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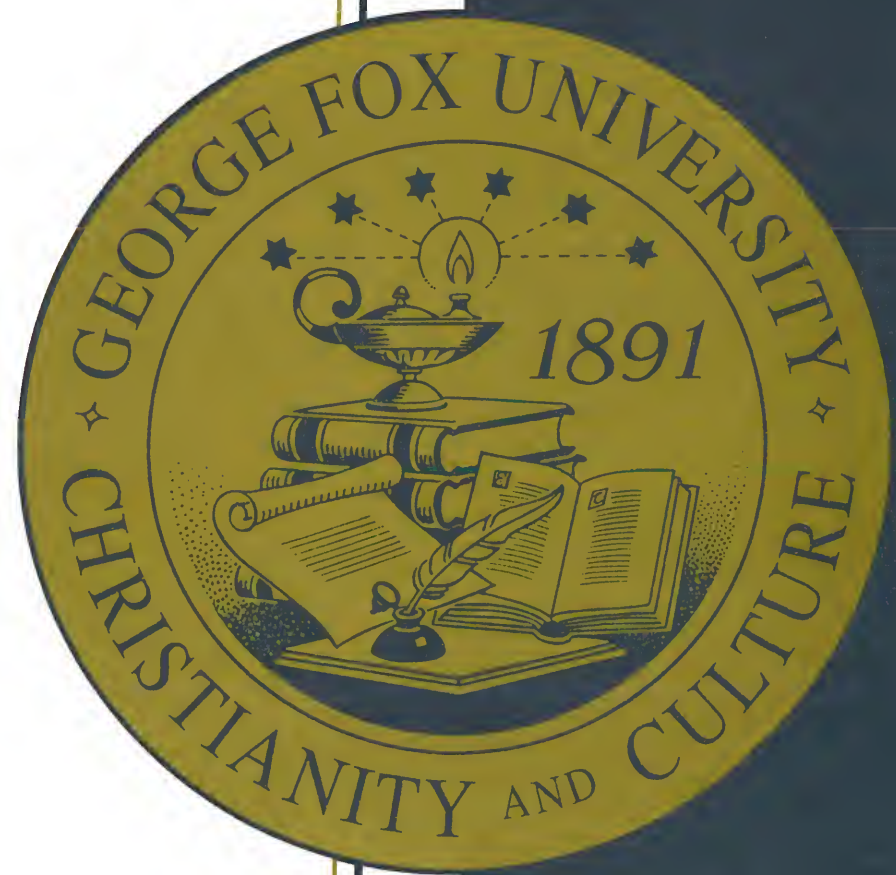
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*The Inauguration  
of  
Dr. Robin E. Baker*

*March 6, 2008*





*The Inauguration of*  
*Dr. Robin E. Baker*  
*Twelfth President of George Fox University*



**Thursday, March Sixth, Two Thousand and Eight**  
Four O'Clock p.m.

**William and Mary Bauman Auditorium**

# Dr. Robin E. Baker

*George Fox University, Twelfth President*



**R**obin E. Baker, a historian and experienced university administrator, is the 12th president of George Fox University.

Prior to his appointment on July 1, 2007, Baker was the university's

provost. During his eight-year tenure, he oversaw the addition of 13 undergraduate and nine graduate programs and supervised all academic programs, institutional technology, intercollegiate athletics, student life, and library services. He initiated new efforts in globalization of the curriculum and helped create the university's Act Six program, which each year offers 10 full four-year scholarships to urban student leaders.

Baker has taught classes at George Fox as professor of history. His research has focused on the American Civil War and Reconstruction, 19th-century American political/quantitative history, and the

history of the southern United States. He is passionate about Christian thinking and education – a love he gained from parents Doug and Patsy – and has a special interest in the works of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Prior to George Fox, Baker was senior vice president at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. He served at Grand Canyon from 1994 to 1999, beginning as associate professor of history. In 1996, he was named dean of the College of Liberal Arts. In 1997, he became vice president for academic affairs, and in 1998 he was named senior vice president and professor of history.

**P**reviously, Baker was an assistant professor of history at Wheaton College in Illinois from 1989 to 1992, then assistant professor of history at John Brown University in Arkansas for two years.

Baker completed a doctorate in history with honors at Texas A&M University in 1989. He was named outstanding graduating student at Hardin-Simmons University, where he earned his master's degree

in history in 1982. He earned his undergraduate degree with high honors from Grand Canyon University in 1980.

Baker and his wife Ruth have three middle- and high-school-age children: Jacob, Rebekah, and Tara.



