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## A Message from the President Elect

*Greetings,* loyal friends, diligent supporters, faithful alumni, and dedicated colleagues,



As President Elect/CEO of Hood Theological Seminary (HTS), I extend our spirit of joy and appreciation to you and your families for your tangible gifts, your pastoral support, and your prayers.

HTS is transitioning to a new and excitingly critical phase of its life as a unique theological center for ethical and social reflection. Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer has positioned HTS as one of the most diverse seminaries in North America. We view each of you as our extended family and we take pride in the various ways that have enabled HTS to be an enduring institution. We have survived against the odds.

During this season of reflection, I am delighted to affirm that our students are taught, mentored, and nurtured by a world-class faculty enriched by the additions of the following persons for 2013-14:

Dr. Stephanie Crumpton, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling; Dr. Henry J. Young, Visiting Professor of Theology and Ethics; Dr. Herman E. Thomas, Director of Supervised Ministry and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Mrs. Jessica Bellemer, Director of the Library and Instructor in Religious Research. We are also proud to welcome Rev. Kay Hines, a recent Hood graduate, as Administrative Assistant for Academic and Special Programs.

I am delighted to report that in August, HTS received a ten-year reaffirmation of its accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools. As we celebrate this milestone in the life of the school, we have enhanced our efforts to market and brand ourselves as an academy featuring: 1) a student friendly and flexible curriculum; 2) a dedicated faculty who personally engage and spiritually guide students in their professional ministry and pastoral formation; and 3) a diverse faculty environment that is firmly rooted in the Wesleyan Christian tradition, committed to relevant, socially-grounded ministry. HTS is dedicated to equipping leaders to share the liberating Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Also in August, I traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to the Connectional Lay Council (CLC) Convention as they actualized a commitment. The CLC formally established the Bishop George Junius Leake, III Endowed Scholarship as a faithful pledge and reliable way to ensure a future legacy of leadership for our church and communities.

Our challenges are many but they do not surpass our will to succeed and our quest for excellence. We invite you to continue to remember HTS in our Annual Fund Drive. The Annual Fund is our primary source for addressing ongoing operating expenses. Moreover, endowed or designated scholarship giving assists in supplementing student tuition and fees. Thus, your thoughtful and generous gifts, in any amount before the end of the year, are most vital.

May this issue of Hood's Herald serve as our modest Christmas and Hanukkah greeting, expressing our solidarity with persons and communities who pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Wishing you and your loved ones rich blessings for health and wellness in 2014,  
I remain, in service and peace,

Vergel L. Lattimore  
President Elect



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# Seminary Receives Reaffirmation of Accreditation



The Association of Theological Schools  
The Commission on Accrediting

## *Comprehensive evaluation conducted in March 2013*

Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore had some great news to share with the Hood Theological Seminary Board of Trustees at their October 4th meeting; his first in his new role as President Elect. He announced that the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) has reaffirmed the accreditation of Hood Theological Seminary for the full period of ten years, to the spring of 2023, approving the Seminary's three degree programs and its Greenville, Alabama extension site. Hood Seminary offers Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry degree programs. In May, Lattimore was elected by the Board of Trustees to the position of President Elect, effective July 1, 2013 when Dr. Albert Aymer began a well-deserved year's sabbatical after serving 19 years as Seminary President.

In making the announcement Lattimore said, "This is wonderful news for our students, faculty, and staff and also for the entire Salisbury/Rowan area. Hood is the only graduate school and seminary in Rowan County and contributes in a unique way to the growing reputation of our community as a center of higher education."

In preparation for the comprehensive evaluation conducted by an ATS reaffirmation of accreditation team in March of 2013, a two year institutional self-study was conducted by the Seminary administration, leadership and faculty, chaired by Dr. Trevor Eppehimer, Academic Dean, and Dr. Dora

Mbuwayesango, Dean of Students. Hood Theological Seminary was first accredited by the ATS in 1998 for 5 years and its accreditation reaffirmed in 2003 for ten years.

The ATS is a membership organization of graduate schools that conduct post-baccalaureate professional and academic degree programs to educate persons for the practice of ministry and for teaching and research in the theological disciplines. The Commission on Accrediting of ATS accredits the schools and approves the degree programs they offer. The purpose of the Commission is to contribute to the enhancement and improvement of theological education through accreditation and to collect data from all members for use in accrediting. The current Commission membership includes nearly 250 graduate theological schools in the United States and Canada who are accredited or candidates for accreditation. The Commission is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

ATS membership is open to schools in the Christian and Jewish faiths. The current membership represents the full range of Christian denominations, including schools in mainline and evangelical Protestant and Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions, as well as multid denominational and nondenominational schools. Schools representing other faiths and other organizations interested in theological education may become Affiliates of ATS.

## New Faces on the Seminary Board of Trustees

Three AME Zion Bishops, **Bishop Michael Angelo Frencher**, **Bishop Kenneth Monroe**, **Bishop W. Darin**



*Bishop Michael A. Frencher*

**Moore**, and prominent Salisbury businessman and community leader, **Mr. Dwight "Dyke" Messinger** have recently joined the Hood Theological Seminary Board of Trustees.

Bishop Richard K. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said "Hood is indeed fortunate to have these outstanding individuals as new members of our Board of Trustees. Each of them brings to our Board strong leadership skills and a depth of



*Bishop Kenneth Monroe*

knowledge about the current challenges and opportunities for institutions of higher learning." Bishops Frencher,



*Bishop W. Darin Moore*

Monroe, and Moore serve as the Presiding Prelates of the AME Zion Church in the Eastern West Africa Episcopal District, South Atlantic Episcopal District, and Western Episcopal District, respectively.

Messinger, President and CEO of Power Curbers, Inc. and Power Pavers, Inc., is the third generation of his family to lead the family owned international businesses. He is an Elder of First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury.



*Mr. Dwight Messinger*



## A Firm Foundation

*The following are excerpts of an article by Mark Wineka in the Salisbury Post on May 19th describing Dr. Albert J.D. Aymer's impact on Hood Theological Seminary.*

Over almost two decades in Salisbury, Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer built the once struggling Hood Theological Seminary into an enviable institution. Aymer persuaded those around him to take a seminary -- though it had been established in 1904 -- from being one of Salisbury's best-kept secrets to one of its higher-profile institutions.

