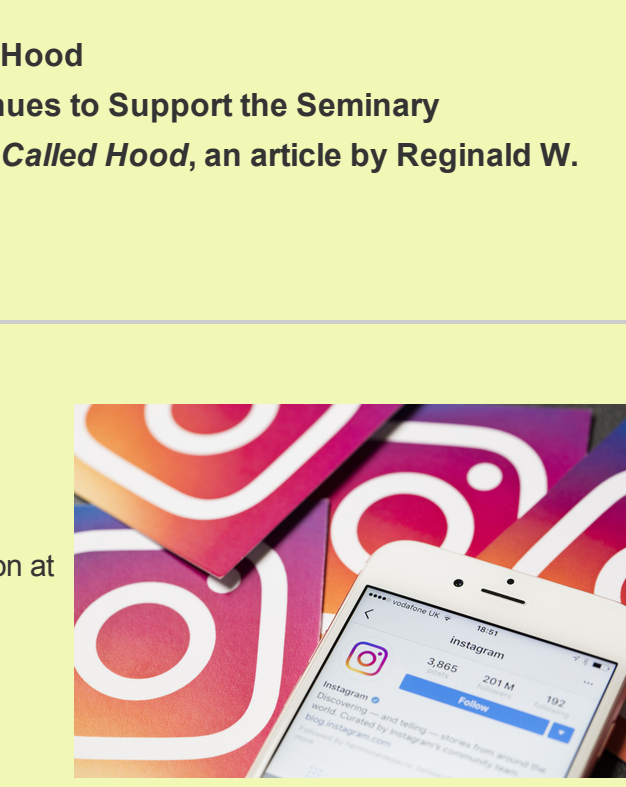


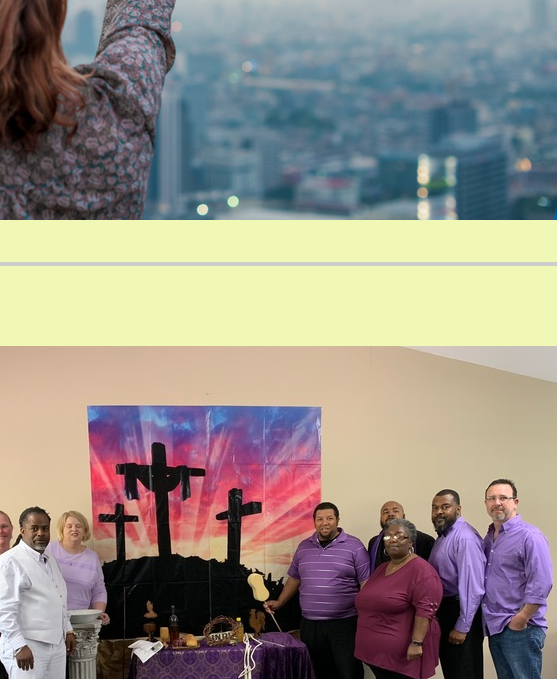
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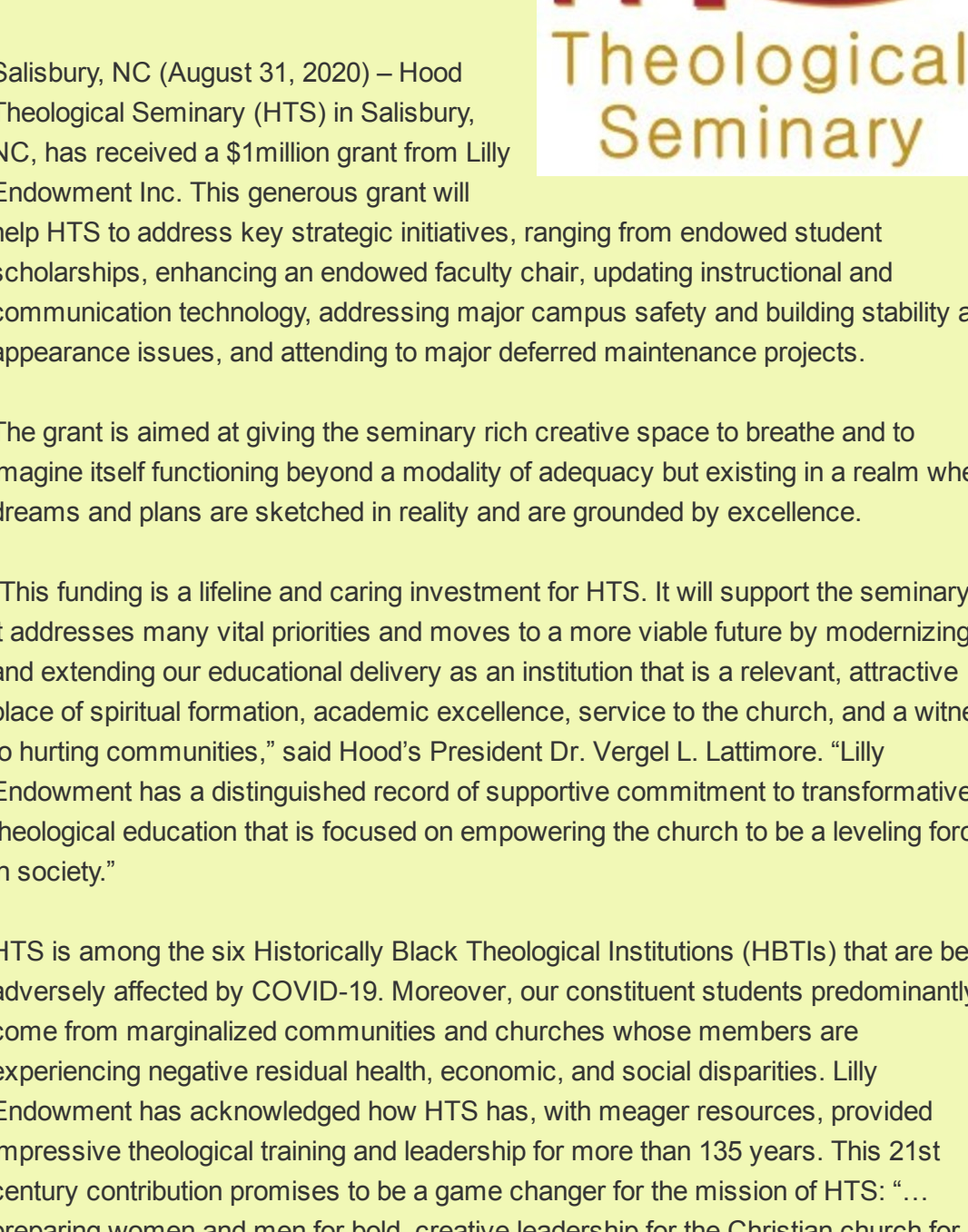
