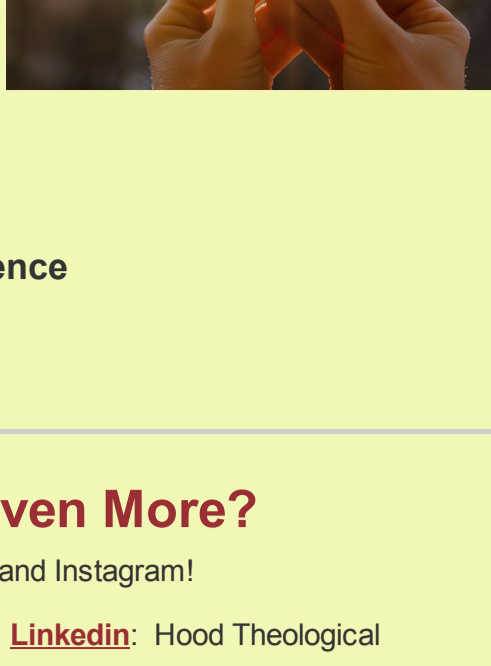


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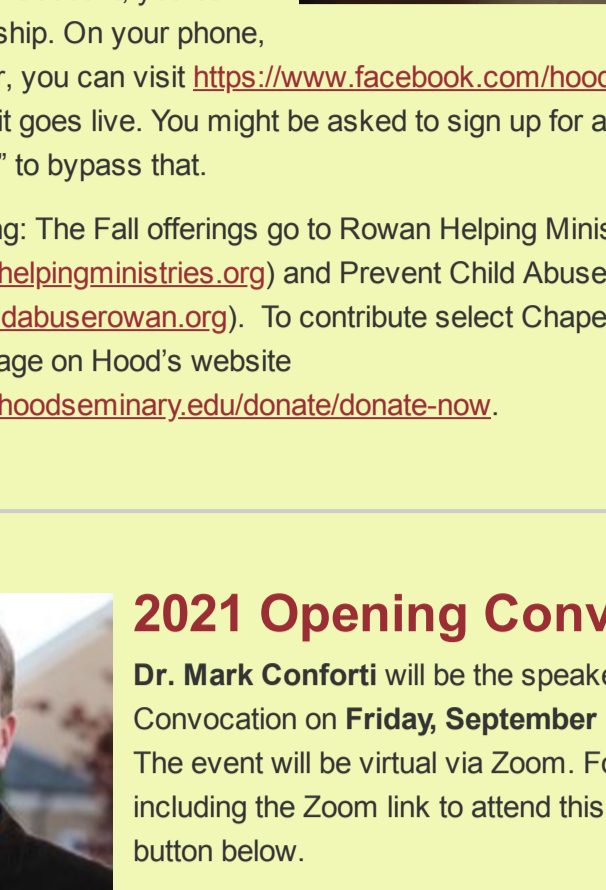
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Check us out on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram!

Facebook: @hoodseminary **Twitter:** @HoodTheoSem **LinkedIn:** Hood Theological Seminary **YouTube:** Hood Theological Seminary **Instagram:** @hoodtheseminary



Fall 2021 Hood Chapel Worship

We will gather virtually for worship on **Saturdays, 11:10 am on Facebook Live.**



Even if you have never used Facebook and do not have an account, you can still join us for worship. On your phone, tablet, or computer, you can visit <https://www.facebook.com/hoodseminary/> and view the worship when it goes live. You might be asked to sign up for an account, but you can click "not now" to bypass that.

Fall Chapel Offering: The Fall offerings go to Rowan Helping Ministries (<http://www.rowanhelpingministries.org>) and Prevent Child Abuse Rowan (<https://preventchildabuserowan.org>). To contribute select Chapel Offering on the Donate Now page on Hood's website here: <https://www.hoodseminary.edu/donate/donate-now>.

2021 Opening Convocation

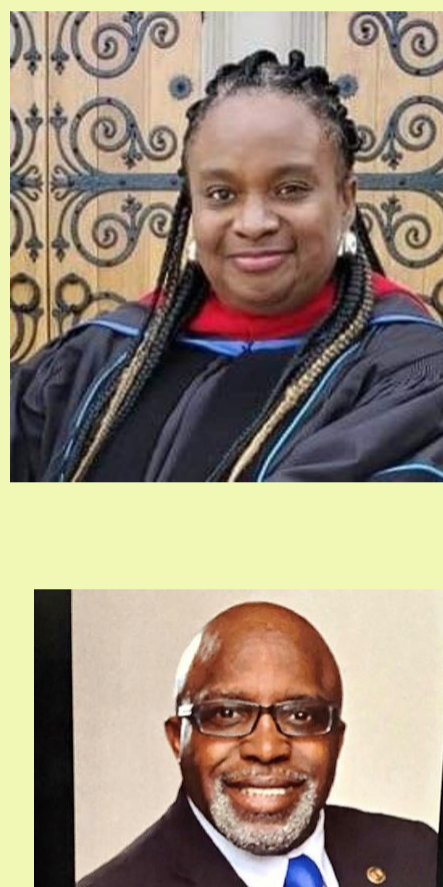


Dr. Mark Conforti will be the speaker for the Opening Convocation on **Friday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.** The event will be virtual via Zoom. For more information including the Zoom link to attend this event, click on the button below.

