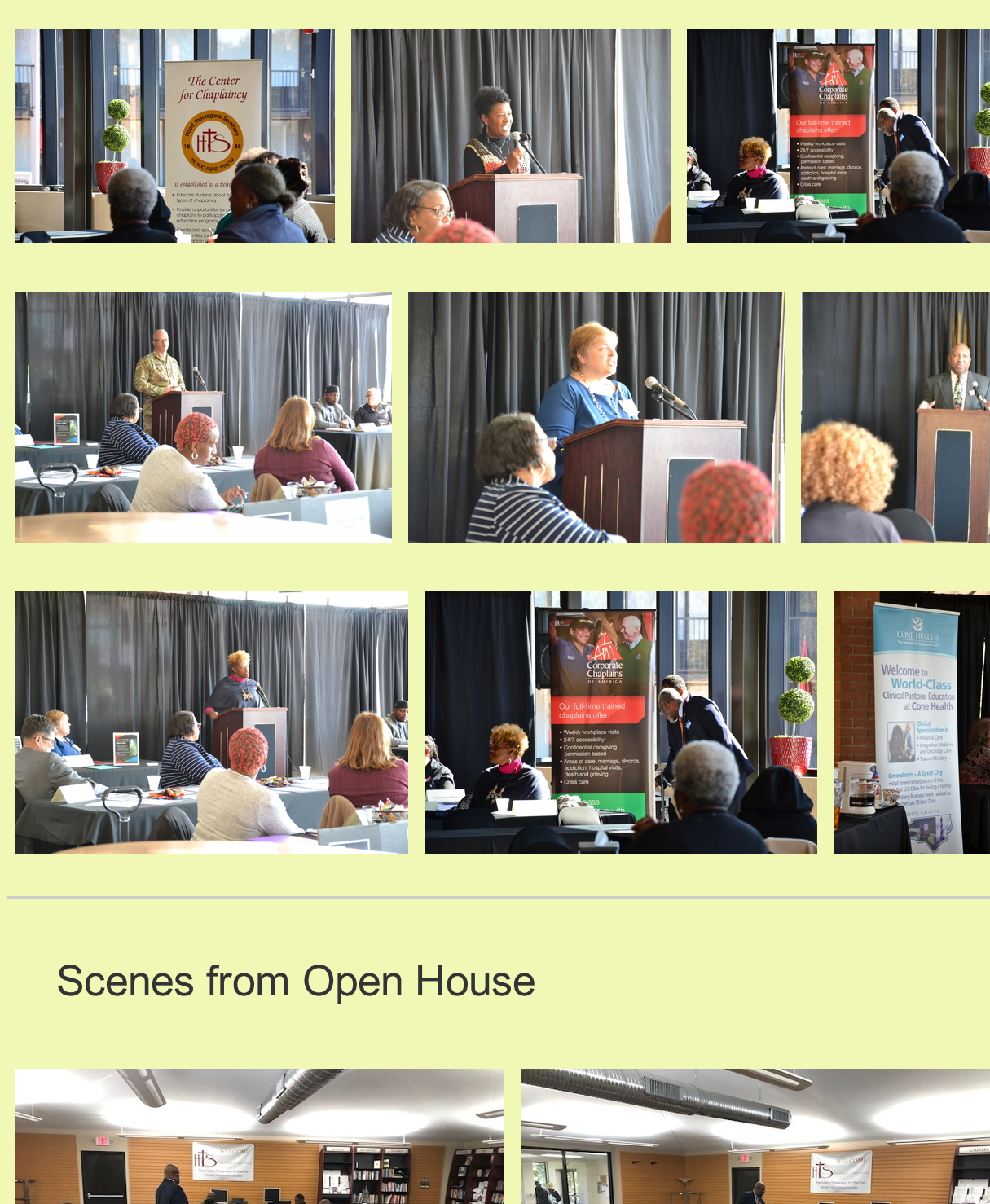
