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## THE CENTER FOR CHAPLAINCY

## A Message from the President

*Greetings,* faith partners and friends,



My journey into pastoral care and counseling can be traced to my training roots as an undergraduate clinical social work intern at the V.A. Hospital in Salisbury, NC. As a social welfare senior, I participated in Psychologist-led support group training and began to imagine that clergy could benefit from such tools and information. In my second year of seminary studies, I was accepted into a Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) summer internship at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Washington, DC. This 11-week experience crystallized my desire to pursue the integration of ministry and counseling or what became pastoral psychology and counseling. I went on to have an experience as a campus minister and later as a chaplain in the United States Air Force.

This issue of Hood's Herald highlights one of our newest program components – The Center for Chaplaincy at Hood Theological Seminary (HTS). We will be celebrating the Center and its mission in concert with the Third Annual All Hood Alumni & Friends Symposium in March. The theme for this joint event is Chaplaincy: The Many Roads of Spiritual Service and Compassionate Caring. We are delighted to confirm and highlight the Symposium speakers and presenters. We are delighted to confirm and highlight the Symposium speakers and presenters on page 7.

The Center for Chaplaincy at HTS is established as a vehicle to foster awareness, information exchange, and collaboration about the opportunities and practices in the field of professional chaplaincy. In addition, the Center will sponsor professional training and provide continuing education to students and chaplains in the Southeast region.

The Center and its ongoing programming activities, e.g. lectures, vocational resourcing for students, internship support, and continuing education workshops is supported by a generous Innovation Grant from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and a generous Special Grant from the Luce Foundation.

Chaplaincy has evolved over the years into specialized areas including hospitals, corrections and public safety, sports, entertainment and recreation, Chaplains are clergy, as well as professional lay persons. In essence, they are peace makers, human companions, care advocates, partners during disaster, teachers for diversity, existential friends, messengers of comfort, guardians of hope and healing, faith guides, sentinels for ethics, and keepers of memory and the value of relationships.

HTS has had a wonderful tradition of faculty members being engaged in congregational ministries and collaborative services with diverse social and clinical organizations. Our annual Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) Day has expanded to have regional appeal to our students as they seek training experiences in a variety of chaplaincy settings.

We hope that you will continue to journey with us as we prepare pastors and chaplains as dynamically, well-grounded and ethically-aware spiritual leaders for diverse communities across this nation.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vergel L. Lattimore". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Vergel L. Lattimore, Ph.D.

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On the cover: Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, Interim Director of the Center for Chaplaincy at Hood Theological Seminary, chats with students April Hall, Eleazar Partida and Blamo Dueh about the chaplaincy program. The Center for Chaplaincy is established as a vehicle to foster awareness, information exchange, and collaboration about the opportunities and practices in the field of professional chaplaincy. Read more about the Center in the story on page 4.

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# MEETING PEOPLE AT THEIR POINT OF NEED

The green, winding walks of Hood Theological Seminary hold a treasure few realize. In addition to educating and training pastors and ministers, the seminary also turns out chaplains — those on the front lines of ministry, so to speak.

Hood's on-campus Center for Chaplaincy is, as far as school officials are aware, one-of-a-kind. "This is to my knowledge, one of the first seminaries in North America to have a Center for Chaplaincy," Hood President Dr. Vergel Lattimore said.

For Dr. Ken Walden and Lattimore the grant meant that they were doing something right.

"That was a huge financial affirmation," Walden said. The ATS awarded nine grants, with recipients chosen from its roughly 240 members. "I think it's a wonderful tribute to Hood that the association . . . chose to give us a grant," Lattimore said.

While the center exists to educate and equip students exploring a career in chaplaincy, Walden and Lattimore also hope that it will be a place where community members can come to learn more about chaplaincy, where current chaplains can receive continuing education and where the seminary could host workshops and guest speakers.

Currently, approximately 20 Hood students are enrolled in clinical pastoral education courses, exploring a career in chaplaincy. "That number is more than it's ever been since I've been here," Lattimore said. It's a profession that offers budding ministers a steady paycheck in a time of declining congregations. Many churches are no longer able to provide a full-time salary to pastoral leaders. For many, an alternative direction is chaplaincy. Hood hopes to prepare future chaplains for the realities they'll face. Grant funds will be used to bring experienced speakers on board, to host workshops and lectures, to provide travel stipends for chaplaincy students and to fund educational resources and research.

"We want to wed student pastors with those professionals," Lattimore said of possible speakers at the center.

Chaplains are ministers who serve in hospitals, colleges, businesses, the military and other areas to listen and guide people spiritually. But in many ways, chaplaincy is fundamentally different from pastoral care. For one, it's a wider world.

"The church is not *the* place where ministry occurs — it is *a* place where ministry occurs," Walden tells his students.

But people often need spiritual support and guidance outside of the walls of a church — particularly if they are dealing with stress or tragedy. "We're mind, body and soul. And our spiritual lives often impact our physical lives and other components of our lives — one would argue almost every component of our lives," Walden said.

And that impact can be felt in everything from a college student's test scores to how quickly patients recover while in the hospital. "There are other factors in a hospital room that

are far beyond medication and machines that will impact the person," Walden said.

A chaplain is someone who, above all, listens and can give hope and acknowledgement — regardless of who they serve. "You will often meet people who do not think like you, who do not look like you and who do not believe as you," Walden said. "When you're a chaplain at a hospital, you may open the door and the patient may be Christian, may be Jewish, may be Muslim, may be Hindu, may be Sikh — but you're still their chaplain."

In addition to serving in hospitals and schools, chaplains are often used to debrief first responders after tragedy strikes. According to Lattimore, chaplains "meet people at their point of need." They have respect for whatever someone is going through, and are willing to sit and listen. They can hear a person's story, but not be overwhelmed by it. "I'm now going to be someone who won't judge them or reject them — I'm going to be a companion, a spiritual companion," Lattimore said.

