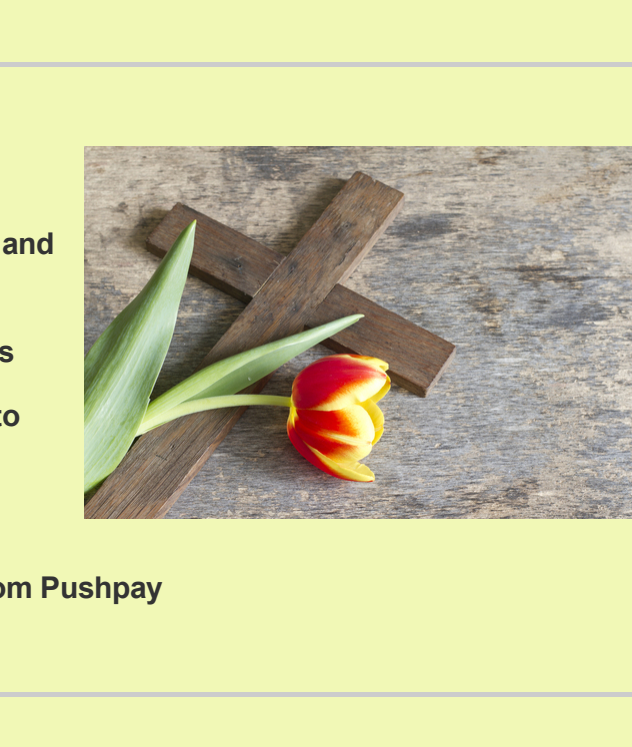




An e-newsletter

April 2020

Have a Safe and Happy Easter!



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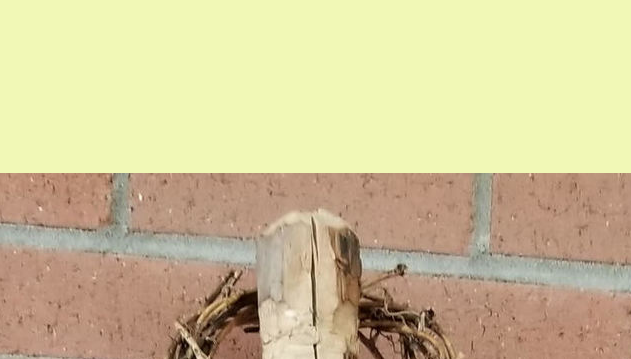


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Pray and Have Faith!

Though we are going through some hard times in the world right now, remember to always have faith and pray! The devotional is by Patricia Marie Commander, MLIS, Library Director/Writing Center Coordinator and picture display below is made by Dr. Mary A. Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education at Hood.

