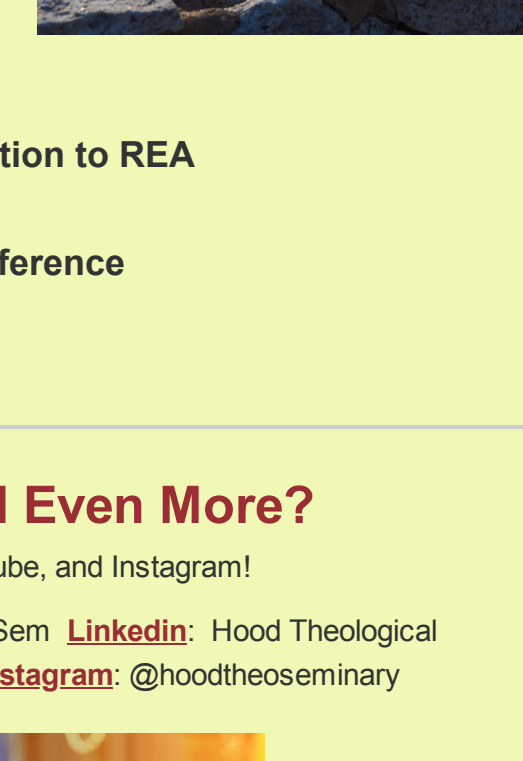


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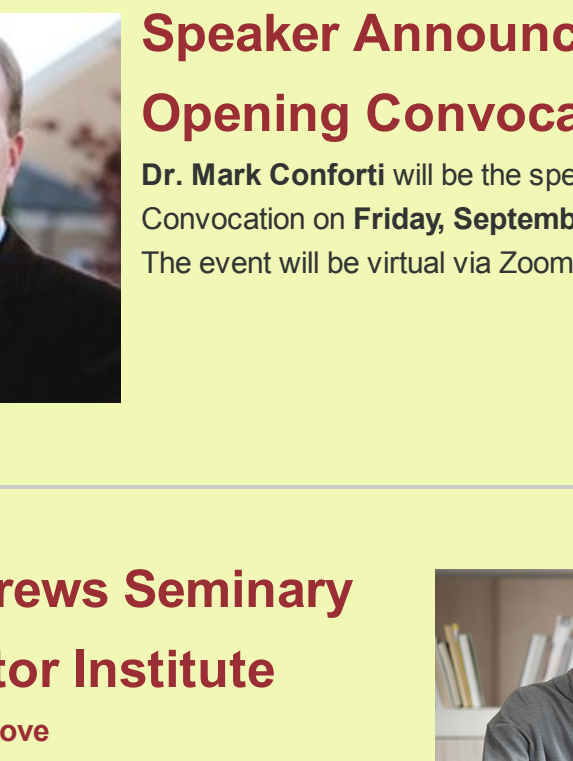
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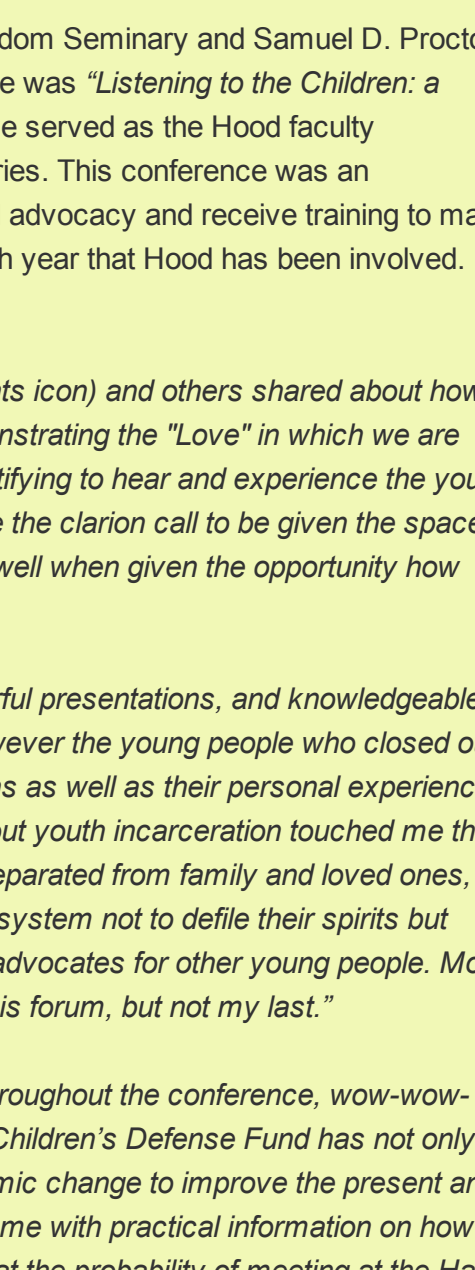
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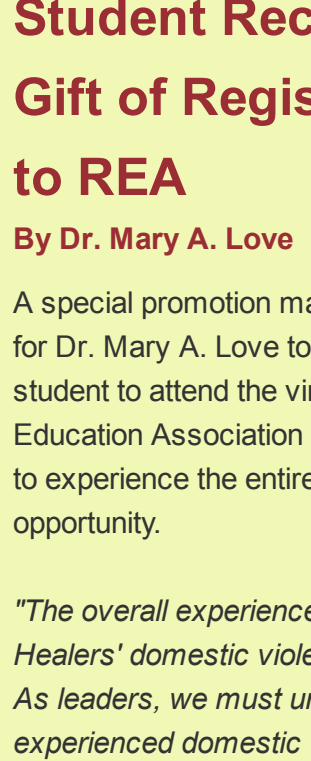
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Speaker Announced for Opening Convocation