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*Note: Dr. Ken Walden, first director of the Center for Chaplaincy, accepted a position as Dean at Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta in January 2018. Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow, D.Min., '17, is the Interim Director of the Center. Dr. Barrow was Hood's first Doctor of Ministry graduate with the specialization in Pastoral Theology and Care. For more information on the Center for Chaplaincy, visit*

**Rev. Dr. Clay Barrow**

*www.hoodseminary.edu / initiatives / center-for-chaplaincy or contact Dr. Barrow at cbarrow@hoodseminary.edu.*

**Dr. Vergel Lattimore**, President, participated in the Inauguration of Dr. Frederick K. Whitt, 12th President of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, in September 2017. Among his many speaking engagements, was a keynote presentation, "Cultural Sensitivity in a Conflicted Society," delivered at the N.C. Chaplains' Association in April 2017. He attended a gathering of African American seminary deans and presidents hosted by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and facilitated by InTrust for Theological Education in Indianapolis in November 2017. President Lattimore delivered a keynote speech, "Focusing on People, Priorities, and Purpose", at the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration, hosted by the Human Relations Council of the City of Salisbury on January 15, 2018. He was honored with the "Dabney N. Montgomery Salute to Service Award" presented on Feb. 13, 2018 in Norfolk, VA, by the International Ministers and Lay Association (IMLA) of the AME Zion Church at the 40th Annual Cameron W. Jackson Awards and Recognition Banquet.

**Dr. Trevor Eppehimer**, Academic Dean, led a study of Fleming Rutledge's *The Crucifixion* with local Salisbury, NC, clergy during the spring 2017 semester. In May 2017, he led four adult education sessions at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, NC, on Jonah. The ten instructional videos he created for his spring 2017 hybrid course, "Big Questions," can be viewed on YouTube (search "Trevor Eppehimer"). Dr. Eppehimer convened a study of David Bentley Hart's *Atheist Delusions: The Christian Revolution and its Fashionable Enemies* with local clergy in fall 2017. His article, "Justice, Relevance, and Authenticity" appeared in the November/December 2017 issue of *Church Executive*. He served as guest preacher at All Saints Episcopal Church (Concord, NC) on October 8, November 26, and December 25 and delivered a presentation on apocalyptic theology and literature at First Presbyterian Church (Salisbury, NC) on January 28.

**Dr. Dora R. Mbuwayesango**, Dean of Students and The George E. and Iris Battle Professor of Old Testament and Languages, was on a panel on matters of race and facilitated discussion on "Race in Scripture" last spring as part of the Lenten program at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, NC. She also developed and facilitated a series of Contextual Bible Studies at the conference of the Bishops against Gun Violence on the theme, "The Unholy Trinity: Racism, Poverty and Gun Violence," in April 2017 at Luther School of

Theology at Chicago. As a member of the Women for Community Justice (WCJ), she was one of the organizers of Stop the Violence Summits that took place last spring at Livingstone College, Mission House, and East Square in Salisbury. Dr. Mbuwayesango's updated essay, "How Local Divine Powers Were Suppressed: The case of Mwari of the Shona," was republished in *Postcoloniality, Translation, and the Bible in Africa*, (Musa Dube, editor; Pickwick Publications, 2017). She serves on the Board of Directors of the Family Crisis Council of Salisbury-Rowan, Inc., and was appointed to serve another year as its president. Dr. Mbuwayesango was appointed to the Diocese of North Carolina's Commission on Ministry of The Episcopal Church by Bishop Samuel Rodman for a three-year term (2018-2020). This commission serves as an advisory Board to the bishop in vetting aspirants for ordination. She also served as chaplain (Worship Leader) at the All Our Children Conference, Trinity Cathedral, Columbia, SC, January 16-18, 2018. All Our Children is a non-profit organization headed by The Episcopal Church whose mission is "to champion every child's right to a quality public education by building community, creating partnership, advocating for justice."

**Dr. Ashley Dreff**, Director of United Methodist Studies and Student Recruitment, has been accepted to the 14th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies at Pembroke College of Oxford University in August 2018. She is assigned to the working group on Methodist history. This conference is held once every 5 years and is sponsored by the British Methodist Church and the World Methodist Council.

**Dr. Sharon Grant**, Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, was selected to participate in the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) 20th Anniversary Celebration of Women in Leadership (WIL), February 28 -March 1, 2018. This initiative is supported by the Lilly Endowment and the Carpenter Foundation to focus on emerging women in theological education, to discuss the current status of women leaders and to develop strategies for the next phase of WIL at ATS. Dr. Grant convened an immersion course, "The History of Religion in the Caribbean," on the campus of The United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) in Kingston, Jamaica. Seven enrolled students, 2 alumni and 2 guests along with the professor travelled to attend the course held January 9 -12, 2018 during the J-term semester.

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**Professor André Resner**, Professor of Homiletics and Worship, led a series of adult Bible classes in the summer of 2017 on the Call of the Prophets for First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, NC. He also preached through the summer for the Cleveland Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, NC. Professor Resner was selected to be one of three senior scholars to preach at the December, 2017 meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, the annual professional gathering of teachers of preaching in the United States, Canada, and Europe. Dr. Resner preached in the opening worship service of the Academy. The Academy of Homiletics is the professional organization for teachers of preaching in North American, Canada, and Europe. He and colleague Rev. Dr. Mike Graves of The Saint Paul School of Theology continue their work on a book, *What's Right With Preaching Today?*, which will be a tribute volume to the life and work of Fred Brenning Craddock, the significant preacher and homiletician who taught preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Resner taught an elective on Craddock during the fall term at HTS. In addition, his chapter, "Do You See This Woman? A Little Exercise in Homiletical Theology" (D.S. Jacobsen, gen. ed., *Homiletical Theology in Context*, Cascade Publishing, 2017) was the lead chapter in the final of three volumes of the Homiletical Theology Project at the Boston School of Theology.

