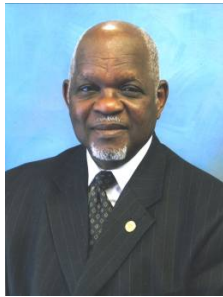




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TURNER SEMINARY TO CELEBRATE 114TH FOUNDERS' DAY AND RETIRING, PRESIDENT-DEAN DANIEL W. JACOBS

(Atlanta—January 24, 2008) -- Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) will celebrate the administrative legacy of Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs Sr., retiring president-dean of the seminary, during the observance of its 114th founders convocation February 4 - 7, 2008. This year's convocation theme: ***Preparing Creative and Effective Leaders for the Church***. **Dr. Daniel W. Jacobs** has given superlative leadership for 22 years as president-dean and retires at the end of the academic year, June 30, 2008. He has served as dean since 1985. During his tenure the Frederick Hilborn Talbot Hall was erected and the enrollment has more than doubled.

Several special guest clergy will participate throughout the weeklong Founders' Day Celebration which will consist of alumni activities, forums, lectures and workshops—all open to students, alumni and friends of Turner. Invited speakers include: Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Ecumenical Affairs Officer for the AME Church, Bishop William P. DeVeaux, Presiding Bishop for the Fifth Episcopal District and chair of the Turner Board of Trustees; the Reverend Dr. Floyd Flake, pastor of Greater Allen Cathedral AME Church, Jamaica, NY and president of Wilberforce University; Bishop McKinley Young, Presiding Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District, AME Church; Dr. Marvin Crawford, pastor of First St. Paul AME Church, Lithonia, GA; the Reverend Dr. James C. Wade, Reverend Dr. Paula Matabane, ITC's Black Womanist Scholar-in-Residence.

Most notably, Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7 p.m., Dr. Jacob's Retirement Celebration will take place at St. Phillips AME Church Candler Road—for ticket information, please call 404.527.0080. On Wednesday, February 6, 2008 starting at 10 a.m., the Reverend Dr. Floyd Flakes will speak at Franklin Auditorium on ITC's campus. Turner will also hold its Image Awards on Wednesday at First St. Paul AME Church in Lithonia at 7:30 p.m. The weeklong celebration will culminate with the Founders' Day Convocation in the ITC chapel at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 where Bishop E. Earl McCloud will be the featured speaker.

Turner Theological Seminary began as a department of Morris Brown College in 1894, nine years after the Board of Trustees first voted its approval on September 23, 1885. The Seminary remained on the campus of Morris Brown College until 1957 when a building was acquired at 557 Mitchell Street. The Trustee Board of Morris Brown College authorized Turner Theological Seminary to become one of the four founding constituent seminaries of the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1958 under the leadership of Bishop William Reid Wilkes, Sr.

For more information and a full schedule, please call 404.527.0080 or e-mail akelley@itc.edu.