



E-Newsletter: December 2021

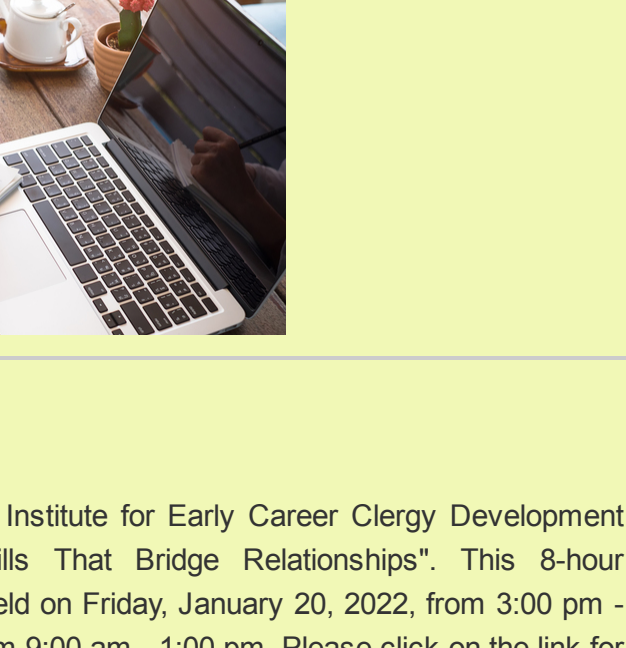
Happy Holidays!

Hood Theological Seminary will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, December 17, 2021, for Christmas Break and reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 8:00 am.



Highlights

- IECCD News
- A Look Back At Fall 2021 Events
- Recording of the 1885 Society Virtual Celebration



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IECCD News

The Center for Continuing Education at the Institute for Early Career Clergy Development (IECCD) is hosting, "Communication Skills That Bridge Relationships". This 8-hour workshop, led by Dr. Jim Wadford, will be held on Friday, January 20, 2022, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 21, 2022, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please click on the link for additional information and to register: [CLICK HERE](#)

Coming in the Spring of 2022, the Institute for Early Career Clergy Development will launch its newest program, The Center for Preaching. The goal of the Center is to assist pastors and lay preachers at any level in the craft of writing and delivering sermons. Classes will range from Introductory Sermon Crafting and Writing Sermons for Busy Pastors, to more advanced classes focused on the lectionary or other topical/biblical areas and also mini-retreats on writing and delivery. Please be on the lookout for additional information and registration at the beginning of the new year.



Watch the Recording of the 1885 Society Virtual Celebration!

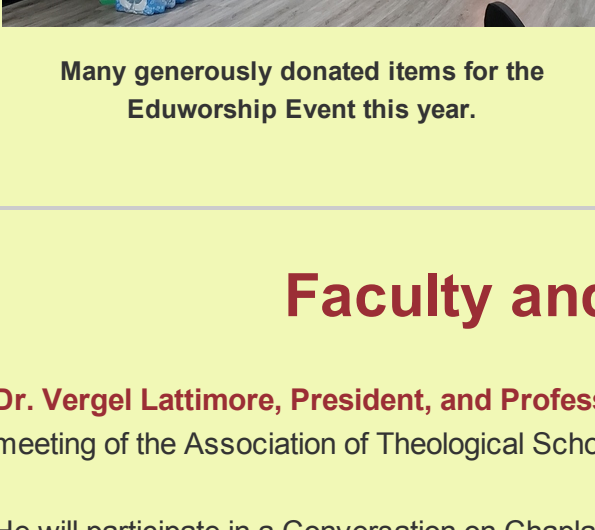
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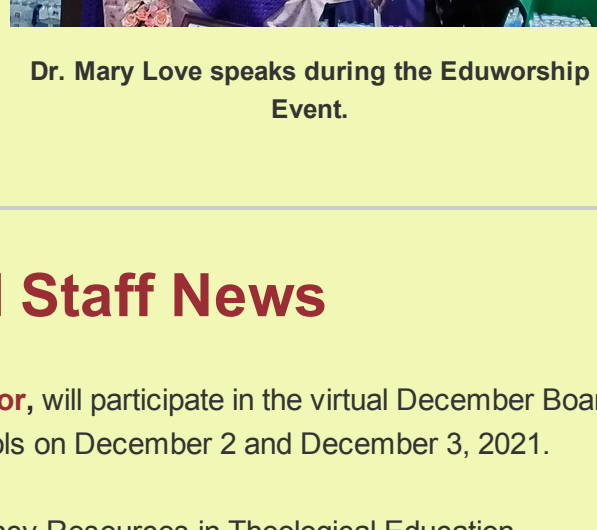
A Look Back at Fall 2021 Events