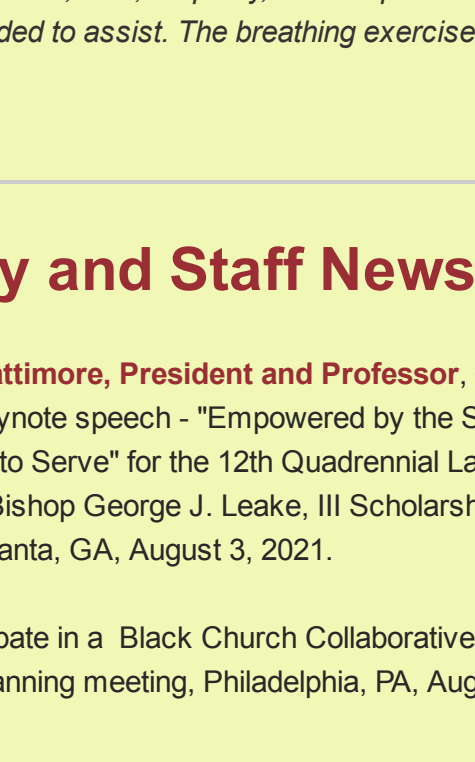


Dr. Mark Conforti will be the speaker for the Opening Convocation on **Friday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.** The event will be virtual via Zoom.

Dale Andrews Seminary and Proctor Institute

By Dr. Mary A. Love

Four Hood students (Precious Gibson, Florrie Hopkins, Tommy Ingalls, and Sharon Robinson) attended the virtual 2021 Graduate Intensive, Children's Defense Fund's Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary and Samuel D. Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. The theme was "Listening to the Children: a Radical Revolution of Values." Dr. Mary A. Love served as the Hood faculty representative in this partnership of 20 seminaries. This conference was an opportunity to address the many facets of child advocacy and receive training to make a difference in the lives of children. It is the sixth year that Hood has been involved. The students' reflections are as follows:



Florry Hopkins: "Dr. James Lawson (civil rights icon) and others shared about how 'we' as the Christian community are not demonstrating the 'Love' in which we are commanded to do in the Bible. Also, it was gratifying to hear and experience the youth. Their transparency was refreshing. They made the clarion call to be given the space to be heard on all levels and demonstrated as well when given the opportunity how they will FLOURISH."

Sharon Robinson: "There were many wonderful presentations, and knowledgeable presenters. I was impressed with them all, however the young people who closed out, sharing their hopes and dreams and inspirations as well as their personal experiences brought me to tears. The ones who shared about youth incarceration touched me the most. Even though they were locked up and separated from family and loved ones, they placed their experiences with the justice system not to defile their spirits but they allowed a burning desire within them to become advocates for other young people. Most impressive! This was my first time attending this forum, but not my last."

Tommy Ingalls: "As it was said many times throughout the conference, wow-wow-wow-wow-wow! The Proctor Conference and Children's Defense Fund has not only awakened me to the desperate need for systemic change to improve the present and future for our children, but it has also equipped me with practical information on how to be part of those needed changes. I am thrilled at the probability of meeting at the Haley Farm next year as this journey continues."

Precious Gibson: "Wow, this experience has reinforced my understanding of the need to teach for understanding and engagement, not just knowledge. It has also given me great insight into the criminal justice system and educated me more about advocacy and liberation. I will definitely be on the farm God's willing next year."

We challenge everyone to be more attentive to the needs of children, especially those within your homes, congregations, and communities. What we do for the children has a tremendous impact on the future.

