



THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

The Thirty-Ninth Annual
Commencement Service

MAY 11, 2025

SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

39th Annual Commencement Service

MAY 11, 2025

President Abner Chou, Th.D., Presiding

PROCESSIONAL (AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND)	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> • Elgar/Rice Brass Ensemble; Mr. Stephen Sturz, Organist
WELCOME	Dr. Abner Chou President
THE MASTER'S SEMINARY CHORUS	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> • Dykes/Erb-Rice Dr. Bill Brandenstein, Director
SCRIPTURE READING	Dr. Iosif Zhakevich Faculty, Old Testament
PRAYER OF INVOCATION	Dr. Nathan Busenitz Executive Vice President
THE MASTER'S SEMINARY CHORUS	<i>Tell Out, My Soul</i> • Greateorex/Erb-Rice Dr. Bill Brandenstein
HYMN	<i>O Church, Arise</i> • Getty-Townend
CHARGE TO GRADUATES	Dr. Jesse Johnson Pastor & TMUS Board Member
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Dr. Abner Chou ASSISTED BY Members of the Faculty
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Dr. Abner Chou
HYMN	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> • Runyan
BENEDICTION	Dr. Bryan Murphy Faculty, New Testament
RECESSIONAL	<i>Rise Up, O Men of God</i> • Walter/Rice Brass Ensemble & Organ

O Church, Arise

O church arise, and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ, our Captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies—
An army bold, whose battle cry is “Love,”
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war—to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor;
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues 'til the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Diploma of Theology



Aleksey A.
Svetlov
Safety Harbor,
Florida

Bachelor of Theology



Julian Justin
Belk
Austin,
Texas



Larry F.
Broughton, Jr.
Sidney,
Ohio



Roman Alexander
Flores
Bakersfield,
California



Adrian E.
Garcia
Torrance,
California



Kevin Michael
Munsey
Indio,
California



Jose Angel
Silva
Sayula, Jalisco
Mexico

Maestría en Ministerio Bíblico



Javier Alvarado López
Bogotá, Bogotá
Colombia



Marco Antonio Angles
Stuart,
Florida



Milton Santiago Bustos
Quito, Pichincha
Ecuador



Iván Alejandro Carrillo Dávila
Monterrey, Nuevo León
México



Daniel Ernesto Chevriau
Villa Sarmiento,
Buenos Aires Argentina



Cristobal Dorantes Balanzar
Guadalajara, Jalisco
México



Andrés Manuel Escárate Pozo
Los Angeles,
California



Aldo Gomez
Naucalpan,
Estado de México
México



Tomás Francisco González Moreno
Santiago,
Región Metropolitana Chile



Edgar Daniel Huerta Andrade
Cañar, Cañar
Ecuador



Fabian Gustavo Jara Herrera
Quito, Pichincha
Ecuador



Yonathan Gabriel Lora Rosas
Sun Valley,
California



Miguel Angel Martínez
Nezahualcóyotl, Estado de México
México



Marlon Medrano
Studio City,
California



Arnold Jair Menocal
La Ceiba, Atlántida
Honduras



Javier Morales
Cuernavaca, Morelos
México



Pablo Santiago Narváez
Sun Valley,
California



Ariel José Pérez Téllez
Managua, Managua
Nicaragua



Luis Alfredo Pinguil
Cañar-Ecuador,
Ecuador



Miguel Ulises Quezada
Guayaquil, Guayas
Ecuador



Eduardo Rodríguez
Dallas,
Texas



Ronald Hernan Sanchez Rodriguez
Brisbane, Queensland
Australia



César Octavio Vega Islas
Tultitlán,
Estado de México
México



Claudio Miguel Daniel Esteban Villa Calderón
Antofagasta, Antofagasta
Chile

Master of Divinity



Joseph Edward Bailey
Walnut Creek,
California



Jack Charles Barley
Napier, Hawke's Bay
New Zealand



William Carey Benjamin
Munich, Bavaria
Germany



Andrew James Benson
Bozeman,
Montana



Rodel Vito Cañete
Tagum City, Davao del Norte
Philippines



Bien Exel Alimorong Cedro
Riverside,
California



Albert Moises Cisneros
Moreno Valley,
California



Travis James Cole
Estacada,
Oregon



Roberto Cora Ferreira
Caguas, Puerto Rico
Puerto Rico



Mario Alberto Coronado
Las Vegas,
Nevada



Jonah Tristan Cruz
Hollister,
California



Joseph Antony Darwin
Naples,
Florida



Francis Arthur Lao de Jesus
Baguio City, Benguet
Philippines



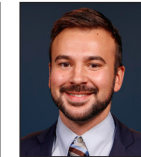
Dean Anthony Defuria
Irvine,
California



Thomas Euzaffer Dickerson III
Santa Clarita,
California



Christopher Allyn Drap
Lompoc,
California



Jean-Jaques Engelbrecht
Cape Town,
South Africa



Michael James Engelsjerd
Washington,
D.C.



