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Project 2000: An ITC/FaithFactor Initiative

During the year 2000 approximately forty-two religious denominations, including Catholics, Muslims and Jews, have been involved in a national survey of congregations called the Cooperative Congregational Studies Project (CCSP), now titled Faith Communities Today (FACT). As part of this larger cooperative enterprise, Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta became the research center for a national survey of black congregations, titled ITC/FaithFactor Project 2000. FACT, as well as ITC/FaithFactor Project 2000, was funded by the Lilly Endowment. The principals for the ITC project are Dr. Michael I. N. Dash and Dr. Stephen C. Rasor, members of the faculty. Serving as lead researcher is Dr. Larry H. Mamiya, a professor at Vassar College. Dr. Ishan Bagby, a professor at Shaw University, led the survey of Muslim groups within the African-American experience.

As part of that project, ITC/FaithFactor Project 2000 engaged the Gallup Organization to conduct telephone surveys of nearly two thousand black pastors in five predominantly black denominations, and also black pastors and churches in the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, USA. Additionally, ITC principals and students have surveyed approximately forty-seven urban storefront churches in metropolitan Atlanta, 365 rural churches in the southeastern United States and about thirty mega-churches across the nation. Also working with this team are Minister Janette King ('96), proj-



Left to right: Michael Dash, co-coordinator; Janette King, project assistant; Steve Rasor, co-coordinator

ect assistant; Rev. Marcus Dixon ('87), liaison consultant; Dr. Sandra Barnes ('96), statistician; and Ms. Tamelyn Tucker, Ph.D. candidate working on mega-churches,

who carried out the mega-church survey of thirty congregations.

ITC/FaithFactor Project 2000 will enable local pastors, denominational officials and others to understand what congregations are doing with regard to worship, spiritual growth, inviting and including persons, community outreach, managing and leading. Because it is part of the larger national study, Project 2000 is providing opportunity for analysis and comparison with other denominations and faith communities. A more detailed analysis will follow when all the data are compiled and available in the spring of 2001. †

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Robert M. Franklin

AS WE APPROACH the official commencement of the new millennium, we are pleased to place *The Lantern* in your hands. In this issue, you will read about several exciting initiatives sponsored by the talented faculty, administrative staff, alumni and students of ITC.

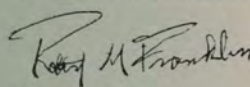
If you haven't visited the campus lately, you may not be aware that we have renovated most of the Harry V. Richardson Administration Building and the Classroom Building. In 1999, we inaugurated the Gardner C. Taylor Preaching Archives and Listening Room, where some of the nation's foremost preachers joined us to hear stirring addresses by Dr. Taylor and Attorney Vernon Jordan. We have established a terrific website which I urge you to visit at www.itc.edu, and we have created a state-of-the-art computer laboratory that is well-used by our students. Also, in April 2000, we hosted a national conference on the Spiritual State of Black America where leaders from the civil rights community, Christian and Muslim traditions, and scholars from a variety of fields deliberated on the condition of our spiritual and social well-being.

I hope that you will read the contents of this issue with care and pride. We promise to keep *The Lantern* coming to you regularly in the future. And, we hope that you will prayerfully consider investing generously and faithfully in the mission and achievements of this extraordinary institution. We are contributing much to the nation's spiritual and civic good, and we are doing so with very limited resources. With greater support, we could strengthen the quality of our faculty, continue to improve our learning environment, provide scholarship support for talented and needy students, and lift this school to new heights. With God's help and your tangible support, we can turn this nation upside down and create communities of justice and opportunity.

I need your help in leading ITC to become the best that we can be.

We are ITC. Feel the pride, share the dream!

Robert M. Franklin


 President

ITC Launches a New Cooperative Program of Theological Studies (CPTS)

Following through on the initiative of Dr. Walter McKelvey, President/Dean of Gammon Theological Seminary and Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, Executive Vice President for Academic Services/Academic Dean, ITC's Office of Continuing Education is pleased to announce the official launching of ITC's first satellite program in which students, attending classes off-campus, may earn master's level academic credit. The two-year distance education pilot project is the **Cooperative Program of Theological Studies (CPTS)**. It is being implemented at Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC (SC CPTS), where classes began on September 8th, and at Dillard University, New Orleans, LA (LA CPTS), where classes began on October 20th.