Take a look back at some of the events that took place this semester!

Fall 2021 Opening Convocation

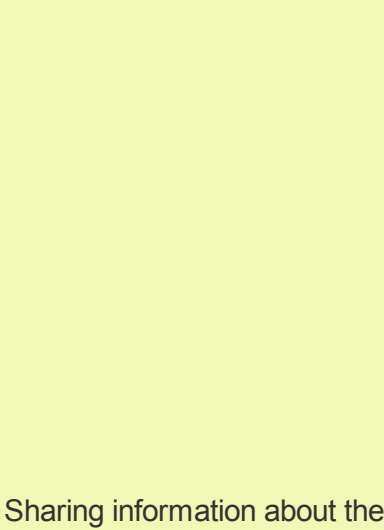


Dr. Eppehimer introduces the speaker.



Dr. Wadford reads the Benediction.

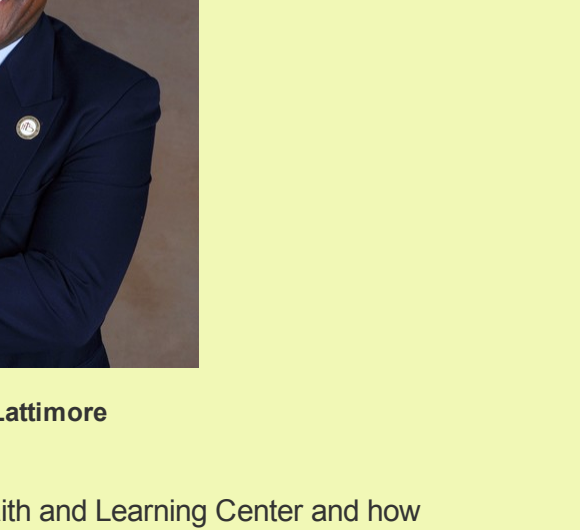
Speaks Lecture Series



The guest lecturer, Melanie L. Harris, Ph.D., gives her talk.



President Dr. Lattimore talks during the Speaks Lecture Series.



Hood Student and SGA Vice President, Lawrence Ganzy, introduces the guest lecturer.

Eduworship



Many generously donated items for the Eduworship Event this year.

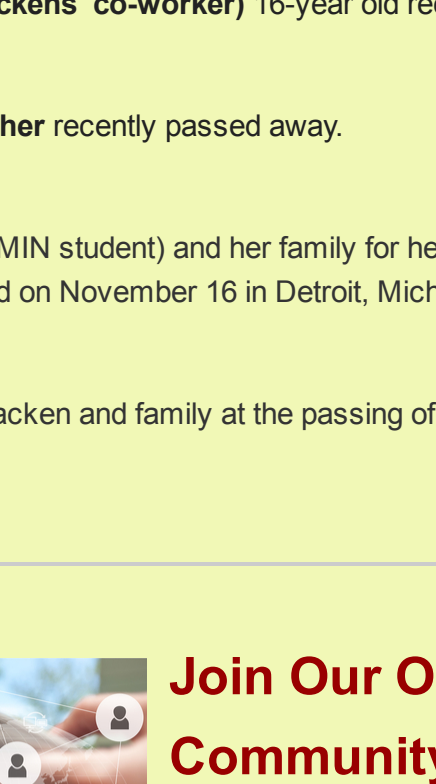


Dr. Mary Love speaks during the Eduworship Event.

