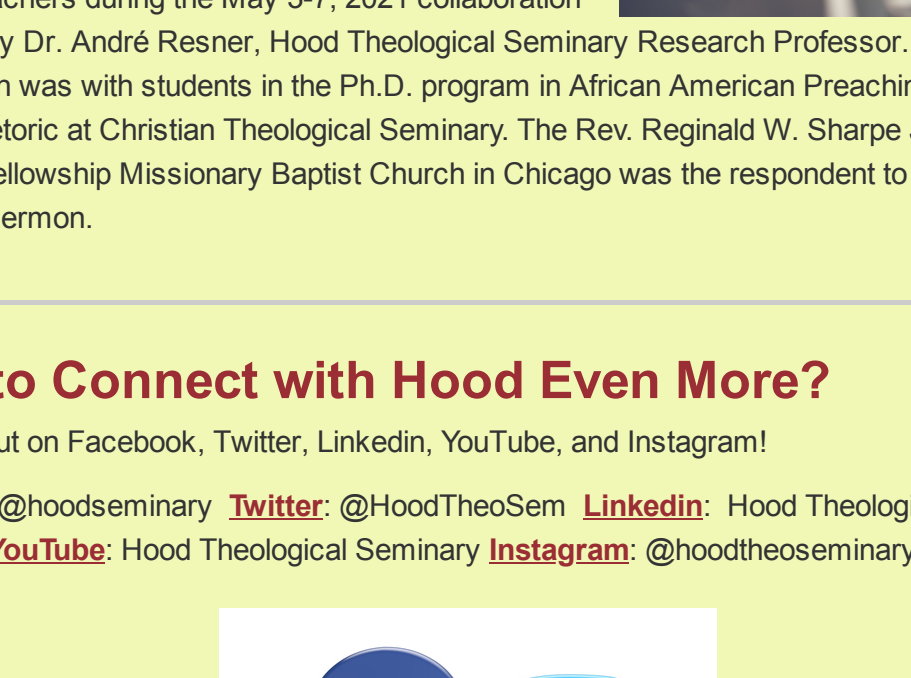




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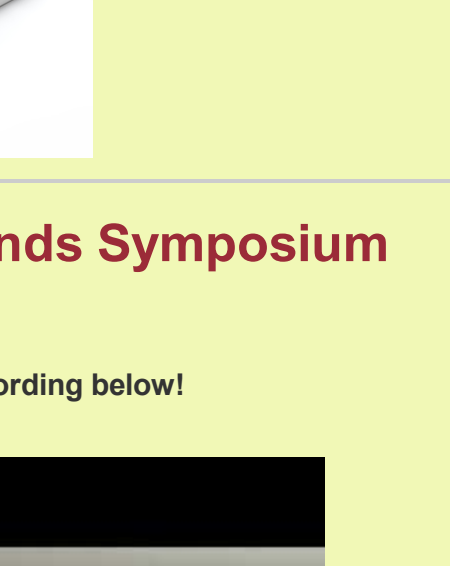


Hood Theological Seminary will be closed Monday, July 5 for the Fourth of July Holiday.

Editor's Note

Below is an addition for the June 2021 newsletter for the Faculty & Staff News Section under Dr. André Resner's update:

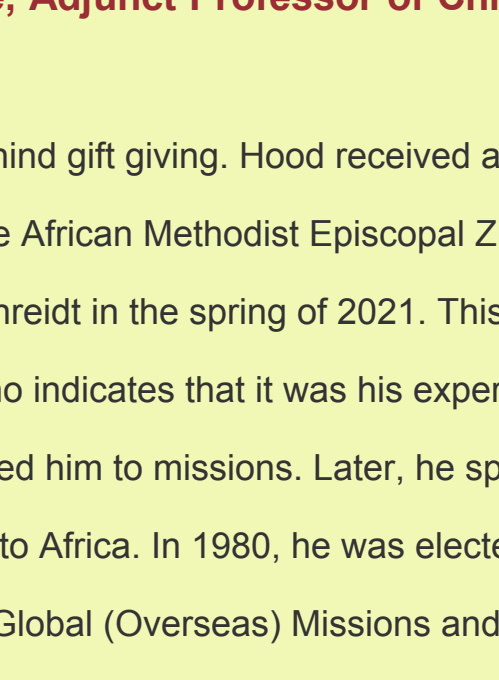
The Rev. Dierdré Parker-Rowson was one of the Hood Alumni preachers during the May 3-7, 2021 collaboration organized by Dr. André Resner, Hood Theological Seminary Research Professor. The collaboration was with students in the Ph.D. program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary. The Rev. Reginald W. Sharpe Jr., Senior Pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago was the respondent to Rev. Parker-Rowson's sermon.