As AME Zion Bishops Ruben Speaks and Joseph Johnson were trying to persuade Aymer to come to Hood as its presiding dean, Aymer also was weighing an offer to become an associate dean at the divinity school at Yale University. He himself describes how comfortable he was as senior pastor of the Morristown, NJ, United Methodist church with some 1,200 members. He thought he could easily retire in that position. He was 58 at the time. Why should he choose to head a non-accredited seminary he knew nothing about? But Aymer said his three daughters, one in particular, asked whether he was giving enough back to the black community.

In the end, Albert Aymer decided on Hood by following the words of Methodist founder John Wesley, who said, paraphrased, "go not to those who want you, but go to those who need you most." Aymer often speaks out loud to God, and he remembers his words the first day he stood on the steps outside the small seminary building at the edge of the Livingstone College campus. God," he said, "you're having fun with me."

When Dr. Aymer first arrived at Hood in September 1994, there was hardly a staff, less than 30 students and most of the faculty was adjunct. There was no admissions office, just the dean and his administrative assistant. Aymer systematically started to develop the Seminary by building its curriculum and faculty, gaining the important accreditations and keeping it fiscally solvent.

Initially as dean, then as Hood's first president, Aymer oversaw its becoming a free-standing seminary, independent from Livingstone College. He led Hood to the establishment of a doctoral degree program and its

accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in 1998 and its approval by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church in 1999.

Aymer made friends throughout the community, twisted arms and raised funds to allow Hood Theological Seminary to convert the former Days Inn motel along Interstate 85 (Salisbury's original Holiday Inn) -- which had been purchased by the AME Zion Church -- into a handsome seminary campus.

Meanwhile, the Seminary earns praise for its gender, racial and denominational diversity; the caliber of its full-time and adjunct faculty; and a seminary curriculum Aymer deemed should be patterned after the divinity schools at Duke, Yale and Drew universities.

While Hood may have students representing up to 15 to 16 different denominations at times, Aymer is quick to point out how important the AME Zion Church has been to the Seminary.

Sara Cook, a Hood trustee, says it fills her heart with joy to know how many people love Aymer and, in turn, love Hood, as she discovered in helping to plan his recent tribute dinner and the students-alumni reception at Livingstone College's Events Center. Together, those two events were inclusive of the whole community.

Therein might lie Aymer's greatest gift and legacy. "He doesn't see color," says Bob Lewis, retired minister of First Presbyterian Church. "He sees human beings created in the image of God."

Aymer says God did it all. If God asks you to do something or go somewhere, as he spoke to him in 1994,

Aymer says, you should probably realize God already has gone ahead of you to pave the way.

He says, "It's a shame the leader of an institution receives the recognition. It took all of us working together."

Aymer won't officially retire from Hood until June 30, 2014, but will be taking a year's sabbatical until then.



***"The legacy of a great leader is when he leaves an institution with a firm foundation for the next person who follows him. That is what Dr. Albert J.D. Aymer has done for Hood Seminary. He is a great leader!"***  
***Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.***  
in a video tribute to  
Dr. Aymer May 9th



# New Leadership Moving Forward

## Board names Lattimore and Eppehimer to new leadership positions

### Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore Named President Elect

Dr. Vergel Lattimore was among the familiar faces greeting students around campus as he assumed a major new leadership role this year. Last year Lattimore served as Vice



President of Academic Affairs at Hood, the first person ever to serve as a Vice President at the Seminary. In May he was elected by the Board of Trustees to the position of President Elect, effective July 1, when Dr. Albert Aymer began a well-deserved year's sabbatical after serving 19 years as Seminary President.

Dr. Lattimore is highly regarded as an outstanding scholar, leader, and pastoral counselor throughout the country within institutions of higher learning and the AME Zion and United Methodist church communities. A native of Charlotte, NC, he received his primary and secondary education in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. In 1975 he received the B.A. from Livingstone College. He was awarded the M.Div. from Duke University Divinity School and holds a Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology and Counseling from Northwestern University. He is a 1998 graduate of the Air War College, Air University, Maxwell AFB in Alabama and served in the Air National Guard as Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Air Force, Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC from 2003 to 2005. Dr. Lattimore was the first African American chaplain to attain the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard.

He is an ordained Elder in the AME Zion Church. He is Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Care and Counseling and former Director of the M.A. in Counseling Ministries, Methodist Theological School in Ohio from 1990-2012.

Lattimore has addressed national professional associations, colleges, seminaries, universities, churches, schools, judicatories, government and community-based agencies, correctional institutions, military groups, and human rights organizations throughout the country. He has participated in the Hartford Seminary Leadership Education Program for Seminary and Ecumenical Executives sponsored by the Lilly Endowment and was the Richard A. Goodling Memorial Lecturer at the Duke University Divinity School.

He is well published and has written articles on community mental health services, pastoral counseling and cultural values, and addiction ministry and social change. He

is a published poet in *Beyond the Stars* (1995/96), National Library of Poetry. He served as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Ministry in Addiction & Recovery* from 1996 to 2004.

Dr. Lattimore is married to the former Joy R. Powell and they have three adult children. His special interests include biking, chess, and jazz.

President Elect Lattimore kicked off the academic year in earnest with a stimulating faculty, staff, and administrators' retreat on August 15th at The Stanback Center for the Environment on the campus of Catawba College in Salisbury. The theme for the Annual Retreat was ***Collaboration as Spiritual Service & Growth Opportunity***. The group looked at seven dimensions from the book *The Collaboration Challenge: How Non-profits and Businesses Succeed through Strategic Alliances*. After brief presentations, challenges to our collaboration capacity and capabilities were identified and action steps were outlined.



### Dr. Trevor Eppehimer Named Academic Dean

Dr. Trevor Eppehimer has been appointed Academic Dean effective July 1, 2013. Bishop Richard K. Thompson made the announcement during Commencement exercises on May 11, 2013.

Dr. Eppehimer has been Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Hood Seminary since 2007 and Associate Academic Dean since 2012. Prior to becoming Associate Academic Dean, he served as Director of the Masters of Theological Studies Program at Hood.



A native of Phoenix, Arizona, Eppehimer received his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in 1995; a master of divinity degree in 1999 from Yale Divinity School; and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 2006.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church in Salisbury where he has served as an Adult Education Instructor. He also serves as a member of the Education Committee for the Center for Faith and the Arts.

Dr. Eppehimer and his wife, Victoria, have two children and live in Salisbury.



## New Faculty Members

Among the new faces on campus, which have quickly become very familiar, are those of faculty members Mrs. Jess Bellemer, Director of Library Services; Dr. Stephanie Crumpton, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling; Dr. Herman E. Thomas, Director of Supervised Ministry and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology; and Dr. Henry J. Young, Visiting Professor of Theology and Ethics.

