



## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

GORDON-CONWELL  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY-CHARLOTTE

MAY 15, 2021

## HISTORY

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is an independent, multi-denominational Protestant graduate school dedicated to preparing men and women for contemporary evangelical ministry. The seminary has a long-standing high view of Scripture and redemption offered through Christ alone, as well as historical commitments to urban ministry and diverse cultural groups. Such allegiances are the rich heritage of Gordon Divinity School and Conwell School of Theology, which began providing evangelical leadership for the Christian church in the 1880's.

Russell Conwell, a Baptist minister, founded the institution that became Conwell School of Theology in Philadelphia in 1884. He is best known for his famous sermon and book, *Acres of Diamonds*. Conwell's efforts gave birth to well-known Temple University, with Conwell School of Theology eventually functioning as a unit of the larger institution. The origins of Gordon Divinity School were in Boston five years later, with the formation of a missionary training school by A. J. Gordon, a prominent Baptist pastor. Gordon was supported in this task by a group of ministers who shared his deep concern for missions in New England's urban centers and abroad. The school eventually became Gordon College of Theology and Missions, with the divinity school becoming a distinct academic entity in 1931.

Through the vision and leadership of evangelist Billy Graham, philanthropist J. Howard Pew, and theologian Harold J. Ockenga, Gordon Divinity School and Conwell School of Theology united in 1969 as Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. A 118-acre campus was purchased in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. Dr. Ockenga, long-time pastor of Boston's historic Park Street Church, served as president of the merged institution through its first decade. The Board of Trustees called Dr. Robert E. Cooley as the second president of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1981. Elected Gordon-Conwell's third president in 1997, Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. retired on June 30, 2006, after nine years of dedicated service, and was followed briefly by Dr. James Emery White. Dr. Haddon W. Robinson was appointed interim president in May 2007 and was succeeded by Dr. Dennis P. Hollinger as president in August 2008. Dr. Hollinger retired on June 30, 2019 and was succeeded by Dr. Scott W. Sunquist on July 1, 2019.

In 1973, the seminary began offering an opportunity for an "urban year" in metropolitan Boston. By 1976, the Center for Urban Ministerial Education was designed to train urban church leaders in Boston. The Charlotte branch campus began courses during 1992-93.

Contextualized theological education was the driving force for the inauguration of the Charlotte campus. President Cooley and others of vision on the Hamilton campus wanted to address the specific needs of the church in the Southeast, a stronghold of Gordon-Conwell graduates. The primary objective was to create a program of theological study which would utilize the context of ministry as a primary ingredient in the teaching-learning process. As a result, the Charlotte program context is identified, described, encountered, and utilized as a principal facet in the curriculum. The classical model of theological education has been integrated with a mentored ministry concept. Theory is thus moved immediately to practice, and practical application becomes the avenue for engaging theory-theology. Technology is utilized to enhance and facilitate the teaching-learning process. Today, the program has become a model for integrated theological education.



## PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

BASED ON PSALMS 103, 150  
LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8  
JOACHIM NEADER, 1650-1680  
STRALSUND "GESANGBUCH," 1665  
CATHERINE WINKWORTH, TR. 1829-1878

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen, How thy desires e'er have been,  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Amen.



## 2020 AWARDS AND HONORS

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AWARD

Heeju Moon

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Matthew Blanchard

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AWARD

Deborah Beal

### CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AWARD

Russell McMullen

### PREACHING AWARD

Steven Michael Borders

### NEW TESTAMENT AND GREEK AWARD

Rachel Dianna Hastings

Anna Christine Seiple

### OLD TESTAMENT AND HEBREW AWARD

Anna Gruntz

### PHI ALPHA CHI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY

Yee Peng Sim



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THE ACCORDANCE NEW TESTAMENT AND GREEK AWARD

Clayton William Allen

THE ACCORDANCE OLD TESTAMENT AND HEBREW AWARD

Fook Boon (Daniel) Eng

THE ACCORDANCE WOMEN EN BIBLICAL STUDIES AWARD

Christine Walker

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AWARD

Mitchel Dawes

Ria Martin

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ronald Mattison, Sr.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AWARD

