

# NEW BRUNSWICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION SERVICE

MAY 22, 2021 AT 11:00 AM

Celebration Service video can be viewed at: [www.nbts.edu/2021celebration/](http://www.nbts.edu/2021celebration/)

VOTUM, SENTENCES, AND SALUTATION

Rev. Micah L. McCreary, Ph.D.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Amen**

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of  
God's hand.

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Beth LaNeel Tanner, Ph.D.

GREETING

Rev. Micah L. McCreary, Ph.D.

Presentation of President's Service Award  
Recognition of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI & ACADEMIC AWARDS

Rev. Beth LaNeel Tanner, Ph.D.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS FOR MINISTRY, Reformed Church in America

**Tiffany Yun Tzu Fan**  
**Linnea Fenske-Williams**  
**Sharon Gross**  
**Mornier Rich**

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:28-30(a)

Russell T. Paarlberg, Board of Trustees

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.  
I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth.

ADDRESS

*Imagine More*

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Senior Pastor  
Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, Georgia

HONORING OF THE GRADUATES

Doctor of Ministry  
Master of Divinity  
Master of Arts  
Certificates

Rev. Beth LaNeel Tanner, Ph.D.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Rev. Micah L. McCreary, Ph.D.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES

NBTS Faculty & Staff

BENEDICTION

Rev. Micah L. McCreary, Ph.D.

POSTLUDE

*God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs*

TOULON

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs;  
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast;  
each age in turn for solemn tasks prepares;  
make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

Those, here and now, who catch your mystic voice,  
with "Here am I! Speak Lord!" shall bravely stand!  
As they dare answer, we with thanks rejoice;  
God lead them forth to joyous work and grand.

Anoint your servants, faithful servants, they:  
prophets for right, who every evil break;  
priests, interceding for a world astray;  
rulers who, for their Christ, a kingdom make.

Send them, apostles, heralds of your cross!  
Forth may they go to tell all realms your grace;  
inspired of you, may they count all but loss,  
and stand at last with joy before your face.

O mighty age of Prophecy return!  
With truth and faith, enrich our urgent time!  
Lord Jesus Christ, again with us sojourn;  
a weary world awaits your reign sublime!