



E-Newsletter: August 2023

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

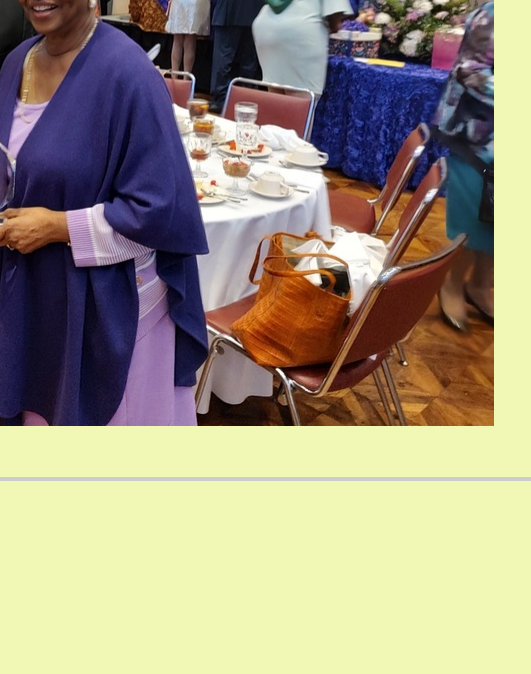


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Please Join Hood at College Night Out!

Attend the Critical Race Theory Didactic

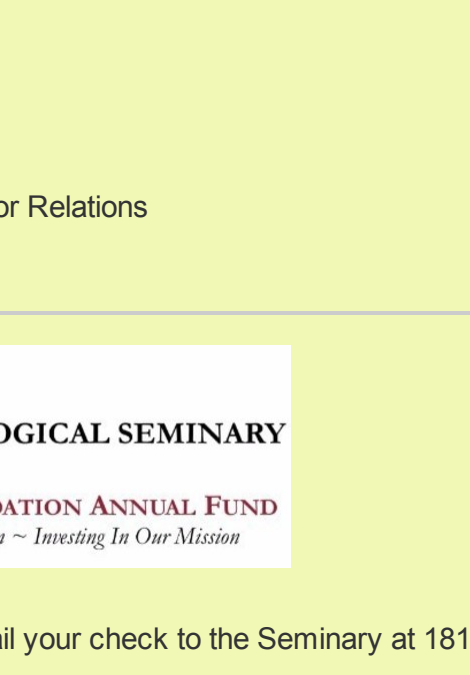
In this six-week course, we will delve into the fundamentals of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and explore its relevance and application within the context of religious institutions, with a specific focus on the church.



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Save the Date: Fall 2023 Virtual Opening Convocation

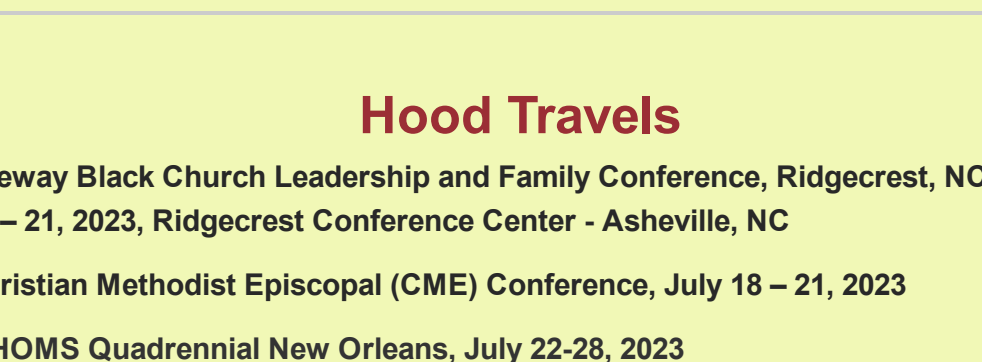
The Fall 2023 Virtual Opening Convocation will be on Friday, September 15, 2023, 6:00 - 7:15 pm. The Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Clifford Barnett, Sr., '80, Pastor, Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Member, Wilmington, N.C. City Council. More information will be forthcoming.



