

An e-newsletter October 2019

Remember to Register for the Ruben L. Speaks Lecture Series

Hood Theological Seminary will hold its annual Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series on Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, 2019. This year's featured presenter is the distinguished scholar-activist **Dr. Miguel De La Torre**, the Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Hill School of Theology. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



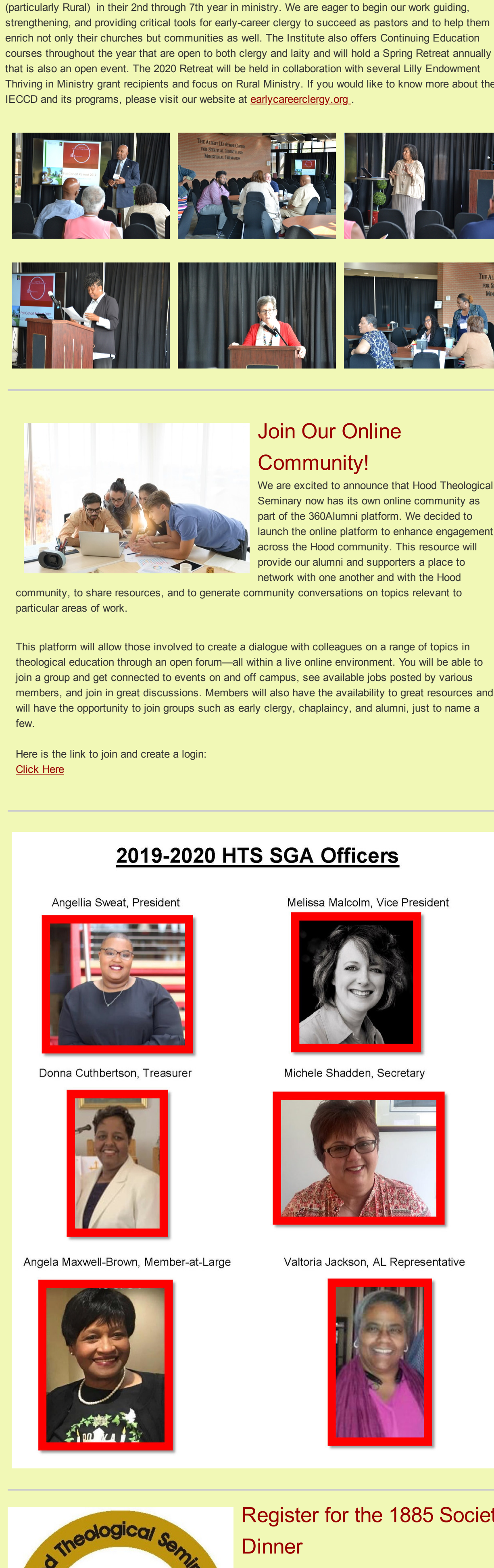
Dr. Lattimore Speaks at Little Rock AME Zion's 136th Church Anniversary

Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore, President and Professor of Hood Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker at Little Rock AME Zion's 136th Church Anniversary. His message was titled "Growing to Meet Jesus" from John 4:1-15. "We were blessed to have as our Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore, III, President of Hood Theological Seminary and the first African American Chaplain to reach the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Air Force. He used John 4:1-15 to preach the subject, 'Growing to Meet Jesus: On A Road to Recovery'." He stated "Little Rock is here because it has helped to meet the needs of so many others".



