



E-Newsletter: August 2024

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**Upcoming Events**

College Night Out will take place August 22, 5-8pm at the Bell Tower Green in Salisbury, NC.



## REGISTER FOR STRONGER CHURCHES CONFERENCE

**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

FAITHLEARNTHRIVE is thrilled to announce the Stronger Churches Conference, a one-day event designed to train and equip congregations through practical training opportunities.

The conference will feature Bishop Randy Borders of Faith Harvest Church in Shelby, NC, as the Leadership Luncheon Keynote Speaker. Bishop Borders is a prolific author and renowned leadership coach whose insights have empowered countless church leaders. More information about Bishop Borders can be found at [randyborders.com](https://randyborders.com).

We invite all church leaders and members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others committed to building stronger, more vibrant congregations.

Event Highlights:

Leadership Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Bishop Randy Borders

Mini Labs: Practical, hands-on training sessions

ChurchTalk Speakers: Inspiring TED-style talks from church leaders

Register today at <https://bit.ly/FLTSCC2024> to secure your spot.

Sponsors & Exhibitors are welcomed.



**Hood will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.**



## **KAA-MaCC Vision 2026 Initiative**

The KAA-MaCC Vision 2026 Initiative presents Community Conversations on Education, themed: A Symposium with College Presidents. The topic is "Securing a Future in Higher Education." Hood's own president Dr. Vergel Lattimore will be participating in this symposium.

**This event will take place on September 5, 2024, at Hood Theological Seminary, Aymer Center, 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144. There will be a networking reception (5 p.m.) followed by a roundtable discussion (6 p.m.).**

For more information, please [Click HERE](#)

## **Fall 2024 Opening Convocation**

**September 13, 2024**

**6:00 p.m. Virtual on Zoom**

**The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Laticia Hill Godette, Esq.**, Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro-Monroe District of the Piedmont Episcopal Area of the A.M.E. Zion Church (pictured below).

Rev. Dr. Laticia Hill Godette was the Valedictorian of her 2014 HTS class. She is a law school graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and also an HTS Adjunct Faculty in Church History. She is the owner of Godette Health and she previously served as the Presiding Elder of the Camden District of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Finally, she has an impressive record as a national philanthropist.

For more details, including the Zoom link to attend the event, click on the button below.

[Zoom Link and More Info](#)



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## Fall 2024 Bishop Rueben L. Speaks Lecture Series

Hood Theological Seminary will hold its annual Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series on Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, 2024. **This year's featured presenter is Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer**, who is the former (now retired) Presiding Prelate of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and, previously, the longest serving active UMC bishop.

AME Zion Bishop Darryl Starnes will be responding to Bishop Palmer's remarks about the most recent UMC General Conference and the future of the UMC.

The Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial 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. Speaks received the Chancellor's Award from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Brooklyn Advisory Committee of the New York Urban League.

The lectures, which are free of charge and open to the public, will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 5**. This year the lecture series will be virtual through Zoom (see Zoom link information by clicking the button below). **\*Please note, there are two Zoom links, one for Friday and one for Saturday.\***

[Zoom Links and More Info](#)

Save the  
Date!



**BISHOP RUEBEN L.  
VAUGHN PALMER  
SPEAKS LECTURE  
SERIES**

The speaker, **Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer**, is the former (now retired) Presiding Prelate of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and, previously, the longest serving active UMC bishop.

Speaker:  
**Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer**

**OCTOBER 4  
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

**OCTOBER 5  
11:00 – 12:00 NOON**



## CDF Child Advocacy Experience at Alex Haley's Farm

By Dr. Mary A. Love

Hood had two students (LaTanya Pender and Frederick Cannady-Kelderman) to participate in the annual Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary and the Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. This opportunity is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund that brings together a broad spectrum of speakers and resources to address child/youth well-being. The gathering occurred at Alex Haley's Farm in Clinton, TN, July 15-18. This experience brings together seminary students from across the country to explore the ministry of child advocacy and to interact with experts in the field. The 2024 theme was "*Unleashing the Joy.*" See the comments below from Hood's 2024 attendees.