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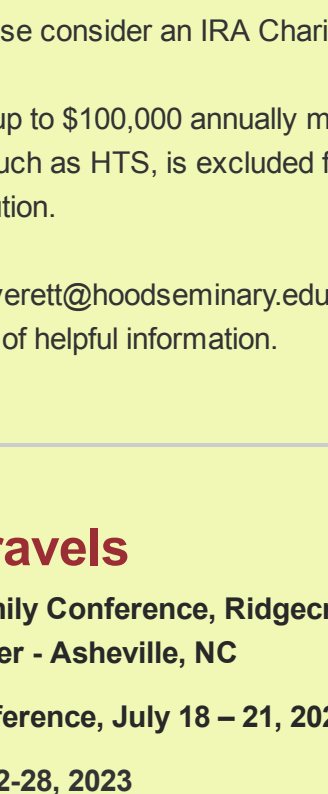
Congratulations!

Mrs. Shirley McCoy was the recipient of the Friend of Hood - James Walker Hood Award. President Vergel L. Lattimore presented the award during the Celebration Luncheon of the 133rd Session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Piedmont Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

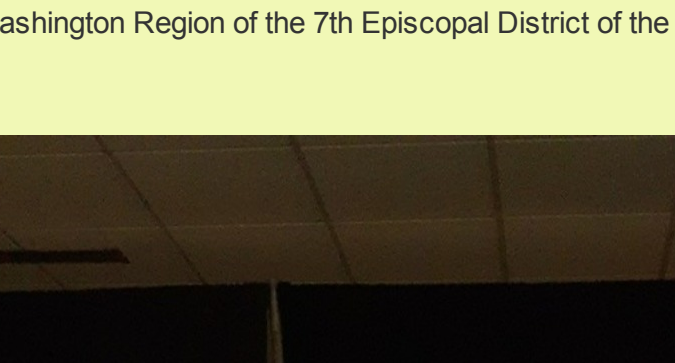


Faithful Friends Partner Program

We are excited to introduce an all-new and impactful initiative at Hood Theological Seminary - the Faithful Friends Partner Recurring Program! As one of our esteemed newsletter subscribers, we want you to be among the first to know about this incredible opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and the community we serve. More information is forthcoming, so stay tuned!



Tyesia Walker - Director, Annual Giving & Donor Relations



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Hood Travels

Lifeway Black Church Leadership and Family Conference, Ridgecrest, NC, July 17 – 21, 2023, Ridgecrest Conference Center - Asheville, NC

Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Conference, July 18 – 21, 2023

WHOMS Quadrennial New Orleans, July 22-28, 2023

Black Church Women of the UMC, Washington D.C. July 31-August 2, 2023

Detroit District Lay Council College Day, August 19, 2023

Thriving in Ministry Lilly Grant Conference, August 22-24, 2023

College Night Out, Salisbury, NC, August 24, 2023

Bold Steps: Vision, Mission, & Teambuilding with both the Carolina Region & NY-Washington Region of the 7th Episcopal District of the CME Church with Bishop James Walker, Presiding.

Pictured below:

Picture 1: Tyesia Walker recruits during the Lifeway Black Church Leadership & Family Conference, July 17th - July 21st, Ridgecrest Conference Center - Asheville, NC