Faculty and students from ITC's CPTS first Foundations for Ministry Class, 2000.

By attending classes on Friday (6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), students can earn up to one-third of the semester credits required for the M.Div. degree. Because the pilot project is designed to gauge the level of interest among new prospects in these two respective states, the classes are not open to current on-campus students. Courses are taught by current members of ITC faculty and by adjunct faculty from Claflin University, Dillard University and ITC. Dr. Douglas Johnson, faculty member in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Claflin and Dr. Armand B. Devezin, Dean of Lifelong Learning at Dillard, are providing coordination efforts at the host sites. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan, Director, Continuing Education and the Certificate Programs at ITC, serves as Director of CPTS.

Admission requirements for CPTS students are the same as those for on-campus students. Therefore, applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university or its equivalent. Tuition is also paid at the same rate as on-campus students: \$300 per credit hour for constituent students and \$424 per credit hour for non-constituent students (those who are not members of one of the six denominations that comprise ITC). Because CPTS students are enrolled in only six to eight credit hours per semester, they may not qualify for student loans and/or other on-campus financial aid.

In the words of Dr. Morgan, "We are very pleased to be in partnership with Claflin and Dillard Universities as they expand their academic services to their respective surrounding communities. We are confident that this is a worthy venture of direct benefit to master's level students in several faith communities in the states of Louisiana and South Carolina."

To obtain applications and further information, please contact ITC's Office of Admission and Recruitment (404-527-7792) or the Office of Continuing Education (404-527-7766). †

Breaking New Ground: Womanist Scholars Program

In this day and age of trend-setting events, technological advancements, and social savvy, it is unusual to be unique at anything. But the Womanist Scholars Program at Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) is just that. This program is embarking upon its second year as a new program in the office of Black Women in Church and Society (BWCS). BWCS was founded eighteen years ago by our own Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Systematic Theology and noted Womanist Theologian, Dr. Jacquelyn Grant. The Womanist Scholars Program is the only one of its kind, providing financial support specifically for black female scholars. It is a national/international research program that explores issues affecting black women and religion and spirituality. "Speaking to a need no one else is addressing, this program provides affirming, creative, and intellectual opportunity for womanist scholars to engage in scholarship that will impact the academy, church, and community," said Grant. "This program," notes President Franklin, "comes at an important juncture in the development of an exciting field of theological inquiry and praxis." The program supports research across the spectrum of black women's studies. It seeks to further develop theoretical underpinnings and challenges for communal renewal and transformation.

The Fellowship offers a \$35,000 stipend that enables two black female scholars (annually) to conduct research-in-residence at ITC, to teach a course in their area of scholarship, and to develop a publishable contribution about black women and religion or spirituality.

The 2000-2001 scholars, Dr. Modupe Labode and Dr. Carolyn McCrary, are launching exciting research projects to expand womanist works that have emerged over the last decade. Labode, a Rhodes Scholar educated at Oxford in England, will be researching "Women and Missions in South Africa." Her public lecture on October 17, 2000 at ITC was entitled "Praying for Africa: African-American Women, Missions, and Spirituality." Dr. McCrary, a womanist pastoral counselor, and associate professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at ITC, is exploring the topic, "A Womanist Model of Pastoral Counseling: Interdependence as a Norm for an Interdisciplinary Model of Pastoral Counseling with Black Women." The Issues of African-American Women and "Intergenerational Violence and Internalized Rage" is the topic of McCrary's public lecture scheduled for Spring 2001.

The Advisory Committee for the Womanist Scholars Program consists of noted scholars from around the country in a broad range of disciplines, including theology, ethics, and sociology. "Like the



Left to right: Elaine Crawford, Program Coordinator (BWCS); Carolyn McCrary and Modupe Labode, 2000-2001 Scholars

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leadership in black churches," asserts Dr. James Cone, noted liberation theologian and member of the Advisory Committee, "the study of black religion has been dominated by black male scholars. As a result, gender issues often have been totally ignored and dismissed as unimportant despite the fact that women comprise more than 80% of membership in black churches." Dr. Cone also states, "The Womanist Scholars Program highlights this contradiction in its support of the research of women scholars in black religion. This

program also inspires black women to become major voices in the defense of rights and dignity of women in the churches and society."

