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A Message from the President

Greetings, faith partners and friends,



As I approach the second year of my tenure as the chief servant of this historic institution, I am humbled by the hundreds of persons that I greet in a variety of churches, agencies, and organizations. Our Seminary has been blessed by your many prayers and tangible expressions of support and for this we are TRULY THANKFUL.

As a new president serving an institution with a rich tradition of service to the church and society, I am challenged to embrace the meaning of the gospel in Matthew 9:17. It is a message addressing elements that we value and changes that we encounter.

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the old skins would burst from the pressure, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine is stored in new wineskins so that both are preserved.” (New Living Translation).

In a faith-filled quest of mutuality, we greet you with a simple request – to continue to Invest in a Firm Foundation.

Why support Hood Theological Seminary?

- Hood equips leaders for fostering critical conversations and actions addressing racial reconciliation, social justice, and spiritual formation and renewal.
- Hood is a center for theological reflection and healing actions which engages persons from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

I have invited our world-class faculty, our exceptionally competent and dedicated staff, our loyal alumni, our faith friends, and our exceptionally committed Board of Trustees to embrace a new aspiration—Strive to be the Seminary of Choice in the southeast region of North America!

These are not the ideas of a leader intoxicated by cheap wine, but the vision of a learning community that is making a difference, locally and nationally.

Your annual financial donations facilitate our drive for excellence as evidenced throughout this publication:

- Supporting students through need-based financial aid
- Affirming outstanding teaching and faculty scholarship
- Hosting major seminars, workshops, and discussions
- Funding to support the exploration and delivery of Continuing and Distance Education

It is our desire that this issue of Hood’s Herald affirms your confidence in the spirit of the words in Jeremiah 33:14—“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

As you give thanks and share Christmas, Hanukah, or Kwanza with loving family and friends, please remember the Seminary’s Firm Foundation Annual Fund. Your gifts continue to impact the lives of our students and enable this vibrant learning community to flourish in ways that challenge and inspire.

With blessing for joyful living and service in 2016, I remain,

In sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Verge L. Lattimore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President

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On the cover: *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Hood Theological Seminary is Truly Thankful for our many supporters whose monetary and in-kind gifts and support help us to carry out the mission of the Seminary and to impact the lives of our students and the communities of faith where they serve. This past year we have been blessed over and over again by thoughtful and generous contributions from friends, alumni, foundations and corporations. Within these pages our readers will discover the many diverse elements that make up this faithful support for which we are forever grateful.

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New Faculty



Otto D. Harris, III joined the adjunct faculty in the fall 2015 term. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Studies with a Concentration in Cultural Studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary. He has a B.S. from North

Carolina A&T University. Dr. Harris is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and is pastor of Saint Mark's United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC. He also serves as a facilitator of a cohort of provisional elders participating in the WNC's Residency in Ordained Ministry (RIOM) program and as a member of the Board of Managers for the Duke Divinity School Convocation and Pastors' School. Dr. Harris published a peer-reviewed article and presented papers about village pedagogy and the perversion of hope in politics. His dissertation analyzes the historic and present social conditions of The United Methodist Church within the context of American culture using the theoretical lens of Black church interpretive traditions intersecting with Wesleyan theology.

Tom Mabry will join the adjunct faculty during January Intensives. He is Senior Pastor at Mineral Springs United Methodist Church. He completed the M.Div. at Hood Theological Seminary and the D.Min. in Church Leadership at Asbury Theological Seminary. Prior to entering the ministry, Dr. Mabry had a twenty-year career with Duke Power and First Union National Bank. His professional experience included corporate communications, process reengineering, change management, and business integration.

Christopher Oliver will join the adjunct faculty in the spring 2016 term. He is the Associate Minister of Youth at Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Fayetteville, NC. He also serves as a Network Engineer/Architect for the U.S. Army. Mr. Oliver is pursuing Ph.D. studies in Organization Leadership and Spirituality (Eastern University). He has an M.A. in Christian Practice (Youth Ministry, *magna cum laude*, Duke Divinity School) and an M.S. in Information Technology (Telecommunications Management, University of Maryland) and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland. He has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY. He is the chapter Vice President for 100 Black Men of America (Cape Fear Region)

and Chair of the Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church Mentoring Program.



Herbert Rhedrick, Jr. joined the faculty in the fall term as Adjunct Professor in Pastoral Theology. He holds Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from Gordon-Conwell Seminary. Dr. Rhedrick is the senior pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church. His mentoring

extends to Toekomsrus Baptist Church in South Africa. His focuses are pastoral guidance, church stabilization and ministry development. He is the founder and chairman of Walking in the Harvest, a 501c3, which offers free food and clothing, nursing and youth summer programs. He also serves on the Cabarrus Hunger Task Force, the United Missionary Baptist Association, Logan Ministers' Association (former President) and the Cabarrus Baptist Association. He has served on the Board of Directors for Prosperity Unlimited, Inc., and MedAssist. Before coming to Hood, Dr. Rhedrick served, as a teacher assistant to Dr. Tim Laniak, Dean of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Dr. Rhedrick is a veteran.



Charlene Sinclair will join the HTS faculty as Visiting Lecturer of Christian Ethics in the 2016 spring term. Ms. Sinclair holds a B.A. in sociology from Trinity College, a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary (NY) and is pursuing a doctoral degree in Social

Ethics at Union. Ms. Sinclair is the founding director of the Center for Race, Religion and Economic Democracy (C-RRED) and is a principal of InSinc Consulting, LLC, in Richmond, VA. Previously, she was the program coordinator for the Interfaith Organizing Initiative. Sinclair received the 2015 Distinguished Taconic Fellowship, Center for Community Change. Recent publications include "Toward a Twenty-First Century Black Liberation Ethic: A Marxist Reclamation of Ontological Blackness," in *Liberation Theologies for the Twenty-first Century*. Thia Cooper (ed). New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013, and "A Womanist Reading of Revelation 12-13." in *Christianity and Culture in the City: A Postcolonial Approach*. Samuel Cruz (ed). Lexington Books, 2012.