Devotional: Push Through

Patricia Marie Commander, MLIS, Library Director/Writing Center Coordinator

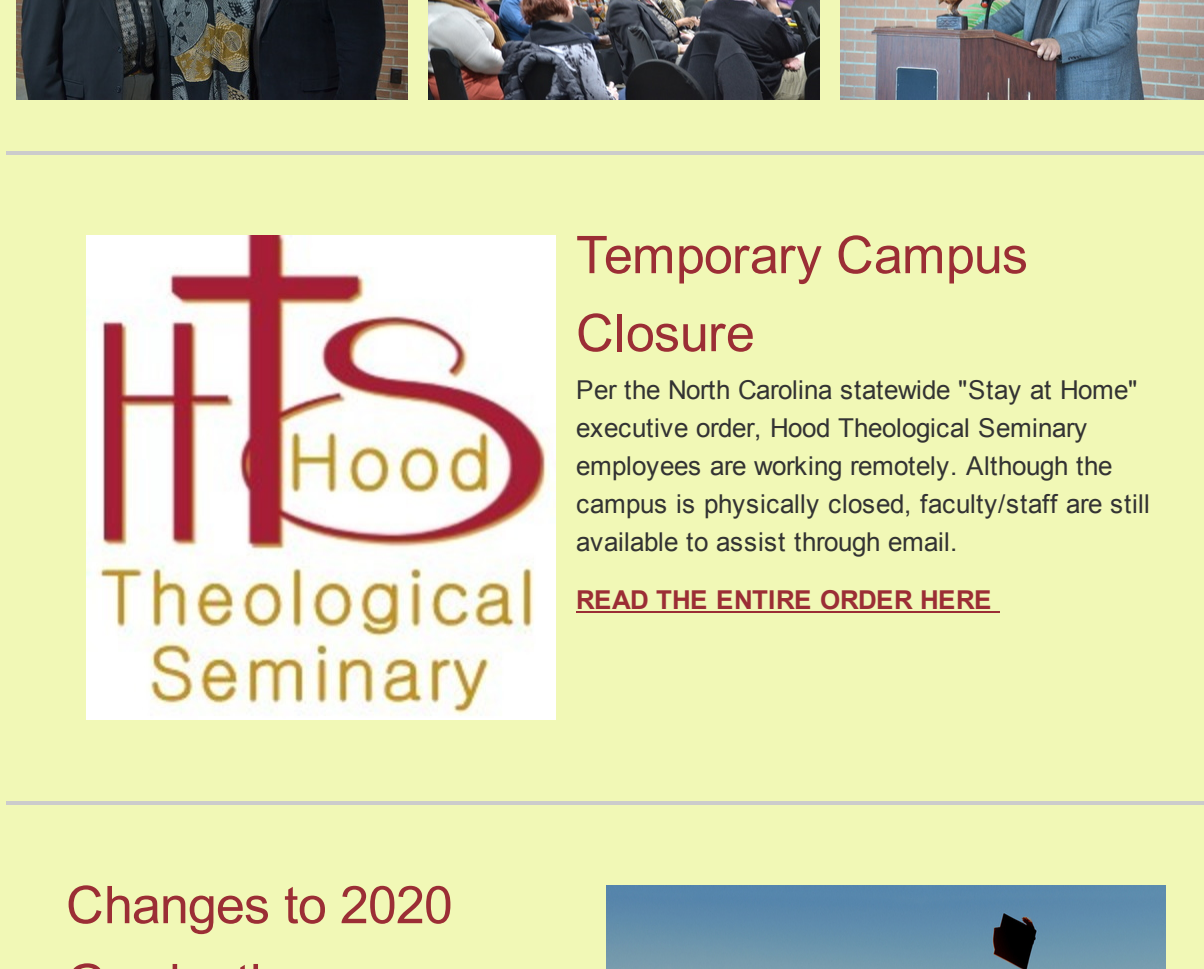
So many times we are faced with obstacles that have us halting our dreams, halting our day to day lives, and halting our faith. But we know that faith can be used as an ignition to start what doubt tried to stop.

When the woman with the issue of blood pushed through and went to Jesus, he tells her that it was her faith that healed her (Luke 8:48). Though this message is not to assume that all things will be healed on this side of heaven, having faith alone can give us that boost when we are tired of pushing through. Faith can be that extra mile we take on a fitness journey, or that extra seed we sow at church, or even that extra time in prayer petitioning God to just give us that extra push!

Whatever your extra push needs to be to get to the man or woman God will have you to be, DO IT! PUSH THROUGH! Try to envision whatever it is that is necessary for you to push through. Once it is visualized, the next thing for you to imagine is you breaking through it! Picture your obstacle being painted in large letters on a brick wall and what you need is on the other side. Now... what is it that you need to break through that wall? Push in Faith!

Prayer:
Lord, God, please give us the strength to keep pushing. Let us find the faith that we may have lost when we were weary. Help us to visualize our breakthrough. Allow us to meditate, not on our right now, but on what is to come, on better days, on stronger days. We thank you for push through faith!

AMEN.