**Dr. Bradley R. Trick**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, taught on Romans for a Church in Learning session at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in China Grove on October 4, 2017. He was also the guest preacher at Immanuel's homecoming service on October 15.

**Dr. Clay Barrow**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, was appointed Interim Director of the Center for Chaplaincy in January 2018. Dr. Barrow became HTS's first D.Min. graduate specializing in Pastoral Theology and Care. An ordained Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Dr. Barrow currently serves as Pastor of Clapp's Chapel AME Church in Whitsett, NC, and Dean of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Examiners of the 2nd Episcopal District of the AME Church. He received his MDiv from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in 1996. His article, "A Full-time Pastor's Perspective," appeared in the September/October 2017 issue of *Church Executive*.

**Dr. Debra Moody Bass**, Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, Greenville, Alabama, extension site, has published a book, *The Female Prophets of the Bible* (Westbow Press, January 2018) in which she highlights five female prophets that have prophesied in both the Old Testament and New Testament. The book encourages women to accept their calling from God at whatever level God appoints them.

**Dr. Michael Gehring's**, book *The Oxbridge Evangelist: Motivations, Practices, and Legacy of C.S. Lewis*, published in February 2017 by Cascade Press in Eugene, OR, has also been published by Lutterworth Press in Cambridge, England, in November 2017. Dr. Gehring is Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology.

**Rev. Thomas Grinter**, Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies and A.M.E. Zion Studies, has been accepted as a Full Member in the Biblical Studies Working Group of the 14th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies at Pembroke College of Oxford University in Oxford, England, in August 2018. This conference is held once every 5 years and is sponsored by the British Methodist Church and the World Methodist Council.

**Rev. N. Fred Jordan**, Adjunct Professor of United Methodist Studies, has organized and led mission teams to areas of Lumberton, NC, damaged by hurricane Matthew flood waters. Work included cleaning out black mold from homes and rebuilding portions of the Robeson Church and Community Center. He delivered the 5th Sunday lecture at Salisbury's First United Methodist Church titled "What is the Way Forward" in which he examined the critical issue of division facing the UMC denomination. He is scheduled to repeat the lecture at other United Methodist Churches in the near future. He continues to volunteer with the Boy Scouts and is actively involved in chartering a new Scouting unit in the Park Avenue neighborhood of Salisbury. He also continues to volunteer with Rowan Helping Ministries and the Family Crisis Council.

**Dr. Mary Love**, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education, attended the 23rd Annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry sponsored by The Children's Defense Fund on July 17-21 at the Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, TN. The theme was "Mobilizing for Justice: Advocacy Ministry with Children and Youth." Faculty and students from 14 seminaries participated and two Hood

students attended for credit. She was also involved in planning and implementing a successful children's summit on August 19th that served 225 children, youth and adults at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Charlotte. This summit grew out of a partnership between two congregations with Hood alumni as pastors. It provided nurturing around issues of mental health, parenting, bullying and building a children's ministry. The younger generation of the community received school supplies and hygiene items along with food and fun. On September 10th, Dr. Love provided an object lesson for the Families and Communities Together (F.A.C.T.) Blessing of the Children Service at Soldiers Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Salisbury. The challenge lesson focused on honoring grandparents and helping children build relationships with grandparents and other older adults.

**Rev. Dr. Daran H. Mitchell**, M.Div. 1997 and HTS Adjunct Faculty member, has accepted to serve as the Administrative Faculty for Supervised Ministry. He will teach and direct the Supervised Ministry II course (PTH 163) for the Spring semester 2018. Dr. Mitchell is an ordained Elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church and Pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, Greensboro, NC.

## The All Hood Alumni & Friends Center for Chaplaincy Symposium

*Theme: Chaplaincy -The Many Roads of  
Spiritual Service and Compassionate Caring*

Keynote Speaker: **Brigadier General J. Steven Chisolm**, Director, Office of the Chaplain Assistant to the USAF Chief of Chaplains. Presenters: **Chaplain Michael R. Neal**, '01, M.Div., Supervisory Chaplain, Federal Correctional Complex; **Harold D. Trulear**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Applied Theology, Howard University, School of Divinity; **Rev. Cynthia Vaughan**, M.Div., BCC, Active Retired, Certified Educator, ACPE, President of the NC Chaplains' Association; **Gary Gunderson**, D.Min., D.Div., Vice President of FaithHealth Division, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center; **Chaplain Natalie V. McLean**, '09, D.Min., Chaplain, Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), Coordinator of Religious Life, Bennett College; and **Rev. Alice Hernandez**, M.Div., Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education, Palmetto Health Richland.

## In Memoriam

**Rev. Dr. George H. McNeely**, '78  
Charlotte, NC, January 5, 2018

**Dr. Robert Thompson McLawhorn**  
Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies  
Spencer, NC, December 11, 2017

**General Harold C. Earnhardt**  
Member, President's Advisory Council  
Salisbury, NC, December 3, 2017

**Mr. André "Andy" Resner**  
Father of Dr. André Resner,  
Professor of Homiletics and Worship  
Salisbury, NC, November 6, 2017

**Mrs. Odalliah Vaughn Garnier**  
Mother of Valtoria Jackson, HTS Student  
Detroit, Michigan, September 12, 2017

**Mrs. Lillie A. Owens**  
Mother of Karen L. Owens, '15  
Kansas City, KS, September 9, 2017

**Mrs. Doris D. Ferree**  
Wife of Rev. Dr. James Ferree, '55  
Winston-Salem, NC, September 5, 2017

**Mrs. Beulah F. Maxwell**  
Mother of HTS M.Div. student Angela  
Maxwell, and Carla Maxwell Ray, friend of  
the Seminary