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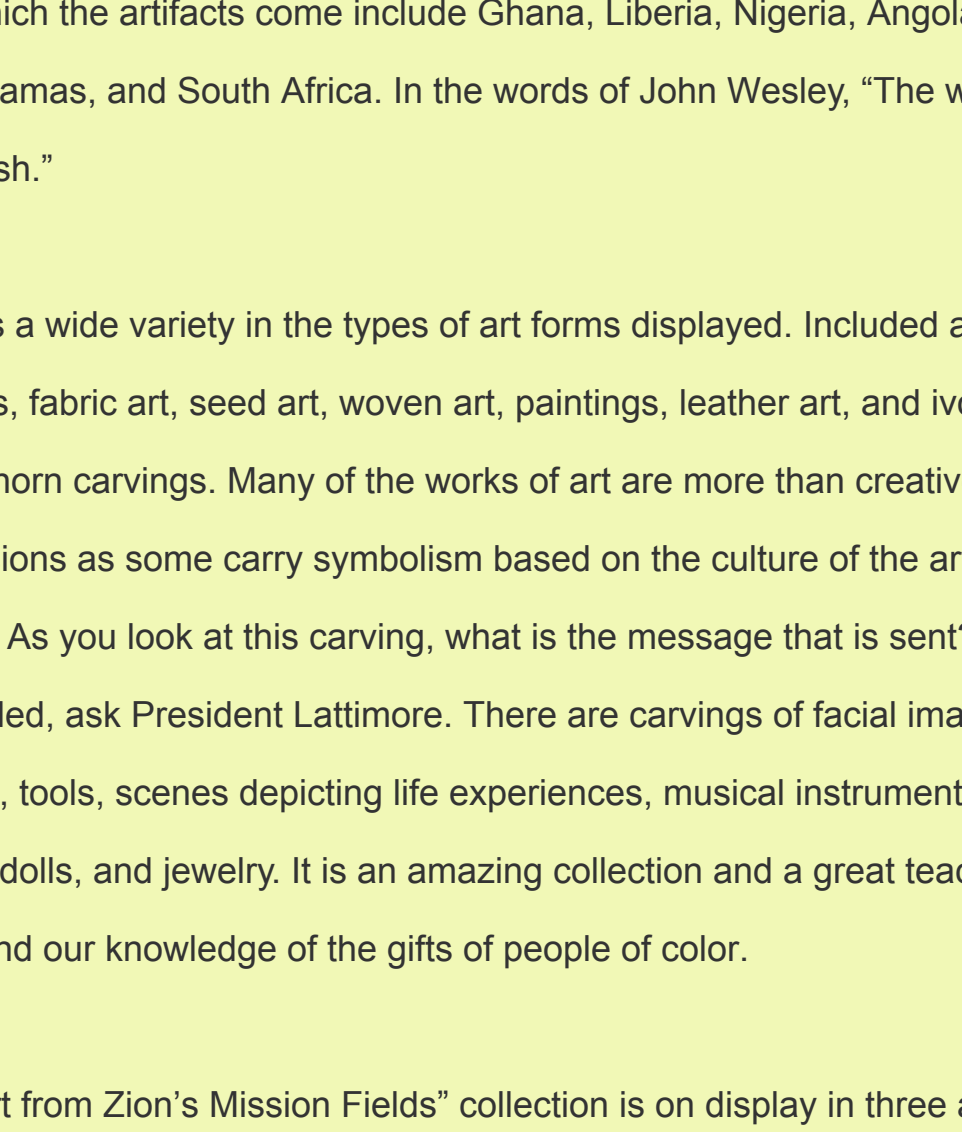
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2021 All Hood Alumni & Friends Symposium Recording

View the All Hood Symposium Recording below!



