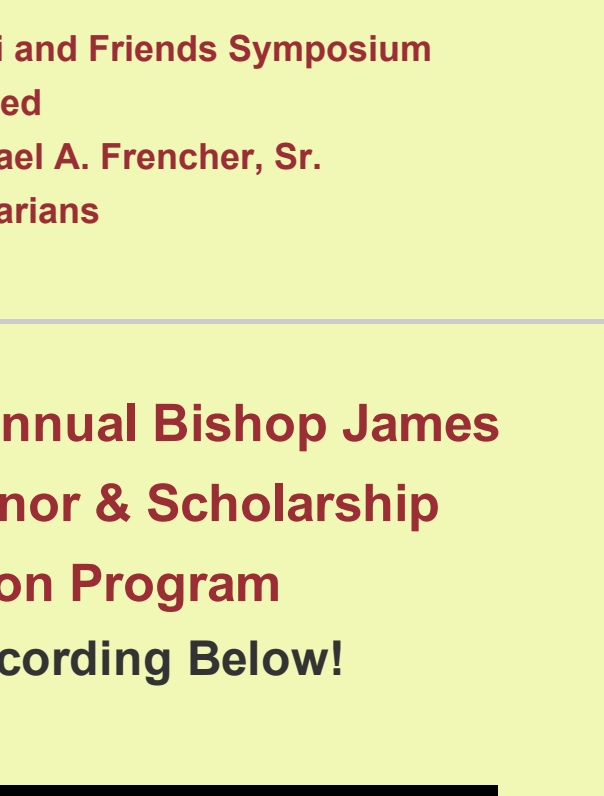


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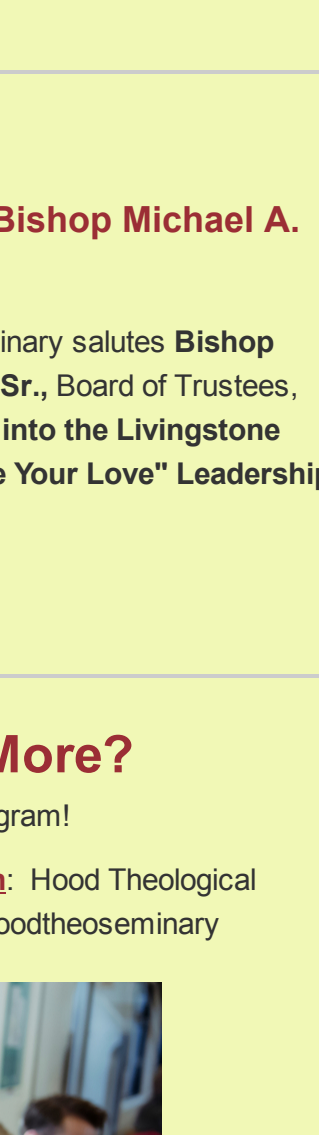
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Nurse Manager Surgical ICU

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Campus Pastor and Executive Director
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Pastor, Organizer, Writer and Trainer
Good Neighbor Movement

New Board Member Named

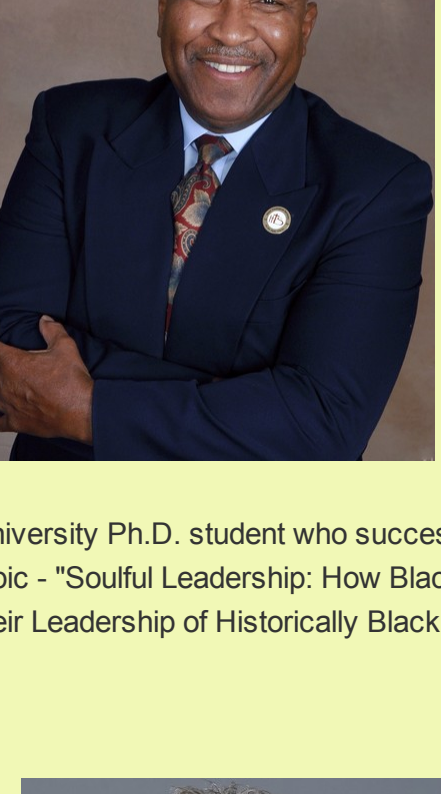
Reverend Dr. Fredrick Bernard Bowman has been named the newest Board Member of Hood Theological Seminary.



He is an ordained elder in full connection with the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He provided spiritual leadership, administrative oversight, and organizational direction to several congregations in the Western North Carolina Conference of his pastoral tenure over twenty years. He has served rural, town, urban, multicultural, and cross-racial churches in the Metro District. Currently, he is appointed to Extension Ministry of the Western North Carolina Conference serving as District Vitality Associate for the Catawba District. Dr. Bowman's responsibilities include assisting in leading the one hundred thirty-two congregations of the Catawba Valley District to establish vision and goals for congregational leadership, maximize the effectiveness of church programming, missions/outreach, and administrative duties assigned by the district superintendent.