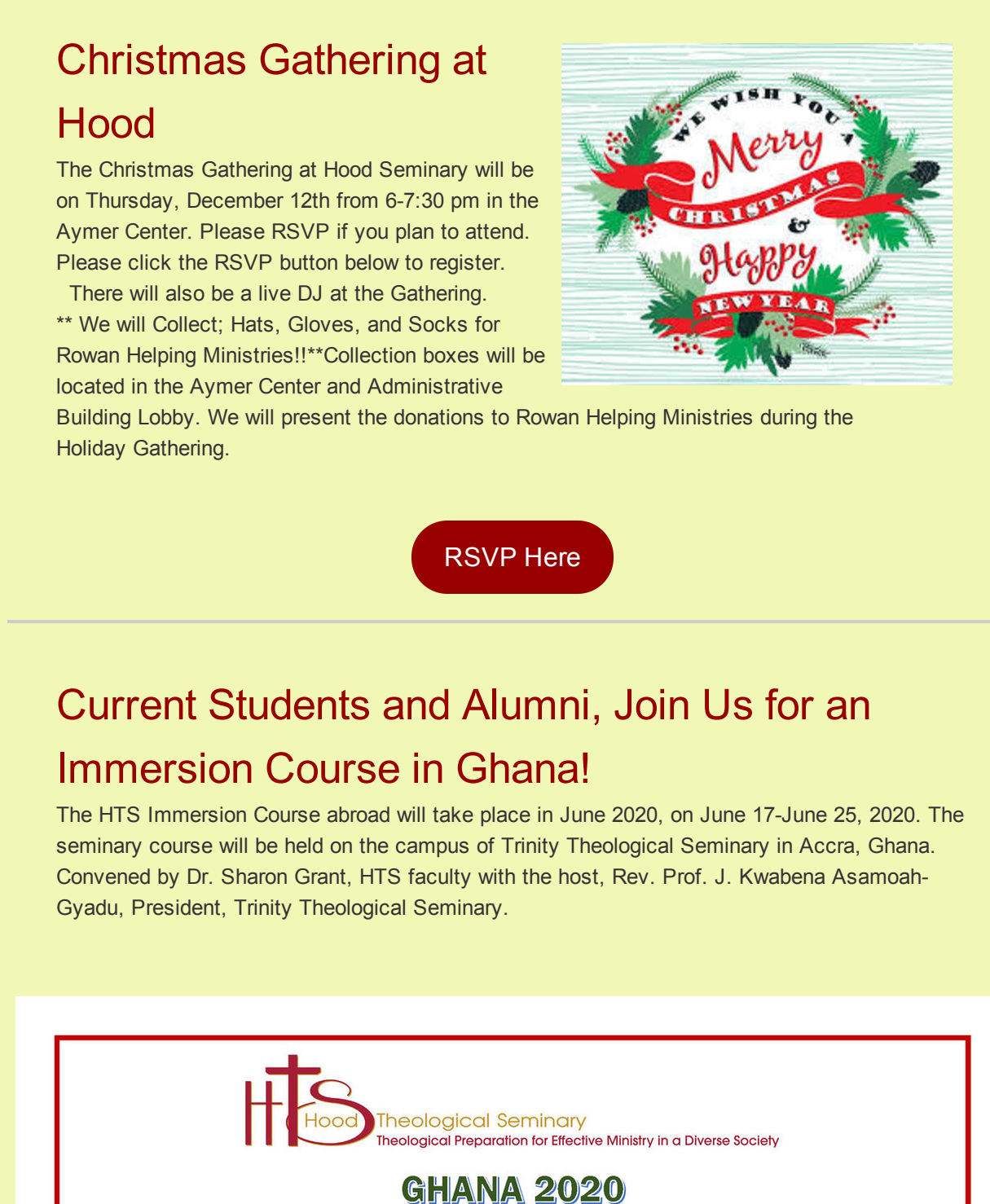