The program is funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation and is open to scholars who hold a Ph.D., or its equivalent, in the fields of religion, humanities, or social science. Selection is based on the proposed research project, methodology, and the potential significance of the research to religion and academic life. Inquiries regarding the program should be sent to Dr. A. Elaine Crawford, Womanist Scholars Program Coordinator, ITC. Email: ecrawford@itc.edu or mbellinger@itc.edu †

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The theme for this new volume of the *JITC* is "African-American Worship: Faith Looking Forward." Dr. Melva Costen, internationally recognized scholar of African-American worship and music, is the consultant editor, with Drs. Joseph E. Troutman and John C. Diamond, editors;

and Reta L. Bigham, associate editor.

This issue of the *JITC* builds upon the contents of the revised and enlarged edition of *The Black Christian Worship Experience* (Black Church Scholars Series, volume IV, 1992). There is an intentional exploration of cutting-edge issues in African-American worship from a broad perspective of experienced researchers, writers, and public theologians. Dr. Obery M. Hendricks Jr., pres-

ident of Payne Theological Seminary, has the lead article: "I Am the Holy Dope Dealer: The Problem with Gospel Music Today." Dr. Melva Costen follows with "African-American Liturgical Music in a Global Context." (These two scholarly articles are representative of this issue that has eleven articles and nine writers.)

Individual subscriptions are \$24. Call the Journal office (404-527-7727) to order.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 14 Artist(s) in Residence: Voice of
Atlanta, The Forbes Brothers
21 Internal Campaign ends
30 Advent/Christmas Musical
Last Day of Classes

December

- 4-7 Gammon Founder's Day
5 Thirkield-Jones Lectures
15 Semester Ends
Offices Close for Holidays

January

- 2 Offices reopen
11 Phillips Founder's Day
First Day of Classes
18 President's Chapel Hour
31 H.M. Turner Memorial Lectures

February

- 1 Turner Founder's Day
7-9 Conference on Ministry
13-15 Morehouse Founder's Day
15 C.D. Hubert Lectures
22 C.H. Mason Founder's Day

March

- 12-16 Spring Break

April

- 2 J.C. Smith Founder's Day
4 Charles B. Copher Lecture
17-18 Gardner C. Taylor
Faith Flight Golf Classic
20 Charter Day

May

- 12 Commencement

Gardner C. Taylor Faith Flight Golf Classic



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Atlanta International Golf & Country Club
4601 Snapfinger Woods Drive
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Congressman John Lewis Receives Presidential Citation from President Franklin, Other AUC Presidents

Faculty, staff, and students of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) schools filled the Martin Luther King, Jr. Chapel of Morehouse College on October 10 to honor Congressman John E. Lewis of the Fifth District of Georgia. Congressman Lewis, humbled, yet humorous, commented that it was like "Christmas in October" for him as he was honored by each of the AUC school presidents at a joint convocation. During his address to the audience, Congressman Lewis recounted his days in the Civil Rights Movement, tracing his journey from a small town in Alabama, and reminding today's students to hold on to what is right, specifically through intellectual tenacity and the spirit of unity.

Other noted leaders who were present and/or made presentations included Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell and Catherine LeBlanc, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

A luncheon followed the ceremony where Congressman Lewis signed copies of his book *Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement* and offered additional comments to remind those present of his availability and open-door policy. Best wishes to Congressman Lewis. His legacy will be remembered. †



John Lewis, congressman for Georgia's fifth district accepts presidential citation from ITC president, Dr. Robert Franklin.

Commencement 2000



Above right: Proud members of ITC's 2000 graduating class stand to receive their charge.

Left: Ronald V. Dellums, M.S.W., President of Healthcare International Management Company and former California congressman, addresses the ITC graduates for 2000.