**Rev. Andrew E. Whitted**, '59  
President's Advisory Council  
Concord, NC, August 4, 2017

**Rev. Herbert Lee Rhedrick, Sr.**  
Father of Herb Rhedrick,  
Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology  
August 4, 2017

**Mrs. Mary H. Messinger**  
Mother of Dyke Messinger, Trustee  
Salisbury, NC, July 3, 2017

**Morris Nathaniel "Nate" Bryant**  
Brother of Janice Silver,  
Institutional Advancement Office  
Baltimore, MD, July 3, 2017

**Fran Ward Black Holland**  
Mother of Janet Ward Black, Trustee  
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Kannapolis, NC, July 2, 2017

**Willie J. Davis**  
Husband of Eva Davis, '17  
Florence, SC, June 22, 2017

**Dr. Robert Curran**  
Father-in-law of Dr. Trevor Eppheimer  
Seekonk, MA, May 2, 2017

**Loritha Woodbury-Lutz**  
Sister of Cynthia Pharr, HTS Security officer  
Winston-Salem, NC, April 30, 2017



**Dr. Ashley Dreff** joined the full-time faculty as Director of United Methodist Studies and Student Recruitment. As the focal faculty person in United Methodist Studies, she will be responsible for teaching required courses for the M.Div. degree, as well as advanced level courses in Methodist History, American Religious History, or Women/Gender Studies. In her administrative role, Dr. Dreff will foster networking

with United Methodist (UM) districts and conferences, expand bridge-building with colleges and organizations, serve as a strategic team member with the Office of Recruitment to cultivate relationships to enhance enrollment, and enrich opportunities for UM student professional development.

Dr. Dreff completed her Ph.D. in American Religious/Methodist History at Drew Theological School. Her dissertation, "Methodists and the New Morality: A History of Twentieth Century Methodist Sexual Ethics," examines the changes in Methodist conceptions of sexuality in post-World War II America. She holds a B.A. in Art History (Cum Laude) from the University of Arkansas (2009) and an A.M. in Religious Studies (History of Christianity) from the University of Chicago Divinity School (2012).

A life-long United Methodist, Dr. Dreff served in 2015-16 as a General Conference Legislative Researcher and Analyst through the Connectional Table of The United Methodist

Church, where she also interned in 2014-15. In addition, Dr. Dreff served as Assistant Archivist for the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church from 2012-14.



**Ms. Kelly M. Bryant** is the new Library Assistant / Writing Center Specialist. In addition to assisting the director of the library with circulation desk procedures, research and technology issues, and other library programming services, Ms. Bryant will also devote significant energy and time in the Margaret H. Klutz Writing and Resource Center with one-on-one individual writing instruction.

Ms. Bryant received a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls (Major: English, Emphasis in Creative Writing; Minor: International Studies). She obtained a M.A. degree in Leadership in Student Affairs from the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN. She brings rich and diverse experience assisting undergraduate students, graduate students, and professionals with writing coaching and consultation. She has Tutor Certification from the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA).

## Campus News

### Innovation Grant

The Seminary has been awarded a \$50,000 ATS Innovation Grant from the Association of Theological Schools to establish a Center of Chaplaincy to foster awareness, information exchange, and collaboration about opportunities and practices in the field of professional chaplaincy. (See story page 4.)

### New Master of Divinity Concentrations

Beginning in the fall 2017 term, students who have completed 18 hours in the M.Div program will have the option of declaring up to 2 concentrations in that degree program, fulfilled through the completion of 12 elective hours in the following areas: biblical studies, church history, theology and social ethics, preaching and worship, pastoral care and counseling, and/or Christian education.

### New Endowed Scholarship Announced



The Civitan-U.S.A.T. Dorchester Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established by Mark and Judy Beymer in memory of Alvin and Marjorie Beymer. Mark is a member of the Salisbury, NC, Civitan Club. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a second-year

student in the Center for Chaplaincy Program who aspires to be a military, hospital, hospice, corporate or other professional chaplain. Read about the U.S.A.T. Dorchester tragedy and the sacrifice of its chaplains during WWII on our website ([www.hoodseminary.edu/news/civitan--usat-dorchester-scholarship](http://www.hoodseminary.edu/news/civitan--usat-dorchester-scholarship)).



## New Doctor of Ministry Specialization



Hood Theological Seminary is pleased to announce a Doctor of Ministry degree specialization - Community Advocacy and Social Justice Ministry - designed to provide advanced theological training for persons committed to social justice ministry and political advocacy on behalf of

marginalized persons and communities. The specialization also equips persons with practical tools for mobilizing Christian congregations for social justice work. The degree is a thirty-three-hour program comprised of three major components: seminars, supervision, and a ministry project in the area of community advocacy and social justice ministry. Dr. Jim R. Wadford is Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program.

## Cannon Foundation Grant Funds Renovations



Hood was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Cannon Foundation for renovations to the 500 and 100 buildings.

HTS is also grateful for recent generous grants from the Blanche and Julian Robertson Foundation and the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation for technology and scholarship support respectively.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA officers elected by the student body for the 2017-18 academic year were installed at the Honors Awards and Closing



Convocation on May 19, 2017. Pictured are (l to r) Rona Watson, At-large Representative; Aaron Duncan, Secretary; Johnny Sellers, Vice-President; and Antoinette Joiner, President. Not pictured: Patrick Jones, Treasurer and Valtoria Jackson, Greenville Campus Representative.

## HTS Welcomes Alumnus to President's Advisory Council



Rev. Dr. Haven O. Anderson, M.Div. '09, joined the President's Advisory Council (PAC) in September 2017. Since January 2008, Dr. Anderson has been Senior Pastor of the Marvin A.M.E. Zion

Church in Waxhaw, NC. He has a B.S. degree in business administration from Livingstone College, an M.Div. degree from Hood Seminary, and a D.Min. degree from United Theological Seminary.

