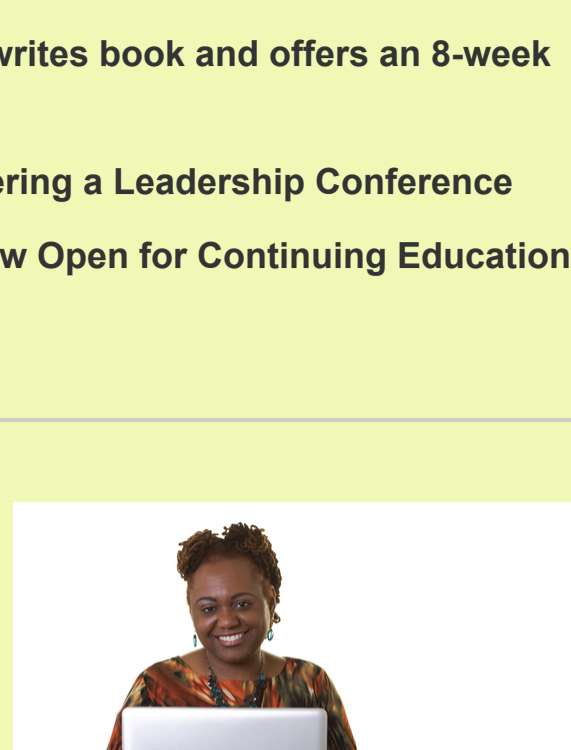


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## Important Notice

Due to recent COVID-19 updates, until further notice, all classes have been moved online. Please see your professor for further information.



## New Job Opportunity at Hood

There is an invitation for applicants to apply for a new job opportunity at Hood Theological Seminary: Executive Assistant for Administrative Services and Institutional Assessment. [Click Here](#) for the job description.



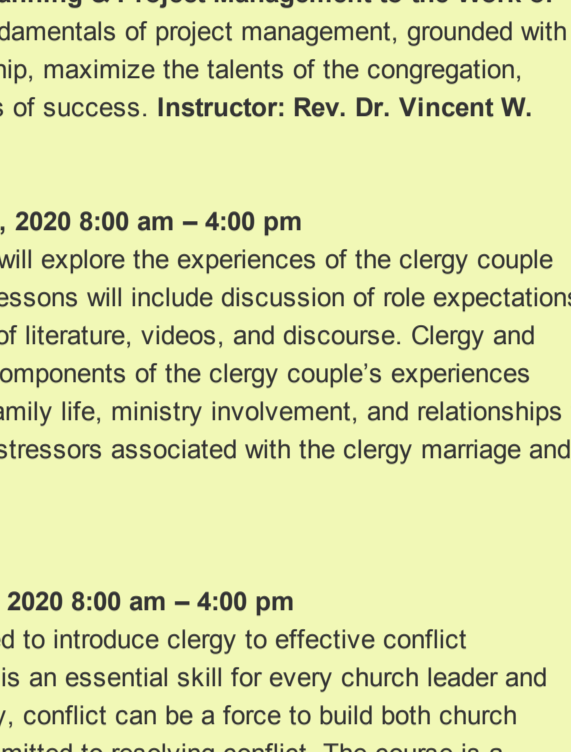
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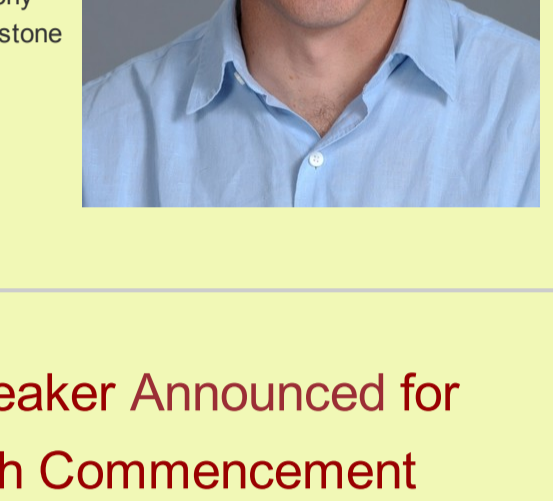
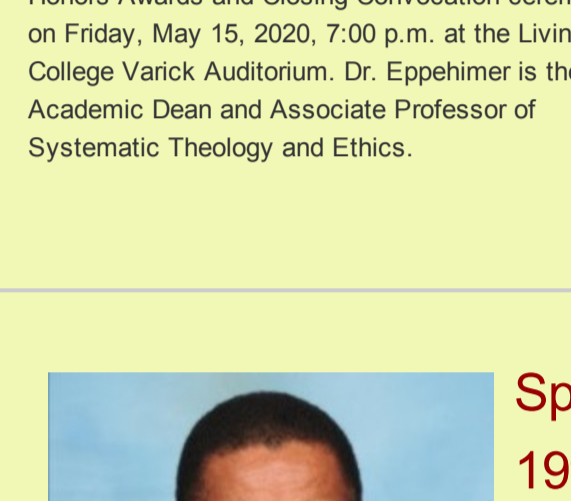
Due to recent COVID-19 updates, the event, titled *Keeping It Real: Mental Health / Mental Illness in the Church and Community*, has been cancelled on April 3 and will be rescheduled at a later date.

