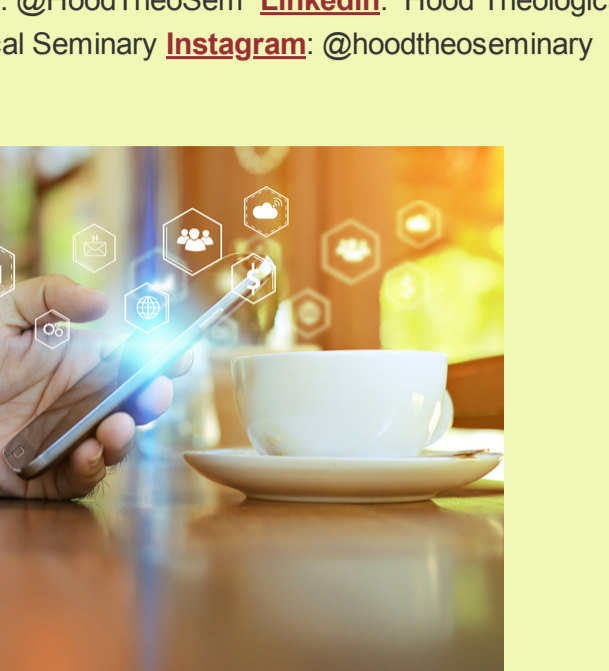


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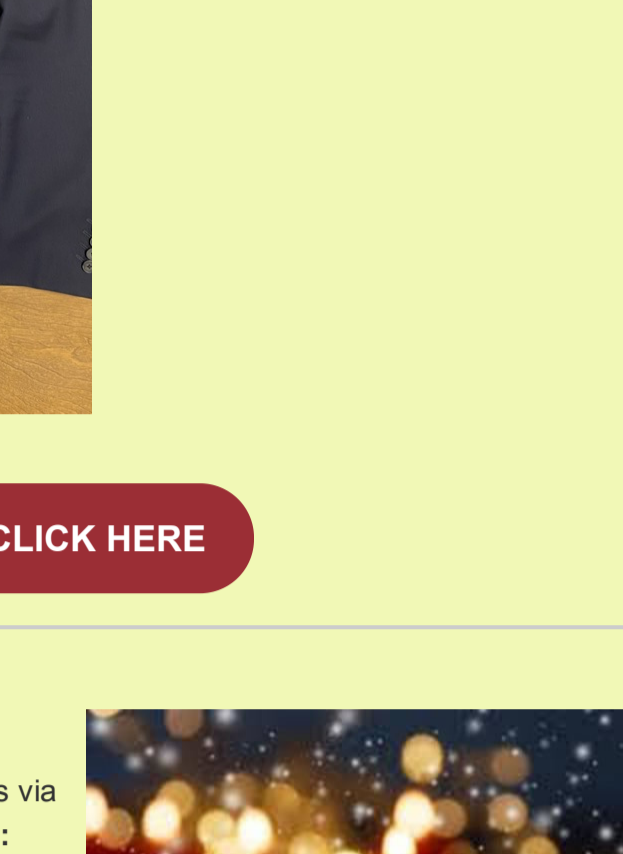
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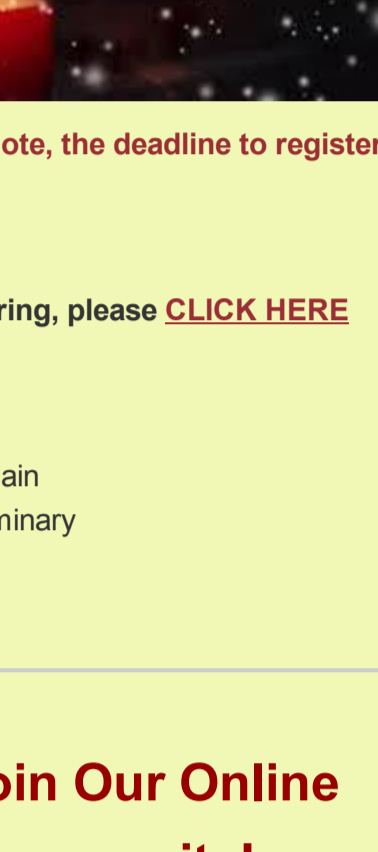
## 1885 Society Virtual Celebration Recap

View the 1885 Society Virtual Celebration Recap [HERE](#).



