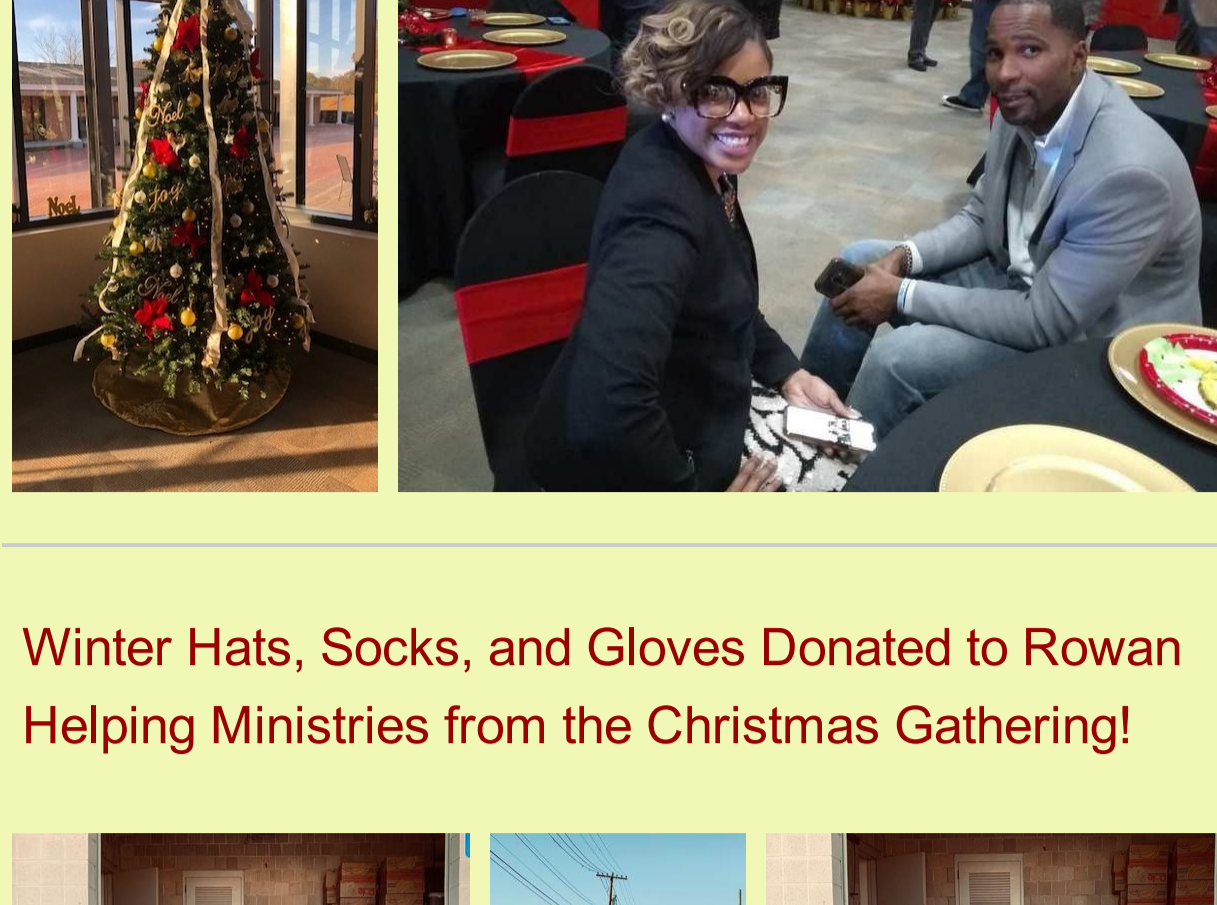


### Seminary Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Hood Theological Seminary will be closed Monday, January 20th, 2020 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance.