Patricia Commander joined the HTS staff as the Margaret H. Kluttz Writing and Resource Center Coordinator/ Learning Commons Librarian. Ms. Commander received her Bachelor of Arts in English (with a Mass Communication minor) from Winston-Salem State University. She

earned her Masters in Library and Information Studies (MLIS) from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Most recently, she was the English & Fine Arts Librarian/Write Start Coordinator at Winston-Salem State University. She was a two year recipient of the Laura Bush Academic and Cultural Enrichment (ACE) Scholarship.



Janice D. Silver joined the HTS staff in June as Assistant to the Office of Institutional Advancement. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC. Ms. Silver has worked in education, health care,

sales and marketing at Winston-Salem State University, Johns Hopkins Health Systems, and the Office of Tax and Revenue (Washington, DC). She has a broad range of experience in administrative/office management, community relations and customer service. She serves as vice president for membership in the Goldmine Club, Toastmasters International, Concord, NC.



Carmen C. Wilder joined the HTS staff in September as Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving. A native of Asheville, NC, Ms. Wilder has worked in Institutional Advancement, Alumni Relations and Development for over 12 years. She received her Bachelor's degree in

Business Administration from Livingstone College and her Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Non-profit Leadership from Franklin University. She has also earned certificates and has a number of professional training and development hours in the areas of Fundraising and Alumni Relations.

Faculty News and Notes

Ms. Jess Bellemer presented "Easing the Growing Pains: Library Services for the Technology Hesitant Patron" at the Free-Learning Conference 2015 in Boone, NC. While at the American Theological Library Association meeting in June, Ms. Bellemer, along with Shanee Murrain of Payne Theological Seminary, led a discussion on the tragic shooting at Emanuel A.M.E. Church and on how theological libraries should be responding to acts of violence. In October, Ms. Bellemer presented "This is Your Library on Chrome: Perspectives on Chromebooks in Libraries" at the 2015 meeting of the North Carolina Library Association in Greensboro, NC.

Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango submitted two more reflections ("Fragrance Oils" and "Cleansing Ritual") for publications in the Women's Common English Bible Edition, a study designed for women who lead and serve through their work, their families and their communities. In September, she participated in the Ghana Consultation on sexuality held at

Elmina Beach by African Anglicans, US Episcopalians and other African churches. She attended the fall Seminary Stewardship Alliance (SSA) annual conference as a liaison of Hood held at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC. In November, she was a presenter at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. André Resner's new book, *Living In-Between: Lament, Justice, and the Persistence of the Gospel* (Cascade, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2015) was released in November. In December, he presented a paper, "Do You See This Woman? A Little Exercise in Homiletical Theology," at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Prof. Resner participated in the inaugural Frederick Buechner Writer's Workshop at Princeton Theological Seminary in June. He was the speaker at the Opening Convocation in September. In October, Prof. Resner joined with other Affiliate Faculty at Christian

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Faculty News and Notes

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Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, to put in place the final planning for the first Ph.D. program in “African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric.” That program is set to launch in the fall of 2016.

Dr. Herman Thomas, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, presented a Continuing Education Seminar - *The History of Christianity and the African American Church* – in October at York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Greenville, NC (Rev. D’Andre James Daniels, host pastor). Sponsored by Hood Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, the seminar was designed to increase the awareness of pastors and lay leaders to significant historical events, themes and characters in the evolution of Christianity and the African American Church.

Dr. Bradley R. Trick had a productive sabbatical last spring, finishing his manuscript on Galatians. He is currently in talks with a publisher and hopes to have it under contract soon. He has served on the Board of the Center for Faith and the Arts in Salisbury, NC, since January and is beginning his second year on the Board overseeing First United Methodist Church’s Afterschool Program and Center for Child Development. This fall, Dr. Trick led a community-wide six-week study of Romans with a focus on racial reconciliation in Hood’s Aymer Center. The study was jointly sponsored by Soldier’s Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Dr. Michael K. Turner presented a paper on “Politics, Free Will Theology, and Nineteenth-Century Methodism” at the Asbury Theological Seminary’s Summer Wesley Studies Seminar held in June. In July, he taught a course “Wesleyan Movement” for the Course of Study at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He has also remained active teaching and preaching at local churches. He preached at Macedonia United Methodist Church in Lexington in April and at Mt. Tabor UMC in Salisbury in September. Also in September, he led a series of Wednesday night lessons focused on providing a “lay seminary” experience at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury. In November, he presented a two part series at First UMC titled “All the Saints” which looked at (1) Martyrdom and Sainthood in the Christian Tradition and (2) The Protestant Reformation (And Why It Still Matters). Dr.

Turner was also recently awarded a grant from the General Commission of Archives and History of the United Methodist Church to conduct research on Abraham Lincoln, abolitionism, and Methodism.

Dr. Ken Walden recently published his third book *Practical Theology for Church Diversity: A Guide for Clergy and Congregations* (Cascade Books). Last May, he was the speaker at the Seminary’s Honors Awards and Closing Convocation. He has been appointed the official Chaplain of the Military Officers Association of America - Salisbury Chapter. In September, he gave a lecture and book-signing for the military organization. Dr. Walden also gave a series of lectures during a one day workshop in response to the Charleston, SC, shooting at Emmanuel A.M.E. Church for a Clergy Group in Conway, SC, in October. He also led a weekly book study in October and November on his new publication that includes racial reconciliation for a Clergy Group in Salisbury, NC.