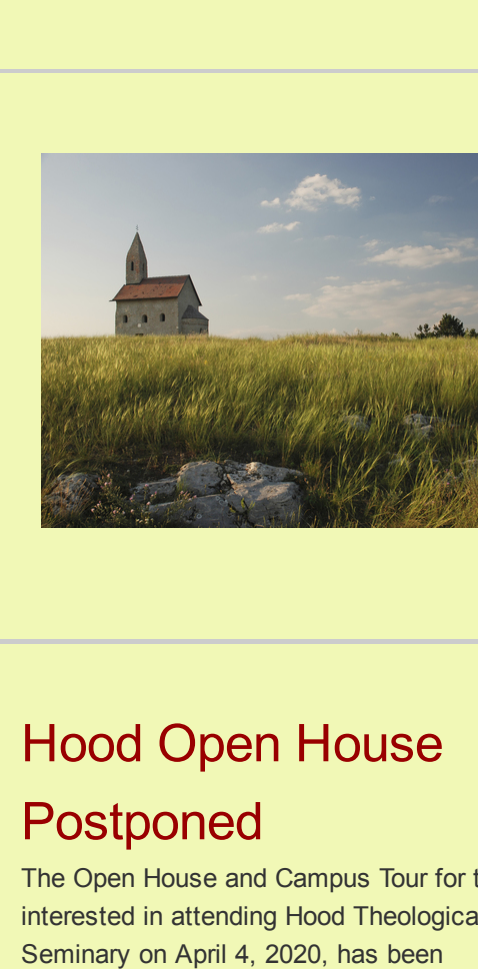
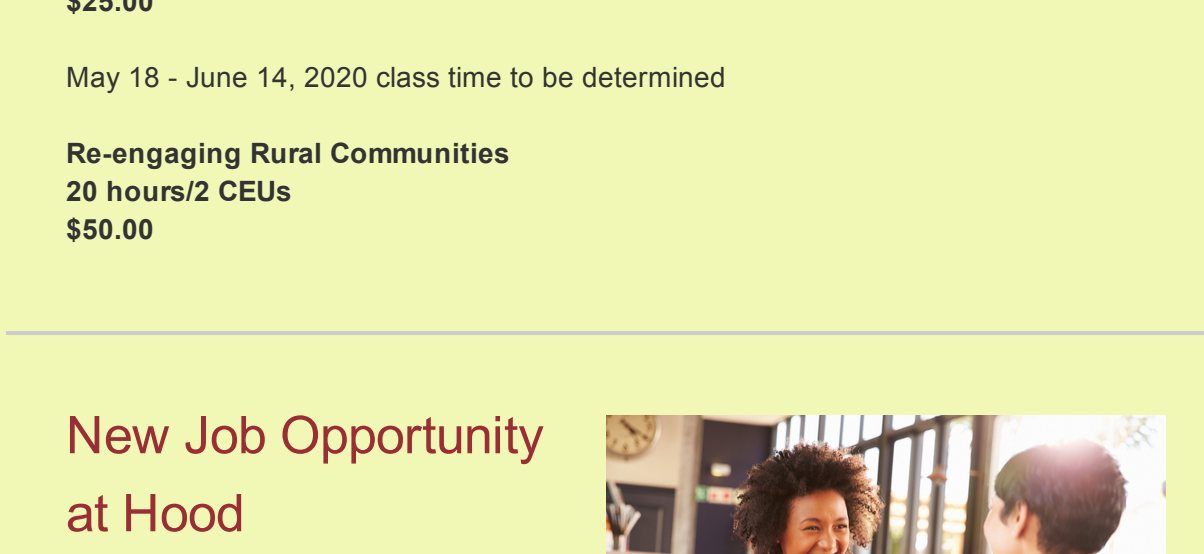


Recent Hood Events

March 2020 - All Hood Symposium



February 2020 - Heritage Lecture Series



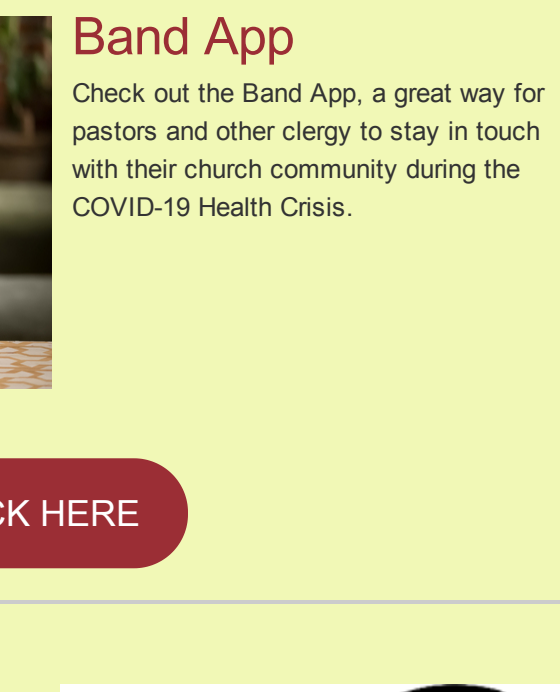
Temporary Campus Closure

Per the North Carolina statewide "Stay at Home" executive order, Hood Theological Seminary employees are working remotely. Although the campus is physically closed, faculty/staff are still available to assist through email.

