

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF
TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

President's Mid-Year Report 2006



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African Methodist Episcopal Church
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**The Right Reverend William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr.
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Turner Theological Seminary**

**The Reverend Daniel Wesley Jacobs, Sr.
President/Dean of Turner Theological Seminary**

**Chaplain Ammie Davis Miller
President of the Alumni Association**

To the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, President/Dean of Turner Theological Seminary, Alumni Association Members and Friends of Turner Theological Seminary:

Greetings!

I am elated to submit this mid-year report to the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary at this 2006 Mid-Year Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. The Executive Board of the Alumni Association has worked continuously to create and demonstrate a strong and unified alumni association.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The Executive Board and Standing Committees held the Annual Meeting, February 7, 2006 at the Franklin's Auditorium on the campus of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting was well attended and the association review and adopted several proposal that would enhance the mission of the Alumni Association. The following items were adopted:

1. Turner Day: This initiative creates an opportunity for alumni across the connection to designate a Sunday (preferably January) to raise an offering prior to Founders' Day. The funds raised will be presented during Founders' Day—50 % for operating and 50 % for mortgage debt-retirement.
2. Wall of Fame: This initiative is connected to the Fund Development Campaign. Individuals who donate at various levels name will be placed on the wall. The Wall of Fame will be located in Turner Theological Seminary the wall adjacent to the Turner Fellowship office.
3. By-Laws and Constitutions: Reviewed the 1966 document. Adopted 2006 Revision.
4. Internship/Mentorship Program
5. Fund Development Campaign
6. 2006-2007 Budget

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary has partner with the AME Connectional Health Commission—"Body and Soul Program" as they create and facilitate opportunity for churches and pastors who desire to develop a Health Ministry or expand on an existing Health Ministry. The Commission is seeking:

Health Ministry

- A volunteer Host Church
- Grant proposal (anticipating financial support for host church)
- Health Ministries throughout the African Methodism.
- Partner with the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary

Benefits

- Vehicle to create or expand a Health Ministry
- In-line with Quadrennial Theme: "Living Well"
- www.amechealth.org

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Fund Development Campaign** committee presented \$10,000.00 to Turner Theological Seminary from the Fund Development Campaign during the 112th Founders' Day Convocation. The Funds were designated for mortgage debt-retirement.
- **The House of Turner**, the official newsletter for the Alumni Association, inaugural edition was distributed February 2006.
- **Turner Theological Seminary Class of 2006** was officially welcome into the Alumni Association on April 27, 2006 during the Seniors' Awards and Honors Banquet and the class received their graduation gifts on May 13, 2006.
- **112th Founders' Day Events:**
Welcome Reception ~ This reception was held at Paschals' Restaurant. General Officers Dr. Johnny Barbour and Dr. Calvin Sydnor was our special guest.

Worship Service ~ The Reverend Leslie R. White, Pastor of Grant AME Church, Los Angeles, California was the preacher of the hour.

Workshops ~ The Reverend Ellis Washington "Can the Floppy-disk Minister to the CD-ROM Generation" The Reverend Larry Hudson, "How To be Successful in the First Pastoral."

- **Membership Cards** were created to identify active membership of alumni/ae members who paid their dues. We are currently seeking other benefits to connect to the membership cards.
 - **The House of Turner Speaks** is a forum created for the association to have opportunity to dialogue collectively about issues that directly affect the alumni, church and/or theological education.
 - **Souvenir Journal** inaugural edition was available during the 2006 Founders' Day Events. Rev. Dr. John Foster is the chair.
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Regional Chapters Composition

Presiding Elder George Tyler, Regional Chapter Director

Purpose: To divide the Alumni Association into seven regions for personal contact with individuals of the association and receive updates of alumni achievements, promotions and activities through the regional chapter's representatives. The Regional Chapters Director is appointed by the President of the Alumni Association and shall report to the 2nd Vice-President on a quarterly basis concerning the activities reported by the Regional Chapter Representative. The Regional Chapter Director shall appoint a State Director.

