Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired Howard University School of Divinity students to engage in the annual Day of Service. Third year M.Div student, Melissa McQueen participated in the march for justice with her church. The HUSD-SGA along with other students, joined the Howard University community in a day of service at Calvin Coolidge High School in Washington, DC. While at Coolidge, students engaged in a beautification project which included cleaning the building, moving furniture, and completing art projects. Other students attended a celebration service at the National Cathedral. Musical groups who participated in this program included Howard University's Gospel Choir. Several students participated in community programs where they were the featured liturgical dancer, poet, and mime. Yet other students spent the day reading about Dr. King and his impact on social justice.

In addition to attending the program at the National Cathedral, I was also one of the students who spent the week-end reading about Dr. King. I was reading an article on CNN’s website and one of the questions challenged the reader to grow in knowledge beyond “I Have A Dream.” I would encourage each one of you to explore the resources here at HUSD. The Divinity Library has a collection of Martin Luther King, Jr. papers, as well as other books on reserve. There are several students, including D.Min student, Viola Bradford who are a source of first-hand knowledge. Dr. Ware is another HUSD resource on the theology of Dr. King. Please see Page 8 for student photos which captured the day.

HUSD CHAPEL:
Spring 2014 Opening Convocation
Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 5:30pm
Howard Thurman Chapel
The Spring 2014 Opening Convocation will be held Wednesday, January 29th, at 5:30p.m. Associate Dean Gay L. Byron, Ph.D. will be the speaker. Please attend and invite your friends and family.
Editor’s Note

Welcome to 2014 and the first edition of The Weekly Word for the Spring Semester. 2014, the beginning of a new year and a new season. While we are technically in the middle of the academic year, it is still a new year. The new year season is usually a time for reflection and a time for new resolutions as well as focusing on new hopes and aspirations. For me, it is the reality that I am coming to the close of my academic experience here at HUSD. It has been one of the best experiences and truly one of the best decisions of my life. The new year season is also very reminiscent of my work on The Weekly Word. Each week, I start with a blank page and within days, a full publication is complete. So as you begin this new year what will you produce on your blank page?

While compiling this issue of The Weekly Word, I was moved by what I call as the synergy which is occurring at HUSD. Students, on an independent basis, are moving forward and creating programs which address the needs of this community and the community beyond. These students are creating a new synergy on a blank page. Is this the year in which you embrace the Spirit of the Lord upon you? Are you willing to bring good news to the poor; proclaim release to the captives; offer recovery of sight to the blind; and to let the oppressed go free. In this new year be reminded that you are free to write your own story. No permission or approval is required. Your call to ministry is sufficient.

Rhonda Rhea, Editor

Alumna Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd Presidential Appointments

Alumna is New President of Alabama State University

HUSD alumna Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd has been named the new President of Alabama State University. Dr. Boyd is a 2013 HUSD graduate earning a Doctorate of Ministry degree. An alumna of Alabama State University, Dr. Boyd is the first female president in the 146 years of her alma mater’s history. Additional information can be found at: http://alreporter.com/in-case-you-missed-it-2/5518-alabama-state-university-selects-gwendolyn-boyd-as-new-president.html

Congratulations to Dr. Boyd!

Alumna Among List of Intended Appointees to President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans

President Barack Obama announced his intent to appoint fifteen individuals to the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans. This Commission is charged with strengthening the nation by improving educational outcomes for African Americans to ensure that all African Americans receive an education that prepares them for college, productive careers, and satisfying lives. This mission is part of the Administration’s broader mandate to restore the country to its role as the global leader in education. These members will advise the President and the Secretary of Education on ways to advance federal programs that improve educational opportunities for African Americans, increase participation of the African American community in federal agency programs, and engage stakeholders in a national dialogue on the mission. HUSD alumna Dr. Gwendolyn Boyd is among the list of intended appointees.

Congratulations to Dr. Boyd!
In Her Eyes I Encountered God

By Ladale Benson

I got off the plane in Honduras, November 2013, with great enthusiasm for the days to come. I had been doing organizing work for the past two years with an organization called “The Alliance for Global Justice,” an organization that pressures The United States to stop its support of the oppressive governmental structure in Honduras. This government, which was put in place by The United States, continues to manipulate the system through dictator-sanctioned scare tactics, including murder, kidnapping, land-grabbing, and economic exploitation.