## Attorney Janet Ward Black Named "Lawyer of the Year"

Attorney Janet Ward Black was recently named "Lawyer of the Year" in the Triad for personal injury litigation – plaintiffs published by U.S. News & World Report. She is a member of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Emerita at Hood Theological Seminary. She is also a recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Hood. Each year only one lawyer in a metropolitan region is recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for that practice area. Additionally, Janet Ward Black was named to the list of Best Lawyer in America for the 14th consecutive year as well as the 2020 Super Lawyers list for the 15th year.



## New HTS Apparel Now Available!

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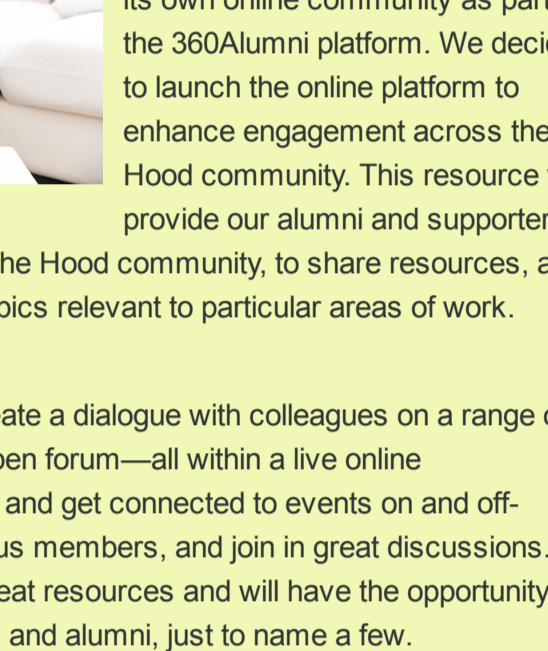


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## Save the Date!

The Center For Chaplaincy presents via online gatherings: "Keeping It Real: Mental Health In The Church and Community During the Season of Pandemic and Beyond."

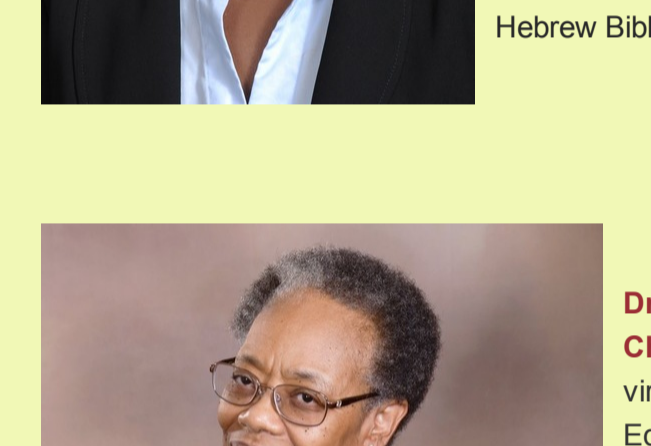
The next gathering will be on December 15, 2020: "Holiday Grief and Anxiety - The Dark Night of the Soul." Please note, the deadline to register is December 14th, 2020.



For more information and to register for this gathering, please [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information, please contact:

Rev. Karen L. Owens, D.Min., Behavioral Health Chaplain Director, Center For Chaplaincy, Hood Theological Seminary [kowens@hoodseminary.edu](mailto:kowens@hoodseminary.edu)



## 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 dialogue with colleagues 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 of great resources and will have the opportunity to join groups such as early clergy, chaplaincy, and alumni, just to name a few.

