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THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH  
COMMENCEMENT  
OF

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**LUTHER SEMINARY**

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3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1999  
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

## Participants in the Service

### PRESIDER

**David L. Tiede**  
*President, Luther Seminary*

### LITURGIST

**Mons Teig**  
*Professor of Worship*

### READERS

**Myung Shin Ham**  
*Master of Arts Degree Candidate*  
**Robert Nelson**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Candidate*

### SPEAKER

**Martha Ellen Stortz**  
*Professor of Historical Theology and Ethics*  
*Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary*

### STUDENT RESPONDENT

**Grady St. Dennis**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Candidate*

### CRUCIFER

**John Folkerds**  
*Pastor, Buffalo, Minn.*

### BANNER BEARERS

**Kathleen Bruns**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Middler*  
**Justin Van Orman**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Senior*

### MARSHALS

**Jack Anderson**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Middler*  
**Heather Lampert**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Middler*  
**Steven Schumacher**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Junior*  
**Karen Wight**  
*Master of Divinity Degree Junior*

### ORGANIST

**Mark Sedio**  
*Luther Seminary Organist*  
*Cantor, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

**Members of Luther Brass**

## Notes

The crucifer is a graduate in the class of 1971 and a member of the Alumni/ae Council. His participation today affirms the continuing leadership and support of the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council in the life of the school.

The student respondent and readers were elected by the senior class. Banner bearers and marshalls were chosen by the Office of the Registrar.

## The Commencement Speaker

Dr. Martha Ellen Stortz is professor of historical theology and ethics at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. She convenes the Graduate Theological Union core doctoral faculty in the areas of religion and society and historical studies. Dr. Stortz' MA and Ph.D. were earned in 1975 and 1984 respectively from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

Her work and interests have led her to explore a wide variety of areas of ethical and historical concern, especially human sexuality, power and powerlessness, ritual and power, and spiritual development.

Dr. Stortz is a member of the Lutheran Ethicist Writing Group of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She addressed the Lutheran World Federation Consultation on Women in Geneva in 1995 and took part in the First International Lutheran Women Theologians' conference in Helsinki in 1991.

Dr. Stortz served on the ELCA Task Force on Theological Education from 1990 to 1995 and participated in the ELCA Consultation on Sexuality in 1994. She is the author of *PastorPower*, published in 1995 by Abingdon Press.

She has said, "The disciplines of church history and ethics seem an odd portfolio for a seminary professor. I've always been fascinated with how people conduct their lives: I've always been convinced that what people believe in has the ability to form, inform, transform, or malform how they conduct their lives. That conviction unites the studies of history and ethics."

# The Order of Service

## THE PRELUDE

Pieces from *The Suite on the Second Tone*  
Louis-Nicola Cléranbault

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O DAY FULL OF GRACE" LBW 161\*

*The congregation shall stand  
when the procession enters the sanctuary.*

O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in his joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,  
When he on the cross was hanging;  
And then he arose and moved the stone,  
That we, unto him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all his healing.

When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing.  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels his name adoring.

*The congregation shall be seated.*

## WELCOME

Craig Lewis  
Senior Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

## DIALOGUE

*The congregation shall stand.*

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
C: **and grant us your salvation.**

P: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.  
C: **Let your people sing for joy.**

P: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
C: **for only in you can we live in safety.**

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care,  
C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P: Let your way be known upon the earth;  
C: **your saving health among all nations.**

P: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,  
C: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
C: **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The congregation shall be seated.*

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THE FIRST LESSON            1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

THE SECOND LESSON            Acts 2:1-21

THE ADDRESS                    Martha Stortz  
    "...as the Spirit Gave Them Utterance!"

THE HYMN OF THE DAY  
    "God, Whose Almighty Word"            LBW 400

*The congregation shall stand.*

God, whose almighty word  
    Chaos and darkness heard  
    And took their flight:  
    Hear us, we humbly pray,  
    And where the Gospel day  
    Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring,  
    On your eternal wing,  
    Healing and sight,  
    Health to the sick in mind,  
    Sight to the inly blind:  
    Oh, now to humankind, Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
    Life-giving holy dove,  
    Speed forth your flight;  
    Move on the water's face  
    Bearing the lamp of grace,  
    And in earth's darkest place, Let there be light!

