

AFTERNOON COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

James D. Dalton, Ed.D., MBA, CPA

Dr. Jim Dalton is a Professor of Accounting and currently serves as the Graduate and Professional Studies Coordinator of Business Programs for Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Mount Vernon Nazarene College in Mount Vernon, Ohio in 1977. He continued his education at Avila College in Kansas City, Missouri where he earned a Master of Business Administration in 1981. Dr. Dalton received an Ed.D. in Higher Education with a specialization in Adult Education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1994. He has also had his CPA credentials since 1984.

Dr. Dalton's professional career has involved service in business, ministry, and education. He served as the controller for two businesses in Ohio; for MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kansas and as an owner/partner of MDS CPA Review in Columbus, Ohio. Jim served as the business and school administrator for the Grove City Church of the Nazarene in Grove City, Ohio as well as in various roles at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Jim has been involved in adult education for more than 30 years. From 1987-2005 he served as a CPA Review instructor in Columbus, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; and Los Angeles, California. In the 1990s he served as an adjunct instructor at Nazarene Theological Seminary. For more than 20 years he has taught and consulted with pastors, church treasurers, and church finance committee members in regards to finances in the church. Since 1997 he has served in program leadership and teaching of students in the Graduate and Professional Studies programs here at MVNU.

Jim and Debbie have been married for 40 years and have three grown children, Jami, Jennifer, and Robert. "Poppy and Nanny" are blessed to have seven grandchildren living in Ohio and North Carolina, and they have one grandson now in Heaven.