When announcing these new faculty members, President Elect Dr. Vergel Lattimore said, "We are quite proud to have these four scholars and accomplished individuals as the newest members of our distinguished faculty. The combination of their generational perspectives, new energy, wisdom and years of experience strengthens our on-going commitment to excellence. Their primary disciplines will provide important dimensions in the education and preparation of our students as the future leaders of faith communities in today's complex world."

**Mrs. Jess Bellemer**, Director of Library Services, received her B.A. in Religion with minors in English Literature and Ancient Greek from McMurry University, Master of Arts in



Biblical Studies with a focus on New Testament and Early Christianity from Yale University, and Master of Science degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina. Prior to assuming her position at the Seminary, Mrs. Bellemer served as the Head Librarian and Archivist at Ullman Classics Library on the campus of the

University of North Carolina and as the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Fairmont United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill.

**Dr. Stephanie Crumpton**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, has over ten years of experience as a leader in the church, community and the religious academy. She has



pastored and provided specialized care and counseling to teens and adults in local congregations, trained faith leaders from multiple traditions on violence response protocols, and served as a chaplain to low-income families displaced by urban revitalization efforts. Her congregational involvement includes

ministerial leadership in three United Church of Christ congregations since moving to Atlanta in 2002. She taught pastoral care courses at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, Interdenominational Theological Center and Chicago Theological Seminary. In addition to working in the

church and community, Crumpton has been actively involved in research and on-the-ground work as a court appointed advocate supporting women, men and children who have experienced family violence. She brings all of these experiences to the classroom at Hood. She holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism from Langston University, Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral care from Interdenominational Theological Center, and the Doctorate of Theology degree in pastoral counseling from Columbia Theological Seminary.

**Dr. Henry J. Young**, visiting Professor of Theology and Ethics, received his B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from



Tougaloo College, a Master of Theology degree from Boston University, and his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from The Hartford Seminary. His areas of expertise and research interest are Process Philosophy and Theology, Systematic Theology, Nineteenth Century European Theology, Philosophy of Religion and Western

Culture, and New Testament Theology. Dr. Young is well published and has lectured at colleges, universities and theological seminaries throughout the United States. He is Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and was a faculty member of the Philosophy and Religion Department at UNC Wilmington before coming to Hood. He also serves as Pastor of Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Leland, NC.

**Dr. Herman E. Thomas**, Director of Supervised Ministry and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, is Emeritus Professor



at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and former Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost of Shaw University. He brings 40 years of experience in teaching and leadership in the field of theological education to his role at Hood. Dr. Thomas has presented papers and lectured at colleges and theological seminaries throughout the country. His areas of

expertise include Religion and Philosophy, Black Religion in Nineteenth Century America, African Traditional Religion, Religion in American Culture, and Religious Studies. Dr. Thomas received his B.S. from North Carolina A&T University, B.D. from Duke University Divinity School, Master of Theology from Duke University Divinity School, and Ph.D. from Hartford Seminary Foundation.

## Faculty Notes

**Dr. Stephanie Crumpton** is currently working on an academic manuscript about Black women's experiences of healing and self-recovery from intimate violence and cultural assault. The book will be published next year by Palgrave MacMillan. She presented at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Conference (Atlanta, Georgia) October 2013, Research and Practice with Ethnically Diverse Populations Group and was a Panelist, "Women at the Well: A Response to Intimate Partner Violence and AIDS."

**Dr. Trevor Eppheimer** was recently named Co-Chair of the Constructive Theologies Section of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR). He presided over a constructive theologies panel, "Christology Today," at the AAR Southeast Annual Meeting in March 2013 in Greenville, SC.

**Dr. Vergel Lattimore** published a new book *Instruments of Peace: The Viable and Strategic Role of Religious Leadership Factors in Averting War* (BiblioScholar, 2012) and has made the following presentations: "Understanding and Nurturing Our Call for Ministry Pleas," to the Faith & Order Leadership Institute of the South Atlantic Episcopal District in Augusta, GA in June 2013; "Love and Loss" to the Rapha Ministry of Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church in Charlotte, NC in February 2013; "Mind, Body, and Soul: Essential Elements in Pastoral Self-Care" at the HTS Student Government Association's Annual Retreat in January 2013; "How my current work reflects theological grounding and commitment to social justice" to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors in November 2012; and "Transformation: A Prescription for Spiritual Power in Pastoral Practice" at a meeting of the Alumni Association of Hood Theological Seminary in October 2012. He also participated in the Annual Leadership Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and completed his final term as a member of the Board of Directors, Leesburg, VA in April 2013.

**Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango** was part of a group of 27 African Anglicans, 16 Episcopalians and several ecumenical friends who gathered July 29 - August 1, 2013 at the Jumuia Conference Centre in Limuru, Kenya, to explore issues of sexuality in dialogue with scripture. The consultation continued conversations and relationships begun two years earlier at a similar consultation in Durban, South Africa. Christians from nine African countries and the United States attended the consultation. She designed one bible study session entitled "Dangerous Masculinities (Gen. 12:10-20)" for the consultation. Dr. Mbuwayesango also participated in a panel discussion on *Feminist Biblical Interpretation: A Compendium of Critical Commentary on the Books of the Bible and Related Literature* (Eerdmans, 2012), a new volume edited by Luise Schottroff and Marie-Theres Wacker, at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in November. She continues to serve on the board of the Family Crisis Council of Rowan County.

**Dr. André Resner** contributed several entries in *Feasting on the Gospels* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013). He is a member of the Homiletical Theology Project out of Boston University School of Theology. Dr. Resner continues to be active

with The Academy of Homiletics, the professional organization for teachers of preaching in North America and Europe, serving as Convener for the Pedagogy Work Group (since 1997), editor of the papers for the annual meeting, webmaster, and Executive Committee member for the Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Michael Turner** received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant and participated in the July 2013 NEH Seminar on "Interpreting Classic Buddhist Texts." In November he presented a paper titled "Mr. Lincoln and the Methodists: Mythmaking in the Civil War Era" to the Wesleyan Studies/History of Christianity Groups at the American Academy of Religion national meeting in Baltimore. In April 2013 he served as keynote speaker for the Staley Lyceum lecture series at Emory and Henry College in southwest Virginia and delivered the lectures "'To Serve the Present Age': The Impact and Legacy of the Wesleyan Revival in England" and "Redeeming the Nation: Religious Innovation and the Second Great Awakening." In March 2013 Dr. Turner presented a paper titled, "Methodists and Mediums: The Mainline Protestant Encounter with Spiritualism" at the American Culture Association national meeting in Washington, DC. His essay "Preaching and Revivalism" appears in the recently published *Cambridge Companion to American Methodism* (Cambridge, 2013).

