HAMPTON UNIVERSITY MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE

A Call from the Community to a Church in Crisis

June 7-12, 2020
HAMPTON, VA
Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It is with Jesus joy that I greet you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Welcome to the convening of the 106th Hampton University Ministers’ Conference and the 86th Choir Directors’ and Organists’ Guild Workshop. As always, it is my honor, pleasure and privilege to serve the Body of Christ, the Kingdom of God, and the great ecclesial community of preachers, psalmists, ministers and musicians for such a time as this.

Thank you for your continued support and attendance. The University is preparing for your arrival, and it will be wonderful to welcome you, once again, to our Home-by-the-Sea! We look forward to having you on campus and opening our doors of hospitality and gratitude to you for your support through the years. Thank you to each of you!

Our world needs strong, God-confident prophetic voices now more than ever. Our Lord has called us, and the world needs us to bring life and light to communities in crisis everywhere. On behalf of Hampton University President, Dr. William R. Harvey, the administration, faculty, staff, and officers of the HUMC, we pray that the Lord will bless and keep you. We hope to see you in June! Truly, you do not want to miss this conference!

In His Service,

Reverend Debra L. Haggins, M.Div, Ph.D.
University Chaplain
Executive Director and Treasurer
Hampton University Ministers’ Conference
Choir Directors’ and Organists’ Guild Workshop
REV. DR. MARCUS D. COSBY  
CONFERENCE PREACHER

REV. DR. REGINALD W. SHARPE, JR.  
MORNING PREACHER

REV. DR. MELINDA CONTRERAS-BYRD  
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REV. DR. HAROLD DEAN TRUEAR  
LECTURER II

REV. DR. FREDDY J. CLARK  
NOONDAY PREACHER

REV. DR. ELAINE FLAKE  
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EVANGELIST TASHA STEPHENS MILLER  
WOMEN IN MINISTRY
COLLEGE STUDENTS majoring in music and serving in a leadership role in church worship, we want you!

The 2020 Music Academy is seeking a few good men and women to participate in the 2020 Church Music Academy as a part of the Hampton University Ministers’ Conference Choir Directors’ and Organists’ Guild Workshop. The deadline for application submission is: April 30, 2020. The conference provides registration, room and board, a music pack and an Academy stipend.

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THE REVEREND DR. MARCUS D. COSBY serves as the Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas and a native of Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Cosby received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and English from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, the Master of Divinity Degree in Homiletics and Christian Education from the Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. He received the Doctor of Ministry Degree in Homiletics from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. Dr. Cosby is married to his high school sweetheart, Mrs. Audrey Marie Cosby. They are the parents of three daughters, Adrienne Marie, Ashley Marie and Aliyah Marie and two sons, Marcus D., II and Matthew D. Cosby. Because of his passion for qualitative preaching, Dr. Cosby has committed himself to equipping preachers for the work of the ministry. In addition to training more than 100 ministers who comprise the Clergy Team of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Dr. Cosby serves as an adjunct professor of Homiletics at Houston Graduate School of Theology. He has taught the same at the Houston extension program of the ITC. In 2008, Dr. Cosby was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2013, he became the Founder and CEO of Preaching with Power and Authority Ministries, a corporation committed to the pedagogy and promotion of relevant biblical preaching for the 21st Century.

REVEREND REGINALD W. SHARPE JR. serves as Associate Pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois, led by Pastor Charles Jenkins. Reverend Sharpe is a proud native of Lithonia, Georgia, a product of The Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church – The House of Hope Atlanta. Reverend Sharpe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia (2013), a Master of Theological Studies degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee (2016), and a Master of Theology degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia (2018). Reverend. Sharpe is one of the proud charter members of the Academy of Young Preachers and one of the youngest preachers inducted into The Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in 2018. Reverend Sharpe taught as an adjunct Professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Morehouse College. Among his many distinctions, he is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Rev. Sharpe faithfully served as Campus Pastor of the House of Hope Macon for three and a half years. Rev. Sharpe received a “Key to the City” in January 2017 because of his service to the church, community, and his commitment to bridging the gap between spirituality and social activism.
Are you interested in advancing your theological education? Visit us at the Religious Studies booth in the Convocation Center for more information!

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
The Associate of Arts (AA) in Applied Theology requires 60 semester credit hours. The degree offers three specialized areas of concentration: Biblical Studies, Religious Studies and Church Administration and Management. The program is designed for students interested in ministerial leadership through the rigorous study of religion, theology and worship in various forms and traditions of ministry.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religious Studies requires 120 semester credit hours. 72 hours in general studies and electives and 48 hours in Religious Studies. The program is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in theology, religion and philosophy while preparing them for graduate studies in religion, theology or biblical studies.