Holy and blessed three,  
    Glorious Trinity,  
    Wisdom, love, might!  
    Boundless as ocean's tide,  
    Rolling in fullest pride,  
    Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!  
*The congregation shall be seated.*

WELCOME                            David L. Tiede

**The Conferring of Degrees**  
*All candidates listed on pages 6-11.*

Presentation of the Class            Marc Kolden  
  *Professor of Systematic Theology  
  Dean of Academic Affairs*

Conferring of Degrees                David L. Tiede

  Mark Knudson  
  *Chair, Board of Directors*

  Diane Doncits  
  *Registrar*

  Paul S. Berge  
  *Professor of New Testament  
  Director of Master of Arts Program*

  Frederick J. Gaiser  
  *Professor of Old Testament  
  Director of Graduate Studies*

  Arland J. Hultgren  
  *Professor of New Testament  
  Secretary of the Faculty*

  Wendell R. Debner  
  *Director of Doctor of Ministry Program*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament, the G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament, the A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics, and the Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics receive modest cash awards. Descriptions of all awards are on page 11.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Grady St. Dennis

PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT

Kathleen D. McCallum

**The Call to Mission**

*The congregation shall stand.*

**P:** There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; between slave and free; between male and female; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

**C:** We are the church -- all kinds and conditions of people, but one body of Christ and individually members of one another.

**P:** Graduating students, in the presence of God we have met here to honor you for your perseverance, faithfulness, and diligence in study, and to present to the Church all of you who aspire to serve the Church of God in a variety of ministries. When he said, I have come not to be served, but to serve, Jesus defined the meaning of ministry. Luther Seminary sends you forth into this service with its love and blessing, and prays that you may be adequate to your task.

*Graduates:*

**With faith in the Triune God, we commit ourselves to this ministry of service. We pray that all our works, through God's gracious help, may be begun, continued, and ended in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

**"The Church's One Foundation" LBW 369**

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood her bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see you face to face.

THE POSTLUDE

*Toccata*  
Théodore DuBois

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**G**raduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception following the service. The reception will be in the Parish Hall. Note that multiple refreshment tables are being provided for your convenience, so if the line is long at one, please look for another. People are encouraged to take their refreshments outside on the north lawn of the Central Lutheran education unit.

# Candidates for Degrees

## Certificate in Islamic Studies

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*The certificate in Islamic Studies is designed to meet the educational needs of individuals with either vocational or academic interests in the study of Islam and the field of Christian-Muslim relations.*

Charles Wayne Haertel\*

*St. Anthony Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.  
Augustana Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.*

Gordon Rockswold

*Minnetonka Community Church, Minnetonka, Minn.*

Robert E. Wandersee (granted posthumously)

## Master of Arts

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*The master of arts degree serves to enrich a person's understanding of the Christian faith and its tradition, to prepare a person to serve in Christian communities and their mission in the world, and to provide the basic theological degree for further graduate study.*

Scott Lee Adams

*Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Wash.*

Jolita Saudargaite Adomkiene\*

*Lithuanian Lutheran Church, Lithuania*

Eric Bjornaas Berg

*Zion Lutheran Church, Amor, Minn.*

Dorothy Zakula Bradford

*North Heights Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Eric Paul de Bruyn

Cynthia Donnell-Foster

*Bethel Lutheran Church, Bartonville, Ill.  
Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill,  
St. Paul, Minn.*

Jerilyn Marie Dunlap

*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Wash.*

Larry Brian Evans

*Christus Victor Lutheran Church,  
Elk Grove Village, IL*

Peter D. Fritch-Gallatin

*Bethesda Lutheran Church, Moorhead, Minn.  
Elim Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, Minn.*

Myung Shin Ham

*Denny Park Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash.*

Trisha Rae Hanson

*Peace Lutheran Church, Hazen, N.D.*

Kenath Kierkegaard Harris

*Como Park Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Donald Walter Hassenstab

*Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.*

William Dennis Helsabeck, Jr.\*

*Grandview Christian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.*

Laura J. Hoelter

Kent Michael Hollingsworth

*St. Paul Lutheran Church, Steinbach,  
Manitoba, Canada  
Christ Lutheran Church, Kelowna,  
British Columbia, Canada*

*Grace Lutheran Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada*

Lousene Mary Hoppe

*St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church,  
St. Paul, Minn.*

Mark Gregory Howitz

*Trinity Lutheran Church, Brainerd, Minn.*

Peter Christian Johnson

*St. John Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.*

René Elizabeth Johnson

*ELCA-Division of Global Mission, Chicago, Ill.*

Stacy Nicole Johnson

*Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Center City, Minn.*

Charles Ndungu Karuku\*

*Twin Cities House of Prayer, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Arthur Katz

*Ben Israel Fellowship, Laporte, Minn.*

Angelika S. Matson

*Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Elliott, Ill.*

Danielle S. Moen

*Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.*

Clement Momanyi Moturi

*Progressive Missionary Baptist Church,  
St. Paul, Minn.*

*Riogoro P.A.G. Church, Nyamira,  
Kitutu Masaba, Kenya*

*Twin Cities House of Prayer, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Linda Lee Mundt

