



E-Newsletter: July 2024

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Upcoming Events

REGISTER FOR STRONGER CHURCHES CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 24, 2024

FAITHLEARNTHRIVE is thrilled to announce the Stronger Churches Conference, a one-day event designed to train and equip congregations through practical training opportunities.

The conference will feature Bishop Randy Borders of Faith Harvest Church in Shelby, NC, as the Leadership Luncheon Keynote Speaker. Bishop Borders is a prolific author and renowned leadership coach whose insights have empowered countless church leaders. More information about Bishop Borders can be found at randyborders.com.

We invite all church leaders and members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others committed to building stronger, more vibrant congregations.

Event Highlights:

Leadership Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Bishop Randy Borders

Mini Labs: Practical, hands-on training sessions

ChurchTalk Speakers: Inspiring TED-style talks from church leaders

Register today at <https://bit.ly/FLTSCC2024> to secure your spot.

Sponsors & Exhibitors are welcomed.



KAA-MaCC Vision 2026 Initiative

The KAA-MaCC Vision 2026 Initiative presents Community Conversations on Education, themed: A Symposium with College Presidents. The topic is "Securing a Future in Higher Education." Hood's own president Dr. Vergel Lattimore will be participating in this symposium.

This event will take place on September 5, 2024, at Hood Theological Seminary, Aymer Center, 1810 Lutheran Synod Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144. There will be a networking reception (5 p.m.) followed by a roundtable discussion (6 p.m.).

For more information, please [Click HERE](#)

Fall 2024 Opening Convocation

September 13, 2024

6:00 p.m. Virtual on Zoom

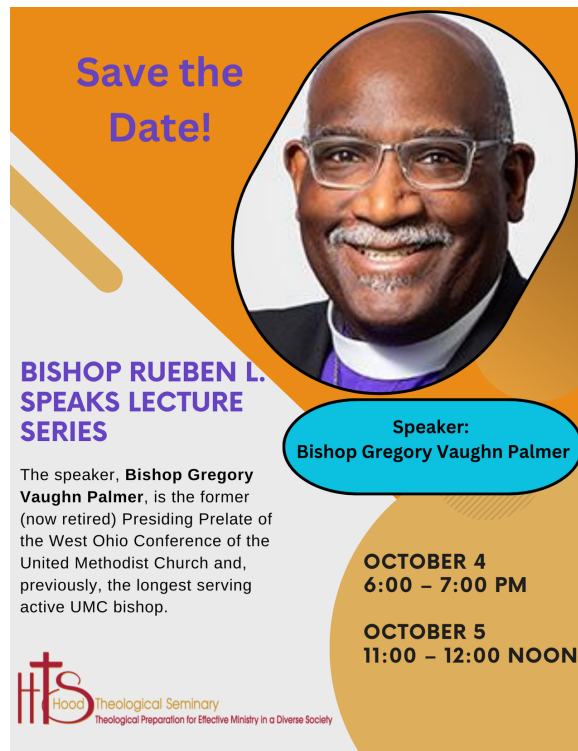
The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Laticia Hill Godette, Esq., Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro-Monroe District of the Piedmont Episcopal Area of the A.M.E. Zion Church (pictured below).

Rev. Dr. Laticia Hill Godette was the Valedictorian of her 2014 HTS class. She is a law school graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and also an HTS Adjunct Faculty in Church History. She is the owner of Ottendorf Laboratories and she previously served as the Presiding Elder of the Camden District of the New Jersey Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Finally, she has an impressive record as a national philanthropist.

More information coming soon!



Fall 2024 Bishop Rueben L. Speaks Lecture Series



Save the Date!

BISHOP RUEBEN L. SPEAKS LECTURE SERIES

The speaker, **Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer**, is the former (now retired) Presiding Prelate of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and, previously, the longest serving active UMC bishop.

Speaker:
Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer

OCTOBER 4
6:00 – 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 5
11:00 – 12:00 NOON

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Free Books in the Hood Library!

Hood Library would like to invite you to the Library to view our free book area. It is first come, first serve. Please help us to find homes for our books!



In Memoriam



The mother of H. Mac Wallace, D.Min., LMFT, HTS Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology, recently passed away. She was 104 years old.

Officer Jessie Sifford Sr. passed away. Mr. Sifford served with the HTS security team for 2 years.