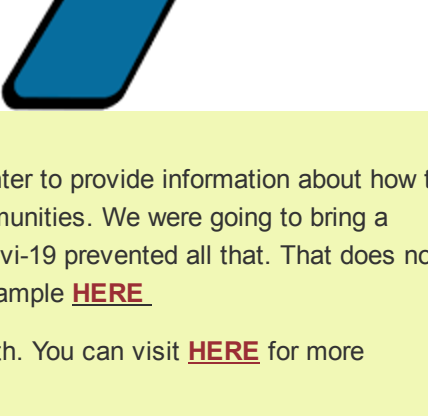
[READ THE ENTIRE ORDER HERE](#)

Changes to 2020 Graduation

In as much as we regret this change, the 2020 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. will be a modified virtual ceremony which President Dr. Virgil Lattimore will share as a Livestream online. This change is due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



ONLINE CE Offerings from The Institute for Early Career Clergy Development



May 1st, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and May 2nd, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Church Leadership - Applying Strategic Planning & Project Management to the Work of Ministry
10 hours/1 CEU
\$25.00

May 7th - 8th, 2020 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, May 9th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Conflict Management in the Ministry
10 hours/1 CEU
\$25.00

May 18 - June 14, 2020 class time to be determined

Re-engaging Rural Communities
20 hours/2 CEUs
\$50.00

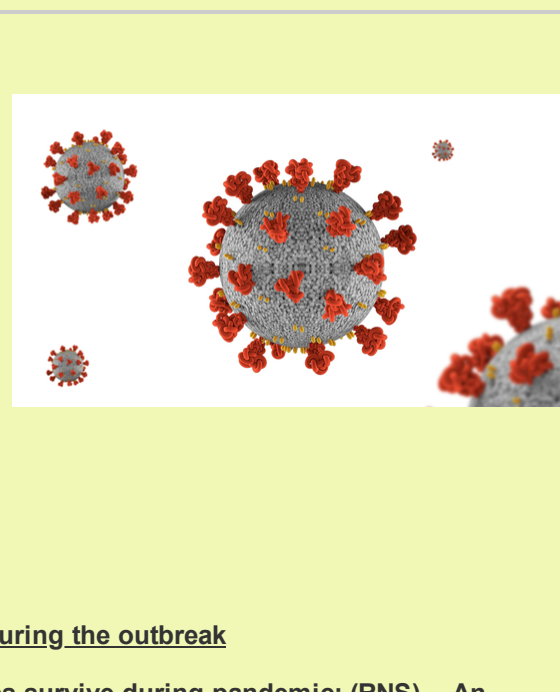
New Job Opportunity at Hood

There is an invitation for applicants to apply for a new job opportunity at Hood Theological Seminary: Executive Assistant for Administrative Services and Institutional Assessment. [Click Here](#) for the job description.



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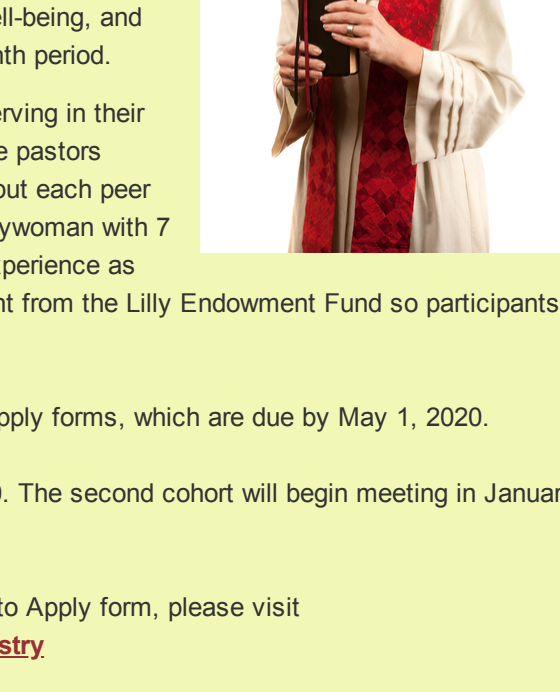


Center for Chaplaincy Spring Event to be Rescheduled

Due to recent COVID-19 updates, the event, titled **Keeping it Real: Mental Health / Mental Illness in the Church and Community**, has been canceled on April 3 and will be rescheduled at a later date.