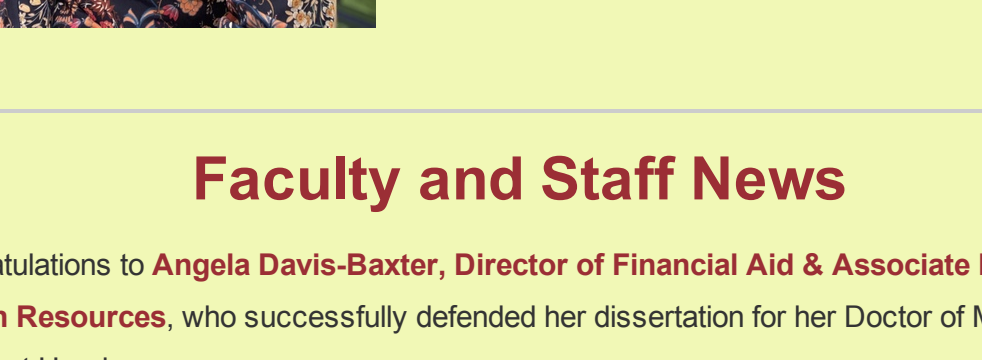
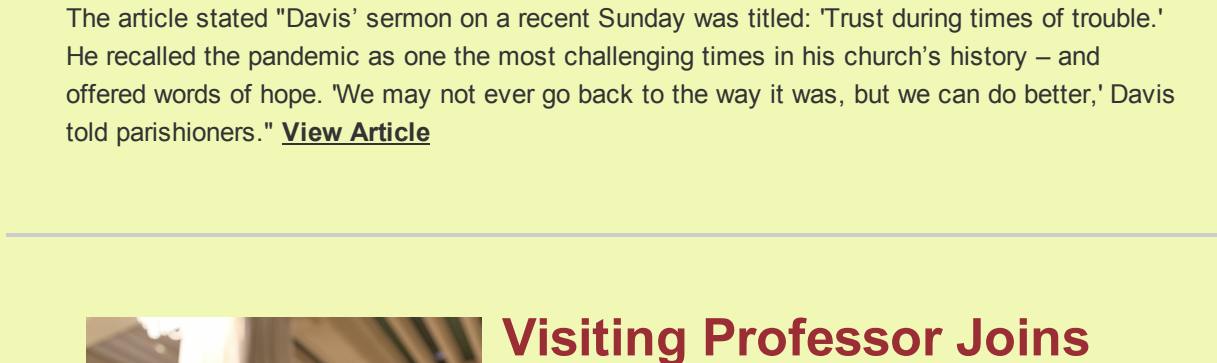
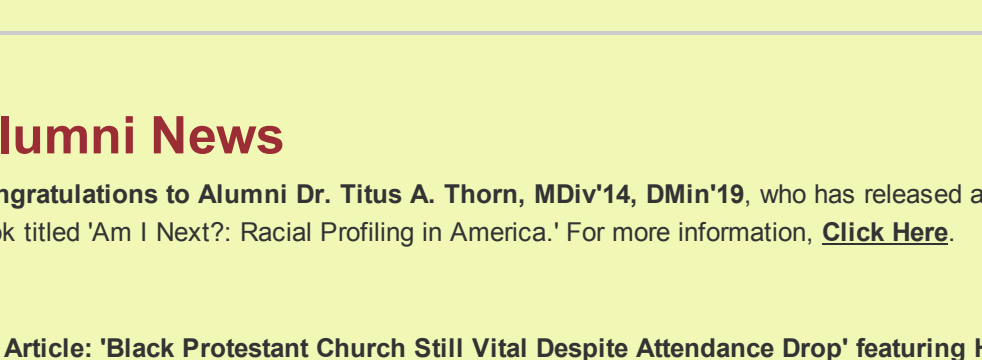
Picture 2: Hood attends the Black Church Leadership and Family Conference, Ridgecrest, NC, July 17 – 21, 2023

Picture 3: Alumni gather for the North Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference in Greenville NC-Alumni Gathering, June 2023.

Picture 4: Hood's table is on display at the WHOMS Quadrennial New Orleans

Picture 5: Dr. Rona Williams with Bishop Teresa Snorton, Presiding Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the CME Church at the Bold Steps: Vision, Mission, & Teambuilding with both the Carolina Region & NY-Washington Region of the 7th Episcopal District of the CME Church

Picture 6: Dr. Rona Williams with Hood Alumni- Reverend Doctor Roderick Darnell Lewis, Senior; General Officer & General Secretary of the Department of Publications CME Church at the Bold Steps: Vision, Mission, & Teambuilding with both the Carolina Region & NY-Washington Region of the 7th Episcopal District of the CME Church