Hood Theological Seminary Offices will close for Christmas break at 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2019, and reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 8:00 AM.

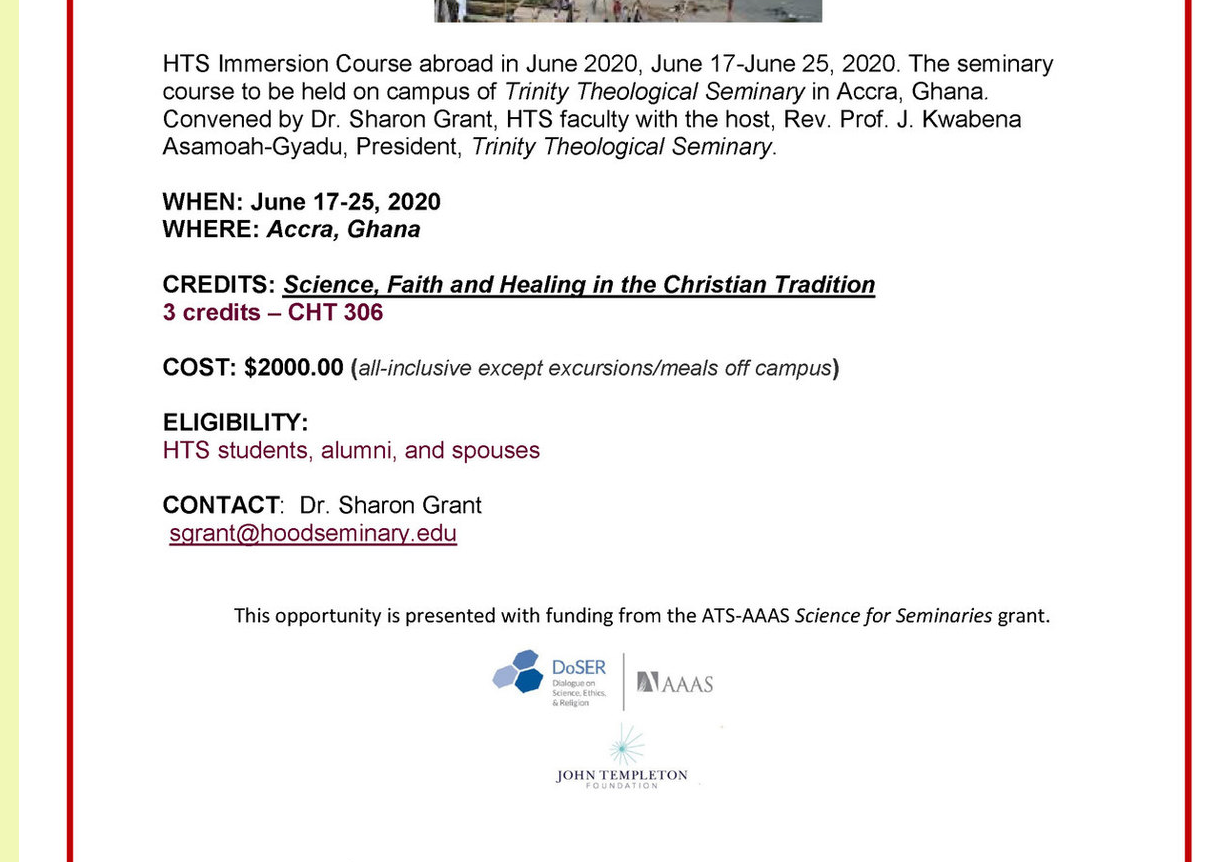
Scenes from EduWorship Event



Scenes from Chaplain Education Day

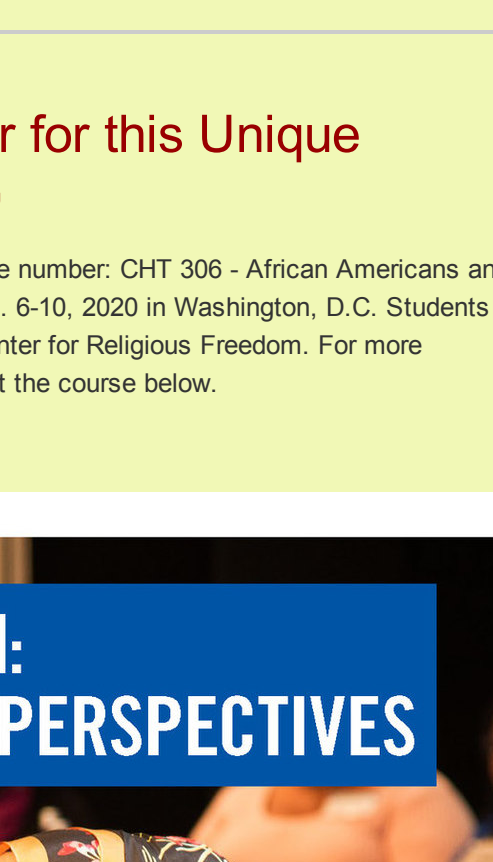


Scenes from Open House



Christmas Gathering at Hood

The Christmas Gathering at Hood Seminary will be on Thursday, December 12th from 6-7:30 pm in the Aymer Center. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Please click the RSVP button below to register. There will also be a live DJ at the Gathering. ** We will Collect: Hats, Gloves, and Socks for Rowan Helping Ministries! ** Collection boxes will be located in the Aymer Center and Administrative Building Lobby. We will present the donations to Rowan Helping Ministries during the Holiday Gathering.



