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## PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



**Dr. Karen Drake: President**

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Greetings to you, our cherished friends, family, and loyal supporters during this blessed Christmas season.

Let us celebrate God's magnificent gift—His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Born in humble Bethlehem, the King of Kings entered our world, offering forgiveness, mercy, grace, redemption, salvation and eternal life to all who believe.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, generous support, and for connecting friends and ministry contacts with Primus University throughout 2025. We look back with gratitude on a successful Eagle Forum and our annual Graduation Ceremony.

Through Alumni referrals and endorsements, we continue reaching world-changing degree candidates who earn cherished degrees while maintaining Biblical fidelity and academic excellence.

We are deeply grateful for the contributions Dr. John and Sylvia Corella have made to Primus over the years. We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they begin a new journey.

As we embrace 2026, may your Christmas overflow with Christ's presence. May the coming year bring abundant health and divine opportunities as you share God's Word.

May God's peace, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!  
Yours in His love and service,

Dr. Karen E. Drake

## GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS



**The class of 2025 with Faculty Members and Alumni:** *Front row from left to right:* Dr. Steve Hinton, Dr. , Dr Eve Meadow Hinton, . Karen E. Drake, PUT President, Dr. Victoria A. Livaudais, and Karen E. Netherlain. *Second row:* Dr. Lynn Marker, Dr. Carousel Pieterse, Gilbert Ybarra, Michael Timothy Ray Martin, and Dr. Gene Smeed. *Back row:* Dr. Ed Delph, Dr. Dawid J. Pieterse and Dr. Don Enevoldson.

### CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF KINGDOM EXCELLENCE

#### **Primus University Graduation Ceremony 2025: A Moment of Divine Destiny**

Saturday, November 15, 2025, marked a momentous occasion in the history of Primus University of Theology as eight exceptional graduates crossed the stage at the Rhode Auditorium on Arizona Christian University's

Glendale campus.

The atmosphere was filled with expectation as family, friends, faculty, and supporters gathered to witness the culmination of years of dedication, sacrifice, and divine preparation.

At precisely 10:30am, the majestic strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" filled the auditorium as graduates processed in full academic regalia, their faces radiating joy and anticipation.



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Master of Ceremonies Dr. Ed Delph welcomed the gathering with warmth and dignity, setting the tone for a ceremony that would be both deeply spiritual and profoundly celebratory.

Following Dr. Delph's opening prayer and invocation, the assembly rose to honor America with "God Bless America," before President Dr. Karen Drake delivered her welcoming address.

Her message resonated powerfully: "On this transformative journey, you are not here by accident. You have been uniquely designed, divinely appointed, and sovereignly positioned for this exact moment in history.

God has chosen you as His mighty warrior—fully equipped, powerful, anointed, and strategically positioned to spread His Word and love with explosive impact and supernatural grace throughout the earth."

Dr. Don Enevoldson delivered inspiring words to the graduating class, challenging them to embrace their calling with courage and conviction.

Then, class speaker Eugene Smeed, himself graduating with a Doctor of Ministry in Health and Wellness Theology, shared a stirring testimony of transformation, perseverance, and divine faithfulness.

The pinnacle moment arrived as Dr. Dawid J. Pieterse, a 2017 Alumnus, read each graduate's name with dignity and honor:

- Dr. Eve Meadow Hinton - *Doctor of Ministry, Leadership and Cultural Transformation.*
- Dr. Carousel Pieterse - *Doctor of Ministry, Trauma-Informed Counseling and Organizational Development.*
- Dr. Steven M. Hinton - *Doctor of Ministry, Leadership and Business Management.*

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- Dr. Gene Smeed - *Doctor of Ministry, Health and Wellness Theology.*
- Dr. Victoria A. Livaudais - *Doctor of Theology.*
- Michael Timothy Ray Martin - Master of Divinity
- Dr. Karen E Netherlain - *Doctor of Ministry, Biblical Studies and Theology.*
- Gilbert Ybarra - *Bachelor of Ministry, Music and Evangelism.*

Each graduate walked across the stage to applause as President Dr. Karen Drake conferred their hard-earned degrees.

The joy in the auditorium was palpable—years of late-night study, sacrificial commitment, and unwavering faith had culminated in this triumphant moment.

Dr. Ed Delph delivered a powerful keynote address challenging the graduates to embrace their God-

given destiny with boldness and humility. "This is your calling. This is your time. This is your destiny," he proclaimed. "Soli Deo Gloria—To God alone be the glory!"