MASTER OF ARTS
The Master of Arts (MA) in Practical Theology requires 48 hours of academic course and field-based work. The degree offers two specialized areas of concentration: Theological Studies and Worship Studies. The program is designed for students through the rigorous study of religion, theology and worship in various forms and traditions of ministry.

MASTER OF DIVINITY
The Master of Divinity (MDiv) in Religious Studies requires 72 hours of academic course work and 12 hours of field based work. The program is designed to: (1) prepare men and women for excellence in pastoral leadership, theological scholarship and community service; (2) provide university based comprehensive and advanced knowledge in the core areas of religion and theology, and (3) provide students with the opportunity to acquire and cultivate a body of specialized knowledge that will prepare them to become leaders of the church, community and academy.

Rev. Dr. Debra L. Haggins, Ph.D.
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APPLY. Apply yourself.  ACHIEVE. Achieve your goals.  ADVANCE. Advance the Kingdom of God.
THE REVEREND MELINDA CONTRERAS-BYRD. is a New Jersey state licensed psychologist and owner of the Generations' Center. The center specializes in meeting the psychological and spiritual needs of all women, and both men and women of color. Dr. Contreras-Byrd's general areas of expertise involve issues of class, gender, ethnicity and faith; while her clinical areas of expertise are depression and anxiety. She has served as a clinical psychologist for juvenile offenders, homeless men, and adult substance abusers. Dr. Contreras-Byrd has directed programs for bilingual preschoolers and the intellectually gifted. She has been a professor of psychology, Christian and pastoral counseling, and black studies. For six years, she served as the special services advisor to the Office of the Dean of Students at Princeton University. In addition, she has served as a consultant psychologist and clinical supervisor for LifeTies, Inc. of Trenton and Ewing, New Jersey serving populations with backgrounds of abuse and neglect, including teens who were medically fragile, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. She is a graduate of Rutgers University, the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology and the Princeton Theological Seminary. She serves presently as adjunct professor. She is a published writer and poet, and ordained elder of the African-American Episcopal Church, and joints her husband, the Rev. Vernon Byrd, Jr. Pastor in ministry at St. Matthew A.M.E. Church in Philadelphia PA.

THE REVEREND DR. HAROLD DEAN TRULEAR is an ordained American Baptist minister and serves as Associate Professor of Applied Theology at Howard University. He is Director of the Healing Communities Prison Ministry and Prisoner Reentry Project of the Philadelphia Leadership Foundation. Designed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Healing Communities Prison Ministries, in partnership with such organizations as the Progressive National Baptist Convention, The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church and the D-Free Ministry is implemented in more than 25 sites. Dr. Trulear is on the pastoral staff of Praise and Glory Tabernacle in Southwest Philadelphia, and serves as a Fellow at the Center for Public Justice in Washington, DC. He has taught religion, public policy and community studies in several institutions, including Yale University, the University of Southern California, Hartford Seminary, Eastern University and Vanderbilt University. From 1998-2001 he served as vice president of faith based initiatives at Public/Private Ventures, in Philadelphia, having come to Public/Private Ventures from New York Theological Seminary, where he served six years as dean for first professional studies. A graduate of Morehouse College (BA) and Drew University (PhD), Dr. Trulear has authored over seventy published monographs, articles, essays, sermons and reviews, including African American Churches and Welfare Reform (Center for Public Justice) and Faith Based Initiatives with High Risk Youth (P/PV). His writings on religion, culture and political affairs have appeared in PBS Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, the Center for Public Justice Capital Commentary, UrbanFaith.com, John Jay College of Criminal Justice’ The Crime Report, and Prism: America’s Alternative Evangelical Voice.
The Reverend Margaret Elaine M. Flake, D.Min.
Long recognized as a powerful preacher, teacher and role model with a gift for reaching worshippers of all ages, the Reverend Dr. Margaret Elaine M. Flake impacts countless lives she touches at The Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral in New York City, where she serves as co-pastor with the Reverend Floyd H. Flake. She has dedicated her life to the betterment of others by leading Christian education, evangelistic, and outreach ministries. She is an itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Fondly called “Reverend Elaine” by the GAC congregation, she and her husband founded the Allen Christian School in 1982. She was also instrumental in developing the Allen Women’s Resource Center, which houses women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She acts as Advisor to the Missionary Department, and many of the other ministries at Allen, and as Advisor/Coordinator of the Allen Women’s Ministry Department. Reverend Elaine has played a crucial role in increasing the membership of The Greater Allen A.M.E Cathedral to over fifteen thousand. She mentors many male and female leaders in the New York City area and is frequently invited to speak throughout the country. Dr. Flake is the author of the popular book, God In Her Midst: Preaching Healing to Hurting Women and has contributed to The Women of Color Study Bible, and Souls of My Sisters: Black Women Break Their Silence, Tell Their Stories, and Heal Their Spirits. She and her husband, the Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake authored two books, Practical Virtues: Everyday Values and Devotions for African American Families Learning to Live with All Our Souls published by Harper Collins and African American Church Management Handbook, published in 2005 by Judson Press. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Flake earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a Master of Arts Degree in English from Boston University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. She has received numerous citations and awards. Most recently, Union Theological Seminary conferred The Distinguished Alumni Award upon her in March 2017. She was inducted onto Morehouse College’s “Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers.” Dr. Elaine is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; The Links, Incorporated; and the National Council of Negro Women. Married for more than 44 years to the Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake and they are the parents of four adult children: Aliya, Nailed, Robert Rasheed, and Harold Hasan. She has one granddaughter, Nia Renee.
REVEREND DR. FREDDY J. CLARK, a native of St. Louis, accepted a call to preach the gospel at a young age and has been the pastor of several churches since that time. Twenty-six years ago, he founded the Shalom Church (City of Peace) where preaching, teaching, and praying are the foundational pillars of his ministry. Dr. Clark earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. He earned both a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary. Most recently, Dr. Clark received an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity from Eden Seminary in 2017. He has served several organizations and boards: Board of Directors, Christian Hospital; Advisory Board Member, iHeartMedia, Inc.; Chaplain, North St. Louis County Precinct, St. Louis County Police Department; and Commissioner, Metro, Inc. (formerly Bi-State Transit Authority). Dr. Clark has a published sermon, Samson’s Weakness as well as his doctoral dissertation, Hospitality: An Ecclesiological Practice in Ministry. His leadership in civic, personal and health related causes is recognized both locally and nationally. Dr. Clark is responsible for organizing one of the largest church sponsored health fairs in the nation. He was also one of the co-leaders of A Call to Oneness, a local march that garnered the support of over 20,000 African American men. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis and Lifetime Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Dr. Clark is married to the former Cheryl Waller and they have 3 adult children, Terrence, Anthony, and Michelle.