Cannady is grateful for the opportunity to return to the Haley Farm for a second time. Last year, Frederick made a commitment to himself that Haley Farm would serve two purposes: (1) as intentional time for self-care and rest, and (2) as continued motivation to engage in child advocacy work. The work of child advocacy is crucial for the church's survival. By prioritizing the well-being of our younger generation, we can make lasting impacts not only on their lives but also on the lives of everyone with whom they interact. Thank you, Hood, for providing the opportunity to be part of such a life-changing experience. **Frederick Cannady-Kelderman**

Pender is grateful for the opportunity to reflect on the intersection of ministry, policy, and social justice for all people but especially for youth. As a young pastor, Pender learned valuable lessons on how to help youth find their voice in advocacy for themselves and others. **LaTanya Pender**

Picture Below: Hood students with Rev. Dr. AnneMarie Mingo, Associate Professor of Ethics, Culture and Moral Leadership at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and author of the book, *Have you Got Good Religion?: Black Women's Faith, Courage and Moral Leadership in the Civil Rights Movement.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

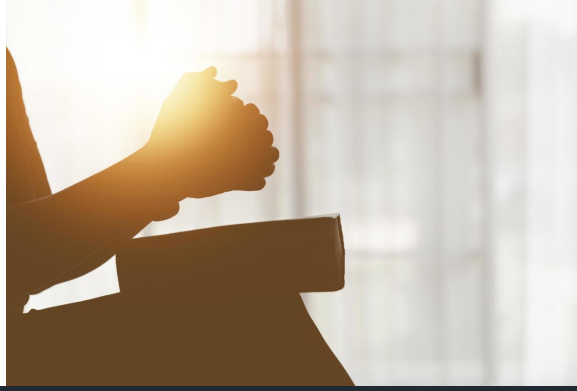
To all our August Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Donors - A Blessed Birthday with Many More To Come!



## In Memoriam



Ronald Earl Davis, HTS Class of 2024, passed away on Wednesday, August 7.



## **Faculty/Staff News**

**Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore**  
**President and Professor**



Dr. Lattimore greeted The Tribe of R.U.T.H. Conference sponsored by the Center for Bold Leadership, Saturday, 8/3/24 in the HTS Aymer Center.

He will visit the Quadrennial Conference of the A.M.E., convening in Columbus, Ohio, 8/23/24

He will attend the Stronger Churches Conference sponsored by The Congregational Faith & Learning Center (Faith-Learn-Thrive), 8/24/24 in the HTS Aymer Center.

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**Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango**



Professor Dora R Mbuwayesango attended a hybrid 6th Pan African Sankofa 2024 Conference of the The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians that took place at Trinity Theological Seminary, Leon, Ghana, July 1-5. The theme of the conference was " Earth, Pandemics, Gender and Religion.

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### Dr. Mary Love



Dr. Mary Love attended the 52nd General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church held in Greensboro. She also prepared an 80-piece exhibit entitled, *The Journey from Africa through the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Slavery, the Underground Railroad, to obtaining Freedom with the ability to make contributions to America and the World that are honored on US Postage Stamps.* On March 9, 2024, a series of 10 stamps were issued recognizing the role of the Underground Railroad in helping slaves escape to freedom. Of the 10 individuals honored, three were members of the A. M. E. Zion Church: Bishop Jermain Wesley Loguen, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. This exhibit was designed to remind viewers of the significant contributions of our ancestors and provide motivation to never give up even when facing terrible odds (see pictures below).







On July 27, Love also had the opportunity to participate in the Unveiling Ceremony of the Underground Railroad Stamps at CHARPEX (The Charlotte Philatelic Society) at Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) in Charlotte (see picture below).



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## Hood Student and Alumni News

Read an article from the Star of Zion about Hood Alum and current DMin student Reverend Dierdre' R. Parker title "An Attitude of Gratitude: Meet the DIVA: Reverend Dierdre' R. Parker"

[Read Article](#)

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## Hood Travels

### July 2024 Hood Travels:

Hood attended the 52nd Quadrennial AMEZ General Conference July 24-28, 2024 (See pictures below)



## The Center for Bold Leadership's Tribe of R.U.T.H. Conference was a Success!

The Center for Bold Leadership at HTS had a great turn out at its Annual Transformation Retreat, The Tribe of R.U.T.H.: Navigating the Path as Women of Color in Ministry on August 3! For more info on the Center for Bold Leadership go to <https://boldlead.org/>





## Opportunities



[Security Officers- Hood Theological Seminary \(Part-time\)](#)



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