Christopher Taehee Kim

CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AWARD

Eugen Begu

PHI ALPHA CHI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY

Edward J. Yee

SERVANT OF THE KINGDOM AWARD

Michael L. Murdock

TOWEL AND BASIN AWARD

Leighton Ford



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – CHARLOTTE

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.  
Forest Hill Church – Park Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina

PRESIDER: SCOTT W. SUNQUIST, PH.D., PRESIDENT  
PIANIST: WILLIS HICKERSON, JR.  
STUDENT MARSHAL: NAKEYA HARRIS  
FACULTY MARSHAL: CATHERINE MCDOWELL

PRELUDE	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> <i>We're Marching to Zion</i> <i>To God Be the Glory</i> <i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i> <i>How Great is Our God</i>	<i>W. Williams / J. Hughes</i> <i>W. Bradbury</i> <i>G. Young</i> <i>F. Crosby / W. H. Doane</i> <i>Rick Fonds</i> <i>Chris Tomlin</i>
*PROCESSIONAL	<i>Piano Voluntary</i>	WILLIS HICKERSON, JR.
*INVOCATION		BRADLEY HOWELL, D.MIN. <i>Dean of Teaching and Learning</i> <i>Executive Director of the Southeast Region</i>
WELCOME		SCOTT W. SUNQUIST, PH.D. <i>President</i> <i>&amp; Professor of Missiology</i>
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	WILLIS HICKERSON, JR.
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER		GERALD WHEATON, PH.D. <i>Dean of Southeast Region</i> <i>Associate Professor of New Testament</i>
STUDENT REFLECTION		DAVID KAJIWARA <i>Graduating Student</i>
*SCRIPTURE READING <i>Rev. 21:9-27</i>		BISHOP CLAUDE ALEXANDER, D.MIN. <i>Chairman, Board of Trustees</i>
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER		GERALD WHEATON, PH.D. <i>Dean of the Southeast Region</i> <i>Associate Professor of New Testament</i>

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  
*Not the New Normal*

DONALD M. FAIRBAIRN, PH.D.  
*Robert E. Cooley Professor of Early Christianity*

MUSICAL SELECTION *Order My Steps*

WILLIS HICKERSON, JR.

TOWEL AND BASIN AWARD

RECIPIENT

LEIGHTON FORD  
*Trustee Emeritus & Charlotte Advisory Board Member  
Founding President, Leighton Ford Ministries*

SCRIPTURE READING  
*John 13:1-20*

TRISH KING  
*2019 Towel and Basin Recipient*

READING OF CITATION &  
PRESENTATION OF AWARD

BRADLEY HOWELL, D.MIN.  
*Dean of Teaching and Learning  
Executive Director of the Southeast Region*

AWARDING OF DEGREES

Presented and Conferred by:

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Associate Professor of New Testament*

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CHRISSY WINSON, *Assistant Registrar*

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE GRADUATES

PABLO JIMÉNEZ, D.MIN.  
*Associate Dean of Hispanic Ministries*

\*BENEDICTION

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RECESSIONAL  
*At Last  
Oh Happy Day*

WILLIS HICKERSON, JR.

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STUDENT REFLECTION		ADAM COWAN <i>Graduating Student</i>
*SCRIPTURE READING <i>Rev. 21:9-27</i>		BISHOP CLAUDE ALEXANDER, D.MIN. <i>Chairman, Board of Trustees</i>
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ROBERT MAYER, D.MIN.  
*Senior Librarian*  
*Associate Professor of Theological Bibliography*

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*Executive Director of the Southeast Region*

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*Dean of Doctor of Ministry Program, Professor of Pastoral Theology*

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### MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL STUDIES)

Bryan Fries  
Joseph Daniel Johnson  
Aldo Mondin *Cum Laude*  
Anna Christine Seiple *Summa Cum Laude*  
John Sweat Jr. *Summa Cum Laude*  
Travis Hunter Wright *Cum Laude*

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Emily Allison Arzani *Cum Laude*  
Betsy Ellen Bolick  
Casey LeAnn Bowden *Cum Laude*  
Michelle Yvette Dameron *Magna Cum Laude*  
Emily Jane Doll *Magna Cum Laude*  
Samantha Renee Dunaway *Magna Cum Laude*  
Andi N. Fisher *Cum Laude*  
Jillian Cothran Heard *Summa Cum Laude*  
Victoria Mata *Magna Cum Laude*  
Heeju Moon *Cum Laude*  
JoonAh L. Nesbitt *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kathryn Melissa Terrell *Cum Laude*  
Emily Harper Tomasik *Cum Laude*  
Mijin Wall *Cum Laude*  
Kimberly D. Williams

