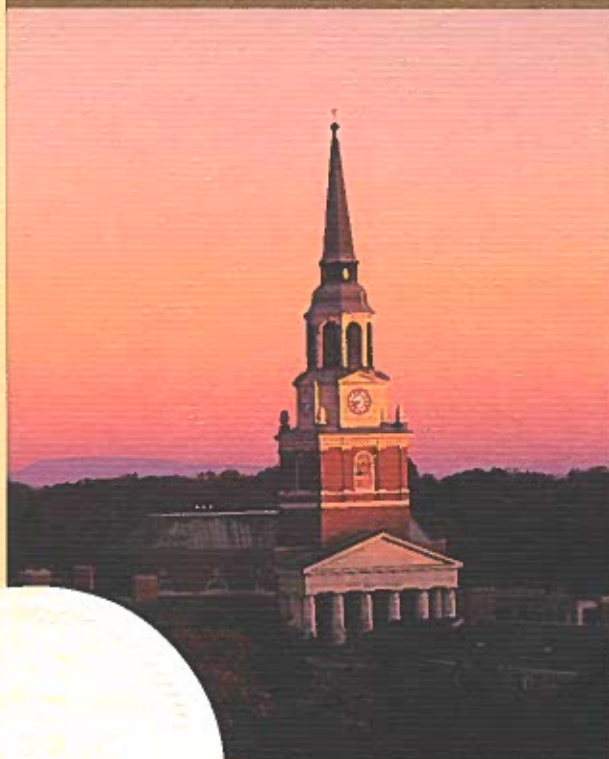


# Wake Forest

UNIVERSITY

Divinity School



*The Inaugural Convocation*

*October twelfth and thirteenth  
nineteen hundred and ninety-nine*



## A Message from the President

To Our Guests,



**W**elcome to the Inaugural Convocation of the Wake Forest University Divinity School. We are honored to have you celebrate this occasion with us. Over a decade in the planning, the Divinity School links us to our past and enhances our response to the future. As the University's newest professional school, it not only provides for the training of ministers, but also offers another opportunity for addressing issues of faith, spirituality and ethics throughout the broader campus community.

We are grateful to the many people who have provided funds, encouragement and prayers as we worked to make the Divinity School a reality. Our thanks to those who have stood with us in this exciting new endeavor. We welcome the inaugural class of students, and we celebrate their promise as scholars and ministers.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas K. Hearn, Jr.*

Thomas K. Hearn Jr.  
President

## A Message from the Dean

Dear Friends,

**W**e are delighted that you would join us in these ceremonies which mark the opening of the Wake Forest University Divinity School. While this is a new school, with a new degree (Master of Divinity), it is not a new idea.

Wake Forest College was founded in 1834 in large part as a place for educating ministers in the American South. Many of the first college-educated Baptist ministers in North Carolina came from Wake Forest College. Indeed, Wake Forest continues to provide undergraduate education for persons of many religious traditions who choose to enter the ministry. The Divinity School begun this year draws from and builds upon the foundation set by the Department of Religion of the College, the work of the University Chaplain and campus ministers, and the many other faith communities evident all around us.

On behalf of the faculty and students of the new school, permit me to express profound gratitude for the courage and fortitude of those who believed in this endeavor from the very beginning and who have stood with us as we sought to make this dream a reality. Many of you supported this effort long before we arrived, and we are forever thankful for your encouragement. Please join us as we celebrate this moment and commit ourselves to the task ahead.

Sincerely,

*Bill J. Leonard*

Bill J. Leonard  
Dean





## History of Wake Forest and the Divinity School

### THE STORY OF THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Divinity School, in a way, began long before its first students opened a textbook in August, its first dean stepped on campus three years ago, or its first \$500 came from First Baptist Church in New Bern in 1989. The story, like Wake Forest itself, commenced with Samuel and Sarah Wait some 170 years ago. In 1827, they left home and family in the North so that Samuel could become the pastor of that Baptist church at New Bern, North Carolina.

Viewing the Carolina “backcountry” as a secular, pagan region and convinced of the need for an educated clergy, the Waits — along with their young daughter — packed their worldly possessions in a two-horse Jersey wagon and began crisscrossing the rural state. They traveled the state’s dusty byways, raising money to fulfill their vision of educating a new generation of ministers, and knocking on farmhouse doors when they grew weary and needed to rest. Sarah Wait made and sold hats to support her family, and Samuel Wait preached hundreds of sermons, as many as 268 in one year.

Two years later, more than \$2,000 had been raised to buy the 615-acre plantation of Calvin Jones in Wake County, north of Raleigh. In 1834, in cooperation with the N.C. Baptist State Convention, which Wait also helped found, the Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute opened. Samuel Wait became its first principal, and students worked in the fields by day and studied by candlelight at night. By the end of the first year, seventy-two students had enrolled, each paying a total of \$60 per year for their education and able to earn money toward that sum by working on the farm. But only four of the students were ministers and only eighteen professed a religious faith.

Today, Samuel Wait no doubt would be astounded at what has developed from such modest beginnings. Rechartered as Wake Forest College in 1838 after the end of the manual-labor requirement, Wait’s school

like other church-related colleges, faced daunting financial challenges. But the vision prevailed and the school matured into a 6,000-student, liberal-arts college with established professional schools of law, medicine, and business. The institution, known since 1967 as Wake Forest University, stands two hours’ drive by automobile from its original home in Wake County. Since 1986, it has been autonomous in governance, with fraternal ties to the Baptist State Convention. Long gone are the days of candlelit study sessions, male-only classes and compulsory chapel. Wait’s original vision of educating ministers remains after a decade of planning and preparation. The Wake Forest University Divinity School brings the Waits’ dream to fruition. In 1999, the School opens its doors to female and male students seeking a Master of Divinity degree through the full-time, three-year program. While most intend to work in parish ministry, others will choose vocations in counseling, higher education and related areas. The Divinity School is the first professional school opened at the University since the Babcock Graduate School of Management was organized in 1969. In April 1989, the trustees of Wake Forest University approved the idea of forming a Divinity School, stipulating that sufficient funds should first be raised — so that programs in other departments and professional schools would not be adversely affected.