**Dr. Henry Young** delivered the Seminary's Opening Convocation address with a focus on spirituality and social transformation as a viable context for the Christian church to be effective and productive in its ministry and mission. He is at work on a new book, *Color Symbolism and God-Talk*, which brings together the major themes in systematic theology to offer a methodological deconstruction to the problem of the color line. His forthcoming Heritage Lecture Series at Hood will be published in the AME Zion Quarterly Review.

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**Rev. N. Fred Jordan, Jr.** will join the Hood faculty next semester as an adjunct professor of United Methodist Studies. A graduate of Catawba College and Duke Divinity School, Rev. Jordan has had a distinguished career in ministry in the UMC that has spanned over forty years. He is an ordained elder of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference where he has served as district superintendent (North Wilkesboro district) and chair of the Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry.



**Dr. Christopher Morse** will teach an intensive course at Hood - *The Apostles' Creed Today* - during the week of January 6 -10, 2014.



He is The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. His major published work is a text on Christian doctrine, *Not Every Spirit: A Dogmatics of Christian Disbelief*. Dr. Morse is an ordained United Methodist Church minister.



## Seventeen Endowed Scholarship Recipients Announced for 2013-2014

*The Seminary is pleased to announce the recipients of permanently endowed scholarships for 2013-2014. These students are to be congratulated for their academic excellence and great potential as future leaders in their diverse faith communities. We are deeply grateful to the alumni, friends and churches who have made these scholarships possible through their generosity and commitment to Hood.*

### ***The Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer Scholarship Recipients:***

**Kelly Greene**, a UMC student from Mooresville, NC. (Photo not available.)

**Randell Cain** is currently Associate Minister and Assistant to the Pastor at Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC where he teaches Sunday School, Bible Study, and serves as President of the Laymen's League and also preaches on occasion. He and his wife, Cynthia, have 5 children. In his secular life, he is a Principal and Portfolio Manager with Herndon Capital Management, a firm based in Atlanta.



### ***The Bishop George E. and Iris Battle Scholarship Recipients:***

**John Campbell**, of Jackson Springs, NC, is the oldest of four children and the second male in his family to get a Master's degree. He has a B.S. in Psychology from Fayetteville State University and served 2 years in the Army and 6 years in the National Guard. He was ordained on November 15, 2013 at Marvin AME Zion Church in Waxhaw, NC. "I don't approve of any abuse of any kind especially the abuse of women and children. God is first in my life."



**Belinda Harris**, a graduate of Livingstone College, retired from RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 35 yrs. of service and is an active volunteer in the Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools. She is Winston Salem District Superintendent of Buds of Promise and a member of Center Grove AME Zion Church in Tobaccoville where she is Superintendent of Church School. Her Ordination is scheduled for December 2013. She and her husband, Alfonza, have 2 sons and 4 grand-children, are raising a 9 yr. old and caring for her 95 yr. old mother.



### ***The Dr. Robert Harkrader Scholarship Recipients:***

**Adam Love**, earned a B.A. in Theatre from Western Carolina University and now serves as Pastor at Ann Street United Methodist Church in Concord, NC. Since joining the HTS family in Spring of 2011, he has enjoyed preparing for a lifetime in ministry while working alongside the wonderfully ecumenical and diverse faculty and student body. When not in the pulpit or the books, Adam enjoys photography and catching up on some much needed rest with his lovely bride, Tracy.



**Warren D. Williams**, a student in Hood's Alabama Extension Program, has a B.S. in Computer Science from The University of Alabama. He is currently the pastor of Jerusalem AME Zion Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. He is also the Information Systems Data Specialist and HIPAA Security Officer at Brewer Porch Children's Center, which provides a model treatment program for Alabama's special needs children, adolescents and their families. He and his wife, Martha, have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.



### ***The Thomas William Langford Scholarship Recipient:***

**Ryan Mendenhall** is being mentored by Pastor Doug Miller at his home church Canaan United Methodist Church in Midway, NC. He assists in planning and leading worship, and preaching while seeking to become a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Wendy "the most beautiful and caring wife in the world," have 3 young sons that keep them on the go. "Our goal as a family is to be a ministry to God and serve in whatever capacity God calls us to be."



### ***The Robert and Lois Pruehsner Scholarship Recipient:***

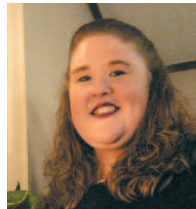
**Jerry Pearson** is a second year student at Hood. He lives in Leland, NC (on the coast near Wilmington) and is a field engineer with Duke Energy. He has been pastoring for 6 years and is pastor Mt. Horeb African Methodist Episcopal Church in Evergreen, NC. He is married to Janice, and has two children, Nicole and Jonathan, and a grandson, Donovan.



### ***The Andrew McLean Spaulding Scholarship Recipients:***

**Roy Hilburn**, a UMC student from Clinton, NC, and **Susan Sullivan**, a UMC student from Greer, SC. (Photos not available.)

**Tracy Love** is enrolled in her third year of studies at Hood Theological Seminary. She is a certified candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church, where she plans to pursue the role of elder. Tracy lives in Kannapolis, NC with her husband Adam, who also attends Hood. Tracy is a professional vocalist, singing for various churches throughout the state. Tracy also has a deep passion for chaplaincy and completed her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education this summer at Carolinas Medical Center-Main.



### ***The Bishop Richard K. Thompson Scholarship Recipient:***

**Jeff Person** is from Carthage, NC and is Pastor of Jordan Chapel AME Zion Church in Southern Pines, NC, in the Sanford District, Central NC Conference of the Eastern NC Episcopal District. He is a 2013 Graduate of Livingstone College. He is married to Alveda M. Marable-Person and they have a daughter, 2 sons, and 1 grandson.



### ***The Jim Arthur Wadford Scholarship Recipient:***

**Doris Hicks** serves in ministry in the Carolina Conference of the Seventh Episcopal Region. She is a valued member of the Charleston/Columbia District of the CME Church and serves as Director of the Commission on Social Justice and Human Concern. Her mentors are Senior Bishop Thomas L. Hoyt, Jr. and Rev. Dr. Jimmy E. Gilbert, Jr.



