



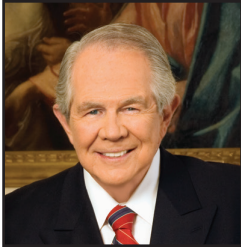
## SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELING COMMISSIONING SERVICE



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

# 2020 Commissioning Address

DR. M.G. "PAT" ROBERTSON



Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson is founder, chancellor and CEO of Regent University. Robertson has achieved national and international recognition as a religious broadcaster, philanthropist, educator, religious leader, businessman and prolific author. In addition to his significant role at Regent, he is the founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) Inc., and founder of International Family Entertainment Inc., Operation Blessing International, American Center for Law and Justice, The Flying Hospital Inc., and several other organizations and broadcast entities.

Robertson is the son of Gladys Churchill Robertson and A. Willis Robertson, who served for 34 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He entered Washington and Lee University in 1946, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After graduating magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 1950, Robertson served as assistant adjutant of the First Marine Division in combat in Korea and was promoted to first lieutenant upon his return to the states in 1952. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Yale University Law School in 1955 and a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1959.

## Honors for his humanitarian efforts include:

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017 - 25th Silver Anniversary Movieguide Awards  
Winston Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013 - Faith & Freedom Coalition  
Hampton Roads Business Hall of Fame, 2009  
New York Theological Seminary Distinction in Ministry Award, 2009  
The State of Israel Friendship Award, 2002 - Zionist Organization of America, Chicago  
Cross of Nails Award for his work with The Flying Hospital, 2000  
Defender of Israel Award, 1994 - Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign  
One of America's 100 Cultural Elite, 1992 - *Newsweek* Magazine  
Christian Broadcaster of the Year, 1989 - National Religious Broadcasters  
Man of the Year, 1988 - Students for America  
Humanitarian of the Year, 1982 - Food for the Hungry

Robertson is past president of the prestigious Council on National Policy. He has served on President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime, the Board of Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Robertson also founded and served on the Christian Coalition of America.

He and his wife, Dede, have four children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

# Commissioning Ceremony

## *“WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS”*

Welcome and Opening Remarks .....	Dr. William Hathaway Dean, School of Psychology & Counseling Interim Dean, College of Healthcare Sciences
Recognition of Outstanding Graduates .....	Dr. William Hathaway
Introduction of Executive Vice President .....	Dr. William Hathaway
Congratulations Remarks .....	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Introduction of the Chancellor .....	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño
Commissioning Address.....	Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson Founder, Chancellor, and CEO, Regent University
Closing and Prayer.....	Dr. William Hathaway



## What is Commissioning?

At graduation, you leave from training and preparation at Regent to go out into the world and step into the call God has on your lives. As you go, you can proclaim, as Isaiah did,

*“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...To comfort all who mourn...to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, **that He may be glorified**” (Isaiah 61: 1-3).*

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Dissertation: Utilizing Participatory Methods to Assess the Mental and Physical Health Needs of Foreign Mexican Farmworkers in Southeastern United States

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Dissertation: Adult Attachment and Attachment to God: A Study of how Child Mistreatment Victims' Relationship to Their Abuser Impacts Attachment Styles in Adulthood

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Dissertation: Forgiveness Interventions in Children to Reduce School Bullying

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Dissertation: A Model of White Identity Development: Journeying to Allyship and Anti-racism Through Empathy, Self-awareness, and Affirmative Existence

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Dissertation: Social Orientation and Spiritual Transcendence as Predictors of Intellectual Humility Within a Multicultural Context

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Dissertation: Attachment and God Image

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Dissertation: Implementation of Teacher Child Interaction Training of At Risk Children in an Urban School

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Dissertation: Childhood Trauma and the MMPI-A-RF

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Dissertation: Multiple Combat Deployments and Health Outcomes in Military Servicemembers

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Dissertation: Mixed Orientation Marriages: Motivations and Stressors

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Dissertation: Posttraumatic Symptoms, Health, and Masculinity Traits in Male Veterans and Active Military Members

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Dissertation: The Relationship Between Trauma and Autoimmune Disorders as Mediated by Blood Sugar Dysregulation

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Dissertation: Lean Advocacy

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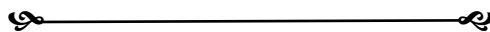


## School of Psychology & Counseling Mission and Philosophy

The Regent University School of Psychology & Counseling provides leadership for exemplary educational programs. Its professional programs integrate sound practice skills, disciplinary competence, and biblically based values to promote human welfare with a focus on service provision to individuals, family, church, and community.

Vision Statement -- Our efforts stem from two central passages of Scripture, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself," (Matthew 22:37-39); and "Love each other as I have loved you," (John 15:12). The methods and purposes of psychology and counseling are always to be held against these biblical standards.

We aim to educate graduates to provide healing and restoration to members of the local and world community through the application of biblical principles and professional excellence.



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Welcome to the Regent University Alumni Association! Upon graduation you will join a community of over 26,000 alumni in all 50 states and across the world. As your Alumni Officers, we want to congratulate you on all of your accomplishments and invite you to stay in touch with us! Visit [regentalumni.org](http://regentalumni.org) today to create your alumni profile!! Although you may be completing your time as a student at Regent University, we hope you will always stay connected to your Regent family. You can follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/regentalumni](https://facebook.com/regentalumni), Instagram by searching @regentalumni, or LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/regentalumni](https://linkedin.com/regentalumni). Congratulations Class of 2020!

Sincerely,

Your Alumni Officers  
Ashley Weekley & Alora Tejada

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“We Are More  
Than Conquerors.”

ROMANS 8:37

## Mission & Vision

The mission of Regent University is to serve as a leading center of Christian thought and action, providing excellent education from a biblical perspective and global context in pivotal professions to equip Christian leaders to change the world.

The vision of Regent University is to be the most influential, Christian, transformational university in the world.