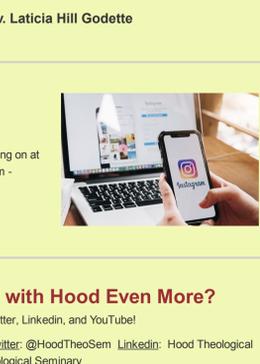




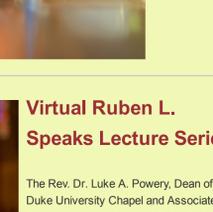
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Virtual Ruben L. Speaks Lecture Series

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel and Associate Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School will be the speaker for the Virtual Ruben L. Speaks Endowed Memorial Lecture Series on Friday, **October 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 3, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.**

Friday, October, 2, 7:00 p.m. - **Lecture 1: "I Can't Breathe: A History of Racialized Inhumanity"**

Saturday, October, 3, 11:00 a.m. - **Lecture 2: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God: A Pneumatology for a Humanizing Ministry"**

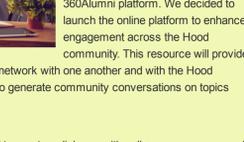
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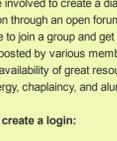
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Eduworship Event

The Eduworship Event will take place on **October 27, 2020**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on **Facebook Live** on Hood's Facebook Page [HERE](#). The theme of the event is **Justice for All: Children, Victims of Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer**.



October Chapel Offerings will be given to The Terrie Hess House that takes care of abused children in Rowan County. To contribute to this worthy cause select "chapel offering" on the Donate button on the Hood website [HERE](#).



1885 Society Scholarship Event Virtual Celebration

Friday, November 13, 2020
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Theme: Uncharted Waters: Where do we go from here?
Matthew 14:30

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Dwight "Dyke" Messenger
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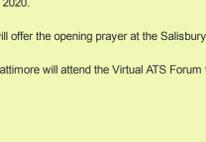
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We are excited to announce that Hood Theological Seminary now has its own online community as part of the 360Alumni platform. We decided to launch the online platform to enhance engagement across the Hood community. This resource will provide our alumni 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.

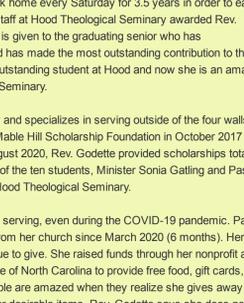
This platform will allow those involved to create a dialogue with colleagues on a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off-campus, see available jobs posted by various members, 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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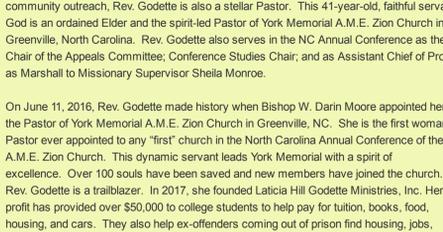
Save the Dates!

The Center For Chaplaincy presents via online gatherings:
"Keeping It Real: Mental Health In the Church and Community During the Season of Pandemic and Beyond."

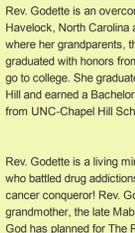


For more information on the other sessions, go [HERE](#). Information about each session will be sent out a couple weeks prior to the meeting.

Scenes from the Fall 2020 Board of Trustees Retreat



Faculty and Staff News



President Vergel Lattimore attended the Virtual Inauguration of Dr. Angela D. Sims as she becomes the 13th President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, September 29th, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore attended the Virtual Forum entitled - "Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy for Racial Justice" presented by the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care and the Continuing Education Taskforce of ACEPE on September 30, 2020.

He will participate in the Virtual Workshop on "Howard Thurman", sponsored by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), October 16, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore will participate in the 100th Year Celebration of the Salisbury Rotary Club, October 17th, 2020.

He will offer the opening prayer at the Salisbury Rotary meeting, October 20, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore will attend the Virtual ATS Forum for Leaders, October 20, 2020.

Dr. Mary Love, Adjunct Professor of Christian Education, served as devotional leader and teacher for 3-5th graders during the F. A. C. T. Genesis Virtual Reading, Science and Creative Expressions Camp. Hood Seminary shared sponsorship of this event through the AAA Service for Seminaries grant received for the establishment of Hood's International Center of Faith, Science, and History under the leadership of Dr. Sharon Grant.



Love also attended the Virtual 2020 Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy using the theme "Re-Imagining Our Future: Children, Justice and Joy." This was sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. There were several attendees from the Hood family and one student taking the course for credit.

As a follow-up on presentations made by Love during Black History Month on African American Women and the Suffragist Movement, she was invited to share the presentation using African Americans on Stamps with ESPER (Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections) and the American Philatelic Society's 1st Virtual Stamp Show.

Alum Spotlight: Rev. Laticia Hill Godette

The Rev. Laticia Hill Godette, BS, M.Div., J.D graduated summa cum laude from Hood Theological Seminary in May 2014 and she is our Alum Pastor! She made many sacrifices to attend Hood Theological Seminary as a mother, wife, Pastor, and businesswoman. She was diagnosed with cancer during her last year of seminary, had a cancerous tumor removed, and still graduated at the top of her class. Rev. Godette never made excuses. She drove 4 hours to Salisbury every Friday and 4 hours back home every Saturday for 3.5 years in order to earn her Master of Divinity. The faculty and staff at Hood Theological Seminary awarded Rev. Godette the Faculty Award. This award is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence and has made the most outstanding contribution to the life of the seminary. Rev. Godette was an outstanding student at Hood and now she is an amazing Adjunct Professor at Hood Theological Seminary.