Composition of Regions:

- I. **Southeast Region** -- The Southeast Region shall be comprised of the following states: Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas Oklahoma and Bahamas.
- II. **Northeast Region** -- The Northeast Region shall be comprised of the following states: Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, District of Columbus and Bermuda.
- III. **Midwest Region** -- The Midwest Region shall be comprised of the following states: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Iowa, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Canada and Minnesota.
- IV. **Central West Region** -- The Central West Region shall be comprised of the following states: Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Arizona.

- V. **Western Region** – The Western Region shall be comprised of the following states: California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Alaska, Hawaii, Caribbean and England.
- VI. **West Africa Region** -- The West Africa Region shall be comprised of the Fourteenth Episcopal District.
- VII. **Central and South Africa Region** – The South Africa Region shall be comprised of the following Episcopal Districts: Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth.

Each region will have a Region Representative and each district will have a District Representative to help coordinate the activities and communications for their particular region and district. The Director, Region Representative and District Representative shall encourage the alumni within their region and district to:

- Support Turner Theological Seminary financially
- Establish a Turner Day in their perspective region and district
- Maintain active membership within the association by paying annual dues
- Attend the Founders' Day Events in Atlanta, Georgia

Fund Development Campaign—Mortgage Debt-Retirement

Rev. Leslie White, West Coast Chair

Rev. Terence R. Gray, East Coast Chair

Mission: The goal this program is to assist in reducing and/or payoff the mortgage of the Turner Theological Seminary building on the Campus of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The financial goal is \$500,000.00 to be paid by May 2008.

Objective: To have the alumni and friends of Turner Theological Seminary of the ITC to join this campaign and make contributions over the 27 month duration of this campaign. A Wall of Fame will be established in the Turner Building giving appreciation to individuals who contribute a minimum of \$1,000-\$2,499; \$2,500-\$4,999; \$5,000-above.

The budget for this campaign is in the area of \$25,000.00 - \$35,000.00 over the duration. Budgetary Items are:

- Stationary
- Promotional items
- Solid Accounting System
- Construction Items for the Wall of Fame

The funds are to be received the Treasurer of the Alumni Association and deposited into the Fund Development Saving Account. The installment payments will be made during Founders' Day, General Board and Bishops' Council and the October Board of Trustees' Meeting. Each contribution being properly banked and accounted will receive proper appreciation by letter that will be good for tax filing for year of contribution given.

Level of Gifts

- Pioneer: \$1,000 -- \$2,499.00
- Liberationist: \$2,500 --\$4,999.00
- Episcopate: \$5,000 and above

All gifts shall be acknowledged no matter the amount, with letters of thanks signed by the Chairs of the Campaign, President of the Alumni Association and President/Dean of Turner Theological Seminary. Certificates will be given for three levels signed by the President of the Alumni Association, President/Dean of TTS and Chairman of the Board and presented during the Founders' Day Convocation

The Wall of Fame: The names should be added as the level is reached. Persons may move up on levels but never down. Standardized plaque will be designed.

Internship Program

A Ministry Sponsored by the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary

Goal

To offer to matriculating students of the TTS, an opportunity to work in Parish Ministry where they may better discern their Call; develop their gifts, skills, talents; experience ministry in geographical locations than that of their birth faith home.

Objective

To seek and match students with Pastors and Parishes throughout the international connectional African Methodist Episcopal Church. Accepting Church to provide salary, room, board for candidate. Accepting Church, along with the Seminary, to set the structure of the day to day internship. An Internship Manual and Guide shall be developed.

This proposal overview is given to provide the scope of an internship program. The changing world of ministry does suggest that we begin to offer opportunities for those students who see their Calling and Vocation moving toward the Pastoral Ministry. It provides an opportunity to work under the pastoral supervision of some of the finest servants of God, and among the richest variety of congregations.

