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### LOUISBURG COLLEGE TO HOLD MLK CONVOCATION

Louisburg, NC – Louisburg College is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Smith Jr. will serve as the honorary speaker at its Martin Luther King Convocation on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Dickson Auditorium of the Seby B. Jones Performing Arts Center.



Smith is a professor of Divinity Christian Preaching at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, AL, where he has served as a faculty member since 1997. He is the author of several books, including Doctrine that Dances: Bringing Doctrinal Preaching and Teaching to Life; coeditor (with Timothy George) of A Mighty Long Journey: A Collection of Sermons on Racial Reconciliation; coeditor with Timothy George and James Earl Massey of Our Sufficiency is of God: Essays on Preaching in Honor of Gardner C. Taylor; and his study of Christian ministry in the African American church was included in the publication *Preparing for Christian Ministry*.

Smith received his A.S. from God's Bible College (Cincinnati, OH), his B.S. from Cincinnati Bible College, and his M.Div. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). He also holds an honorary doctorate of Sacred Theology from Temple Community Bible College (Cincinnati, OH).

His research interests include the place of passion in preaching and the literary history of African American preaching. Before coming to Beeson, he was the Carl E. Bates Associate Professor of Preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). An ordained Baptist minister, he served as pastor of New Mission Missionary Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, for twenty years. He and his wife, Wanda, are the parents of four adult children and eight grandchildren.

Special music will be supplied by Thomas VanHook and Andrew Imlay, and there will be a short dramatization based on excerpts from an interview Dr. King gave in 1965. Professor Milton

Dickerson will play the role of Dr. King and Professor Tommy Jenkins will play the role of the interviewer.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Amy Scoggin McManus, Director of Marketing and Communications, at 919-497-3330 or [amcmanus@louisburg.edu](mailto:amcmanus@louisburg.edu).

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