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# Installation Ceremony Program

## Prelude

Sonatas #5, #6, #7 ..... Johann Pezel  
Brass Ensemble: Dick Elliott, trumpet; Jeff Hornick, trumpet; Jack Quinby,  
trombone; Pat Vandehey, trombone; Richard Greiner, trombone

*Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
*Ciacona in D* ..... Johann Pachelbel  
Jane Smith '80, Organist

## \*Processional

*Allegro Marziale* ..... Giuseppe Verdi  
Brass Ensemble  
*Balletto del Granduca* ..... Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck  
Jane Smith '80, Organist

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University President

## Welcome

Tom Johnson, PhD, Professor of Biblical Theology, Presiding

## Invocation

Steve Fawver '90, MA, Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Newberg Friends Church

## \*Hymn

*Blessed Assurance* ..... Fanny J. Crosby  
Loren Wenz, MA, Associate Professor of Music, Director

## Scripture Reading

Psalm 146 Sarah Thomas Baldwin, MDiv, Campus Pastor  
1 Corinthians 13 Chris Osborne, MDiv, Senior Pastor,  
Central Baptist Church, College Station, Texas

## Charges to the President

- Students – Jordan S. Philips '08, President, Associated Student Community
- Faculty – Deborah Berhó, PhD, Faculty Clerk, Associate Professor of Spanish
- Alumni – John Bellamy '81, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
- The Church – Colin Saxton '04, DMin, General Superintendent, Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends

## **Musical Interlude**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Words by Francis Lyte, music by Mark Andrews, arranged by Mark Hayes

George Fox University Concert Choir

Loren Wenz, Director

## **Introduction of the Speaker**

Tom Johnson

## **Inaugural Address**

Tite Tiénou, PhD, Senior Vice President of Education, Dean, and Professor of Theology of Mission, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

## **Investiture**

### **Presentation of the Symbols of the Inauguration**

The Bible –

David C. Le Shana, PhD, President Emeritus,  
George Fox University

The Historical Object –

H. David Brandt, PhD, President Emeritus,  
George Fox University

The Presidential Medallion –

Don Carter, JD,  
Board of Trustees, George Fox University

## **Charge to the President**

Barbara Palmer, Chair, Board of Trustees, George Fox University

## **Acceptance of the Charge**

Robin E. Baker, PhD, President, George Fox University

## **Prayer of Dedication**

MaryKate Morse '97, PhD, Professor of Pastoral Studies and Spiritual Formation,  
Director of Masters Programs, George Fox Evangelical Seminary

## **\*Hymn**

*May the Mind of Christ, My Savior* ..... Kate B. Wilkinson  
Loren Wenz, Director

## **\*Benediction**

Arthur Roberts '44, PhD, Professor Emeritus, George Fox University

## **\*Recessional/Postlude**

*More Palatino* ..... Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck  
Jane Smith '80, Organist

*\*Audience please stand as you are able*



# Hymns

## *Blessed Assurance*

*Fanny J. Crosby*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

## *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

*Kate B. Wilkinson*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing,  
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

# *Inaugural Speaker*

## **Dr. Tite Tiénou**

*T*ite Tiénou is senior vice president of education, dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and professor of theology of mission at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., where he has served since 1997.

Prior to arriving at Trinity, Dr. Tiénou served as president and dean of the Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de l'Alliance in Abidjan, Côte 'Ivoire West Africa, and taught for nine years at Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, N.Y. He was the founding director and professor of the Maranatha Institute in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, in addition to being a pastor in the Central Church of the Christian Alliance Church.

Dr. Tiénou's areas of expertise include missions, theology, and the church in Africa. He has been a member of the African Studies Association since 1991 and the OMSC Study Group on Mission Issues since 1985. He also has been a member of the Nyack Honor Society and received the Contextualization Award at the School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, in 1984.

Dr. Tiénou resides in the Chicago area with his wife, Marie, and their four children.



# *Symbols of the Inauguration*

## The Bible

As a community, George Fox University believes that God inspired the Bible and has given it to us as the uniquely authoritative, written guide for Christian living and thinking. As illumined by the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures are true and reliable. They point us to God, guide our lives, and nurture us toward spiritual maturity.

The Bible presented today is inscribed: “Robin E. Baker, Presidential Inauguration, George Fox University, March 6, 2008.” Inside the front cover is a list of the past presidents of George Fox University.

## The Historical Object

George Fox University has a rich heritage since its founding in 1891. Over the past 117 years, many traditions have ceased to continue and have faded from memory. One particular tradition has endured from the earliest days of the institution. This object is to serve as a reminder of the generations of dedicated students, faculty, staff, and friends that have helped George Fox University continue to live out its mission.

