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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT Servant Leadership

I, Reverend Dr. Lamont F. Foster, Sr. am your National Alumni Association President along with the other prominent servant leaders making up the Executive

**“A Servant Leader is a servant first. By that I mean that the desire to serve is the very essence of the “servant heart,” it is the fundamental characteristic of a servant-leader. It is not about being servile, it is about wanting to help others. It is about identifying and meeting the needs of family, friends, co-workers, church-members, and communities. A great leader is a servant first and that simple fact is the key to his or her greatness. Leadership is therefore bestowed upon the called and chosen by God who by nature is a servant.”**

Board. They include Reverends Dr. David A. McLean, Vice-President; Carolyn D. Bratton, Secretary; Tamica L. Robinson, Assistant Secretary; Dr. Kay Hines, Treasurer; James L. Dunbar, Chaplain; and Dr. William L. Jordan, III, Parliamentarian. The officers for the 2017-2019 term are anticipating an increase in membership and participation in our annual signature events aimed at promoting synergizing and sustaining growth for years to come here at our beloved Hood Theological Seminary. The entire team of servant leaders invites your continuing

prayers and commitments – an ongoing commitment achieved with new and renewed memberships, new chapters, and building to strengthen the already solid foundation built on the shoulders of previous administrations.

On another note, the Board of Trustees on May 19, 2017, voted to include on the Executive Board of the Hood Theological Seminary National Alumni Association (HSTNAA) on a rotating basis, the past two presidents (Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison and Rev. Tony Henderson). With the rotating cycle, when a newly elected and installed President assumes his or her office, then the eldest ranking President rotates off. Also, the Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving, Mrs. Carmen W. Harper, and Institutional Advancement Officer, Mr. John C. Everett were added to the Executive Board serving in the status of ex-officio. These new positions within the body of the Executive Board of HTSNAA are with voice but no vote.

Join us in these efforts of Total Quality Management (TQM) as we move to grow HTS exponentially in every

### A Servant Leader's Characteristics are:

- **Listening, Understanding, Acceptance, Empathy**
- **Foresight, Awareness, Perception, Persuasion,**
- **Conceptualization, Self-Healing, Rebuilding Community,**
- **Initiate Action: Goal-oriented, dreamers of great dreams, good communicators, are able to withdraw and re-orient themselves, and are dependable, trusted, creative, intuitive, and situational.**



aspect of transformative ministry especially in the Academy and our faith communities.

HTSNAA is not an entity all to itself, but an organism with many working parts. It is part of our duties and responsibilities as servant leaders to bridge and connect

in concert with the HTS Board of Trustees, its President, Offices of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving, Institutional Advancement, faculty, staff, and alumni to support theological learning in our particular settings.

Stay tuned; you will hear more from your servant leaders.

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