Thirteen of the first twenty-four donations to the School came from churches in North Carolina, whose pulpits some day could be filled by Divinity School graduates, and the very first gift — \$500 — came August 1, 1989, from First Baptist Church in New Bern, the church that Samuel Wait once served. The road has been long. Raising support and money was not without difficulty. Supporters wanted assurances of the school’s direction and proof of its ultimate success. Yet University trustees continued to affirm the idea for a Divinity School and volunteers and supporters continued promoting it. Today, the school has \$10 million in pledges



and gifts, a renowned faculty, a multidisciplinary curriculum, earnest students and open doors.

The Waits had challenges, too, gaining support for their vision. Educating ministers was a difficult idea to sell in the early 1800s to the state’s 20,000 Baptists, who often were suspicious of education. Many believed that an “educated clergy” could be detrimental to faith. But the Waits viewed their mission as providential, believed they had a mandate to see it fulfilled, and sacrificed to make it happen. Samuel Wait’s first visit to North Carolina was as a young man, riding in a horse-drawn buggy and attempting to raise money for Columbian College (now George Washington University) in Washington, D.C.

Wait and another preacher arrived first in Edenton, where they met Thomas Meredith, a prominent Baptist. Meredith was so impressed with Wait that he wrote a letter to the Baptist church at New Bern, which was without a pastor, recommending his new friend. Wait visited New Bern and was preparing to leave when something spooked his horse, causing the animal to jump and break a wagon wheel. Wait was forced to remain in New Bern an additional month, preaching multiple times before continuing his fund-raising in South Carolina. The New Bern church soon issued a call, inviting him to be their pastor. Wait accepted, but he viewed the barren, sparsely populated state of North Carolina as a place where



children were growing up without spiritual direction, preachers were ill-prepared, and Baptist churches needed a greater cooperation. Wait helped form the Baptist Benevolence Society, the predecessor of the Baptist State Convention, to promote education and missions, and he delivered its inaugural sermon in 1829. After founding the college, he was its president until 1844 and a member of the board of trustees until 1865. Samuel Wait died in 1867 in the town of Wake Forest. Today, the University chapel bears his name.

As early as the mid-1940s, the idea of opening a professional school of theology surfaced at Wake Forest College. Fissures in the Southern Baptist family re-ignited the idea in the mid-1980s. As Baptists fought over control of their denomination in the 1970s and 1980s, the convention’s six seminaries often were the battlegrounds, with trustees and faculty clashing over issues of dogma and denominational control, as well as academic and intellectual freedom. Many faculty members were fired or forced to resign, and Baptists in the pews who held more moderate views began wondering who would educate their next generation of clergy.

In addition, religionists in America in general, and mainline denominations in particular, have found themselves in near-constant flux in the latter half of the twentieth century. Denominations experienced significant transitions, as individuals explored numerous spiritual





WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

avenues and confronted controversies, old and new. Schools both new and old have found themselves searching for ways to prepare ministers for the ever-changing situation, and when trustees at Wake Forest approved the start of a divinity school in 1989, other institutions also were starting their own. Several new divinity schools have opened in the 1990s, including two others in North Carolina with Baptist ties. The Wake Forest University Divinity School, identifying itself as Christian by tradition, ecumenical in outlook, and Baptist in heritage, is the first university-based seminary in the United States to start without a formal denominational affiliation. Its Baptist heritage informs but does not insulate a present and future amid transition and diversity.

As such, the Divinity School takes an interdisciplinary approach to educating ministers and strives for a diversity that mirrors the world today. Walter Harrelson, a former dean of the University of Chicago and Vanderbilt University divinity schools, set in motion a plan at Wake Forest in 1994, when he was hired for a two-year period to explore models for the new school and expand connections with religious communities. Harrelson, a renowned Old Testament scholar, gave the school some visibility and identity. The plan he developed, funded through an over \$300,000 grant from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, linked the Divinity School with other University disciplines. It projected that graduates would enter pulpits in Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and other churches. Harrelson worked closely with Robert Spinks, the school's first director of development. Spinks spent seven years

criss-crossing the state raising funds for the school.

Harrelson retired in 1996 and church historian Bill J. Leonard was appointed as the founding dean of the Divinity School. The selection of Leonard as dean, made just a few months after University trustees committed to opening the Divinity School, gave the School even more visibility and identity. Leonard, a nationally known church historian with deep Baptist roots, has a strong network in Baptist circles and the broader interfaith community.

A director of admissions, Scott Hudgins, and a new director of development, Wade Stokes, were hired in 1997. Leonard named the first three core faculty members in April 1998. Phyllis Tribble, a renowned biblical scholar, Frank Tupper, a Baptist theologian, and Father Samuel Weber, O.S.B., a specialist in church history and spirituality, were selected as founding faculty. In October 1998, Alexandra R. Brown, a biblical scholar, and James M. Dunn, an expert on ethics and public policy were named to the core faculty as visiting professors. In May 1999, Jill Crainshaw, director of supervised ministries was hired to establish opportunities in the region for student internships and vocational formation.

More is to come. An African-American faculty member, yet to be announced will begin in the fall of 2000 as a professor of homiletics, the art of preaching. The Divinity School received a \$200,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to establish the position. The school's curriculum blends instruction in traditional seminary subjects such as biblical studies, theological studies and historical studies with courses taught by

faculty of the University's undergraduate, graduate and professional schools, as well as adjunct faculty from outside the University community. A truly integrated approach is one of the hallmarks of the Divinity School.

Wingate Hall, located alongside Wait Chapel, the spiritual center of the campus, has been renovated and expanded, enabling the Divinity School to share space with the University's religion department, the Chaplain's office, and Wake Forest Baptist Church. Commons areas in Wingate Hall enable students to meet, talk, study and pray together. Some students live together in the Wake Forest Divinity House, a University-owned facility along Polo Road, near campus. The curriculum, including retreat experiences and a first-year colloquium that brings together all divinity students and faculty for theological reflection, encourages further personal interaction and spiritual formation. A second-year supervised ministry program, in which area ministers guide students in field placements, and mission-immersion opportunities in rural, urban or international settings will assure that students stay involved in and connected to the broader world.

The inaugural class includes twenty-four students attending full time, several "special students," and

numerous auditors. Expectations continue that 100 to 125 students from a variety of denominational traditions will be enrolled by the 2001-2002 academic year. All students in the inaugural class have received some financial assistance to offset the \$10,500 annual tuition approved by the University's trustees. About half of the students secured merit-based awards, including five recipients of the Samuel and Sarah Wait Graduate Fellowships in Theology and Ministry. The Wait Fellowships, the most selective of the Divinity School's merit awards, cover the entire cost of tuition and fees and include a stipend for living expenses.