Clergy, Civil Rights Leaders Converge to Discuss the Spiritual State of Black America

SPEAKERS AT SSBA CONFERENCE



Left to right, front row: Dr. Rudolph Byrd, Dr. C. T. Vivian, Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, Dr. Jacquelyn Grant, Dr. Vicki Crawford, Dr. Asa G. Hilliard; Left to right, back row: Dr. Riggins R. Earl, Rev. David A. Spencer, and Dr. Emmanuel McCall

During Spring Faith Festival 2000, hundreds of seminarians, pastors, theologians, nonprofit agency executives, civil rights organization leaders, and social scientists from across the United States and Great Britain gathered on the campus of ITC for a four-day conference entitled, "The Spiritual State of Black America." Participants debated a wide range of issues while revisiting the unfinished agenda of the Civil Rights Movement. They discussed trends that have emerged in black churches, our communities, and the wider society: the growing appeal of Islam in the African-American community; the emergence of independent mega-churches; the federal government's expectation that local congregations expand their role in providing needed social services; the exodus of men and young people from traditional congregations; and the feminist and womanist demands for equal opportunities in ministry.

Speakers included some of the nation's most influential visionaries and thinkers: Bishop John Hurst Adams, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Jacquelyn Grant, Fuller E. Calloway Professor of Systematic Theology at ITC; Imam Wallace D. Muhammad, a Chicago-based cleric and son of the late Elijah Muhammad; Minister Ava Muhammad, an attorney who serves as the regional representative of Minister Louis Farrakhan and is the first woman to be appointed head of a local mosque; Dr. Asa Hilliard, professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University; Dr. Rudolph Byrd, Emory

University's Director of the Program of African American Studies; Rev. Dr. Emmanuel McCall, member of ITC Board of Trustees and pastor of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. Gerald Durley, pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. Walter H. Kimbrough, senior pastor, Cascade United Methodist Church; and Mr. Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League.

For many, the emotional highlight of the conference came from an unlikely commentator on the spiritual pulse of African Americans. Brian Butler, a young white Methodist seminarian at ITC, responded to Bishop Adams' opening address with a plea for black churches to reclaim their moral authority and spiritual vitality. They should do so for their own good, first, as other presenters had argued, but, because white churches of America also need a moral compass and the type of muscular Christian witness that Dr. King and the Black Church have always incarnated. Perhaps this hour in history needs to find all of us deeply engaged in moral diagnosis, discernment, and deliberation about our individual and collective future. †

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel
McCall, Pastor,
Christian Fellowship
Baptist Church



And the Verdict is...

"Colleges and universities are obligated to cultivate fertile fields of alumni loyalty and support..."

"Developing constituent relations and resources are the total responsibility of fiscal and relation-forming officers of institutions..."

"Alumni are indebted to their alma mater for all of the life preparation afforded by the institution..."

"As extensions of respective schools beyond the physical campus, alumni should be in the best position to enhance the effect of the school in the community." (Seminary Development News, July 2000)

The best functioning alumni organizations continue to be a major topic of discussion across alumni groups. Persons gather on various sides of the table as they cast their votes for the most viable alumni operation, the pros and cons of various formats to fuel the fire for various disciplines.

For several years now, the structure of the alumni association(s) of ITC has been reviewed for increased effectiveness. As a result of this collaborative work, ITC's Board of Trustees approved, at its April 2000 meeting, a new ITC inter-alumni council structure. The administrative deans are working on the permanent design of the structure and implementation that honors the dual loyalties that alumni hold to their respective seminaries and to ITC.

As a 1997 alumna, I am excited about the prospects for a viable and potent alumni body—one in which the good of the whole becomes the work of the parts! This is where we, the jury, must now deliberate and help make our vote count. The verdict that determines the future of this alumni body is ours. How can we make this work for a better Interdenominational Theological Center?

And your verdict is...

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ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. Maxine Allen ('97 GTS) is Dean of Chapel and Leadership Development at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Rev. Denise Anders ('98 PST) serves as pastor of Mt. Sinai-Williams Temple CME Church in Collinston, Louisiana and as Recruiter/Staffing Analyst for WillStaff Worldwide.

Minister James Anyike ('00 GTS), was appointed associate pastor of University United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rev. James Belle ('96 JCS) serves as pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Rev. Glen Benson ('99 JCS) is pastor of Reves Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Minister Charles Blake, II ('99 CHM) was appointed Director of Community Affairs for West Angeles Church of God in Christ, Los Angeles, California.