## Hood Open House Postponed

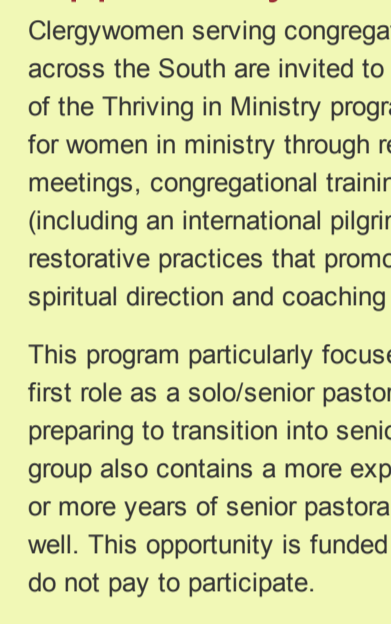
The Open House and Campus Tour for those interested in attending Hood Theological Seminary on April 4, 2020, has been postponed due to recent updates on the COVID-19 outbreak. The event will take place at a later date.



## Scenes from the Charlotte Area Alumni Event: Cultural Heritage Program



## Dyke Messenger Makes Contribution Towards Professorship

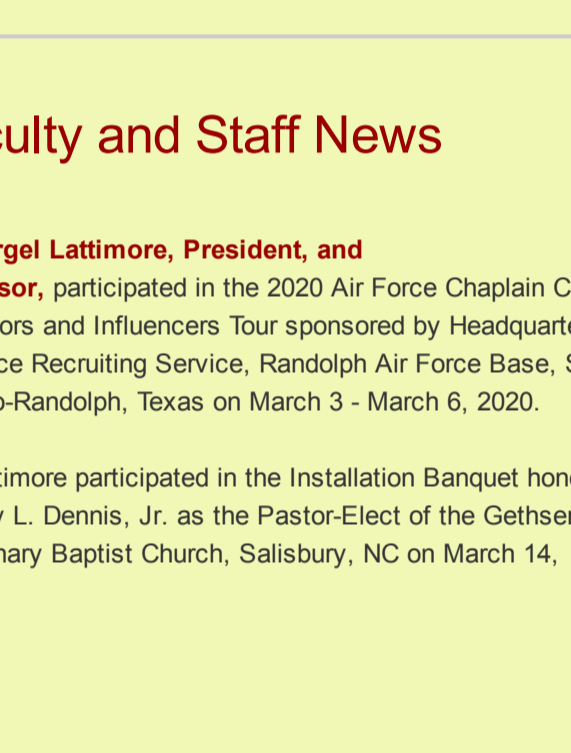


The Board of Trustees and President at Hood Theological Seminary (HTS) were notified that Dyke Messenger, a board member and his wife Deborah H. Messenger, in honor of their parents, have provided the Seminary with a donation of \$500,000 to create the Messenger and Williams Family Endowed Professorship for Theology and Ethics. The endowed professorship will allow a professor whose focus and expertise is in theology and ethics, to go beyond the walls of the Seminary and share with the community through conversations and interactions in theology and ethics.