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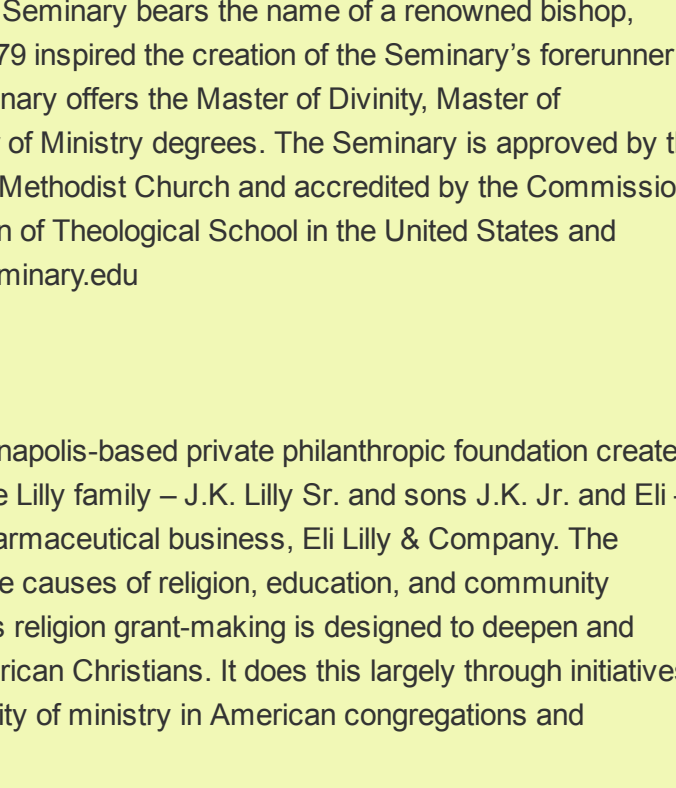
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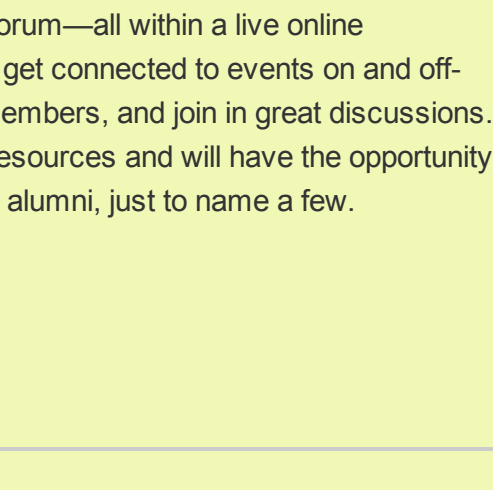
Virtual Chapel Worship