Juan Sebastian Espinel
Villavicencio, Meta
Colombia



Carmine Fehr
Windsor, Ontario
Canada



Gilbert Mario Figueroa
Pacoima,
California



Brenton Allen Froese
Boerne,
Texas



Kyle Benjamin Fuller
Midlothian,
Virginia



Karl Geier
Paderborn,
North Rhine-Westphalia
Germany



Daniel Roel Jaboneta Gimpison
General Trias, Cavite
Philippines



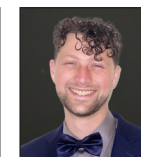
Lucas Rogério Gomes
Sintra, Lisboa
Portugal



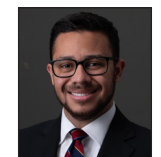
Geoffrey Ragma Gubat
Antipolo City, Rizal
Philippines



Markus Janzen
Paderborn,
North Rhine-Westphalia
Germany



Jared Daniel Johnson
Yorba Linda,
California



Evan R. LaGue
Rancho Palos Verdes
California

Master of Divinity

CONTINUED



Maurice Lattouf
Awkar, Maten
Lebanon



Andrew Thai An Le
Nha Trang, Vietnam
Vietnam



Luc Hunter LeFort
Meridian,
Idaho



Trenton Scott Mabs
Springville,
California



Roman Males
Chisinau,
Moldova



Samuel Jay Marsh
Pilot Mountain,
North Carolina



David Jon McGraw
Oscoda,
Michigan



Stephen Gitau Muigai
Nairobi, Nairobi
Kenya



Joshua David Nichols
Kingsburg,
California



Michael Robert Otazu
Bennet,
Nebraska



Jeremy David Phillips
Granada Hills,
California



Matthias Dillon Phillips
Fort Collins,
Colorado



Stephen James Prendergast
Kingsburg,
California



Luke Isaac Riffle
Guntersville,
Alabama



Christian Wayne Rodriguez
Pomona,
California



Ryan Gareth Rudolph
East London, Eastern Cape
South Africa



C. Josiah Sisto
Dover,
Pennsylvania



Habib Elias Tannous
Pasadena,
California



Garrett Lawrence Trainor
San Gabriel,
California



Daniel J. Vaughan
Pittsburg,
Pennsylvania



William Garrett West
Trophy Club,
Texas



James Andrew Wilkerson, V
Bremerton,
Washington



Tyler Williams
Athens,
Georgia



Jack David Zumwalt
McHenry,
Illinois

Master of Theology



Jose Enrique Alcivar
Guayaquil, Guayas
Ecuador



Marco Bartholomae
Berlin,
Germany



Marco Bovino
Milan,
Italy



Dan Dennison
Brandon,
Mississippi



Brian Christopher Overholtzer
Bellflower,
California



Samuel Angelo Torcasio
Niagara Falls,
New York



James Michael Anthony Watson
Vallejo,
California

Doctor of Ministry



Jerry Clint Adams
Hawkinsville,
Georgia



Hugo Alfredo Álvarez Jr.
Granada Hills,
California



Francisco Bertossi
Cordoba,
Argentina



Kreighton Lawrence Chan
Pasadena,
California



Newton Chilingulo
Lilongwe, Central Region
Malawi



Jonathan Stephan Dingeldine
Denver,
Colorado



Jonathan Gallardo
Cicero,
Illinois



Benjamin Ray Ice
Simi Valley,
California



Kenneth Emerson Jones
Raleigh,
North Carolina



Ryan Edward King
Colorado Springs,
Colorado



Randy Jay Krystowiak, Jr.
Fayetteville,
Georgia



Michael Patrick Lawler
Brookfield,
Wisconsin

Doctor of Ministry

CONTINUED



**Johnny
Martinez**
Peoria,
Arizona



**Archibald Nock
McIntosh**
McKinney,
Texas



**Brian Scott
Moneyham**
Asheville,
North Carolina



**Richard George
Peskett**
Nelspruit, Mpumalanga
South Africa



**Stanton
Petersen**
Storden,
Minnesota



**Paul Lawrence
Pitts III**
Rialto,
California



**Mark Allen
Rice**
Medina,
Ohio



**Matthew Craig
Robards**
Phoenix,
Arizona



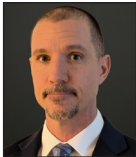
**Douglas Paul
Sommer**
Monroe,
Washington



**Timothy Paul
Stephens**
Calgary, Alberta
Canada



**Norifumi
Terashima**
Sendai, Miyagi
Japan



**David Allan
Totman**
Malumghat,
Bangladesh



**Dennis P.
Yukhimets**
Yalta, Crimea
Ukraine



**Andrey
Zubarev**
Battle Ground,
Washington

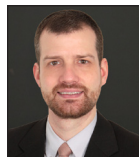
Doctor of Philosophy



**Joshua James
Daugereau**
Castaic,
California



**Kendall James
Kauffman**
Los Angeles,
California



**Peter
Scarborough**
Keller,
Texas

The Master's Seminary exists to advance the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping godly men to be pastors and/or trainers of pastors for excellence in service to Christ in strategic fields of Christian ministry. This is accomplished through an educational program and an environment of spiritual fellowship and relationships that emphasize unreserved commitment to the worship of God, submission to the authority of the Scriptures, a life of personal holiness, the priority of the local church, and the mission of penetrating the world with the Truth. Begun in 1986, The Master's Seminary offers graduate-level education designed to equip students for effectiveness in Christian ministry. Through emphasis on careful instruction in the Scriptures, a consistent focus upon involvement and accountability within a local church, exposure to past and present movements in church history and Christian missions, and the development of communication, relationship, leadership, and administrative skills for ministry, the seminary seeks to produce graduates who are recognized as men of God and who are equipped to serve effectively as pastors, missionaries, teachers, evangelists, counselors, and leaders in evangelical ministries around the world.

Caps, Gowns, and Hoods in the Academic Procession

CAPS: Because each member of the faculty possesses a degree or degrees, the tassel is worn on the left side of the cap. Individuals holding a Doctor's degree are identified by a gold tassel.

GOWNS: The faculty are wearing two different types of gowns according to the highest degree held: Master or Doctor.

HOODS: There are also two types of hoods: one for each degree. They vary in size with the smallest for Master and the largest for Doctor. The hood is lined with the academic color or colors of the school that conferred the highest degree. The velvet binding of the hood indicates the field of study to which the degree pertains.