*St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Ieva Pustumcane  
*Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
All Saints Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minn.*

Lenae Carol Anderson Rasmussen  
*Grace Lutheran Church, Lake Lillian, Minn.*

Karin Claudine Ludwigsen Rochester  
*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Diane K. Sauers\*  
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minn.*

Jennifer J. Swick  
*Nativity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Brant Moore Thomsen  
*Newport Lutheran Church, Newport, Minn.*

M. Suzanne Tyler-McGann  
*Resurrection Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Ill.*

David Clarke Wallace, Jr.

Marc A. Wallman

Scott E. Yakimow  
*Zion Lutheran Church, Marshall, Mich.*

## Master of Religious Education

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*The master of religious education degree is designed for persons preparing to assume a leadership position in a congregation serving in the area of Christian education.*

Susan Maria Heider  
*Bethany Lutheran Church of Keweenaw,  
Mohawk, Mich.  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.*

## Master of Sacred Music

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*The master of sacred music degree is designed to educate*

- ◇ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
- ✦ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics
- ❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament
- \* G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament
- \* Graduate Preaching Fellowship
- ⊛ Interpretation Award
- ☆ American Bible Society Award

*Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregations.*

*\* Requirements to be completed by August 31, 1999.*

*church musicians theologically for service in the church as professional pastoral musicians.*

Kyle Stephen Haugen

Deborah Anderson Hermes  
*Augustana Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minn.*

Cynthia J. Moore

Tingjuan Wang  
*T2 Hougou Hutong Chongwermen Church,  
Beijing, China*

## Master of Divinity

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*The master of divinity degree provides a professional theological education for mission and ministry. This degree program prepares persons for ordained ministry in Christian communities.*

Glen William Aaberg\*  
*St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wash.*

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*Bethany Lutheran Church, Remer, Minn.  
Grace Lutheran Church, Andover, Minn.*

Neal J. Anthony  
*Sheridan Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebr.*

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Peace Lutheran Church, New London, Minn.*

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*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Two Harbors, Minn.*

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*Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

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*Iglesia Evangelica Luterana, St. Paul, Minn.  
First Lutheran Church, Pomona, Calif.*



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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

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Zion Lutheran Church, Newberg, Ore.*

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First Lutheran Church of Crystal,  
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Eric Wayne Evers\*<sup>2</sup>✝

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*Calvary Lutheran Church, Minocqua, Wisc.*

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*First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn.  
American Lutheran Church, Long Prairie, Minn.*

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*Mount Olivet Lutheran Church,  
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Yu Young Geun\*

*Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Eric A. Griffith

*Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Linda, Calif.*

Scott Thomas Hagen

*St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minn.  
Roseville Lutheran Church, Roseville, Minn.*

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*Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn.*

Martin Halom

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisc.*

Melinda S. Halom

*Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minn.*

Elizabeth Ann Hanley◇

*First Lutheran Church, Longview, Texas*

Matthew Daniel Hausken\*

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pine Island, Minn.*

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*Central Lutheran Church, Winona, Minn.*

Ruth Elizabeth Hetland

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Henning, Minn.*

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*Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,  
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Dana Lance Holter

*First Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn.*

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*Faith Lutheran Church, Balsam Lake, Wisc.*

Kurt Andrew Jensen

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
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Elizabeth Rae Johnson

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Ascension Lutheran Church, Brookings, S.D.

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Moorhead, Minn.

Matthew A. Lee\*  
Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church, Poplar Grove, Ill.

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All Saints Lutheran Church, Novato, Calif.

Kenneth Troy Ley  
Atonement Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont.

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Curtis L. Matson  
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Kirsten Ann Scribner Mebust  
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Karna Baseman Stark  
*Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.*

Heidi Stensby  
*Colonial Church of Edina, Edina, Minn.*

Stephanie K. Swanson  
*Glenwood Lutheran Church, Glenwood, Minn.*

Cheryl Louise Schultz Szabo  
*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,*  
*Roseville, Minn.*

Sarah Diemer Talley  
*St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minn.*

Erick Julian Thompson  
*East Norway Lake Lutheran Church,*  
*New London, Minn.*

Michelle Lynn Timm  
*Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia, Minn.*

Steven W. Timm  
*Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.*

Chris Townsend  
*Community Church of Joy, Glendale, Ariz.*

Greg Wallace  
*Community Church of Life, Bakersfield, Calif.*

Paul Andrew Ward  
*Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colo.*

Mary Griffiths Wiltse  
*Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Mark Allan Woeltge  
*St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minn.*  
*North Emanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.*