Dr. Henry J. Young, Visiting Professor of Theology and Ethics, presented a Continuing Education Seminar - *Foundations for Theological Exploration* – in March. The Seminar was sponsored by Hood Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

New Board of Trustees Member



Hood is pleased to announce the appointment of **Reverend Randell A. Cain, Jr.** of Winston-Salem, NC, to the Board of Trustees. Rev. Cain earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and an M.Div. from Hood Theological Seminary. He holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech and a B.S. from Morehouse College. Rev. Cain is a Portfolio Manager and Principal Owner of Herndon Capital Management and an ordained minister in the Baptist Church. Currently, he is the Associate Minister and Assistant to the Pastor at Zion Memorial Baptist Church.

“This is a wonderful day. I’ve never seen this one before.” —*Maya Angelou*

And so it is at Hood Theological Seminary where every day brings new blessings and reasons for us to feel *Truly Thankful!* We are blessed with a gifted faculty, dedicated staff, and a bright, diverse, engaged student body. We are also most grateful for all of *you* – our alumni and friends, and the foundations, churches and corporations who support the Seminary with their grants and monetary and in-kind gifts. While every gift, small and large, is appreciated and well-stewarded, here are some highlights of the many different ways in which you have helped us to advance the mission of the Seminary and to impact the lives of our students and the communities of faith where they serve.



The Rev. Andrew McLean and Dr. Olivia T. Spaulding House, a gift to the Seminary by their son, Dr. Henry A. Moses, was dedicated on October 1, 2015.

Dr. Moses is Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry and Former Director of Continuing Education and Assistant Vice President for Academic Support, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. Currently, Dr. Moses is Executive Director of The Meharry National Alumni Association. The house is now the Presidential Residence and an inviting venue for special Seminary meetings and events.



The Seminary held its annual Endowment Convocation last February and received a record-breaking total of contributions for the restricted endowment - more than \$180,000 from the Bishops and people of the A.M.E. Zion Church, as well as faculty, students, staff, alumni and friends. The featured speaker, Bishop Seth O. Lartey, Presiding Prelate of the Western West Africa Episcopal District, preached on “Ministering in the Manner of Jesus.”

The Seminary received a \$100,000 gift from the Dr. Leon Walter Watts II Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. to the Seminary’s Restricted Endowment to establish a Professorial Chair in Black Theology and the Black Church in memory of Dr. Watts. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, headquartered in Hempstead, New York, were present at the Endowment Convocation in February. They began this effort



ten years ago in honor of Dr. Watts. In announcing the endowment gift, Dr. Vergel Lattimore said, “We are indeed honored and very blessed to be the recipient of this extraordinary gift. Dr. Watts was a distinguished A.M.E. Zion pastor, a scholarly teacher and theologian, and a caring mentor for the developmental formation of pastors.”



In 2015, Hood Seminary received a significant bequest from the Lawrence Lee Lacquement estate (Morristown, NJ) to the Albert J. D. Aymer Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was established in 1998 in honor of President Aymer by the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, North Carolina, with later contributions from Mr. and Mrs. William C. Stanback and others. The bequest is a fitting tribute to Dr. Aymer by Mr. and Mrs. Lacquement, friends and members of his congregation in New Jersey before he relocated to Salisbury to become Dean of the Seminary.

Eight years ago, Dr. Trevor Williams made a gift to the Seminary of many symbolic wood carvings including the

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Speaker Snorton urged Graduates to be “Ordinary”

Hood Theological Seminary’s fourteenth commencement took place on May 16th, a beautiful spring day full of promise and excitement, when hundreds gathered to celebrate and honor the graduates who received the Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies degrees.

The commencement speaker, Teresa Elaine Snorton, Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, began her powerful address with a verse from the well-known spiritual *Going to Shout All Over God’s Heaven*: “I’ve got shoes, you’ve got shoes, all of God’s children got shoes.” She used the song to encourage the graduates to take off their shoes and be ordinary. “I want to remind you your task is to be ordinary, do ordinary things, make room for God to show up and do the extraordinary,” Snorton said. “When you take off your shoes you are vulnerable. God is calling for complete trust and surrender.” As she concluded her speech, Snorton removed her shoes and placed them on the podium. All in attendance stood and cheered and some graduates removed their shoes prior to walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. Snorton spoke of her humble beginnings — a once ordinary girl — who now is the presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

There were two very unique and special moments during the program. During the awarding of degrees, the family of the late Rev. Kelly Ottinger who passed away earlier in the year, came to the stage to receive his Master of Divinity degree awarded posthumously. Later, there was a ceremonial burning of the mortgage for the campus property which was paid off this year by the A.M.E. Zion Church. Bishop Battle led a litany composed by Dr. Mary Love.

Honorary Degree Recipients

During the ceremony, four individuals were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees in recognition of their leadership and contributions to education, church and community.

Bishop Teresa Snorton is a graduate of Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She received a

Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Post-Graduate Certificate in Patient Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University, and the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She is the 59th bishop and the first female bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church since it was founded in 1870.

Bishop Mildred “Bonnie” Hines received a Bachelor of Arts from Mars Hill College, Mars Hills, NC, and a Master of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was awarded a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA and certification in Clinical Pastoral Counseling from the Colgate Rochester School of Divinity in Rochester, NY. Bishop Hines was elected in 2008 at the 48th General Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church as the 98th bishop in the line of succession. She is the first female to be elected to the episcopacy in the 217 year history of the denomination.

Bishop William Phillips DeVaux was consecrated as the 113th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1996. In addition to a bachelor’s degree from Howard University, he attained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Boston University as well as a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from Vanderbilt University. He has served on the faculties of Meharry Medical College, Princeton Theological Seminary and Howard University School of Divinity.

