



2023 COMMENCEMENT



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 10:00 A.M.

MISSION HILLS CHURCH



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COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

PRESIDENT MARK YOUNG, PhD, PRESIDING

Prelude

***Processional** *Pomp and Circumstance*
by Sir Edward Elgar

***Invocation** Teri Elliott-Hart, PhD
Assistant Professor of Training and Mentoring

Recognition of Denver Seminary Community Mark Young, PhD
President

***Praise Song** *Build My Life*

***Scripture Reading:** Psalm 16:7-9 Sung Wook Chung, DPhil
Professor of Christian Theology

Address: “Open Hands, Willing Heart” Vivian Mabuni, BS
Author, Speaker
Denver Seminary Board of Trustees Member

Recognition of Institute of Ministerial Studies Students ... John Moreland, MDiv
Director of Urban Initiatives

Recognition of IDEAL and SETECA Students Wilmer Ramírez, PhD
Associate Dean for Diversity and Programming with Ethnic Communities

Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of Graduates Don Payne, PhD
Vice President of Academic Affairs, Academic Dean

Granting of Degrees Mark Young

Presentation of Diplomas David Hazelton, JD
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Hoarding of Doctoral Degree Students Angie Ward, PhD
Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

***Praise Song** *In Christ Alone*

***Prayer for Graduates** Jeff Cook, PhD
Associate Professor of Counseling

***Benediction** David Hazelton

Recessional

Postlude

**Please stand*
Musicians: Alli Coffey, Daniel Coffey, Lars Lindquist, Aaron Purdy
Please turn off all cell phones in the sanctuary.

PRAISE SONGS

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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IN MEMORIAM

OF OUR BELOVED SISTER AND FRIEND

ADRIENNE BROWN



On this momentous occasion, we reflect and remember our sister-in-Christ, Adrienne Brown. When Adrienne passed away on March 24, 2023, Denver Seminary lost one of its dearest students. She began working toward her MDiv in 2018 after having earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Norfolk State University. She served as a Christian educator and had a passion for advocating for child adoption, guardianship, and foster care.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

MRS. VIVIAN MABUNI, BS
SPEAKER, AUTHOR



Vivian Mabuni is a national speaker, author, Bible teacher and podcast host. Her writing has appeared in *Christianity Today*, *SheReadsTruth*, *Our Daily Bread*, and *Propel Sophia*, and her teachings have been featured on the YouVersion Bible App's "Verse of the Day." With over 35 years on staff with Cru, Vivian loves teaching about the Bible and its practical application to ministry and life. She has been a keynote speaker at IF:Gathering, QCommons, and Family Life's "Weekend To Remember" marriage conferences. She is the author of *Open Hands, Willing Heart*, she serves on the Board of Trustees for Denver Seminary, and is the founder and host of "Someday Is Here" a podcast for AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islanders) leaders. Vivian loves drinking coffee with her husband of 31 years, Darrin, and marveling at their young adult kids.

Connect with her on Instagram/Twitter @vivmabuni
or on her website www.vivianmabuni.com.

INSTITUTE OF MINISTERIAL STUDIES PARTICIPANTS

Denver Seminary serves the urban communities of Colorado through the Urban Initiative's Institute of Ministerial Studies. This lay-level program is designed to equip adult men and women to serve more confidently in positions of leadership in their church, Christian organization, or place of work. The following students have satisfactorily completed this Lay Ministry Program.

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Denver Seminary serves the Hispanic community around the United States and Latin America through the IDEAL Institute, Church Development Training, Trauma Healing program, and the Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA) extension. These programs offer classes in Bible, theology, leadership, and other relevant topics in the metro Denver area and all around the Americas. The following students have satisfactorily completed their program.

