

Fifty-Eighth COMMENCEMENT



Methodist Theological School
in Ohio

Saturday, May 23, 2020
11 a.m.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Processional	“Trumpet Voluntary”	Clarke
Welcome and Invocation		President Jay Rundell
Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 1</i>	See program
Greeting		Board of Trustees Chair David Wilcox
Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 2</i>	
Conferring of Degrees on the Class of 2020		President Rundell and Dean Valerie Bridgeman
Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 3</i>	
Presentation of Diplomas		President Rundell and Dean Bridgeman
Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 4</i>	
Closing Comments and Benediction		President Rundell
Recessional	“Rondeau”	Mouret

Faculty Marshal: Dr. Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Assistant Professor
of Theology, Ecology and Race

THE CLASS OF 2020

The following list of graduates is tentative. Degrees are conferred and certificates awarded only to those candidates who have successfully completed all requirements.

Concentrations and specializations are noted under individual graduates' names.

† Identifies graduates receiving dual degrees.

CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

Basic Theological Education

Jenaye M. Hill

Deacon Studies

Janelle Washburn Ohlemiller

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Ministry

Malcolm E. Himschoot

Leadership for Transformational Change

*Project: Lift Up: The Leadership of Pastors of Color
in the United Church of Christ*

Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries

Addiction Counseling Track

Julie Bonzon Nyangoro

Brian Arthur Whitton

Pastoral Care and Counseling Track

Megan Anne Buehler †

Jennifer L. Humphreys

Master of Arts in Practical Theology

Lindsay Hammond Austin
Parish and Community Ministry
Nicholas W. Gliha
Parish and Community Ministry

Hyo-Jin Kim †
Parish and Community Ministry

Master of Theological Studies

Hyo-Jin Kim †
Biblical Studies

Sarah Moon
Biblical Studies

Master of Divinity

Nicolas R. Berlanga
Megan Anne Buehler †
Jacqueline D. Buschor
Biblical Languages and Texts
Bradley G. Davis
Michael A. Farmer
Ecology and Justice
Jeffrey Alan Furry
Jacob L. Heskett
Suzanne Hutchison
Cassie Meredith Oliver
Interreligious Contexts

Derek Ronald Platt
Ryan Skelton
Amy Norette Triebwasser
Mary Catherine Vietmeier
*Black Church and African
Diaspora Studies*
Ecology and Justice
Brenda D. Waddell
Interreligious Contexts
Jacquallynn Renee Zarley
*Black Church and African
Diaspora Studies*

PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING

Praise the source of faith and learning
that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray:

God of wisdom, we acknowledge
that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge
only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation
and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder
of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder
which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error
which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror
with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river
fight each other's undertow
till converging they deliver
one coherent steady flow,
blend, O God, our faith and learning
till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning
praise and thanks to you, their Source.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

SENIOR AWARDS

Announced at Closing Convocation May 12, 2020

Bishop Judith Craig Prize in Christian Education	Bradley G. Davis and Suzanne Hutchison
Fellowship Seminarian Award	Nicolas R. Berlanga
Gindlesperger Bible Award	Jacqueline D. Buschor
Hoyt Hickman Award	Sarah Moon
Pastoral Counseling Service and Achievement Award	Julie Bonzon Nyangoro
Servant Leader Award	Megan Anne Buehler
C. Everett and Mary Milburn Tilson Social Justice Grant	Michael A. Farmer
David Wilcox Leadership Award	Amy Norette Triebwasser
Ronald L. Williams Book Prize in Theology and Ethics	Bradley G. Davis and Amy Norette Triebwasser

ABOUT VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has led to necessary physical distancing around the globe, including at MTSO. All classes moved entirely online from early March through the end of the Spring Semester.

While the resulting challenges were faced by those across the campus community with grace, resilience and ingenuity, the school owes this graduating class a special note of gratitude. Its members took the lead in nurturing a culture of care and cohesion that persisted among their fellow students despite the miles of internet cable separating them. What's more, the graduates of 2020 responded with an abundance of patience when their commencement was indefinitely postponed, ultimately embracing the opportunity to gather virtually with their guests and each other on this day.

No one wished for this difficult time, but those we honor today have met the moment in ways that leave them uniquely prepared for the vocations of ministry and service on which they are embarking.