Ms. Tuere Bowles ('97 MSR) serves as program manager, Environmental Justice Resource Center, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Chaplain Walter Brown ('85 CHM) promoted to commander, Command Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Far East, Okinawa, Japan.

Rev. James L. Bumpus ('99 MSR) pastors at Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

Rev. G. Dianne Burns ('97 TTS) is pastor of Mt. Calvary AME Church in Concord, Delaware, a church now undertaking a building project.

Dr. Alonzo Campbell ('85 GTS) is senior pastor of Denham Springs United Methodist Church in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Dr. Ambrose Carroll ('94 MSR), youth pastor at Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, California, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio in 1999.

Rev. George L. Champion ('68 TTS) was re-elected a general officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as Director of Worship, Evangelism and Church Extension. He is also the editor of the *Pastor's Manual for the 21st Century*, Vols. I and II.

Rev. Davis Clark ('98 GTS) serves as pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Dr. Claudette Copeland ('77 CHM) recently preached to more than 80,000 women during the T. D. Jakes "Women Thou Art Loosed Conference" in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Marcus Cosby ('99 MSR) is associate pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Ms. Candi Dugas-Crawford ('00 GTS) is Director of the Fine Arts Academy at Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and wrote the article "Taste and See the God of Your Ancestors: Drama in the African-American Church", in the Fall 1999/Spring 2000 issue of *JITC*.

Rev. Katherine Davis ('95 GTS) associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Arlington, Texas, is an author in *The Women of Color Study Bible*.

Rev. Howard H. L. Dill ('90 TTS) and wife **Rev. Emily-Gail Dill ('99 TTS)** serve as co-pastors of Vernon Temple AME Church in Southampton, Bermuda.

Rev. Kenneth Edmunson ('98 GTS), an ordained elder in the

Tennessee United Methodist Church Conference, is associate pastor of Belle Meade UMC, a cross-racial congregation.

Rev. Charles Evans ('93 GTS) pastors Tabernacle CME Church in Hazelhurst, Mississippi and is president of Computer Hobby, Inc. of Columbia, Mississippi.

Rev. Mary Finley ('99 MSR) serves as associate pastor at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Kenneth Fisher ('73 GTS) is senior pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Rev. George Flowers ('72 TTS) was elected Secretary of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the July 2000 General Conference.

Chaplain Diedrick Graham ('98 CHM) was promoted to Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Chaplain Gerald Gray ('85 CHM) was promoted to Commander, Command Chaplain-CREDO, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Minister Valerie Tate-Green ('97 MSR) serves as Director, Office of Student and Community Life at ITC and co-pastor of Liberty Baptist Church Ministries in Decatur, Georgia.

Rev. James Hardaway ('96 TTS) received his first pastoral appointment as pastor of Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Shadydale, Georgia.

Chaplain Alphonso Hardnett ('85 CHM) was promoted to commander, U.S. Naval Reserves, Atlanta, Georgia.

Minister Renee Harrison ('00 CHM) received a full fellowship plus stipend to pursue the Th.D. at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Wallace Hartsfield ('90 MSR) ITC faculty member and serves as senior pastor of First Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Atlanta and is coordinator/director of "Liege," a musical ensemble of persons from across the Atlanta community.

Rev. James Haynes ('94 GTS) is senior pastor of Cornerstone United Methodist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mr. Otis Head ('00 MSR) is executive director of Project Destiny, an outreach ministry of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, Lithonia, Georgia.

Rev. Cassandra Mency Hill ('75 TTS) serves as pastor of Cargle Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Social Circle, Georgia, her first pastoral appointment.

Rev. Betty Holland ('97 GTS) is pastor of Warren Temple United Methodist Church in LaGrange, Georgia.

Rev. Arundel Hope ('89 GTS) serves as associate director of the Office of Church Development for the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Jonathan Jackson ('56 GTS) retired as a member of the faculty at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year and now serves as campus director of Faith and the City, a collaboration between ITC, Candler School of Theology, and Columbia Theological Seminary.

Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs ('62 TTS) is Dean of Turner Theological Seminary and one of the associate editors of the *Pastor's Manual of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*, Vol. I and Vol. II. He wrote the chapter "The

NECROLOGY + FALL 2000

We celebrate the memory of ITC family members who departed this life.

Rev. Leon Davis ('97-JCS), associate pastor, St. James Presbyterian Church (Greensboro, NC) and campus minister, North Carolina A&T State University, died October 23, 2000.

Rev. Valerie Earvin (GTS seminarian), business administrator, Cascade United Methodist Church (Atlanta, GA), died suddenly on April 24, 2000.

Rev. Hattie R. Johnson, first administrative assistant for Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, ITC, made her transition on June 12, 2000. Hattie held this position for 22 years (1969-1991).

Mrs. Bettie J. Holmes McKelvey, wife of Dr. Walter H. McKelvey, administrative dean, Gammon Theological Seminary, died June 9, 2000.

Mother Edith White Ming, wife of Bishop Donald G. K. Ming, ITC board member and prelate of First Episcopal

District of the AME Church, was funeralized September 11, 2000 at Big Bethel AME Church (Atlanta, GA), with interment at Ivy Hill Cemetery (Philadelphia, PA).

Mrs. Selma Theodocia White Richardson, ITC's "first first lady," died April 30, 1999. From the very beginning of ITC's existence in 1958 when her husband became founder and first president until her death, Mrs. Richardson expressed her love for ITC through service and support—financial and physical presence. Very few key events in the life of ITC were unattended by Mrs. Richardson—Charter Day, Commencement, presidential inaugurations, chapel services, retirement gatherings. She is truly missed!

Rev. Charles Edward Towner ('94 MSR), pastor of Mt. Helm Baptist Church (Jackson, MS), died April 20, 1998.



Protestant Reformation (Introduction)" in Vol. 1. Other contributing Turner alumni include: Dr. E. Earl McCloud, '88; Rev. John F. Green '84; Bishop Adam J. Richardson, '72 and '75; Rev. Michael Bowie, '86; Dr. William Smith, '71; Dr. Jacquelyn Grant Collier, '73; Bishop Frederick H. Talbot, '84; Rev. Isaiah J. Waddy, '87; Dr. Carolyn McCrary, '77 and '96; Dr. William Watley, '71, and Dr. James Davis, '78 and '85.

Rev. Erica Jenkins ('96 GTS), is pastor of Mallalieu/St. Peter United Methodist Church in Martinsville, Louisiana.

Rev. James R. King ('72 GTS) was elected Episcopal leader of the Kentucky Conference area at the July 2000 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Minister Janette Y. King ('96 GTS), serves as project assistant to the ITC/FaithFactor Project 2000, an endeavor that seeks to provide insight on ministries of black pastors and churches in the traditional African-American denominations and those black churches in the Presbyterian and United Methodist denominations.

Rev. Portia Wells Lee ('96 GTS) serves as pastor of the Trinity African Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia.

Stephen Lee ('96 MSR), a board certified music therapist in New Orleans, Louisiana, is a contributing author in the latest issue of *JITC*.

Rev. Sharma Denise Lewis ('99 GTS) is associate pastor of Evangelism at the Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Harold Lockett ('84 CHM) serves as chaplain and associate director of Professional and Pastoral Education at LifeLink of Georgia, an organ donor organization.

Rev. Geraldine Williams Massey ('77 GTS), Certified Clinical Pastoral Counselor, was appointed District Superintendent in the Gainesville District of the Florida Annual Conference. She is the first African-American District Superintendent in the Florida Annual Conference.

Minister DaVita McAllister ('99 GTS) serves as Associate Pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Victor McCullough ('88 GTS) is pastor of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Minister Missiouri L. McPhee ('00 TTS) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, under the advisorship of Dr. James Hal Cone.

Ms. Monica Moore ('99 CHM) is the executive director of Community Mission Neighborhood Advancement, Inc., a faith-based non-profit community

development initiative of the Community Mission Church of God in Christ in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Bishop Alfred L. Norris ('64 GTS), former Episcopal leader of the New Mexico Conference, The United Methodist Church, was appointed to the Houston, Texas Episcopal area at the July 2000 Jurisdictional Conference.