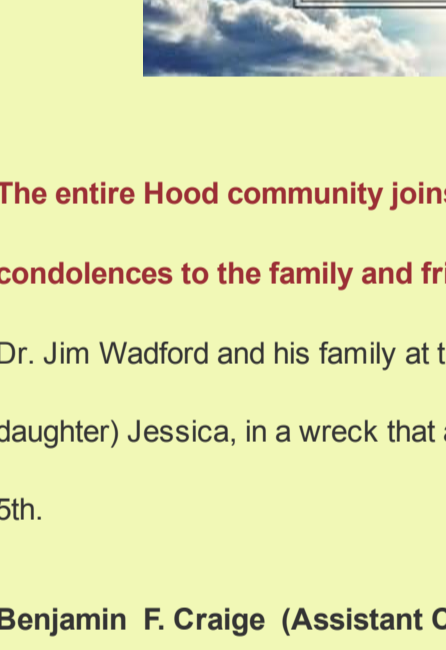
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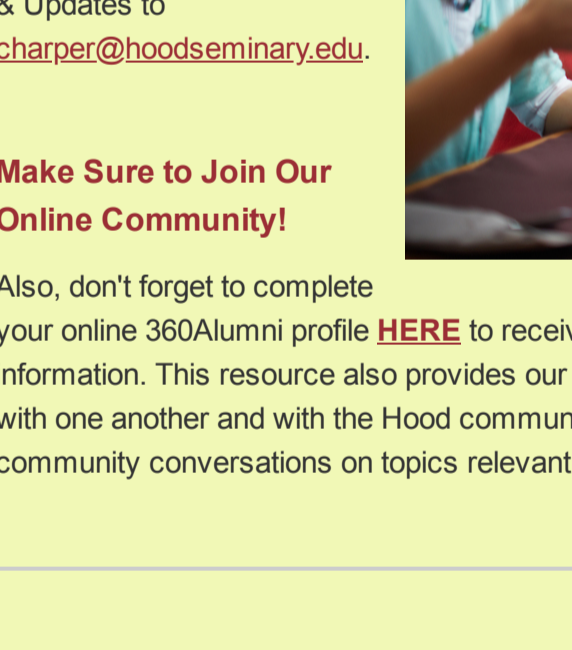


**Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor** will participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), Inc. December 3-4, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore will teach the Every Man's church school lesson - "A Regal Response to Holy Light" at First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC on December 20, 2020.



**Dr. Dora R. Mbuwayesango, Dean of Students and George E. and Iris Battle Professor of Old Testament** presented on "The Bible Through African Eyes/ Exploring African Biblical Hermeneutics" at the University of Pikeville, Kentucky via zoom on November 9. Her article, "The Challenge of Feminist Bible Translation in the African Context" was published online in The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Approaches to the Hebrew Bible.

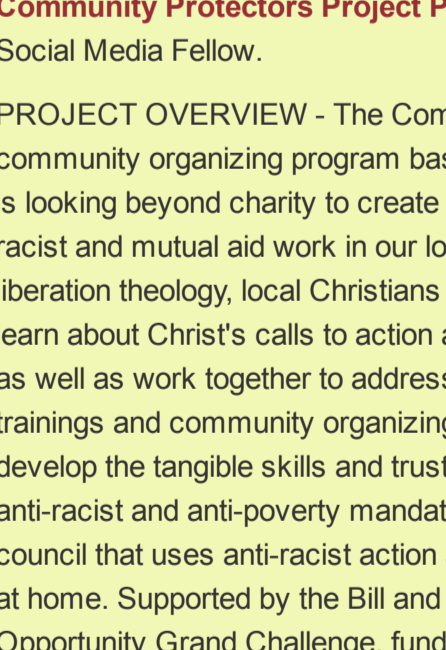


**Dr. Mary Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education**, attended the virtual conference of the Religious Education Association. This was an opportunity to engage with Christian Educators around the country exploring how the discipline can effectively address issues such as justice, racism, teaching research, etc. New research and publications were also introduced to participants.