IDEAL

Talia Gómez
Herminia Gonzalez
Antonio Casio Guadalupe
Oscar Guerra
Julia Muñoz

Joel Peña
Maria Peña
Jose Adrian Nunez Ramirez
Zabdi Abigail Torres

SETECA

Diploma in Christian Studies

Wladimir Adolfo Cataldo Rivas
Massiel Vanessa Gaitán Sánchez

Bachelors in Pastoral Ministries

Luis Enrique Rodríguez

Professional Diploma in Biblical Studies

Ruth García

Associates in Biblical Studies

Ana Lizette Herrera Díaz
Francisco Javier Orduña Encinas

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

CANDIDATE

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Alexandr Kim^

Ugoji Obinnah

Catherine Diane Romero

Howard Stevenson

Chase Allen Worth^

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Biblical and Theological Studies

(Posthumously Awarded)

Professional Chaplaincy

Professional Chaplaincy

Christian Formation

Professional Chaplaincy

Professional Chaplaincy

Professional Chaplaincy

Christian Formation

Biblical and Theological Studies

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

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Charles T. Davis

Kyle De Boer*

DEGREE (MAJOR)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA in Counseling (School Counseling)

MA in Christian Formation and Soul Care

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA (Christian Studies)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)

MA in Counseling Ministries

MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)

MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)

MA in Counseling Ministries

MA (Old Testament)

MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health
and School Counseling)

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Brianna Dilley*	MA in Leadership
Jonathan Dilley	MA in Leadership
Kathryn D'Orazio*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Elizabeth Durbin*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Ali Edinger	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Roseline Felix	MA in Leadership
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Vanessa Guzman	MA (Christian Studies)
Kelsey S. Hanks	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Taylor Breann Hanson*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
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Catherine Heldenfels	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
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Clare Parker Hickey*	MA in Christian Formation
Saada Hilts	MA in Counseling Ministries
Ashley Thomson Hinds*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Kelly Howell*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Nicole Hunka*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Jarrold Nathan Irwin	MA (Christian Studies)
Kyung Sook Kang*	MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)
Lauren Karisny^	MA in Leadership
Robert Kerr	MA (Christian Studies)
Sara Kidd*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Alexandr Kim^	MA in Counseling Ministries
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Michael Knight*	MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)
Rachel Knoll*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Peter Justin Knotts	MA (Christian Studies)
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Hannah Grace Landis*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
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Alex Maasdam*	MA in Counseling Ministries
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Arisson Stanfield^	MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)
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Jacob Tackitt^	MA (Biblical and Theological Studies)
Jacob Tackitt^	MA in Leadership
Sarah Katherine Thomas	MA in Counseling Ministries
Preston L. Thompson*	MA (New Testament)
Katie A. F. Turner	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Paige Van Ostran	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Brian Michael Ward	MA (Christian Studies)
Brandon Todd Washington	MA (Apologetics and Ethics)
Kara Weedin*	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Harrison Wiebe Faber*	MA (Theology)
Chase Allen Worth*^	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Elizabeth Wynn	MA in Counseling (Clinical Mental Health)
Kayla Christine Zapata*	MA in Justice and Mission

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

CANDIDATE	CONCENTRATION
Devin Arinder*	New Testament
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Talya Bultema	
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Casey Flitsch*	
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Joshua Glenn Woodward	Chaplaincy
Emily Worth*	
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Gregory Zaloom*	

MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

CANDIDATE	CONCENTRATION
Aaron Weber*	Theology
Samuel Woo*	New Testament

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE

JinWoo Kim

Community Spiritual Formation

Thesis: *Spiritual Formation through Lectio Divina: A Project Improving the Spiritual Growth and Satisfaction of the Daily Life of the Church*

Byoung Il Song

Pastoral Skills

Thesis: *Transition to a Missional Mokjang Based on the Principles of Missional Church: A Study in the Context of Korean Christian Church*

Timothy Watson

Marriage & Family Counseling

Thesis: *A Phenomenological Interpretive Analysis of the Experience of Russian Clergy and Psychologists with the Murray Method*

This program was accurate at the time it went to press. However, it is not intended to be an official list of graduates. Degree conferral is subject to the satisfactory completion of any remaining requirements.