Sara DuBose Cook, is a *cum laude* graduate of Catawba College, Salisbury, NC. Her leadership, tireless efforts, and quiet philanthropy have benefitted numerous non-profit organizations in and around Salisbury and Rowan County. She has been a champion of Hood Seminary for many years, serving on the first President’s Advisory Council and then on the Board of Trustees since 2009. She has helped guide the Seminary through three phases of the Second Century Capital Campaign including the recent \$2.9 million refectory campaign to build the *Albert J.D. Aymer Center for Spiritual Growth and Ministerial Formation*. For two years she has worked closely with the Director of the Library to develop a Writing Center in the Seminary library. The Center strives to integrate the development of library research skills with the building of academic writing skills critical to graduate level theological education. Once again she and her husband, Bob, quietly stepped up and gave of their own resources to make

Fifteen Endowed Scholarship Recipients Announced for 2015-2016

The Seminary is pleased to announce the recipients of permanently endowed scholarships for 2015-2016. We congratulate these students for their academic excellence and great potential as future leaders in their diverse faith communities. We are deeply grateful to the alumni, friends, churches, and foundations who have made these scholarships possible through their generosity and commitment to Hood.

The Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer Scholarship:



Teresa Cromedy is a native of Huger, SC, a small town about 15 minutes outside of Charleston, SC. After high school, she served in the U.S. Navy for 11 years specializing in Aviation Electronics. Cromedy earned a bachelor's degree in

Technical Management with a minor in Aviation Safety from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL, and went further to receive an MBA from Wingate University in Wingate, NC. She currently resides in Charlotte, NC, with friends and a loving church family. Her ministerial journey began in 2011, and she is presently serving at Jonahville AME Zion Church, in Huntersville, NC, as a Local Preacher. Teresa says, "As an M.Div. senior, I look forward to the new journey God has in store for me."



Kevin Griffin is a native of Augusta, GA. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems from Georgia Southern and a Masters of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. He has

over twenty years of leadership and business experience in the field of Information Technology. He is an ordained Baptist Minister, and is currently serving as an associate minister at Chappell Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC, where Norman E. Kerry Jr. is the pastor. In addition, he currently serves as a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Intern for Racial Reconciliation. Last but certainly not least, he is married to Angelle Griffin and they have two daughters, Kyla and Mayah.

Adjinoria Tomlin is an A.M.E. Zion student from Wilmington, NC.

Eleanor Wilson is an A.M.E. Zion student from Gastonia, NC.

The Bishop George E. and Iris Battle Scholarship:

Frances Greene, is an AME Zion student from Kannapolis, NC. She received her BA degree from the College of New Rochelle in Psychology and Sociology. She began her ministerial journey in 2005 in Hartford, CT and continued ministry in 2009 at Rock Hill AME Zion Church, Indian Trail, NC. Frances is currently in her second year of the Masters in Divinity Program.

The Dr. Frank and Fletcher Brown Scholarship:

Travis Davis, a Baptist student, is from Gastonia, NC.

The Dr. Robert Harkrader Scholarship:



Johnny Lord serves as a UMC Pastor in Stokes County, NC with the members of Palmyra and Stokesburg United Methodist Churches. He transferred to HTS in January 2015 and is on track to graduate May 2016. He has been married

to his wife Angie for 23+ years and they have three daughters, Stephanie (Brandon), Denise, and Katie, as well as two grandsons Joel and Jake. "I consider it a great honor to be this year's recipient of the Dr. Robert Harkrader Scholarship!"

The Ellen and James Robert Keever Scholarship:



Precieuse Wilson, a Baptist student from Monroe, NC, is a native of Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Liberia, a B.S. in Nursing from Winston-Salem State University and dual Masters in Business

and Health Care Management from Phoenix University. He has worked as a nurse for over 15 years and is a licensed minister at Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist Church (Pastor Dr. E. R. Kirkpatrick) where he serves as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He is married to Loretta Wilson and they have two children, Elijah and Faith. Rev. Wilson says, "When I am at Hood, I am at home."

The Thomas William Langford Scholarship:



Dana Caldwell, a UMC student, was called to move to Raleigh, NC, 18 years ago. Coming from the Midwest, this was the first big adventure to which God called her. Dana grew up in a small town in the Midwest and earned a bachelor's degree in History Education at Illinois State University. She is currently full time student and serving in a field education appointment at Avent Ferry United Methodist Church. Her two life companions are beagles, Buddy 13 and Abby 5, who make her laugh every day. She is very blessed to be attending Hood Seminary as she explores the next adventure to which God has called her.

The Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship:



Antoinette E. Joiner was born and raised in Washington, DC. She retired from the US Office of Personnel Management in 2006 and moved to Winston-Salem. She is mother of one son who is a 2010 graduate of Livingstone College. Nurtured in the Philadelphia/Baltimore Annual Conference, she has been actively involved in the A.M.E. Zion Church. Her ministerial journey started April 8, 2007, Easter Sunday, by preaching her trial sermon at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church where she has served as a Deacon and the instructor for the New Members Class and is scheduled to be ordained Elder on April 8, 2016. "If I can help somebody as I pass along this way, then my living will not be in vain."

The Andrew McLean Spaulding Scholarship:

David Taylor is a UMC student from Sherrills Ford, NC.

The Bishop Richard K. Thompson Scholarship:



Charles Mathews, an A.M.E. Zion student, was born in Los Angeles, CA, but raised in Mt. Gilead and Winston-Salem, NC. Charles has fervently served in the Kingdom of God in capacities such as church administrator, praise and worship leader, and minister, to name a few. He holds a B.A in

Exercise Physiology from UNC-Chapel Hill and a B.S in Nursing, *cum laude* from NC Central University. He presently works as a Clinical Specialist for Johnson & Johnson and assists Cardiologists at Duke and WakeMed Hospitals in the treatment of abnormal arrhythmias of the heart. He has done extensive volunteer work in the battered women's shelter, with Breast Cancer awareness, and an abroad study to Africa where gratuitous health services were provided to Ghanaian citizens. He also created a company called CMP Media Group, a multimedia and music production company. Rev. Mathews is blissfully married to his high school sweetheart, Renita Garrison.