We will gather virtually for worship on Saturdays, 11:10am on Facebook Live this semester. Even if you have never used Facebook and do not have an account, you can still join us for worship. On your phone, tablet, or computer, you can go [HERE](#) and view the worship when it goes live. You might be asked to sign up for an account, but you can click "not now" to bypass that. Please remember to contribute to chapel offerings for the charities, local and international, we support. To donate to chapel, go [HERE](#) and choose 'Chapel Offerings' under type of gift.



Hood Theological Seminary Receives \$1,000,000 Lilly Endowment Grant

Salisbury, NC (August 31, 2020) – Hood Theological Seminary (HTS) in Salisbury, NC, has received a \$1million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. This generous grant will help HTS to address key strategic initiatives, ranging from endowed student



scholarships, enhancing an endowed faculty chair, updating instructional and communication technology, addressing major campus safety and building stability and appearance issues, and attending to major deferred maintenance projects.

The grant is aimed at giving the seminary rich creative space to breathe and to imagine itself functioning beyond a modality of adequacy but existing in a realm where dreams and plans are sketched in reality and are grounded by excellence.

"This funding is a lifeline and caring investment for HTS. It will support the seminary as it addresses many vital priorities and moves to a more viable future by modernizing and extending our educational delivery as an institution that is a relevant, maturing place of spiritual formation, academic excellence, service to the church, and a witness to hurting communities," said Hood's President Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore. "Lilly Endowment has a distinguished record of supportive commitment to transformative theological education that is focused on empowering the church to be a leveling force in society."

HTS is among the six Historically Black Theological Institutions (HBTIs) that are being adversely affected by COVID-19. Moreover, our constituent students predominantly come from marginalized communities and churches whose members are experiencing negative residual health, economic, and social disparities. Lilly Endowment has acknowledged how HTS has, with meager resources, provided impressive theological training and leadership for more than 135 years. This 21st century contribution promises to be a game changer for the mission of HTS: "... preparing women and men for bold, creative leadership for the Christian church for a diverse world."

About Hood Theological Seminary

Hood Theological Seminary, located at 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive in Salisbury, NC, is a graduate and professional school sponsored by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (A.M.E. Zion). The Seminary bears the name of a renowned bishop, James Walker Hood, who in 1879 inspired the creation of the Seminary's forerunner – Zion Wesley Institute. The Seminary offers the Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degrees. The Seminary is approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological School in the United States and Canada. Website: www.hoodseminary.edu

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family – J. K. Lilly Sr. and sons J. K. Jr. and Eli – through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly & Company. The Endowment exists to support the causes of religion, education, and community development. Lilly Endowment's religious grant-making is designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

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.