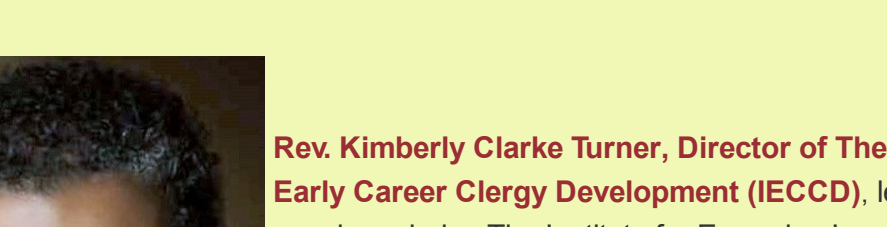
A Gift from Zion's Mission Fields

Dr. Mary A. Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education

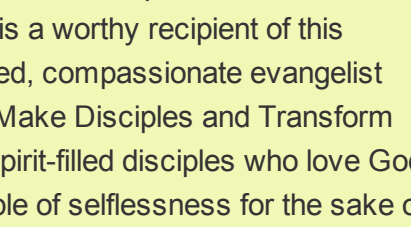
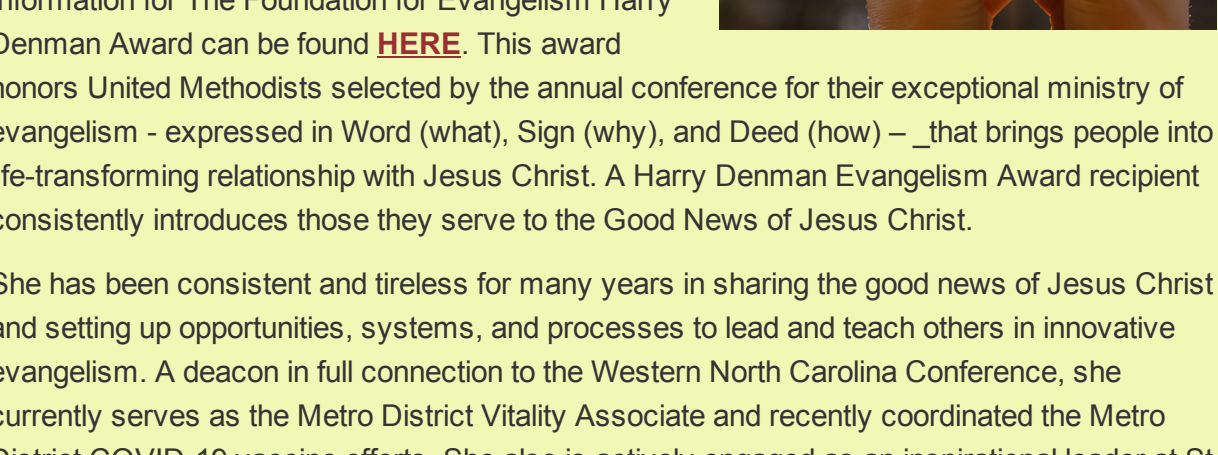
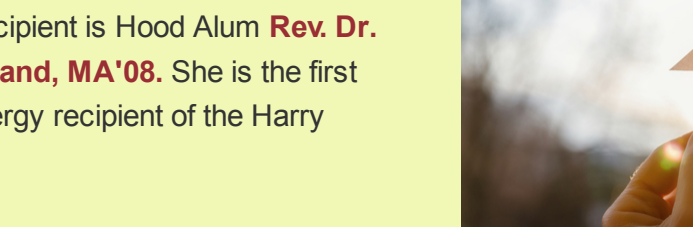
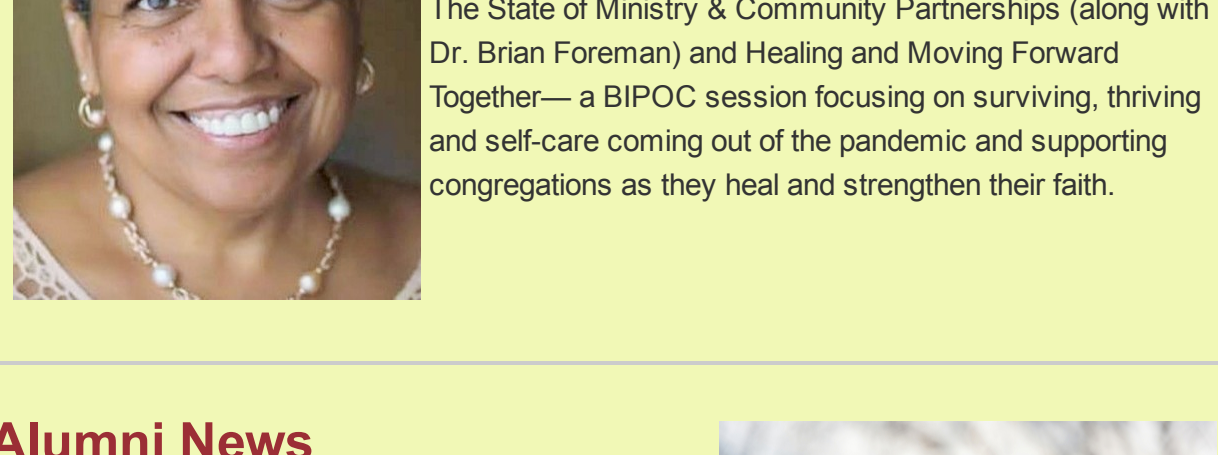
There is motivation behind gift giving. Hood received a gift of artifacts from the mission fields of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church donated by Dr. Kermit J. DeGraffenreid in the spring of 2021. This donor is a Hood Alum of the class of 1963 who indicates that it was his experience at Hood Seminary that introduced him to missions. Later, he spent six years with his family as a missionary to Africa. In 1980, he was elected a General Officer (General Secretary of Global (Overseas) Missions and the Editor of the Missionary Seer) in the A. M. E. Zion Church, serving in that position for thirty-six years. During those forty-two years of serving on the mission field, Dr. DeGraffenreid acquired many works of art. For Dr. DeGraffenreid, these art works expressed welcome to the various countries and serve as reminders of the challenges he faced on the mission field. He indicated that many people may never travel to the mission field, and he was motivated to give the artifacts to Hood for display and to help increase an appreciation for the various cultures, craftsmanship, and artistic expressions. The countries from which the artifacts come include Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Angola, India, the Bahamas, and South Africa. In the words of John Wesley, "The world is my parish."