The Jim Arthur Wadford Scholarship:



Joshua Gilliam, a Doctor of Ministry student, is rector of Resurrection Anglican Church, which recently opened its doors in Concord, NC. He also shares his time with La Misi3n, a Spanish Anglican church which meets at Kerr Street United

Methodist Church in Concord.

He received a B.A. in Spanish from Queens University in Charlotte, NC, and a Master of Divinity from Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, VA. Joshua was a police officer and served his country as a 1st lieutenant in the Army. Prayer and discernment led Joshua to the Anglican Church of North America and he was ordained as an Anglican priest in April 2015. Father Joshua spends many hours in intensive prayer and study preparing for each Sunday sermon. He says, "Breaking open the word of God for the people of God is the highest of vocations because it reaches into the heart of God." He lives in Enochville with his wife Nelva and their four children.

The Margaret C. Woodson Foundation Scholarship:



David Cochran is the proud husband of Jamie, and father of five year old son Cameron. David and Jamie are natives of Locust, NC and Oakboro, NC. Jamie is pursuing her Master's Degree in Nurse Education and currently is employed at Cabarrus College where she a clinical instructor. David is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Charlotte with a degree in History and is currently entering his ninth year

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— Rev. Brian Preveaux, M.Div. Class of 2015, who spoke at the Bishop James Walker Hood Donor Appreciation Dinner.

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Eleventh Annual Bishop James Walker Hood Dinner

Eleventh Annual Bishop James Walker Hood Dinner Honors Bishops Johnson and Bolick

The Eleventh Annual Bishop James Walker Hood Donor Appreciation Dinner was held on May 14 in the Aymer Center. This annual event was held to recognize and thank those individuals who have given a thousand dollars or more in the last year to the Seminary. “This year Hood has much to be thankful for,” said President Vergel Lattimore, “and we celebrate each of you here this evening for your on-going support to Hood Seminary.”

The theme of this year’s event, attended by about 100 guests, was *Stewardship* – of the gifts we receive from donors, of our students and of our resources. Richard Blankenship of Franklin Street Partners in Chapel Hill spoke about his firm’s careful stewardship of the dollars

invested in the Seminary’s permanent endowment. Dr. Regina Dancy, Chief Financial Officer, spoke of the Seminary’s careful stewardship of all charitable contributions to annual scholarships and the annual fund and Dr. Trevor Eppheimer, Academic Dean, shared his vision of the stewardship of our students and the counseling and support they receive to make their education at Hood as successful as possible. Two Seminary students, Rev. Brian Preveaux and Rev. Teresa Cromedy, gave stirring testimonials on the importance of the guidance they receive during every step along the way of their seminary journey and of the financial support from scholarships made possible by Hood’s donors.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious Bishop James Walker Hood Awards for

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Eleventh Annual Bishop James Walker Hood Dinner

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Distinguished Service - the highest honor Hood Seminary bestows on its donors, leaders and supporters. President Lattimore, President Emeritus Albert J.D. Aymer, and Chairman of the Board Bishop Richard K. Thompson thanked this year's recipients for their constant support and generous contributions of time and talent to the mission of Hood Theological Seminary.

Bishop Joseph Johnson, retired bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, was recognized for his many years of faithful service to the A.M.E. Zion Church and to Hood Theological Seminary, and for his generous contributions in talents and resources in support of its mission. Bishop Johnson's formal association with Hood has been long and distinguished, beginning in the 1960s when he took Hood Extension classes taught by his pastor, Ruben L. Speaks, who became a Bishop in the A.M.E. Zion Church. In addition, he served two ten year terms as Adjunct Professor of Practical Ministry from 1982-92 and from 2004-14. He also served as Director of the Diploma program; Academic Advisor and reader in the Doctor of Ministry program, and Bishop-in-Residence. He guided Hood in its journey to become an accredited and free-standing seminary and he became its first chairman of the Board of Trustees. He now serves as a trustee emeritus, a generous benefactor, a kind mentor, and a constant advocate.

Bishop Leonard H. Bolick, Senior Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (since retired) was recognized for his years of extraordinary leadership to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, for enriching the Hood Seminary community as a true neighbor in Christ and for his support of the mission of Hood Seminary. He was also honored for his key role in the historic Agreement signed by the Board of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2010 and the beginning of bilateral discourse between the two denominations that continues today at local



President Vergel Lattimore, Bishop Richard K. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President Emeritus Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer, Bishop Leonard Bolick



Bishop Thompson, President Lattimore, Dr. Aymer, Bishop Joseph Johnson



Dr. Vergel Lattimore welcomes guests

and national levels. That effort can be pointed to as one of the first times, if not the first time, in the history of our nation, that an agreement of this kind between a historically white church and a historically black church was signed.

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teaching Social Studies at Carolina Christian School in Locust, and his second year serving as Youth Minister at Westford United Methodist Church in Concord NC. David has a passion for ministering to young people, spending time with family, outdoor activities, and sports. David is excited about his call to full time ministry and looks forward to being equipped at Hood Theological Seminary to impact the world

for Christ. David is grateful for the Margaret Woodson



Foundation's support as he begins his Seminary education at Hood Theological Seminary.

Eleazar Partida is a UMC student in the M.Div. program from Laurinburg, NC.