### ***The Margaret C. Woodson Foundation Scholarship Recipient:***

**Tami Forte-Logan** is with The Center for Participatory Change (CPC), a regional organization, primarily working with Social Justice and Racial Reconciliation. She is also Director of Mission Education for the Hendersonville District of the Blue Ridge Conference and is the local coordinator for the Young Adult Missionary Society at Zion Grove AMEZ Church where she is also a bible study teacher for young adults.



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## Commencement 2013

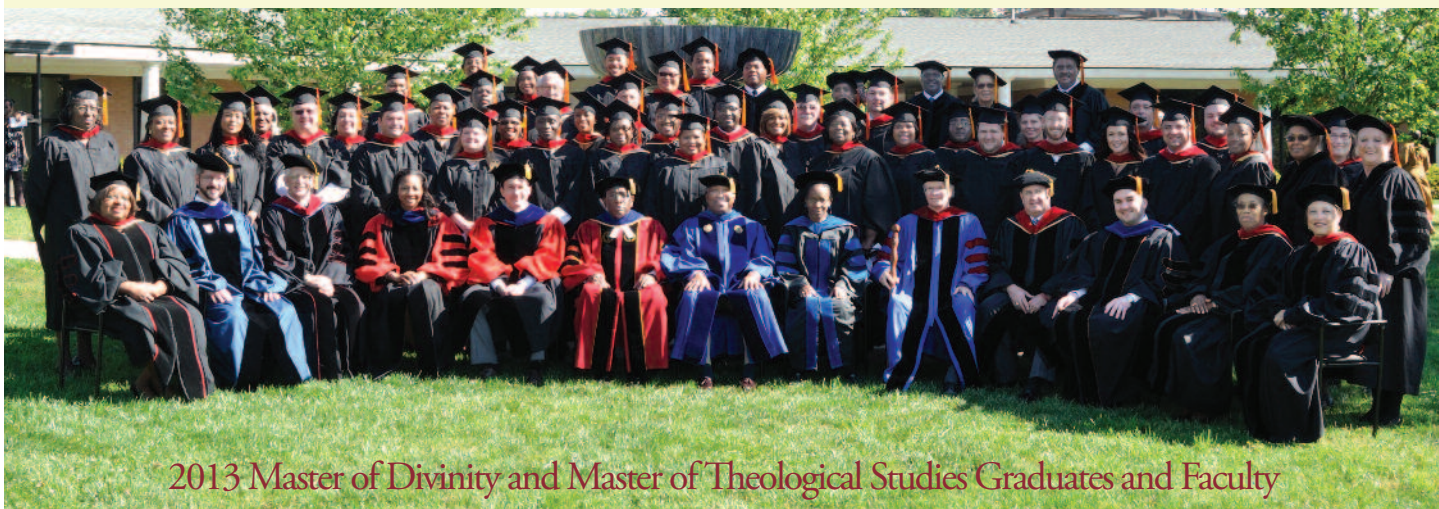
The Seminary's 12th Commencement took place on Saturday, May 11, 2013, a beautiful spring day, when hundreds gathered to honor and celebrate the graduates who received the Doctor of Ministry, the Master of Divinity, the Master of Theology degrees, and the Diploma in Christian Ministry.

Dr. Margaret Aymer Oget, the distinguished commencement speaker, cautioned the graduates, with humor and resounding clarity, that although the day was an important one for them, "the truth, the Gospel truth, is that it is not about *you*." She reminded them that they are "in sales, not management." Her powerful message resonated with the graduating class who seemed ready to take on, or continue in, their varied and diverse ministries.

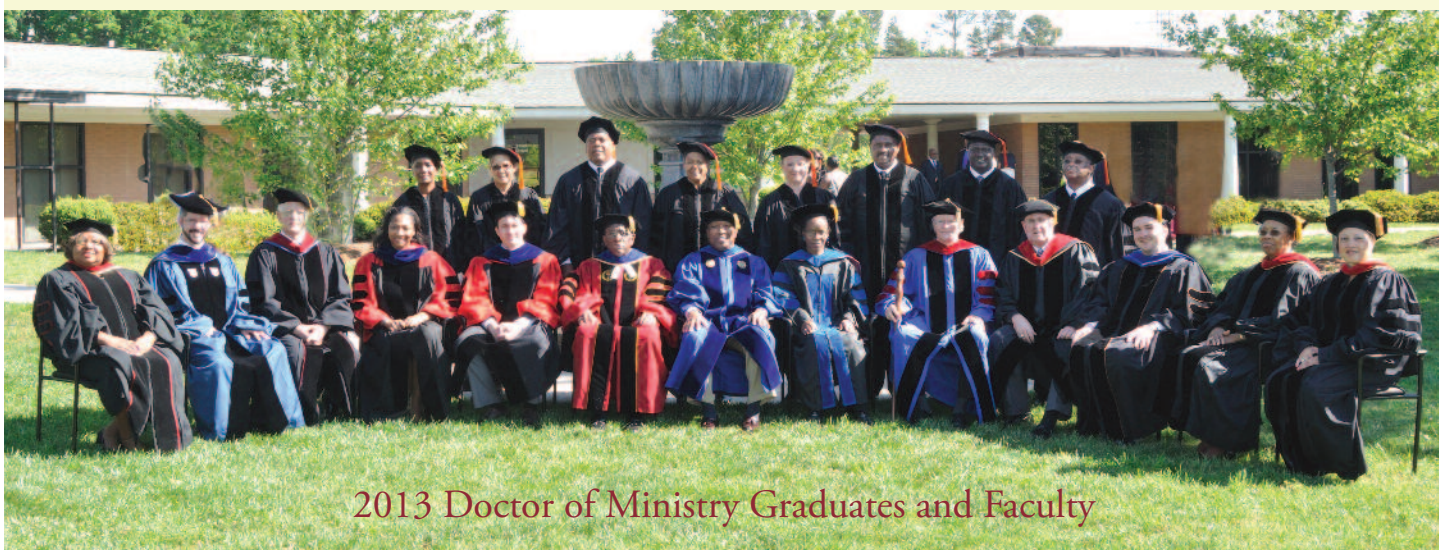
Bishop Richard K. Thompson, Chairman of the HTS Board of Trustees, and Dr. Margaret Aymer Oget received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Rev. Cynthia Kever was honored on her retirement after 18 <sup>1/2</sup> years of service as Director of the Library.