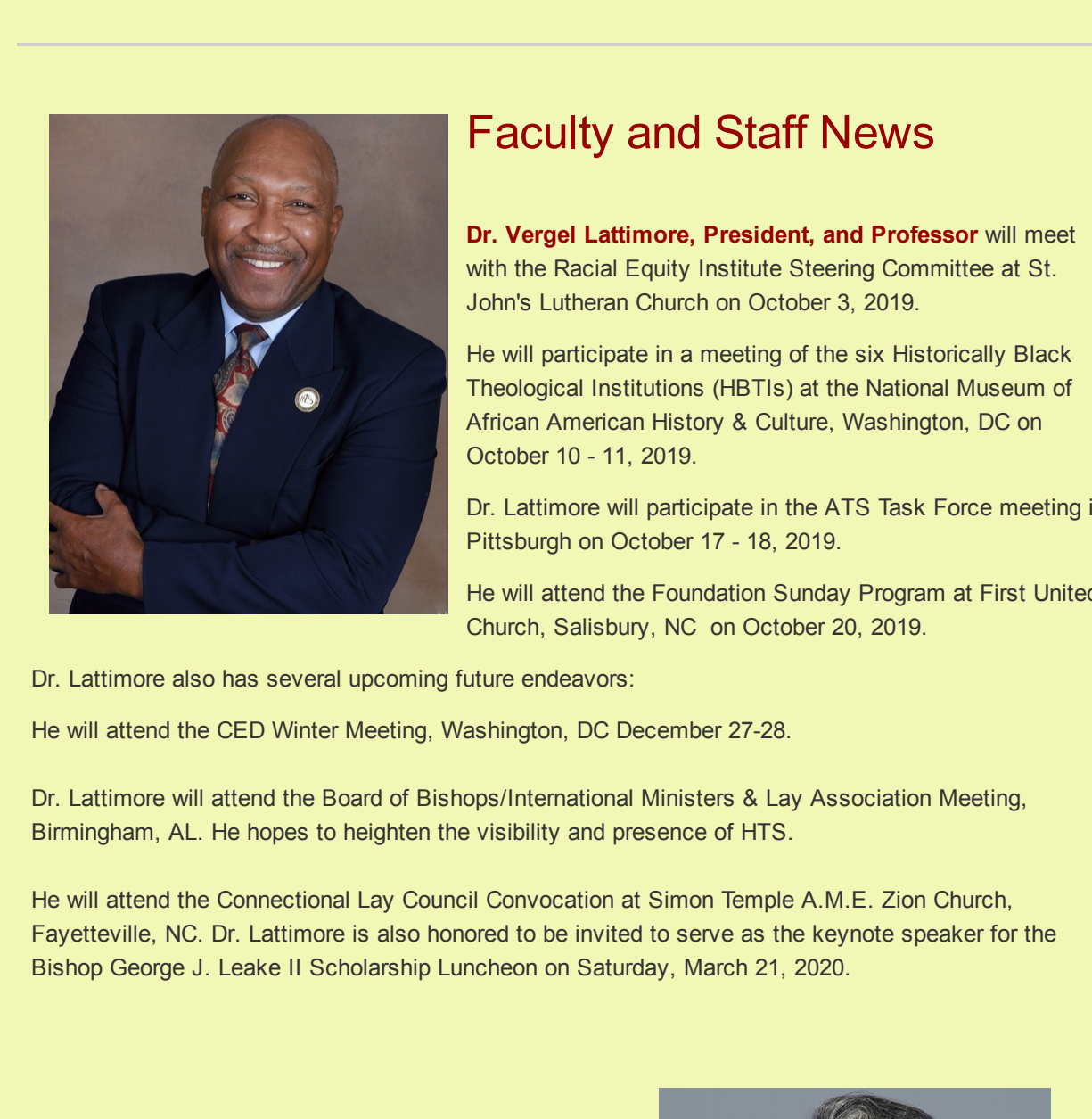
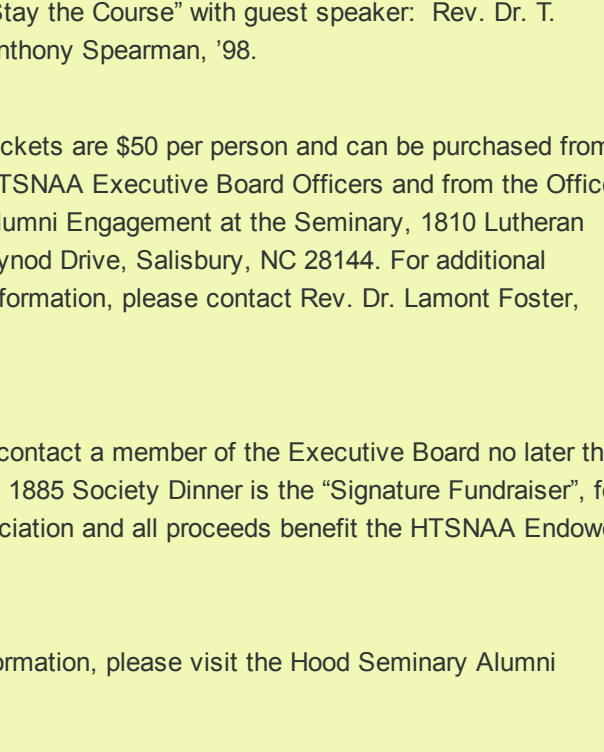
Scenes from ICFSH Seminar and Worship Service

Below are some scenes that show The International Center of Faith, Science and History at Hood Theological Seminary presenting its Inaugural Seminar and Worship Service: "The Matrix and Memory of Water: Commemorating a 400 Year Sojourn through Faith, Science and History in America. The seminar was titled "African Americans in the Sciences" with Keynote Speaker, Dr. Charles H. Long, and a distinguished panel, followed by worship with Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown.