Dr. Bowman worked in corporate occupations in data processing at The Federal Reserve Bank and Unisys Corporation in Charlotte, NC before accepting his calling in ministry. He left a possible lucrative corporate career for ministry, hence serving as Minister of Church Business Administration for eight years in two large churches. These churches were Salem Missionary Baptist Church a historically black congregation both in Charlotte, NC. He received his national FCBA (Fellow in Church Business Administration) certification from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also the first director of Room in the Inn, a homeless ministry sponsored by the Urban Ministry Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Bowman completed his undergraduate degree at Pfeiffer University in Business Administration-Marketing and received his Master of Divinity Degree and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC. He is married to Mrs. Kim Darby-Bowman and they have three grown daughters Jolyn, Tameka, and Meagan. They also have three grandchildren, Kahmal deceased in 2016, Essence and Royce.



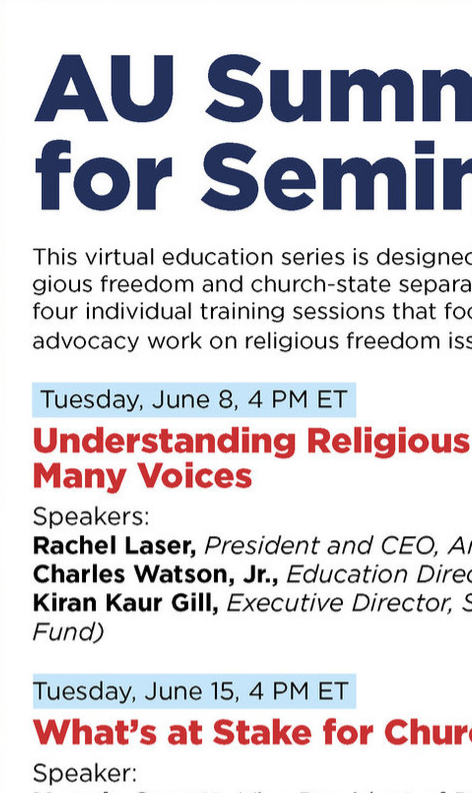
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Hood Theological Seminary salutes **Bishop Michael A. Frencher, Sr.**, Board of Trustees, on his **2021 Induction into the Livingstone College UNCF "Share Your Love" Leadership Hall of Fame.**

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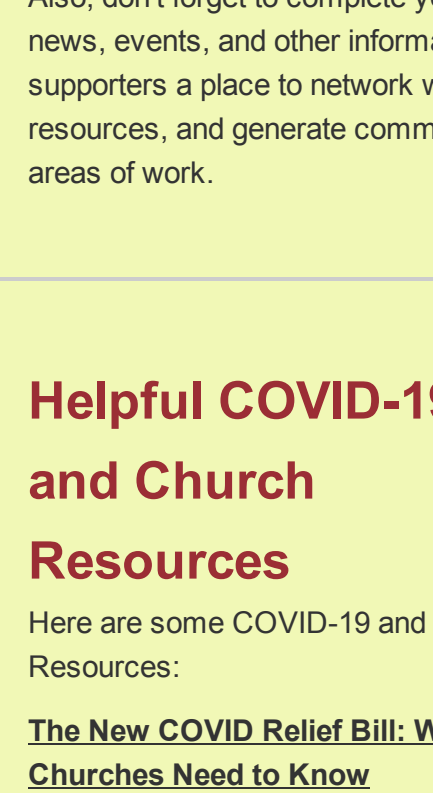
Join Our Online Community!

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, 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:

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Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will participate in the Armed Forces Chaplain Board Teleconference, on June 2, 2021.

He will be the speaker for the 40th Annual Commencement Program at Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, Michigan, on June 5, 2021.

He will offer the opening prayer at the Salisbury Rotary meeting, on June 15, 2021.



During the week of May 3-7, 2021, **Dr. André Resner, Research Professor**, organized and facilitated a collaboration between Hood Theological Seminary preachers and future leaders in homiletics in the Ph.D. program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. Graduates from Hood as far back as 2006 preached via Zoom in the "Contemporary Pedagogical Models" Ph.D. seminar that Dr. Resner leads for the CTS program. **Hood preachers included: Tonya Jackson, Rona**

Watson, Karen Roberts, Nathaniel Cox, Angelica Sweat, Scott Cunningham, Angela Roberson, Samuel Wilkens, James Vant, Karim Currey. The Ph.D. students included: Eric Jackson, Larry Morris, Frederick Haynes III, Jeffrey Johnson II, Moya Harris, Dominique Robinson, Jennifer Carner, Farrell Williams, Lisa Goods, and Milton Keys. Dr. Resner convened the Pedagogy Work Group in the Academy of Homiletics for fifteen years, has published several journal articles on homiletical pedagogy, and has been recognized internationally for innovative pedagogical strategies in teaching preaching.