* Master's degree students with a minimum GPA of 3.7

^ Earning more than one degree

AWARDS

Baker Book House Award

For distinguished study of the Bible or theology.

Nicholas Quinn

Preaching Today Award

For excellence in the calling and craft of preaching.

Darren James Enns

Chaplain, Major General, Lorraine K. Potter Chaplaincy Award

For excellence and potential in the field of chaplaincy. Lorraine Potter was the first woman selected as the chief of chaplains for any branch of the United States military.

Catherine Diane Romero

Kristin Good

Dr. James R. Beck Counseling Licensure Award

For excellence and potential in the field of licensed therapy, and named in honor of Dr. Jim Beck, senior professor.

Kathryn D'Orazio

Michaela Schumacher

Dr. Randolph M. MacFarland Counseling Award

For excellence and potential in the area of church and parachurch counseling, and named in honor of Dr. Randy MacFarland, former Provost/Dean.

Alexandr Kim

Huma Gill

Conway/Maxwell Memorial Missions Award

For a graduate who is pursuing missions work after graduation. Eula Conway was the Seminary dietician from 1952-1972 and Leaan Maxwell was the Seminary bookkeeper from 1963-1982.

Christina Marie Reich

Janeen Mills

Dr. Gordon R. Lewis and Dr. Douglas R. Groothuis Apologetics and Ethics Award

For distinguished work in philosophy of religion, and named in honor of Dr. Gordon Lewis, senior professor, and Dr. Douglas Groothuis, professor of Philosophy.

Ingrid Marquis

Raymond McLaughlin Preaching Award

Chosen by the homiletics department from a group of five top performing students who were selected to preach during the spring semester. Raymond McLaughlin was the first homiletics professor at Denver Seminary.

Darren James Enns

Robert E. Woolfolk Award

For an outstanding graduate who exhibits qualities of graciousness, love for the church, commitment to bridge building, and promise of future ministry leadership in the African-American community. Pastor Bob Woolfolk served as a mentoring director for fifteen years and was the first director of the African-American Initiative.

Toru Tanti Rowland

Excellence in Mentoring Award

For a mentor serving the Training and Mentoring curriculum who has demonstrated outstanding service to Denver Seminary students. The recipient has mentored more than one Denver Seminary student, consistently goes “above and beyond” the mentor’s responsibility, demonstrates excellent understanding of the formative craft of mentoring, and serves as an inspiration to other mentors, faculty, staff, and students in the Denver Seminary community.

Barbara Larson

Outstanding Mentee Award

For a mentee in the Training and Mentoring curriculum who has demonstrated outstanding growth in mentored, contextual learning. The recipient has completed mentored formation courses with excellence, demonstrates superior understanding of the priority of living a mentored life, personifies a core commitment to redemptive relationships, and possesses the potential to be a significant mentor to others.

Erik James Lindemann

Constance Thembi Myeni

Highest GPA Among MDiv Students

Given to the MDiv student with the highest grade point average. This student must have taken at least two-thirds of his or her degree work at Denver Seminary.

Casey Flitsch

Highest GPA Among MA Students

Given to the MA student with the highest grade point average. This student must have taken at least two-thirds of his or her degree work at Denver Seminary.

Maria Gryparis

Vernon C. Grounds Outstanding Student Award

Chosen by both students and faculty and awarded to a graduating student who best emulates the character and convictions of Dr. Vernon C. Grounds. Dr. Grounds faithfully served Denver Seminary from 1951 until his death in 2010 in the office of Dean, President, and Chancellor. He modeled Christ-like character, commitment to biblical truth and love, intellectual curiosity, academic excellence and strong sensitivities for the poor, the broken, and the doubting. He loved people and was passionate to see them grow in alignment with God's purposes.

Huma Gill

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to engage the needs of the world with the
redemptive power of the gospel and the
life-changing truth of Scripture.*



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