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Dr. Danella Fogle preaches Campaign Kickoff Sermon, interpreter (left) shares message with Saudi Arabian delegation. (Seated) Ms. Sandra Yates, VP for Institutional Advancement presided

OIA SETS 2007-08 ITC Internal Campaign Goal at \$50,000

(September 11, 2007- Atlanta, GA) The Interdenominational Theological Center's (ITC) Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA) announced at the kickoff of the 20th Internal Campaign its goal to raise funds to aid the operational needs of ITC, the historically African American graduate school of theology located in the Atlanta University Center. The figure for this year's campaign is \$50,000 to be raised from school administrators, faculty, staff and students according to Ms. Sandra D. Yates, Vice President, Office of Institutional Advancement.

The theme for this year's initiative is *"Inspiring, Transforming and Celebrating 50 years of Excellence."* There is no other theological school quite like ITC. It consists of six member seminaries and other supporting communities of faith, to include a Lutheran Center and the Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship that includes students of 15 other denominations. Founded in 1958, its mission is to educate Christian leaders for ministry and service in the Church and the global community and this academic year, the Center is celebrating its "golden anniversary," according to school officials.

The kick-off was held Thursday September 6, 2007 at a weekly mid-day chapel service where nearly 200 attendees were challenged and encouraged to invest in themselves, the institution and the future for generations to come. Dr. Michael A. Battle, President of ITC, addressed a near capacity group of visitors, faculty and students. He said, "If our external groups are willing to help us raise funds for our benefit, we ought to be able to raise \$50,000.00 for ourselves." The response from participants was encouraging according to organizing officials.

During the celebration, Dr. Danella Fogle delivered the keynote address, "What God Has for You Is for You but You Could Miss IT." Dr. Fogle, a 1994 ITC master's degree graduate, earned a doctoral degree from ITC in 1998. She used basketball metaphors and shared with the listeners



the benefit of individuals making what she termed a “full court press” in order to be prepared to receive blessings intended for God’s people. Dr. Fogle currently serves as an adjunct professor of Christian Education and is project Director of the Faith Journey Program at ITC.

For information on upcoming 50th year celebration and Internal Campaign events, please visit the www.itc.edu website or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 404.527.7719.