During this trip, I was to assist with the voting process by observing and documenting any unjust tactics during the upcoming vote. The environment was tense, and sometimes harsh, but it was also full of hope. The night before the vote, a young lady was murdered because of her justice work; this is when it seems the hostility began. During that same day, my group was harassed during a briefing meeting. Our building was surrounded by police, and we were questioned about why we were in Honduras. It has to be mentioned that we were seriously in the middle of nowhere. We still have questions about how the police knew where we were.

The day of the election was full of corruption. The few rich Hondurans began to pay the lower-class people for their votes, and there were also various people watching to see whom people voted for in the booths. This was used as a scare tactic because many people have been kidnapped and tortured as a result of the political tension in Honduras. The group with whom my organization has connections is called the LIBRE Party. This party works to dismantle the oppressive structures in Honduras, but it has been faced with adversity. The voting process did not go well, and the LIBRE party was defeated through corrupted acts.

After getting back to our hotel angry, tired, hungry, and sad because many of our people suffered injuries during the voting process, we spoke to a young single mother. She was maybe five feet in stature, with a gorgeous smile. Out of frustration, one of my group members asked her, “Why are we here, and how can we even help Honduras People?” She took a deep breath, and tears began to roll like a river from her eyes, and she said, “I am on the assassination list for the Honduran government and I may be killed someday soon because of my actions”.

Another one of my group members blurted out, “Why don’t you leave?” She wiped her tears away, and with the courage of a tiger, she said, “This is my home. I will never leave. I will die fighting against the Honduran government before they ever run me off. I only hope someone will take care of my son”. What is my purpose in this space and time? My hope is that I will embrace the courageous spirit of the Honduran woman.

I often struggle with being a seminary student and my spirit that presses me to be in the midst of those catching hell. I battle with the sometimes disconnection between “theory and praxis”. Today, after meditating about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and the little woman in Honduras with the courage of a tiger, and I remember why I am here at seminary: I love the church dearly, and I will stand with the church when it is on the right side of history. But if The Church refuses to acknowledge the humanity of all people, I will stand against it and any structure that demeanes or exploits the down-trodden. In a Honduran woman’s eyes I encountered God—the God of courage, fearlessness, hope, and liberation. My prayer is that we all will encounter God and embrace God’s revolutionary spirit. In her eyes, I encountered God.
HUSD Student Experience

“How Could I Ever Forget”
How could I ever forget my first impression of Dean Pollard’s unassuming appearance coupled with his spirit of humility.
How could I ever forget Dean McDaniel who disseminates info and is relentless in her pursuit of getting things done in a timely fashion.
How could I ever forget Dr. Ware’s soul of gentle nature intertwined with Dr. Bellis’ peaceful presence.
Lest I forget Dr. Bledsoe’s stoic presentation with the graceful Dr. Sanders balancing the pendulum.
How could I ever forget Dr. Gilbert’s exemplary display of one slice of the Fruit of the Spirit namely meekness
How could I ever forget Dr. Williams’ antagonist class sessions which I grew to appreciate as part of the preparation and the process.
How could I ever forget the phrase “leave your Jesus @ the door” and “your God is too small” echoed by Dr. Nwakye-Nuako.
How could I ever forget Dr. Davis’ powerful declaration that he would decrease so that his students could increase and develop the ability to think on our feet.
How could I ever forget the magnitude and power of sitting in silence at the beginning of Dr. Newheart’s class session.
How could I ever forget sitting in awe of Dr. Cain Hope Felder’s brilliancy wishing that just a few tiny dew drops of his brilliancy would fall afresh on me.

I just wanted to share with the new students who recently joined the HUSD family my awesome educational reflection gained thus far here @ HUSD. There really are no words that best describe the acquisition of knowledge gained thus far, but if I had to choose two words that best describe the lasting imprint of knowledge imparted thus far, it simply would be “undeniably priceless.”

Gail Riddick
3rd Year M.Div Student

New Student Group at HUSD

Seminarians for Justice (SFJ) is a student-led, faith-based group, which seeks to advocate justice and fairness on an individual, communal, global and ecumenical level. Its vision is in keeping with Howard University School of Divinity: to embody a passion for justice and freedom, taking faith out of the classroom and into the public square.