Campus Events

“Beginning a Healing Conversation” *A Community Forum Hosted by Hood Seminary*



Dr. Vergel Lattimore, HTS President, served as moderator



Panelists for the Forum



Many from the Salisbury/Rowan community attended the forum



Rev. Tim Bates

Hood Theological Seminary hosted a Community Forum on July 30th in the Aymer Center on the Seminary campus to address the need to foster better relations, respect, and understanding regarding race, justice and peace. The forum was the result of conversations that President Vergel Lattimore had been privileged to share with different individuals and groups in Salisbury and Rowan County over the last two years. “We believe the Seminary is a place for respectful, critical discussion of painful and sometimes difficult issues affecting society. There are a number of issues that have divided many communities across this great nation of the United States of America. Salisbury is not exempt from these challenges. We believe that honest conversation is a good place to start,” said Dr. Lattimore. The panel, moderated by Lattimore, was composed of Dr. Gary Freeze, Professor of History, Catawba College; Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Hood alumnus and Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District – Western NC Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church; Rev. Kris Mares, Hood alumna and Pastor of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church (Salisbury); Rev. Dr. Jim Dunkin, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church (Salisbury); Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Hood; and Rev. Timothy Bates, Hood alumnus and Pastor of Calvary and Cameron Presbyterian Churches (Statesville, NC).

Bible Study – Romans and Racial Reconciliation

As part of its continuing effort to provide theological leadership in addressing the racial issues of our day, Hood partnered with Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and St. John’s Lutheran Church—representing, respectively, a historically black denomination and a historically white denomination—to host a community-wide look at Romans

and Racial Reconciliation this fall. Dr. Bradley R. Trick, who led the study, said that he chose Romans as the focus because, contrary to many popular interpretations, the entire letter actually constitutes an extended critique of the racial segregation among the believers in Rome, where Jewish Christians were apparently worshipping together apart from the gentile Christians, and vice versa. Essentially, Trick suggests, Paul argues throughout the letter that the two groups must come together, not only for their own sakes, but for the sake of their community: by self-segregating, they were projecting a false image of God that essentially called his righteousness into question and kept his life from flowing through to their community. The implications for the church today are both straightforward and sobering. Accordingly, for six weeks from Oct 15 to Nov 19, Hood students and alumni gathered together on Thursday nights in the Aymer Center with members of the two sponsoring churches and the wider Salisbury community to share a meal, study the book of Romans, and think together about these implications for the church and society. The study was well received, with attendance ranging from 35 to 55 people and online videos of the six sessions collectively garnering over 250 views. Videos from the session can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/HoodNT>.

Book Study Deals with Racial Diversity and Reconciliation

Dr. Ken J. Walden led a ten-week discussion with clergy from the area on the theme of racial reconciliation using his new book “Practical Theology for Church Diversity.” The Rev. Robert Black, Rector of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, was one of the participants in the book study. “It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about our experiences of

diversity, both the joys and the struggles,” he said. “We discussed practical ways to improve church diversity, as well as the underlying theological impetuses for joining in God’s work of reconciliation. The clergy who attended also developed stronger ties with each other, which builds a foundation for further ministry in the community. Having Ken lead us in the book study was a true blessing, as it is not often that the author of the book being studied is able to facilitate the discussion.”



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magnificent ceremonial mace. In December, Dr. Mary Love and students in her Christian Symbols class honored Dr. Williams at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, where he is a member, for sharing his time, talents and knowledge with Hood students for many years. He was presented with a plaque to be placed in the educational wing of the church



along with other carvings. A book was also given that explains the Christian symbolism and faith connections incorporated into the carvings. The book will be placed in the church's archives to be available for study and to honor the Seminary's deep and cherished relationship with Dr. Williams.



The Seminary has been blessed with gifts of 2 beautiful pianos in the past two years. Richard and Pennie Martin of Salisbury donated a splendid Yamaha baby grand piano last year which has graced the new Aymer Center and provided the opportunity for piano accompaniment for many special events and services. Dr. Martin is a Trustee Emeritus of the Seminary. This is just one of the many ways in which



he and Pennie have shown their support of and dedication to the Seminary. Also, Mary Anne Laningham, a member of First United Methodist Church in

Salisbury, donated a Knabe & Co baby grand piano which replaced an old upright in the Chapel. These pianos have greatly enhanced the life of the Seminary in so many ways and will be enjoyed by all for years to come.

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Congratulations to HTS student **Willie Jones** who was inducted into the Affordable Housing Finance Hall of Fame at the AHF Summit this November in Chicago. Below is a portion of an article in which he was featured, reprinted with permission from the October 2015 issue of

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Change Agent

Willie Jones developed thousands of affordable housing units at The Community Builders.

By *Donna Kimura*

Willie Jones has always worked to make a difference. That's just who he is.

Before he was old enough to go to the polls, he was taking part in voter registration drives in the segregated South where he was raised. When he graduated from college, he dreamed of being a union president. As a young man living in Detroit in the 1980s, he worked with his neighbors to repair the boarded buildings on his block. When he later moved to Boston, he fought redlining, the evil practice of denying mortgages in certain neighborhoods based on race. And, most notably, for nearly 30 years, he developed affordable housing in some of the nation's most broken neighborhoods.

"I'm not great at anything, but I'm good at several things," says Jones, who recently retired as senior vice president, regions, at The Community Builders (TCB). "Development is a multi-disciplinary environment. It touches on several pieces of who you are. I felt this was a job that really stretched me and challenged me to learn all the time."

For his longtime work, he is being inducted into Affordable Housing Finance's Hall of Fame.

Although he has retired, Jones hasn't slowed down. He is pursuing a master's degree in theology at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C., near Charlotte.

"Theology has provided a comprehensive framework for the mission-driven work at The Community Builders, for revitalizing neighborhoods where churches are anchor institutions, and where returning citizens need support in successfully integrating or re-integrating into a community," Jones says.

(To read the entire article, please go to http://www.housingfinance.com/news/change-agent_o.)



