



Firm Foundation Covenant Service Thank You

The Hood Annual Firm Foundation Covenant Service on February 9, 2022, **raised over \$250,000!** Special thanks to the AME Zion Church, Board of Bishops of the AME Zion Church, HTS National Alumni Association, faculty, staff, and students for their support.

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Save the Date

**The Seventh Annual
All Hood Alumni & Friends Symposium
April 28-29, 2022**

**“Embracing Who We’ve Been,
Who We Are,
and Who We Want to Be”**

**Presenter
Rev. Dr. Vickie L. Hughes, MDiv’18**

Recording of the 2022 Heritage Lecture Series

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Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will participate in the Gift of Black Theological Education planning meeting in Philadelphia, PA on March 4, 2022.

He will attend the Annual Gathering of African American Presidents and Deans hosted by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) on March 7, 2022. He will participate in the Installation of Hood Student and Alum Rev. Johnny M. Sellers MDiv’18 (DMin Candidate) Pastor-Elect of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Andersen, South Carolina on March 13, 2022. Dr. Lattimore will participate in the workshop - "Deconstructing Racism" sponsored by Racial Equity Rowan (RER), Aymer Center at HTS on March 24-25, 2022.

Michael J. Gehring, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, wrote a new book titled *Losing Church: The Decline, the Pandemic, and Social and Political Storms*. The book is published by Wipf and Stock Publishers. You can purchase the book [HERE](#).

John Everett, Tyesia Walker, and Carmen Harper (Institutional Advancement) participated in the ATS Development and Institutional Advancement Program (DIAP) Annual Training Conference February 22-25. John Everett was a presenter on the main panel and is a member of the DIAP steering committee.

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Hood Student (DMin Candidate) and Alum Rev. Johnny Sellers, MDiv’18** for being ordained Pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church in Anderson, SC.

The NC Council of Developmental Disabilities voted alum **Rev. Dr. Charlean B. Mapson MDiv’16** to chair the Community Living Committee. She also has Season 1 of *Let’s Talk Autism with Dr. C...* out, which can be found [HERE](#).

Congratulations to **Rev. Tonya K. Brittain, STS, MDiv’14**, who was installed as pastor of Organ Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Rev. Janet Garner-Mullins, MDiv’15, who is the Chair of the Coalition of Truth and Reconciliation, spoke on Feb 11, 2022, at the Government Center about Systematic Racism in Mecklenburg County.

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](#)

Job Opportunities

[Part-Time Audio Visual \(AV\) Tech/Communications Assistant-St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC](#)

[First Congregational Church: Minister, Salt Lake City, Utah](#)

[Pastor position, Ursinis United Church-Christ, Rockwell, North Carolina](#)

[Director of Youth Ministry, Forest Hill UMC](#)

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.

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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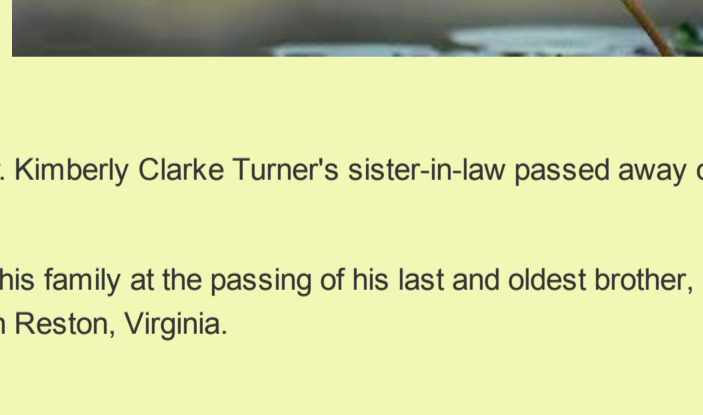
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Contact: LT Melanie Miller
Chaplain Programs Officer for Diversity and Inclusion
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Yvette Turner, Rev. Kimberly Clarke Turner's sister-in-law passed away on February 3, 2022.

Coker Stewart and his family at the passing of his last and oldest brother, **Leroy Stewart**, on February 6, 2022, in Reston, Virginia.

Brown and Reid Families whose **26-year-old family member** just died (Church members of Tammy Wheeler).

The Foundation Church Family (Raphael Gadson's congregation) mourning the death of a member.

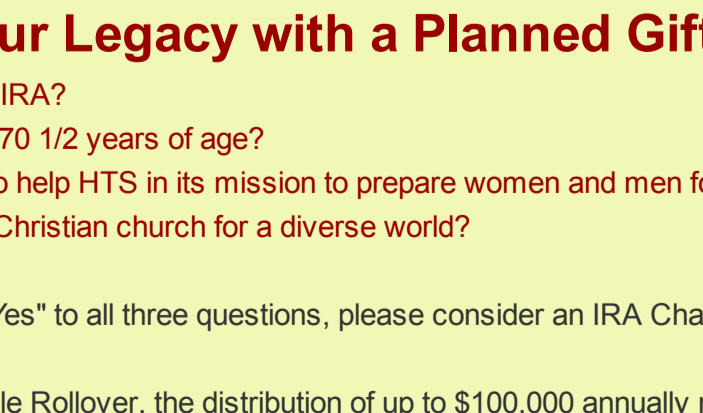
Rev. David McClean at the passing of his brother **Dr. Michael McClean**.

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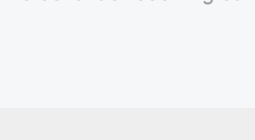
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