Faculty and Staff News

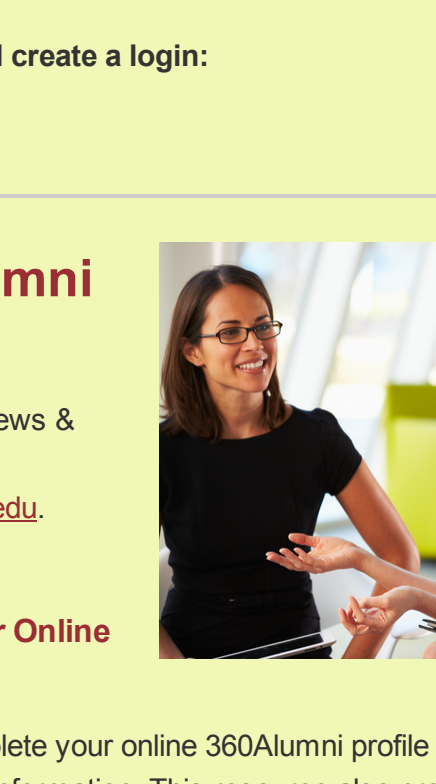
Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President, and Professor, will participate in the virtual December Board meeting of the Association of Theological Schools on December 2 and December 3, 2021.

He will participate in a Conversation on Chaplaincy Resources in Theological Education sponsored by the Boston University School of Theology on December 8, 2021.



Dr. Vergel Lattimore

Sharing information about the Congregational Faith and Learning Center and how congregations can benefit from engaging with Hood's newest Center, **Rev. Dr. Vincent Howell, Director**, was the guest speaker at the November 20, 2021, joint meeting of the United Ministers Alliance and the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, the November 30, 2021 meeting of the Ministers Conference of the Winston-Salem and Vicinity, and a meeting with Bishop Cecil Reid, Presiding Bishop of the Church of God Apostolic.



Rev. Dr. Vincent Howell



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

Dr. Albert J.D. Aymer, President Emeritus of Hood Theological Seminary, passed away on November 5, 2021. You can also read an article about Dr. Aymer from the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference [HERE](#).

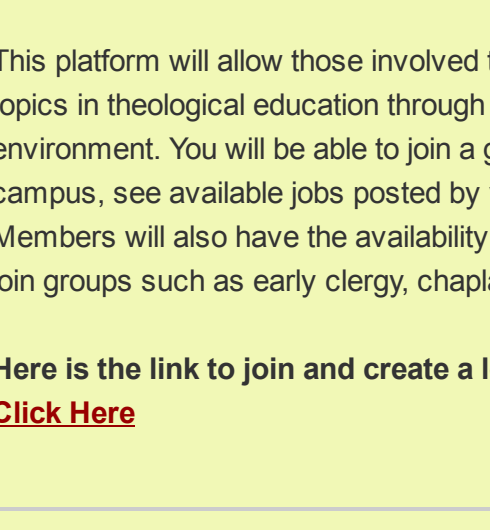
Michele Shadden's mother, **Lillie Griffin Johnson** passed away on October 23 and her celebration of life was October 30th.

Robin Allen's (Debra Pickens' co-worker) 16-year old recently passed away.

Patrick Tate's grandmother recently passed away.

Brenda Bulger Walker (DMIN student) and her family for her beloved mother, **Elvira Bernice Bulger**, who died on November 16 in Detroit, Michigan.

Hood student Mark McRacken and family at the passing of his mother **Sandra F. McRacken**.



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.

