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LEADERSHIP TRIED AND TESTED IN AFRICA

Leadership Lessons through Disease, Disasters and Destabilization

Atlanta, GA (October 24, 2008) The community marveled at the enlightenment gained after gathering for a dialogue on a global perspective of leadership with Dr. Charles R. Stith, Former ambassador to Tanzania in East Africa, when he returned to his alma mater as part of his worldwide book signing tour at The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC). “*For Such a Time as This: African Leadership Challenges*,” is a unique and valuable resource for tomorrow’s leaders.

“*For Such a Time as This*” was a collaborative effort of Dr. Stith who interviewed and edited the writings of thirteen current and former African heads of state leaders to tell their stories as a resource for encouragement. “Those who don’t understand the past can never overcome it,” said Stith.

In his book Stith explains that after colonialism left the African countries growth was stunted without the capacity to develop or successfully manage their independence. Some of the challenges the African leadership faced were drought, famine, diseases like malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. There were also problems with a sufficient number of trained manpower of the indigenous population to develop the infrastructure, to run the schools, hospitals, and government.

Former Ambassador Stith was handpicked by Former President Bill Clinton for the post in Tanzania, and is a Gammon Theological Seminary alumnus. He plans to continue his worldwide tour in major cities like Hong Kong, St. Maarten, Boston, as well as several other African countries.



The ITC is a consortium of six different denominational constituent seminaries and two affiliate fellowships; Morehouse School of Religion (Baptist Affiliate), Gammon Theological (United Methodist Affiliate), Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal), Phillips School of Theology (Christian Methodist), Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Presbyterian Affiliate) and Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary (Church of God in Christ Affiliate). Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship is comprised of several other denominations beyond the six affiliate schools and OTHER students also attend the Lutheran Center at ITC.

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