The threshold of the twenty-first century is a momentous time to begin a divinity school, with much uncertainty about the future and significant transitions occurring in theological education and the world today. Amid those transitions, the vision begun by Samuel and Sarah Wait remains, extending through a University and its new Divinity School into another millennium.

The faculty, staff and students of the Babcock School extend a cordial welcome to the newest member of the professional school family at Wake Forest University. The Divinity School adds an important new dimension to the professional degree offerings of the University. The focus on ethical practices, which is central to the mission and teachings of the Divinity School, complements in a formal way the broader concerns for these issues that permeates all fields of study at the University. With the support and leadership of the faculty, we are excited by the new opportunities created by the establishment of your new school to bring issues of ethics, morality, compassion and charity to center stage in each of our separate professional school program offerings. We look forward to developing opportunities for additional collaboration between our faculties and student bodies.

R. Charles Moyer, Ph.D.  
Dean and Integon Chair of Finance  
Babcock Graduate School of Management



## *Theology on the Threshold of the Twenty-first Century*

SINCE THE 1960s, THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS experience in North America have undergone major transformations. Denominations, once the primary means of organizing religious institutions in the United States, are increasingly one of multiple options for faith communities. These days, many parishioners select congregations less for their particular denominational connection than for the sense of community and ministry they provide.

Although there is great interest in various forms of spirituality throughout American society, many hesitate to affiliate with specific religious bodies, reflecting a constituency of "believers, not belongers." Denominations, however, will not soon pass away. While many now speak of a "post-denominational era," denominations remain the door to Christian ministry, providing ordination for individual ministers into a specific tradition. Nonetheless, religious conversations now extend from ecumenical to interfaith dialogue, as believers and non-believers rethink and question all claims on divinity. In the process, individual and communal faith is tried, tested, and transformed.

Amid such momentous transitions, the Wake Forest University Divinity School becomes a reality, after a decade of study and preparation. In its first semester of operation, the theme for this Inaugural Convocation, "Theology on the Threshold of the Twenty-first Century," attests to the new endeavor embodied in the School and reveals its primary goals: to ground a new generation of ministerial students in theology's past and present, and to orient them to its future. Like other divinity schools across the nation, it is a school of the University, drawing on the broad community of scholars in the college of arts and sciences, and the other five graduate schools. Students not only have the possibility of taking graduate courses in the University, they are encouraged to do so. As the newest of the University's schools, the Divinity School provides faculty and students who

contribute significantly to the community of scholars at Wake Forest.

The Divinity School is markedly Christian by tradition, ecumenical in outlook and Baptist in heritage. The pursuit of such diversity, though it may be difficult and fragile, is an initial commitment of this new School. Accordingly, this Inaugural Convocation features presentations from women and men; Catholics, Protestants and Jews; Africans, Asians, Anglo-Saxons, and African-Americans. Students, scholars and laity come from a variety of backgrounds and represent diverse academic disciplines and professional endeavors. In a modest way, the Divinity School seeks to embrace and advance the diversity now present in the world.

Just as the opening of the Divinity School is a period of transition for Wake Forest University, the ending of the twentieth century is a time of transition for theology, with much uncertainty as to what lies beyond the threshold of a new millennium. At the Divinity School, faculty function within the traditional rubrics of theological education, grounding students in biblical studies, church history, systematic theology, spirituality and practical theology. Yet faculty members also venture beyond these boundaries, concerned for cross-disciplinary learning, as they anticipate an ever-changing theological and ecclesiastical environment. The intention is to educate effective ministers and leaders for the church and the world of tomorrow.

One student's effectiveness may be nurtured in learning ways to interpret ancient texts for new occasions, another's in discovering lost voices of the past that speak to the present, and yet another's in the pulpit of a church of seekers who are leery of elaborate religious affiliations. This process already has begun in the Divinity School classrooms. At this Inaugural Convocation, guest lecturers and faculty members explore intimations of what the twenty-first century holds for theology and theological education. All such discourse helps to launch the new School into a challenging future.





It is with such transition and diversity in mind that this Inaugural Convocation explores the theme, "Theology on the Threshold of the Twenty-first Century." This event is a time to celebrate the present, appreciate the past and anticipate the future. Scholars and religious leaders featured on the program provide lectures and seminars that discuss the present and the future of theology in the church and in the world.

WALTER HARRELSON, renowned scholar of the Hebrew Bible and former dean of two divinity schools, will preach at the opening worship service for the Convocation. Harrelson, Adjunct Professor of Wake Forest, served from 1994–1996 as acting dean of the Divinity School, developing the initial preparations for its curriculum and structure.

Three prominent scholars have been invited to provide lectures for the Convocation event. DONALD SENIOR, C.P., president of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, presents the Margaret A. Steelman Lecture at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 12. His address, intended to bridge religious communities, is titled, "The Advent of the Stranger: A Biblical Reflection on Mission and Identity in Matthew's Gospel." The Gospel of Matthew has provided a vital impetus for mission in Christian tradition. Senior will explain how a closer reading of Matthew's text and context reveals the complexity of Matthew's vision of a church in mission, and its significance for the contemporary church.

NANCY AMMERMAN, nationally known sociologist of religion, addresses the Convocation theme at 9:45 on Wednesday morning in a lecture entitled, "Serving Communities of Faith on the Threshold of the Twenty-first Century." Congregations are among the most vital institutions in our changing society, but they face an ever-changing context, Ammerman says. She will explain how new people and new technologies challenge old ways of doing things, presenting congregations with both opportunities and difficulties, and how leading such communities will require the best of ministers and laity alike.

LAWRENCE CARTER, Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse

College, Atlanta, delivers Wednesday afternoon's lecture (2:00) entitled, "Growing Up into the Spiritual Edge of Theology's Crown." Carter suggests that we have enough Christian theology for the next century and millennium. The problem is the spiritual actualization of theology in history individually and institutionally. So the crisis centers around ethics, but not just the articulation of value and virtue-centered laws or principles, but rather our commitment to transform the human heart and be co-creators with God in the building of the Beloved Community.

In addition to these invited lectures, faculty members of the Wake Forest University Divinity School will provide seminars at 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday that expound on the topic, "Anticipating Theological Futures."

BILL J. LEONARD, Dean and Professor of Church History, speaks Tuesday night at the Convocation ceremonies. He also conducts a seminar entitled, "Is there a Baptist Future in the South? If not, why? If so, what?" Leonard uses the Baptists as a case study for understanding denominational transition in the new century. He examines Baptists' past hegemony over Southern religious life, its decline, and clues for pursuing Baptist identity in the future (if possible).