Student Receives Gift of Registration to REA

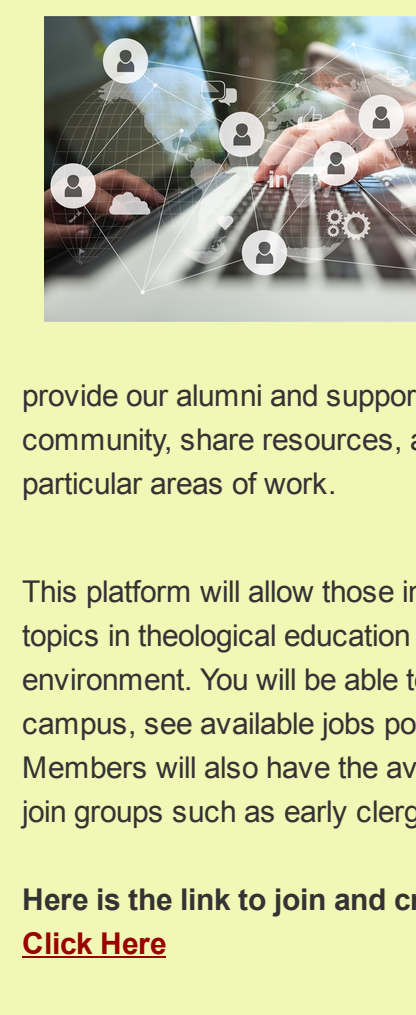
By Dr. Mary A. Love

A special promotion made it possible for Dr. Mary A. Love to invite one student to attend the virtual Religious Education Association Convention. Precious Gibson was selected and she was able to experience the entire conference. She gives this response as a reaction to the opportunity.



"The overall experience of REA was mind-blowing. The session on Healing the Healers' domestic violence with Rev. Tawana Davis was informative and educational. As leaders, we must understand and have the tools to help those in need who have experienced domestic violence, partner abuse, and childhood abuse within our community-faith, classroom, home. Another nugget taken from this session was learning to stay within our lane as leaders by meeting people where they are without trying to be a therapist. Meet them with compassion, love, empathy, and deep listening and use the tools to provide the resources needed to assist. The breathing exercises were very refreshing after such heavy topics."

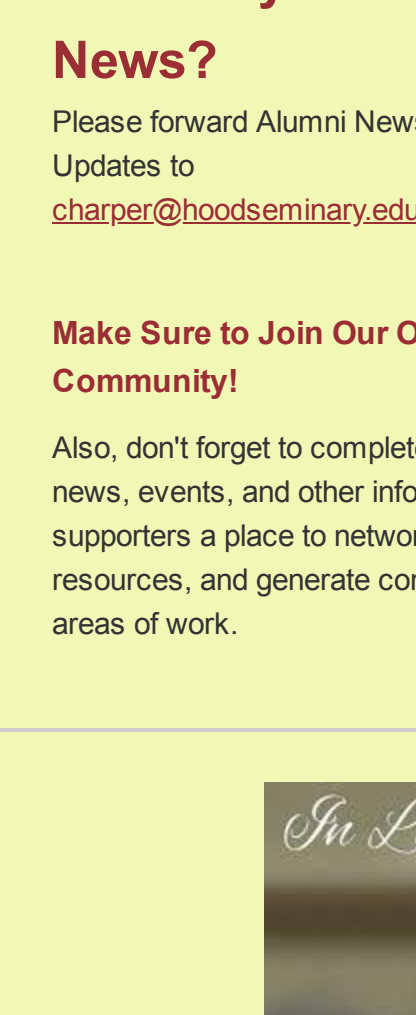
Faculty and Staff News



Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will deliver the keynote speech - "Empowered by the Spirit with Strength to Serve" for the 12th Quadrennial Lay Convention, Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship Breakfast, Atlanta, GA, August 3, 2021.

He will participate in a Black Church Collaborative curriculum planning meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 13, 2021.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in a Racial Equity Rowan (R.E.R.) Steering committee meeting, August 24, 2021.