EVANGELIST TASHA STEPHENS MILLER is a native of Trenton, New Jersey. She was born to the late Emerson W. White and then raised by a faithful and godly grandmother, the late Dolores A. Stephens. Evangelist Miller, licensed as a minister in 1991, was ordained in 1995 at Deeper Life Family Worship Center. Faithfully, she served on the ministerial staff, as head of the music department, and conference planning committee member. In 2005, “Rapture Ready Ministries”, a ministry that employs practical straightforward teaching causing the believer to make solid life choices. Fully understanding her purpose within the body, she is committed to preaching an uncompromised word of deliverance concerning the Day of Judgment written in Ephesians 5:27. Evangelist Miller serves faithfully with her husband, Pastor Daren Miller, in leadership at the Memorial COGIC. Along with serving in multiple ministry capacities at Memorial, one of her greatest joys is being the mother to two beautiful children, Ms. Alanna S. Miller and Master Darius J. Miller.
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1. **EARLY PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS:** April 3, 2020 ($200.00).

2. **DEADLINE FOR ONLINE AND MAILED-IN REGISTRATION ENDS:** May 4, 2020 ($225.00).

3. **PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER PERSON** (Duplicate as necessary or register online at http://minconf.hamptonu.edu.)

4. **NO PERSONAL OR CHURCH CHECKS.** Cashier’s checks, certified checks, or money orders should be made payable to HUMC. MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express cards are accepted. **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

5. Credit card applications may be faxed to (757) 727-5643. **ATTENTION: SPECIAL PROJECTS.**

6. Mail the completed form with your payment to: HAMPTON UNIVERSITY, OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS, P.O. BOX 6396, HAMPTON, VA 23668.

7. On-site registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 at Holland Hall.

8. Dormitory check-in time for all who pre-registered is 2:00 p.m. on SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020.

9. Dormitory check-out time for all participants is 2:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020.

10. You will be assigned a roommate when your reservation is received. If you are naming a roommate, his or her registration and room fee should be included with your form and fees.

11. There is a $25 NONREFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE for all refunds. All refund requests must be made in writing. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER MAY 18, 2020.**

12. For registration information, please call the Office of Special Projects at (757) 727-5681.

13. **For information regarding CDs and DVDs,** call the Media Productions office at (757) 727-5433 or (757) 727-5167.

14. For all general Conference information, please call the Office of the Executive Director and Treasurer at (757) 727-5340.

15. You may email us at: ministersconf@hamptonu.edu

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