### Scenes from the 1885 Society Dinner



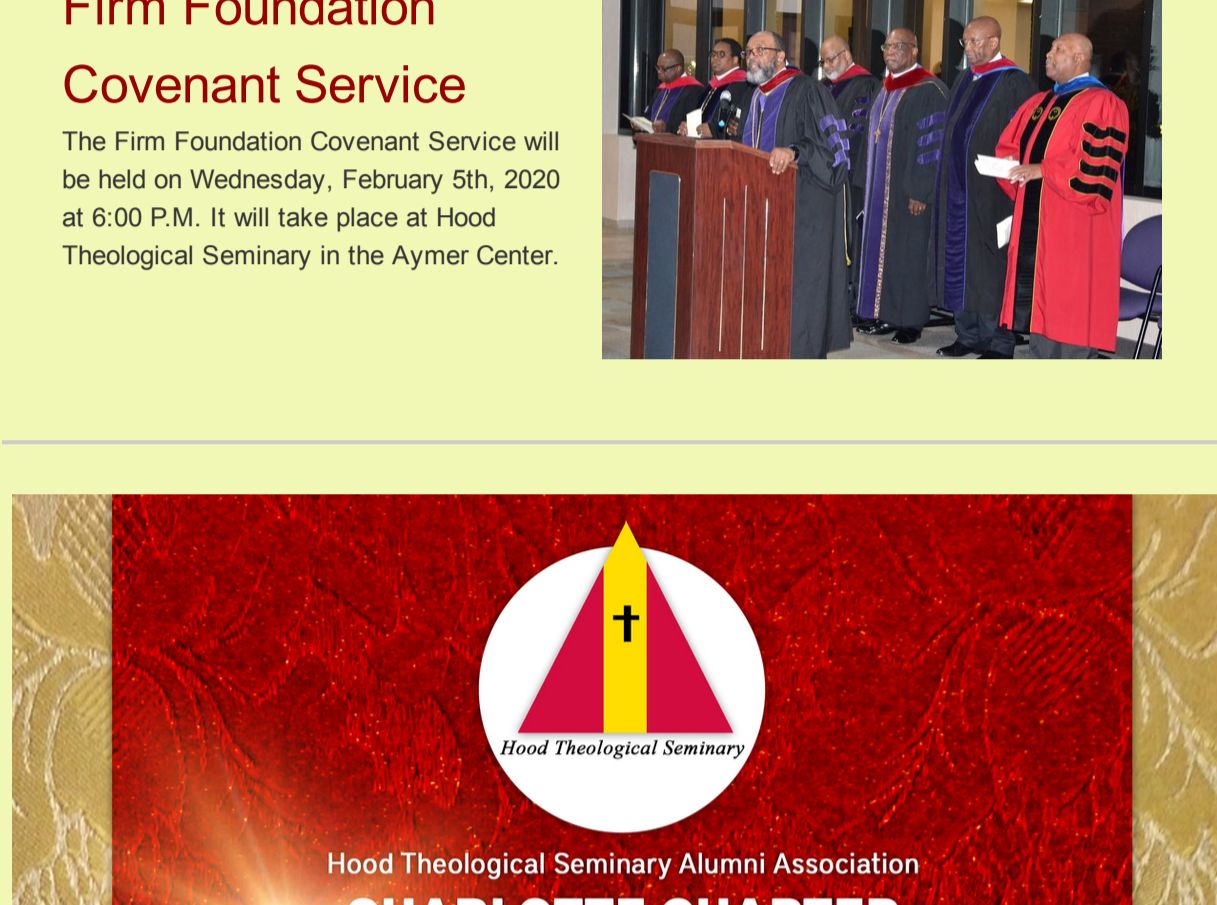
### Scenes from the Christmas Gathering



### Winter Hats, Socks, and Gloves Donated to Rowan Helping Ministries from the Christmas Gathering!

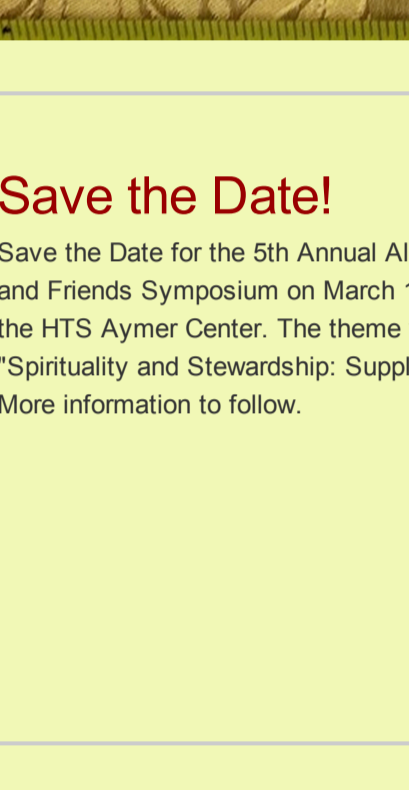


### Faculty/Staff Christmas Luncheon



### Speaker Announced for Heritage Lecture Series

Dr. Eric Williams will be the speaker for the 2020 Bishop Alfred E. White and Mamie Williams White Endowed Heritage Lecture Series. This event will be held on the evening of Friday, February 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. and the following morning on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 10:10 a.m. Both lectures will take place in the Aymer Center. More information about registration and the speaker to follow.