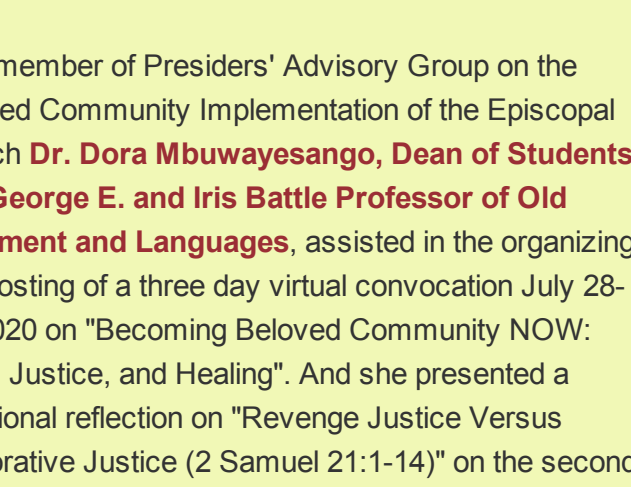
This platform will allow those involved to create a dialogue with colleagues on a range of topics in theological education through an open forum—all within a live online environment. You will be able to join a group and get connected to events on and off-campus, see available jobs posted by various members,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

[Click Here](#)

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"



[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the next online gathering titled "Trauma and COVID-19". **Deadline to register is September 28, 2020.**

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

For more information, please contact:

Rev. Dr. Karen L. Owens, Director,
Center For Chaplaincy, Hood Theological Seminary
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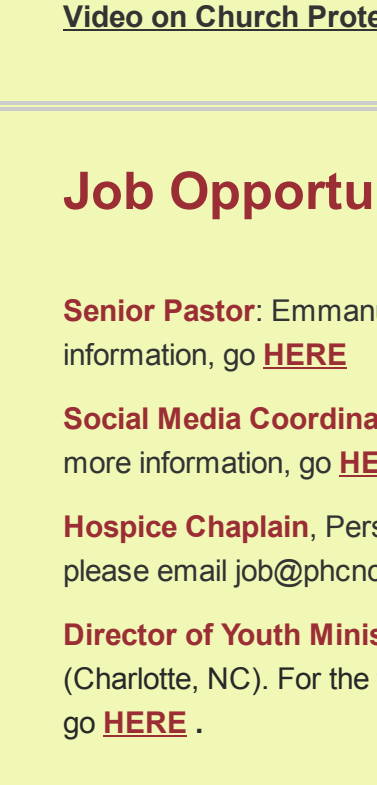
This artistic piece titled "Kente Cloth African Origins" was donated by Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Dewey W. and Nellie R. Smith on June 16, 2020.



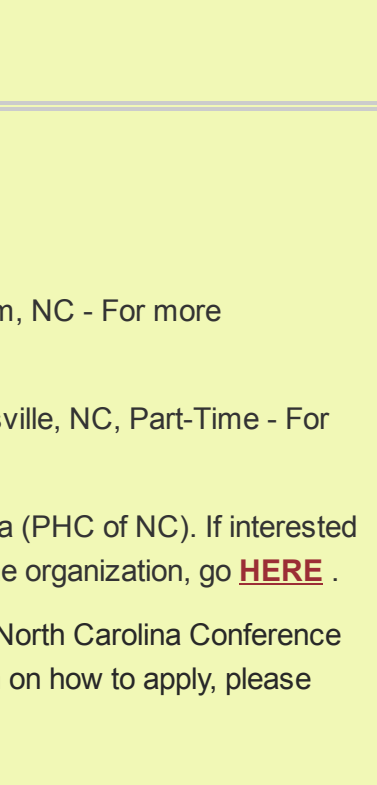
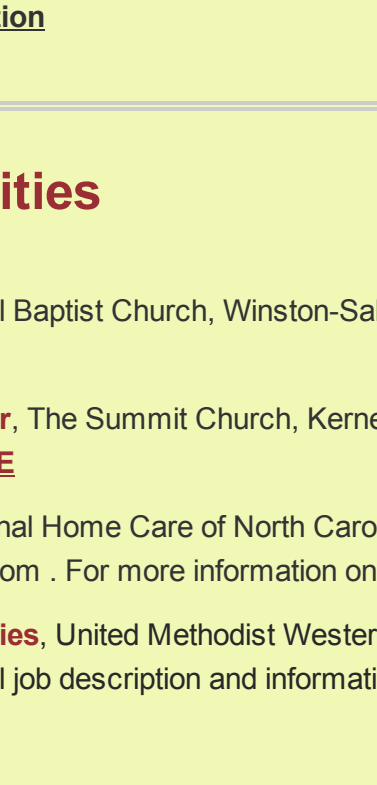
Retired Staff Member Continues to Support Hood