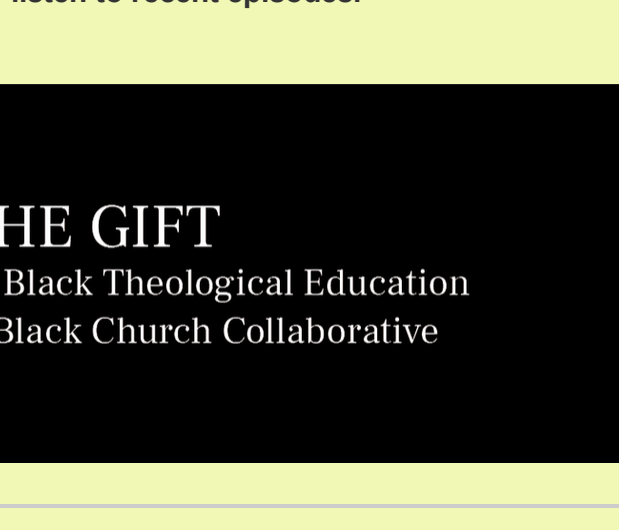
This platform will allow those involved to create a dialogue with colleagues on a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off-campus, see available jobs posted by various members, 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.



Make Sure to Join Our Online Community!

Also, don't forget to complete your online 360Alumni profile [HERE](#) to receive Hood news, events, and other information. This resource also provides 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.

The Gift Collaborative Podcasts

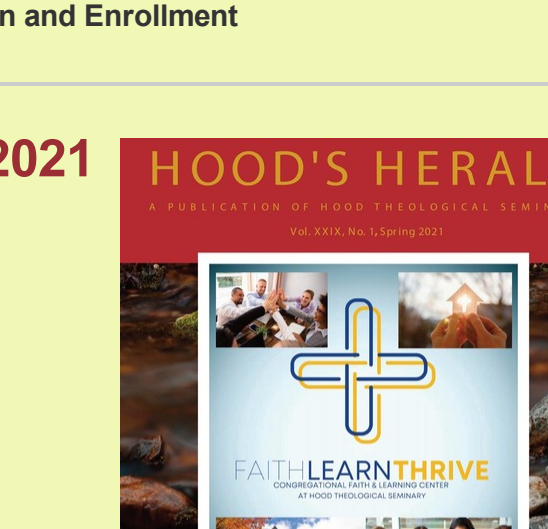
Catch up on The Gift Collaborative podcasts!

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to recent episodes.



Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:



[At-Home Vaccination Hotline:](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for Those Who Cannot Leave Their Home](#)

[The COVID Relief Bill: What Churches Need to Know](#)

[CDC and COVID-19](#)

[Understanding the CARES Act](#)

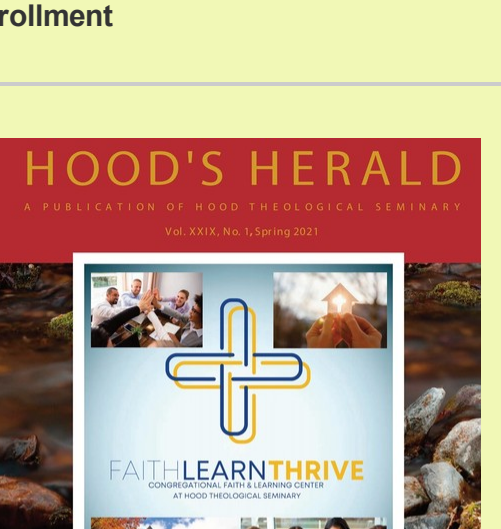
[How to Help Children Understand COVID-19](#)

[CDC: Public Health Guidance for community-related Exposure](#)

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

Christian Counselor Directory

During this season of uncertainty, the Center For Chaplaincy is providing a Christian Counselor Directory, as a resource when needed for the HTS community and beyond. Click the link below to access the directory.