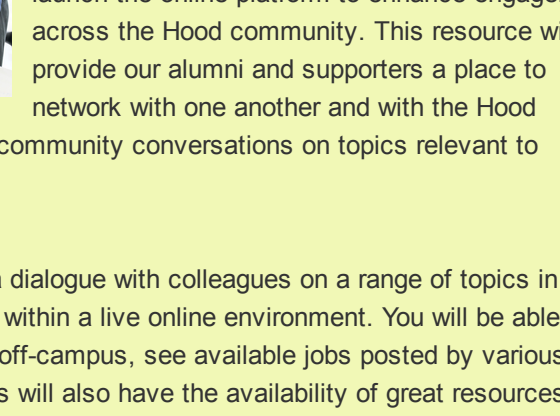
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Band App

Check out the Band App, a great way for pastors and other clergy to stay in touch with their church community during the COVID-19 Health Crisis.



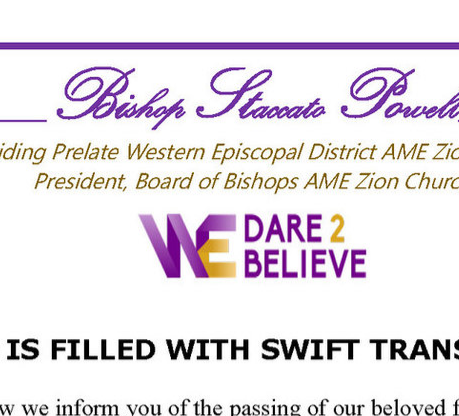
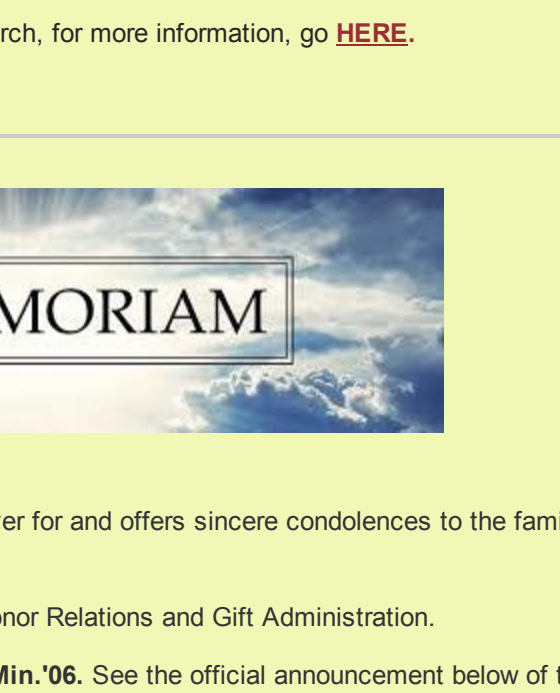
[CLICK HERE](#)

April is Prevent Child Abuse Month and Autism Awareness Month

The Community Life Community would have placed pinneels around the seminary, and collected needed items for the Prevent Child Abuse Rowan organization. Dr. Love would have placed material on the awareness table in the Aymer Center to provide information about how to spot and stop child abuse in your congregation and communities. We were going to bring a speaker to speak during the lunch on Child Abuse but Covid-19 prevented all that. That does not mean that you can't get the necessary information for example [HERE](#).

Autism Awareness: April also is Autism Awareness Month. You can visit [HERE](#) for more information

-Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango



SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Coronavirus (COVID-19) What the Faith Community Needs To Know

Our world is facing circumstances unprecedented in our lifetime. The faith community is a connection that many have sought solace in the time of uncertainty. Here are details the faith community needs to lead the efforts to keep everyone safe.