PHYLLIS TRIBLE, Associate Dean and Professor of Biblical Studies, will discuss changes in the discipline of biblical theology. Whereas for most of its history scholars have viewed this discipline as providing systematic or historical descriptions of the content and meaning of the Bible, recent commentators recognize the non-systematic and pluralistic character of the text as well as the inevitability of their own contextual biases. To delineate these shifts in understandings the seminar will examine the contributions of Walter Eichrodt at the beginning of the century, of Gerhard von Rad in the middle, and of Walter Brueggemann at the close. But the close remains open-ended as encounters between the Bible and contemporary culture continue to challenge formulations old and new. Accordingly, the seminar will conclude by exploring the contributions of feminism to a reshaping of biblical theology.

E. FRANK TUPPER, Professor of Theology, will discuss how changing perspectives on the doctrines of God constitute a crucial theological theme in the dawning of a new century. Particular attention is given to the reciprocity between the constructive modeling of God and particular renderings of the story of Jesus.

SAMUEL WEBER, O.S.B., Associate Professor of Early Christianity and Spiritual Formation, will present a seminar called, "The Spiritual Path: Living Simply Through the Day." He suggests that the task of the believer is to know and do God's will, and the context in which this is accomplished is through life commitments of baptism, marriage, and family living. Weber also discusses how the beauty of the created order is evident in its setting.

ALEXANDRA BROWN, Visiting Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, will review theoretical and methodological innovations in New Testament studies in the twentieth century and the impact of these innovations. Her seminar is entitled "Historical Jesus, Sociological Paul: Can New Testament Theology Be Saved?" The century has witnessed a remarkable shattering of time-honored theological assumptions concerning the New Testament extending from Albert Schweitzer's Quest for the Historical Jesus to the more recent work of the Jesus Seminar. Likewise, Pauline studies extend from the conventional, and largely Protestant, Paul to the "decon-

structed" Paul of recent studies. Both the challenges and (especially) the promises of this "shattering" for the future of New Testament Theology will be explored.

JAMES DUNN, Visiting Professor of Christianity and Public Policy, looks at the way in which organized religion, spirituality and pluralism interact with the appropriate secular nature of American politics. He also explores the question, "What of the Christian public witness is transitional and what is abiding?"

BRAD BRAXTON, Visiting Assistant Professor of African-American Studies and pastor of Douglas Memorial Church, Baltimore, Maryland, offer a workshop entitled, "Biblical Interpretation for Preaching." It explores creative, interpretive methodologies for faithful proclamation of the Gospel. Particular attention is given to preaching from the book of the Apocalypse.

The Convocation ceremonies on Tuesday evening, October 12, include readings by MAYA ANGELOU, Reynolds Professor of American Studies and internationally recognized poet, writer and filmmaker. Professor Angelou's participation in the program is an honor to the Divinity School and the University.

These lectures and lecturers offer occasion for theological reflection and interaction, a fitting beginning for a new Divinity School on the threshold of a new century.

The College applauds the opening of the Divinity School and looks forward to the many opportunities that now lie before us for collaboration and mutual intellectual enrichment. Faculty members from the College who are in the Department of Religion and in our language departments have already begun to work with the Divinity School, but we know that there will be many other opportunities as well. We welcome our new colleagues on the faculty and look forward to working with them and with divinity students. May good fortune favor this new venture that builds in such important ways upon a central element of Wake Forest's historic mission.

Paul D. Escott, Ph.D.

Dean of the College and Reynolds Professor of History



Inaugural Worship Program

INAUGURAL WORSHIP ~ Wait Chapel  
Tuesday, October 12, 1999  
11:00 a.m.

Phyllis Tribble, *presiding*  
Walter Harrelson, *preaching*  
Dan Locklair, *organist*

The Gathering of the People

Organ Prelude

Suite for Organ  
ii. Sarabande (LAND OF REST)

Gerald Near

The congregation prepares for worship through quiet reflection.

Call to Worship and Litany of Response (*seated*)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all God's benefits —

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

Leader: But the steadfast love of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear God  
and God's righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep covenant  
and remember to do the commandments.

All: Bless the Lord, all God's hosts  
ministers who do God's will.  
Bless the Lord, all God's works,  
in all places of God's dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. *Amen.*

— Selections from Psalm 103



Inaugural Worship Program

Hymn of Worship (*standing*)      All People that on Earth Do Dwell      OLD HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
With mirth and praise God's name forth tell  
Sing out all people and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed,  
Who did us make without our aid,  
Who doth us clothe and doth us feed;  
Whose loving care can never fade.

O enter then God's gates with praise;  
Approach with joy God's courts unto;  
Praise laud and bless, God's holy name,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why! The Lord our God is good;  
With mercy that is ever sure;  
God's truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure. *Amen.*

Words of Welcome (*seated*)

Organ Interlude

The Reading and Hearing of the Word

Hosea 14:1–8  
*English translation:* David Brown, reader  
*Japanese translation:* Nobuko Kawano, reader

Choral response  
*Three-fold Amen*, Wake Forest University Gospel Choir

Stacy Smallwood, *director*  
David Ford, *accompanist*

Mark 5:1–13  
*English translation:* Amy Joyner, reader  
*Yoruba translation:* Simeon O. Ilesanmi, reader

Choral response  
*Three-fold Amen*, Wake Forest University Gospel Choir

The Preaching of the Word

Sermon: "Take with You Words and Return to the Lord"      Walter Harrelson, *preacher*

Anthem      Let Everything that Hath Breath Praise the Lord      The Gospel Choir

Inaugural Prayer . . . . . Lu Leake, *leader*





At the conclusion of the inaugural prayer the congregation joins in the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not bring us into temptation  
but rescue us from evil.  
For the kingdom and the power  
and the glory are yours forever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Commitment (standing)      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
now fulfill your church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.  
  
Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways,  
fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.  
  
Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.  
  
Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

Benediction (seated) ..... Bill J. Leonard

Organ Postlude (seated)      Postlude on HYFRYDOL      Healy Willan  
The congregation prepares to depart through quiet reflection.

The Going Forth of the People

PARTICIPANTS

DAVID BROWN, a graduate of Clemson University, is a first-year student in the Divinity School.

DAVID FORD is a Wake Forest University graduate and accompanist for the Gospel Choir.