Daniel Mark Wollman  
*Mt. Sterling Lutheran Church, Mt. Sterling, Wisc.*

Tony Kin Chung Wong\*  
*Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu ,*  
*Honolulu, Hawaii*

## Doctor of Ministry

*The doctor of ministry is the most advanced professional degree for ordained persons in the parish or related ministries. The primary emphasis of this degree is theological learning and research in the context of the practice of ministry.*

Rolf Victor Brende\*\* *Greeley, Colo.*  
*"Building a Congregational Program to Provide an Empathic Lay Ministry to the Bereaved"*

Donna Y. Erickson\* *Burnsville, Minn.*  
*"Wholistic Health Care in the Nursing Home Setting: The Chaplain and the Interdisciplinary Team"*

Galen F. Hora *Coon Rapids, Minn.*  
*"The Development of a Worship Resource for the University Christian Community"*

Marvin Lars Langeland *Salem, Ore.*  
*"A Resource Guide for Community Clergy in Proclaiming God's Grace"*

Christopher Allen McNair *Minneapolis, Minn.*  
*"Christian Community Among the Unchurched Urban Poor: The House Church Model"*

Jerry R. O'Neill *Anoka, Minn.*  
*"Pastor as Transformational Leader: A Theology and Planned-Change Strategy for Middle-sized Church Redevelopment and Renewal"*

Nathan Paul Sager\*\* *Virginia, Minn.*  
*"Preaching Law/Gospel Theology in a Postmodern World"*

## Master of Theology

*The master of theology is a research degree, which provides continuing theological study through the discipline of academic excellence.*

Michael John Anderson *Kirkland, Wash.*  
"John Hick's Pluralistic Theology"

James Donald Dartt *White Bear Lake, Minn.*  
"The Development of the Doctrine of Transubstantiation"

Curtis Glenn Evavold *Minneapolis, Minn.*  
"Aseneth's Prayer for Help: A Study of Lament and Conversion in Joseph and Aseneth"

Christian Gerhard Nicely Holleck *Waterford, Mich.*  
"A Study of Human Nature and Predicament in the Qur'an"

Chiropafadzo Moyo\* *Harare, Zimbabwe*  
"The Concept of Relationship in Land Theology"

Mark Travis Peters *St. Paul, Minn.*  
"Faith Active in Love: Renewing the Church's Capacity as a Public Actor Through Moral Formation, Deliberation and Action for the Common Good"

Rahila Stephen *Numan, Nigeria*  
"The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society: The Case of Nigeria and Implications for Mission Work in the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria"

## Doctor of Philosophy

*The doctor of philosophy is an advanced research degree designed to develop scholarly leadership for Christian churches and for work in the community of theological scholarship throughout the world.*

Nathan C.P. Frambach *Gurnee, Ill.*  
"Exocentricity and the Theological Anthropology of Woflhart Pannenberg: A Methodological, Theological, and Systematic Rationale for Leadership and Conversation in Congregations"

- ◇ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics
- ✦ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics
- ❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament
- \* G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament
- \* Graduate Preaching Fellowship
- ⊕ Interpretation Award
- ☆ American Bible Society Award

*Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting congregations.*

*\*\* With Distinction*

*\* Requirements to be completed by August 31, 1999.*

## Awards for Academic Excellence

**E**ach year several awards for excellence are given to students. The awards are:

### The Brindle Award in Medical Ethics

The Sherri H. and Jeffrey S. Brindle Award in Medical Ethics encourages theological and ethical reflection in medical matters and is given to the student who submits the winning essay in the area of medical ethics in relation to Christian faith and ministry. No Brindle Award was given this year.

### The Graduate Preaching Fellowship

is given to an outstanding master of divinity degree graduate from the senior class. The fellowship provides the recipient with financing to study preaching overseas to enhance his or her career in preaching and parish ministry.

### The John Milton Prize in Old Testament

is awarded to one or more students based on papers written by graduating master of divinity degree or master of arts degree students in the area of Old Testament.

### The G.M. and Minnie Bruce Prize in New Testament

is awarded to graduating seniors based on essays written in New Testament studies. Numeral indicates rank placement.

### Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

### A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

Both the Harrisville and Hanson prizes in homiletics are awarded to graduating seniors based on homiletical skills.

### The Interpretation Award

is presented to a student of the Bible as Scripture who has a special interest in its use and usefulness for the church. The award is a subscription to the journal *Interpretation*.

### The American Bible Society Award

recognizes "excellence in biblical studies." The prize is the honoree's choice of scholarly resources for biblical study.