2013 Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies Graduates and Faculty



2013 Doctor of Ministry Graduates and Faculty

## Connectional Lay Council Establishes the Bishop George Junius Leake, III Endowed Scholarship



Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore, President Elect of the Seminary, announced in July that the Connectional Lay Council of the AME Zion Church has endowed a scholarship in memory of Bishop George J. Leake, III. The purpose of the fund is to perpetuate the legacy of Bishop Leake with financial assistance to qualifying AME Zion members of the ordained clergy enrolled at Hood Seminary in the M.Div., MTS or D.Min. programs. The students selected would be designated by the Seminary as Leake Scholars to be named annually.

In addition to funds for the endowment, the CLC also provided immediate funds to award the scholarship in the fall and spring terms of the 2013-14 academic year. The first recipient of this new scholarship is Reginald Boyd, Jr. from Sanford, NC.

Hood Theological Seminary is truly grateful to the Connectional Lay Council of the AME Zion Church for this investment that will benefit competent and deserving students throughout the years while memorializing the excellent service in ministry of the late Bishop George Junius Leake, III.



## Campus News and Events



Dr. Donald Haynes, distinguished United Methodist lecturer, columnist and author, offered a series of 3 workshops in October designed to prepare United Methodist ordination candidates to appear before the Board of Ordained Ministry. About 30 participants learned more about the beliefs and practices of the UMC and the central tenets of Wesleyan Christianity.

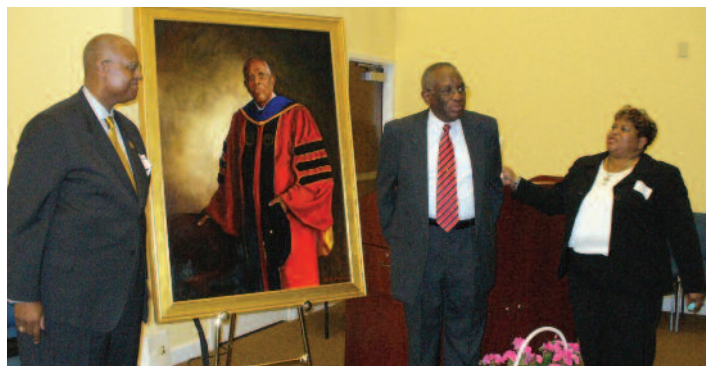


A newly refurbished golf cart was a gift in August of Seminary friends Matt and Gwin Barr. Trustee Sara Cook, Shully Storey, and Trustee Emeritus, Ned Storey enjoyed the inaugural ride around campus given by Security Officer Robert Archie.



*Left;* Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango, Dean of Students, serves Renee Bethea, Tami Forte-Logan and Tonya Brittain at one of her Dean's Teas in October.

*Right;* Karen Owens and April Wolfe prepare one of the many varieties of tea available at the Dean's Tea. There was also plenty of delicious food served.



In May, the SGA hosted a reception honoring Dr. Albert Aymer. HTS Alumni Association President Dr. Grant Harrison and SGA President Stephanie Wilson presented to the Seminary a portrait of Dr. Aymer (by local artist Mark Stephenson) given in his honor from many alumni, students, faculty and staff.



Students and faculty at Hood's Greenville Extension site gathered on October 4th for the Director's Tea, hosted by Dr. Sondra Coleman. (l to r) Elizabeth McCaskill, Camisha Thomas, Yumato Kelly, Thomas Betts, Sr., Warren Williams (kneeling), Cornelius Livingston, Jestine Sanford, Mrs. Jacqueline Thornton, Clemmie Palmer, Dr. Kathy McFadden, Dr. Sondra Coleman, Katrina Waters, and Catherine Terry.

*Right;* Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango and student Sam Lewis, plant pansies in urns on campus in November. The pansies will provide a touch of color throughout the winter and spring. Thanks, Dr. Dora and Sam!



### **"Open Communication" is Focus of SGA in the 2013-14 Academic Year**

*A message from Hood's Student Government Association (SGA) President, Juston Smith*

Greetings from the Student Government Association!

First, as your SGA President, I would like to thank you all for your continual support of the SGA. Our focus this year is on creating an atmosphere of open communication between students, staff, and administration. We have already held open community forums that help in seeing the needs of the students as they continue in their educational journey. Being able to take these issues to the faculty and administration is not taken lightly; rather, it is an important aspect of this position. Understand, we hear you! We continue to seek input from the student body, and we also continue to seek your prayers and support. More great things will be happening in the Spring semester as we look forward. Continue to stay posted on MyHood. We look forward to continuing to serve you.

Blessings in your education!



*2013-14 SGA Officers (back row l - r) Juston Smith, President; LeCounte Nedab, Treasurer; (front row l - r) Tonisha Johnson, Vice-President; Kris Mares, Secretary*



### 2013 Speaks Lecture Series



The Bishop Ruben L. Speaks Memorial Lecture Series, titled "Post-racial Blues" was presented in October by the distinguished author, theologian and professor, Dr. J. Kameron Carter. President Elect Dr. Vergel Lattimore, said "Hood was very fortunate and honored to have Dr. Carter on our campus as our featured speaker for the

Speaks Lecture Series. He is an acclaimed author and theologian, as well as a highly respected member of the faculty of Duke Divinity School. The lectures were exceptionally stimulating and insightful."

In Carter's opening lecture, "White House Blues: Dispatches on Race and Religion in the Age of Obama", he spoke to issues of race and religion in the contemporary American cultural context. His second lecture addressed Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" fifty years later.

The Ruben L. Speaks Lecture Series is named in honor of the late Bishop Ruben Lee Speaks, a gifted African Methodist

Episcopal Zion Church leader acknowledged on numerous occasions for his leadership and creative engagement in ministry.

### Library News

The Hood Library has been experiencing some exciting changes this year. Thanks to a grant from the Lutheran Synod, the library is updating its catalog system. Keep an eye out for the new, shiny catalog; it will be available soon! Thanks to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, the library was also able to make BibleWorks available to students through the library computers and to Bible faculty on their personal computers. BibleWorks is a fantastic biblical studies tool that will be open to all students, faculty, and alumni. The library has also added Credo Reference, a collection of online reference materials. Check out Credo on the library webpage.

The public is welcome to visit and use the Hood Library during normal hours: Monday, Thursday and Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.



## Building for the Future

### Seminary Announces New Refectory *Finishing Touches Drive*

As the construction for the new refectory at the Seminary nears completion, school officials have announced an exciting opportunity for friends and alumni to ensure that when the doors to the new refectory open for the first time in early 2014 we will have the "Finishing Touches," or as some might say the "*Furnishing Touches*," this beautiful new building deserves. The Finishing Touches Drive will raise the money to provide comfortable and functional furnishings for inside and outside the refectory and multipurpose building and large landscaped planters around the plaza areas of the new building, and to help fund state-of-the-art technology for the facility.

