

The Voice of the Martyrs Host to Speak at Warner University Commencement



Lake Wales, Florida Mar 4, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Warner University announces that Todd Nettleton, Vice President of Message at The Voice of the Martyrs, will be the University's spring 2026 commencement speaker. VOM has provided support and encouragement to persecuted Christians across the world for almost 60 years, and Nettleton has served the organization for nearly 28 of those years.

Nettleton serves as host of "The Voice of the Martyrs Radio," which was named as Radio Program of the Year by the National Religious Broadcasters in 2016 and 2026. The program airs weekly on more than 1,100 radio stations, and the podcast version of the show has reached No. 1 on the iTunes Religion and Spirituality chart.

Nettleton's most recent book, "When Faith Is Forbidden: 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians," won the 2022 Christian Book Award in the Biography and Memoir category. He has served on the writing team for four additional VOM books. In fall 2024, Nettleton spoke to students in Warner University's Honors Program and provided a copy of "When Faith is Forbidden" to each student.

During his time at VOM, Nettleton has traveled the world to support, encourage, and hear the stories of

hundreds of Christians who have suffered persecution in over 40 countries. He has been interviewed more than 500 times by media outlets including CNN, the Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times, the BBC, Moody Broadcast Network, Christian Broadcasting Network, Newsweek, The Voice of America, Mission Network News, and Trinity Broadcasting Network.

In 2024, Nettleton received the William Ward Ayer Award, which is given to “an individual NRB member with excellence and integrity for outstanding and significant contributions to the field of Christian communications.” He graduated from Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan University), and completed postgraduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He was raised in Papua New Guinea and southern California as the son of missionary parents.

“I am thrilled that Todd agreed to serve as our commencement speaker,” said Gentry Sutton, President of Warner University. “He has given much of his life to serve persecuted Christians, and by putting his own life in danger to help them around the globe, he has embodied the ‘biblically faithful’ and ‘culturally courageous’ aspects of Warner’s motto. Our graduates will be privileged to learn from him on May 2.”

Warner University is a private, not-for-profit, unapologetically Christian institution of higher education located in Lake Wales, Florida. Warner University offers approximately 40 undergraduate programs, five graduate programs, and six associate degree programs. Warner sponsors 20 athletic programs as a member of both the NAIA and NCCAA. For more information, please visit warner.edu/about.

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