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Dr. Randall C. Bailey Appointed the Prestigious Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology for 2009-2010



(Atlanta – February 2009) -- The honor of being selected the 2009-2010 Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology has been bestowed upon Dr. Randall C. Bailey, Professor of Hebrew Bible at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC). Mr. Michael Gilligan, president of the Henry Luce Foundation, along with Dr. Daniel Aleshire, president of the Association of Theological Schools will officially welcome Dr. Bailey into the fold on April 3, 2009 at the offices of the Henry Luce Foundation in New York. Congratulations to Dr. Bailey for achieving this high honor.

Established in 1993, the program of the Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology supports the research of junior and senior scholars whose projects offer significant and innovative contributions to theological studies. This is a noteworthy honor as Dr. Bailey will join the ranks of distinguished scholars who provide fresh insight, strong leadership and significant contributions to theological studies.

Dr. Randall C. Bailey is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Hebrew Bible at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Bailey is a native of Malden, Massachusetts. He received the Bachelor of Arts from Brandeis University, the Master of Arts in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, the Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology and the Doctor of Philosophy in Old Testament from Emory University.

Prior to coming to ITC, Dr. Bailey taught at the Atlanta University School of Social Work and served as Assistant Minister at First Congregational Church(UCC) in Atlanta. Dr. Bailey is an ordained Baptist minister and holds membership at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Bailey has served on the faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans and has served as Visiting Scholar in Bible at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., Escola Superior de Teologia in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, and at the College of the Transfiguration in Grahamstown, South Africa.

ITC is a premier academy for afro-centric theological study in the world with six participating denominational seminaries, the Lutheran Theological Center in Atlanta, and the Harry V. and Selma T. Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship. It is the only theological seminary of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), 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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