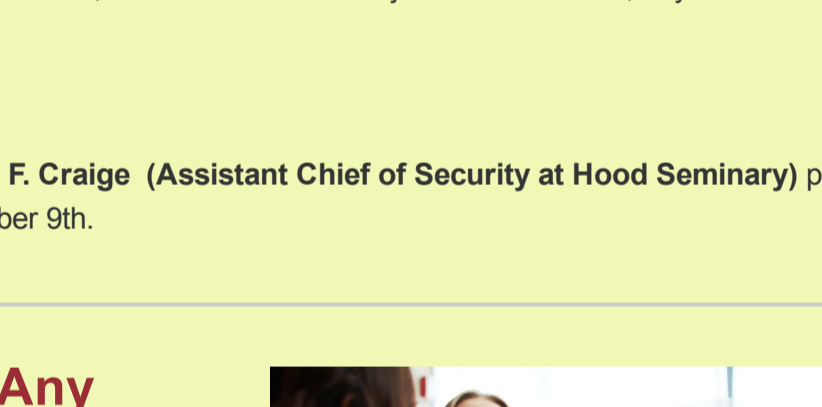
Love facilitated a Virtual Blessing of the Children and Town Hall Meeting for the F. A. C. T. (Families and Communities Together) group in Salisbury. The theme was adapted from the Children's Defense Fund "Re-Imaging Our Future: Justice and Joy for all Children" based on Isaiah 43:1-2, 5a, 18-18 and 1 Timothy 4:12-14. The goal was to hear the voices of the younger generation as they shared their feelings about the issues associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Words of encouragement were also provided along with the commitment of F. A. C. T. members to continue to love and care for the younger generation.

The 7th annual Healthy Churches 2020 Conference was also attended by Love. This conference used the theme "The Black Health Agenda for a New Decade: Intersecting Health, Religion, Race and Politics." A wide variety of health issues facing people of color were addressed along with providing healthy suggestions to make a difference. Health concerns do not just emerge or exist in a vacuum, therefore it is necessary to explore the many factors that impact health. Presenters included faith leaders, medical professionals and community organizers sharing to bring together mind, body, spirit and fitness.

Love continues to serve with the Ecumenical Consultation on Protocols for Worship, Fellowship and Sacraments. This group is working on suggestions of ways to engage congregations during the pandemic, and yet remain true to religious practices and theologies.



**Dr. Vincent Howell, Director of the Congregational Faith & Learning Center (TCFLC)**, co-lead workshops on racial reconciliation for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Workshops were held in October, November and two additional workshops are planned for February and March 2021. See the entire article [HERE](#).



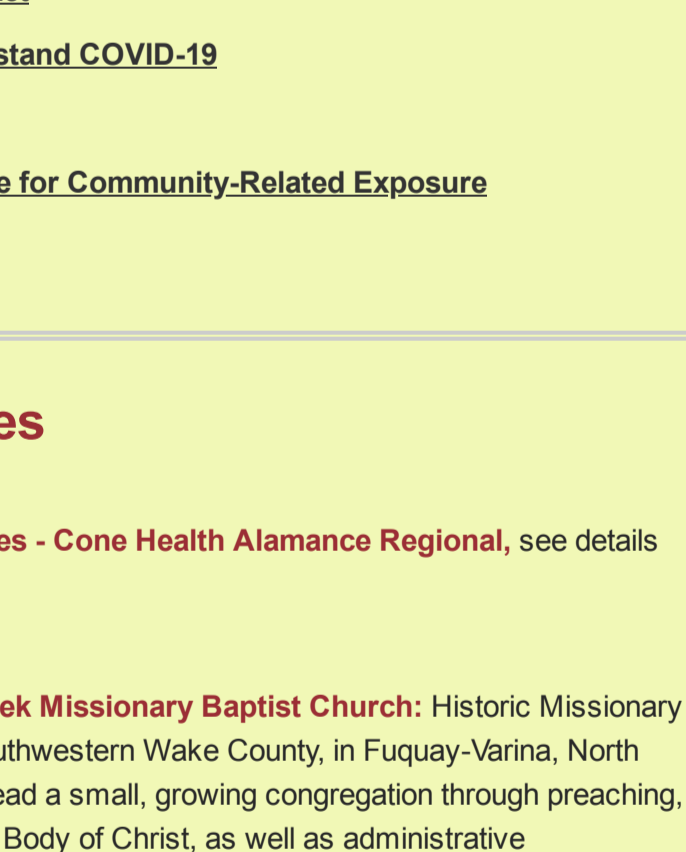
The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:

Dr. Jim Wadford and his family at the death of his niece, (his brother's oldest daughter) Jessica, in a wreck that also injured her husband, Jay Brenza on November 5th.