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Zelalem Abebe Abiyo  
Babajide Johnson Asaju  
Matthew Blanchard

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Deborah Beal *Magna Cum Laude*  
Vernita Lorraine Bowe  
Ben Todd Davis *Cum Laude*  
Melissa Anne Day  
Alla Kurudimov *Cum Laude*  
Josiah James Leuenberger *Cum Laude*  
Laurie Kay Sanders *Magna Cum Laude*  
Dwight Deane Shelly *Cum Laude*  
Yee Peng Sim *Cum Laude*  
Willis Henry Weber, III *Summa Cum Laude*

MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN THOUGHT)

Guy Bennett  
Kimberly Wilder Couch *Summa Cum Laude*  
Rachel Lee Davis *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kwang Suhn Koh  
Kathryn LeBlanc *Summa Cum Laude*  
Russell McMullen *Cum Laude*  
Aldo Mondin  
Michael Thomas Quint  
John Sweat Jr. *Cum Laude*  
Xiaopeng Zhao

MASTER OF ARTS (NEW TESTAMENT)

Rachel Dianna Hastings *Summa Cum Laude*  
Norman Keith Lowder *Cum Laude*  
Anthony Warren McDonald *Summa Cum Laude*  
Elijah James Seiple *Summa Cum Laude*

MASTER OF ARTS (OLD TESTAMENT)

Elsbeth Jeanne Elisha *Magna Cum Laude*  
Rachel Dianna Hastings *Summa Cum Laude*  
Youngsup Kim  
Elijah James Seiple *Summa Cum Laude*  
Lee Chapman Williams *Cum Laude*

MASTER OF ARTS (RELIGION)

Lisa Ann Matthews Britt *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kimun Lee  
Kim Michele Nelson  
Loretta L. White

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Scott John Anderson † *Summa Cum Laude*  
Steven Michael Borders † *Cum Laude*  
Timothy Bernard Carey  
Heidi Roman Chaussé *Cum Laude*  
Michael Andrew Farnsley *Cum Laude*  
Bradley Lyle Jones  
Min Kim  
Peter Schwanda † *Magna Cum Laude*  
Terri A. Wetherell

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## 2021 GRADUATES

The graduates listed below include those who have completed all coursework and officially graduated in January or May 2021, as well as those who have outstanding coursework and plan to graduate in October 2021.

### CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Ana Maria Blanco  
Ryan Michael Collier  
Aaron Edwards  
George Joseph  
Johnathan Edward Nixon  
David Beleña Quiñones  
Esmé Kathleen Teel

### CERTIFICATE IN LAY COUNSELING

Lisa Britt

### MINISTRY AMONG EMERGING GENERATIONS CERTIFICATE

James Ho

### CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL COUNSELING

Esmé Kathleen Teel

### MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL STUDIES)

Clayton William Allen *Magna Cum Laude*  
Kevin Thomas Boyd  
Sylvia L. Christensen *Summa Cum Laude*  
Fook Boon (Daniel) Eng *Summa Cum Laude*  
David Jyo Kajiwara *Cum Laude*  
Ashley Dawn McFarland *Magna Cum Laude*  
Shannon Wray Norwood *Magna Cum Laude*  
Lee Vang  
Sungdo We *Magna Cum Laude*  
Myeongjin Yoo

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Tiffany Marie Austin *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jacob Christopher Baum  
Jonathan Richard Clayton *Summa Cum Laude*  
Gwendolyn Carrie Collao *Cum Laude*  
Adam Cowan *Magna Cum Laude*  
Mitchel John Dawes *Magna Cum Laude*  
Brian Distaso  
Amelia Fritsche Giller *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anna Grace Hubbs  
Mark Charles Livak *Cum Laude*  
Ria Katherine Martin *Magna Cum Laude*  
Jonathan Colibar Matos *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hannah Gervais Miller *Magna Cum Laude*  
Steven Treatt Ponce, Jr. *Magna Cum Laude*  
Richard Steven Rivera  
Samantha Jane Rukavina *Summa Cum Laude*  
Polyana Cavalcanti Silva