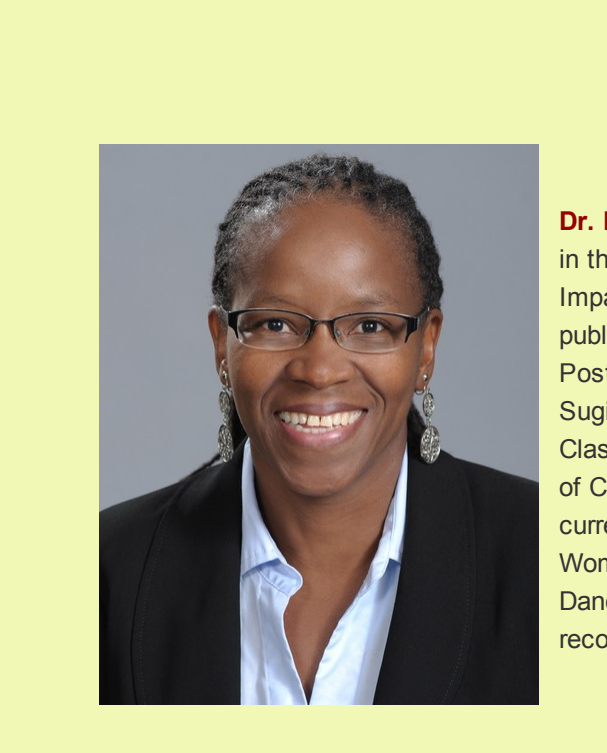


IECCD Hosts First Cohort Retreat

The Institute for Early Career Clergy Development hosted its first Cohort Retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, 2019. 15 Early-Career Clergy and 5 Senior-Career Clergy Mentors will be participating in the year-long program. They represent several denominations, age ranges, races, minister churches in both rural and urban settings and hail from NC, SC, and PA. The diversity of this Cohort ensures a theologically, spiritually and practically rich experience for all participants. The goal of the Cohort is to provide mentoring, education, networking and support to clergy (particularly Rural) in their 2nd through 7th year in ministry. We are eager to begin our work guiding, strengthening, and providing critical tools for early-career clergy to succeed as pastors and to help them enrich not only their churches but communities as well. The Institute also offers Continuing Education courses throughout the year that are open to both clergy and laity and will hold a Spring Retreat annually that is also an open event. The 2020 Retreat will be held in collaboration with several Lilly Endowment Thriving in Ministry grant recipients and focus on Rural Ministry. If you would like to know more about the IECCD and its programs, please visit our website at earlycareerclergy.org.



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.

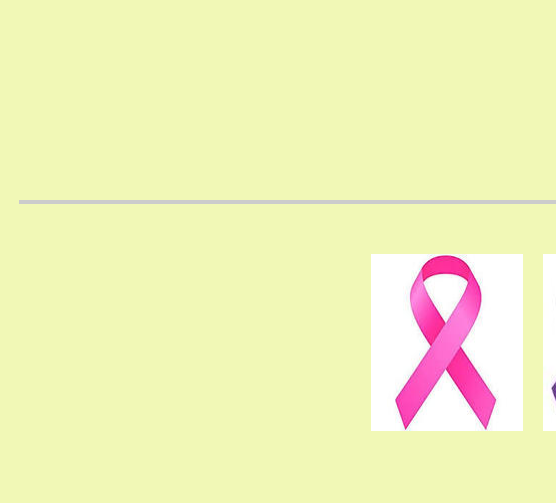
This platform will allow those involved to create a dialogue with colleagues on a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off campus, see available jobs posted by various members, 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](#)

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Register for the 1885 Society Dinner



The 1885 Society Dinner will be Friday, November 15, 2019, at 7 pm in the Aymer Center. The theme will be: "Stay the Course" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, '98.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from HTSNAA Executive Board Officers and from the Office of Alumni Engagement at the Seminary, 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144. For additional information, please contact Rev. Dr. Lamont Foster, President of HTSNAA at foster.lamont@gmail.com

If you plan to attend the 1885 Society Dinner, please contact a member of the Executive Board no later than Friday, October 25th to RESERVE your ticket(s). The 1885 Society Dinner is the "Signature Fundraiser" for the Hood Theological Seminary National Alumni Association and all proceeds benefit the HTSNAA Endowed Student Scholarship.