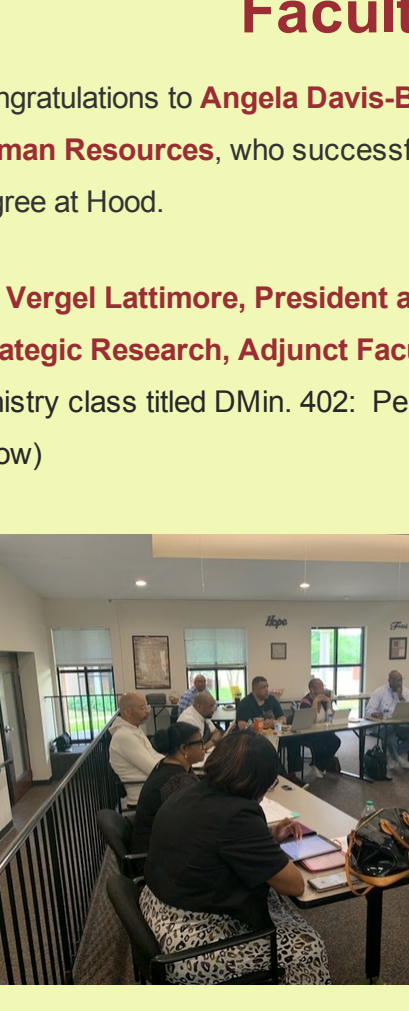
Alumni News

Congratulations to Alumni Dr. Titus A. Thorn, MDiv'19, who has released a new book titled 'Am I Next?: Racial Profiling in America.' For more information, [Click Here](#).

AP Article: 'Black Protestant Church Still Vital Despite Attendance Drop' featuring Hood Alum Melvin Andrew Davis MDiv'12. The article stated "Davis' sermon on a recent Sunday was titled: 'Trust during times of trouble.' He recalled the pandemic as one of the most challenging times in his church's history – and offered words of hope. 'We may not ever go back to the way it was, but we can do better,' Davis told parishioners." [View Article](#)

Visiting Professor Joins The Hood Theological Seminary Faculty

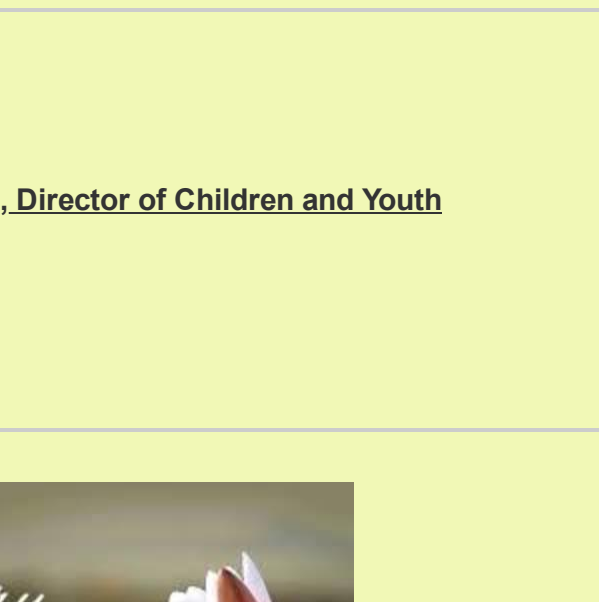
Dr. Jennifer L. Aycock has joined the Hood Theological Seminary (HTS) faculty as an Assistant Visiting Professor of History of Christianity. Read more [HERE](#).



Faculty and Staff News

Congratulations to **Angela Davis-Baxter, Director of Financial Aid & Associate Director of Human Resources**, who successfully defended her dissertation for her Doctor of Ministry degree at Hood.

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, and **Dr. Karens Owens, Director of Strategic Research, Adjunct Faculty, Spiritual/Pastoral Theology** co-taught a Doctor of Ministry class titled DMin. 402: Personal Transformation For Effective Ministry. (See pictures below)



Dr. Vincent Howell, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, was the guest preacher at Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Ramsuer, NC, on Sunday, July 30. The Rev. Dr. Authur Waddell, a Hood Alum, is the pastor. The special occasion was the congregation's Annual Celebration of its Pastor Care Day. As part of the celebration, a contribution was made to Hood Theological Seminary. (See image below)



Job Opportunities

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Director of Children and Youth Ministries



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

Tammy Wheeler and her family: Tammy's father, James Stover, passed away on May 17, 2023

Patricia Commander and her Family: Patricia's uncle, James Hubbard passed away on May 18, 2023, and her other uncle, Johnnie Hubbard, is seriously ill.

Hood's Herald - Spring 2023 Now Available Online!

Read the latest edition now available online! This annual publication includes highlights of the past year, articles of interest, and the Honor Roll of Donors for 2022. Click the button below to view.

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