Mr. Messenger stated that he had the chance to hear Dr. Trevor Eppheimer, the Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics at HTS discuss Christian Theology at a church in the community. Mr. Messenger realized the faculty from the Seminary has on the community in shaping the understanding of public theology and ethics and its impact on daily life. Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President of HTS, who interacts with national and regional organizations, stated that this endowed professorship is a transformative gift for the Seminary and will have a lasting impact.

## IECCD Spring Registration Now Open for Continuing Education Classes

The Institute for Early Career Clergy Development is now registering students for their Spring Continuing Education classes. Classes are open to both clergy and laity and will take place on Hood's campus. The cost for classes ranges from \$25.00-\$50.00. For additional information and to register for classes, please click on the link below:



**REGISTER HERE**

**Church Leadership - Applying Strategic Planning & Project Management to the Work of Ministry, May 1 and May 2**, provides the fundamentals of project management, grounded with a biblical foundation, to foster effective leadership, maximize the talents of the congregation, increase efficiency, and enhance the chances of success. **Instructor: Rev. Dr. Vincent W. Howell**

**April 3, 2020 6:00 pm -9:00 pm and April 4, 2020 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**The Clergy Couple—After the Benediction** will explore the experiences of the clergy couple within the context of marriage and ministry. Lessons will include discussion of role expectations, social support, and equipping through review of literature, videos, and discourse. Clergy and laity, whether married or single will examine components of the clergy couple's experiences through discussion and contextualization of family life, ministry involvement, and relationships to identify and understand areas of conflict and stressors associated with the clergy marriage and ministry. **Instructor: Dr. Pam Smith**

**April 3, 2020 6:00 pm -9:00 pm and April 4, 2020 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**Conflict Management in Ministry** is designed to introduce clergy to effective conflict management in the church. Effective conflict is an essential skill for every church leader and aspiring clergy. When harnessed productively, conflict can be a force to build both church culture and develop a discipleship praxis committed to resolving conflict. The course is a practical, how-to course on resolving church conflict from a biblical perspective with meditation techniques serving as corrective measures. **Instructor: Rev. Dr. Lamont Foster**

**April 3 4:00 pm -9:00 pm and April 4, 2020, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Re-engaging the Rural Communities:** We often think we know our rural settings, but upon further reflection, we often miss the complexity and nuance present in the heritage, culture, and diversity of the rural landscape. This course explores the realities of rural ministry including social science research, theological reflection, and discipleship practices, with a bent toward re-imagining rural communities as part of the reign of God. Attention will be given to statistical research, commonalities, and differences between communities, and methods for exploring and forming ministry methodologies. This is a 20-hour course—10 hours in class and 10 hours online. **Instructor: Dr. Jonathan LeMaster Smith**

## Dr. Trevor Eppheimer Announced as Speak for Honors Awards and Closing Convocation

Dr. Trevor Eppheimer will be the speaker at the Honors Awards and Closing Convocation ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Livingstone College Varick Auditorium. Dr. Eppheimer is the Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics.



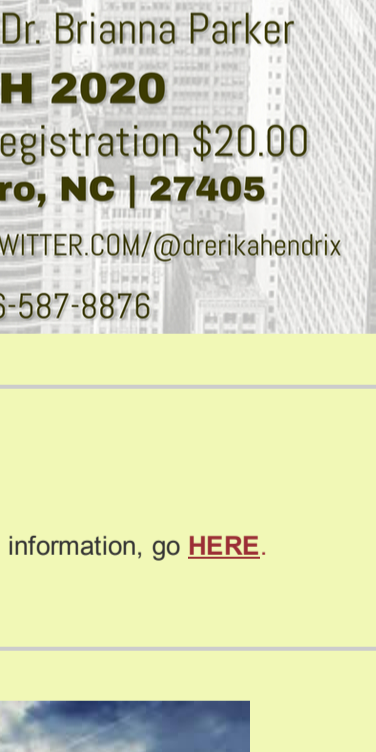
## Speaker Announced for 19th Commencement



Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III will be the 2020 Commencement Speaker for Hood Theological Seminary (HTS). Bishop Reddick is the Presiding Prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District and the Senior Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church.