Reverend Doctor Mack Torris Hines, Jr. of Florence, South Carolina recently passed away. He was an HTS Alum who received his Doctor of Ministry degree. More information can be found [HERE](#)

Revs. Rodvegas & Tamara Ingram, Mother, Hattie Davis, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Alumni News

Below are pictures from HTS Alumni Events during June 2024.

June 2024
HTS Alumni Events



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO HTS ALUMNI
COMMISSIONED AS PROVISIONAL ELDERS IN
THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH!**

**(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) JOSEPH HOUT, JUSTIN
PAUL SNYDER, KIM TROY-RICHARDSON, DARYL
DONNELL**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO HTS ALUMNI
COMMISSIONED AS ELDERS IN THE WESTERN
NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!**

**(BACK ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) REV. ROBERT
SUMMERS, REV. PRECIOUS WILSON, REV. TAMARA
INGRAM, REV. JAMES PADGETT
(FRONT ROW) REV. CYNTHIA NANNEY**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO HTS ALUM, TANGELA
LINN CAMERON MDIV'16, WHO BECAME AN
ORDAINED DEACON IN THE WESTERN NORTH
CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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



Faculty/Staff News

Dr. Vergel L. Lattimore
President and Professor



Dr. Lattimore will preach the sermon – “Yes, even scoundrels can be saved,” Greenville Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, NC (7/7/24)

He will participate in the Virtual Atrium Spiritual Care System Professional Advisory Group meeting (7/22/24)

As the Endorser for the Commission of Chaplaincy for the A.M.E. Zion Denomination, Dr. Lattimore will participate in the 52nd Quadrennial Conference, Greensboro, NC (7/24 -7/28/24). He will offer greetings from HTS to the Conference on Thursday (7/26/24)

Dr. Vincent Howell

Dr. Vincent Howell was the Father’s Day preacher at Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Dr. Vincent Howell was the Men's Day Chairman at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, Winston-Salem, on June 9, 2024.



Dr. Karen Owens



The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) held its biennial meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 19-21. During the conference, selected schools who are recipients of *the Pathways For Tomorrow* grant funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., were invited to share learnings and inspire creative conversations regarding the work of innovation that is occurring in a few of the schools as outlined in their grant proposals.

Hood Theological Seminary was selected to present one focus area of its grant, *Creating Contested Issues/Anti-Racism Courses*, in which the first two six-week series occurred during the 2023-24 school year. Dr. Karen Owens, Director of Strategic Research/Project Director for *the Pathways For Tomorrow* grant, invited the first two presenters, Dr. Samuel Oliver, Jr., who presented on *Critical Race Theory and the Church*, and Dr. Obery Hendricks, who taught portions of his book, *The Politics of Jesus*, to join her at the expo. This was a great opportunity for Hood Theological Seminary to provide useful insight to other theological schools, to share its findings, present materials, inspire creativity, and to foster new and ongoing academic partnerships that enable reflection and conversation about these sensitive yet important topics for the Church and beyond, particularly, in this current polarized society.

The pictures below are from the ATS biennial meeting.



Center for Bold Leadership Program

The Center for Bold Leadership presents its **Annual Transformation Retreat:**

The Tribe of R.U.T.H.: Navigating the Path as Women of Color in Ministry.

This one-day retreat on Hood's campus will provide a day of worship, affirmation, empowerment, nurturing, renewal, and joy! We recognize that women of color face unique challenges in their call and need the vital sista-support community, and Grace that we hope this day will provide. We will have panels, workshops, relaxation sessions as well as select black female vendors, book sales and more.

The Retreat will take place on Saturday, **August 3, 2024**, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in The Aymer Center at Hood. Tickets are \$25.00

To purchase your tickets, please click [HERE](#)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COHORT

The Leadership Development Cohort is now accepting applications for its 2024-25 Cohort. This year's Cohort will focus on women of color in ministry. It will feature:

1:1 Clergy Coaching

Spiritual Direction

Workshops

Wellness

Please contact Rev. Kimberly Clarke Turner for additional information at kclarke@hoodseminary.edu

Hood Travels

July 2024 Hood Travels:

CME Christian Education Conference

CME Carolina Conference

AMEZ General Conference

Opportunities



[Security Officers- Hood Theological Seminary \(Part-time\)](#)

[Pastor - Bethany Church of Lexington 193 Bethany Road, Lexington, NC 27292](#)



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- ~ 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?

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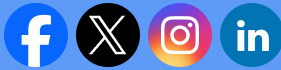
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