



## E-Newsletter April 2025

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### Upcoming Events

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ICFSH Virtual Earth Day Event



Attend the International Center of Faith Science and History (ICFSH) Virtual Earth Day Event on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 7:00pm. Read more here: <https://ow.ly/ETeC50VuLIA>

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## Center for Chaplaincy Annual Spring Symposium



Attend the Center for Chaplaincy Annual Spring Symposium via Zoom on April 28th from 10:00am until 12:30pm. This year's focus is on Prison/Correctional Chaplaincy. Read more: <https://ow.ly/40OT50VwJQu>

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## HTS Open House



Looking for more information about attending Hood Theological Seminary? The Seminary will have an Open House April 29 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Come learn about everything Hood has to offer! Register Here: <https://ow.ly/HNMR50Vtn50>

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## Save the Date: 2025 Commencement

The 2025 Hood Theological Seminary commencement will take place **Saturday 17th May 2025 at 10:30 a.m. on the campus of Livingstone College (Varick Auditorium) at 701 W Monroe St, Salisbury, NC 28144.** The speaker will be **Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.**



The Institute for Rural and Small-Town Ministry and Leadership is up and running! We are excited to share what we've got going on.

We will hold our quarterly workshop, "Strengthening Congregations" on May 31, 2025, in the Aymer Center. There are going to be many exciting topics discussed. The event is free, but registration is required. To register, go to [Strengthening Rural & Small-Town Congregations](#)

Our Facebook page is active. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/HoodEmpowers/> Like us, follow us and share us. We are grateful for your help getting our word out to the community!

Our website is up and running! Visit <https://hoodempowers.org>

We have over 110 people across NC who have signed up for information about our program. They have expressed interest in participation, collaboration, support and education.

We are having a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, May 3, in Statesville, NC. This will be hosted by Reverend Dr. JC White of the Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church and Reverend Dr. David R. Baker, presiding Elder of the Statesville district. We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with the people to hear what the needs are in their congregations.

We have made great strides in a short time and are eager to see our progress unfold.

Susan Cooper

Program Coordinator

The Institute for Rural & Small-Town Ministry and Leadership.

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**In Memoriam**





**Former HTS Board of Trustees member and a strong supporter of Hood, Tony Almeida** passed away on March 26, 2025. His obituary and details of his service can be found here: <https://ow.ly/6J5G50VrK8g>

Tony Almeida's wife, Rev. Margaret Almeida, has designated HTS as one of the institutions to which those who wish can donate in his honor.



Hood Theological Seminary Alum Rev. Dr. Delton Cooper, MTS'16, recently passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers. Please go here for more information about his obituary and Service details: <https://shorturl.at/GLP40>



## Faculty/Staff News

**Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore**



**Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor,** offered Seminary greetings at the 55th Pastoral Ministry Celebration of Dr. J.C. White, Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church, Statesville, NC (4/13/25).

He participated in the A.M.E. Zion Commission on Chaplaincy, as the Endorser (4/15/25)

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the Power of the Equitable Church Scholars and Practitioners Conference, as a panelist addressing "In this Season, Who is God," Emory University Conference Center, Atlanta, GA (4/24-4/26/25)

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**Michael J. Gehring, Visiting Professor of History of Christianity,** attended the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting at Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University in March.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**To all our April Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Donors - A Blessed Birthday with Many More to Come!**



# Hood Travels

Hood attended the AME Zion Church Growth and Development Quadrennial Conference-Rock Hill, SC.



Hood Theological Seminary attended the Preaching Insitute.



Hood attended the Catawba College Fair.



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## Alumni News

Congratulations to Hood Alum Rev. Scott Spence MDiv'15 who will become the new District Superintendent of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church on July 1.



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## Did you Know?

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