Carol Palmer continues to support Hood, even after her retirement from working at the Seminary. She retired last summer, with 8 years of experience in the Office of Institutional Advancement and Enrollment Management. She has a love of flowers, gardening, and nurturing plants. When Carol started working at the Seminary, Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango and student volunteers assisted in planting flowers such as geraniums and pansies around the campus. Planting flowers around the Seminary is a tradition Carol continues with faithful support from Dr. Mbuwayesango. There are many afternoons when she waters the flowers planted around the campus buildings and weeds and tends to the garden at the Aymer Center. Carol also commented that Hood is blessed to receive summer flower donations from Rockwell Farms, and fall flower donations from

several different sources such as Community Life and generous individuals. Carol continues to assist the Seminary because "I developed strong ties to the Seminary with the staff and faculty, and I believe in the mission of Hood. If this is one small thing I can do to help out, I am happy to do it."



(Left to Right) Carol Palmer and Dr. Mbuwayesango tend to the flowers on the Hood campus



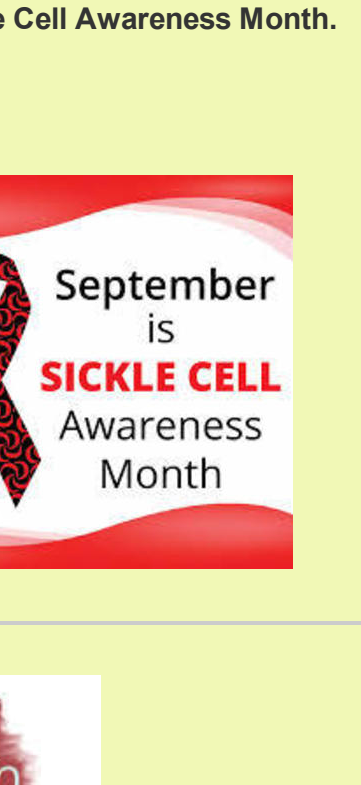
Faculty and Staff News

Dr. Vergel Lattimore, President and Professor of Pastoral Psychology and Counseling, will participate in a meeting of the Presidents and Deans of the Historically Black Theological Institutions (HBTI) to discuss "The Gift of Black Theological Education" on September 8, 2020.

Dr. Lattimore participated in a meeting of the Salisbury Community Foundation Board on August 17, 2020.



Dr. Karen L. Owens, Director of the Center for Chaplaincy, presented a virtual didactic to the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Minority Business Council on August 18, 2020, titled: "The Entrepreneurial Mind and Mental Health."