In announcing the drive, Bishop Richard K. Thompson, Chairman of the Seminary Board of Trustees, expressed his deepest appreciation to all who have helped to fund the construction of the building itself. Thompson said, "This Seminary has many angels who have enabled us to build a \$2.8 million building during these difficult economic times. It is a truly remarkable feat and we are deeply appreciative to all who have helped make this critical need of Hood become a reality. We now need to be sure we provide the proper finishing touches for this beautiful building."

President Elect Dr Vergel Lattimore said, "As 2 Corinthians 9:10 states: ***He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.***

"We invite all who love this Seminary to help us sow these needed seeds to put the finishing touches on this beautiful new campus facility. Everyone who makes a new donation of \$500 or more to the Finishing Touches Drive before February 15th will be recognized on a specially designed plaque which will permanently hang in the new



refectory; however, all donations will be recognized on a master plaque of donors. Friends, alumni, those who love this special place, or may have relatives who are a part of the Seminary history, have a unique opportunity through the Finishing Touches Drive to help touch the lives of the next generation of religious leaders who will break bread together each day while studying here. No gift is too large or too small. Together we can make this happen."

The Finishing Touches Drive will be conducted December 1, 2013 through February 15, 2014. Contributions by check should be made out to Hood Theological Seminary with "Refectory Finishing Touches" in the memo line and mailed to Hood Theological Seminary, 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144 or can be made by credit card online at [www.hoodseminary.edu](http://www.hoodseminary.edu) by clicking the "Donate Now" button and checking the refectory project box on the donor page.

## Alumni News

### New Alumni Association Chapters

**Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr.** '05, President of the Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association (HTSAA) announced that the HTSAA has 2 new chapters. The Charlotte Chapter was established on January 19, 2013, led by Rev. Dr. George McNeely, President.

The Greensboro Chapter was established on July 20, 2013 with Rev. Dr. Daran H. Mitchell as President; Rev. Tracey Matthews, Vice President; Rev. Kim McTillmon, Recording Secretary; Rev. Jeannette Moore, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Lisa Caldwell, Treasurer; Rev. Delores Mingo, Chaplain; and Rev. Robert McCain, Parliamentarian.

Efforts are underway to start chapters in Winston-Salem and Salisbury. HTSAA continues to host Clergy Self Care days, a wonderful resource for alumni.

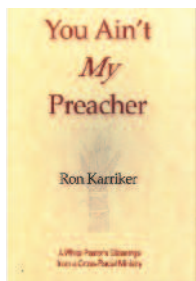


**Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.** '72, received Livingstone College's *President's Distinguished Alumnus Award* on Saturday, November 2, 2013 during the homecoming festivities at the college.

**Daniel Wilson** '13, was appointed by Bishop Larry Goodpaster as the first full-time online pastor in United Methodist Church history. Rev. Wilson pastors at Central United Methodist in Concord, NC.

**Ricky Frazier** '07, elected to the Lee County Commission in November 2012, was sworn in on December 3, 2012.

**Arin Wilhelm** '11 was top voter-getter in his election to the Granite Quarry (NC) Board of Aldermen on November 6, 2013.



**Ron Karriker** '97, has published a book *You Ain't My Preacher* (Sandime, 2013). Subtitled *A White Pastor's Gleanings from a Cross-Racial Ministry*, the book relates "the saga of experiences of overt racism and personal growth. His reflection on 7 years in a cross-racial ministry will open your heart to the true meaning of 'Love thy neighbor.'"

**Sheila Sholes-Ross** '09, was called in November to be Pastor of First Baptist Church, Pittsfield, MA. She is the first African American and first female to pastor at this church. In making their selection, the Pulpit Committee said "Sheila is a gifted preacher... Her sermons are inspiring, challenging, thought provoking and delivered with passion and creativity. She is a teacher, a counselor, a great listener and a 'prayer warrior.'" At Hood, Sheila served as SGA President and was the recipient of the President's Award.

**Dr. Sondra Coleman** '05, Director of Hood's Alabama Extension Campus, was appointed Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District of the North Alabama Conference, AME Zion Church, by Bishop Dennis V. Proctor.



### Lake Junaluska

The Seminary hosted a dinner for Hood's UMC alumni during the Western NC Conference at Lake Junaluska in June. Approximately 55 alums gathered for fellowship and to share reminiscences. The evening was also a tribute to Dr. Albert Aymer, who will be retiring in 2014 following a year-long sabbatical after 19 years as the Seminary's first President. During dinner, the group was treated to a video that highlights Dr. Aymer's many contributions to Hood during his years as Dean and President.



*Top;* UMC alumni/ae gather for dinner at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska during the WNCUMC Conference in June. *Above left;* Dr. Aymer, 2013 graduate and outgoing SGA President, Stephanie Wilson, Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore. *Above right;* faculty member Dr. Trevor Eppehimer and Rick Yourse. *Below (l to r);* Charles Curtis '12, Cathy Turman, '10 and Sharon Lee '07. Sign seen at the Conference at Lake Junaluska.





## The 2014 Bishop James Walker Hood Donor Recognition Dinner and Tribute to Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer *Bill Stanback Honored by the Seminary*

The Ninth Annual Bishop James Walker Hood Donor Appreciation Dinner was held May 9 in Lewis Hall at the First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury. Over 250 special Seminary friends, supporters, and alumni gathered to thank the many generous donors of Hood Theological Seminary and for a special "Tribute to Dr. Albert J.D. Aymer" who is stepping down as President after nineteen years of extraordinary leadership of the Seminary.

A highlight of the night was when Dr. Aymer surprised Mr. Bill Stanback, beloved community leader and longtime friend of the Seminary, as the recipient of the highest award given by the school, The Bishop James Walker Hood Award. Later in the evening, the tables were turned on Dr. Aymer with the unexpected announcement of a most generous challenge gift to the Seminary of \$100,000.00 from Mr. Stanback and his wife Nancy for the Aymer Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will now be able to provide the first totally funded scholarship for a Seminary student. Obviously surprised by the announcement of the donation, Aymer, who usually is not at a loss for words, was speechless. Margaret Kluttz, Development Officer at Hood said "This is a shining



*Bishop Rickard K. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with Bill and Nancy Stanback and Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer*

example of the extraordinary generosity of the Stanbacks to this Seminary and their enormous respect for Dr. Aymer. The entire evening was a proud night for Salisbury and a proud night for Hood Theological Seminary."