What is Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus.

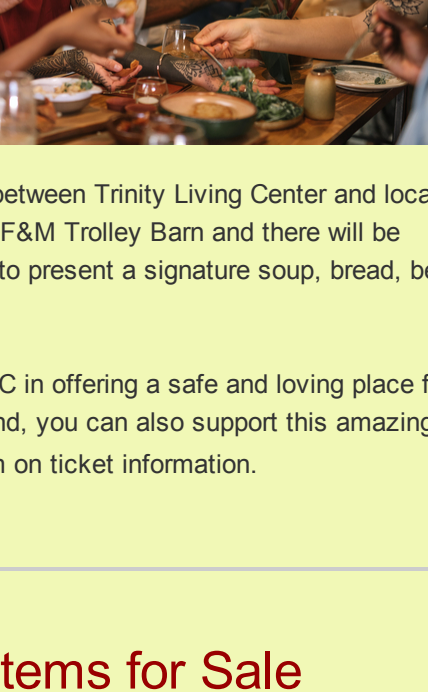
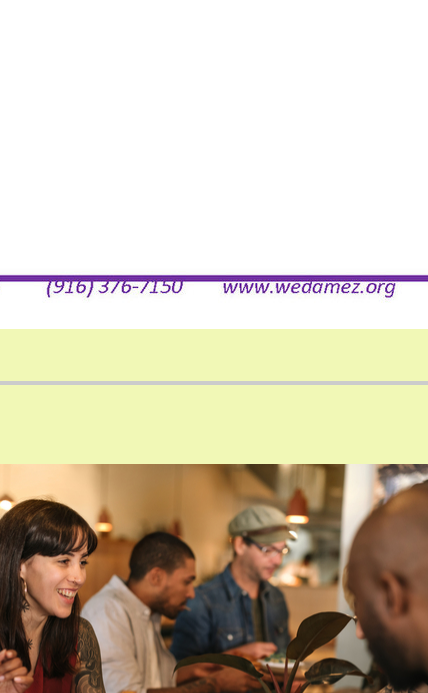
Prevention

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community.
- Plan ways to limit face-to-face contact between people at your organization.

Clean

- Clean your hands often. Wash hands for 20 seconds or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when soap is not available.
- Clean ALL disinfected frequently touched surfaces daily.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Clean often high-touch surfaces in public places, such as, door knobs, elevator buttons, countertops, etc.



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Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:

CDC and COVID-19

CDC Now Recommends the Public Wear Masks When Going Out

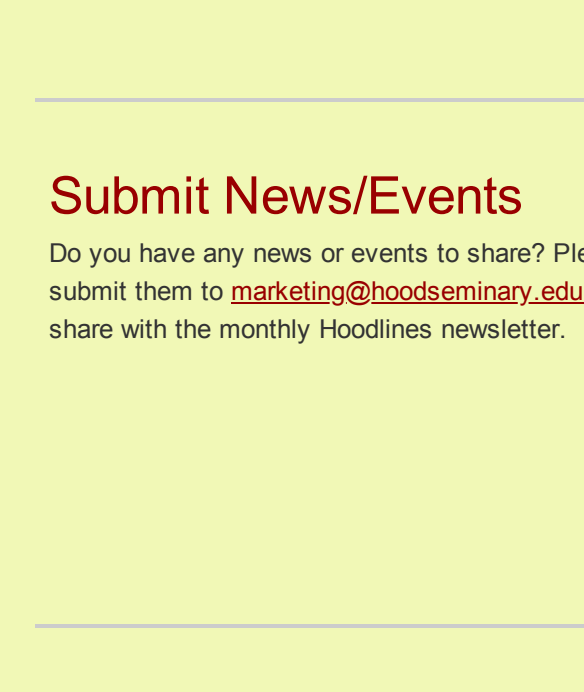
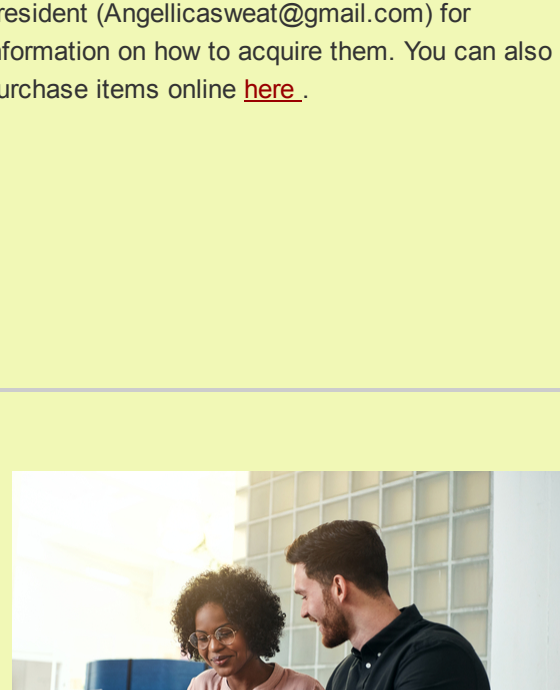
Understanding the CARES Act

