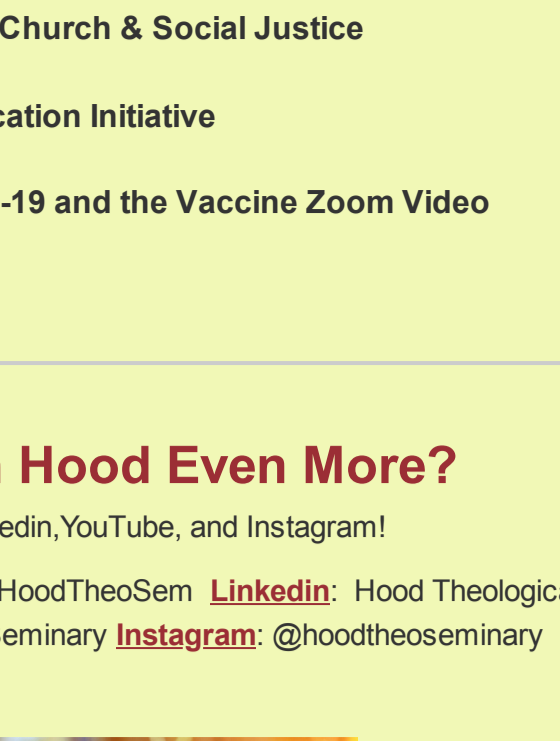


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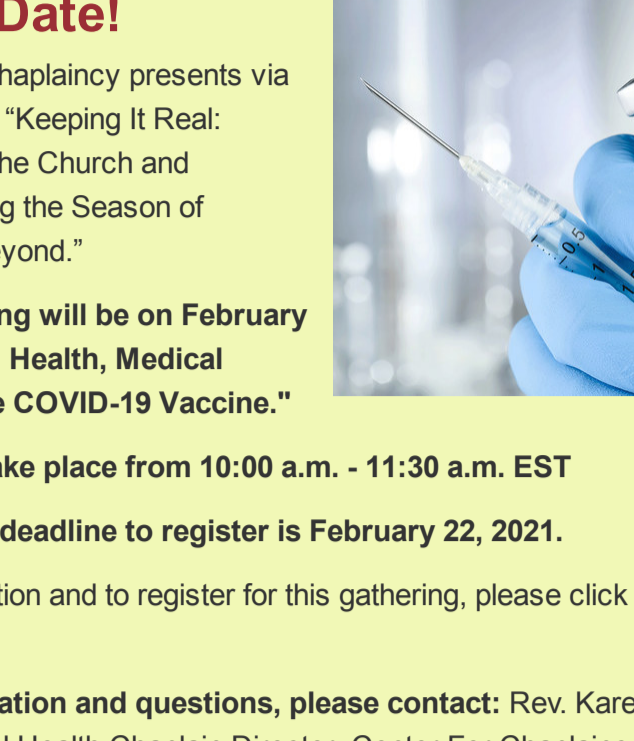
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Save the Date!

The Center for Chaplaincy presents via online gatherings: "Keeping It Real: Mental Health in the Church and Community During the Season of Pandemic and Beyond."

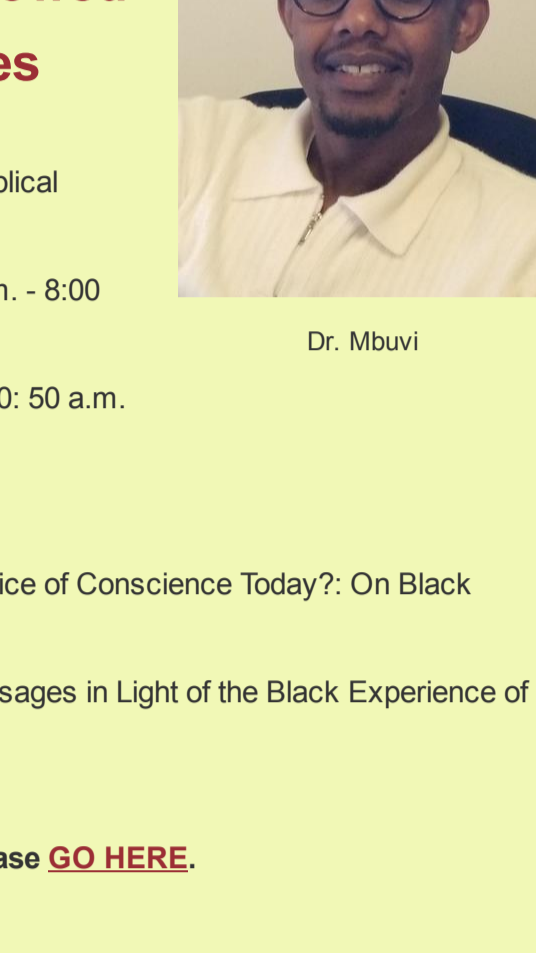
The next gathering will be on **February 23, 2021: "Mental Health, Medical Mistrust, and the COVID-19 Vaccine."**