The internship may best work during the summer months of May - August {14 - 16 weeks.} The Alumni would be our first line of possible pastors and parishes for this

program to be implemented. However, there is no restriction upon any pastor and parish in African Methodism and in fact all are welcome.

Looking at some of the shared responsibilities:

Church:

- Travel to and from city of internship; Plane, Train, Bus, Car. {Suggested cost - \$350.00.}
- Compensation decided by the Churches ability to pay, and commensurate with local communities cost of living.
- Set up weekly preaching opportunities at the local church and/or within the local community, where in the student may practice preaching.
- Provide furnished housing, in a safe and secure environment.
- If a collaborative of churches decides to invite an intern, this is not prohibited, and is encouraged.
- More than one intern per church is acceptable.
- Church should have an Internship Committee that meets bi-weekly to give Lay feedback to the candidate, to be a resource so that the internship is as enriching for all as possible.

Turner Theological Seminary:

- Risk Management Training of all candidates.
- Background check performed on all candidates.
- Dean's signature of approval on all candidates and churches that participate.

Candidate-Student

- To be open to learn and take serious the internship as a sacred trust.
- To be on the best moral level.
- Complete application.
- Submit feedback on internship

Alumni Association

- Review all applications.
- Assign intern to a Host Church or Organization.

The Internship Program
A Ministry Sponsored by the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary

205 Balsam Street, Beaufort South Carolina
504.710.6557 • Fax 843.846.8859 • www.turnerseminary.com
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION SPRING 2007

Application Deadline is April 15, 2007

The Internship Program welcomes applications from current students and who are classified as middlers, seniors or recent graduates. To be considered for this selective and competitive program, applicants must carry a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. **As internships are established across the connectional church, they are very competitive; all applicants are urged to submit their complete application prior to the deadline noted.** Although early application greatly increases your chances of acquiring the internship you want, there is no guarantee that a particular site will be available. For more information or if you have any questions concerning this application form, please call 504.710.6557. You may also fax us at 843.846-8859 or e-mail us at turneralumni@aol.com *correspondence should be sent to: The Turner Theological Seminary Internship Program • Alumni Association • 205 Balsam Street, Beaufort South Carolina 29906.*

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION
Please type or print all information

Name

_____ *Last* _____ *First*
 _____ *Middle*

Social Security Number _____ Sex Male Female

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Current Address *This information is effective until*

_____ Street _____ Apt.

_____ City _____ State
 _____ Zip _____

Current Phone _____ Email
 Address: _____

Permanent Address

_____ Street _____ Apt.

City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Phone _____

Person to contact in case of emergency

Name _____ Relationship _____
to you _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening
Phone _____

How did you hear about our program?

Would you like to receive information about special services to accommodate physical or learning disability? Yes No

Supporting Documents

Please provide the following support material. Personal documents should be printed on plain white paper.

- 1. A one-to two-page statement of your internship goals and preferences. (Please provide 2 copies)**
At the top of the page, include your name, address, degree and/or concentration, current telephone number and e-mail address.
In your statement, please include the following:
 - a) Your personal and career goals, and what you hope to achieve through this internship program
 - b) The area in which you would like to work as an intern and any suggestions for internship positions
- 2. Two copies of your current ministerial resume.**
- 3. A recommendation letter from the President/Dean of Turner Theological Seminary which verifies applicant's grade point average.**
- 4. A fully completed application form.**
- 5. One letter of reference from your academic advisor or a faculty member.**
- 6. The agreement at the end of the application (Section V) signed in black ink.**

II. Academic Information

College or University _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____ Expected or actual date of graduation
_____ Academic major(s) _____

What will your academic status be during the semester for which you are applying?

- 1st Semester Meddler 2nd Semester Meddler 1st Semester Senior Graduating Senior Just graduated

Internship Placement Information

Tell us about your professional interests:

If you are interested in interning with a specific church and/or organization, please provide us with the name: _____

III. Citizenship And Language Skills

Please indicate your citizenship status by checking the appropriate box:

- U.S. citizen Permanent Resident International Student **Visa type:** Visitor's Visa Diplomatic Visa Student Visa

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please specify country of citizenship: _____ What is your native language? _____

In addition to your native language, what other languages are you fluent in?