Sherman Parker

"First do your best and let God do the rest" are words of wisdom from HTS student, Sherman Parker, who wrote a chapter in the book, *How Did They Do That? - Career Highlights, Triumphs, and Challenges* by Deborah Tompkins Johnson (Carpenter's Son Publishing, 2013). In the chapter titled "The Corporate Executive," Parker recounts how God shaped his life through the challenges that confronted him from youth through years as a successful executive in the corporate world at Xerox. He tells of being one of two African American students selected to desegregate Virginia's King George County schools in the 1960s. As he and his father walked through an angry crowd at the entrance to the school that first day, Parker says, "My father was holding my hand...and I know God was holding his." The positive example set by his parents and grandparents - their character, sacrifice and work ethic - guided and encouraged him. And his relationship with God, through Bible study and prayer, and the prayers of family, carried him through. His "Words of Wisdom" at the end of his story are truly inspiring and uplifting. The book is available through Amazon.com.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Sponsors Racial Reconciliation Internship

by Rev. Kevin J. Griffin, *HTS M.Div. student and CBF Racial Reconciliation Intern*



The Racial Reconciliation Internship, sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBF - NC), is focused on bringing Baptists of North Carolina Together for Christ-Centered Ministry.

In the 2007-08 Strategic Plan for the CBF of NC, diversity was identified as an initiative shaping future ministries. To address this need, the 2007 CBF of NC General Assembly approved the formation of a Diversity Task Force, for the purpose of making recommendations for increasing the diversity of our Fellowship.

As of July 2007, the Diversity Task Force began working toward this end. Ethnic diversity quickly rose to the top of

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Alumni News



President Lattimore greets alumni and guests at a dinner hosted by HTS during the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church's Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC, in June.



Alumni, students, and faculty had opportunities for fellowship at Lake Junaluska in June.



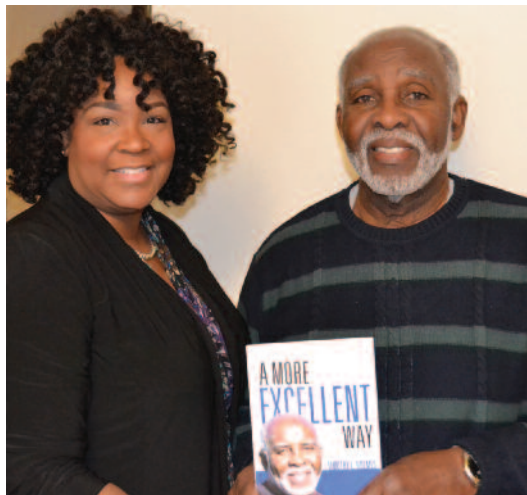
Rev. Dora Atlas, M.Div. 1976, was honored in February at the 25th anniversary of Our Daily Bread Kitchen, Inc., in Asheboro, NC. Atlas started Our Daily Bread in 1990 and officially retired at the age of 93. Dr. Mary Love presented her with a painting of the chapel where she worshipped at Hood on the campus of Livingstone College. She is the oldest living graduate of the Seminary.



Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison was recognized in February for his service to the Seminary as its first President of the Alumni Association formed after the HTS became independent.



Congratulations to the new officers of the Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association (HTSAA) who were installed on October 1st by Bishop Richard K. Thompson, Chairman of the HTS Board of Trustees. Pictured above are the newly installed officers along with out-going officers and the HTS Director of Alumni Engagement. (left to right) Rod Ingram, out-going Treasurer; William M. Jordan III, Parliamentarian; Wardell Henderson, Chaplain; Justin R. Smith, Treasurer; Tamica Robinson, Assistant Secretary; Carmen Wilder, HTS Director of Alumni Engagement; Margaret L. Blackmon, Vice President; Tony Henderson, President; Mechelle Myers, out-going Vice President; Grant Harrison, out-going President. Not pictured, Carolyn Bratton, Secretary. We are deeply grateful to out-going officers Dr. Harrison, Rev. Ingram, and Rev. Myers for their service to the HTSAA over the past 5 years.



Timothy Holmes, M.Div. 1998, visited campus recently to donate a copy of his new book, "The More Excellent Way," to the library. He is shown here with Carmen Wilder, Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving.



Nine Hood alumni were commissioned as provisional members of the WNCC of the UMC this June at the Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska. (l to r) Tracy Fulbright Love, Adam Love, Jesse Smith, Juston Smith, Daniel Wilson, Donna Southard Friddle, Roy Miller, Walter Christian and Victor Wilfong at Lake Junaluska.

All Hood Alumni Reunion Symposium and Celebration

Theme:

*The Pulse of 21st Century Ministry:
Integrity, Innovation, and Inclusiveness*

March 17-18, 2016

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Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Pastor
Greenleaf Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ), Goldsboro, NC
President, N. C. State Conference of the N.A.A.C.P.

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our exchanges and the task force discerned racial reconciliation, particularly between African American and Anglo Christians and churches, needed to be the focus of our work. To that end, the task force was renamed the Racial Reconciliation Ministry Team.

The Racial Reconciliation Ministry Team believes there is a difference between increasing the racial diversity of the Fellowship and building community with Christians from other racial groups. Increasing the racial diversity of the Fellowship could be achieved by recruiting churches of different racial backgrounds. However, in order to build authentic relationships of trust that lead to reconciliation within the body of Christ, we must understand that which led us to be segregated, recognize what it means to be segregated, and discover why it is important that we engage one another.

Therefore, education, conversation, and relationships are the foundation for any meaningful future in regards to increasing the Fellowship's racial diversity.

Internship Focus:

The Racial Reconciliation Divinity School Internship is designed to foster the conversation regarding racial diversity at the local Divinity Schools of North Carolina. The intern will serve as a liaison between the CBF-NC Racial Reconciliation Ministry Team and the Divinity School to raise awareness of racial reconciliation initiatives and issues. In addition, the intern will plan and lead related program and activities at the local Divinity School, to empower Divinity school students to work towards racial reconciliation on their campuses, and advocate for racial reconciliation in students communities and churches.

Forward Focus:

My initial meeting was on 11/9/15 with the Racial Reconciliation Team. I will be working with Dr. Ken Walden and Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango to plan conversations for the spring term in 2016.