Rev. Godette has a passion for ministry and specializes in serving outside of the four walls of the church! Rev. Godette created The Mable Hill Scholarship Foundation in October 2017 to honor her maternal grandmother. In August 2020, Rev. Godette provided scholarships totaling \$20,000 to 10 deserving students. Two of the ten students, Minister Sorlia Gantling and Pastor Lawrence Ganzky, Jr., currently attend Hood Theological Seminary.

Rev. Laticia Hill Godette honors God by serving, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pastor Godette has not received a paycheck from her church since March 2020 (6 months). Her genuine heart has caused her to continue to give. She raised funds through her nonprofit and traveled to 24 churches all over the state of North Carolina to provide free food, gift cards, and school supplies to people in need. People are amazed when they realize she gives away steaks, ribs, fruits, vegetables, and other desirable items. Rev. Godette says she does not get away anything she would not feed her own daughters. She gives the people of God the best and not mess! Additionally, she hosts voter registration drives during the food giveaways. She is a champion for social justice and uses her voice to make sure people are registered to vote. She is committed to getting souls to the polls.

Rev. Godette is creative and forward-thinking! She partnered with Ottendorf Laboratories to provide free COVID-19 testing to underserved communities. In August 2020, Rev. Godette partnered with President Jenkins and Vice President Davis at Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina to provide COVID-19 testing to all faculty, staff, and students. The college received immediate results and was able to rapidly respond to anyone testing positive. Additionally, Rev. Godette provides administrative jobs to students at Livingstone College and a scholarship to one of their students, Mr. Kendall Williamson.

We are proud of the work Pastor Godette is doing in the community. Hood Theological Seminary helped prepare Pastor Godette for transformative ministry! In addition to her community outreach, Rev. Godette is also a stellar Pastor. This 41-year-old, faithful servant of God is an ordained Elder and the spirit-led Pastor of York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Greenville, North Carolina. Rev. Godette also serves in the NC Annual Conference as the Chair of the Appeals Committee; Conference Studies Chair; and as Assistant Chief of Protocol as Marshall to Missionary Supervisor Sheila Monroe.

On June 11, 2016, Rev. Godette made history when Bishop W. Darin Moore appointed her as the Pastor of York Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Greenview, in Asheville, NC. She is the first woman Pastor ever appointed to any "first" church in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. This dynamic servant leads York Memorial with a spirit of excellence. Over 100 souls have been saved and new members have joined the church. Rev. Godette is a trailblazer. In 2017, she founded Laticia Hill Godette Ministries, Inc. Her non-profit has provided over \$50,000 to college students to help pay for tuition, books, food, housing, and cars. They also help ex-offenders coming out of prison find housing, jobs, transportation, and appropriate education. Rev. Godette is an encouraging force and she pours in others in order to help propel others to their destiny. Since October 2017, Rev. Godette has ministered "every" day on her 7 A.M. prayer line and people have been saved and delivered. Pastor Godette has a holistic approach to ministry and she wants people to win in every area of their lives. For example, she has a business line on Saturdays where she teaches people how to start their own businesses and non-profit organizations. Through her business line, 8 nonprofits were birthed and new businesses were created. Rev. Godette recognizes that she is just a willing vessel being used by God and her testimony remains, "TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!"

Rev. Godette is an overcomer! She was born in Asbury Park, New Jersey. She moved to Havelock, North Carolina at the age of nine and grew up in the Adams Creek Community where her grandparents, the late Joseph and Mable Hill, raised her in the church. She graduated with honors from Havelock High in 1997 and became the first person in her family to go to college. She graduated with distinction from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health in 2001. She earned a Juris Doctorate from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in 2004.

Rev. Godette is a living miracle. She grew up extremely poor with a father in prison and parents who battled drug addictions. She has been homeless and abused. Furthermore, she is a cancer conqueror! Rev. Godette will tell you she overcame by the blood of Jesus and a praying grandmother, the late Mable Lee Farrow Hill Eyes have not seen and ears have not heard all God has planned for The Reverend Laticia Hill Godette, Proud Alum of Hood Theological Seminary!

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Rev. Laticia Hill Godette, Vice President Davis, and President Jenkins at Livingstone College

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Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

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[CDC and COVID-19](#)

[Understanding the CARES Act](#)

[How to Help Children Understand COVID-19](#)

[Video on Church Protection](#)

[CDC: Public Health Guidance for Community-Related Exposure](#)

Job Opportunities

Social Media Coordinator, The Summit Church, Kernersville, NC, Part-Time - 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](#)

Community Protectors Project Positions: Two positions—Program Facilitator and Social Media Fellow.

PROJECT OVERVIEW - The Community Protectors Project is a faith-based community organizing program based in Gadsden, Alabama. Community Protectors is looking beyond charity to create a grassroots Christian coalition that centers anti-racist and mutual aid work in our local community. Through bible studies based in liberation theology, local Christians will join with members of their own congregation to learn about Christ's calls to action around white supremacy and economic exploitation as well as work together to address these issues internally. Next, via leadership trainings and community organizing classes, willing participants will come together to develop the tangible skills and trusting relationships to respond collectively to Christ's anti-racist and anti-poverty mandates. Finally, these leaders will convene in a local council that uses anti-racist action and mutual aid to build the beloved community here at home. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Voices for Economic Opportunity Grand Challenge, funding will be used to compensate all project participants for their time as well as support three part-time positions—two of which are currently looking to be filled! To apply, email Grant Coordinator Sav Miles with a resume and letter of interest at communityprotectorsproject@gmail.com.

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