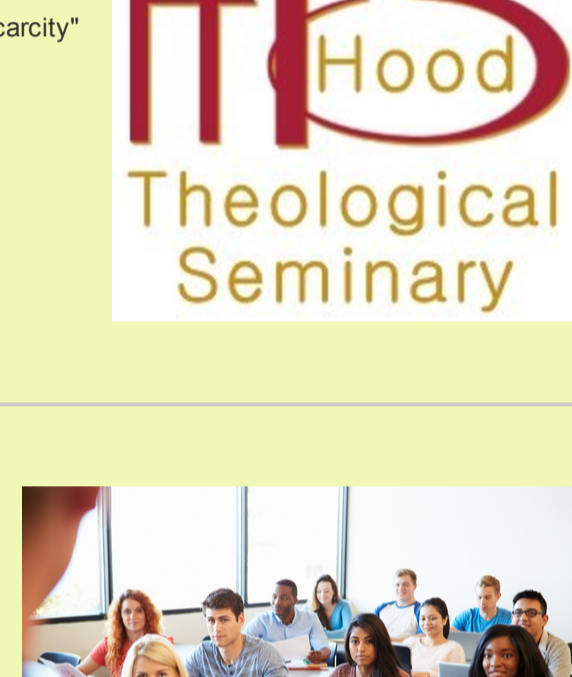


### Speaker Announced for 19th Commencement

Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick III will be the 2020 Commencement Speaker for Hood Theological Seminary (HTS). Bishop Reddick is the Presiding Prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District and the Senior Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church.

### Firm Foundation Covenant Service

The Firm Foundation Covenant Service will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. It will take place at Hood Theological Seminary in the Aymer Center.



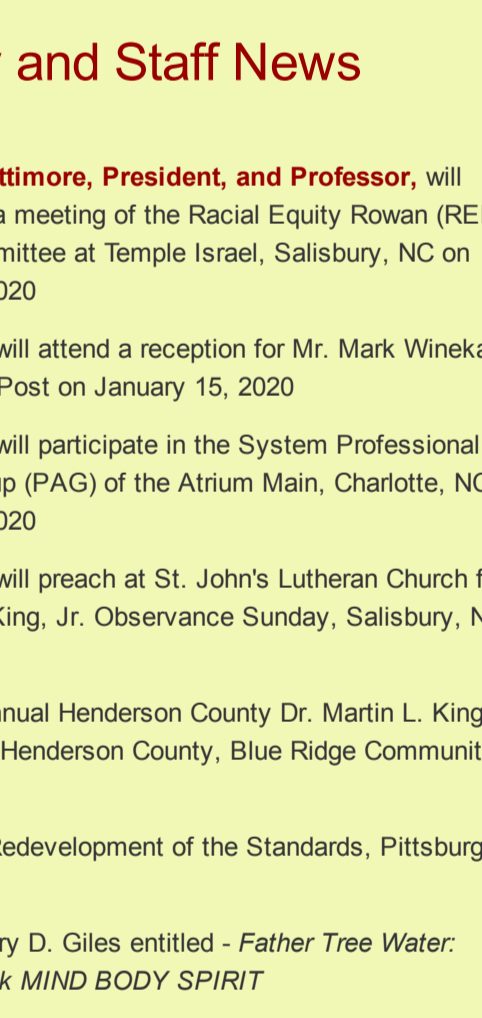
**Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association**  
**CHARLOTTE CHAPTER**  
**CULTURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM**  
*Sunday*  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**  
**AT 4:00PM-EST**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Reverend Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker, Pastor**  
 of Little Rock A.M.E.Zion Church in Charlotte NC.

