



E-Newsletter: June 2024

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Upcoming Events

**AN AFRICAN AMERICAN
EXHIBIT SHOWING THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN
JOURNEY USING STAMPS**

Where: Rosedale Plantation -
3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte,
NC 28206
Ph.: 704-335-0325

When: June 12 - July 5, 2024
**Special Juneteenth Celebration -
June 22 - Free**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesdays through Fridays
and every other Saturday

**Created by: Dr. Mary Love,
Adjunct Professor of Christian Education
Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC**

Go Here for more information:
https://www.hoodseminary.edu/news/Dr.MaryLove_StampCollection



FaithLearnThrive News

Watch the "Listen to the replay" episode Strategies For Reaching GenZ w/Brandi N. Williams here:
<https://youtu.be/FfMjrfKgYAY?si=I4NGH8iG41-1zG6e>

In this episode, we're diving deep into the realm of Shared Leadership Models and how they can revolutionize your church's approach in engaging with Generation Z. Get ready to be inspired as we explore innovative strategies, share real-world success stories, and provide actionable insights to help your church thrive in today's ever-changing landscape!

LEARNING COMMUNITY

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Learning Community Churches on the successful completion of our Foundations For Thriving learning journey. These churches completed our 8-month cohort to reimagine God's vision for their local church. See the congregational teams and new church vision statements below:

Jones Tabernacle CME Church: We S.O.A.R.! We support others as we advance the Gospel and reach people for Jesus in diverse communities.

St. Stephen Metropolitan AME Zion Church: Committed To Winning Souls For Christ

Mt. Olive Church of Christ: SHARE the Word of God, SHOW the love of God, SERVE the people of God

Outland Memorial AME Zion Church: Changing lives and transforming community through the power of Jesus Christ



Jones Tabernacle CME Church



St. Stephen Metropolitan AME Zion Church



Mt. Olive Church of Christ



Outland Memorial AME Zion Church

REGISTER FOR STRONGER CHURCHES CONFERENCE

FAITHLEARNTHRIVE is thrilled to announce the Stronger Churches Conference, a one-day event designed to train and equip congregations through practical training opportunities. The conference will take place on August 24th at Hood Theological Seminary.

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

In addition to the keynote address, the conference will include a variety of mini labs and ChurchTalk sessions. These sessions, inspired by the TED talk format, will provide attendees with concise and impactful presentations from church leaders and experts, offering practical tools and strategies to strengthen their congregations.

To encourage early registration, FAITHLEARNTHRIVE is offering early bird rates until June 30th. We invite all church leaders and members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others committed to building stronger, more vibrant congregations.

Event Highlights:

Leadership Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Bishop Randy Borders

Mini Labs: Practical, hands-on training sessions

ChurchTalk Speakers: Inspiring TED-style talks from church leaders

Register today at <https://bit.ly/FLTSCC2024> to secure your spot and benefit from early bird rates.

Sponsors & Exhibitors are welcomed.



Opportunities



Security Officers- Hood Theological Seminary (Part-time)

Pastor - Bethany Church of Lexington 193 Bethany Road, Lexington, NC 27292

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](#).

Free Books in the Hood Library!

Hood Library would like to invite you to the Library to view our free book area. It is first come, first serve. Please help us to find homes for our books!



In Memoriam



HTS Alumni, **Willie Jones MTS'16**, passed away June 10, 2024. More information can be found [HERE](#)



Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore President and Professor



Dr. Lattimore attended the Retirement Celebration for Bishop Gregory Palmer, Episcopal leader of the West Ohio Conference of the UMC, Capitol University, Columbus OH (5/31/24).

He participated in the Retirement Celebration for Bishop Kenneth Monroe, Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Fayetteville NC (6/1/24).

He was the speaker for Men's Day at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Winston-Salem, NC (6/9/24).

Dr. Lattimore will be attending the Biennial meeting of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada, Atlanta, GA (6/17--6/21/24).

Dr. Mary A. Love

Adjunct Professor of Christian Education



Dr. Love offers thanks to Hood Seminary for the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree bestowed upon her at the 2024 graduation exercises.

