Sasa ^
Ministry of Presence in the Absence: the Art of Being Providing Care Across Multiple Deployed Spaces
- Dong Hun Shin
A Study of Mission Strategies through Oral Bible Study Methods within the Context of African Oral Culture: Focusing on 12 Churches in the Bunyiro region of the Busoga Tribe
- Sejin Shin
A Christian Family Education: Through the Havruta
- Diane Alverta Shorts
Bridging the Gap between Spiritual and Physical Wellness
- Justin Adams Thomas
Reaching the Ninety-Nine: Re-imagining Protestant Spiritual Formation on Air Force Installations
- Alicia Loar Vanisko
Uncovering Silenced Voices in Scripture: Using Poetry to Explore White Fire in the Scriptures
- Kevin Eugene Wainwright
Effective Leader Strategies for Army Chapel Communities
- Letitia Kaiser Washington
Can Educating a Congregation Biblically and Theologically Provide Unity in Purpose and Clarity of Vision on Contentious Issues?
- David Overall Weatherly ^
Know Their Suffering: Facilitating a Deeper Understanding for the Local Church of the Plight of the Working Poor
- Dana Lynn Werts
Cultivating Intercultural Community: A Process of Reconciliation and Grace
- Nick Jason Works ^
The Road Less Traveled: Pilgrimage and Spiritual Formation Among Younger Christians

Doctor of Ministry

Ho Seop Yoon

Spiritual Exercises based on Wesley's Holy Club: Focusing on Joseph House, a Christian Youth Dormitory in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Sung Jae You

A Study on the Faith Restoring for the Stagnant Believer through Worship Edification

Min Yong Yu

A Study on the Effect change of Co-dependence of young adult Christians through the Marriage program of W.I.T.H. Design - Focusing on young adult Christians in Toronto Together Methodist Church

Tae Min Yu

Wesleyan Spiritual Direction through Wesleyan Hymns

2021 Practice in Ministry and Mission Program Sites of Graduating Students

Rhonda Y. Anderson
Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC

Shelly Lynn Ballard
Walker Chapel, Arlington, VA
Rising Hope Mission Church

Antonio Jermaine Baxter
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
Episcopal Church of the Atonement

Teresa Lynn Bernard
Hopewell United Methodist Church, MD

Cornelius Berry
New Beginnings UMC

Tiffany Bianca Brooks
Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, MD

Vennece Nicole Fowlkes
Metropolitan Community Church of Baltimore

Sean Michael Gray
Project Transformation DC
Arise Campus Ministry, George Mason University

Jennifer Nicole Grimelli
Oak Chapel United Methodist Church
St. Andrew's Episcopalian Church

Janice Deneise Herman
Friendship UMC

Marcela Mosquera Jarman
Sterling United Methodist Church, Sterling, VA

Marcus Jean
Kingdom Fellowship AME Church
American University United Methodist Campus Ministry
(AUUM)

Chet Mitchell Jechura
Bread for the World, Washington, DC (BFTW)

YouJung Jung
Francis Asbury National Korean UMC, Rockville, MD
South Damascus Charge: Wesley Grove, Mt. Tabor, and
Salem UMCs

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Eun Jin Kim

Eden Korean United Methodist Church, Baltimore

Christine P. Kumar

Cowenton/Piney Grove UMC

John Stephen Langenstein

DC Baptist Convention, Washington, DC

Shenandoah Junction Charge

Cassandra Marie Lawrence

The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, Washington, DC

Yongfang Li

Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church

Christopher David Long

First UMC, Montgomery, PA

Everett B. McAllister

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Tonya Anne McClain

Salem United Methodist Church

Lynaya Rae Morris

Hope United Church of Christ

Daein Park

Bethany Korean United Methodist Church Ellicott City, MD

Brooke Dahgren-Christensen Phulesar

For All Seasons

Jeffery Devonn Postell

Solley UMC

Tri City

Susan Marie Pullin

Haymarket Church

Rappahannock Charge UMC

Lawrence Wesley Rebelo

Life United Methodist Church WV

Herndon United Methodist Church

Techika Chiniece Rhodes

Wisconsin Ave Baptist Church

Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)

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Kenia Vanessa Rodriguez
Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center

Sara Ellen Sadler
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, MD

Chelsea Lynn Spyres
St. Matthew's UMC

Shemaiah Strickland
McKendree Simms Brookland United Methodist Church

Heather Lorraine Taylor
Bread for the World, Washington, DC (BFTW)

Kara Ann Togel
Trinity UMC ~ New Freedom

Jennifer Cathleen Ward
Trans Run & Wolfsburg Unit

Kristin Amy Weschler
Churches for Middle East Peace
Trinity United Methodist Church, Prince Frederick, MD

Rebecca Kaye Wessinger
Trinity United Methodist Church, Prince Frederick, MD

Paige Danielle Wheeler
Good Shepherd UMC, Silver Spring, MD

Lenora Fay Whitecotton
Emmanuel United Methodist Church (Beltsville)

Terri Krishawn Williams
Epworth United Methodist Church MD