Born in Spencer, NC, Bill Stanback is a lifelong resident of the area and a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Salisbury. An alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he earned his degree there in business, and later

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## Faculty Notes

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**Dr. Robert O'Keef's** first novel, *Through the Crystal Snow*, was published in October (Tate). Set in rural western North Carolina between 1750 and 1806, the story combines history, romance, mystery and Christian apologetics in a fascinating story of characters as diverse as a "free man of color", a circuit court judge, a tavern maid, and a successful planter. "It will appeal to those who love history, and to those who like a good mystery," said O'Keef. "There is also a very strong aspect of faith. The book uses a good story to examine the struggle of good versus evil and whether love is more powerful than hate... Almost everyone who has read the book has talked about how they have identified with the characters."

## Son of Seminary Supporters Creates Book Scholarships

William (Bill) R. Pruehsner, on behalf of his mother Lois and his late father, Robert Pruehsner, recently designated scholarships to be awarded to first, second, and third year Hood students to underwrite the cost of books. These first-ever book scholarships have been awarded to Raleigh Baker, Edward Leonard Evans, Charleean "Chuck" Mapson, Brian Preveaux, and Kristina Mares for the 2014 spring semester.

In announcing the book scholarships, President Elect Dr. Vergel Lattimore said "Our students too often leave seminary with a significant debt burden, and the Pruehsner family has very generously helped to lighten the load for some of our deserving Seminarians. We are most appreciative for their ongoing support to Hood."

These are the first book scholarships ever awarded at Hood. The idea evolved after several visits by Bill, the Pruehsner's son, to the Seminary campus this past fall, the purpose being to ensure that the present day charitable giving wishes of his mother were deserved and honored. Bill Pruehsner came up with the idea of honoring her love of books by establishing the book scholarships. In 2006 Lois and her husband, Robert, also established an endowed scholarship for Seminary student based on academic merit, promise in the field of ministry, and need.



## In Memoriam



### Bishop Roy A. Holmes

April 13, 1951 - May 4, 2013

Hood Seminary mourns the loss of a great friend, dedicated alumnus, and loyal supporter on May 4, 2013.

Bishop Roy A. Holmes was consecrated the 92nd Bishop of the

AME Zion Church on August 3, 2004 and has served in several Episcopal Districts. In 2012, he was assigned to serve the Northeastern Episcopal District which includes: New York, New England, Western NY, Bahamas Islands and London-Midland. His pastorates include churches in Chicago, Pittsburg, Elizabeth City, NC, and Whitmire, SC.

While serving on the Seminary Board of Trustees and as its Vice Chairman, Bishop Holmes was an ardent fund raiser for the new refectory project - challenging all of the churches in his district to contribute to the campaign. Bishop Holmes is a graduate of Morris Brown College and Hood Theological Seminary, class of 1978. He also received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2002. He is

survived by his wife, Lovetta, and daughters, Krista M. Holmes and Kimberly Holmes Strickland, and 2 grand children.

*The Holmes family has graciously requested that memorials may be sent to Hood Theological Seminary to establish the **Bishop Roy A. Holmes Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund**. Please send memorials to Hood Theological Seminary, 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144, indicating "Holmes Scholarship" on the memo line.*



### Charles Price Sherrill

former President's Advisory Council member and friend of the Seminary. Salisbury, NC, January 4, 2013

### Reverend William J. Jiles '60

Alexander City, AL, April 19, 2013

### Rev. Dr. Ralph V. Washington '78

Rock Hill, SC, September 18, 2013

### Bishop Cecil Bishop '75

A. M. E. Zion Church Bishop (Retired), former Hood Seminary faculty member. September 21, 2013

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continued his education at Harvard Business School.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during World War II on a destroyer escort in the North Atlantic. Following his military service, he returned home to Salisbury to work in the family business, the Stanback Company, serving as a partner in the company for over 35 years.

In addition to his business career, Mr. Stanback served as mayor of Salisbury from 1973 to 1975. Some of his many community activities include serving as a board member of the Salisbury Community Foundation and as past president of the Kiwanis Club. He has quietly worked behind the scenes on many fronts throughout this community to open doors for minorities and to help those less fortunate. He is known for his avid interest in the environment, and has been a generous benefactor to the local community, to other educational institutions and to Hood Theological Seminary for many years.

Among the special guests in attendance were the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Richard K. Thompson, members of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, area ministers, and family and close friends of Dr. Aymer from Antigua, London and Granada. ❖

## Endowed Scholarship Recipients

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### **The Dr. Frank and Fletcher Brown Scholarship Recipients:**

**Debra Patterson**, an AME Zion student from Fayetteville, NC, and **Christopher Smith**, a UMC student from Pleasant Garden, NC.

### **The Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship Recipient:**

**Reginald Boyd, Jr.**, an AME Zion Church student from Sanford, NC.

## Staff Update

**Kay M. Hines** joined the administrative staff at Hood in July 2013 as the Assistant to Academic Services and Special Programs. She has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of North



Carolina at Charlotte and an M.Div. from Hood Seminary. While a student at Hood, Kay worked supporting the Financial Aid, Admissions and Registrar offices. She is an ordained Elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church and has pastored in California, Black Mountain, NC, and is currently appointed to a local church in the Western NC Conference. She previously worked in corporate America as a Special Education Teacher, Assistant Director of

Admissions and in Operations Management. Kay is the mom of a wonderfully energetic little girl, Jaden, age 10. In her leisure time she enjoys reading, taking long walks and playing volleyball.

"I have a deep love for Hood Theological Seminary," says Kay, "and wholeheartedly believe in the mission and purpose of this great institution. The education and training that I have received under the guidance of the faculty at Hood, has been invaluable and made an insurmountable difference in my theology and perspective on ministry. I am elated and honored to return to Hood on staff and to be an instrument in transformative ministry."



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- 10-11** Diploma students' retreat
- 11** SGA retreat
- 21** First day of classes - Track I
- 24** First day of classes - Track II

### February

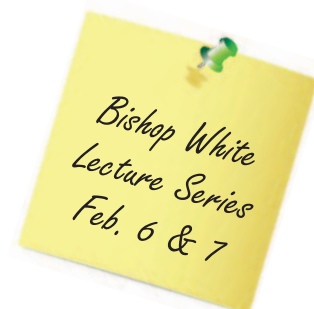
- 5** Endowment Convocation
- 6-7** Bishop White Endowed Heritage Lecture Series
- 27** Black History Celebration

### March

- 13** D.Min. Service of Candidacy

### May

- 16** Honors Awards and Closing Convocation 7 p.m.
- 17** Commencement 10:30 a.m.



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