There is a wide variety in the types of art forms displayed. Included are wood carvings, fabric art, seed art, woven art, paintings, leather art, and ivory and animal horn carvings. Many of the works of art are more than creative expressions as some carry symbolism based on the culture of the artistic creator. As you look at this carving, what is the message that is sent? If you are baffled, ask President Lattimore. There are carvings of facial images, animals, tools, scenes depicting life experiences, musical instruments, masks, dolls, and jewelry. It is an amazing collection and a great teaching tool to expand our knowledge of the gifts of people of color.

This "Art from Zion's Mission Fields" collection is on display in three areas on Hood's campus – 1) the entrance to the Administration Building plus various administrative and staff offices, 2) the President's and Deans' Conference Rooms and 3) the Library. As Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted, a formal opening and dedication of this exhibit will be planned. Dr. Mary Love, a former colleague of Dr. DeGraffenreid served as the curator with the assistance of Mrs. Gail Hounshell – a Hood supporter and the widow of Dr. Trevor Williams who was the carver for Hood's Mace and the symbolic wood carvings on the campus. May you be enriched as you view the individual pieces of this collection. Photographs cannot do justice to the magnificence of the artistry in each piece. Hood gives thanks to Dr. DeGraffenreid for this gift and gives thanks to God for the creativity bestowed upon the artisans.



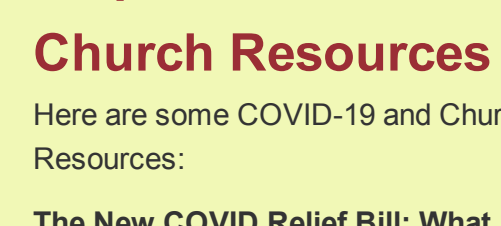
Dr. Kermit J. DeGraffenreid



The Gift Collaborative Podcast

Episode 1 of The Gift Collaborative podcast features Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr., who is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and Chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University. Listen to Dr. Glaude and Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, President of Payne Theological Seminary, as they continue the conversation on "Awakening the Church: A Call to Respond to Systemic Racism."