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Speaker Announced for 2021 Virtual Bishop Ruben L. Speaks

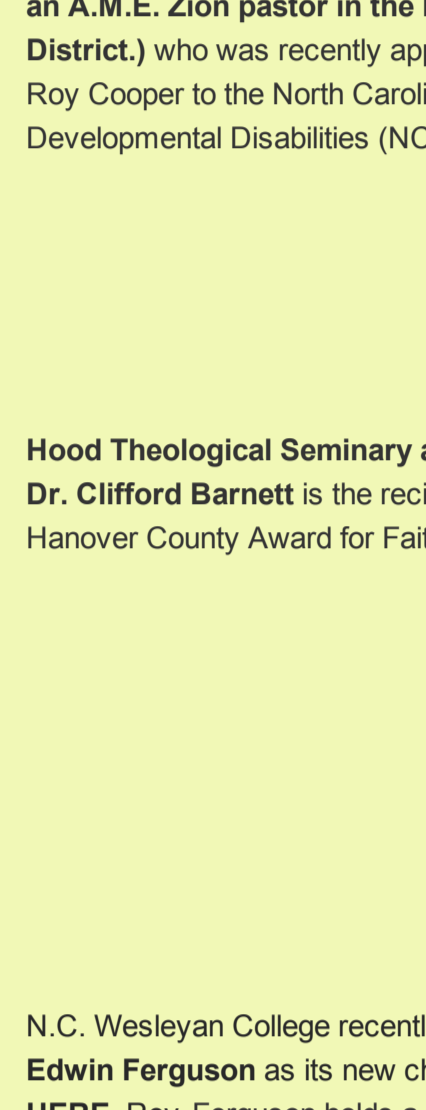
Endowed Memorial Lecture Series



Melanie L. Harris, Ph.D. will be the speaker for the 2021 Virtual Bishop Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series on **Friday, October 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time.** The lectures will be virtual via Zoom and are **free of charge and open to the public.** For more information including the zoom links to attend the lectures, click on the button below.

The Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series is named in honor of the late Bishop Ruben Lee Speaks, a gifted African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church leader acknowledged on numerous occasions for his leadership and creative engagement in ministry. Speaks received the Chancellor's Award from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Brooklyn Advisory Committee of the New York Urban League.

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Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor, will preach in the virtual weekly HTS Chapel Service and preach on the topic - "Spiritual Representation: Second Thoughts Matter!" (Mark 7: 26-20) on September 4th, 2021.

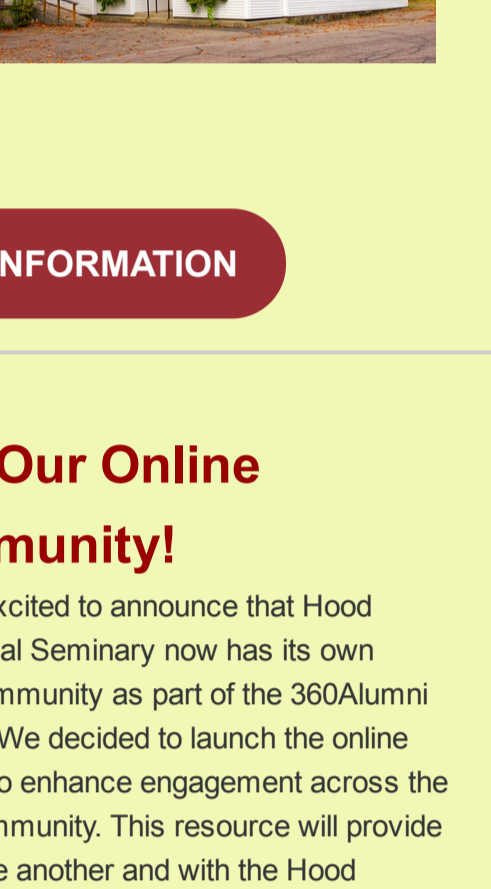
He will attend the N.C. Historically Black Colleges & Universities Living Legends Scholarship Gala, Charlotte, NC on September 4th, 2021.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the Annual Young Preachers' Conference, Faith Tabernacle of Praise, Asheboro, NC on September 17th, 2021.

