

2022

COMMENCEMENT

May 14, 2022

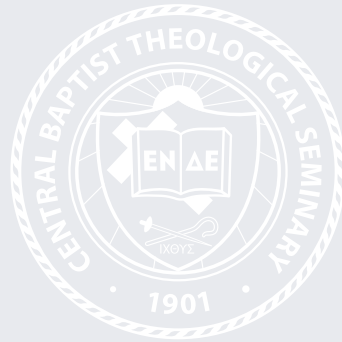


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The graduates of 2022 gifted Central Seminary with video technology to support hybrid events for students and alums. The funds given by the Class of 2022 were matched and multiplied by a grant to provide a technology package that will meet the needs of Central's global community. Thank you to the Class of 2022 and the Class Gift Committee: Debbie Jean Buchholz, Naw Nay Tar Mu, Grace Y Kim, and Angela Hoggard Zimmerman.

Central Seminary 120th Commencement May 14, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC & PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Robert E. Johnson
Provost and Dean of the Faculty
Professor of Christian Heritage

INVOCATION

Ruth L. Rosell
Dianne C. Shumaker Chair of Peace and Justice
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling
Director of Contextualized Learning
Director of the Buttry Center for Peace and Nonviolence

OPENING MUSIC

The Kachin Graduates Family

SCRIPTURE PSALM 27: 1, 4-8

Peter Lee, DMin '22, Korean
Shannon B. Burke, MDiv '22, English
Debbie Jean Buchholz, DMin '22, American Sign Language
Naw Nay Tar Mu, DMin '22, Burmese

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Pamela R. Durso
President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Grace Ji-Sun Kim





RECOGNITION OF NEUENSCHWANDER FAMILY

Angela B. Jackson
Director of Development

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGICAL
STUDIES CANDIDATES

Robert E. Johnson

James R. Cook
Chair, Board of Directors

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS

Pamela R. Durso

PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF ARTS CANDIDATES

Robert E. Johnson

James R. Cook

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Pamela R. Durso

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MASTER OF ARTS GRADUATES

Hana You
Registrar

PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF DIVINITY CANDIDATES

Robert E. Johnson

James R. Cook

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY CANDIDATES	Robert E. Johnson James R. Cook
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Pamela R. Durso
ANNOUNCEMENT OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY GRADUATES	Hana You
ACADEMIC HOODING	Robert E. Johnson
PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AWARD	Pamela R. Durso
PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF 2022 GIFT	Class Gift Committee
GRADUATE LITANY <i>(REFER TO PAGE 4)</i>	Albert Magai Samson, MATS '22 Laura Knight, MACO '22
PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION	Pamela R. Durso
RECESSIONAL “BE THOU MY VISION”	





GRADUATE LITANY

We have passed through years of Zoom classes, late nights, paper writing, and reading all the books.

We experienced fellowship, friendship, and hospitality. We have passed from clarity to confusion and from confusion to clarity.

We have journeyed together as learners, teachers, students, and friends. We thank God for journeying with us all along the way.

We leave now to renew old ministries and establish new ministries. We go with the expectation that God will continue to guide us.

We move toward the unknown – but with faith in things not seen. May God sustain us as we walk into our futures.

We are forever part of the continuing spirit of the Central community. We will pray faithfully for Central’s faculty, staff, and leadership team even as they faithfully pray for us. May God continue to bless Central.

We will hold close the relationships we have formed here – in memory and in spirit.

We will take what we have seen, heard, experienced, and learned, and we will use it to strengthen the reign of God wherever we may be.

May God’s reign come and God’s will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Candidates for Graduation

CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY STUDIES

Rosalva Cruz
Brang Seng Hpau Dai
Htoi San Doi
Ru Hta Dun
Samuel Dun
Jose H. Faz
Marco Antonio Gutiérrez
Visit Hkawng
Z Hkawng Hkyam
Nangsam Hkyet
Seng Tu Hkyet
Munggyit Htingnan
Zau La
Doi La Labya

Grace Bawkja Labya
Roi San Labya
Htang Ra Lahtaw
Zau Yaw Lahtaw
Z Gyung Lam
Ahnna Lapang
Seng Nu Awng Tai Lum
Seng Naw Maji
Trezar San Mai
J Phyo Mama
David Zau Seng Maran
Ja Ja Maran
Peter Jala Maran
Roi Ji Maran

Sin Wa Li Maran
Ah Tang Marip
Arturo Ruiz Martinez
Flormina Vazquez Martínez
Naw Seng MLasi
Khong Nyoi
Mary Htoi Seng Pan
Nang Ra
Janan Samawng
Kaw Ra Shamyen
Sam Sumlut
Bra Taw
Ja Tsin