WALTER HARRELSON is former Dean and now Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Bible at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University. He is also Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest University Divinity School. From 1994-1996 he laid plans for the opening of the Divinity School, including the development of curriculum, financial resources, the relationship of the School to the University, and its outreach to the larger community.

SIMEON Q. ILESANMI is Associate Professor of Religion at Wake Forest University.

AMY JOYNER, a graduate of the University of Richmond, is a first-year student in the Divinity School.

NOBUKO KAWANO is Professor of Christianity at Seinan Gakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan. A friend and former colleague of Bill Leonard and Phyllis Trible, she is an ardent supporter of the Divinity School, as evidenced by her presence at these inaugural events.

LU LEAKE is Associate Vice-President Emerita at Wake Forest University, a member of the feasibility committee that recommended the founding of the Divinity School, and a member of Wake Forest Baptist Church.

DAN LOCKLAIR is Composer-in-Residence and Professor of Music at Wake Forest University.

BILL J. LEONARD is Dean of the Divinity School and Professor of Church History.

STACY SMALLWOOD is a junior at Wake Forest University and director of the Gospel Choir.

PHYLLIS TRIBLE is Professor of Biblical Studies and Associate Dean of the Divinity School.





# Inaugural Convocation Program

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL  
INAUGURAL CONVOCATION ~ Wait Chapel  
Tuesday, October 12, 1999  
7:00 p.m.

- Prelude and Fugue in G Minor      Dietrich Buxtehude (*Organ*)  
Donald L. Armitage, *University Organist*
- Canzona No. 29      Girolamo Frescobaldi (*Brass and Organ*)  
Timothy Hudson, *trumpet*; Kevin Bowen, *trumpet*  
Stewart Carter, *trombone*; David Wulfeck, *trombone*  
Arnold Sykes, *timpani/percussion*; Robert Akers, *tuba*  
Dan Locklair, *conductor*
- Benedictus      Max Reger (*Organ*)
- Academic Processional      Phoenix Fanfare and Processional (*Brass, Organ, Percussion*)      Dan Locklair
- Invocation and Welcome (*seated*)      Ann Brookshire Sherer
- Hymn (*standing*)      The God of Abraham Praise      LEONI



The God of Abraham praise, All praised be God's name,  
Who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same!  
The one eternal God, Ere aught that now appears;  
The First, the Last: beyond all thought God's timeless years!

God's spirit floweth free, High surging where it will;  
In prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.  
Established is God's law, And changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

God hath eternal life Implanted in the soul;  
God's love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.  
Praise to the living God! All praised be God's name  
Who was, and is, and is to be, For aye the same! Amen.

- The Reading of Scripture (*seated*)
- Genesis 1:1-5      John 1: 1-5  
Hebrew Reading: Fred Horton      Greek Reading: James Powell  
English Reading: Sarah Weaver      English Reading: Jocelyn Foy

# Inaugural Convocation Program

- Motet      *Ubi caritas (sung in Latin)*      Maurice Duruflé
- Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together in one flock. Let us rejoice and be glad in that love. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love from a pure heart.
- Wake Forest University Concert Choir  
Brian Gorelick, *Conductor*
- The Welcoming of the Divinity School to Wake Forest University
- Wake Forest College (1834) . . . . . Andrew Ettin  
School of Law (1894) . . . . . Suzanne Reynolds  
School of Medicine (1902) . . . . . Elizabeth Sherertz  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (1961) . . . . . Herman Eure  
Babcock Graduate School of Management (1969) . . . . . William L. Davis  
Calloway School of Business and Accountancy (1980) . . . . . Umit Akinc
- Response of the Divinity School. . . . . E. Frank Tupper

- Musical Interlude
- The Welcoming of the Divinity School to the National Academic Community
- Association of Theological Schools . . . . . Daniel Aleshire  
Society of Biblical Literature . . . . . Walter Harrelson  
American Academy of Religion . . . . . Mary McClintock Fulkerson  
North Carolina Public Higher Education . . . . . Patricia Sullivan
- Response of the Divinity School . . . . . Phyllis Tribble
- Response of the Gathered Community. . . . . Jerry Baker  
(*Divinity School faculty and students standing*)

Leader: For all who have worked to make this Divinity School a reality.  
People: We give thanks to God.

Leader: For professors and students who have begun classes.  
People: We give thanks to God.

Leader: Let us commit ourselves to the tasks ahead.  
Students and faculty: We pledge to be faithful in our study, our seeking and our participation in class, learning and working together.

People: We offer our support and encouragement in this commitment you have made and commit ourselves to work with you along the way.

Students and faculty: We are all learners, supporting and caring for one another.

Leader: Together, let us celebrate the beginning of this school and its place in the University and the community.

People: May we all grow in ways that enhance our learning and enable us to respond to the needs of the world.



Hymn (standing)

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Words : Martin Rinckart

Music : Johann Cruger



Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom our world rejoices.  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in good grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God Creator now be given,  
With Christ and Spirit reign as One in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. Amen.

The Welcome of Poetry (seated)

Maya Angelou

Anthem

Hark, I hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near the swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I Am.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I Am.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest, and  
I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I Am.

Wake Forest University Concert Choir  
Brian Gorelick, Conductor

President's Remarks and Introduction of the Speaker

Thomas K. Hearn, Jr.

Convocation Address:

"Not Instruction, but Provocation: Doing Theology at a New Divinity School"

Bill J. Leonard

The Alma Mater (standing)

Dear Old Wake Forest

Thuringian Folk Song

Music setting by Dan Locklair, 1983

Words : G. W. Paschal

Thuringian Folk Song



(The choir and instruments will perform the first two stanzas, after which they will be repeated by the audience.)

Dear old Wake Forest: Thine is a noble name,  
Thine is a glorious frame, Constant and true.  
We give thee of our praise, Adore thine ancient days,  
Sing thee our humble lays, Mother, so dear.

Dear old Wake Forest, Mystic thy name to cheer;  
Be thou our guardian near fore'er and aye.  
We bow before thy shrine, Thy brow with bays entwine,  
All honor now be thine, Mother, today.

Benediction

Samuel Weber, O.S.B.

Academic Recessional

Canzon septimi toni No. 2  
Music from the Royal Fireworks  
(Brass, Organ and Percussion)

Giovanni Gabrieli  
Georg Frederick Handel

The people will follow the academic recessional to the Quad for a reception.

## PARTICIPANTS

UMIT AKINC is Thomas H. Davis  
Professor of Business.