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Hood's Herald - Spring 2021 Edition

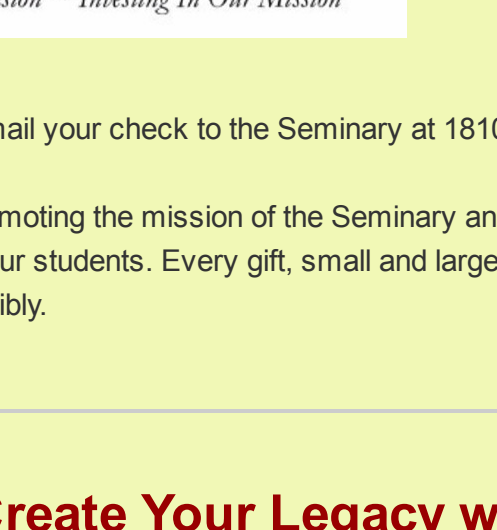
Hood's Herald Spring 2021, Now Available Online!



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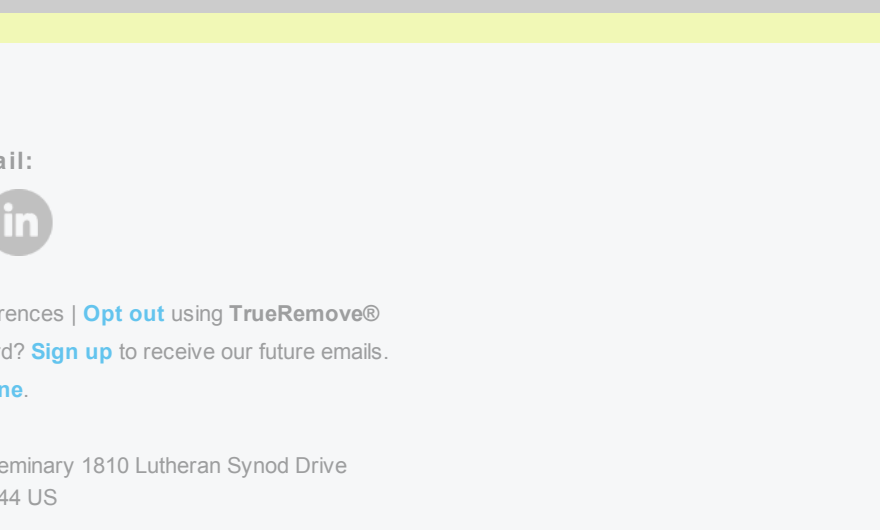
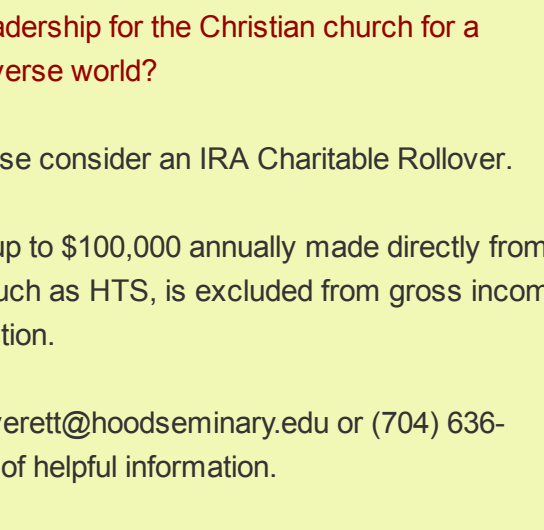


Learning is a lifelong process; continue the journey with us. For clergy, church professionals, and laypersons. All denominations welcome! Read more [here](#).

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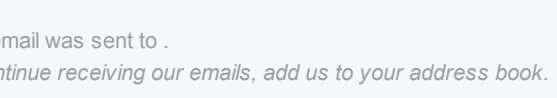
Do you have any news or events to share?

Please submit them to marketing@hoodseminary.edu to share with the monthly Hoodlines newsletter.



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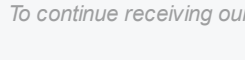
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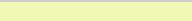
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