Hood Theological Seminary Offers Doctor of Ministry Degree with Concentration in Pastoral Theology and Care

A Doctor of Ministry Degree with Concentration in Pastoral Theology and Care is now offered at Hood and is designed to equip ministers with a deeper level of skill for assisting their church and community through pastoral care. “Hood Theological Seminary understands that effective ministry in the church and the world requires the mastery and utilization of specialized skills,” said President Lattimore. These skills include competence in the preparation and conduct of worship and preaching; the ability to communicate effectively in teaching, preaching, and evangelism; productive approaches to mission and outreach; creative relationship to people of all races, ages, gender, and social class; and proficiency in administration,

pastoral counseling, and pastoral care. For this reason, theological education at Hood Seminary assists the development and cultivation of those specialized skills for meaningful expression of beliefs with the Christian church.”

Dr. Jim R. Wadford, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, said “The Doctor of Ministry Program is expanding to assist its students in personal development, professional growth, and to ready them for church and community ministry.” Interested pastors and laypersons may contact the Deans’ office (704-636-6962) or the Admissions Director, Angela Davis-Baxter (704-636-6023) for additional information, or visit www.hoodseminary.edu.

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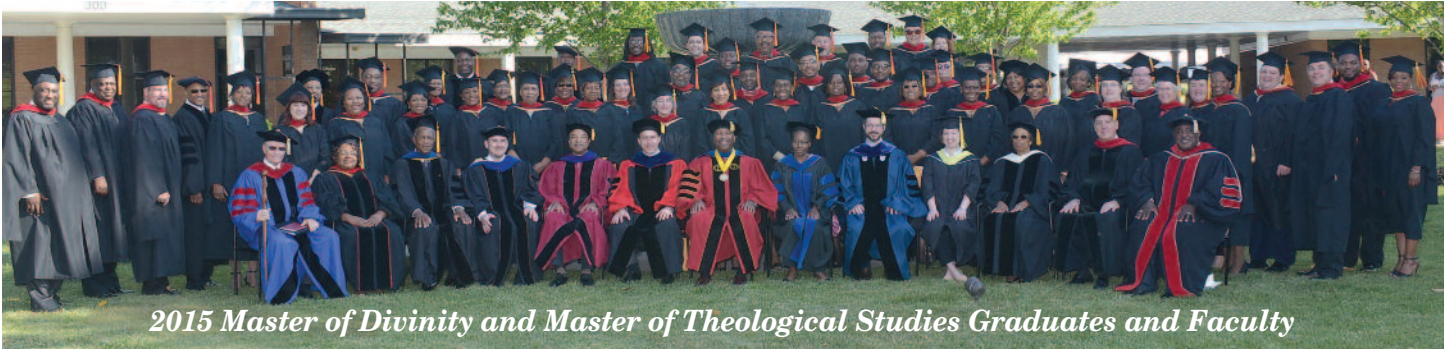
Bishop Teresa Elaine Snorton



Bishop William Phillips DeVaux (center)



Bishop Mildred “Bonnie” Hines



2015 Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies Graduates and Faculty



2015 Doctor of Ministry Graduates and Faculty

In Memoriam

Rev. Richard James Harris, '58
January 9, 2015, Wilkesboro, NC

Mrs. Pamela Undra Hauser Rhodes
Wife of Rev. Dr. Lenton D. Rhodes, M.Div. '04, D.Min. '11
January 18, 2015

Rev. Kelly B. Ottinger, M.Div. '15 (posthumously)
January 22, 2015, Rockwell, NC

Rev. Mark Eugene Jordan, M.Div. '09
February 21, 2015, Asheboro, NC

Rev. Deborah Dubois, Former MTS student
March 7, 2015, Charlotte, NC

Ms. Marie P. Tann, President's Advisory Council
March 13, 2015, Concord, NC

Rev. Gary Bruce Foster, M.Div. '04
May 29, 2015, Lexington, NC

Mr. Dorsia Alexander Atkinson
Husband of Rev. Ruth Bass Atkinson, Hood alumna
May 29, 2015, Landis, NC

Mrs. Mayfred Hughes Nall
Wife of Rev. Dr. Roe Nall, Jr. of the President's Advisory Council
May 31, 2015, Lithonia, GA

Rev. Dr. Cynthia W. Stewart, M.Div. '83
June 8, 2015, Uniondale, NY

Mr. Fred Evans, President's Advisory Council
June 17, 2015, Salisbury, NC

Rev. Frank W. Davis, Jr., M.Div. '73
July 15, 2015

Mr. Larry Peeler, Friend of the Seminary
July 15, 2015, Salisbury, NC

Mrs. Lois Pruehsner
Former member President's Advisory Council
July 28, 2015, Salisbury, NC

Mr. James Davis
Step-father of Rev. Rodvegas Ingram, '05
August 5, 2015, Albemarle, NC

Rev. Ronald Shoaf, M.Div. '08
October 15, 2015, Greensboro, NC

Rev. Dr. Lillie M. Jones, M.Div. '03
October 27, 2015, High Point, NC

Fred Jargbeh Tuopaeh, Former student
November 9, 2015



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January

- 6** SGA Coffee & Conversation
- 15** Orientation and registration for new students
- 26** First day of classes – Track I
- 29** First day of classes – Track II

February

- Black History Month Celebration
- 10** Appreciation Breakfast for Faculty & Staff
- 10** Endowment Convocation
- 12-13** Bishop White Endowed Heritage Lecture Series

March

- Women's History Month Celebration
- 11-12** SGA to visit Alabama Campus
- 17-18** All-Hood Alumni Symposium
- 19** D.Min. Service of Candidacy

April

- Election of SGA Officers 2016-17

May

- 20** Milestone Luncheon for 10th and 25th Milestone Graduates
- 20** Honors Awards and Closing Convocation
- 21** Commencement



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