## Incorporating a Growth Mindset

Faculty and Staff gathered for a productive and motivational annual retreat in August 2017 at The Forum, Salisbury-Rowan Schools' beautiful new administration building in downtown Salisbury. Drawing from Dr. Carol Dweck's ground-breaking book, "Mindset: the New Psychology of Success," we explored ways to incorporate a "growth mindset" into every facet of the HTS seminary experience.



## 2017 All Hood Alumni Reunion Symposium and Celebration

The 2nd Annual All Hood Alumni Reunion Symposium and Celebration was held March 17 & 18, 2017. **Rev. Dr. Otto Harris** served as moderator for the morning sessions with presenters **Rev. Dr. Daran Mitchell**, **Rev. Angela Roberson**, **Rev. Janice Cooper**, **Rev. Dr. Reginald Broadnax**, **Rev. Dr. Clifford Barnette** and **Rev. J.R. Covington**. **Dr. Kenneth Q. James**, **Dr. Bradley R. Trick** and **Rev. Janice Cooper** were present at the Opening Reception Thursday evening to discuss their recent book publications. Keynote speaker was **Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale**, senior pastor of Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, Georgia.



### Bishop Paul L. Leeland

of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church participated in an open forum event in the Aymer Center in April 2017 with HTS community members and regional United Methodist clergy and laity. Moderated by HTS alumnus **Dr. Otto Harris**, the event began with Bishop Leeland outlining his vision for leadership and ministry, which was followed by an hour-long question and answer session.

## Creating a Culture of Generosity

A **Generosity Workshop** was held on September 14 with **Chris Stovall** of Generis - full of insights and unique perspectives and strategies for generosity building in the church.



## Opening Convocation

"Let Your Light Shine!" (Matthew 5: 14-16) was the title of the sermon delivered by **Bishop Hope Morgan Ward** of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, during the Seminary's **Opening Convocation** on September 15, 2017. Bishop Ward was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the service. Also, new students entered their names in the "Book of Lambs."



**The Speaks Memorial Lecture Series** was presented in October 2017 by **William B. Lawrence**, Ph.D. Dr. Lawrence is Professor of American Church History at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX). Lawrence is Professor of American Church History at SMU Perkins School of Theology. His lectures acknowledged the significance of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's actions that launched the Reformation.



**An Edu-Worship Service** was held October 24, 2017, in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The service focused on Domestic Abuse. Thanks to HTS alumna, **Rev. Marguerite Lee**, '05, for her presentation. Other special guests included Katy Temple of the Family Crisis Council, and Beth McKeithan of Prevent Child Abuse Rowan.



HTS hosted a **Reformation Panel**, a discussion on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation, in October 2017. Panelists were **Father John Eckert**, Sacred Heart Parish, Salisbury, NC; **Rev. Rhodes Woolly**, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC; **Rev. Robert Black**, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, NC; and **Rev. Dr. Byron Grayson**, St. Paul AME Church, Lenoir, NC. **Dr. Sharon Grant**, Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, was Convener; **Dr. Ashley Dreff**, Director of United Methodist Studies and Student Recruitment, was Moderator.

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Students and alumni enjoyed a lively **CPE Day** in November 2017. Twelve institutions from North and South Carolina engaged and informed all present about opportunities for Clinical Pastoral Education programs.



HTS held a **Service of Lessons and Carols** on December 1 to start off the Advent season. **Dr. Ashley Dreff's** homily, "An Uncomfortable Christmas," was inspiring and challenging. In observance of World AIDS Day, names of victims were pinned to the HTS Aids remembrance quilt.



Alumni, friends, faculty and staff enjoyed a **Holiday Gathering** in December to celebrate Christmas. Donations of scarves, hats and gloves were collected and presented to Prevent Child Abuse Rowan.

**Bishop George Crenshaw** of the Central Southern Africa Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church preached at the **2018 Firm Foundation Covenant Service** in February. Over \$300,000 was raised to support the mission of the Seminary! We are truly grateful to the Board of Bishops of the AME Zion Church, their Episcopal Districts around the world, and to all who gave so generously and joyfully!



**Save the date! Alumni Symposium coming up March 15 & 16, 2018**



## *2017 Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry Graduates and Faculty*

Shouts of “hallelujah!” erupted amid the laughter and cheers as Hood Theological Seminary held its 16th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Varick Auditorium on the Livingstone College campus. During the 10:30 a.m. event, 39 students received their doctor of ministry, master of divinity, or master of theological studies degrees.

Recipients of honorary degrees included Mr. Paul V. Fant Sr., Ms. Mary J. Matthews, and Mr. Charles T. Davidson. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward received her honorary degree during the seminary’s opening convocation in September.

The graduates were addressed by Paul V. Fant Sr., a native of Charlotte and president of Fant Consulting, LLC. He is a lifelong friend of President Vergel L. Lattimore and was recognized as Humanitarian of the Year in 2016 by the United Way of South Carolina.

As he introduced Fant, Dr. Lattimore said of Fant, “He is a trailblazer in the corporate and business community. He is here today because he is a prototype of a servant leader.”

Honors Awards and Closing Convocation was held on Friday evening, May 19. “Moses or a Magician?” was the title of Rev. Thomas Grinter’s sermon. Grinter is Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies and A.M.E. Zion Studies.



*Mr. Paul V. Fant was the Commencement speaker.*



*Mr. Paul Fant received the Doctor of Humane Letters degree at commencement.*



**Ms. Mary J. Matthews** was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters during Commencement. She is the president of the Connectional Lay Council (CLC) of the The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The CLC established the Bishop George J. Leake III Endowed Scholarship with a donation of \$50,000 to Hood Seminary. Under the leadership of Ms. Matthews, the CLC is continuing to fund this endowed scholarship with a goal of \$100,000.