IV. Optional Data

Your willingness to complete this section could assist the Alumni Association staff in advising you. If you answer yes to any question, describe your concern and any accommodations you may require on a separate sheet of paper.

Do you have any special dietary needs? Yes No Do you take any prescription drugs on a regular basis? Yes No

Do you have allergies or chronic ailments? Yes No

Do you need any special accommodations in order to perform the essential functions of the program? Yes No If yes, please explain.

V. The Agreement

(Must be completed by all applicants)

I understand that in the course of my association with Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary. I will be given the privilege of taking part in various ministry activities and settings while in the internship program. In consideration of the foregoing privileges, I hereby agree to assume all risks of injury to person, or injury to or loss of property, and to hold the Alumni Association and Turner Theological Seminary harmless from any and all loss or damage to person and my property while engaged in any such activities, or in going to or returning from such activities.

I understand that my admission to the Internship Program is a privilege and not a right and I agree that my admission (if granted) and continuation in the Program are subject to all policies, rules, regulations and procedures set forth in the current bulletins, catalogs and other publications and amendment notices of the Alumni Association and Turner Theological Seminary Internship Program, and as they may be amended, and further subject to the right of the authorities of the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary and Turner Theological Seminary to require my withdrawal from scholastic, disciplinary or other reasons, under circumstances deemed sufficient by them.

I understand that this application form and the supporting documents I provide become the property of the Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary and may be shown to prospective internship employers. I understand that these materials will not be returned and that they are non-transferable to other institutions or prospective employers. I certify that I personally have completed this application and that the information I provide is complete and accurate. Misrepresentation of information requested in this application may be considered sufficient reason for denial of admission.

Signature _____

Date _____
(Please sign in blue ink only)

Tear at perforation and retain

For more information about these programs or if you have any questions concerning this application form, please call 504.710.6557. You may also fax us at 843.846.8859 or e-mail us at turneralumni@aol.com

Written correspondence should be sent to: Alumni Association • The Turner Theological Seminary Internship Program • 205 Balsam Street, Beaufort South Carolina

The Alumni Association of Turner Theological Seminary

Minutes of Founders Day Meeting

February 7, 2006

The Founders Day meeting of the Turner Alumni Association was held February 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) Franklin Boyd Auditorium with the Reverend Ammie Davis Miller, President presiding.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Greetings were made by Reverend Ammie Davis Miller. The prayer was led by Reverend Claude R. James. The scripture, Psalm 103:1-4, was read by Reverend Lena Flowers. It was moved by Reverend Claude R. James and seconded by Reverend Leslie R. White to adopt the agenda as read. The motion carried. Reverend David L. Batts pointed out the need for the body to see attached reports prior to said report being made. Reverend Miller stated that all attached reports would be provided to the body.

Reverend Miller asked the question: "What can we do to improve Alumni support?" Reverend Claude R. James suggested that we identify 100 alumni and ask them to donate \$500.00 per year. Use one-half of the proceeds for operations and place the remaining half in a no-risk account over a five-year period. Leslie White recommended

that we initiate a "Wall of Fame." Place the names of the alumni,, including undergraduates, on the wall to foster support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws

The By-Laws Committee Report was read by Reverend Dorthia Haigler to include several amendments