**Musical Entertainment Performed by**  
**Johnson C. Smith University Concert Choir**  
 Under the direction of Dr. Shawn Allyce White  
 Grace A.M.E. Zion Church at 3722 David Cox Rd, Charlotte NC 28269

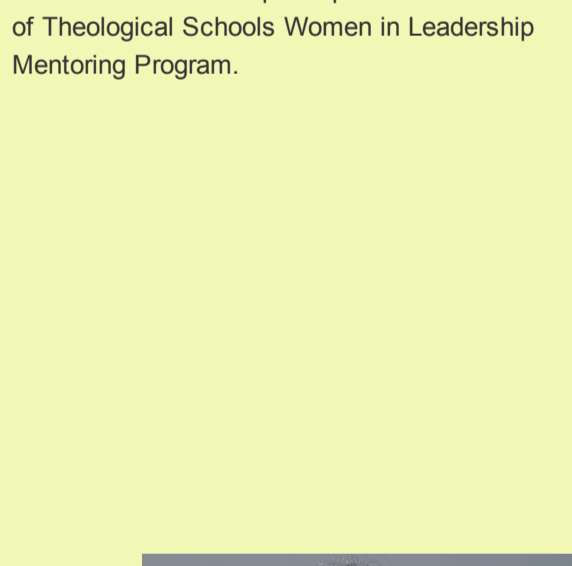
### Save the Date!

Save the Date for the 5th Annual All Hood Alumni and Friends Symposium on March 12-13, 2020 at the HTS Aymer Center. The theme will be: "Spirituality and Stewardship: Supplanting Scarcity" More information to follow.



### Hood Open House

An Open House for those interested in attending Hood Theological Seminary will take place on April 4, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. More details to follow.



### JOIN US IN 2020 HOOD LIBRARY "BOOK TALKS"

**Book Discussions, Readings, and Signings from GUEST AUTHORS!**  
 Email [pcpmrander@hoodseminary.edu](mailto:pcpmrander@hoodseminary.edu) to be added to the list to receive news of upcoming book talks or if you would like to be a featured author.

This semester Hood Library will be hosting "Book Talks." These talks will be full of discussions, questions, and opportunities to purchase items made available by the author. As a special treat, gain insight into making your very own book a reality! Come out to support or log on to our Live Stream on: <https://www.facebook.com/HoodTheologicalSeminaryLibrary/>

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### Current Students and Alumni, Join Us for an Immersion Course in Ghana!

The HTS Immersion Course abroad will take place in June 2020, on June 17-June 25, 2020. The seminary course will be held on the campus of Trinity Theological Seminary in Accra, Ghana. Convened by Dr. Sharon Grant, HTS faculty with the host, Rev. Prof. J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, President, Trinity Theological Seminary.

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**WHEN:** June 17-25, 2020  
**WHERE:** Accra, Ghana

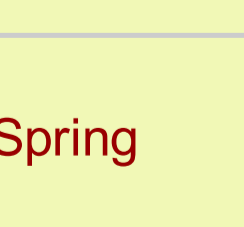
**CREDITS:** *Science, Faith and Healing in the Christian Tradition*  
 3 credits – CHT 305

**COST:** \$2000.00 (all-inclusive except excursions/meals off campus)

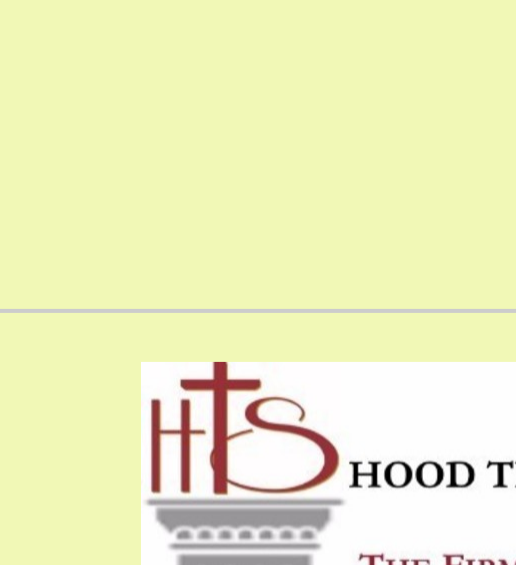
**ELIGIBILITY:**  
 HTS students, alumni, and spouses

**CONTACT:** Dr. Sharon Grant  
[sggrant@hoodseminary.edu](mailto:sggrant@hoodseminary.edu)

This opportunity is presented with funding from the ATS-AAAS Science for Seminaries grant.