This event will take place from **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EST**

Please note, the deadline to register is **February 22, 2021.**

For more information and to register for this gathering, please click on the button below.

For more information and questions, please contact: Rev. Karen L. Owens, D.Min., Behavioral Health Chaplain Director, Center For Chaplaincy, Hood Theological Seminary kowens@hoodseminary.edu



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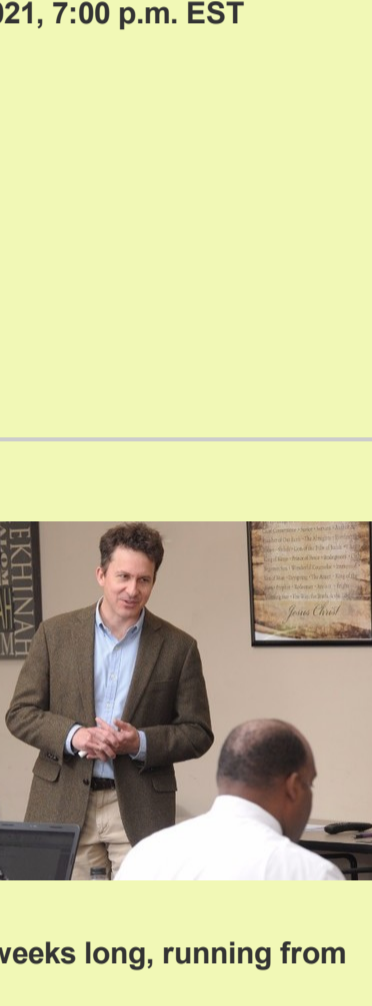
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February 10, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
 Sermon: Bishop Dennis V. Proctor
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SAVE THE DATE: 2021 Virtual Bishop Alfred E. and Mrs. Mamie White Endowed Memorial Lecture Series

Speaker: Dr. Andrew M. Mbuvi, Ph.D. (Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics)
 Dates: Friday, February 12, 2021 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:10 a.m. - 10: 50 a.m.



Lecture Titles:
Lecture 1: Where is the Black Church's voice of Conscience Today?: On Black Bodies and Racial Violence in America
Lecture 2: Re-Reading Select Lukan Passages in Light of the Black Experience of Violence

For more information on Dr. Mbuvi, please [GO HERE](#).

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 Please note, there are two Zoom links, one for Friday and one for Saturday

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Dr. Alton B. Pollard III

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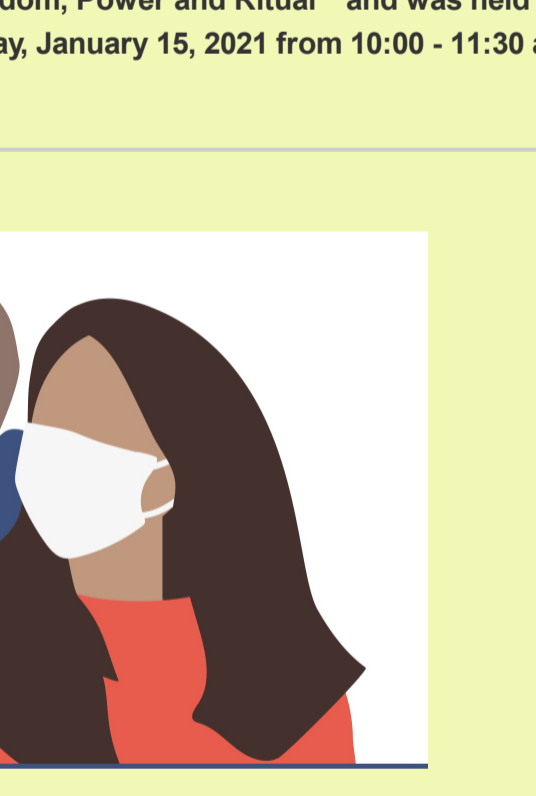
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Spring 2021 Community Education Initiative



