2016 Advent Commencement

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MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Millicent Yvonne Black  Baptist
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MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

Wanda Joy Alford  United Church of Christ
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David Tyler Williams  West Ohio Annual Conference of The UMC

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

Madeline Zerelle Sample  Baptist
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Supernatural Ministry
Faculty Mentor: Frank Billman, Ph.D.

Louis F. Davis
Pomona United Methodist Church, Crossville, Tennessee. Training Children in a United Methodist Church to Hear from God and to Minister to Adults

Collaborative Leadership in the 21st Century
Faculty Mentor: Lucius Dalton, D.Min.

Hattie Elizabeth Boney Anderson
Rockfish African Methodist Church, Teachey, North Carolina. A Model For Reconnecting Families And Children To Church Life

Pastoral Care & Counseling
Faculty Mentors: Thomas Francis, D.Min.; Sharon Ellis Davis, Ph.D.

Melvin Donald Wilson, Jr.
Pastor, Payne Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Duquesne, Pennsylvania. Without a Voice: How Pastoral Care Helps to Understand the Voice of those Alienated by the Church

Effective Church Leadership and Prophetic Preaching in the 21st Century
Faculty Mentors: Keith Lawrence, D.Min.; Connie Carter, D.Min.

Brian S. Relford, Sr.
Pastor, Lomax Temple AME Zion Church, Detroit, Michigan. Developing Church Based Leaders to Assist in Meeting the Unmet Needs of the Community

Randy Clark Scholars: Presenting the Gospel as Jesus Intended — In Love, Authority and Signs and Wonders
Faculty Mentors: Thomas Litteer, D.Min.; Tom Jones, D.Min.; Robert Sawvelle, D.Min.

Sherri L. Falco
Rye, New York. Giving Tree Global: Beyond Nominal Christianity Sound and the Christian Witness

Gardner C. Taylor Scholars: Prophetic Leadership — Social Justice and Political Action
Faculty Mentors: Lester McCorn, D.Min.; Jamison Hunter, D.Min.

Michelle Lynette Guilford
Charles F. Golden Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Standing in the Gap: Motivating Members of a Faith Based Organization to be Mentors for Aged-Out Foster Care Youth
**A Model of Christian Education for the 21st Century Church and Community**
Faculty Mentor: Michael Neil, D.Min; Christopher Wyckoff, D.Min.; Leroy Cothran, D.Min.

*Sandra M. McIntosh*
Director of Christian Education, Inspirational Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. *Just Sisters: Intergenerational Mentoring for L.I.F.E. – Leadership Instruction From Experience*

**Church Renewal and New Wineskins; Intercultural Studies**
Faculty Mentors: Cinda Swan, D.Min.; Ut Van To

**Daniel D. Gildner**
Dean of the Chapel; Director of Contextual Ministries, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. *Practicing Sabbath: Improving Clergy Health and Helping Differentiate One’s Self from Role, Preventing One Cause of Clergy Burnout*

**Bich Thi Ngoc Huynh**
Wesley Theological College in Vietnam, Go Vap District, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. *A Curriculum for Teaching a Course on Practical Wesleyan Holiness Theology*

**Thang Phuoc Le**
Vice Principal and Dean, Wesley Theological College in Vietnam, Go Vap District, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. *Spiritual Formation Program for Students at the Wesley Theological College of Vietnam*

**Prophetic Preaching and Praxis**
Faculty Mentors: Robert Walker, D.Min.; Kenneth Cummings, D.Min.

**Mary Elizabeth Briggs Cosby**
Henrico, Virginia. *Women’s Empowerment Initiative: Connecting Women in Ministry through Mentoring, Networking and Spiritual Formation at Saint Paul’s Baptist Church*

**Timothy W. Storms, Sr.**
Allen Temple AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. *Increasing the Awareness of Trauma on Experience of God and Worship at Allen Temple AME Church*

**Prophetic Congregational Development Using 21st Century Methods, Establishing Strong Leadership**
Faculty Mentors: Angela Washington, D.Min.; Donnell J. Moore, D.Min.

**Ayodele Nichole Jordan**
Richmond, Virginia. *Dancing with Broken Bones: An Artistic Approach to Pastoral Counseling for African American Adolescent Girls Suffering from Depression*

**Taunya Marie Tinsley**
Clinical Director, Mount Ararat Counseling Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *The Church as a Multicultural Sports Team: A Model for Ministry Leadership Development for God’s Coaching Staff*
A 21st Century Model for Church Administration and Preaching in a Multi-Cultural Context
Faculty Mentor: Ralph Williamson, D.Min.

Douglas Sinclair Forbes
Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal, Pensacola, Florida. An Evangelism Model: African American Males Ages Twenty-one to Forty at Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church

Growing the Church without Walls/Effective Preaching and Stewardship in the 21st Century
Faculty Mentors: G. Martin Young, D.Min.; Alfred Thompson, D.Min.

Thomas Erik Fisher
Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Redwood City, California. Transitioning a Historically African American Church into A Multiracial Multi-ethnic Congregation

James Anthony Gibson, Jr.
Senior Pastor, Greater Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Leading a Local Congregation to Develop a Theology of Stewardship Based on Biblical Truth

Gary Wayne Thompson awarded posthumously
Plantation, Florida. The Impact of the Black Church in the 21st Century
MASTERS OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Collaborative Leadership in the 21st Century
Faculty Mentors: Daryl Hairston, D.Min.; Lucius Dalton, D.Min.

Michael Walter Armstrong
Pastor, Colesville UMC, Silver Spring, Maryland. Creating a Spirit of Generosity: Teaching the Components of Giving

Colbert Calixte
Seventh-Day Adventist, Randolph, Massachusetts. Child Sexual Abuse and the Role of the Church

Pastoral Care & Counseling
Faculty Mentors: Thomas Francis, D.Min.; Sharon Ellis Davis, D.Min.

