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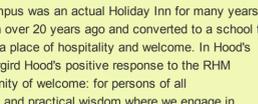
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## Hood Theological Seminary (HTS): A Neighbor in Deed



During the second week of April 2020, President Lattimore received a call from Mrs. Kyna Grubb, the Executive Director of Rowan Helping Ministries (RHM), a regional-based human services organization that provides resources to individuals and families who are challenged by homelessness, food insecurity, and job displacement. Dr. Lattimore previously served a four-year term on the RHM Board and its Program Services Committee. Mrs. Grubb had a simple request. She wondered if it might be possible for the Seminary to consider housing a small group of families that had become homeless due to job loss resulting from COVID-19. Dr. Lattimore indicated that the Seminary had, several weeks prior, pivoted to 100% online coursework. Thus, regular commuter students were now engaged in virtual theological studies and some rooms were not occupied.

Following two conversations, a covenant between HTS and RHM for temporary emergency housing was reached. During new seminary student orientation, President Lattimore consistently emphasizes that the Seminary campus was an actual Holiday Inn for many years. As it was purchased by the A.M.E. Zion Church over 20 years ago and converted to a school for graduate religious study, it has continued to be a place of hospitality and welcome. In Hood's mission statement, two of the four values undergird Hood's positive response to the RHM request. Those values define us as: A Community of welcome: for persons of all backgrounds and A Community of discernment and practical wisdom where we engage in practices that promote peace, justice, and mercy in all human relationships and institutions. We are neighbors in deed!

## 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, to share resources, and to 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 great resources 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:

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## Faculty and Staff News



At the June 24-25 2020 Virtual Biennial Meeting of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada, **President and Professor of Pastoral Psychology and Counseling, Dr. Vergel Lattimore**, was re-elected to serve a second four year term on the Board of Directors.

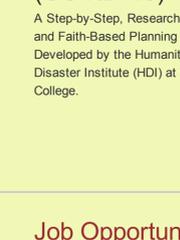
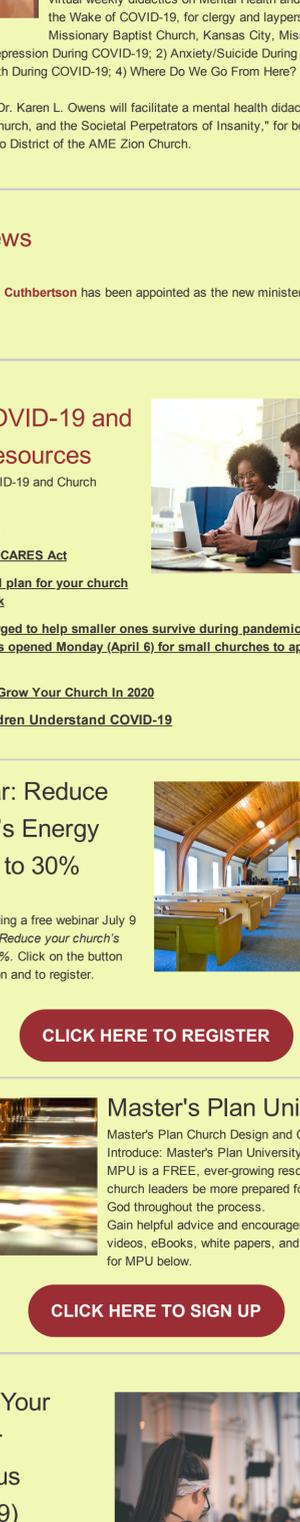
Dr. Lattimore wrote the featured blurb for a recently published book - *The Edward Wimberly Reader* (July 2020) - authored by Mary C. Moschella and Lee H. Butler, Jr., published by the Baylor University Press.

He will participate in a Virtual Bible Study Panel sponsored by Rev. Dr. Jaret Fite, HTS D.Min. alumni and A.M.E. Zion pastor in South Carolina. The Bible Study Panel will be featured on YouTube and Facebook.

At the Transitional Meeting of the Salisbury Rotary Executive Board on July 21, 2020, Dr. Lattimore will be elevated to President-Elect for 2020-2021 and, prayerfully, President in 2021-2022.



**Rev. Dr. Reginald Boyd, Jr., Director of Recruitment and Admissions**, has written a new book titled *Small Group Leadership: A Class Leader Guide*, 2nd Edition.



**Rev. Dr. Karen L. Owens, Director of the Center for Chaplaincy**, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for Living Waters, Inc., and UCity Civic and Faith Leaders Network on June 25, 2020, during a virtual, three-hour candid conversation with faith leaders regarding race relations, racial inequities, disparities, and social injustices in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event was titled: "Putting The Puzzle Together: Truth, Reconciliation and Healing."

July 6, 13, 20, & 27, Rev. Dr. Karen L. Owens will facilitate 45-minute virtual weekly didactics on Mental Health and the Black Church During the Wake of COVID-19, for clergy and laypersons at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. The four sessions will address: 1) Grief/Depression During COVID-19; 2) Anxiety/Suicide During COVID-19; 3) The Black Church and Mental Health During COVID-19; 4) Where Do We Go From Here?

On July 25, 2020, Rev. Dr. Karen L. Owens will facilitate a mental health didactic titled: "Mental Health, COVID-19, The Black Church, and the Societal Perpetrators of Insanity," for both clergy and laypersons in the Monroe/Wadesboro District of the AME Zion Church.

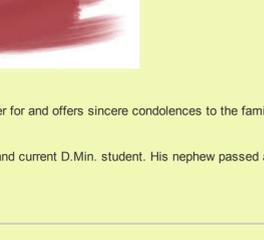
## Alumni News

**Rev. Donna Wilson Cuthbertson** has been appointed as the new minister at Union Chapel AME Zion Church.

## Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

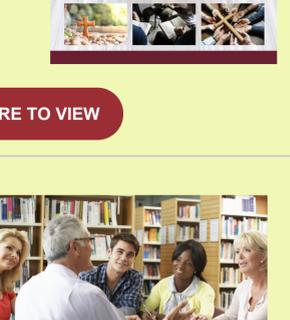
Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:

- [CDC and COVID-19](#)
- [Understanding the CARES Act](#)
- [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](#)
- [How to help Children Understand COVID-19](#)



## Free Webinar: Reduce Your Church's Energy Costs By Up to 30%

Church Executive is hosting a free webinar July 9 at 1:00 p.m. EST titled *Reduce your church's energy costs by up to 30%*. Click on the button below for more information and to register.



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## Preparing Your Church for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

A Step-by-Step, Research-Informed and Faith-Based Planning Manual - Developed by the Humanitarian Disaster Institute (HDI) at Wheaton College.



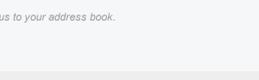
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## Job Opportunities

**Hospice Chaplain**, Personal Home Care of North Carolina (PHC of NC). If interested please email [job@phcnc.com](mailto:job@phcnc.com). For more information on the organization, go [HERE](#).

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

**Director of Youth Ministries**, United Methodist, Western North Carolina Conference (Charlotte, NC). For the full job description and information on how to apply, please go [HERE](#).



The entire Hood community joins together in prayer for and offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of:  
The nephew of **Rev. Johnny Sellers**, M.Div'18 and current D.Min. student. His nephew passed away the weekend of June 20.

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

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 2019. Click the button below to view online.



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