The current course offering for the Hood Theological Seminary Community Education Initiative is titled "Being Human 101: The School of Life." The course is six weeks long, running from February 15, 2021 through March 26, 2021.

Trevor Eppheimer, HTS's Academic Dean and Messenger-Williams Family Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, will serve as this engagement's facilitator and discussion leader. This community course is an extension of Hood Theological Seminary's new Messenger/Williams Family Chair in Theology and Ethics.

The Spring 2021 Community Education Initiative at Hood Theological Seminary, made possible through the generosity of the Messenger-Williams family, will explore philosopher Alain de Botton's recent work *The School of Life: An Emotional Education* (2019).

Suggested donation for this course is \$25.00. Click the button below for further information and to register.

For further questions please email Trevor Eppheimer at teppheimer@hoodseminary.edu.

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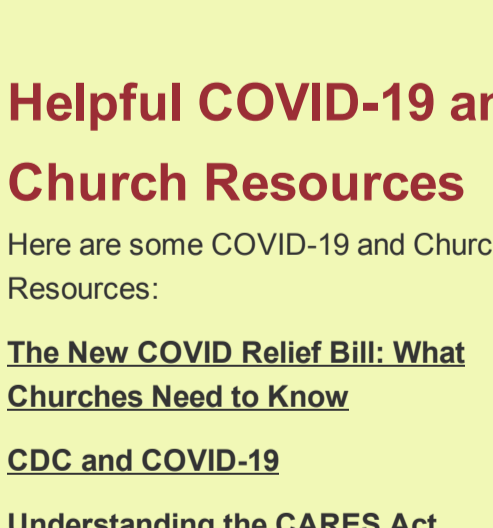
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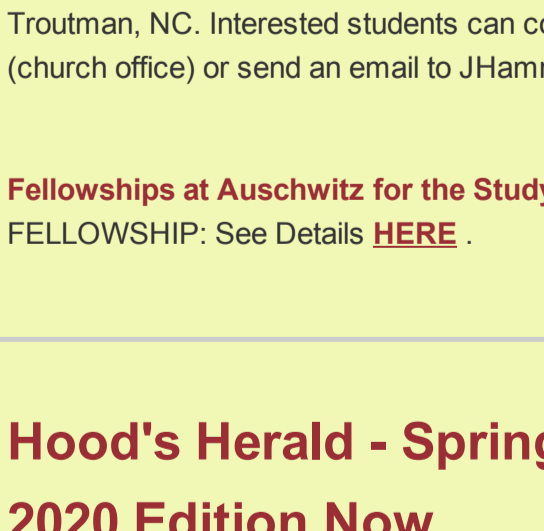
New Virtual Book Launch!



New book by Yolanda Pierce: *In My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit* is a series of essays about race, faith, the Black church – an everyday womanist theology inspired by my grandmother and church mothers. Join a talk about the book with Rev. Dr. Renita Weems via Zoom Tuesday, February 16th @5pm EST. Registration is free. Click the button below to register.