For more upcoming dates and important HTSNAA information, please visit the Hood Seminary Alumni Association website [here](#).

Faculty and Staff News



Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President, and Professor will meet with the Racial Equity Institute Steering Committee at St. John's Lutheran Church on October 3, 2019.

He will participate in a meeting of the six Historically Black Theological Institutions (HBTIs) at the National Museum of African American History & Culture, Washington, DC on October 10 - 11, 2019.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the ATS Task Force meeting in Pittsburgh on October 17 - 18, 2019.

He will attend the Foundation Sunday Program at First United Church, Salisbury, NC on October 20, 2019.

Dr. Lattimore will also have several upcoming future endeavors:

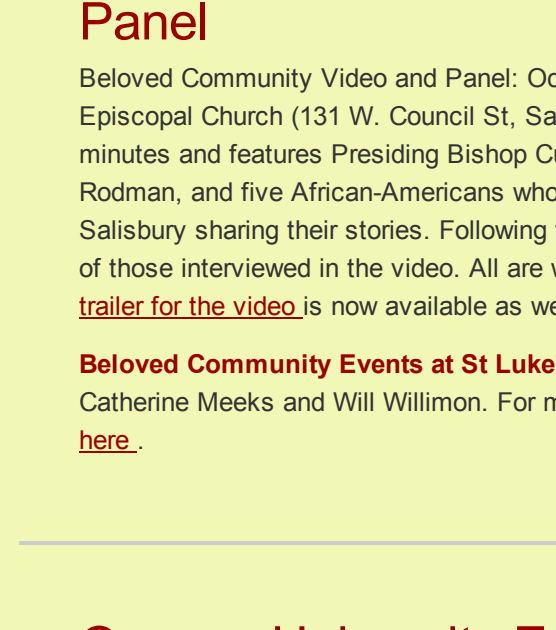
He will attend the CED Winter Meeting, Washington, DC December 27-28.

Dr. Lattimore will attend the Board of Bishops/International Ministers & Lay Association Meeting, Birmingham, AL. He hopes to heighten the visibility and presence of HTS.

He will attend the National Lay Council Convocation at Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Fayetteville, NC. Dr. Lattimore is also honored to be invited to serve as the keynote speaker for the Bishop George J. Leake II Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, March 21, 2020.



Dr. Mary Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education, was presented the 2018-2019 Salvation Army and Dilehay Courts Boys and Girls Club Volunteer Award in recognition of dedicated service and commitment to others. "Doing the most good to the most people in the most need." She also worked in partnership to provide the third Community-to-School event for the Dilehay Courts Community serving approximately 200 children with book bags, school supplies, and hygiene items on August 17.



Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango's article, "Bible Translation in the Colonial Project in Africa and Its Impact on African Languages and Cultures" was published in The Oxford Handbook of Postcolonial Biblical Criticism, edited by R.S. Sugirtharajah. She facilitated an Adult Class discussion titled "Preserving Our Identity: Fear of Change in a Multicultural Context". She is also currently serving as the temporary chair of the Women for Community Justice (WCJ) while Dr. Regina Dancy is attending to her daughter who is recovering from a double lung transplant.

Alumni News

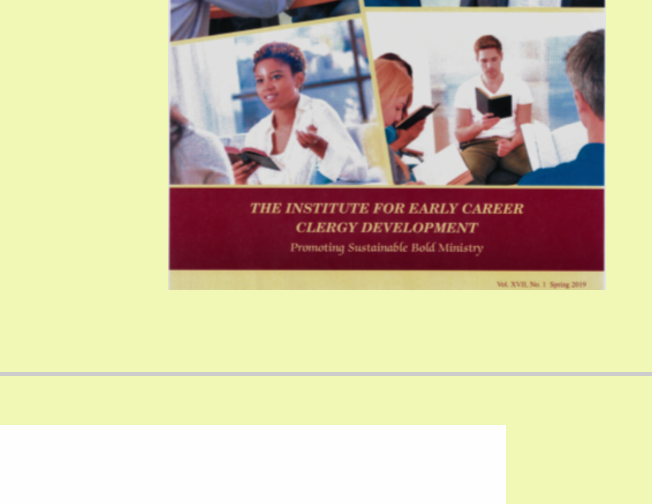


Rev. Janice Cooper, M.Div.'13, Hospice Chaplain and a member of the President's Advisory Council was in the Shelby Star about her career. Read the whole article [here](#).

Marcia Conston, MDiv'11, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Services at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, North Carolina is a finalist running for Tidewater Community College President.