## Opportunity for Clergywomen

Clergywomen serving congregations in any denomination across the South are invited to apply for the second cohort of the Thriving in Ministry program, which provides resources for women in ministry through regular ecumenical peer group meetings, congregational trainings, transformative retreats (including an international pilgrimage), financial support for restorative practices that promote pastoral well-being, and spiritual direction and coaching over a 15-month period.

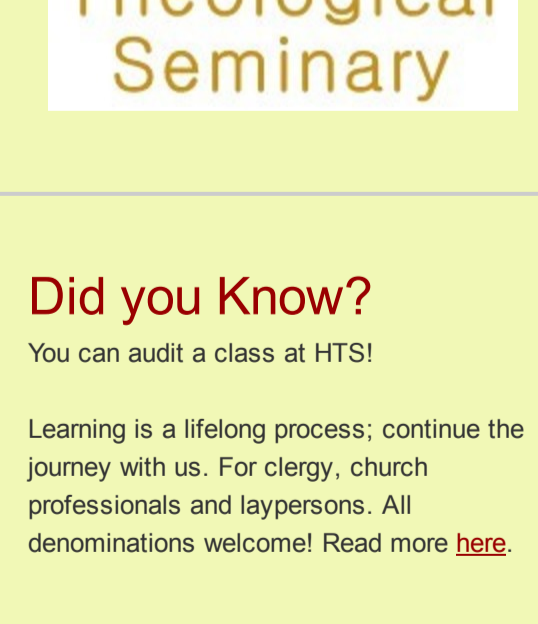


This program particularly focuses on those serving in their first role as a solo/senior pastor and associate pastors preparing to transition into senior leadership, but each peer group also contains a more experienced clergywoman with 7 or more years of senior pastoral leadership experience as well. This opportunity is funded through a grant from the Lilly Endowment Fund so participants do not pay to participate.

The program has begun accepting Intent to Apply forms, which are due by May 1, 2020.

The final application deadline is May 29, 2020. The second cohort will begin meeting in January 2021.

For more information and to submit an Intent to Apply form, please visit [www.centerforministry.com/thrivinginministry](http://www.centerforministry.com/thrivinginministry)



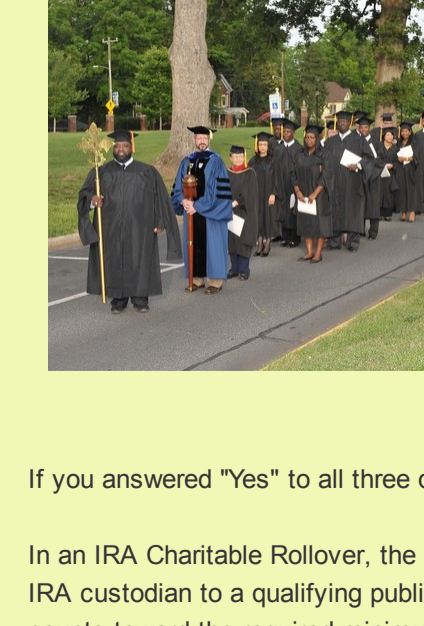
## Join Our Online Community!

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.