**Mr. Charles T. Davidson** was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters for his distinguished leadership and service on the Hood Theological Seminary Board of Trustees since 2008. Mr. Davidson has made stellar contributions in business and industrial leadership in N.C. and the southeast region of the United States. His wisdom and decisive analytical thinking was vital to the successful planning and construction of the Albert J. D. Aymer Center.



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# The Bishop James Walker Hood Donor Recognition Dinner



Salisbury resident, Dr. Trevor Williams, and the Salisbury-based Margaret C. Woodson Foundation were honored by Hood Theological Seminary (HTS) at the thirteenth annual Bishop James Walker Hood Donor and Scholarship Recognition Dinner on May 18, 2017.

“This event is held to recognize and thank those donors whose support reaffirms Hood’s unique investment in the future of the church and society,” said President Vergel Lattimore. For the first time, HTS scholarship recipients were invited to this event to give them an opportunity to meet the donors who fund their scholarships.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Bishop James Walker Hood Awards for Distinguished Service - the highest honor the Seminary bestows on donors, leaders and supporters. President Lattimore thanked this year’s recipients, Dr. Trevor Williams and the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation for their generous financial support and contributions of time, talent, and treasure to the mission of Hood Theological Seminary.

Dr. Trevor Williams is a retired physician whose association with the Seminary began years ago when he and then-president, Dr. Albert Aymer, became acquainted at First Presbyterian Church where Dr. Aymer was teaching a class. Since then, Trevor Williams’ enthusiasm and support for the Seminary have been unwavering and reflect a broad range of talents from craftsman to teacher to advisor.

His bond with Hood has been further strengthened through his membership on the President’s Advisory Council. For more than 10 years in this capacity, he has partnered with Hood to promote excellence and growth in Christian ministry.

As further evidence of his appreciation for the education provided by Hood Seminary, in 2016, Dr. Williams established the Dr. Trevor Williams Endowed Scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student who demonstrates promise in the fields of preaching, homiletics and/or worship leadership.

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Hood Theological Seminary has been a grateful beneficiary of the philanthropic generosity of the Woodson Foundation for the past 20 years. Nearly half a million dollars has been received for programs and projects that strengthen the Seminary in its mission of theological preparation for effective ministry in a diverse society.

Mr. Paul Woodson received the award on behalf of the Woodson Foundation.



The Seminary is pleased to announce the recipients of permanently endowed scholarships for 2017-18. We congratulate these students for their academic excellence and great potential as future leaders in their diverse faith communities. We are deeply grateful to the alumni, friends, churches, and foundations who have made these scholarships possible through their generosity and commitment to Hood.

## The Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer Endowed Scholarship



**Vincent Long**, is a native of Hickory Grove, SC, and currently resides in Rock Hill, SC. He earned an Associate in Arts degree from Spartanburg Methodist College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Computer Information Systems from Winthrop University. He is currently serving as the pastor of Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Zion Church in Richburg, SC, and he is also a software engineering contractor with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. He has been a volunteer with the York County Detention Center for about 15 years, conducting a weekly life application Bible Study with the inmates. He is married to Rev. Michelle Long and they have two daughters, Natasha and Vinsetta, and one grandson, James McNeil IV. Vincent says, "It is a great honor to have been chosen as this year's recipient of the Dr. Albert J. D. Aymer Scholarship, and I will strive to ensure the investment made by the donors ultimately becomes a worthwhile investment."



**Charles Mathews**, born in Los Angeles, and raised in Mt. Gilead and Winston-Salem, NC, is a man ambitiously striving to achieve the many goals set before him. Encouraged to begin working in the kingdom of God during his teenage years, he later became an armor bearer, usher, and Sunday school teacher. Charles has served fervently in the Kingdom of God as church administrator, praise and worship leader. He is also an ordained minister in the A.M.E. Zion Church. A 2001 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a B.A in Exercise Physiology, Charles also graduated *cum laude* from NC Central University with a B.S in Nursing in 2008. Presently, he works as a Clinical Specialist for Johnson & Johnson. He is a mentor to juvenile offenders in the Alamance County court system as well as assisting with educational projects in public housing. He also created CMP Media Group, a company utilizing multimedia and music production to manage artists, create tours, and promote the art of music.



**Mandy Singleton**, a native of Miami, Florida, earned a BS in Psychology from the College of Charleston and a Masters in Christian Education from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. She worked as a Director of Christian Education until she decided to take some time to spend with her family. She also worked as a Realtor working for several large national home builders as a Sales Counselor until she was called into the ministry. She and her husband live in Lake Wylie, SC, where she is currently serving as a Seminary Intern at River Hills Community Church. "I am so honored to be a student at Hood Theological Seminary and a recipient of The Dr. Albert J.D. Aymer Endowed Scholarship."

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**Donna W. Cuthbertson** is an AME Zion student from Salisbury, North Carolina. She has a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Livingstone College. Donna is Associate Minister at Sills Creek AME Zion Church in Mooresville, NC, where she is also Director of Christian Education. She was ordained a Deacon April 8, 2016 and served as Chaplain for the Southeastern Region of Christian Education in the AME Zion Church. She is also involved with Meals on Wheels, Rowan Helping Ministries, and Rowan One Church One Child. She and her husband, Ronnie Cuthbertson, Sr., have two children and four grandchildren – including triplets!

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**Nathaniel Cox** – an AME Zion student from Pittsburgh, PA.

## The Dr. Robert Harkrader Endowed Scholarship



**Brad Treece**, a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, serves as a United Methodist Church Pastor near Denton, North Carolina with members of Piney Grove UMC and Pleasant Grove UMC. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, *summa cum laude*. He and his wife, Cindy, live outside of Salisbury with one daughter, Colbie. Brad has over twenty years of leadership and business experience as controller and a business owner in the Building Supply Industry. Brad spent twelve years as a praise and worship leader prior to answering his call to ministry and began studies at HTS in the fall of 2014. He is an active volunteer for Rowan One Church One Child and for the South Davidson Missional Network. Brad says, "It has been a privilege and a blessing to have the opportunity to attend HTS and I consider it a great honor to be this year's recipient of the Robert Harkrader Scholarship!"