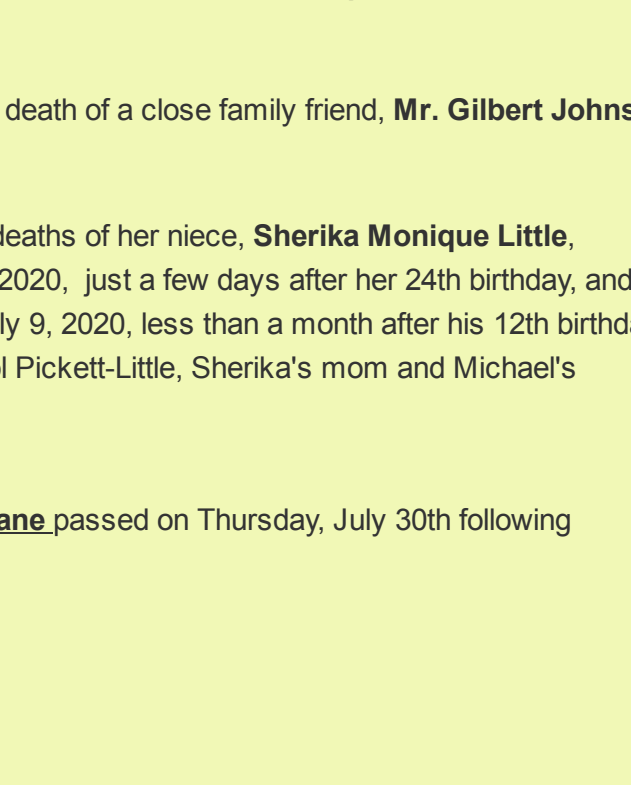


As a member of Presidents' Advisory Group on the Beloved Community Implementation of the Episcopal Church Dr. Dora Mbuwayesango, Dean of Students and George E. and Iris Battle Professor of Old Testament and Languages, assisted in the organizing and hosting of a three day virtual convocation July 28-29, 2020 on "Becoming Beloved Community NOW: Truth, Justice, and Healing". And she presented a devotional reflection on "Revenge Justice Versus Restorative Justice (2 Samuel 21:1-14)" on the second

day of the convocation.

Have Any Alumni News?

Please forward Alumni News & Updates to charper@hoodseminary.edu .

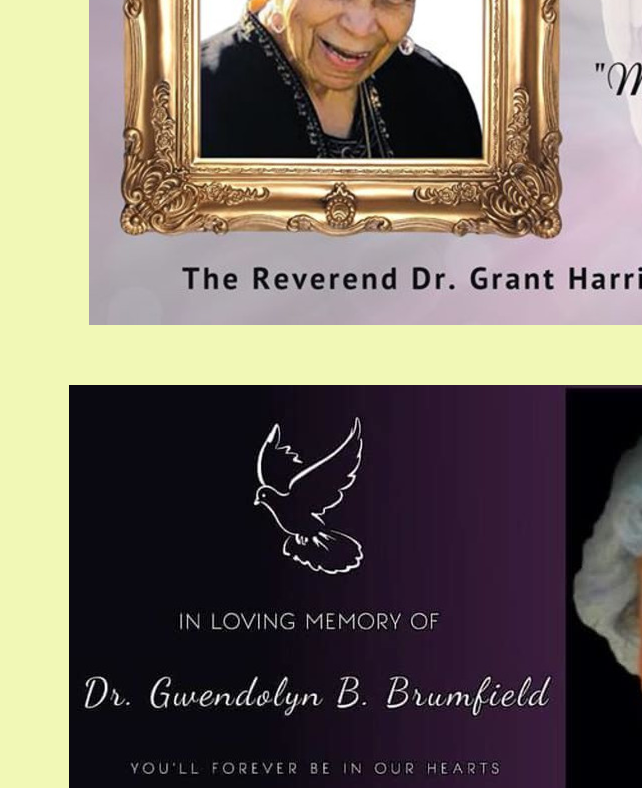


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Read this article about why Hood Theological Seminary exists, published by The AME



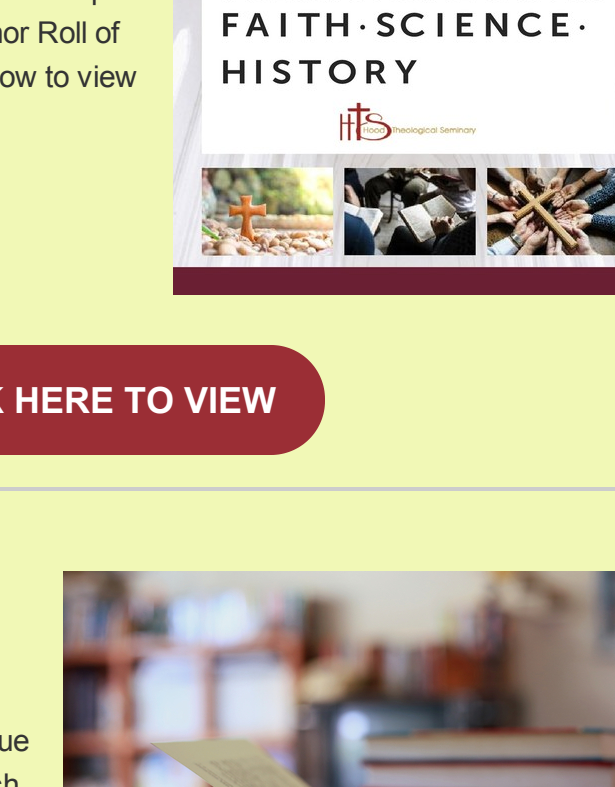
Zion Quarterly Review [HERE](#) .



