



E-Newsletter: November 2023

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Upcoming Events

Critical Race Lecture Series

Sept. 11 - Nov. 20, 2023

6:00pm - 7:00 pm (EST)

Register

Virtual ICFSH Event

" A Conversation Between a Theologian and an Engineer."

Friday, November 17 at 10 am EST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91405633248>

Meeting ID: 914 0563 3248

More Information

Virtual Speaks Lecture Series Recordings

Friday, October 7



Saturday, October 8



Pictures from EduWorship Event







We will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday beginning Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 25th. Offices will re-open on Monday, November 27th.



New at Hood

Hood's Newest Academic programs:

Hood Theological Seminary now offers a **Master's in Christian Education (MACE)** and a **Certificate in Christian Education (CCE) Program**.

[More Info](#)

Hood's EduWorship Experience

By Dr. Mary A. Love

EduWorship is an intentional experience at Hood Theological Seminary that brings awareness to *Breast Cancer, Children and Domestic Violence*. This annual event was held October 24, 2023, at the Aymer Center using the theme "*Pressing Forward for Advocacy, Well-being and Justice*." Minister Loria Lofton, owner of IMBESI Counseling and Life Care, PLLC in central Texas was the educator. Her company works to provide mental/behavioral health services to the underserved and disadvantages in the area. Lofton encouraged participants to examine first what "*In the Press*." Then she explored "*DIRE Times*". The word

DIRE served as an acronym that posed a charge to participants who need to **Discern, Identify, Recognize** and **Empower** to make a difference where service is rendered.

Dr. Angela Peterkin, Chaplain at Salisbury Veterans Hospital rendered a musical witness. Not only was this an opportunity to worship and educate, but it was also an opportunity to bless. Hood was intentional in blessing three Salisbury agencies: Terri Hess Child Advocacy Center, Family Crisis Center – Battered Women’s Shelter, and Rowan Helping Ministries. Each agency received a table of blessings including items to meet the needs of their clients.

Hood offers thanks to all who contributed in any way to make the event a success. Special thanks go to the Salisbury Rowan Community Foundation for their contribution toward the effort. Thanks also to F. A. C. T. and every donor of items shared with the agencies. Working together made it possible for us to make a difference. This annual event was coordinated by the Community Life Committee of Hood Seminary.

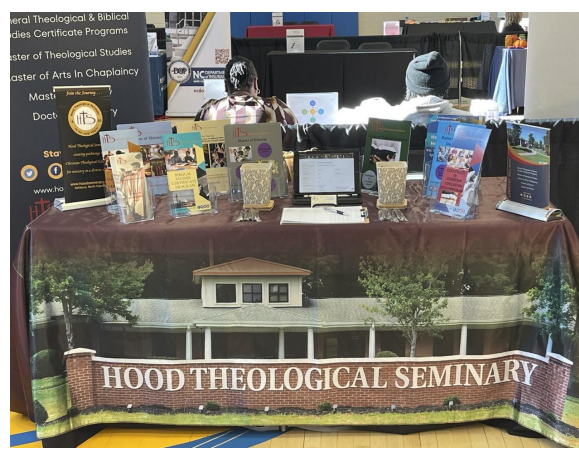


Hood Travels

Livingstone College Graduate and Career Fair



Metrolina Career & Graduate School Fair



North Eastern Leadership Training Institute



Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, attended the [10th Anniversary KAA-MaCC: Continuing the the Quest for History Untold.](#)

Dr. Vergel Lattimore will join the Hood Theological team at the Pathways for Tomorrow Conference sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 6 - 8, 2023.

Dr. Karen L. Owens, Director of Strategic Research, Adjunct Faculty, Spiritual/Pastoral Theology presented a two-hour session titled: *Health Matters: Dealing With Depression, Reset, Renew Revive*, at Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church in Mineral Springs, NC, on October 14, 2023. HTS Alum Rev. Brenda Harris is the Pastor.

Representing Hood, **Dr. Vincent Howell and Dr. Rona Williams** participated in the 2023 Lilly Thriving Congregations Conference in Indianapolis. Dr. Williams spoke sharing one of the stories about how the Congressional Faith and Learning Center is supporting and engaging with local congregations and pastors. Dr. Howell served on the conference planning committee, and participated in the conference opening worship.