## The Presidential Medallion

On occasion of the inauguration of Dr. David C. Le Shana in 1970, the first formal presidential inauguration ever held at George Fox College, this special four-inch bronze medallion was struck in Massachusetts. The medallion features the university’s seal with its motto, “Christianity and Culture,” and the founding date of the institution, 1891. It was presented to President Le Shana by the university’s Alumni Association.

Use of the Presidential Medallion is reserved for formal academic and university occasions such as convocations and commencements. It has been worn by Presidents Le Shana, Edward F. Stevens, and H. David Brandt.

# Academic Regalia

Academic ceremonies gain much of their dignity and beauty from the traditional, stately march of faculty and academic officers that begins and concludes nearly every major occasion on the academic calendar.

An academic procession is a kaleidoscope of black robes, colored hoods, special music, and deep tradition. Its roots extend to the 12th century, when universities and their teaching faculties were allied with the medieval church. The oldest universities of Europe grew out of the church schools, and both faculty and students were regarded in the Middle Ages as part of the clergy. Hence, they wore clerical garb, borrowed largely from the monastic dress of their day, not merely on special occasions but as their regular costume.

Today, academic regalia indicates by style and ornamentation the chief academic degree attained by the wearer, as well as the major field of study and the college or university attended. The style of sleeve denotes the various degrees: the bachelor's degree is signified by full-length pointed sleeves; the sleeves of the master's degree are oblong in shape and extend well below the knee, the arm coming through an opening at the elbow; and the gown of the doctoral degree has bell-shaped sleeves that may be worn open or closed. The gown worn by one retaining a doctorate is additionally distinctive by the facing down the front with velvet of the color characteristic of the subject to which the degree pertains; three bars of the same material are found on the sleeve of the gown.

The colorful hoods that today indicate master's degrees began as humble cowls that could be attached to a gown and slipped over the head for warmth. This unique costume also was used to set students apart from townspeople, and some say this was the origin of the terminology of "town and gown" relationships.

Mortarboards, or "oxford caps," trace their history to the square cap with a tuft on top that was awarded to students in the Middle Ages when they completed their course of

study and were recognized as "masters." The distinctive cap was a sign to all that the person had attained status. The traditional head covering was developed out of the skull cap worn by the clergy in cold weather to protect their tonsured heads.

Prior to the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns every day. By the end of the 19th century, colleges and universities were developing so many different academic costumes that an Intercollegiate Commission was formed by the American Council on Education to study the situation and make recommendations for a uniform code for academic regalia. In 1896, a standard code was adopted that is still followed today, with revisions for additional colors in 1932, 1959, and in 1986.

## Academic disciplines, or faculties, are symbolized by the following colors:

Agriculture-maize	Music-pink
Arts, Letters, and Humanities-white	Nursing-apricot
Business-drab	Oratory (speech)-silver gray
Dentistry-lilac	Pharmacy-olive green
Economics-copper	Philosophy-dark blue
Education-light blue	Physical Education-sage green
Engineering-orange	Public Administration-peacock blue
Fine Arts and Architecture-brown	Public Health-salmon pink
Forestry-russet	Science-golden yellow
Journalism-crimson	Social Work-citron yellow
Law-purple	Theology-scarlet
Library Science-lemon yellow	Veterinary Science-gray
Medicine-green	

# Delegates

## Colleges & Universities

### **1842 - Willamette University**

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### **1847 - Earlham College**

Mr. Jeff Rickey, Dean of Admissions

### **1849 - Pacific University**

Dr. Phillip Creighton, President

### **1860 - Wheaton College**

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### **1867 - Lewis & Clark College**

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### **1871 - Bethel University**

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### **1883 - Houghton College**

Dr. Daryl H. Stevenson, Dean of Academic Administration

### **1889 - Gordon College**

Dr. Mark L. Sargent, Provost

### **1890 - Whitworth University**

Dr. William Robinson, President

### **1892 - Malone College**

Dr. Paul Anderson, Representative

### **1897 - Trinity International University**

Dr. Tite Tiéno, Senior Vice President of Education

### **1901 - University of Portland**

Br. Donald J. Stabrowski, Provost

### **1905 - Concordia University**

Dr. Charles E. Schlimpert, President

### **1908 - Tabor College**

Dr. Jules Glanzer, President

### **1909 - East Central University**

Dr. Scott Barton, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

### **1909 - Messiah College**

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### **1919 - John Brown University**

Dr. Rick Ostrander, Dean of Undergraduate Studies

### **1935 - Corban College**

Dr. Linda Samek, Provost

### **1936 - Multnomah Bible College and Biblical Seminary**

Dr. Daniel R. Lockwood, President

### **1946 - LeTourneau University**

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### **1978 - Bastyr University**

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