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Phillips School of Theology at the ITC Hosts its 65th Founders' Day and 13th C. M. E. Pastors' Conference

(November 26, 2008, Atlanta) - - Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta proudly prepares to celebrate its 65th Founders' Day and 13th C.M. E. Pastors' Conference from Monday, January 12 through Thursday January 15, 2009. The theme: ***From Good to Great: Centered on Biblically Based and People Focused Preaching.*** Distinguished scholar/preachers to present during the celebration will include Dr. Charles E. Booth, Dr. Jamal-Dominique Hopkins, and Dr. Love Henry Whelchel.

The Reverend Dr. Charles E. Booth, Pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus Ohio, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard University in 1969, his Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1973, and his Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Ohio in 1990. A member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Dr. Booth, has had several meditations and sermons published.

ITC Assistant Professor of New Testament, Dr. Jamal-Dominique Hopkins, who is well versed in the languages of the New Testament, is also a noted Dead Sea Scrolls Scholar. A 1995 honors graduate from Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio, Television and Film Production, Dr. Hopkins considered carving out a career in the film industry, but decided to carry his theological education further by obtaining his Master of Arts degree in Bible Studies and Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph. D. in Religion and Theology from the University of Manchester in England.

ITC Professor of Church History, Dr. Love Henry Whelchel, is the recipient of the B.A. degree from Paine College, Augusta, Georgia; the S. T. B. degree from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts; the M. A. degree from New York University, New York City; and the Ph.D. degree from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. For 28 years he was an effective parish minister and for 17 years, he served as Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and Professor of Religion at Clark College – now Clark Atlanta University.

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Accommodations for the Pastors' Conference and other Founders' Day related activities will be held at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel - Atlanta Airport. For complete details or reservation information, call the Sheraton at 770.997.1100 or Phillips School of Theology at 404.527.7768.

Phillips School of Theology is the Christian Methodist Episcopal affiliate seminary among the six denominational seminaries of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC). Located in the Atlanta University Center, the world's largest center of African American higher education, ITC is the only theological seminary of the United Negro College Fund, and is a member of the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE). ITC is one of the fully accredited Historically Black Theological Seminaries of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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