[RSVP Here](#)

Current Students and Alumni, Join Us for an Immersion Course in Ghana!

The HTS Immersion Course abroad will take place in June 2020, on June 17-June 25, 2020. The seminary course will be held on the campus of Trinity Theological Seminary in Accra, Ghana. Convened by Dr. Sharon Grant, HTS faculty with the host, Rev. Prof. J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, President, Trinity Theological Seminary.

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WHEN: June 17-25, 2020
WHERE: Accra, Ghana

CREDITS: Science, Faith and Healing in the Christian Tradition
3 credits – CHT 306

COST: \$2000.00 (all-inclusive except excursions/meals off-campus)

ELIGIBILITY:
HTS students, alumni, and spouses

CONTACT: Dr. Sharon Grant
sggrant@hoodseminary.edu

This opportunity is presented with funding from the ATS-AAAS Science for Seminaries grant.

JAMES WALKER FUND

\$300 non-refundable deposit due by January 30, 2020

Current Students, Register for this Unique January Intensive Course!

Hood is offering a January intensive with the course number: CHT 306 - African Americans and Religious Freedom. This course will take place Jan. 6-10, 2020 in Washington, D.C. Students will have to register twice - for Hood and for the Center for Religious Freedom. For more information [click here](#), or see the information about the course below.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:
AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

REL 700: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Jan. 6 - 10, 2020
Washington, D.C.

Course registration:
Register through **Dec. 1, 2019** for the Jan. 2020 session.

Registration cost for the on-site intensive is covered by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. Students are responsible for paying the tuition cost determined by their academic institution. Travel and lodging expenses are covered by the student.

For more information visit: religiousfreedomcenter.org/perspectives

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COURSE OFFERINGS

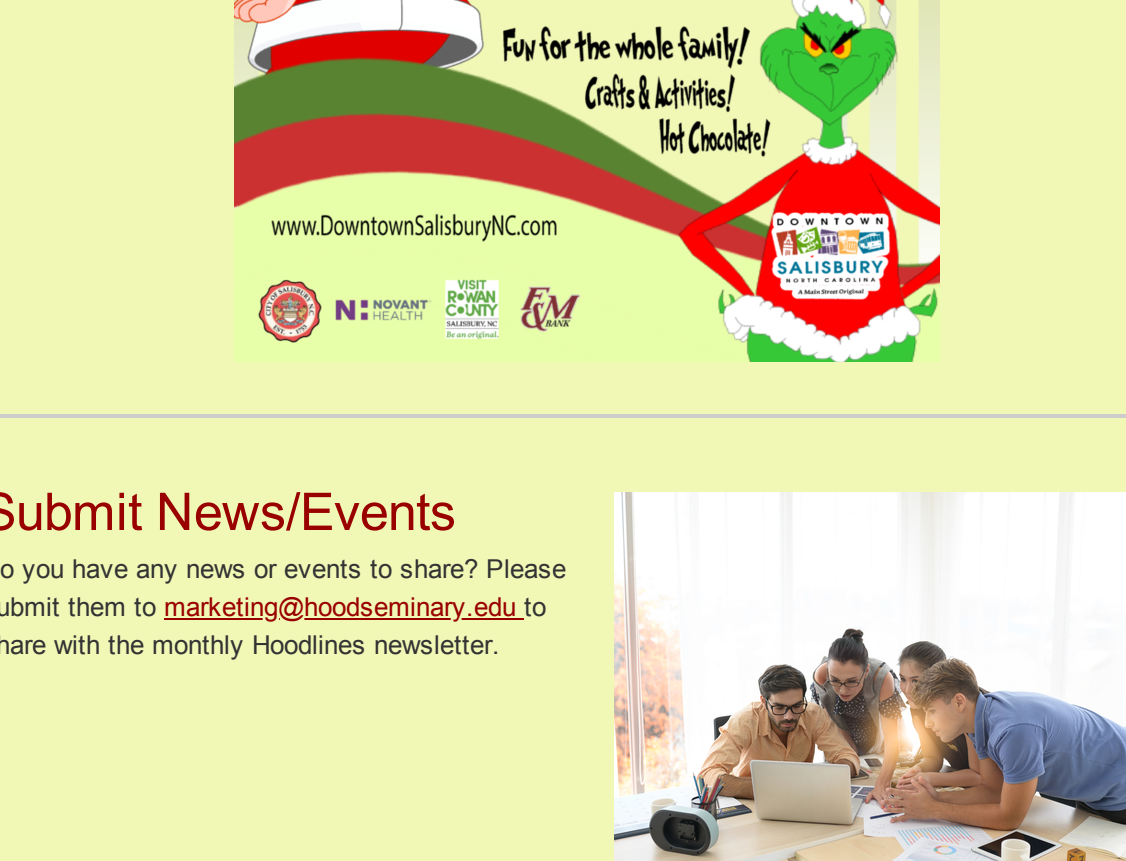
REL 700: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
Course Instructors: Corey D. B. Walker, Ph.D. and Sabrina E. Dent, D.Min.