DANIEL ALESHIRE is Executive Director  
of the Association of Theological Schools.

MAYA ANGELOU is Reynolds Professor of  
American Studies.

DONALD L. ARMITAGE is University  
Organist at Wake Forest University.

JERRY BAKER is chair of the Divinity School  
Board of Visitors and a member of the Wake  
Forest University Board of Trustees.

WILLIAM L. DAVIS is Director of the  
Babcock Graduate School of Management.

ANDREW ETTIN is Professor of English.

HERMAN EURE is Professor  
of Biology.

JOCELYN FOY is a first-year student in the  
Divinity School.

MARY McCLINTOCK FULKERSON is  
Associate Professor of Theology and Women's  
Studies at Duke University Divinity School; she  
is the editor of an AAR book series.

BRIAN GORELICK is Assistant Professor of  
Music and Director of Choral Ensembles.

WALTER HARRELSON is past President of  
the Society of Biblical Literature.

THOMAS K. HEARN, JR. is President of  
Wake Forest University.

FRED HORTON is John Thomas Albritton  
Professor of Bible.

BILL J. LEONARD is Dean and Professor of  
Church History at the Divinity School.

DAN LOCKLAIR is Composer-in-Residence  
and Professor of Music.

JAMES T. POWELL is Associate Professor  
of Classical Languages.

SUZANNE REYNOLDS is Professor of Law  
at Wake Forest University School of Law.

ANN BROOKSHIRE SHERER is Resident  
Bishop, the Missouri Area, the United  
Methodist Church.

ELIZABETH SHERERTZ is Associate Dean  
for Faculty Services at the Wake Forest  
University School of Medicine.

PATRICIA SULLIVAN is Chancellor of the  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

PHYLLIS TRIBLE is Professor of Biblical  
Studies and Associate Dean in the Divinity  
School.

FRANK TUPPER is Professor of Theology  
in the Divinity School.

SARAH WEAVER is a first-year student in  
the Divinity School.

SAMUEL WEBER, O.S.B. is Associate  
Professor of Spiritual Formation and Early  
Christianity in the Divinity School.



## Convocation Speakers

### NANCY T. AMMERMAN

NANCY T. AMMERMAN, a professor at Hartford Seminary's Center for Social and Religious Research, has studied congregational issues extensively and is one of the best known religious sociologists in the United



States. She served as a consultant in the development of several theological schools and greatly affirmed the opening of the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Prior to her appointment as professor of sociology of religion at Hartford Seminary, she taught from 1984 to 1995 at the

Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She also has held part-time appointments in the departments of sociology at Yale and Princeton Universities and in the department of religion at Columbia University. In 1993-94, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of American Religion at Princeton.

The daughter of a Baptist pastor, Ammerman holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest Baptist University in Missouri, a master's from the University of Louisville, and a master's and doctorate from Yale University, all in sociology. She is widely quoted as a resource for journalists dealing with American social and religious issues. A prolific writer and editor, her most recent book, *Congregation and Community*, tells the stories of twenty-three congregations around the country that encountered different forms of neighborhood change. *Baptist Battles: Social Change and Religious Conflict in the Southern Baptist Convention*, released in 1990, was an historical and sociological account of the divisions that have faced America's largest Protestant denomination. She also edited *Southern Baptists Observed*, a multidisciplinary collection of essays and research reports by sixteen authors who studied the Southern Baptist Convention. She joined Wade Clark

Roof to edit a collection of research reports entitled *Work, Family, and Religion in Contemporary Society*. Her scholarly articles have addressed the nature of religion in the post-modern context, the involvement of clergy in the civil-rights movement, and links between Baptists and the New Christian Right.

In 1993, Ammerman served on the panel of experts convened by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Treasury to make recommendations after the government confrontation with the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas. She also testified on the same subject before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1995.

### LAWRENCE EDWARD CARTER SR.

LAWRENCE EDWARD CARTER SR., the dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta, is an outstanding preacher with a strong background in racial reconciliation and response.



He also is the college archivist and has been a professor of religion at Morehouse since 1979. He has studied and worked in 13 American universities, colleges and professional schools, spoken extensively in the United States and abroad, and has been a Fulbright Scholar and twice a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow. Born in Georgia and reared in Ohio, Carter holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia University of Lynchburg in social science and psychology. From Boston University, he also has a master's

of divinity degree in theology, a master of sacred theology degree in pastoral care, and a doctorate in pastoral psychology and counseling. He has completed further study at several other institutions and holds certifications in multidisciplinary clinical training, clinical pastoral education, historical-documents editing, and community non-violence.

Carter has taught courses on psychology of religion, religion and ethics, introduction to religion, the life and thought of Martin Luther King, Jr., and world religions. Carter edited the book, *Walking Integrity: Benjamin Elijah Mays, Mentor to Martin Luther King Jr.*, a collection of essays published in paperback in 1998 about Mays, who introduced King to Gandhi's nonviolent ways in 1948.

### WALTER HARRELSON

WALTER HARRELSON, professor emeritus of Hebrew Bible at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School and one of the foremost Old Testament scholars in the country, worked for two years to develop the focus and framework for the Wake Forest University Divinity School. Prior to the appointment of Bill Leonard as dean of the School, Harrelson was University Professor of Wake Forest University. Since then, he has been an adjunct professor.

Born in Brunswick County, North Carolina, he studied at Mars Hill College, spent four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and afterward entered the University of North Carolina, where he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1947. He completed his bachelor's in divinity and his doctorate in theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, with additional study at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and Harvard University. Prior to his work at Wake



Forest, he was a professor at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School from 1960 to 1990, serving as dean from 1967 to 1975. His other academic appointments have been at Andover

Newton Theological School and the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he served as dean from 1955 to 1960. He also served as rector of the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research in Jerusalem in the late 1970s.

Harrelson has been active in numerous scholarly societies, including as president in 1972 of the Society of Biblical Literature and a vice chairman of the committee that produced the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation and a longtime member of the Christian Scholars Group on Judaism and the Jewish People. He has written extensively and lectured widely on the relations between Jews and Christians in ancient times and today, and his most recent major writings include *Jews and Christians: In Pursuit of Social Justice*, and *Jews and Christians: A Troubled Family*, both with Rabbi Randall M. Falk. He has engaged in biblical and theological research in Switzerland, Italy, Israel and Ethiopia under several prestigious grants and directed a number of programs in theology.



