



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRESIDENT-DEAN

Gammon Theological Seminary

Atlanta, Georgia

HISTORY:

Gammon Theological Seminary was initially started as a Department of Theology at Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1882. Gammon became a free standing seminary in 1883, due to a generous gift of \$20,000 for an endowment by The Rev. Elijah H. Gammon, a retired clergy in the Rock River (Illinois) Conference. Gammon was the primary seminary for Blacks (Negroes) during those early years of racial segregation in society and in the church. It has provided leaders of the highest caliber who have served the Church in various capacities throughout the 20th Century. In 1958, Gammon became part of a consortium of seminaries called the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), which was a unique ecumenical venture in theological education in America and around the world. Today, Gammon is the anchor seminary in a consortium of six seminaries (Gammon – UMC; Charles H. Mason – COGIC; Morehouse – Baptist; Johnson C. Smith – Presbyterian; Phillips – CME; and Turner – AME).

VISION STATEMENT:

To educate and equip persons, called by God, to be prophetic leaders for the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

PROFILE:

Gammon is seeking a dynamic, charismatic, visionary leader to lead this institution as President-Dean.

As Chief Executive Officer, the President-Dean is expected to:

- Administer the affairs of the institution under the direction of the Board of Trustees;
- Recruit students and raise funds to support them;
- Raise funds for the advancement of the institution and its endowments;
- Represent the institution at various levels of the church, in the community, and in the public;
- Guide the Board in developing strategic plans and directions for the future.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Person(s) seeking the job must possess the following qualifications:

Administrative Skills

Three to five years of leadership experience, demonstrating the ability to surround her/himself with competent colleagues to whom responsibilities may be delegated, working in a collegial style of management, and has demonstrated fund raising experience. Can read a balance sheet and balance a budget.

Academic Strengths

An earned Master of Divinity Degree, or equivalent, from an accredited institution. Must have demonstrated ability to attract academic and scholarly respect in the ITC community.

Church Affiliation

The person must be a LAY or CLERGY member of The United Methodist Church and has demonstrated leadership in the local church and beyond.

Communication Style

The person must be highly articulate, concise, and authentic, and values current technology as a means of communicating.

Personal

The person must possess strong family values, a strong devotional life, a strong sense of self, a sense of call; a pastoral sense; no skeletons in his/her closet; and exhibit an engaging and outgoing personality.

OFFICE LOCATION:

Person must be prepared to move and live in the Atlanta area and operate out of the office at 653 Beckwith Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30314.

BEGINNING DATE: Negotiated.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE: Negotiated.

Persons interested in this position may apply by submitting a letter of application, a resume, at least three references, and provide answers to the following questions. (A maximum of three pages total, typed.) Please answer all questions.

1. What in your spiritual journey has led you to apply for this position?
2. How do you envision implementing the above vision statement?
3. Why should you be chosen for this position?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 31, 2010

Please send all materials by email to: bishopmel@bellsouth.net
Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, Chair, Gammon Search Committee

If you have any questions, please contact Bishop Talbert by email at bishopmel@bellsouth.net or by telephone at 615-309-8096.