**Benjamin F. Craigie (Assistant Chief of Security at Hood Seminary)** passed away on November 9th.

## Have Any Alumni News?

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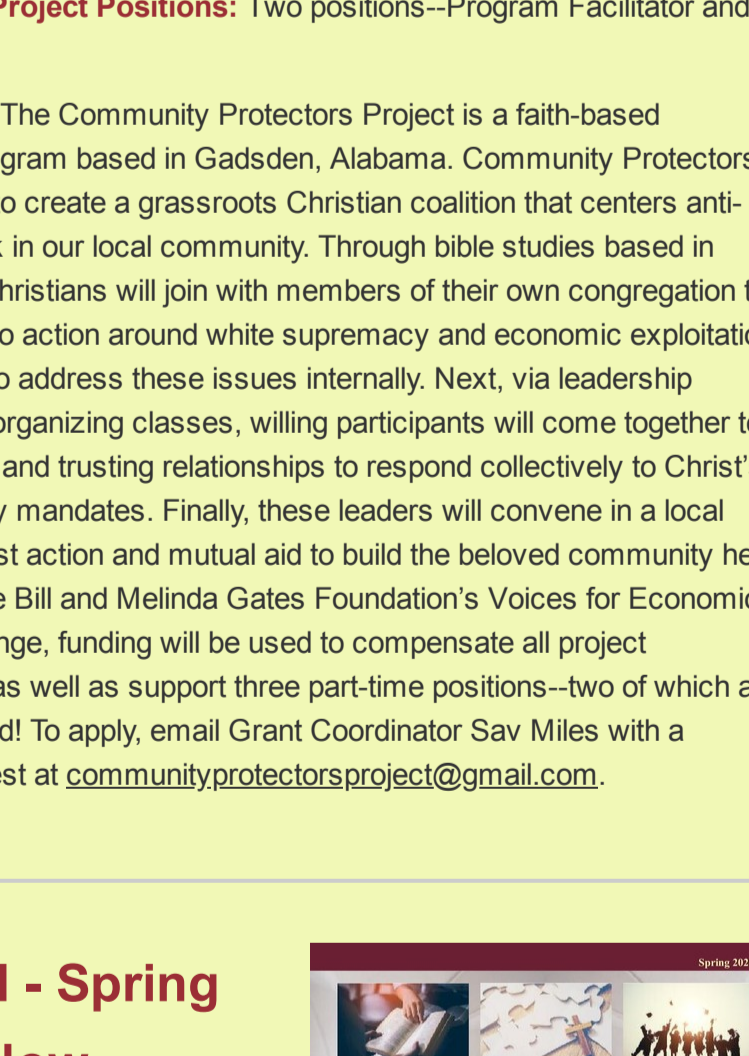


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## Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:



[CDC and COVID-19](#)

[Understanding the CARES Act](#)

[How to Help Children Understand COVID-19](#)

[Video on Church Protection](#)

[CDC: Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

## Job Opportunities

**Chaplain Residency Vacancies - Cone Health Alamance Regional**, see details [HERE](#).

**Pastoral Search - Bazzel Creek Missionary Baptist Church:** Historic Missionary Baptist Church—located in Southwestern Wake County, in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina— seeks a Pastor to lead a small, growing congregation through preaching, teaching and ministering to the Body of Christ, as well as administrative oversight. **Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Pastoral Search Committee requests all interested individuals to submit the application packets electronically to: [bcmbpastoralsearch@gmail.com](mailto:bcmbpastoralsearch@gmail.com)**

**Director of Youth Ministries**, United Methodist Western North Carolina Conference (Charlotte, NC). For the full job description and information on how to apply, please go [HERE](#)

**Community Protectors Project Positions:** Two positions—Program Facilitator and Social Media Fellow.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW - The Community Protectors Project** is a faith-based community organizing program based in Gadsden, Alabama. Community Protectors is looking beyond charity to create a grassroots Christian coalition that centers anti-racist and mutual aid work in our local community. Through bible studies based in liberation theology, local Christians will join with members of their own congregation to learn about Christ's calls to action around white supremacy and economic exploitation as well as work together to address these issues internally. Next, via leadership trainings and community organizing classes, issuing projects will come together to develop the tangible skills and trusting relationships to respond collectively to Christ's anti-racist and anti-poverty mandates. Finally, these leaders will convene in a local council that uses anti-racist action and mutual aid to build the beloved community here at home. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Voices for Economic Opportunity Grand Challenge, funding will be used to compensate all project participants for their time as well as support three part-time positions—two of which are currently looking to be filled! To apply, email Grant Coordinator Sav Miles with a resume and letter of interest at [communityprotectorsproject@gmail.com](mailto:communityprotectorsproject@gmail.com).

