Dr. Ronald G. White named ninth president of Emmanuel

Dr. Ronald G. White was introduced as president to alumni and friends at the 2014 Homecoming luncheon by Bishop Tommy McIhiney (’76), who served as EC’s Acting CEO over the summer.

“Ron White is certainly not a stranger to Emmanuel College,” said Bishop McIhiney. “He is connected well to our denomination, and he served here for 22 years in addition to his time here as a student.”

A 1969 graduate of Emmanuel, Dr. White worked in enrollment management at Emmanuel from 1980 to 2002 and also served as Director of Singers for much of that time. “His credentials certainly qualify him; but, more importantly, his heart for the ministry of this college strengthens his commitment to work diligently for its success,” said Mrs. Linda Thomas, Chair of EC’s Board of Trustees. “He understands that we are a Christ-centered institution dedicated to the mission of equipping our students to make a Godly impact on the world. Fellow board members and I look forward to working closely with Dr. White in the days ahead.”

From 2002 to 2013, he served as Vice President for Enrollment Management at Columbia College in South Carolina. Most recently, Dr. White was a full-time faculty member in the graduate school at Columbia College in the higher education and divergent learning programs. He is also an associate consultant with Noel-Levitz in strategic enrollment planning and recruiting.

“I’m honored to be selected as your president,” Dr. White said. “I hope each of you believes in your heart, as I do, that God is still with us. That’s in our name, and I believe it is reality.

“I hope that gives you hope. It gives me hope because I know where my hope is placed, and I know where our source is; our source is in God,” he said.

As Dr. White emphasized the importance of prayer in addition to the work and collaboration required to operate a college, he said, “Prayer precedes strategy.” He announced plans to organize a network of prayer partners around the globe as well as a regular time of prayer each week on campus for faculty, staff and students.

“This is going to be the biggest challenge I’ve ever faced. I am not up to the challenge, but God is in me;” he added. “That’s where I’m standing, and I hope that’s where you’re standing – God in you is able to help you stand up to whatever challenges you face.”

Dr. White’s wife, Carol, is a 1971 graduate of Emmanuel and served on EC’s music faculty for 22 years. Their sons, Seth (2000) and Britt (2001, 2003), are also alumni as well as other relatives. “Emmanuel is in our blood,” he said. “We have loved this institution, and we’ve given our time, our energy, our service, our money. We have always had a dear place in our hearts for Emmanuel and everything that goes on here.”

President Stewart transitions from office

After nine years as president of Emmanuel College, Dr. Michael Stewart announced in May 2014 that he would be moving on to other ministry opportunities.

“Dr. Stewart has certainly made an indelible mark on the campus of Emmanuel College and in the hearts of all the people here,” said Mrs. Linda Thomas, EC Board of Trustees Chair. “He and Pam have been such an integral part of campus life.”

During his administration, significant efforts were made to enhance the campus by expanding academic and athletic programs and by improving the quality of campus life through new resident athletic facilities. The expansive athletic center is a focal point of campus life and has added many recreational and wellness opportunities for students.

“While I may not be here on a daily basis, Emmanuel will travel with me in my heart for the rest of my life, and I will continue to work enthusiastically for her success,” Dr. Stewart said.

IPHC Women’s Ministries give $74,000 at Feast of Ingathering

Even after a record-high summer giving to the IPHC, the Women’s Ministries brought a very generous offering of nearly $74,000 to Emmanuel College’s 47th Annual Feast of Ingathering on October 3, 2014.

“I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the ladies of the IPHC,” said Dr. Ron White, EC’s Interim President at the time. “Each year they faithfully bring their offerings to campus.

“Never in our history have these offerings been more important. The need at Emmanuel is critical and the gifts by our Women’s Ministries ladies help enormously. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude,” Dr. White added.

“I am most grateful to the faithfulness and commitment of our people for the wonderful gift of nearly $74,000 for FOI,” added Mrs. Linda Thomas, Chair of EC’s Board of Trustees. “I am so pleasantly surprised because I wondered if the total would be down because of how generously the churches responded to our SOS during the summer months.

“The IPHC Women’s Ministries did it again, and we are forever appreciative of all the effort that goes into this event every year!”
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As Emmanuel College celebrated 95 years in 2014, more than 300 alumni and friends attended the Annual Alumni Luncheon on October 4 during Homecoming Weekend. They were introduced to the new president of EC’s National Alumni Association as well as the recipients of a special Presidential Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Many celebrating class reunions were also recognized and alumni from the Class of 1964 were inducted as Golden Graduates of Emmanuel.

New President of EC’s National Alumni Association

Ms. Robin Cato is the new president of EC’s National Alumni Association. Her term succeeds that of Mr. Sherm Smith (’61), an outstanding and hardworking alumni leader who passed away in May 2014 (see related article on page 14).

Before introducing Ms. Cato, Vice President of Development Brian James (’84) recognized and honored Mr. Smith’s wife, Mrs. Bett Smith (’62), and presented her with a beautiful crystal clock with this inscription: “Emmanuel College acknowledges the efforts of Sherm and Bett Smith for timeless seeds planted in the hearts and lives of many that will grow for years to come.”

Ms. Cato grew up in Franklin Springs and comes from a long line of family members who have attended, graduated from, and worked at Emmanuel College. “Robin is an outstanding and intelligent woman whose enthusiasm and leadership will continue to move the Emmanuel College National Alumni Association forward while supporting the growth and mission of the college,” Mr. James said.

She graduated from Emmanuel in 1981 and received her Bachelor of Arts from Stetson University.

President Award

This year a special Presidential Award was presented to Dr. Hugh Morgan. “Dr. Morgan, for more than 15 years, you have worked tirelessly to keep your readers informed through Hugh’s News,” President White said. “You have always supported Emmanuel College, and you have never hesitated to ask your readers to do the same. This year especially, you invited them to join you in giving $1,000 each to Emmanuel College. Through your efforts, you and your readers raised more than $20,000 for Emmanuel this summer.”

Dr. Morgan attended Emmanuel during the 1952-53 academic year before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Upon completing his enlistment in 1956, Dr. Morgan went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Furman University in 1980, which was the same year he was ordained by the IPHC. Dr. Morgan also holds the Master of Divinity from Ashbury Theological Seminary and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Holmes Theological Seminary. In 1965, Dr. Morgan was commissioned as a Chaplain by the United States Air Force. In 1998, Dr. Morgan began writing a newsletter called Hugh’s News & Commentary. It was small in numbers at first, but has grown to about 2,500 subscribers and 5,000 readers. He serves as the publisher and editor of Hugh’s News.

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In attendance were (from left, front) Glenda Gainey Cerezo, Elaine Compton Childs, Glenda Drum Tryon, Ruth Williams Brookshire; (back) Ronald Dean, Hugh Hoyle, Mickie Jones and David Richardson Sr.

Alumnus of the Year

Bishop Tommy H. McGhee was named as EC’s 2014 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. He is the Executive Director of Discipleship Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) as well as the Corporate Treasurer for the IPHC. During the summer, he also served as Acting CEO of Emmanuel.

“We humbly thank you for your leadership and for your commitment,” President White said during the presentation. “Today, we want join together in thanking you for going above and beyond to help guide us through one of the most challenging seasons in our 95 years.”

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