Cynthia Mae Curry
Program Coordinator, Henderson Community College, Henderson, Kentucky. The Positive Effects of Mentoring Abused Women

Arthur Ben Faust
Staff Chaplain, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas. Bringing Awareness to Faith-based Leaders and Healthcare Professionals on Providing Emotional and Spiritual Support as Caregivers

Futuring: Effective Change and Transition for the 21st Century Church
Faculty Mentor: J. Derrick Johnson, D.Min.

Karen E. Johnson
Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church, Kettering, Ohio. Leadership Encouragement and Development Program for Use in the Small Church
Randall Moses Lassiter  In-Context
Senior Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Paterson, New Jersey.  A Manual to Train and Equip Associate Ministers in Preparation for Effective Ministry

Effective Church Leadership and Prophetic Preaching in the 21st Century
Faculty Mentors: Keith Lawrence, D.Min.; Connie Carter, D.Min.

Glenn B. Dames, Jr.
Senior Pastor, St. James AME Church, Titusville, Florida.  The Church’s Role in Public Education: Using the Church School to Help Youth Succeed in Local Schools

Anton Gerald Elwood
Senior Pastor, New Mt. Zion AME Church, Tallahassee, Florida.  Left Out, Left Over, and Left Behind: Incorporating Young Adults into Significant Leadership Roles in the Local Church

Charles Walter Ferguson
Senior Pastor, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois.  Equip, Empower, and Educate: Uniting the Church under True Biblical Leadership

Robert Jackson, III
Senior Pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Miami, Florida.  Developing a Multi-Site Ministry Model in the African American Church

St. Clair D. Moore
Temple Terrace United Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida.  Embracing Interracial Diversity: Acknowledging Baptism and the Eucharist as Transforming Agency of Change

Marguerite Lois Phillips
Minister of Congregational Care and Support Ministries, Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, California.  Faith Formation: A 21st Century Christian Education Leadership Model to Equip Lay Servants for Ministry and Service

Gardner C. Taylor Scholars: Prophetic Leadership – Social Justice and Political Action
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Anthony Jerome Davis
Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church, Pittsboro, North Carolina.  Beyond the Plate: Economic Sufficiency for an Aging Congregation

Aaron Kennedy Letcher
Senior Pastor, Magnolia First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.  Recovery, Reconciliation and Restoration: A Healing Paradigm to Strategically Rectify a Split Church
Christian Education and Urban Ministry Development
Faculty Mentors: Michael T. Neil, D.Min.; Leroy Cothran, D.Min.

Gregory Draper
Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio. Liberation: Increasing Biblical Knowledge of Middle School Students in After School Programs for the Concord Community Baptist Church

Drucilla Veasley
Director of Christian Education, Peoples Community CME Church, Dayton, Ohio. A Christian Education Model for Engaging Urban Youth within the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to Increase Attendance

Transformational Leadership
Faculty Mentor: James T. Roberson, Ph.D.; Leroy Cothran, D.Min.

Dennis Wilson Broughton, Jr.
Senior Pastor, Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sumter, South Carolina. Visionary Church Leadership for the Macedonia AME Church of Cope, South Carolina

Kelvin Lamonte Williams
Senior Pastor, Diggs Memorial United Holy Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Leadership Training to Develop Prophetic Leadership in the Local Church in Order to Encourage Social Transformation

Developing Effective Preaching Series and Biblical Paradigms (Models) for Leadership Addressing Today’s Challenging Times
Faculty Mentors: Terry Thomas, D.Min.; Leroy Cothran, D.Min.

Rosetta Lee Skates
Capitol Heights, Maryland. Solidifying the Relationship between the Pastor and Associate Ministers

Prophetic Preaching and Praxis
Faculty Mentors: Robert Walker, D.Min.; Kenneth Cummings, D.Min.

Pamela Tevis Barnes-Jackson
Light of the Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Trotwood, Ohio. Prophetic Proclamation: Empowering Congregants toward a Christ-Centered Marriage through Spiritual Formation

Phil Jeriord Flowers
Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Georgetown, South Carolina. A Collaborative Model for Mentoring At-Risk Youth at Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church and Community

Jacques Christopher Wright
Youth and Young Adult Pastor, Bible-Based Fellowship Church, Tampa, Florida. Reclaiming Dance in the 21st Century Black Baptist Church: Hip Hop as a Worship Style

Chad Ajeney White, Sr.
Senior Pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. Dying a Good Death: A Practical Approach to Spiritual Praxis for Hospice and Palliative Care Patients

A 21st Century Model for Church Administration and Preaching in a Multi-Cultural Context, Faculty Mentor: Ralph Williamson, D.Min.; Leroy Cothran, D.Min.

Harriett Naomi Mackall
Baltimore, Maryland. A Model for Healing and Restoration from the Pain of an Outcast

James Anthony Morris
Pastor, Hamilton Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, Texarkana, Texas. A Project to Develop Planned Giving to Meet Outreach Needs at Hamilton Memorial AME Church

Willie J. Wright, Jr.
Pastor, Breath of Life and Antioch Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rochester, New York. Discipleship and Retention Model for African American Males, Ages Eighteen to Thirty-five, for the Breath of Life Church

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Caroles Shedrick Taylor
Senior Pastor, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri. Transforming Leaders: Moving Leaders from Law Serving to Grace Serving

Herbert L. Temoney
Senior Pastor, Greater St. Luke, A.M.E. Church, Charleston, South Carolina. Transforming the Greater Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church through Discipleship and Ministries