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Geumsu Baek
Hi Jun Cha
Kyong Hee Cho
Hyungbae Choi
Jinok Chung
Dong Jin Heo
Jiyeon Hong

Taeyeon Hwang
Yunsil Jang
Dong Woo Kang
Hyejin Kim
Hyunjung Kim
Suhyeon Kim
Dayeon Kong

Jaeyong Lee
Jung Bin Lee
Pil Sook Lee
Gunwoo Mo
Bo Yeoun Park
SukJun Son





MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

Sara G. Crocker

Karen M. Dames

Albert Magai Samson

MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSIONAL CHURCH STUDIES

Eunho Lee

Haeun Song

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Laura Knight

Steven P. McKee

Chan Young Park

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Misun An

Sang Sook An

Eunjung Back

Shannon B Burke

Hyung Kyu Choi

YoungHoon Choi

Thomas Arthur Ferguson

Rhonda Renee Hetzel

Eunji Jang

Grace Y Kim

Sun Wook Kim

Yea Song Kim

San Htoi Lat

Terrie Lawrence

Myung Bae Lee

Jessie Aaron Lent '21

Kyungjin Na

Pawm Naw Awn

Carmen Sue Raines

Christina Rodriguez

Hnin Sang

Tin Sang

JoAnn Scaife

Honggyu Shin

Jennifer Ann Simmons

Felicia Arjonn Sims

LeAundra K.

Stewart-Boyice '21

Tonya Amari Williamson

Juhun Youn

Angela Hoggard

Zimmerman

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

San Yu Aung

Timothy J Bonner '20

Dionne T. Boyice

Debbie Jean Buchholz

Hsi Ya Da

Zahkung Yaw Han

Kisuk Hwang '21

Hyunmin Jung

Zam Khen Khai

Aung Latt

Peter Lee

Gin Khan Mang

Naw Nay Tar Mu

Salai Aung Myint Myat

K. Scott Robertson

Geraldine Sheets-Howard

Mya Thandar Soe

Kapzamang Sonna

Kam Do Thang

Mary Joyce Wood

Hsan Min Zaw



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER GRACE JI-SUN KIM

Grace Ji-Sun Kim received her M.Div. from Knox College (University of Toronto) and her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. She is professor of theology at Earlham School of Religion and an ordained minister of word and sacrament within the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination.

The author or editor of 20 books, Kim is a much sought after lecturer and has given papers/lectures throughout the United States and around the world. She hosts Madang podcast and is the co-director with Graham Joseph Hill of The Global Church Project. She also is an advisory board member for the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School, a member of the working group on Climate Change for the World Council of Churches, and a member of the Presbyterian Church(USA)'s Social Ethics Network.

Previously, Kim served on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Religion and on the board of the Korean American Clergywomen. She has appeared on numerous television and radio shows and is honored to be included in the Englewood Review of Book's list of "Ten Important Women Theologians That You Should Be Reading." Among her most recent books is *Invisible: Theology and the Experience of Asian American Women*, published in November 2021 by Fortress Press.

Kim is married to Dr. Perry Y. C. Lee, and they have three children.





THE NEUENSCHWANDER FUND FOR GLOBAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEUENSCHWANDER FAMILY

Thanks to a transformative gift from the estate of Dwight and Aladine Neuenschwander, Central Seminary proudly announces the establishment of The Neuenschwander Fund for Global Theological Education. The Neuenschwander gift is the largest single contribution in Central's history and will be used to support research and development of new global partnerships and programs, provide critical scholarship funding, and facilitate learning opportunities for the Central student community worldwide.

Dwight and Aladine Neuenschwander were lifelong American Baptists and shared a deep commitment to theological education. Over many years, Dwight served congregations as pastor and also ministered at the regional level. Aladine was an accomplished musician and longtime piano teacher. She loved singing and directing church choral music and was an integral and respected part of numerous church congregations.

Dwight and Aladine loved to travel the world, making many friends and serving multiple missions along the way. In 2013, Dwight traveled to Myanmar with a delegation from Central to participate in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the work of Ann and Adoniram Judson. The Neuenschwanders' shared love of travel and learning about new cultures led them to passionately embrace Central's global vision.

President Pamela R. Durso expressed Central's profound gratitude for the dedication and generosity of Dwight and Aladine: "The Neuenschwander gift bolsters Central's commitment to provide cross cultural theological education that serves the faithful leaders of ethnic churches in the United States and in Asia and to further expand other global programs and partnerships to meet real needs in ministry preparation and leadership development around the world."

Central celebrates the life and ministry of Dwight and Aladine Neuenschwander. We are grateful for their commitment to the church and to theological education. Their memory continues to bless our school and our students, and their legacy lives on through the global learning community of people, partnerships, and programs that are Central Seminary.