## Hood's Herald - Spring 2020 Edition Now Available Online!

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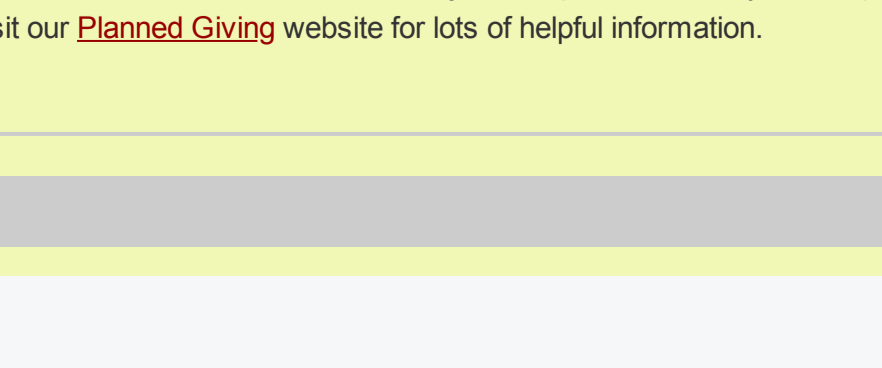
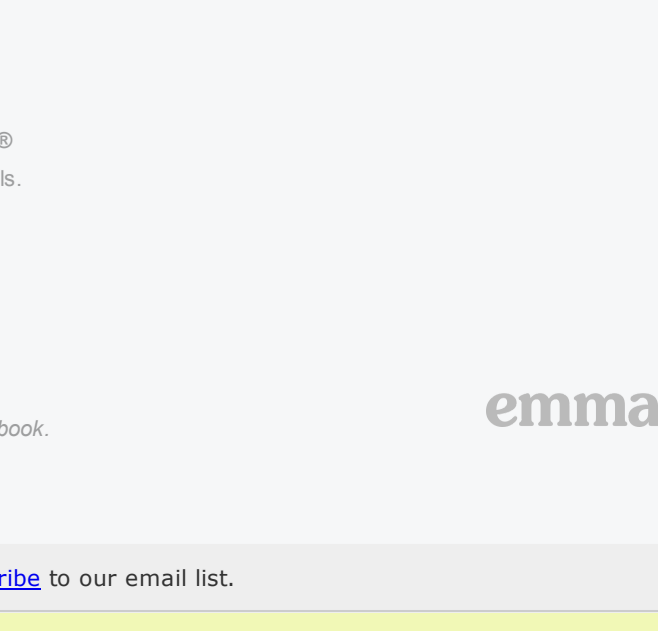
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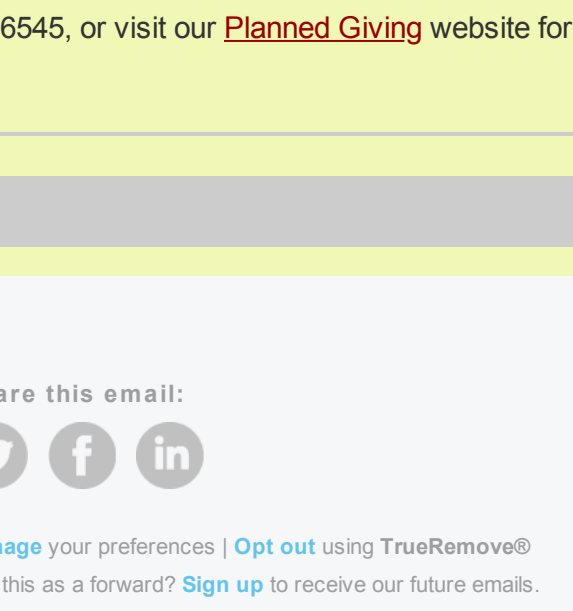


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