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**WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES REV. DR. SATHIANATHAN “SATHI” CLARKE
AS 2026 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

WASHINGTON, DC – Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) President David McAllister-Wilson is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Sathianathan “Sathi” Clarke will deliver the keynote address at the Seminary’s 144th Commencement Service. The ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Washington National Cathedral.

Dr. Clarke recently retired as Professor of Theology, Culture, and Mission and the Bishop Sundo Kim Chair in World Christianity at Wesley DC. A widely respected scholar, Dr. Clarke has taught and lectured internationally on contextual theology, World Christianity, interreligious dialogue, and religious extremism. His work bridges divides between academic and congregation, global and local contexts, and privileged and marginalized communities.

“Dr. Clarke’s life and work exemplify the mission of Wesley Theological Seminary—engaging faith with the pressing realities of our world,” said President McAllister-Wilson. “We are honored to welcome him as our commencement speaker and to celebrate his enduring contributions to the church and the academy.”

The 2026 Wesley Theological Seminary Commencement Service is open to graduates, families, and invited guests. A limited number of seats are available to the general public at the door.

About Wesley Theological Seminary

Founded in 1882, Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley DC) is seated in the nation’s capital, centered in the Christian faith, and rooted in the United Methodist heritage. It annually prepares more than 1,000 students representing more than 30 denominations to become exemplary teachers, preachers, and leaders in the world today. Wesley graduates are in ministry in all 50 states and 20 countries as leaders of churches and service organizations. The mission of Wesley DC is to prepare Christians for leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square.

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