1. Dues (Full Membership). \$100.00 – President's Advisory Board. The increase will take place Founder's Day 2007. It was moved by Reverend Leslie White and seconded by Reverend Claude James that the dues be increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 beginning February, 2006.
2. Term of Office. A motion was made by Reverend Claude James stating each officer would serve a two-year term. It was moved by Reverend Claude James and seconded by Reverend Orea Parker that each officer serve a two-year term. Reverend Bishop made an amended motion to serve two years with not more than four terms. Reverend Walter Howard of Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, made a second substitute motion. The substitute motion made by Reverend David Bishop was withdrawn. Reverend Donald Phillip spoke in favor of Article 6 – "Let the standing committee listed and added be accepted. It was moved by Reverend John Foster and seconded by Reverend Richard Yancey to accept Article 6 amendment. The motion carried.
3. Terms of Investments. It was moved by Reverend David Bishop and seconded by Reverend Leslie White to accept the motion as stated. The motion carried.
4. The Official Seal. Reverend Leslie White recommended that we use an Official Seal in all Business matters pertaining thereto. It was moved by Reverend Leslie White and seconded by Reverend Richard Yancey to adopt the official Turner seal. The motion carried.

It was moved by Reverend Claude R. James and accepted by Reverend David Bishop to accept the By-Laws as amended. The motion carried.

Reverend Miller made an appeal to the body. She stated the need for a Newsletter Committee.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Jacobs revisited Fund Development He reiterated that \$25.00 of dues collected from each member would go to the Alumni Association.

Intern Mentorship Proposal. This program would be available to seminarians and would afford them the opportunity to spend a summer in training with Clergy in a local church. The local church setting would give the seminarian an opportunity to develop their talents and gifts prior to completing seminary. It was moved by Reverend Richard Yancey and seconded by Reverend Lena Flowers to approve the Internship Mentorship Proposal. The motion carried.

The Budget Proposal. The Budget Proposal Report was made by Reverend Leslie R. White (see attached report).

Souvenir Journal Report. The Souvenir Journal was prepared by Reverend Cory Watts. The cost to publish the journal was underwritten by the local churches.

The Turner Newsletter. The official newsletter for the Alumni Association is called, "The House of Turner." The official email address is HouseofTurner@aol.com. It is the goal of the committee to make House of Turner a quarterly publication.

Short-Term Financial Goal. It is the goal of the Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Seminary, to pay off the Talbot Building by the year 2008.. President Miller thanked everyone who made a contribution to Turner Seminary. She stated that the contributions range from \$1,000. to \$2,500. A total amount of \$13,000 was reported on February 7, 2006. The amounts were reported as following:

Reverend Terrence Gray	\$ 5,000
Reverend Leslie R. White	4,000 (Pledged)
Reverend Ammie Miller	4,000 (Pledged)
TOTAL.....	\$13,000

It was moved by Claude James and seconded by Reverend Oreo Parker to accept the Fund Development report as read. The motion carried.

A motion was made to make one day during the month of January each year as *Turner Day*. It was moved by Reverend Claude James and seconded by Reverend Kyle Gibson to approve the motion as read. The motion carried.

A Time to Remember.

"Let us remember Reverend Margaret Outerbridge" A scholarship Fund has been set up in her memory (in the name of her children).

Submitted by: Lena B. Flowers, Recording Secretary_____

Approved by: Ammie D. Miller, President_____

Once again, the work of the Alumni Association has created opportunities to fellowship and dialogue with a diverse group of individuals and organizations. We thank God for the opportunity to serve. Let's continue to support our alma mater, Turner Theological Seminary.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

*Turner Theological Seminary
The 113th Founders' Day Convocation
February 6-8, 2007*

Alumni Tentative Schedule Events

- *Executive Board Meeting/Welcome Reception---**5th***
- *Breakfast 7am*
- *Annual Meeting/Election 10am*
- *Workshops 2pm-4pm*
- *Worship Service 7pm*

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Executive Board Members:

Chaplain Ammie Davis Miller, President, 8th District
Reverend Philis J. Griffinn, First Vice-President, 5th District
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Reverend Mashod Alex Evans, Third Vice-President
Reverend Dr. Lena Flowers, Recording Secretary, 6th District
Reverend Dr. Cassandra Mency Hill, Assistant Recording Secretary, 6th

District

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Reverend Vivian A. A. Deyone Douglas, Financial Secretary, 1st District
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