She authored the chapter "*Reflections on Parenting from a Religious/Christian Educator*" in the recently published book, **Raising Faithful Kids: This is the Stuff of Faith** edited by Denise Janssen, Carmichael Crutchfield, Virginia Lee and Jessica Brown.

She provided an African American Heritage and Stamp exhibit for the following: Logan Temple A. M. E. Zion Church - Knoxville, TN, C. C. Griffin Middle School - Concord, NC, Greenville Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church - Charlotte, F. A. C. T. - Salisbury and Rosedale Plantation - Charlotte.

Christian Education workshops were presented for St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church - Durham, NC and the East Tennessee and Virginia Conference.

Dr. Love participated in the launch event of the Health Initiative of the Gift Collaborative at Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Church - Charlotte.

She attended the General Conference of the UMC as an Ecumenical Guest.

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Rev. Janet Garner-Mullins, MAED, AET, MDiv'15** for being chosen to serve on the board of Clean AIRE NC! More information can be found [HERE](#).



Center for Bold Leadership Program

The Center for Bold Leadership presents its **Annual Transformation Retreat:**

The Tribe of R.U.T.H.: Navigating the Path as Women of Color in Ministry.

This one-day retreat on Hood's campus will provide a day of worship, affirmation, empowerment, nurturing, renewal, and joy! We recognize that women of color face unique challenges in their call and need the vital sista-support community, and Grace that we hope this day will provide. We will have panels, workshops, relaxation sessions as well as select black female vendors, book sales and more.

The Retreat will take place on Saturday, **August 3, 2024**, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in The Aymer Center at Hood. Tickets are \$25.00

To purchase your tickets, please click [HERE](#)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COHORT

The Leadership Development Cohort is now accepting applications for its 2024-25 Cohort. This year's Cohort will focus on women of color in ministry. It will feature:

1:1 Clergy Coaching

Spiritual Direction

Workshops

Wellness

Please contact Rev. Kimberly Clarke Turner for additional information at kclarke@hoodseminary.edu

HTS Donor and Scholarship Dinner

During the **Bishop James Walker Donor and Scholarship Recognition Dinner**, the Connectional Lay Council of the AME Zion Church donated \$45,000 to support students at Hood Theological Seminary.

HTS Receives Two Large Donations at 2024 Commencement

During the **Hood Commencement Service**, Hood received two **\$10,000 donations** from newly Bishop Dr. Kenneth Monroe, Presiding Prelate, Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District and South Atlantic Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church and Dr. Steve Fisher, President and CEO of F&M Bank.

Hood Receives New Endowed Scholarships

Hood created **two new endowed scholarships to support students:**

Rev. Arthur and Carrie Walls and Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Reverend N. Fred and Katherine P. Jordan Endowed Scholarship Fund

Hood Travels

Hood attended the following conferences in June 2024:

HTS had a sponsorship table at the Juneteenth Festival at Bell Tower Park in Salisbury, NC

AMEZ West Central North Carolina Annual Conference

South Carolina UMC Annual Conference

North Carolina UMC Annual Conference

Western North Carolina Conference UMC Annual Conference

Hood attended the following conferences in May 2024:

UMC General Conference

AMEZ West Central North Carolina Annual Conference

New Security Office Construction Project Nearing Completion



Hood is nearing the completion of the construction of the new Security Office attachment in the Welcome and Student Engagement Center. The general contractor is W. C. Construction. The pictures highlight the beginning of the foundation to the current framing of the building.





Planned Giving

Create your legacy through a planned gift by remembering Hood Theological Seminary in a bequest or will with gifts of stocks and bonds, gifts of real estate or personal property, life insurance, charitable trust, retirement funds/IRA or life income gifts. By making a planned gift, you will become a member of the [Hood Legacy Society](#).

~ 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.

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Monthly Giving

Join the Faithful Friends Partner Recurring Monthly Program!

To become a Faithful Friend Partner, click the link below to donate and become a member for a minimum of \$25 monthly.

Welcome our newest Faithful Friend
Charlie Rivens

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