Reginald W. Brown receives an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters at the Hood 2019 Commencement.

Helpful COVID-19 and Church Resources

Here are some COVID-19 and Church Resources:



[CDC and COVID-19](#)

[Understanding the CARES Act](#)

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](#)

[Video on Church Protection](#)

Job Opportunities

Senior Pastor: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC - For more information, go [HERE](#)

Social Media Coordinator, The Summit Church, Kernersville, NC, Part-Time - For more information, go [HERE](#)

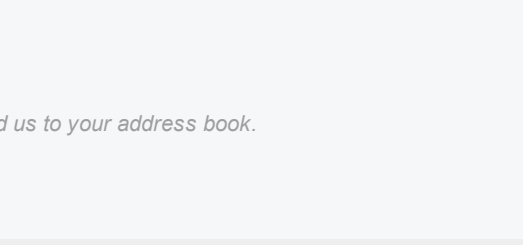
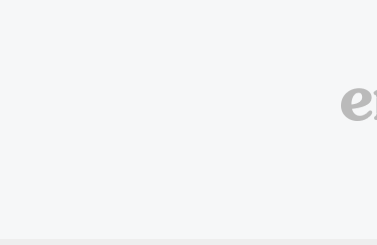
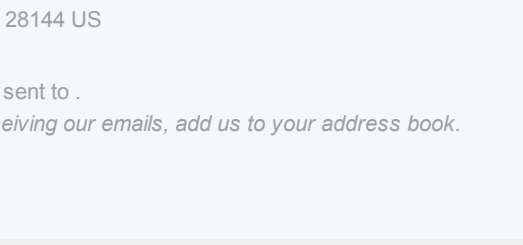
Hospice Chaplain, Personal Home Care of North Carolina (PHC of NC). If interested please email job@phcnc.com . For more information on the organization, go [HERE](#) .

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.

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness and Sickle Cell Awareness Month. For more information, go [here](#) and [here](#).



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

Charlin Lamb, mother of Carol Lamb

Clark Boyd and his family at the death of his father, **Rev. John D. Boyd** (UMC elder) on August 25, 2020.

Dr. Clay Barrow and his family at the death of his brother, **Mr. Copel Dureon Barrow**, on August 27, 2020

Dr. Sharon Grant and her family at the death of a close family friend, **Mr. Gilbert Johnson**, on August 20, 2020

Mary Sturdivant and her family at the deaths of her niece, **Sherika Monique Little**, murdered by her boyfriend on June 6, 2020, just a few days after her 24th birthday, and of her nephew, **Michael**, murdered on July 9, 2020, less than a month after his 12th birthday. Pray especially for Mary's sister, Carol Pickett-Little, Sherika's mom and Michael's grandmother.

Current Student LeeAndre' K. Coltrane passed on Thursday, July 30th following complications with pneumonia.

Dr. Joanne Harrison

Dr. Gwendolyn B. Brumfield

LeeAndre' K. Coltrane

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.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

Did you Know?

You can audit a class at HTS!

Learning is a lifelong process; continue the journey with us. For clergy, church professionals and laypersons. All denominations welcome! Read more [here](#).

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.

It's so easy to **donate securely online!** Or mail your check to the Seminary at 1810 Lutheran Synod Dr., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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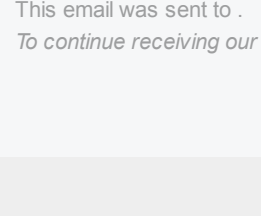
~ Do you have an IRA?
~ Are you at least 70 1/2 years of age?
~ Would you like to help HTS in its mission to prepare women and men for bold and creative leadership for the Christian church for a diverse world?

If you answered "Yes" to all three questions, please consider an IRA Charitable Rollover.

In an IRA Charitable Rollover, the distribution of up to \$100,000 annually made directly from the IRA custodian to a qualifying public charity, such as HTS, is excluded from gross income and counts toward the required minimum distribution.

For more information, contact John Everett at jeverett@hoodseminary.edu or (704) 636-6545, or visit our [Planned Giving](#) website for lots of helpful information.

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