Rev. L. Kay Pendleton ('98 GTS) is associate pastor of Central Ministries UMC in Atlanta.

Rev. Addie Peterson ('93 JCS) pastors the Haymont Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, NC.

Rev. Robert Pitman ('95 GTS) pastors Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Columbia, Mississippi.

Rev. Herman E. Pride ('95 JCS) serves as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Scotlandville in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The church is partnering with the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Westminster Foundation to build a seventy-unit assisted living facility.

Rev. Darwin Randolph ('92 CHM) recently founded Living Word Ministries in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Rev. Jannie Redmon ('98 MSR) is church administrator of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Chaplain Pekola Roberts ('78 CHM), United States Army, serves in Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Rev. Paul Roberts ('97 JCS) pastors the Church of the Master Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Virginia Groce-Roberts ('96 MSR) teaches elementary education and serves as director of music at Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, California and founder-coordinator of the internationally acclaimed musical ensemble "Rejoice."

Ms. Stephanie S. Scott ('99 CHM) wrote the article, "The Language of Liturgical Dance" in the most recent issue of *JITC*. She also is associate minister of Outreach Development at GSN Ministries, UCC.

Evangelist T. Lynne Smith ('96 CHM), pursues her music ministry through countrywide music workshops, serving as director of music at Israel Baptist Church and providing leadership to the Regional Sunshine Band of the Southeastern Area.

Rev. Benjamin Stevens ('99 CHM) was appointed youth director at West Angeles Church of God in Christ, Los Angeles, California.

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert ('62 GTS) retired from the Episcopacy of the United Methodist Church, married Marilyn McGee in Nashville, Tennessee in the spring of 2000.

Ms. Dallas Turnipseed Terrell ('97 GTS) is director, Alumni and

Constituent Relations at ITC and serves as a facilitator for ITC's collaboration with Outreach Extensions and HBO on the documentary "Legacy of Faith," to air May 2001.

Rev. Renita Thomas ('84 GTS) is interim director of Ministry and Context at ITC and pastor of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Conley, Georgia.

Rev. Ben Toney ('94 MSR) is associate pastor at Third Baptist Church in San Francisco, California and Special Education Teacher in the Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, California.

Rev. Phyllis M. Townsend ('96 CHM) teaches music at Beulah Heights Bible College in Atlanta, Georgia, is an ordained minister of Word of Faith Christian Ministries in East Point, Georgia, and is founder of Tehillah Music Ministries.

Ms. Patricia Tucknall ('00 MSR) is teaching "Introduction to the Old Testament" at Allen Temple Institute, a college accredited institute of the Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California, Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., pastor.

Rev. Michael D. Washington ('98 TTS) is pastor of Bethel AME Church in Beverly, New Jersey, where he is leading the church's renovation efforts.

Minister Sonya Waterhouse ('97 TTS) is project coordinator for the Health Education and Leadership Project of ITC (ITC/HELP), a CDC-funded grant to develop faith-based curriculum and training on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention in the African-American community. She is also associate pastor of First St. Paul AME Church in Lithonia, Georgia.

Rev. Uylee Vaughn ('98 PST), is senior pastor of Mt. Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Orlando, Florida, has grown the church membership from twenty to over three hundred in two years.

Rev. Gloria Williams ('00 JCS) serves as pastor of Second Presbyterian and Clarkson Presbyterian Churches in Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

Reverend Preston Warren Williams, II ('82 TTS) was elected Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the 46th Session of the General Conference in July 2000. He was assigned to the Seventeenth Episcopal District, which encompasses Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi.

Chaplain Bernard Wilson ('81 CHM), US Navy retired, was recently appointed executive assistant to Rev. James Forbes, pastor, Riverside Church, New York, New York.



A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The James H. Costen Award

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The James H. Costen Award, instituted in 1996 and awarded for the first time in 1998, recognizes persons who exhibit moral, spiritual, and intellectual leadership in their chosen professions. Nominations are sought in the following categories:

RELIGION

Nominee's accomplishments must demonstrate faith principles through work in the ministry or through the advocacy of religious principles and philosophy as a critical and valued component of community leadership.

CIVIC/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The community activities of the nominee must demonstrate the efficacy of faith principles in promoting the work of civic and community betterment. The nominee must be an active leader with an established record for diligence and effectiveness in producing a positive impact on communities. The nominee must be a role model for ethics and integrity.