Seminarians for Justice (SFJ) will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 2 PM—3PM in the Student Lounge. If you have questions, please see Ladale Benson, Kyra Brown or Faith Bynoe! Stay tuned for more details!
The Washington Theological Consortium

By Tara Taylor

Are you looking for engaging theological discussions with seminarians at other schools of divinity? Do you sense that God is calling you to an area of ministry, and want to explore that area of calling? Are you searching for a course to complete your degree requirements, and its not taught at Howard, this semester? If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions, then taking a course through the consortium is for you.

The Washington Theological Consortium is first a community. There are fourteen (14) theological schools, located in or near the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area, that cooperate and share resources. Consortium courses are as close as Washington DC, and as far as Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Secondly, The Consortium provides an ecumenical context to equip clergy to serve the mission and ministry of the Church in the world. Finally, the Consortium provides a setting for seminarians to engage in interreligious study and dialogue with members of other faiths, that allows us to explore our differences and shared values of faith and religion.

I enrolled in a consortium course at The Catholic University of America, titled “Biomedical Ethics”, and yes, the course is as exciting as the title sounds. In this course, we discuss issues such as euthanasia, abortion, access to health care, reproductive technologies and genetic testing, in view of our basic Christian convictions regarding health and sickness, suffering, death, and the overall purpose of medicine. Our discussions were from the perspective of the Catholic belief system. We explored our differences, embraced the areas of tension, and found common ground. I found a theological principle, that a Baptist and a Catholic could easily agree on- the dignity of the human person; and the requirement to ensure that the dignity of the human person is preserved, in the beginning of life, during, and at the end of life.

This course confirmed that there is a need for the theologian, in the practice of medicine. I enjoyed this course so much, I enrolled in another course in the Spring. If you have the time, I would encourage you to consider a taking a course through the consortium. You will be glad you did. If you’re interested, visit the consortium website at www.washtheocon.org, and contact our Consortium Registrar, Dr. Gail Reivas at greivas@howard.edu or (202) 806-0712, for registration procedures. (Tara Taylor is a 3rd Year M.Div student.)

Career Workshop Days
Open to current HUSD students only

Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling
Non-Profits and Social Justice Organizations
The Academy as a Career Path
Pastoral Leadership and Ordination

Dates and Times TBD

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The New Synergy at HUSD

Several student groups as well as institutional programs are providing the HUSD community with platforms for student participation and empowerment. Listed below are some of the new opportunities and events planned during the Spring semester.

**Frederick Sampson Preacher’s Series**  
Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 6:30pm  
Howard Thurman Chapel

The Frederick Sampson Preacher’s Series features HUSD Seminarians sharing their messages about social justice. It is named after social justice icon Rev. Frederick Sampson (HUSD ’50) and will feature 2 students per session. Our first event will be held on **Tuesday, January 28th, 6:30pm, with Rev. Janelle Bruce (3rd Year MDIV student) and Rev. Dexter Alexander (3rd Year MDIV student)**. Come and support our students, for there is a word, and there ARE preachers at HUSD!

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**Call for Papers**

**The Return of Queen Vashti: The Voice of Prophetic Women Speaking Truth to Power**  
All HUSD Students are invited to attend an informational meeting regarding an upcoming independent publication. Informational meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 1, 2014, 1:30 PM** in the Divinity Library. The deadline for submitting papers is March 1, 2014, 11:59 PM. For further information contact Rhonda Rhea at rrhea3@gmail.com.

**Spring 2014 Pinning Ceremony**

The Spring 2014 Pinning Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, February 5th, at 5:30p.m.**, HUSD Howard Thurman Chapel. New students will be officially welcomed into the community. Dr. Fred Ware, Associate Professor of Theology, will be the speaker. Please attend and invite your friends and family.

**Women in Seminary**

A new group is forming which will focus on the journey and the unique voice of women in ministry. Informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 6, 2014, 2PM—3PM** in the Student Lounge. All are welcome!

**HUSD-SGA Student Government Week**

February 10-15, 2014  
Details to follow

**HUSD-SGA Student Government Harambee**

April, 2014  
Details to follow
The New Synergy at HUSD, continued

Office of Field Education Career Day and Career Day Workshop Events
The Howard University School of Divinity Office of Field Education will host a Career Day on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 here at HUSD. Prior to this event, the Office of Field Education will host four Career Day Workshops to introduce students to the various vocational paths in ministry. The first Career Day Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 30th, 3pm. The focus will address Chaplaincy and Pastoral Counseling as vocational paths. The workshop presenter is Rev. Sheila McNeill-Lee, Director of Pastoral Care at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Please RSVP: husdweeklyword@gmail.com. Future workshops will focus on Non-Profits and Social Justice Organizations, The Academy as a Career Path, and Pastoral Leadership and Ordination.