## The Ellen and James Robert Keever Endowed Scholarship



**Rita J. Briggs** is a native of Baltimore, MD, currently living in Florence, SC. She is an honor graduate of Morris College, Sumter, SC, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry. She is a 3rd year student in the M. Div. program at Hood. Rita is retired from the Federal Government. She is a licensed Baptist Minister and is currently serving as an associate minister at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Florence. She is also participating in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence and desires to become a professional Chaplain. Rita is a breast cancer survivor and a widow. She has one daughter, a son-in-law, and three wonderful grandchildren. "I count it a blessing and an honor to have been selected as a 2017-2018 recipient of The Ellen and James Robert Keever Scholarship."

## The Thomas William Langford Endowed Scholarship

**Vickie Hughes** – an AME Zion, M.Div. student.

## The Bishop George Junious Leake, III Endowed Scholarship



**Angelica Sweat**, an M.Div. student from Kings Mountain, NC, obtained an Associates of Applied Arts in Business Administration at Gaston College and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, *cum laude*, from Livingstone College. Angelica believes in spiritual formation and holistic discipleship as she previously served as Connectional Chaplain for the Varick International Christian Youth Council (VICYC) - Christian Education Department of the A.M.E. Zion Church – and a district youth director for the Lincolnton District of the Western NC Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. She currently serves as an Advisor to VICYC. In addition, Angelica is a fourth grade teacher and exhorter at Greater Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church. She uses her skills, experience, and education to strengthen the Body of Christ and expand the Kingdom of God. Angelica says, "Hood is more than a learning institution, it's become a place of refuge and solace to understanding the chaos of the world. I am grateful and thankful for those who continue to support me and aid in my academic endeavors through scholarships."

## The Robert and Lois Pruehsner Endowed Scholarship



**Patrick Jones** is a native of Chapel Hill, NC where he and his wife Shannon live on the last few acres of a British Land Grant to his family and where they raise endangered heritage farm animals. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems and Management from Appalachian State University. Patrick spent nine years working with state and federal contracts focusing on IT security and website accessibility. He is the missions and outreach advocate at Orange United Methodist Church. In this role, Patrick has led or been a part of the leadership teams of multiple mission trips to Eastern Africa as well as a host of other local and domestic missions projects. While serving in this capacity, he experienced the call into full-time ordained ministry.

**Eleazar L Partida** – a United Methodist, M.Div. student from Laurinburg, NC.

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## The Andrew McLean Spaulding Endowed Scholarship



**Precious Wilson** was born in Monrovia Liberia, West Africa. He currently resides in Monroe, NC, with his lovely wife Loretta and their two beautiful children, Elijah and Faith. Precious is a registered nurse with dual masters in business administration and healthcare management. Precious is a member of Hickory Grove United Methodist

Church in Charlotte, NC. The call to serve and spread the good news about Jesus led him to further his education at Hood Theological Seminary. Precious is a senior in the M.Div. Program. "It has been an honor to be the recipient Dr. Andrew McLean Spaulding Scholarship. I can truly say that God has been graciously good to me on this spiritual journey." Precious is willing to go wherever the Holy Spirit leads him.

## The Bishop Richard K. Thompson Endowed Scholarship



**Maria Bland Lacewell** is a native of Bolton, North Carolina, and a 1979 graduate of Livingstone College with a BSW Degree. She is in her second semester at Hood Theological Seminar pursuing a Master of Divinity. Rev. Lacewell serves as the Pastor of Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilmington, NC, in the Cape

Annual Fear Conference under Bishop Kenneth Monroe. Having been assigned to this charge by the late Bishop Richard K. Thompson in December of 2011, Rev. Lacewell states, "I am humbled and honored to be a recipient of this scholarship from the Bishop Richard Keith Thompson Endowed Scholarship Fund. It was my joy to serve under his leadership for eight fruitful years. I am truly thankful." Rev. Lacewell has been in the ministry for 29 years. She is married to Joe Lacewell and has three wonderful adult children and two adorable grandchildren.

**Sandra Mahalia Carter** – an AME Zion, M.Div. student from Leland, NC.

**Doris Tomberlin** – an AME Zion student from Jacksonville, NC.

## The Woodson Foundation Endowed Scholarship



**Major L. Kay I** is a native of Charlotte, NC, and resides in Denver NC. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from NC Central University in 1988. Major is a lifelong member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, where he is an Associate Minister under the

leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. C. R. Kimbrough. He was licensed to preach the gospel on April 8, 2015. Major works with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department where he has been employed for over 28 years. He and his wife of 26 years, Kymm Kay, have two children, Major Kay II and Morganne Kay. Major says, "I am thankful and humbled to receive this scholarship as I continue to follow the path that God has placed before me. Thank you to the Hood Theological Seminary Scholarship Committee and the family of the Margret C. Woodson Foundation. This scholarship not only helps monetarily, it also gives encouragement and accountability to continue to do my best in the academic arena."



**Paula J. McCullough** is a native and resident of Washington, NC. She earned a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Livingstone College in 1984. She has been serving as pastor of Zachariah A.M.E. Zion Church in Walstonburg, NC, for the last 15 years and has been employed with NCDOT/ Division of Motor Vehicles for over 20 years.

Her community involvement has included V.I.S.T.A under the leadership of Rev. David L. Moore, the Washington Utility Advisory Board, the Board of Adjustments, the Beaufort County Democratic Party, and the Human Relations Committee Board. She serves on the Finance Committee for the Washington District under the leadership of Presiding Elder Lester Jacobs. "I count it an honor and privilege to have been chosen as a recipient of the Margaret C. Woodson scholarship. I will continue to strive for greater to be worthy of this investment made by the keepers of the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation."