COVID-19 Resources for Church Leaders

Creating a financial plan for your church during the outbreak

Larger churches urged to help smaller ones survive during pandemic: (RNS) -- An application process opened Monday (April 6) for small churches to apply for \$3,000 grants...

Learn 20 Ways To Grow Your Church In 2020



Upcoming Online Conference

Pushpay presents Church Disrupt, an online, interactive conference experience happening at 9am PT / 12pm ET on May 13, 2020. Church Disrupt is a free digital conference for churches who know that while the Gospel is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, the methods we use are anything but unchanged. Technology is moving faster than ever—and a brave new group of church leaders is embracing it. They're using technology to know their people better, to maximize participation, and to grow generosity like never before. Click on the button below to register.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Opportunity for Clergywomen

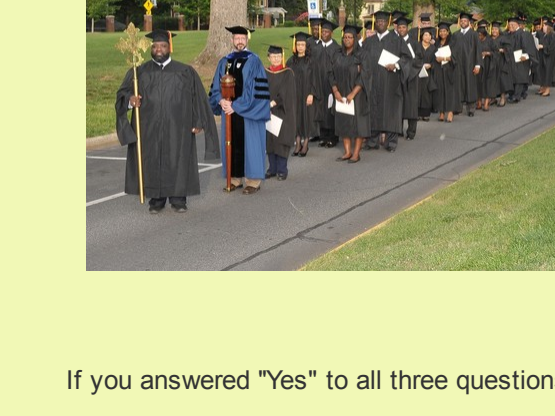
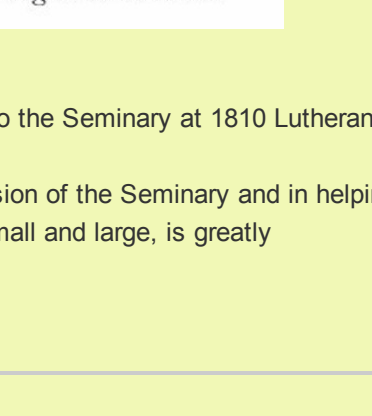
Clergywomen serving congregations in any denomination across the South are invited to apply for the second cohort of the Thriving in Ministry program, which provides resources for women in ministry through regular ecumenical peer group meetings, congregational trainings, transformative retreats (including an international pilgrimage), financial support for restorative practices that promote pastoral well-being, and spiritual direction and coaching over a 15-month period.

This program particularly focuses on those serving in their first role as a solo/senior pastor and associate pastors preparing to transition into senior leadership, but each peer group also contains a more experienced clergywoman with 7 or more years of senior pastoral leadership experience as well. This opportunity is funded through a grant from the Lilly Endowment Fund so participants do not pay to participate.

The program has been accepting Intent to Apply forms, which are due by May 1, 2020.

The final application deadline is May 29, 2020. The second cohort will begin meeting in January 2021.

For more information and to submit an Intent to Apply form, please visit www.centerforministry.com/thrivinginministry



Join Our Online Community!