Faculty Specialty with Associate Dean Byron
The HUSD SGA invites students to the Faculty Specialty on Monday, February 5, 2014, 6pm-7:00pm, in the Howard Thurman Chapel. Students will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue with Dr. Gay L. Byron, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Howard University School of Divinity. Students will get the opportunity to get to learn of Dr. Byron's theological research and teaching, and work. Monday, February 5, 2014, 6pm-7:00pm, Howard Thurman Chapel

2014 HUSD Faculty-Student Colloquia
Please join us on Monday, February 24, 2014, 5pm, HUSD Howard Thurman Chapel for the Spring 2014 Faculty-Student Colloquia Series. The topic is “The Timeless Message of the Qur'an.” Our faculty lecturer is Dr. Zainab Alwani, HUSD Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies. Dr. Gay L. Byron, HUSD Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Mr. Michael Bell (2nd Year M.A. (R.S.) student), and Dr. Sulayman Nyang, Professor of African Studies, Howard University Department of African Studies will respond to the lecture. The purpose of the Faculty-Student Colloquia is three-fold: 1) to celebrate, showcase, and nurture faculty's research and writing; 2) to inspire students to make stronger connections between their faith, academic life, and the world around them; and 3) to provide a venue for exchanging provocative and innovative ideas with those working directly in the public square. The HUSD Faculty-Student Colloquia Series promises to help build collegiality and collaboration among faculty and promote mentorship between faculty and students.

Nannie Helen Burroughs Lecture Series
March, 2014
Howard Thurman Chapel
The lecture is named after Nannie Helen Burroughs (1879-1961), an educator, orator, religious leader and businesswoman. She gained national recognition for her 1900 speech, "How the Sisters Are Hindered from Helping," at the National Baptist Convention. She founded the National Training School for Women and Girls at 601 50th St., NE., Washington, in 1909. The school has since been named after her and provides elementary education. The lecture was begun in 1985 as the Feminine in Religious Traditions Lecture by the Rev. Lawrence N. Jones, Ph.D., dean of the School of Divinity from 1975 to 1991. Jones said he wanted the lecture to “represent the Divinity School’s commitment to raise the level of dialogue about women in ministry to the highest level of scholarship and research.” The name was changed in 2009.

Hip-Hop Summit
Saturday, April 5, 2014, 10:30 AM– 12:30 PM
Minister as Educator class presents Guest Lecturer Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr., author of Hip Hop is Not Our Enemy: From A Preacher Who Keeps it Real. Whalum has dedicated his life to proclaiming social justice for the citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, especially those who cannot speak for themselves, including musicians who speak through the medium of hip-hop.
Martin Luther King Day of Service, continued

HUSD-SGA day at Coolidge High School. Top Left Photo: Brandon Beasley and Donsa Watkins; Top Right Photo: Sheena Hutchinson; and Middle Right Photo: Hazel Cherry; and Angela Jones.

National Cathedral Photo: March, Wood, Hunter Brown; Angelis Hunter; Abena McCray; Beverly Webster, Erica Williams; Rhonda Rhea; Elizabeth; Norman

Bottom Right Photo: Liturgical Dancer, Jessica Mitchem; Mine, Paulette Davidson; and Poet, Kyra Brown.
HUSD Seniors Celebrate Senior Day at Rankin Chapel

Sunday morning worship service at Rankin Chapel highlighted the experiences and messages of Howard University seniors. HUSD’s Kamilah Bywaters and Rankin Chapel Graduate Assistance presided over the service. Students HUSD students Angela Jones and Rashid Hughes were featured on the program. Angela offered her angelic voice as well as provided directorship of the University Choir on one song. Rashid was the featured musician throughout service. One of the highlights of the service was the feature of an original song that was written and composed by Rashid. This song, “Holy One” will one day become a major musical hit. It is absolutely beautiful. Truly Grammy or Stellar Award status.

Other seniors in attendance included: Kyra Brown; Anthony Brownlow; Rhonda Rhea; Angela Jones; Jessica Mitchem; and Rashid Hughes. (Photo)

HUSD-SGA to Hold Office Elections for 2014-2015 Academic Year

January 25, 2014

Greetings Community:

If you are interested in running for any Student Government Positions for the 2014-2015 school year or have questions regarding the elections process, please email Hazel Cherry at vicepres.sga@gmail.com. Please email as soon as possible. The deadlines for applications are approaching this week. This ensures you will receive all necessary documents for the process. You will also be added to the election commissioners communications.