This blended learning course designed for graduate seminary students will critically address the contentious politics of race and religious freedom in American public life. Particular attention will be given to how and in what ways power, violence, identity and pluralism form and frame the discourse of religious freedom across time and space. The course will feature a team of scholars and professional experts actively engaged in addressing these issues in multiple contexts.

The week-long intensive will give religious and civic leaders the opportunity to learn about the role of religion in public life while exploring three areas of competency: religious liberty, religious literacy and civil dialogue. Participants will be introduced to experts actively engaged in addressing these issues in their local and national contexts. This on-site experience will take place Jan. 2020 in Washington, D.C.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

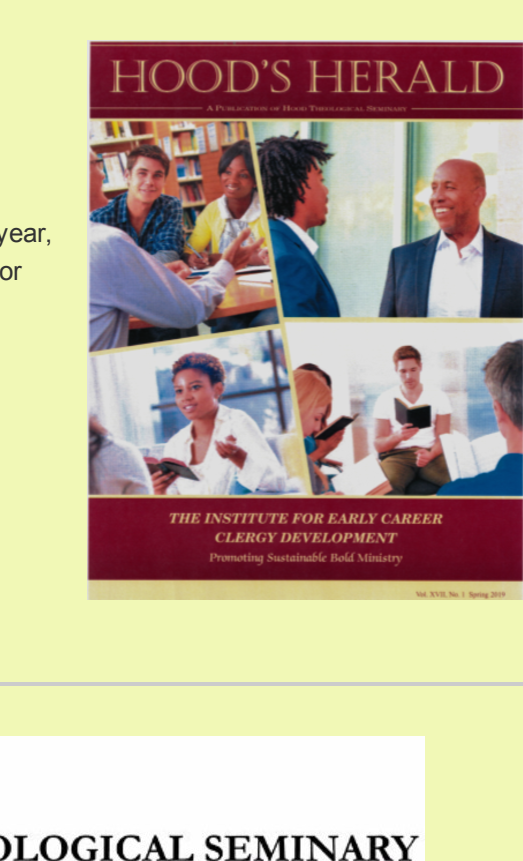
The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University and the Religious Freedom Center of the Freedom Forum Institute have partnered with the five other Historically Black Theological Institutions (HBTIs) for a three-year project examining African Americans and religious freedom. The African American struggle for freedom and justice cannot be fully understood without acknowledging the First Amendment freedoms at the heart of these struggles. This collaborative project will result in week-long intensive courses, seminars, symposia and other public programs.



Remember

#GivingTuesday!

This year #GivingTuesday is December 3, 2019. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.



Hood Theological Seminary Alumni & Friends, let's reach 100%! We need your support, our students need your support.

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. For more information, go to the #GivingTuesday website [here](#).

[Donate Now to HTS!](#)

Your Support is Needed & Appreciated ANNUALLY...

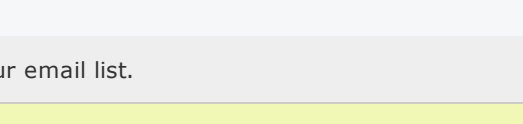
If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Carmen W. Harper, Director of Alumni Engagement & Annual Giving at 704-314-4970 or Charpen@hoodseminary.edu

Give to Hood Seminary TODAY!

#GivingTuesday

End of Year Annual Giving

The end of year Annual Giving is coming! Remember to give to HTS! [Donate Now!](#)



Join Our Online Community!

We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni and supporters a place to network with one another and with the Hood community, to share resources, and to generate community conversations on topics relevant to particular areas of work.