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to this episode.



Join Our Online Community!

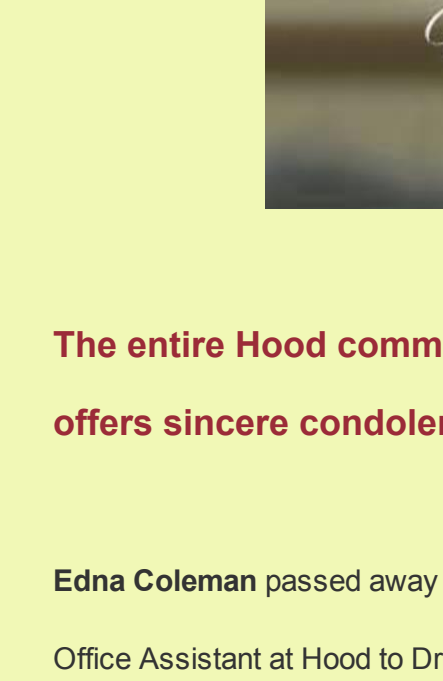
We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni and supporters a place to network with one another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

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Faculty and Staff News



Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will attend the Kannapolis African American Museum and Cultural Center's (KAA-MaCC) Black History Celebration - "Alumni Voices Speak", July 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

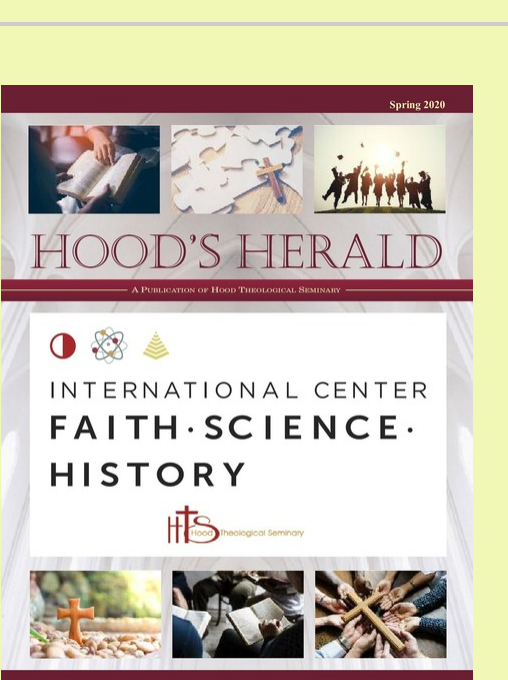
He will attend the A.M.E. Zion 51st General Conference, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, GA, (July 30-31, 2020), followed on sight by the 12th Quadrennial Lay Convocation where he will be the keynote speaker for the Bishop George J. Leake, III Scholarship Breakfast (August 3, 2020).



Rev. Kimberly Clarke Turner, Director of The Institute for Early Clergy Clergy Development (IECCD), led two sessions during The Institute for Emerging Issues' Reconnecting Our Faith and Community Conference in May: The State of Ministry & Community Partnerships (along with Dr. Brian Foreman) and Healing and Moving Forward Together—a BIPOC session focusing on surviving, thriving and self-care coming out of the pandemic and supporting congregations as they heal and strengthen their faith.

Alumni News

The 2021 Clergy Recipient is Hood Alum **Rev. Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand, MA'08**. She is the first African American clergy recipient of the Harry Denman Award.