The HTS Board of Trustees concurred with Dr. Vergel Lattimore's recommendation to promote Dr. Sharon Grant to the rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2021.

AU Summer Series for Seminarians

This virtual education series is designed for seminarians to gain a deeper understanding of religious freedom and church-state separation. Participants will be offered the opportunity to attend four individual training sessions that focus on the historical, legal, and practical ways to engage in advocacy work on religious freedom issues.

Tuesday, June 8, 4 PM ET
Understanding Religious Freedom: Embracing the Many Voices
Speakers: **Rachel Lauer**, President and CEO, Americans United for Religious and State; **Charles Watson, Jr.**, Education Director, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty; **Kiran Kaur Gill**, Executive Director, SALDEF (Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund)

Tuesday, June 15, 4 PM ET
What's at Stake for Church-State Separation?
Speaker: **Maggie Garrett**, Vice President of Public Policy, Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Tuesday, June 22, 4 PM ET
Religious Freedom Violations - What Are They? How To Report Them?
Speaker: **Ian Smith**, Staff Attorney, Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Tuesday, June 29, 4 PM ET
Next Steps: Become an Advocate!
Speaker: **Sarah Gilbooy**, Vice President of Outreach and Engagement, Americans United for Separation of Church and State

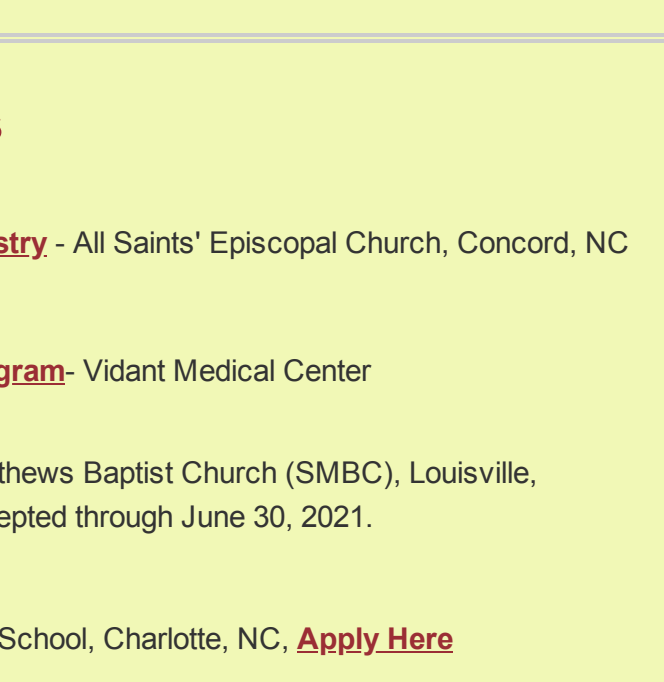
Register at au.org/summerseries

Questions or comments? Contact [Sabrina Dent](mailto:Sabrina.Dent@dent@au.org) at dent@au.org

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Have Any Alumni News?

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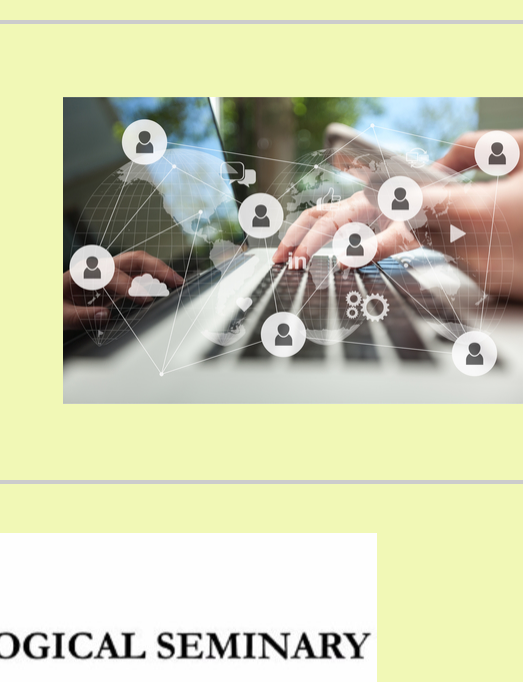
Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources



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

Christian Counselor Directory



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Job Opportunities

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](#)

CPE Residency at the University of California, San Francisco: See details [HERE](#). Questions can be directed to Rev. Marissa Danney Work Cell: 415-713- 5827 Office: 415-476-1154 | E: marissa.danney@ucsf.edu

The Greenwood Wesley Fellowship Campus Minister - Greenwood Wesley is the United Methodist Campus Ministry for Lander University and Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, SC. Download the [Job Application](#) and [Job Description](#).

Westover Church in Greensboro, NC is hiring multiple positions. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the positions.

Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care in Hudson, NC is hiring multiple positions. For full job descriptions and to apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

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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 2019. Click the button below to view online.

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