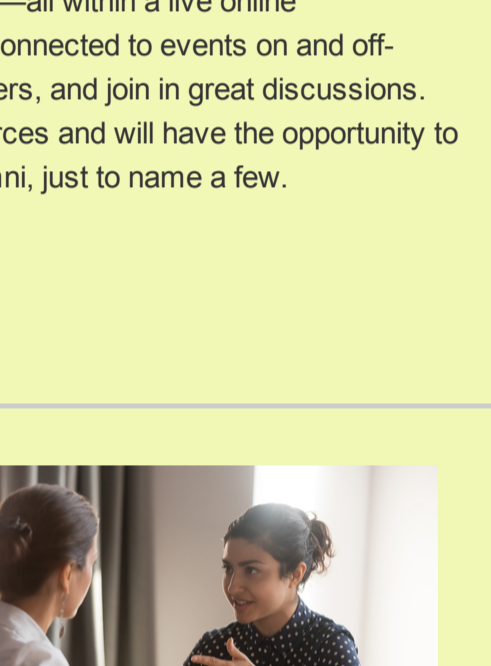
He will participate in the Racial Equity Rowan (R.E.R) Steering Committee meeting on September 28th, 2021.

Alumni News

Congratulations to **Dr. Charlean Batten Mapson** (a distinguished M.Div.'16 graduate from HTS who recently completed her D.Min. at Duke. She is also an A.M.E. Zion pastor in the Eastern N.C. Episcopal District.) who was recently appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD).

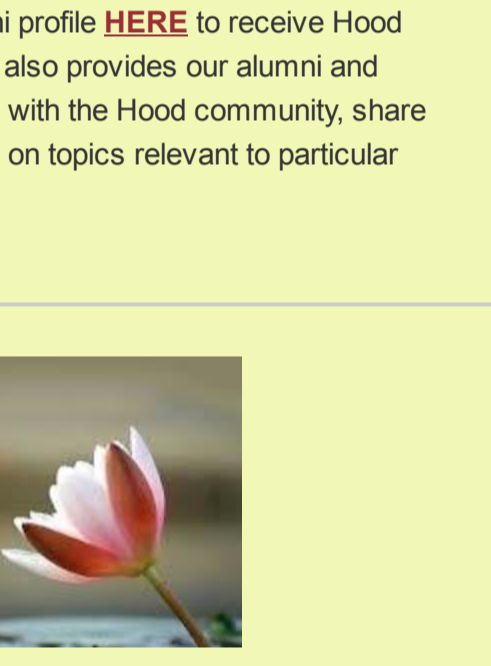


Hood Theological Seminary alum M.Div.'80 - Rev. **Dr. Clifford Barnett** is the recipient of the New Hanover County Award for Faith-Based Equity.



Rev. Dr. Clifford Barnett, Sr. Faith-Based Equity Award

N.C. Wesleyan College recently welcomed the **Rev. Edwin Ferguson** as its new chaplain. Read the article **HERE**. Rev. Ferguson won a master's degree in divinity from Hood Theological Seminary.

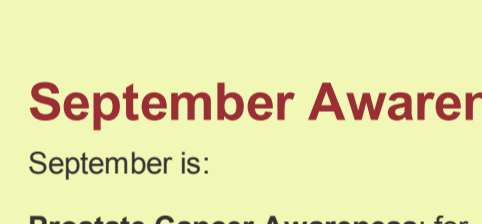


Grant Supports Black Churches in the WNCC UMC

A \$20,000 grant was received to support and implement the Ministry Action Plan for strengthening Black churches in the Western North Carolina UMC Conference.



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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 a great resource 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](#)

Have Any Alumni News?

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



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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.

In Loving Memory



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

Nancy Stanback, a supporter of Hood, passed away on July 29, 2021.

Sherman B. "Doc" Warner passed away on August 1, 2021.

The Gift Collaborative Podcasts

Catch up on The Gift Collaborative podcasts! [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to recent episodes.



September Awareness

September is:

Prostate Cancer Awareness: for information visit [Prostate Cancer Health Guide](#)

Sickle Cell Awareness: for information visit [Sickle Cell Disease](#)



Young Preachers Fellowship Conference

SEP 17-18

"We Shall Prevail!"