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

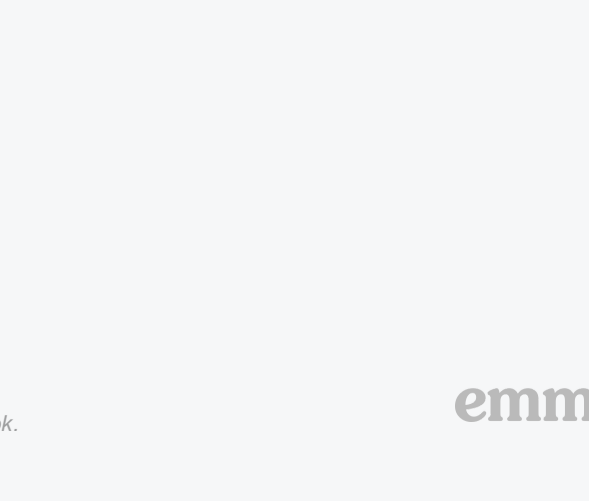
## Faculty and Staff News



**Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President, and Professor**, participated in the 2020 Air Force Chaplain Corps Educators and Influencers Tour sponsored by Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio-Redolph, Texas on March 3 - March 6, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore participated in the Installation Banquet honoring Dr. Roy L. Dennis, Jr. as the Pastor-Elect of the Gettysburg Missionary Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC on the March 14, 2020.

**Dr. Mary A. Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education**, was honored by the Christian Education Department of the A. M. E. Zion Church as a "Legend" at its annual meeting in Washington, DC.



Love made presentations on the theme, "African Americans and the Women's Suffrage Movement jointly with Livingstone College's Dr. DaTiana Parrish, at Moore's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church (February 18). She also shared African American History using United States Postage Stamps with Jonahville A. M. E. Zion Church (February 19) in Huntersville, the Lincolnton District Lay Council at Bynum's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in King's Mountain (February 16) and St. Stephen's A. M. E. Zion Church in Gastonia (February 23).

## Alumni News

**Dr. Marcia Conston, M.Div.'11** was named 6th President of Tidewater Community College. Read the full article [HERE](#)

**Rev. Dr. Janice Cooper, M.Div.'13** has written a book titled, *Mastering the Mentor in You* and also has an upcoming eight-week course on principles in mentoring. Please see the flyers below for more information on the book release and course.

**Dr. Erika H. Hendrix, M.Div.'03**, will be hosting a fitness leadership conference. Please see the details below. Seating is limited (50) so please go to Eventbrite and search Leadership Conference). A light continental breakfast will be served at 9am.

**Rev. Curtis Walker, M.Div.'79**, reflects on time as APS Board Member. See full article [HERE](#)

## Book Release

# Mastering the Mentor In You Guidebook

By Rev. Dr. Janice Cooper

No matter who you are and your position in life, you'll always need compassion, encouragement, and guidance. *Mastering the Mentor* is a pivotal reminder of the mercy that Jesus has for us daily, while encouragement cheers us toward prodigious, astonishing accomplishments that are fulfilled because someone stopped, noticed our raw potential, and took the liberty to guide us to greatness. This is an overview of the *Mastering the Mentor In You* guidebook.

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## Job Opportunities

**Senior Pastor**, First Baptist Church, Burlington, NC. For more information, go [HERE](#).

The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:  
**J.W. "Dub" Wadford**, Father of Dr. Jim Wadford, Please keep his family in prayer.

## Taste of Abundance Event

Trinity Living Center (TLC) is bringing back its Taste of Abundance event on September 28, 2020. Attendees will sample soups, beers, and wines from local establishments and support TLC's services to local seniors. It will also showcase the artwork from this year's "Faces of Trinity Living," a beautiful collaboration between Trinity Living Center and local artists. The Taste of Abundance event will be held at the F&M Trolley Barn and there will be local restaurants/caterers, craft breweries and vineyards to present a signature soup, bread, beer or wine for the public to try.

The proceeds from this year's event will help support TLC in offering a safe and loving place for many seniors in Rowan County. If you are unable to attend, you can also support this amazing program with a donation. Please [Click Here](#) for the form on ticket information.

## 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 ([Angelicasweat@gmail.com](mailto:Angelicasweat@gmail.com)) for information on how to acquire them. You can also purchase items online [here](#).

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