GOVERNMENT

Nominee's work and life must demonstrate faith principles as an important element of direct leadership in federal, state, county or city government. The nominee must have established a record of integrity and ethical and moral behavior in carrying out public-life responsibilities.

BUSINESS

The nominee's approach to business must demonstrate that faith principles are important in the direct leadership of business enterprises.

EDUCATION

Nominee's career must demonstrate that faith principles are a significant consideration in the course of direct involvement in the teaching, learning, and administration process. The nominee must have established a record of effective leadership in the delivery, administration, and advocacy of effective teaching and learning as a means of equipping others for productive living.

"TRAVELIN' SHOES"

The nominee must meet the characterization of "grass roots" and accomplishments must demonstrate belief in a faith-based approach to unacknowledged, selfless service.

Please submit nominations on the form with supporting information by Friday, Jan. 5, 2001 and mail/fax to:
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The ITC

700 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., SW
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NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS: _____

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HOME: (____) _____ BUSINESS: (____) _____

CATEGORY:

☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ BUSINESS ☐ RELIGION ☐ EDUCATION
☐ CIVIC/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ☐ "TRAVELIN' SHOES"

NOMINATED BY:

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PLEASE STATE IN PRECISE TERMS YOUR REASONS FOR THIS NOMINATION. YOU MAY INCLUDE POSITIONS HELD BY THE NOMINEE AND GIVE SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE THE WORK OF YOUR NOMINEE AND THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD INTERSECT. YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT SUPPORTING MATERIAL SUCH AS LETTERS, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, OR OTHER ITEMS.



Special Programs

FAITH AND THE CITY

Faith and the City is a joint effort of ITC, Candler School of Theology, and Columbia Theological Seminary to assist clergy and seminarians in playing a larger role in determining the future of Atlanta. This new initiative is supported by the Woodruff Foundation. The effort is co-chaired by Ambassadors Andrew Young and James T. Laney (ITC Board member), two of the nation's premier public theologians. ITC's activities are guided by Dr. Jonathan Jackson, a semi-retired professor of ITC and new faculty member, Dr. George B. Thompson Jr. (404-523-5554)

INSTITUTE OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (ICAM)

Since 1993, the Institute of Church Administration and Management (ICAM) has provided a range of leadership education and church management training programs to help equip current and future leaders of the Black Church to manage the day-to-day affairs of our sacred institutions. Through skill enhancement seminars, workshops, and administrative technical assistance, ICAM continues its commitment to help ensure that the church, as the most important institution in the African-American community, is equipped with the fiscal and human resources to sustain and strengthen God's business. (404-688-6052)

ITC/HEALTH EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The ITC Health Education and Leadership Project (ITC/HELP) [an HIV/AIDS prevention awareness curriculum development project, sponsored by the CDC] is working collaboratively with the other historically black seminaries, the Congress of National Black Churches, and the nation's premier HIV/AIDS Advocacy Organizations. ITC/HELP's vision

is that communities of faith be inspired and empowered to help reduce the spread of AIDS through the implementation of culturally relevant and spiritually grounded HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention initiatives. (404-614-6362)

PHILANTHROPY AND THE BLACK CHURCH

The Philanthropy and the Black Church project was created to offer information about the African-American community to members of the Council on Foundations. The project also promotes communication between foundations and African-American religious institutions. It seeks to foster mutually supporting activities between foundations as funding institutions and black religious institutions as program sponsors and implementers. (601-355-8167)

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE OF THE AFRICAN WORLD

The Religious Heritage of the African World (RHAW) is led by a team of outstanding faculty, staff, graduates, and students. The program provides a unique repository of information on the African Diaspora. ITC is seeking resources to enable RHAW to archive and make its resources available over the Internet. (404-572-7756)

GARDNER C. TAYLOR PREACHING ARCHIVES

A preaching symposium during Spring Faith Festival 1999 launched the Gardner C. Taylor Preaching Archives and Listening Room (TALR). TALR is named in honor of Gardner C. Taylor, author, civil rights leader, preacher extraordinaire, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. (404-527-5273)



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