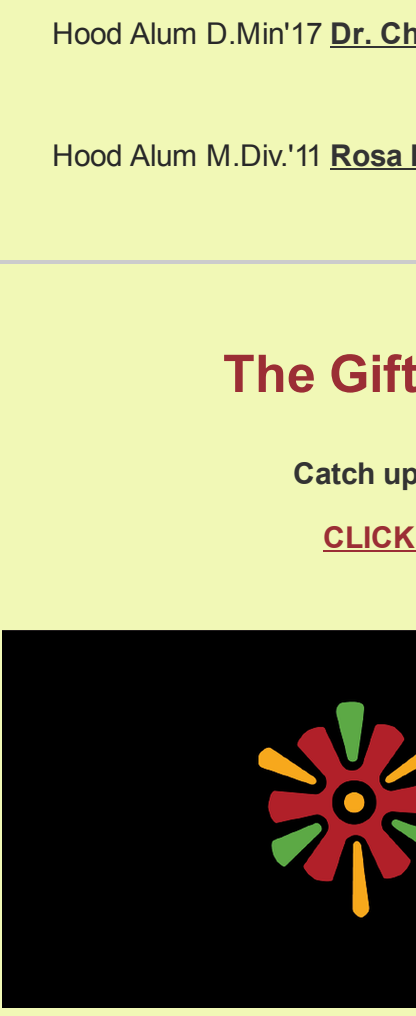


Dr. Sharon Grant, Associate Professor and Director of the ICFSH, stated that the ICFSH sponsored the third annual F.A.C.T. Reading, Science and Creative Expressions Summer Camp from July 12-16, 2021.

Dr. Mary A. Love served as Christian Devotional Leader and Instructor for 3 - 5 Grade Levels. Dr. Grant served as the Camp Director.

The F.A.C.T. camp participants ranged from Toddlers to Adult classes and it was a virtual Zoom event. The camp had visitors from the Emerging Greatful Global Scholars summer enrichment program join the program mid-week. Participants were largely from Salisbury, NC, although some were across the country and even one from Jamaica, West Indies.

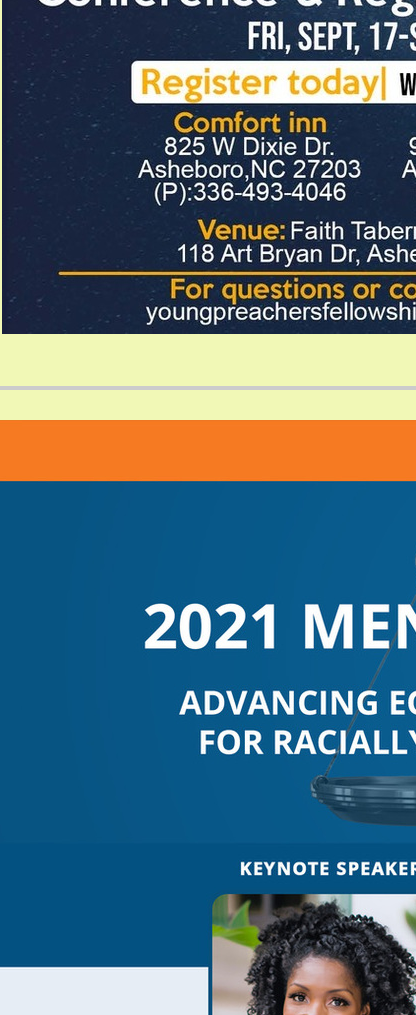
Dr. Sharon Grant was the guest speaker for the Yadkin Riverkeeper Summer Speaker Series, July 17, 2021. Her topic was "The Yadkin River: Historical Womb and Witness to the Black Church in Rowan County."



Dr. Mary A. Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education is serving as Content Advisor to Rev. Dr. Marsha Brown Woodard on the "Teaching the Faith" course at Palmer Seminary in Pennsylvania. This assignment was given based on the work done in Hood's "Teaching and Learning in Christian Education" course that intentionally added a science component to explore how the brain learns. This falls under the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) that is working to encourage seminaries to help merge science and theology by providing grants and support.

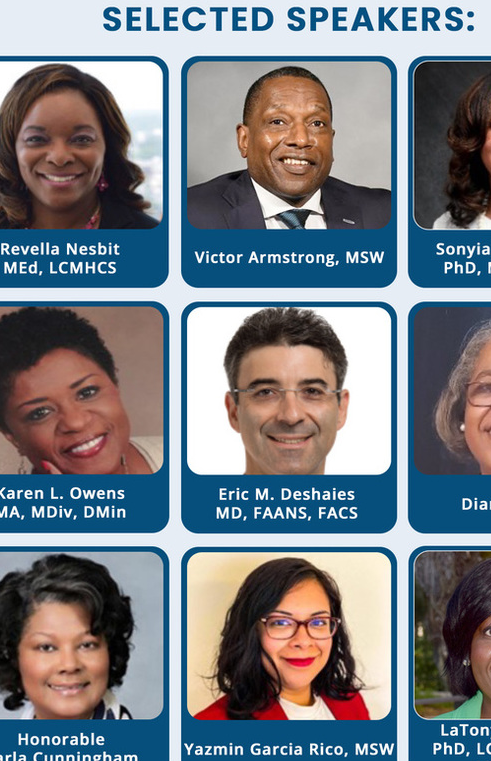
She attended the virtual Annual Conference of the Religious Education Association July 5-9. The theme was "Gender, Sexuality and Wholeness: Religious Education for Confrontation and Healing." The conference addressed the broad spectrum of issues related to the theme.

