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The First “Preachers Playing Chess” Event Happening at ITC

(November 5, 2007, Atlanta) - - The Interdenominational Theological Center’s (ITC) half century of ecumenical cooperation, will be celebrated as ITC’s 50th anniversary of “Ecumenism in Action” continues on November 15, 2007 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the James H. Costen Center atrium. ITC president, **Dr. Michael A. Battle** and special guest, nationally renowned chess master **Orrin Hudson**, will host the **Preachers Playing Chess at ITC** event, which intends to offer an outlet for clergy to fellowship and relax while developing the skills of those not familiar with the game and strengthening the skills of those who are.

The **Preachers Playing Church at ITC** event also hopes to provide another wonderful ministry that responds to the needs of the congregation. Mr. Hudson has taken his program to several youth ministries in Atlanta area churches including **New Birth Missionary Baptist Church** under the leadership of **Bishop Eddie Long**; **World Changers Church International** led by **Dr. Creflo Dollar**; **Word of Faith Love Center** led by **Dr. Reginald Garmon** and **First Baptist Atlanta** led by **Dr. Charles F. Stanley**. Dr. Battle and Mr. Hudson hope the event will spark an interest in those in attendance and agree there are parallels between the strategies of chess and life.

Mr. Hudson was raised in Birmingham, Alabama seventh of 13 children. As a teen, Hudson began heading down the wrong path and credits a high-school instructor and chess with getting him on the right path. Mr. Hudson is a former Alabama State Trooper, an Air Force veteran, and principal founder of the **Be Someone** Organization.

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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The community is invited to share in this and other upcoming events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ITC. For dates and times of other activities, call 404-614-6394 or log on to www.itc.edu

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