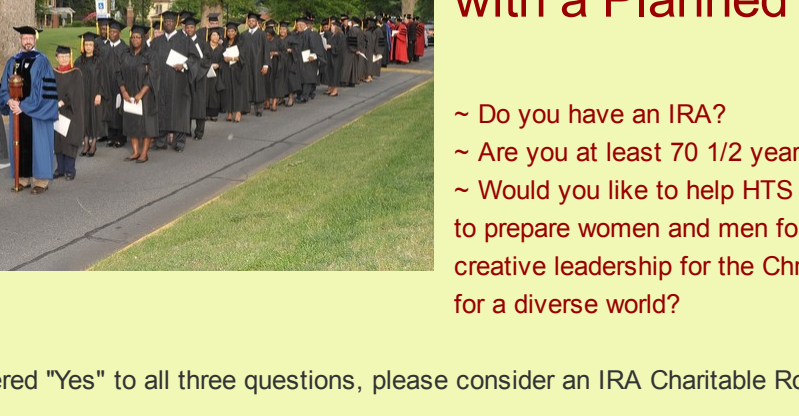
We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni and supporters a place to network with one another and with the Hood community, just to name a few.

Here is the link to join and create a login: [Click Here](#)

Job Opportunities

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, NC, for more information, go [HERE](#).

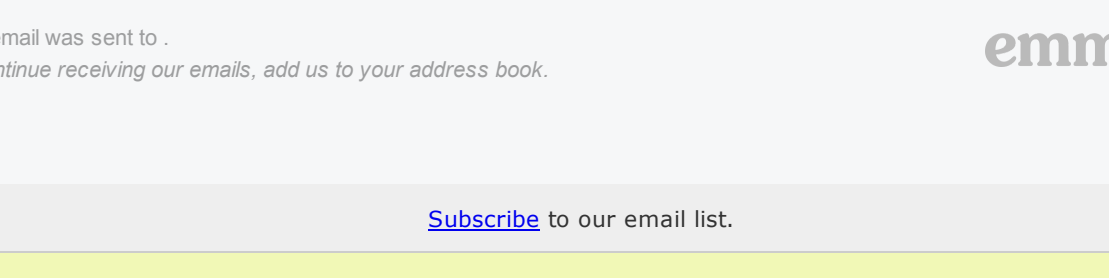
Pastoral Vacancy, Christian Faith Baptist Church, for more information, go [HERE](#).



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

Phillip Bryant, brother of Kenneth Q. James, Hood Donor Relations and Gift Administration.

Alum Reverend Doctor Kenneth Q. James, D.Min.'06. See the official announcement below of the passing of Reverend Doctor Kenneth Q. James.



WE DARE 2 BELIEVE?

TIME IS FILLED WITH SWIFT TRANSITIONS

It is with our deepest sorrow we inform you of the passing of our beloved friend and brother, The Reverend Doctor Kenneth Q. James, pastor of the Walls Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Charlotte and Editor of the Church School Literature. Dr. James' life and labor was intricately woven into the tapestry and faith fabric of our Zion. He was widely admired for his iconic style, great fashion taste. Please keep his siblings, son Frank, grandchildren, Walls Church and Bishop George Battle covered in perpetual prayer for the days ahead.

Arrangements are incomplete and we will keep you notified. In the meantime, we stand on the assurance of God's word, "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." We pray God will expedite the night and usher in the dawn of day.

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Taste of Abundance Event

Trinity Living Center (TLC) is bringing back its Taste of Abundance event on September 28, 2020. Attendees will sample soups, breads, and wines from local establishments and support TLC's services to local seniors. It will also showcase the artwork from this year's "Faces of Trinity Living," a beautiful collaboration between Trinity Living Center and local artists. The Taste of Abundance event will be held at the F&M Trolley Barn and there will be local restaurants/caterers, craft breweries and vineyards to present a signature soup, bread, beer or wine for the public to try.

The proceeds from this year's event will help support TLC in offering a safe and loving place for many seniors in Rowan County. If you are unable to attend, you can also support this amazing program with a donation. Please [Click Here](#) for the form on ticket information.

Hood Items for Sale

The SGA has HTS scarves, ties, cuff links, patches, and special James Walker Hood coins/paperweight. Contact Angellica Sweat, SGA president (Angellicasweat@gmail.com) for information on how to acquire them. You can also purchase items online [here](#).

Did you Know?

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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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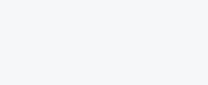
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