Student News

Student Michele Shadden will be ordained on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at Peace Haven Baptist Church. Please see the invitation to the right for more details.

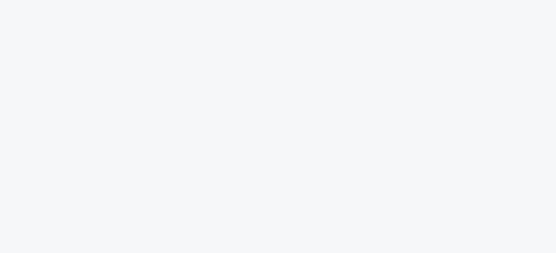
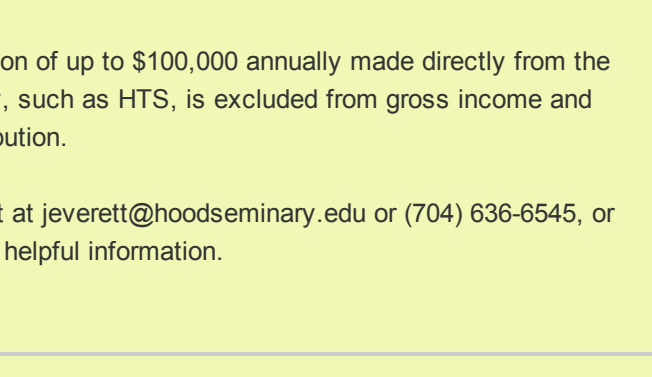


October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Candlelight Vigil
Monday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m. on the Rowan County Courthouse steps, hosted by the Family Crisis Council of Rowan County in memory of those who died because of domestic violence and in honor of those who have survived.

EduWorship
This event will take place on October 29, 2019, in the Aymer Center from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The event will be titled "Uniting Hearts and Voices: Stop Child Poverty, Stop Domestic Violence, and Fight to Cure Breast Cancer!" The guest speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Buford, DMin, and Physical Therapist from Salisbury VA Hospital. Light food will be served at 5:00 PM.



Domestic Violence, Child Abuse Prevention, and Breast Cancer Awareness in October
Domestic Violence, Child Abuse Prevention, and Breast Cancer Awareness in October: Each week in October will be bringing awareness to one of the issues by wearing colors particular colors: First Week (Oct. 1-5): Pink for Breast Cancer, Third Week (Oct. 15-19): Purple for Domestic Violence, Fourth Week (Oct. 22-26): Green for Child Abuse Prevention, Fifth Week (Oct. 29-31) Mixture of all colors

October Chapel Offerings

For the whole month of October, the offering will be given to The Terrie Hays House that takes care of abused children in Rowan County. Please be generous!

There will also be a collection for items donated to the Terrie House and the Women's Shelter. Bins are in the Aymer Center.

IN MEMORIAM

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

The death of Vickie Mitchell's brother, **Randolph "Bo" Howard**

Rev. Dr. Cain Hope Felder, October 1, 2019

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OCTOBER 5TH, 2019
McCull Center for Art + Innovation
Presented by: The Freedom Center for Social Justice

Liberating Theologies Speaker Series

Fall 2019 Liberating Theologies Speaker Series, taking place on Saturday, October 5th at the McCull Center for Art + Innovation in Charlotte, NC. The speakers are Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan, and Dr. Marsha Foster Boyd. [Click here](#) to register. Student tickets are \$12.

Beloved Community Video and Panel

Beloved Community Video and Panel: October 20th, 4:00 PM, St Luke's Episcopal Church (131 W. Council St. Salisbury). The full video is 19 minutes and features Presiding Bishop Curry, Diocesan Bishop Samuel Rodman, and five African-Americans who grew up in the Jim Crow era of Salisbury sharing their stories. Following the video, we will have a panel discussion with several of those interviewed in the video. All are welcome and please invite the community to join us. A [trailer for the video](#) is now available as well on YouTube.

Beloved Community Events at St Luke's Episcopal Church November 8-10 - Events with Catherine Meeks and Will Willimon. For more information click [here](#), please share widely. [RSVP here](#).

Queens University Event

"A Conversation with Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow". Presented by Queens University, Charlotte, November 19, 7:00 PM at the Belk Theatre. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Job Opportunities

Children's Ministry Directors, Adams Farm Community Church (Associate, Reformed Presbyterian) Greensboro, NC (See details on myHood)

Music Worship Leader, First Baptist Church, Mocksville, (See details on myHood)

Submit News/Events

Do you have any news or events to share? Please submit them to 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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