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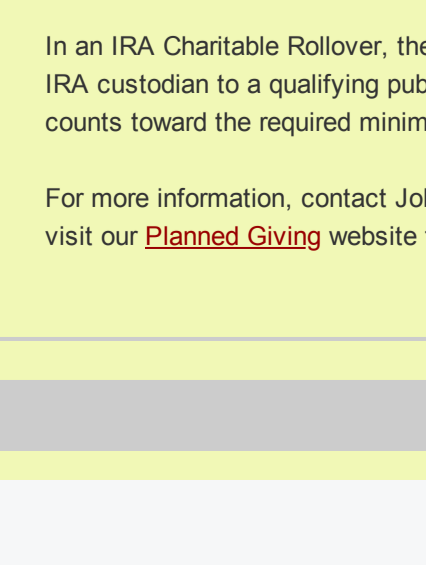


### Join Our Online Community!

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, 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 to 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](#)



### Faculty and Staff News

**Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President, and Professor**, will participate in a meeting of the Racial Equity Rowan (RER) Steering Committee at Temple Israel, Salisbury, NC on January 15, 2020

Dr. Lattimore will attend a reception for Mr. Mark Wineka of the Salisbury Post on January 15, 2020

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the System Professional Advisory Group (PAG) of the Atrium Main, Charlotte, NC on January 17, 2020

Dr. Lattimore will preach at St. John's Lutheran Church for the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Observance Sunday, Salisbury, NC on January 19, 2020

Dr. Lattimore will be the keynote speaker for the 20th Annual Henderson County Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Celebration sponsored by the Community Foundation of Henderson County, Blue Ridge Community College, Flat Rock, NC on January 20, 2020

Dr. Lattimore will participate in ATS Task Force for the Redevelopment of the Standards, Pittsburgh, PA on January 28-30, 2020

President Lattimore has written a blurb for a book by Larry D. Giles entitled - *Father Tree Water: Collected Poems and Photographs of the Rappahannock MIND BODY SPIRIT*



### Angela Davis-Baxter, Director of Financial Aid,

has been selected to participate in the Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Mentoring Program.

**Carmen Harper, Director of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving**, has been named a Rowan County Chamber of Commerce board member.



### Alumni News

**Rev. Dr. Floyd Wicker**, D.Min.'18 has been named the University Chaplain at Shaw University. Shaw University stated that "Dr. Wicker, a proud alumnus of the Shaw University Divinity School, comes to us as a product of the Baptist faith and the African American Black Church experience. Our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, alike, will be blessed by his innovative and charismatic administrative approach to the chaplaincy."

**Rev. Dr. Willa Estell**, D.Min'13 is a nominee for the eight Annual Blount County Athena Leadership Award. See the article [here](#) for more information.



The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:  
**Mr. Sanford Gibson, Jr.**, Father of John Everett, who passed away on December 24th, 2019.



### Hood Items for Sale

The SGA has HTS scarves, ties, cuff links, patches, and special James Walker Hood coins/paperweight. Contact Angelica Sweat, SGA president ([angelicasweat@gmail.com](mailto:angelicasweat@gmail.com)) for information on how to acquire them. You can also purchase items online [here](#).

### Did you Know?

You can audit a class at HTS!

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



### Submit News/Events

Do you have any news or events to share? Please submit them to [marketing@hoodseminary.edu](mailto:marketing@hoodseminary.edu) to share with the monthly Hoodlines newsletter.



### Hood's Herald - Spring 2019

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 2018.



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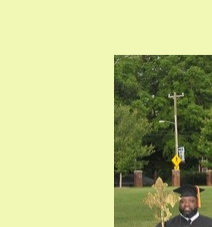
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For more information, contact John Everett at [jeverett@hoodseminary.edu](mailto:jeverett@hoodseminary.edu) or (704) 636-6545, or visit our [Planned Giving](#) website for lots of helpful information.

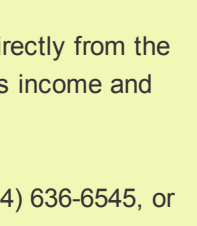
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