## DONALD SENIOR, C.P.

DONALD SENIOR, C.P., is the president of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, the largest Roman Catholic graduate school of ministry in the United States. At this convocation, he gives the first Margaret A.



Steelman Lecture, an endowed lectureship at Wake Forest University Divinity School. Ordained in 1967 and a member of the Passionist Congregation, Senior also is professor of New Testament at Catholic Theological Union. He received his doctorate in New Testament studies from the University of Louvain in Belgium in 1972 and is a member of the Executive

Committee of the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada.

Senior, a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, has published extensively on biblical topics, with numerous books and articles for both scholarly and popular audiences. He is the general editor of the acclaimed *Catholic Study Bible*, published in 1990 by Oxford University Press, and editor-in-chief of *The Bible Today*. Among his most recent works is a four-volume

series of studies of the Passion narratives, a new and expanded edition of his widely read *Jesus: A Gospel Portrait*, and a full-length commentary on the Gospel of Matthew in Abingdon Press' New Testament Commentary series. He received the National Catholic Library Association's 1994 Jerome Award for Outstanding Scholarship and the 1996 National Catholic Education Association's Bishop Loras Lane Award for outstanding service to Catholic education. He also has served as an official representative to the Southern Baptist/Roman Catholic Scholars Dialogue, sponsored jointly by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Southern Baptist Convention.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and administration of the Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, it is my pleasure to offer congratulations to the Divinity School on its inauguration and a warm welcome to the University community. This is a memorable time for Wake Forest, as we begin a new school and thereby a new chapter in the long history of the institution. The Divinity School will build on the heritage of the University and will provide the opportunity for new generations of students to receive a Wake Forest education in a field that is of the greatest importance to us all.

I anticipate that there will be many opportunities for interactions between the students and faculty of our two schools in fields of mutual interest, and I look forward to working with the Divinity School in the development of these interactions. Welcome!

Gordon A. Melson, Ph.D.

Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

## Divinity School Faculty

### BILL J. LEONARD

BILL J. LEONARD is the dean of the Wake Forest University Divinity School and a profes-



sor of church history. A renowned Baptist historian, he was appointed dean in May 1996. Prior to that, he was the chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, and from 1975 to

1991 was professor of church history at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Wesleyan University, the Master of Divinity from a Baptist seminary, and a doctorate in American church history from Boston University. He also has done post-doctoral study at Yale University.

A Baptist minister and native Texan, Leonard has served as an interim pastor for over twenty-five churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut, Alabama and North Carolina. During the 1988-89 school year, he was visiting professor at the Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka, Japan. He is the author or editor of fourteen books, including *Christianity in Appalachia: Profiles in Regional Pluralism*, which was published earlier this year by University of Tennessee Press. Leonard and George H. Shriver, of Georgia Southern College, recently edited the *Encyclopedia of Religious Controversies*, published by Greenwood Press in the fall of 1997, and Leonard currently is writing a new history of the Baptists for Judson Press. His other writings include articles for several schol-

arly periodicals and encyclopedias, and a monthly column for *Faithworks*, a new magazine published by Associated Baptist Press.

In the past several years, Leonard has received or participated in nine different grants from the Lilly Endowment, the Mellon Foundation, the Luce Foundation and the Louisville Institute. He is married to Candyce Crew Leonard, a humanities professor at Wake Forest. They, along with their daughter Stephanie, are members of East Winston First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

### PHYLLIS TRIBLE



PHYLLIS TRIBLE, an internationally known biblical scholar and rhetorical critic, is the associate dean and professor of biblical studies at Wake Forest University Divinity School. A past president of the Society of Biblical Literature, she

began her collegiate teaching career at Wake Forest University in 1963. After leaving in 1971, she taught at Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts until she went to Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1979 as a professor of Old Testament. From 1981 until her appointment to the Wake Forest Divinity School in 1998, she was the Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary.

Tribble has a bachelor's degree from Meredith College, the Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and a doctorate from Union and Columbia University. She also has been a visiting professor at several other theological schools, including Vancouver School of Theology



in British Columbia, Canada, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. In 1997, she received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest.

Trible, considered a leader in the text-based exploration of women and gender in scripture, has lectured extensively, including abroad. She is the author of the books, *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality*, *Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives*, and, most recently, *Rhetorical Criticism: Context, Method, and the Book of Jonah*, published in 1994 by Fortress Press. She also has written numerous articles and book reviews for magazines and scholarly journals and provided expert commentary for Bill Moyers' public television series, "Genesis: A Living Conversation."

#### E. FRANK TUPPER

E. FRANK TUPPER, who joined Wake Forest in 1997 as a visiting professor in the religion department, is a professor of theology for the Wake Forest University Divinity School. A Baptist theologian with broad studies in Germany, he taught for twenty-five years at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.



He completed his undergraduate work at Mississippi College in 1962, the year after he spent a summer as a Baptist Student Union missionary to South Korea. After earning his Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he served seven years as pastor of Edmonton Baptist Church in Edmonton, Kentucky, and during that time completed his doctorate at Southern Seminary. He has served interim pastorates in Baptist churches regularly since 1973.

Tupper also is a well-known lecturer and author whose books include *The Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg* and *A Scandalous Providence: The Jesus Story of the Compassion of God*. The latter work, published in 1995, incorporates more than a decade of theological, biographical and autobiographical reflections into a narrative account of God's providence. Tupper's wife, Betty, died in 1983 from cancer, and the experience has strongly impacted his theological work, especially on the theme of the providence of God. He has two children, Elgin and Michelle.

#### SAMUEL F. WEBER, O.S.B.

SAMUEL F. WEBER, a Roman Catholic priest and Benedictine monk, is associate professor of early



Christianity and spiritual formation at Wake Forest University Divinity School and the first Roman Catholic priest on the full-time faculty in the University's history. Before starting at Wake Forest in 1999, Weber had taught early and medieval

church history, liturgy, and spirituality at the St. Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana, since 1976. He also has been on the faculty of St. Meinrad College, from which he was graduated in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in classics. He received his licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum "Saint Anselm" in Rome in 1975. He earned a Master of Divinity in 1990 from St. Meinrad School of Theology and a Master of Arts in 1991 from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

In addition, Weber studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago from 1964 to 1966 and has been an organist at St. Meinrad Archabbey since

1963. He has been an associate editor of the *American Benedictine Review*, been a frequent guest lecturer at several Protestant theological schools, and contributed to several books, including *The Upper Room Worship Book*. Weber has worked extensively with both Catholics and Protestants in spiritual formation and development, and his appointment to Wake Forest Divinity School is a continuation of the Benedictine Order's longstanding involvement in the ecumenical movement. He also will minister to the Roman Catholic students on campus and assist in the pastoral care of Catholics in North Carolina.