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Benjamin Howard Bash *Magna Cum Laude*  
John Willie Jennings, Jr.  
Ronald L. Mattison, Sr. *Cum Laude*  
Matthew William John Pye

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Connie Wen-Szu Cheng  
Robert Andrew Heder  
John Oliver Jones  
Taehee Kim  
Samantha Louise Marsh  
Claudia Nahmias Melo Carvalho da Silva  
Rhonda René Reilly  
Adam Elias Salloum *Magna Cum Laude*  
Esmé Kathleen Teel *Magna Cum Laude*

MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN THOUGHT)

Ben Nicholas Alexander  
Eugen Begu *Summa Cum Laude*  
Keumjong Hwang  
Minwoo Kim  
Jaemin Lee  
José Alberto Mata Jr.  
Justin Lyle Mills  
Bledar V. Valca

MASTER OF ARTS (NEW TESTAMENT)

Ryan James Lennon

MASTER OF ARTS (OLD TESTAMENT)

Amy Rebecca Gallagher *Magna Cum Laude*  
Anna Gruntz  
Ryan James Lennon  
Yi Zhang

MASTER OF ARTS (RELIGION)

Zachary Culic Hollifield *Cum Laude*  
Lisa Johnson  
Yeonghui Kang  
Jane Quinlan Bradley Lee *Summa Cum Laude*  
Kathy C. Marshall  
Heeju Moon  
Steven Russell Phillips *Cum Laude*  
James Hunter Scarlett  
Gary D. Witherall  
Edward J. Yee

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

Harrison Thomas Northey † *Cum Laude*  
Christine S. Walker † *Magna Cum Laude*  
Edward J. Yee † *Cum Laude*

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### MINISTRY TO EMERGING GENERATIONS

Stephen Wise

*Praying "Our Father" And Being A Father:  
The Lord's Prayer as a Tool for Transformation*

### THE PREACHER & THE MESSAGE

Jonathan Boling

*God's Word God's Way: The Big Image of Biblical Preaching*

### REDEMPTIVE LEADERSHIP

Scott Alan Venable

*Domains: A Missions Leadership Strategy for a  
Multiethnic Church in a Multiethnic World*

### PASTORAL THEOLOGY IN PRACTICE

David Kevin Beavers

*Drawing Closer to God and Spouse:  
Redeeming the Separation of Military Deployments*

Toby Jacob Grady

*The Lost Practice of Biblical Hospitality: A Pathway to  
The Heart of an Isolated Generation of College Students*

Lynn Ann Grandsire

*Finding the Gaps: Preparedness for Pastoral Care Ministry*

Kenneth Edwin Schemmer, II

*Recovery Leadership in The Church*

George Edward Thompson  
*How to Raise Up Theologically Trained Leaders in  
The Church of God of Prophecy, Grand Bahama*

ARROW LEADERSHIP

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*Planting Blessed Autonomous Second-Generation  
Korean American Churches: A Practical Theology Approach*

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## ACADEMIC GOWNS AND HOODS

In American higher education, master's gowns are characterized by a long flap which hangs down from the end of each sleeve. Doctoral gowns have three velvet stripes on the upper sleeves and velvet on the front panel. Sometimes the gowns are of distinctive colors to represent the school. In Gordon-Conwell's tradition, the gowns are black.

The color of the hood trim reflects the general field of the degree. White trim designates the arts in general, blue represents education, and red reflects theology and ministry. The width of the velvet trim designates whether the degree is a master's or a doctorate, with a wider band being used for the doctorate.

The colors on the back inside part of the hood are always the official colors of the school. In Gordon-Conwell's case, the colors are royal blue and white. Our tradition also calls for two white chevrons instead of one large one.

BUT I PRESS ON TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT FOR WHICH CHRIST JESUS TOOK  
HOLD OF ME. I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF YET TO HAVE TAKEN HOLD OF  
IT. BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND AND STRAINING  
TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD, I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE  
PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS.  
ALL OF US WHO ARE MATURE SHOULD TAKE SUCH A VIEW OF THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-15

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