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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Enjoy the Journey

The school and conference year is coming to a close. Preparation for final papers and exams and fundraising efforts are in full swing for the majority of Seminary Students and Alumni Church Leaders. While some students are anticipating promotion to the next grade level, others students view graduation as elevation to another level of service within their respective denominations. The next phase will present opportunities for new challenges and

"... we must discover what we are called to do. And once we discover it we should set out to do it with all of the strength and all of the power that we have in our systems. And after we've discovered what God called us to do, after we've discovered our life's work, we should set out to do that work so well that the living, the dead, or the unborn couldn't do it any better. Now this does not mean that everybody will do the so-called big, recognized things of life. Very few people will rise to the heights of genius in the arts and the sciences; very few collectively will rise to certain professions. Most of us will have to be content to work in the fields and in the factories and on the streets.

But we must see the dignity of all labor."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

new occasions for encouragement. In Paul's letter to the Galatians 6:9, he writes, *So let us not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up* (New Living Translation). These Pauline words reflect that attitude and the actions of the HTSNAA. The Executive Board extends our deepest appreciation for your generous gifts of time and financial resources to support and promote the mission of Hood Theological Seminary. The Executive Board is pleased to announce that the fundraising success of the 1885 Society Dinner has allowed HTSNAA to sponsor two scholarships for \$2,250.00 per student recipient (Master and Doctorate Levels).

We were also able to donate \$1,000.00 to the Firm Foundation Service held on February 7, 2018, in the Aymer Center. We encourage your participation in the *All-Hood Alumni Reunion Symposium and Celebration* (March 15-16, 2018)

and the *Milestone Reunion Class Luncheon* (May 18, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), honoring alumni graduates ending in 3s & 8s. As is our custom, HTSNAA will co-sponsor the senior picnic with a donation of \$500.00. The Closing Convocation is May 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Varick Auditorium at Livingstone College. Commencement will follow on May 19, 2018, 10:00 a.m. in the same venue. Moreover, volunteers are needed to serve as ushers. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Carmen W. Harper, at (704) 314-4970; Email: charper@hoodseminary.edu. In my consultation with President Lattimore, he extended a complimentary luncheon to all alumni who are traveling in the Salisbury area. In closing, we hope that all constituents of HTS will represent the highest levels of leadership and integrity, consistent with Christian principles and practices.

In His service,

Rev. Dr. Lamont F. Foster, Sr.