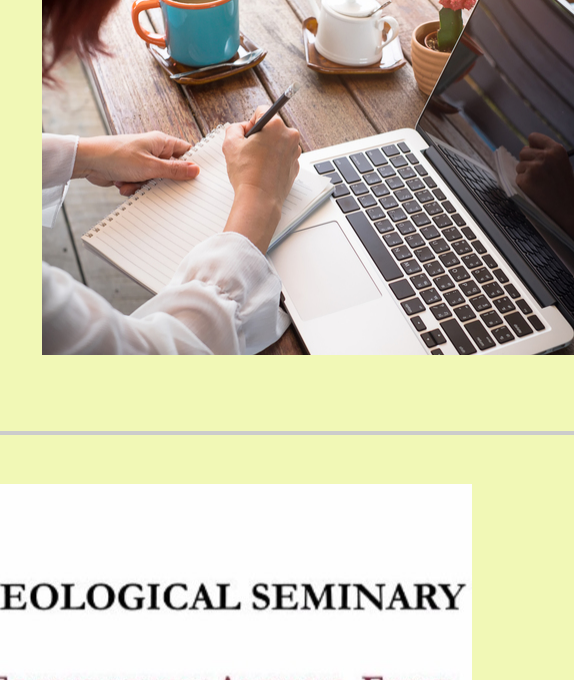


Information for The Foundation for Evangelism Harry Denman Award can be found [HERE](#). This award honors United Methodists selected by the annual conference for their exceptional ministry of evangelism - expressed in Word (what), Sign (why), and Deed (how) - that brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. A Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipient consistently introduces those they serve to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

She has been consistent and tireless for many years in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and setting up opportunities, systems, and processes to lead and teach others in innovative evangelism. A deacon in full connection to the Western North Carolina Conference, she currently serves as the Metro District Vitality Associate and recently coordinated the Metro District COVID-19 vaccine efforts. She also is actively engaged as an inspirational leader at St. Mark's UMC in Charlotte. Rev. Pam Blackstock shares, "She is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award. Reverend Hand epitomizes what a faith-filled, compassionate evangelist is. Our Conference mission statement reads, "Follow Jesus, Make Disciples and Transform the world." The world is not evangelized by churches, but by Spirit-filled disciples who love God and neighbor. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Hand exemplifies this example of selflessness for the sake of the Gospel."

Have Any Alumni News?

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

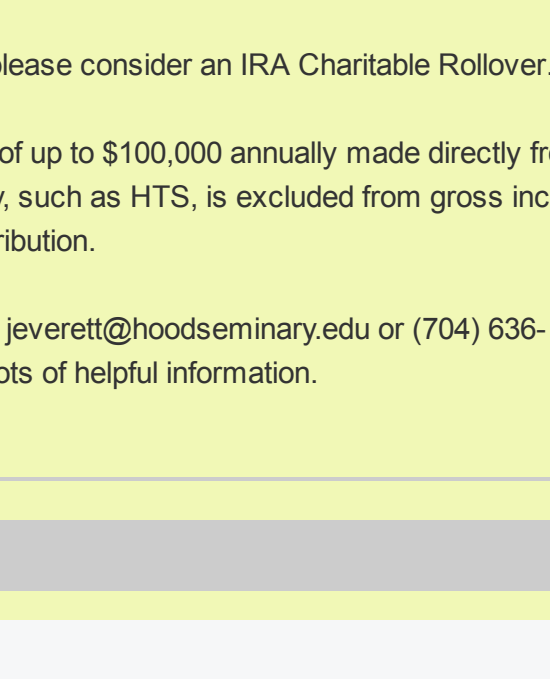


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Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

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[CDC and COVID-19](#)

[Understanding the CARES Act](#)

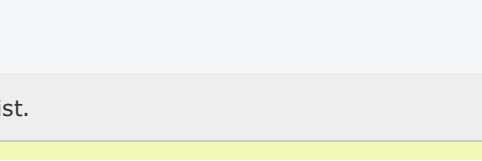
[How to Help Children Understand COVID-19](#)

[CDC: Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

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

Edna Coleman passed away on May 31, 2021. Mrs. Coleman served as the Fiscal Office Assistant at Hood to Dr. Regina Dancy. Please keep Mrs. Coleman's family in your prayers.

Joan Parker Haynes passed away on May 31, 2021.

Job Opportunities

Director of Faith Formation, Good Shepherd United Church of Christ, Cary, NC

Pastor, Chewelah United Church of Christ (UCC)-Chewelah, Washington State

Director of Youth & Family Ministry - All Saints' Episcopal Church, Concord, NC

Vidant Medical Center CPE Program- Vidant Medical Center

Full-Time Senior Pastor, St. Matthews Baptist Church (SMBC), Louisville, Kentucky. Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2021.

Music Chaplin, Trinity Episcopal School, Charlotte, NC, [Apply Here](#)

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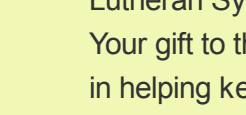
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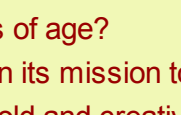
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