This platform will allow those involved to create a all within a live online environment. On a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off-campus, see available jobs posted by various members, and join in great discussions. Members will also have the availability to great resources and will have the opportunity to join groups such as early clergy, chaplaincy, and alumni, just to name a few.

Here is the link to join and create a login:
[Click Here](#)

Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will participate in the board meeting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Pittsburgh, PA on December 5-6.

He will attend the Piedmont Episcopal District Mountain Top Christmas Celebration, Camp Dorothy Walls, Black Mountain, NC, December 6.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the board meeting of the F & M Bank, Granite Quarry, NC, December 10.

He will attend the 75th Anniversary of the Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC (pastored by distinguished HTS alum - Rev. Randall Cain), December 14.

He will attend the A.M.E. Zion Christian Education Convention (Truthville), Washington, DC, December 27-28.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Vickie L. Hughes, M.Div '18, who just published her first book, *In the Still of the Night and the Wee Mornin' Hours... I FIND GOD EVERYWHERE*. This book is a collection of her poems, quotes, prayers, reflective thoughts, and sermons. For more information and to order the book [click here](#).

IN MEMORIAM

The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

Mrs. Barbara Langford, who passed away on November 19, 2019. Mrs. Langford was a member of the Hood President's Advisory Council, received the Bishop's Award with her husband, Tom, and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Hood Items for Sale

The SGA has HTS scarves, ties, cuff links, patches, and special James Walker Hood coins/paperweight. Contact Angelica Sweat, SGA president (Angelicaswest@gmail.com) for information on how to acquire them. You can also purchase items online [here](#).

Did you Know?

You can audit a class at HTS!
Learning is a lifelong process; continue the journey with us. For clergy, church professionals and laypersons... all denominations welcome! Read more [here](#).

Job Opportunities

The United States Department of Commerce is now hiring to assist with the 2020 Census! They have excellent jobs for students and alumni! Census positions offer flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings, and weekends. Hourly rates range from \$13-30 per hour, and all applications can be completed [here](#).

Music & Worship Leader Ministry Opportunity, Lylety Evangelical Church. For information on how to apply, go [here](#).

Hood Hosts Racial Equity Rowan on their Salisbury, NC campus

This workshop provided information analysis, and conversation to assist participants to gain clarity about the historical roots and modern-day manifestations of racial inequity. The workshop helped support the good work around racial equity. The Racial Equity Training, delivered by the Racial Equity Institute, LLC, based in Greensboro is designed to build the capacity of leaders in understanding and positively impacting racial inequities and disparities in the community. Below are scenes from the event.

Photos & Firetrucks with Santa and the Grinch

Saturday, December 14

Free photos with Santa and the Grinch
Gateway Park - 10:00 am-1:00 pm
(corner of N. Depot and E. Service Streets)

Antique Fire Truck rides with Santa and the Grinch
Visitors Center - 1:30-4:00 pm
(204 E. Service Street)

Fun for the whole family!
Crafts & Activities!
Hot Cocoa!

www.DowntownSalisburyNC.com

Submit News/Events

Do you have any news or events to share? Please submit them to marketing@hoodseminary.edu to share with the monthly Hoodlines newsletter.

Hood's Herald - Spring 2019

Read the latest edition now available [online!](#) This annual publication includes highlights of the past year, articles of interest, and the Honor Roll of Donors for 2018.

HOOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY THE FIRM FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND

It's so easy to [donate securely online!](#) Or mail your check to the Seminary at 1810 Lutheran Synod Dr., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Your gift to the Annual Fund is essential in promoting the mission of the Seminary and in helping keep tuition as low as possible for our students. Every gift, small and large, is greatly appreciated and stewarded responsibly.

Create Your Legacy with a Planned Gift

~ Do you have an IRA?
~ Are you at least 70 1/2 years of age?
~ Would you like to help HTS in its mission to prepare women and men for bold and creative leadership for the Christian church for a diverse world?

If you answered "Yes" to all three questions, please consider an IRA Charitable Rollover.

In an IRA Charitable Rollover, the distribution of up to \$100,000 annually made directly from the IRA custodian to a qualifying public charity, such as HTS, is excluded from gross income and counts toward the required minimum distribution.

For more information, contact John Everett at jevrett@hoodseminary.edu or (704) 636-6545, or visit our [Planned Giving](#) website for lots of helpful information.