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Alumni in Dialogue: From Our Founding to Our Future
Interdenominational Theological Center
Alumni Share Experiences with Current Students



Drs. Cameron Alexander, Chestina Mitchell Archibald, Daniel W. Jacobs Sr., W. Clyde Williams

ATLANTA – Alumni of the Interdenominational Theological Center will return to the campus Tuesday, April 15 for one in the series of 50th Anniversary President’s Chapel Hours at 11 a.m. The event, “*Alumni in Dialogue: From Our Founding to Our Future*,” was organized by alumnus, Dr. Cameron Alexander who will be joined by other alumni - Dr. Chestina Archibald, Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr., and Dr. W. Clyde Williams to talk to students about the early years of ITC, their experiences since leaving and what they envision for the Center’s future.

“While seminarians are learning about what to preach and teach, we want to make sure they understand the transition they will make when they leave this institution,” said Alexander, a graduate of ITC’s Baptist denominational affiliate, Morehouse School of Religion. Dr. Alexander has an international reputation as one of God’s preeminent preachers! He is pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, GA and president emeritus of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., having led the organization for 27 years.

Rev. Dr. Chestina Mitchell Archibald, who also holds a Master of Divinity from ITC, is the editor of *Say Amen*, the African American Family’s Book of Prayers, co-editor of *Divine Inspiration* and a nationally renowned Christian preacher, educator, and motivational speaker. For more than a decade, she served as the Dean of Chapel at Fisk University in Nashville, TN. where she went beyond the call of duty shaping future generations to aspire to outstanding leadership, scholarship, and character. She has assisted some forty-one young people in accepting their call to ordained ministry and recently retired from 20 years of pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Dr. W. Clyde Williams holds a Master of Christian Education from ITC's Phillips School of Theology, the Christian Methodist Episcopal affiliate. He has served as President of Miles College with achievements that included the building of the Kirkendoll Learning Resources Center, the establishment of Miles Law School and the Life-Long Learning Center for Ministries and Christian Workers, the building of the W. Clyde Williams Terrace Apartments for Senior Citizens and Handicapped Persons, Fairfield, Alabama, the purchase of the first Miles College gymnasium and the Miles College Eutaw Campus, Eutaw, Alabama. He currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the National Institute for Human Development.

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Dr. Daniel Wesley Jacobs earned the Master of Divinity from Turner Theological Seminary, the African Methodist Episcopal School at ITC. Following an exemplary pastoral career, he returned to the seminary 23 years ago to become the President-Dean at Turner. Dr. Jacobs will retire from the post on June 30, 2008 with an exceptional track record of achievement as an administrator – having increased enrollment, constructed an administrative and dormitory building, enhanced relationships within the denomination, and through leadership with faith-based organizations locally and regionally. He was former Presiding Elder of the East Atlanta District and Interim Presiding Elder for the Macon District. These are just a few of Dr. Jacobs denominational activities during a lifetime of service to and in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The offices and positions held are far too numerous to recount.

Following the panel dialogue, there will be Q&A with ITC seminarians. “We look forward to sharing some words of wisdom and encouragement with these students preparing for ministry as they identify and respond to the rigorous demands of theological study and other external commitments. Along with our common faith, we alumni have unique references acquired from years of various experiences in the field after having walked in their shoes,” said Alexander.

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