Love continues to work with F. A. C. T. (Families and Communities Together) by serving as worship leader for several Blessing of the Children's events. A virtual Intergenerational Faith, Reading, Science and Creative Expressions Camp was held using the theme; "Climate Change: The Sun, Atmosphere, Soil, Water, and the Ecosystem." She served as a part of the teaching team for third through fifth graders and provided the daily devotions.



Dr. André Resner, Research Professor, has been appointed as an External Examiner for Doctoral Theses at the Centre for the Study of Ministry, the Graduate Centre for Theological Studies, at the Toronto School of Theology within the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.

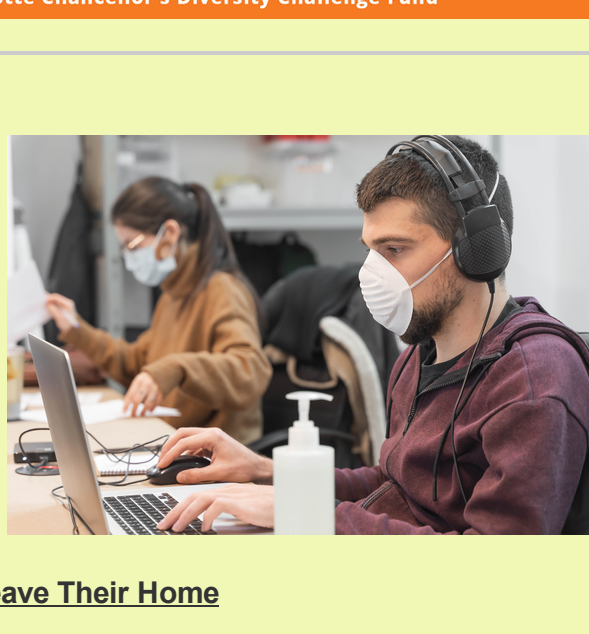
Congratulations to Janice Silver on her Retirement!



Congratulations Janice Silver for her retirement from Hood Theological Seminary!

Alumni News

Rev. Eric Leake, MDIV '95, of Martin Temple AME Zion, Chicago, IL, was elected a Bishop in the AME Zion Church along with Dr. Brian Thompson of the Simon Temple AME Zion Church in Fayetteville, NC.



Rev. Eric Leake

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, share resources, and 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](#)

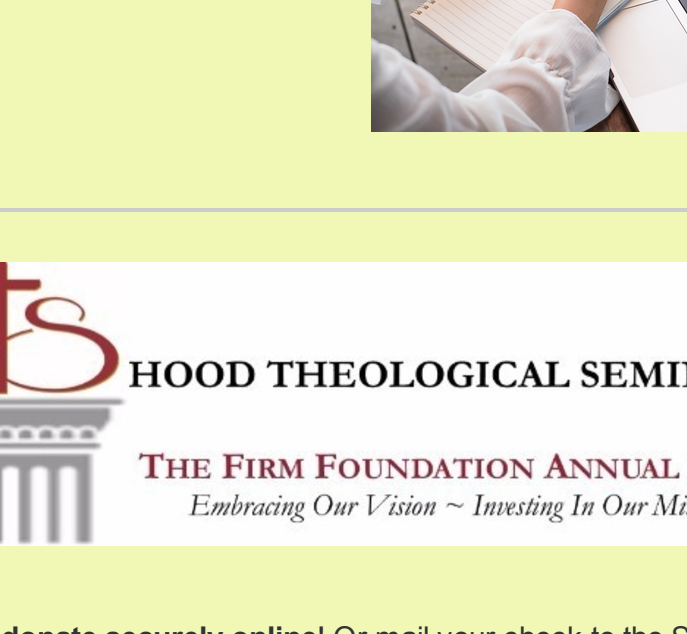
Have Any Alumni News?

Please forward Alumni News & Updates to charper@hoodseminary.edu.



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

Hood Student and Resident Director **Rev. Derrick R. Nichols** passed away June 23, 2021.

Hood Alum D.Min'17 **Dr. Charles Allen** passed away July 2, 2021.

Hood Alum M.Div.'11 **Rosa Keeler Slavik** passed away July 7, 2021.

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