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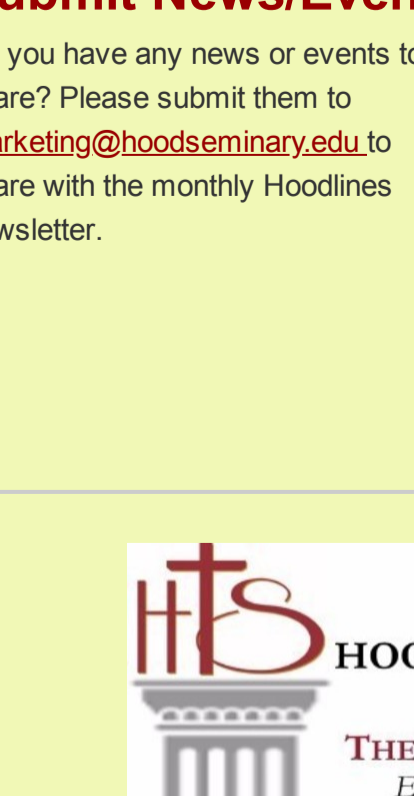


We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni and supporters a place to network with one another and with the Hood community, to share resources, and to 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.

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Faculty and Staff News



Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor will participate in the "Thriving in Ministry Gathering" hosted by Duke University Divinity School, March 1-3, 2021.

He will co-chair the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Salisbury Rotary, February 2, 2021.

Dr. Lattimore will facilitate the webinar and virtual learning module sponsored by the Black Theological Collaborative, February 2 and February 16, 2021.

He will participate in the continuing education workshop - "Radically open Dialectical Behavior Therapy, February 3, 2021.

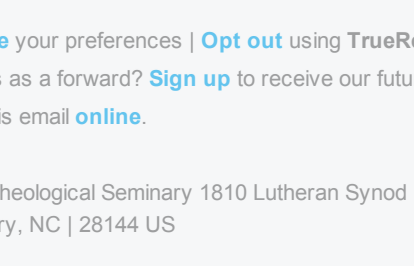
He will participate in the continuing education workshop - "Preventing Burnout: Building Resilience & Health Self-Care, February 16, 2021.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in a virtual Community Appreciation Service for Distinguished HTS Alumnae - Rev. Dr. Laticia Godette, February 7, 2021.

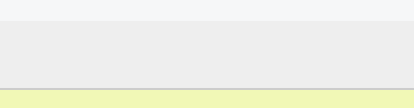
He will participate in the Annual Gathering of African American Presidents and Deans sponsored the ATS, February 11, 2021.

He will participate in a continuing education workshop - "Refugee Mental Complex", February 24, 2021.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in Regional Rotary Leadership Orientation Training, February 19-21, 2021.



Dr. Vincent Howell, Director, The Congregational Faith and Learning Center (TCFLC), was featured in the podcast - "Means of Grace: Meet the Howells - Incorporating Business Management into Ministry Leadership," produced by the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. The podcast can be found [HERE](#).



Dr. Sharon Grant, Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, and AAAS Project Leader and Founding Director of the ICFSH, served as a Guest Lecturer for the J-Term course, "African American Perspectives on Religious Freedom" at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology on Virginia Union University from Jan 11 - 15, 2021.

Professor Grant's Lecture was titled, "Religious Freedom, Power and Ritual" and was held on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Know the Facts About COVID-19 and the Vaccine Zoom Video Recording

Miss this Zoom Town Hall about the COVID-19 Vaccine? Watch it [HERE!](#)

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

Dr. James David Armstrong passed away January 12, 2021. He is the former Editor of the A.M.E. Zion Quarterly Review. As loyal supporters of HTS, He and his wife established an annual award that is given at Commencement.

Atilla Molenaar (Whitney's brother-in-law) and his mother, Eva, at the death of his father and her husband, respectively.

James Hayes and his family at the death of his father, Thomas Hayes, on January 2, 2021

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Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:

- [The New COVID Relief Bill: What Churches Need to Know](#)
- [CDC and COVID-19](#)
- [Understanding the CARES Act](#)
- [How to Help Children Understand COVID-19](#)
- [Video on Church Protection](#)
- [CDC: Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)
- [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

Job Opportunities

Senior Pastor: The Christian Church of Chester - Chester, PA

Conference Director of Equity and Justice Ministries: Western North Carolina UMC Conference

Part-time Youth/Children's Ministry Coordinator: First United Methodist Church, Trouman, NC. Interested students can contact Rev. Jeff Hamrick at (704) 528-5110 (church office) or send an email to JHamrick1@wcccumc.net.

Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) 2021 FELLOWSHIP: See Details [HERE](#).

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