Bishop Ward to Deliver MLK Convocation Address

Louisburg, NC – Bishop Hope Morgan Ward of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will deliver the address, “Here Comes the Dreamer,” at the College’s Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 11:00 am in the Jones Performing Arts Center.

A native North Carolinian, Ward (pictured) was raised on her family’s farm in northeastern North Carolina. She earned degrees from Duke University and Duke Divinity School. During her career in the ministry, she served as a youth director, Christian educator, pastor, director of Connectional Ministries, and district superintendent in the North Carolina Conference. She was elected to the Episcopacy in July, 2004, and assigned to the Mississippi Conference in 2004 and 2008.

She met her husband Mike Ward while serving on a mission team in Bolivia in 1975. The couple was married in 1977, and served for a time as teaching parents at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, NC. She and Mike have two children and one grandchild. The couple enjoys sailing, jogging, and reading.

Dr. Bobbi Richardson, North Carolina State House Representative (District 7) and Louisburg College Trustee, will bring greetings during the Convocation. The program will also feature a special video presentation entitled “The King of Education;” musical performances by Professor Emerita Glendora Powell, Mrs. Roberta Scott, and the College’s gospel choir; and remarks from President Mark La Branche, Dean Jim Eck, and Chaplain Shane Benjamin.

The service is free and open to the public.

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