Alumni News

1885 Alumni Association Banquet

When: Thurs., Nov. 16, 2023

Where: Aymer Center at Hood Theological Seminary

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$85

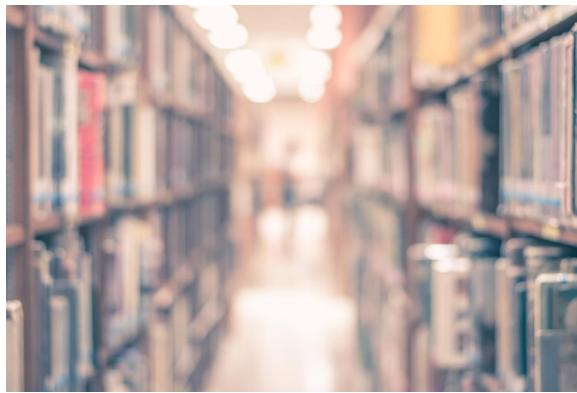
The Guest Speaker will be Corey D.B. Walker, Ph.D. from Wake Forest, Dean of the School of Divinity, Professor of Humanities, & Inaugural Director of African Americans Program.

[Find out more](#)



Free Books in the Hood Library!

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



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Monthly Giving

We are excited to introduce an all-new and impactful initiative at Hood Theological Seminary that was launched in September - the Faithful Friends Partner Recurring Monthly Program!

To become a Faithful Friend Partner, click the link below to donate!

[Become A Faithful Friend Partner](#)



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

Your gift is essential in promoting the mission of the Seminary. Every gift, small and large, is greatly appreciated and stewarded responsibly!

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Other Hood News

FaithLearnThrive Launches 2nd Foundations For Thriving Learning Community

FaithLearnThrive (FLT) is the Thriving Congregations initiative at Hood Seminary. On October 13th-14th, we launched our second learning community. Foundations For Thriving is a 10-module learning journey to prepare your church for growth and revitalization. We've taken best practices from hundreds of churches and have developed a program to help you create a foundational growth strategy for your church.

The learning community provides congregational coaches, a coaching community for pastors, monthly facilitated sessions, books, resources, and micro-grant funding for administrative upgrades.

This year's learning community leveraged vital learnings from our pilot community in 2022-2023 to offer congregations a richer experience. Our launch weekend features a customized format for a more collaborative environment among participants. We featured Speed Coach Bonding, intentional cross-congregational meals and conversations, free books from our Hood Library, and an overnight experience, extending the time for our participants and coaches to bond.

Our 2023-2024 Learning Community includes the following congregations:

Jones Memorial CME Church | Lawndale, NC

Mt. Olive Church of Christ | Greensboro, NC

Outland Memorial AMEZ Church | Fort Worth, TX

St. Stephen Metropolitan AMEZ Church | High Point, NC

This year's learning community boasts 6 Congregational Coaches with diverse backgrounds and extensive experience in ministry development and training.

Dr. Verenander Hughes | Genesis Baptist Church | Greensboro, NC

Apostle Myra Bellinger | City of God Ministries | Concord, NC & Charleston, SC

Min. Patricia Proby | The Park Church | Charlotte, NC

Rev. Elizabeth Howze | The Ormond Institute & AMEZ Church | Durham, NC

Min. Nicole Johnson (The Church Growth Strategist) | Praise Temple Apostolic Faith Church, Inc. | Clayton, NC

We are beyond excited about this incredible start and the impact our learning community experience will have on the future thriving of these congregations! If you are interested in early notification of upcoming learning community opportunities, please join our early notification email list at <https://bit.ly/3MVzmH5>.

2023 United Way Campaign

Every year, Hood gives to Rowan County United Way as a way to give back to the community. We hosted our very own Golf Par-Tee donation drive. The goal was \$1200.

Thank you to all of our faculty, staff, and students who gave donations to go towards the 2023 United Way Campaign!







A donor is giving away an acoustic piano. If interested, please contact Kelly Bryant at kbryant@hoodseminary.edu.



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