Prophet Akream Jamar

Apostle Jikki Hunter

Bro. Randy Borders

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Dr. Vergel Lattimore

Minister Phillip Cheek
Host & Founder

Conference & Registration & Hotel

FRI, SEPT. 17-SAT, 18 2021

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Venue: Faith Tabernacle of Praise
119 Art Bryan Dr. Asheboro, NC 27203

For questions or concerns email:
youngpreachersfellowshipconf@gmail.com

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2021 MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

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Sheeda Walker, PhD

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9:00AM - 1:00PM

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Register at <http://bit.ly/LWmentalHealthSummit>

Check-in and exhibitions begin at 8:00am

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Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

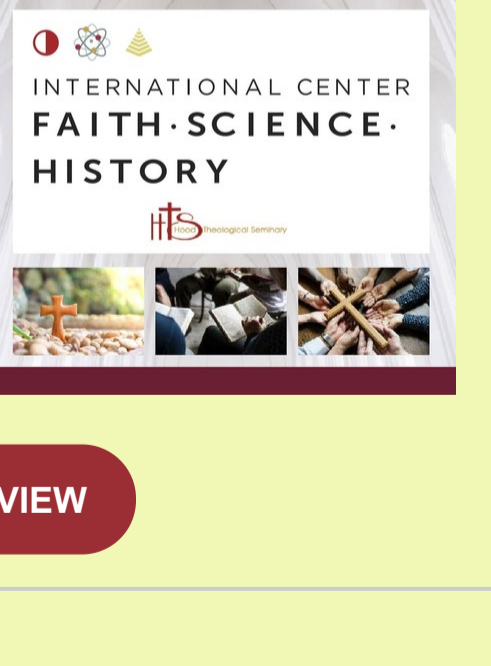
Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:



- [New At-Home Vaccination Hotline:](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations Available for Those Who Cannot Leave Their Home](#)
- [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

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 button below to access the directory.



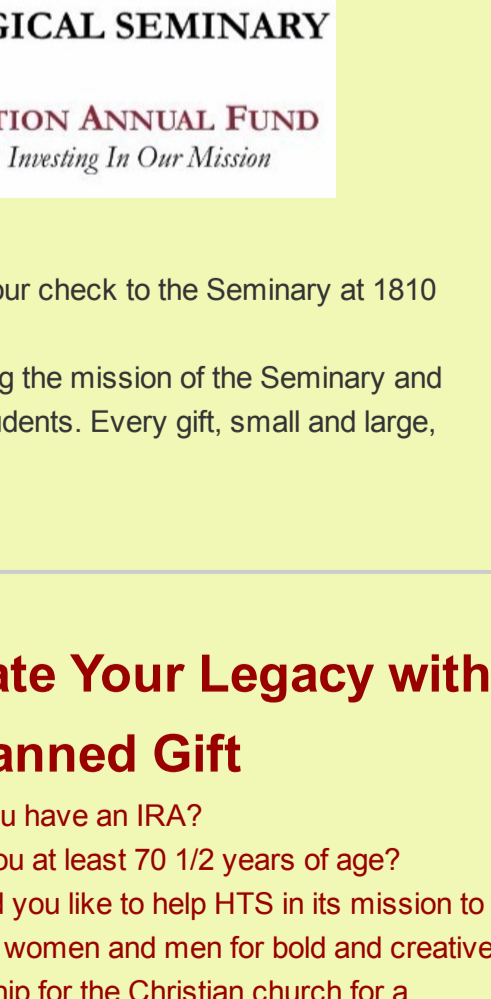
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Job Opportunities

- [Director of Youth Ministries, Epworth UMC](#)
- [Senior Pastor, Unifour Christian Fellowship Church](#)

Hood's Herald - Spring 2020 Edition Now Available Online!

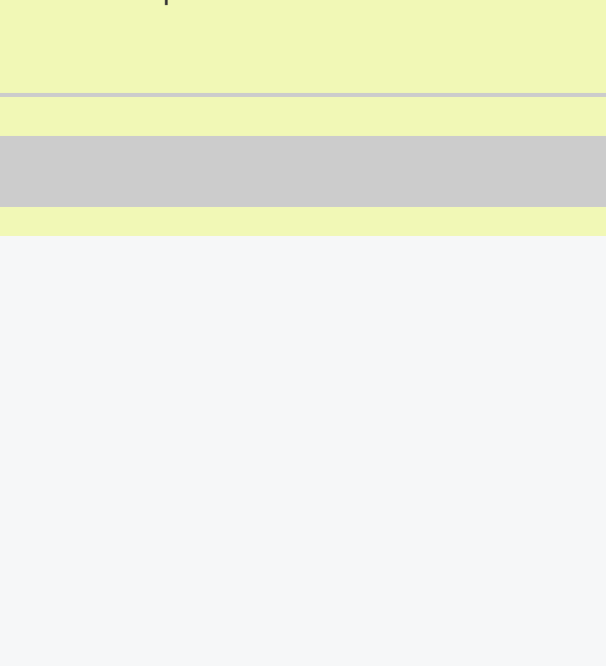
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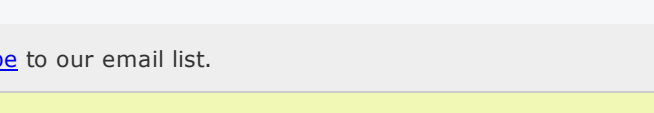
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