Newly minted Dr. Steve Hinton offered heartfelt closing remarks, reflecting on the journey and encouraging his fellow graduates to walk in the fullness of their calling. His closing prayer and benediction was a beautiful seal upon a sacred ceremony.

As President Drake dismissed the graduates and "Pomp and Circumstance" processional led to an enthusiastic reception where laughter, celebration, and congratulations flowed freely.

The 2025 Graduation Ceremony was more than an academic milestone—it was a divine appointment, a commissioning service, and a launching point for kingdom warriors equipped to impact their



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communities, their nations, and the world for the glory of God. To our distinguished Class of 2025: You are uniquely designed, divinely appointed, and strategically positioned. Now go forth as mighty

warriors, fully equipped, powerfully anointed, and blessed with extraordinary gifts, talents, and abilities. This is your time to be a catalyst for revolutionary change in the world.

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**Primus University Graduation Ceremony 2025:  
A Moment of Divine Destiny, celebrating  
23 years of Kingdom Excellence - a momentous  
occasion in our history!**



## EAGLE FORUM HIGHLIGHTS



**Steve Hinton (now Dr. Steve Hinton)**



**Dr. Karen E. Drake**

### **EAGLE FORUM 2025: A TRANSFORMATIONAL SUCCESS BaseCamp Leadership Development Launches Kingdom Leaders to New Heights**

The 2025 Eagle Forum, held November 13-14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in North Phoenix, Arizona, exceeded all expectations as kingdom leaders and visionaries gathered for two transformational days of worship, learning, and spiritual breakthrough.

The highlight of this year's forum was the dynamic BaseCamp Leadership Development Workshop, masterfully presented by newly minted doctorate holder Dr. Steve Hinton.

BaseCamp provided attendees with powerful tools to integrate faith with practical strategies, bringing transformation to every sphere of influence—Family, Education, Government, Business, Arts and Entertainment, Media, and Religion. Throughout the intensive two-day experience, participants engaged with profound

topics including spiritual warfare, personal responsibility, authentic love, integrity, and commitment.

The fast-paced, spirit-led sessions merged God's wisdom with actionable life strategies, equipping leaders to break down strongholds, expand their capacity to lead, and activate their divine calling.

Day One featured inspiring presentations from Dr. Karen Drake on the State of the University, Dr. Alex Mitala's powerful testimonial, and Dr. Ed Delph's insights on Church and Community.

Attendees explored the 7 Mountain Mandate through sessions on Introduction, Context, and Rules, before diving into small group discussions on various topics.

Day Two built on this foundation with sessions addressing Behavior Matrix, Unlock Your Story, Commitment and Intention Mechanisms, Ultimate Life Strategy Feedback, and practical applications through CLF systems. Each session

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**Dr. Ed Delph**



**Dr. Alex Mitala**



challenged participants to confront limiting beliefs, restore relationships, and create Kingdom strategies for the mountains of influence God has called them to climb.

The Forum culminated with our inspiring Graduation Ceremony on Saturday November 15 at the Rhode Auditorium on Arizona Christian University's campus, where we celebrated eight

exceptional graduates earning degrees ranging from Bachelor of Ministry to Doctorates in diverse fields including Leadership, Trauma-Informed Counseling, Biblical Studies, and Music and Evangelism.

Attendees left BaseCamp equipped with renewed hope, clear direction, and practical Kingdom strategies to transform their communities.



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Testimonies poured in about breakthrough moments, restored relationships, expanded vision, and activated calling. As one participant declared, "BaseCamp didn't just teach me about the 7 Mountain Mandate—it launched me into my destiny as a Kingdom influencer!"

The 2025 Eagle Forum proved once again that when kingdom leaders gather in unity, equipped with God's wisdom and practical strategies, transformation is inevitable.

We are already making plans for an even more powerful Eagle Forum 2026. Mark your calendars

and prepare for another mountaintop experience!

Thank you to all who attended, presented, volunteered, and prayed.

Together, we are transforming culture and expanding God's Kingdom—one mountain at a time!

**2026 EAGLE FORUM**  
**THURSDAY 22 - FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER**  
**AND GRADUATION CEREMONY**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24**



### CS LEWIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On November 30, Dr. Dean Landis was honored with the 2025 CS Lewis Lifetime Achievement Award at Arizona Christian University. For over 60 years, Dean has served as a "Networker for Christ," dedicating the past twenty years to helping elevate Primus University of Theology to prominence. Congratulations, Dr. Dean!