**Mark McRacken** was raised in Statesville, NC. He is a 1991 graduate of Appalachian State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has always been active in church where he has served, helped and held many committee positions. Mark answered God's call to Pulpit Ministry and

has been pastoring Ebenezer UMC in Mt. Ulla, NC since July 2015. Mark is a bi-vocational pastor. He works night shift at NGK Ceramics in Mooresville. Mark his wife Anita live in Mooresville, NC and have 4 children between them. "I am humbled and honored to be a recipient of the Margaret C. Woodson Scholarship. I also am proud to be a part of the distinguished Hood Theological Seminary family."

## 1885 Society Scholarship Dinner

The 1885 Society Scholarship Dinner extravaganza was well attended, with over 100 attendees this year. This event, held in the Aymer Center on campus Friday, November 3, 2017, raised over \$8,000.00 for Student Scholarships. The Reverend Dr. Daran Mitchell, '97, was the Master of Ceremonies, presiding over the event with a lively wit.

Keynote Speaker, The Right Reverend Dr. Kenneth Monroe of the Eastern North Carolina Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, gave a powerfully stirring and challenging message, "Getting the Church on Target."

We would like to recognize and thank the Executive Board of Hood Theological Seminary National Alumni Association (HTSNAA) for their hard work in the promotion of team-spirit to get the job done. Also, a special appreciation to our Table Sponsors; Bishop George Crenshaw and Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore, and our Corporate Sponsors; Central Carolina Insurance Agency and Coggins Financial Services. Lastly, we would to thank the HTS Office of Institutional Advancement, Chapter Presidents and their representatives and you, the Alumni, friends, and families of our beloved Hood Theological Seminary community for your support in making this a very successful event.



### 2017 Society Founding Member Inductees with Keynote Speaker and HTSNAA President

Pictured: Dr. Grant Harrison, Bishop Monroe (Keynote Speaker), GeoRene Jones, Dr. Lamont Foster (HTSNAA President), Patricia Turner, Dr. James Ferree, Janet Garner-Mullins, Dr. Carolyn Buford and Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore

### 1885 Society Founding Members (as of 11/30/2017)

(\* Indicates 2017 Inductees)

Bishop George E. Battle, Jr., '72	Rev. Dr. Wardell Henderson, '81
Rev. Dr. Carolyn E. Buford, '05	Bishop Joseph Johnson
Rev. Dr. James C. Evans, '06	*Ms. GeoRene Jones, '14
*Rev. Dr. James W. Ferree, '55	*Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore
*Rev. Janet Garner-Mullins, '15	*Mrs. Patricia C. Turner, '05
Rev. Dr. Grant Harrison, Jr. '05	

## Alumni Gatherings & Fellowships

The Office of Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving had the distinct honor of visiting Alumni and friends of Hood Theological Seminary in over 20 cities in 2017!

Please join us in 2018, when we visit a city near you for a great time of Networking and Fellowship!

Here is a recap of the Alumni and friends we met along the way in 2017:



2017-2019 Newly Elected Hood Theological Seminary National Alumni Association Executive Board with President Lattimore and staff members



Alumni Gathering in Greensboro, NC



Alumni Gathering in Fayetteville, NC

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Alumni Gathering in Columbia, SC



Alumni in Knoxville, TN during the AME Zion Lay Council Conference.



Alumni Gathering in Norfolk, VA



Alumni Gathering in Charlotte, NC



Alumni in Greenville, SC during the South Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference.

**We look forward to seeing you in 2018.  
Join the Journey...**

Professional chaplaincy is a growing area within the practice of ministry, producing a growing need for chaplains in various settings in our communities. Hood Theological Seminary is helping to meet that need. Numerous HTS alumni and students are involved in or preparing for chaplain ministry across the region and the country in many of those settings. They provide vital support to the people they counsel; a listening ear and holistic care to body, mind and spirit of a broad diversity of people.



A chaplain's multi-faith approach to spiritual care respects the faith traditions of all persons. **Travis Davis** (MDiv '16), Staff Chaplain for Carolinas Healthcare System (now Atrium Health), so succinctly expressed, "My congregation constantly changes."



**Rebekah Ramsey**, (MDiv '07), Assistant Director of Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education, Carolinas Healthcare, was one of the presenters at last fall's CPE Day at Hood.



**Jeff Person** (MDiv '17) (right) and **Clarence Weston** (MDiv '15) (second from right) at CPE at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, NC.



**Marvis Stewart**, (MDiv '16), is a chaplain with Palmetto Tuomey HealthCare and Hospice.



**Janice Cooper**, (MDiv '14) (left) is a hospice chaplain with Hospice Cleveland County, Shelby, NC.



**Cindy Coble**, (MDiv '12), is a prison Chaplain at Southern Correctional Institution in Troy, NC.



**Courtney Wilson**, is a hospice chaplain in Brunswick County, NC.



**Sandra Carter**, is a participant in the CPE program at Cape Fear Valley in Fayetteville, NC.



**Rita Briggs**, is a Chaplain Intern in the CPE program at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC.

Read more about Hood alumni and students in the field of chaplaincy on our website at <https://www.hoodseminary.edu/initiatives/center-for-chaplaincy/hood--meeting-the-need-for-chaplains>



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## Upcoming Events

### March

15-16 Alumni & Friends Symposium  
17 Doctor of Ministry Service of Candidacy

### May

19 Alumni Milestone Luncheon  
19 Honors Awards and Closing Convocation  
20 Commencement

### August

11 New student Orientation and Registration  
21 First day of classes in Track I  
24 First day of classes in Track II

### September

14 Opening Convocation

### October

5-6 Speaks Lecture Series



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