Howard University’s Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) serves as host to the U.S. premiere of an electrifying, internationally acclaimed multimedia exhibition: Nelson Mandela: Character, Comrade, Leader, Prisoner, Negotiator, Statesman. In vivid detail and intimate portraiture, the Mandela exhibit confirms the multidimensional significance this enduring leader holds in the eyes of his fellow citizens and the world. Organized around six powerful themes, the exhibit affirms the central role Mandela has played in all phases of the South African struggle against apartheid as it traces his phenomenal trajectory from militant revolutionary to peacemaker to first president of a new, democratic South Africa.

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Scholarships, Grants, and Call for Papers

Howard University Research Day
The call for abstract submissions is now open for Howard University Research Day on April 4, 2014. Be a part of the premier event at Howard University for presenting cutting-edge research that covers several disciplines including biological sciences, physical sciences, education, social sciences, humanities, and other disciplines. Abstracts may be submitted by students, faculty, and staff via http://huresearchday.com/. The submission deadline is Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 11:59 pm EST. For abstract submission guidelines and categories, please visit http://huresearchday.com/. Ms. Rhonda Rhea’s (3rd Year MDiv Student) research abstract, “Bound by Hatred & Fear: The Ethical & Religious Dilemma of America,” was accepted for the 2013 Howard University Research Day. The Research Day Abstract and Communications Committee is seeking student volunteers who have skills in social media, advertisement, graphic design, public relations and marketing for assistance with Research Day activities on April 4th. For more information, please contact Committee Chair Pamela Clarke at pamela.a.clarke@howard.edu or 202-806-2647.

SPRING 2014 DIVINITY RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS
Being selected as a Divinity Research Assistant is a privilege that HUSD extends to a selected few students who meet the criteria, thus affording them a unique opportunity to enrich their learning experience. Acceptance of the position as a Divinity Research Assistant obligates the student to enter into a mentoring and/or working relationship with an assigned professor or professional staff member designed to enhance academic growth and development in preparation for effective ministry and professional skill development. For qualifications and criteria, please see HUSD Weekly Updates. Submit application, recommendations; unofficial transcript, and personal statement to Ms. Clarettia McDaniel, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at c_mcdaniel@howard.edu. The deadline for the submission of all required application materials is Thursday, February 6, 2014, 5pm. If you have any questions, please contact Dean McDaniel at 202-806-0718 or c_mcdaniel@howard.edu.

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FUND FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND FINDER
The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Fund Finder (http://www.fteleaders.org/fundfinder) provides information about financial resources beyond those offered by FTE and by individual theological institutions. Sources of financial assistance in Fund Finder can be searched by keyword and by specific categories. Fund Finder is a full listing of financial aid available for undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and postdoctoral studies in theology and religion. Here you can find support offered by churches, denominations, individuals and organizations. These resources have been verified with the organizations or individuals offering aid. However, details change continuously, and persons seeking financial aid should confirm availability, requirements and benefits when contacting any of these sources. FTE is not responsible for errors or changes in funding information and in procedures made by funding sources.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GRANTS AND AWARDS
The General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church offers the following grants, awards, and prizes. Please review the details for each of these at http://www.gcah.org/site/c.ghKJI0PHl0e/b.3526373/.
- Racial/Ethnic History Research Grant
- John Harrison Ness Memorial Award
- Women in United Methodist History Writing Award
- The Center for EUB Heritage’s Audrie E. Reber Memorial Award

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Upcoming Events and Conferences

Healing Communities Seminar Balancing Justice with Mercy
Dr. Harold Dean Trulear
Saturday, February 8, 2014
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Covenant Baptist UCC, 3845 South Capitol Street, SW, Washington, DC 20032
This event is free but space is limited. RSVP by February 1, 2014. Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided. Contact: Rev. Peggy A. Miller at (240) 401-7749 or Venita-Enola George at (202) 841-2979 for more information.

DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit
The 2014 DC Young Adult Faith Leaders Summit will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 3-10 pm.
Registration in advance is required for attendance at http://ifcmw.org/dcyafs/
The purpose of this gathering is to provide a day of focused dialogue between young DC area leaders from a variety of faith traditions. Our goal is to share resources and create a stronger network of allies across communities in order to more effectively serve and work for social justice in the region, and more broadly encourage interfaith understanding. The summit is open to DC area residents who are between their late-teens and late-30s and hold a position of leadership in their community.