#### BRAD R. BRAXTON

BRAD R. BRAXTON, the senior pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore since 1995, comes to Convocation with an outstanding reputation as a preacher and scholar. A 1991 graduate of the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in religious studies, he has received numerous honors and awards, including the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. With it, he completed a master's degree in New Testament studies at Oxford University in 1993. That same year, he was one of seven entering doctoral students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Emory University to receive the George W. Woodruff



Fellowship, which provides full financial support for four years of doctoral study. He is completing his doctorate in New Testament studies at Emory University, and his research interests include Pauline Epistles, hermeneutics, African-American biblical

interpretation, and the history and theories of Christian preaching.

Braxton, 30, was ordained in 1991 at First Baptist Church in Salem, Virginia, served in 1992 as a ministerial intern at the 6,000-member New Shiloh Baptist in Baltimore, and in 1994-95 was an associate minister at Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta. He carries full pastoral responsibilities at Douglas Memorial, an historic, ecumenical, 600-member congregation in west Baltimore. Braxton is visiting assistant professor of African-American studies at the Divinity School. He is married to Lazetta, who is currently assistant to the president and portfolio administrator at Brown Capital Management in Baltimore, Maryland.

#### ALEXANDRA R. BROWN

ALEXANDRA R. BROWN, the chairwoman of the religion department at Washington and Lee University, is the Divinity School's visiting associate professor of biblical studies for 1999-2000.



A scholar of the New Testament, Brown joined the faculty at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, in 1987, has been associate professor of religion since 1993, and started leading the religion department in 1996. She received a bachelor's degree in religion in 1977 from Duke University, a Master of Divinity in 1980 from Yale Divinity School, and her doctorate in religion in 1991 at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. While a student at Union, she was a teaching assistant for a year for Phyllis Trible.



Born and raised a Baptist, Brown became an Episcopalian in the late 1980s and has served on the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. She has been a consultant to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, both to the Christian-Jewish Relations Office and the Commission on Faith and Order, and is a book review editor for the *Anglican Theological Review*. In addition to numerous articles, she has written or contributed to books and is working on two commentaries on I Corinthians and II Corinthians while she is on sabbatical this year from Washington and Lee.

## JAMES M. DUNN



JAMES M. DUNN stepped out of the job he has had since 1981 as executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and into the position of visiting professor of Christianity and public policy at the Divinity School. He still works part-time for the Baptist Joint Committee, pursuing endowment and project funding for its foundation. The Baptist Joint Committee, with

offices in Washington, deals with issues of religious liberty and separation of church and state for nine Baptist conventions and conferences in the United States, as well as some state conventions, individuals and churches. Dunn received his bachelor's degree from Texas Wesleyan College and completed his bachelor's of divinity and doctorate in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He completed post-doctoral study at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Dunn has served as a pastor, campus minister and college teacher, and for twelve years was the executive director of the Christian Life Commission, the social action agency of Texas Baptists. He is a past president of Bread for the World, a former chairman of the Ethics Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, and is currently on the board of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Since assuming leadership of the Baptist Joint Committee, he has appeared on all of the major networks' television news programs and been a frequent guest on television documentaries. He also has contributed to several publications and been a co-author of *Politics: A Guidebook for Christians*, *Endangered Species*, and *An Approach to Christian Ethics*. His wife, Marilyn, the daughter of two Southwestern Seminary music professors, is a well-known Baptist musician.

**O**n behalf of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, I am particularly pleased to offer congratulations and a warm welcome to the Divinity School of Wake Forest University. This eagerly awaited arrival is particularly important to the School of Medicine since we have increasingly come to know the important relationship between a person's faith and spirituality with their health and well-being. We look forward to collaborative opportunities in which students from both campuses will be able to combine education in the healing sciences and ministerial service.

"Teach them the good way wherein they should walk..." *1 Kings 8:36*

James M. Thompson, M.D.

Vice President and Dean, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

## BETSY A. CLEMENT

BETSY A. CLEMENT has worked as the administrative assistant of the Divinity School since August 1996. A Raleigh native, she worked in the Wake Forest University development office for seven years before joining the Divinity School.

## JILL Y. CRAINSHAW

JILL Y. CRAINSHAW, who graduated from Wake Forest University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in religion, has returned to campus as the Divinity School's director of supervised ministries. She has been a chaplain at Hospice, pastor of Neriah Baptist Church in Buena Vista, Virginia, and has worked as a chaplain in a retirement community. She was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1987 and ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1997. Crainshaw also received a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988, and a doctor of philosophy from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia in 1998.

## J. SCOTT HUDGINS

J. SCOTT HUDGINS is the director of admissions, formerly the director of student recruitment, for the Divinity School. Before joining the school in September 1997, he directed the Baptist Studies Program at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. From 1986 to 1988, he was the associate director of first-degree admissions at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He has been a campus minister and chaplain at Columbia University, Princeton University, and most recently at Oxford College at Emory University. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, Scott grew up in Nashville and is married to Mary F. Fosskett, assistant professor of New Testament at Wake Forest.

## L. WADE STOKES JR.

L. WADE STOKES has been the director of development for the Divinity School since July 1997. A 1983 graduate of Wake Forest, he brings strong Baptist and marketing credentials to the Divinity School's fundraising efforts. Prior to joining the Divinity School staff, he had been a senior account representative at Graphic Packaging Corporation in Charlotte, where he had worked since 1985. While in Charlotte, he also was a deacon and Sunday School director at Providence Baptist Church. He and his wife, Tara, have three children: Anna, Carrie, and Bradley.





## The Divinity School Inaugural Class

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I firmly believe that we cannot truly and fully educate our undergraduate students without approaching their educational holistically. While the Divinity School is not charged with the "spiritual" or "religious" education of our undergraduate students and, in fact, may not directly touch most of these students, it will, by its very presence, raise the awareness and discussion of spiritual and religious issues on our campus, for all our faculty and all our students. So, in the spirit of a holistic approach to undergraduate education and in the hope that a broad, deep spiritual conversation will occur on our campus, I say welcome to Wake Forest University's newest school, the Divinity School.

Jack E. Wilkerson, Ph.D.  
Dean, Wayne Calloway School of Business and Accountancy

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