



PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Michael Joseph Brown, Ph.D., President

President's Report to the General Board — June 2017

Highlights

- ⇒ Addressed deferred maintenance on campus.
- ⇒ Upgraded IT infrastructure to position Payne for opportunities afforded to us through online education.
- ⇒ Achieved record enrollment over the last three years, which includes continued growth in the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program and a strong launch of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program.
- ⇒ Implemented an economic equilibrium model that guides resource allocation and procurement decisions.
- ⇒ Developing strategies and methodologies to establish an endowment that will give greater financial stability to Payne for future years.

Faculty and Staff Updates

- ⇒ Betty W. Holley, Ph.D., has been promoted to Associate Professor and serves as the Director of the M.Div. program. Dr. Holley serves on the Board for the Smithsonian Institute where she has been instrumental in securing Payne as the site to house its traveling Human Origins Exhibit. Dates will be announced soon! Dr. Holley has also been appointed by unanimous vote to serve on the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Board of Commissioners.
- ⇒ Roger Evans, Ph.D., has been promoted to full professor
- ⇒ New Hire: Warren Watson — Director of Library Services and Seminary Archivist
- ⇒ New Hire: Kim L. King, II — Executive Administrative Assistant
- ⇒ New Hire: Sidney Williams — Development Associate (Consultant)
- ⇒ New Hire: Charlisha Rankin — Development Associate
- ⇒ New Hire: Amy Durflinger — Accounting Assistant
- ⇒ New Hire: Alston Thomas — Student Intern (Development department)
- ⇒ New Hire: Mammie Woodbury — Recruiter and Savannah Site Coordinator (part-time)

Academic Services and Student Life

- ⇒ The Board of Trustees convened on Friday, May 12, 2017 and approved an 82 credit hour curriculum for Payne's M.Div. program.
- ⇒ Master of Divinity program — 160 students enrolled
- ⇒ Doctor of Ministry program — 49 students enrolled
- ⇒ Thirty (30) students were conferred M.Div. degrees on Friday, May 12, 2017, one posthumously. Commencement services were held at Greater Allen AME Church in Dayton, Ohio, where the host pastor, Reverend Elmer S. Martin, was also one of the graduates.
- ⇒ Class of 2017 Valedictorian, Reverend Sheila Evans-Tranumn (First Episcopal District) gave the Senior Response during commencement.

President Brown visits the 15th, 16th, and 17th Episcopal Districts

- ⇒ In mid-April, Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah invited President Brown and Dr. Holley to spend a week in the 17th Episcopal District. President Brown preached the opening sermon for the Christian Education Conference and was presented as a featured speaker. Dr. Holley also presented to the Women in Ministry of the Conference and preached the closing sermon.
- ⇒ At the invitation of Bishop David R. Daniels Jr., President Brown visited the 15th Episcopal District and preached at the Mid-Year Convocation held in Port Elizabeth.
- ⇒ Bishop E. Anne Henning-Byfield invited President Brown to present at the 16th Episcopal District Planning meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Recognition of Donors

Episcopal Districts (Contributions & Scholarships)

1st Episcopal District - 100,000 · 2nd Episcopal District - 100,000 · 3rd Episcopal District - 182,370.50 · 4th Episcopal District - 50,000 · 5th Episcopal District - 60,000 · 11th Episcopal District - 28,400 · 13th Episcopal District - 20,000

AMEC - 311,364

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New Scholarship

Kimberly Gordon-Brooks - 100,000

Scholarships

Edmund D. Cooke Jr - 250 · John Kampen - 500 · Tabernacle Baptist Church - 1,500 · Wesley E. Wharton Trust Fund - 1,000 · Jayme and McDonald Williams - 500 · Frederick A. Wright - 1,000 · Larry and Inez Perry - 100 · Charles Brown - 500

Friends for Payne - 1,495

Class of 2017 - 1,370

Books for Wilberforce Students

Bishop Vashti McKenzie - 125 · Bishop John Bryant - 50 · Henry Belin - 150 · Eric Billips - 100 · Myra Billips - 100 · Charles Boyer - 50 · Sonja Brown DeLoatch - 50 · Charles Brown - 100 · Bruce Butcher - 20 · Abdue Knox - 200 · Deborah Peppers - 50 · Marietta Ramsey - 25 · Kenneth Robinson - 300 · Marques Wheeler - 25 · Kary Williams - 50 · Dallasteen Yates - 75

Payne Million Dollar Endowment

Bishop Vinton R. and Mrs. Vivienne Anderson - 223,875 · Bishop McKinley and Dr. Dorothy Young - 1,000 · Cheryl Hammond Hopewell - 500

Lilly Foundation Student Debt Grant

(extension) - 124,997

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A Word of Thanks

Special thanks to Bishop G.M. Ingram, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Bishop McKinley Young, Vice-Chair, Board members, the Payne Alumni Association, and friends for their continued support of the work of the seminary.



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