27th Annual REM Invitational Conference
February 6-8, 2014
Hilton Charlotte Executive Park, Charlotte, NC
The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education's Racial Ethnic Multicultural (REM) Network will hold its 27th Annual REM Invitational conference on February 6-8, 2014 in Charlotte, NC. The theme will be “Visioning: Reclaiming Our Purpose, Offering Our Best, Embracing Race, Ethnicity and Culture.” Conference participants consist of persons from across the nation involved in professional ministry and training. Many seminary students, clergy, institutional and military chaplains, pastors, seminary representatives and clinical pastoral educators come to network and share one another’s perspective on relevant topics in the field. REM 2014 Invitational Speakers and Musician include: Lisa R. Merriweather, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Isabel N. Docampo, Ph.D., Professor of Supervised Ministry at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, James E. Taylor, Ph.D., Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer at Carolinas HealthCare System, Dr. John Mendez, DMin, D.D., Senior Minister of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, and Michael Marini, Creator and Author of The Spirit of Seven. For more information, please visit the ACPE website to view registration information, highlights, hotel information, transportation suggestions, and city features

Different Orders of Truth in Science & Religion
Sunday, February 9, 2014, 6pm-8:45pm
Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission Center of the United Methodist Church, 11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD (Located on north side of MD Rt. 216, ½ mile west of Rt. 29) You are invited to an evening of lively conversation with clergy and science thought leaders on how religious truth and scientific truth are different but complementary ways of understanding creation. Please come, listen and participate in this interfaith event. Enjoy expert presentations, fellowship and discussion with others interested in questions of truth, meaning, mystery, evidence and story, and in the challenges and opportunities at the intersection of religion and science. Come and go as you are able. For more information. Visit: www.EvoloutionWeekendMD.org.

Samuel Dewitt Proctor
2014 Clergy & Lay Leadership Conference
February 17-20, 2014, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, TX
The Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference Inc. will host the 2014 Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference. The theme for the conference is “Journey to Justice: Power in Our Testimony.” For more information visit http://www.sdpconference.info/2014conference/.
Washington Theological Consortium Upcoming Event
WTC Prayer for Christian Unity
Worship Service, Ecumenism Award and Figel Address
Thursday, February 6, 2014, 5pm-7:30pm
Wesley Theological Seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC
The Board of Trustees of the Washington Theological Consortium and the Consortium Student Board cordially invites you the Prayer Service for the Week of Christian Unity, the Consortium Ecumenism Award, and The Figel Address. The Ecumenism Award Winner, Dr. Justo Gonzalez, founder Hispanic Theological Initiative, Noted Church Historian and Theologian Joseph Conte, Wesley Theological Seminary, will deliver the Figel Address. The address will be “Ecumenical Dialogue.” A full reception will follow. Please RSVP to the Consortium office at 202-832-2675 or wtc@washtheocon.org

2014-2015 The Weekly Word Editor
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Graduate Writing Course
Students interested in improving their writing skills, should consider taking ACAD 302 Academic Communication (1 credit), which is offered in the spring semester.

HU Yearbook Portraits
The month of January is your last opportunity to take yearbook and senior portraits. Seniors and graduates please be aware that the sitting fee is $25, which must be paid at the Cramton Auditorium Box Office. To make an appointment, visit photoappointment.com and use the word bison as your password log-in. Undergraduate students sitting fee is free. All students are welcome to participate including the Graduate School, School of Divinity, College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy and the School of Law students to take their yearbook or senior pictures on the Main Campus of Howard University in the Blackburn Center, game room located on the ground floor.

HUSD WINDSHIELD DECALS Available for Purchase
In response to the generosity of two-time HUSD alumnae, Rev. Dr. Michelle Hagans, and the diligent work on design and procurement of two-time alumnae and our Admission & Retention Coordinator, Elder Serena K. Parks, we have Howard University School of Divinity (HUSD) windshield decals. Displaying the decal will communicate your school spirit and pride. It will also open the door to serving as an ambassador (a.k.a. recruiter) for the Howard University School of Divinity. Please stop by Elder Parks’ office (Mays Hall Room 144) to pick up your decal. While you are there, ask Elder Parks about the other ways that you can participate in recruiting new students to the Howard University School of Divinity.

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