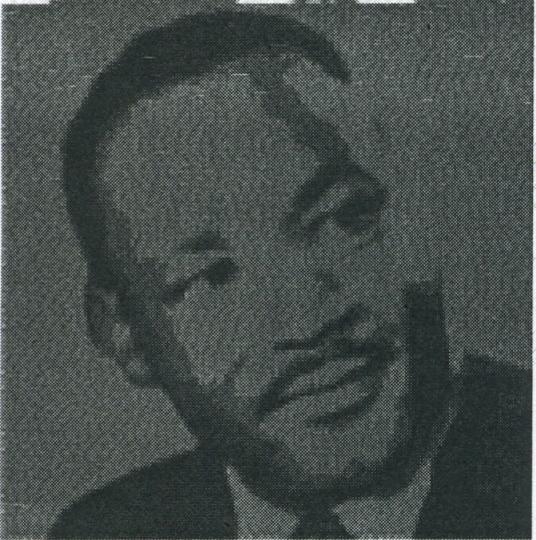




# The 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture Series



**April 6-7, 2010**



**Sponsored by the Office of Black Church Studies  
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## Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

### SERVICE OF THE WORD COMMEMORATING THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
Eleven Twenty-five in the Morning

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#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP + (adapted from Psalm 62:5-12)

Come let us gather to proclaim the glory of the Reign of God!  
Come let us stop evil acts against our sisters and brothers!  
O let us rejoice in the deliverance of our mothers and fathers!  
Let our souls explode with the majestic power of the Lord!  
As God speaks, let us hear, receive and obey!

#### \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH NO. 519                      Lift Every Voice and Sing                      LIFT EVERY VOICE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION ^

O God, we long to co-create with you the Beloved Community which looks to the common good; privileges all equally and creates societal systems which celebrate the humanity and gifts of all. And yet we focus on our difference, envy each other's gifts, and devalue manifestations of you, O God, that are not like our own.

Perhaps our sin is a slow wait for justice: we allow the voices of brothers and sister who do not look like us, love like us, or worship like us to be silenced. We have told them to wait for freedom, justice, and equality. We foster in them "*a denigrating sense of nobodiness.*" Lord have mercy **Christ have mercy.**

Or perhaps we have kept silence ourselves in the face of their struggle for full human life. "*For it is not solely hateful words and actions, but also appalling silence that follows the path of oppression.*" Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Perhaps our sin is to give in to weariness, discouragement, and bitterness: You have called us to be "*drum majors for justice, peace, and righteousness,*" yet the work of peace and justice overwhelms us at time, to build with God the Beloved Community seems impossible, and we grow weary. We cry, "peace, peace," but there is no peace within us or around us. We find ourselves on the path of hatred and oppression, violence and war. Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE ^

Leader: Brothers and sisters, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised: "I will not keep silent and I will not rest until the vindication of my beloved people shines out like the dawn and their salvation like a burning torch. My people shall no more be terms 'forsaken' and their land shall no more be terms 'desolate.'" We remember that you have given your beloved people a new name: "My delight is in them."

People: **Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SELECTION	Trading My Sorrows	Darrell Evans
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	1 Samuel 17:3-11	
SERMON	"Valley Calls"	

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**A READING ^**

“Words of Vision, Words of Power” based on the writings of Dr. King.

**\*CLOSING HYMN UMH NO. 578**

God of Love and God of Power

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

^ *Weekend Worship Ways*, United Church of Christ, 2010, excerpted from *Why We Can't Wait*, and *Where Do We Go From Here?* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

+ *Africana Worship Book, Year B*, p. 55, Valerie Bridgeman Davis, editor

\* *All who are able please stand.*

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preacher:** Dr. Walter Earl Fluker, Executive Director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

**Liturgist:** Dr. Willie Jennings, Associate Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies, and Tori Butler, Senior M.Div.

**Lector:** Ernest Brooks, Middler M.Div.

**Readings:** Regine Jean-Baptiste, Middler M.Div., Sean Palmer, Middler M.Div.

**Organist/Pianist:** Dr. David Arcus, Chapel and Associate University Organist

**Divinity Choir:** Paul Atlas, Senior M.Div., Director and Accompanist

**Worship Interns:** Anna Adams, Laura Beach, Michael Boone, and Brian Bryant

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday, April 6:** Dr. Walter Earl Fluker, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., will present a lecture, “The Ground Has Shifted: Martin Luther King, Jr. in a *Post-Racial, Post-American World?*” from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Goodson Chapel.

**Wednesday, April 7, Service of the Word:** Dr. Fluker will preach in Goodson Chapel.

**Thursday, April 8, Service of Word and Table.** Dr. Allen Verhey, professor of Christian Ethics, preaching; Rev. Katherine Smith, presiding.

**April 9-10, Durham Pilgrimage of Pain & Hope:** Pilgrimage leaders will be Dr. Joy J. Moore, director of the Office of Black Church Studies, and the Rev. Gaston Warner, director of university and community relations at Duke Chapel.

Under the leadership of the Office of Black Church Studies, Duke Divinity School has engaged in pilgrimages (sacred journeys) for the past several years in various parts of the world including South Africa, Brazil, Uganda, and Rwanda. Pilgrims have reckoned with racial, gender, and class polarities that undermine the vision of God’s community of justice, peace, and equal opportunity. Now we will turn our eyes toward home and consider the reality of moving from oppression to opportunity here in the city of Durham, N.C.

During this pilgrimage, we will hear stories from 19th century plantation life to 21st century politics – all in the vicinity of Duke University. We will walk the streets of several communities in the city and listen to stories of hope from Durham residents and church leaders. We hope that the Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope’s focus on racial, gender, and class polarities will be deepened as we reckon with reconciliation and the realities within the community where we live and work.

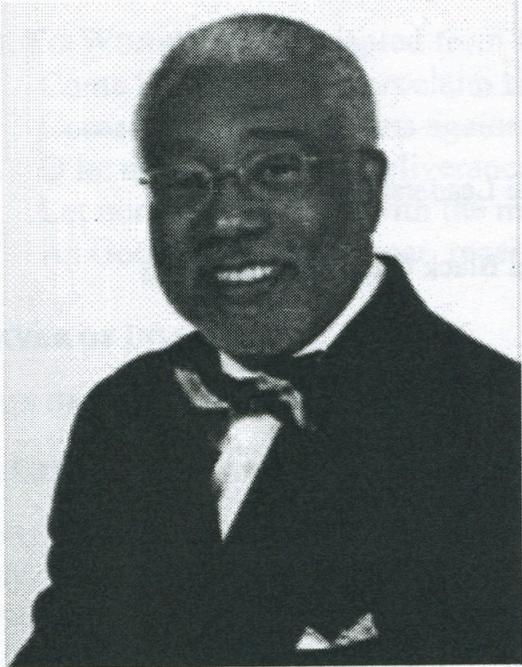
The cost is \$75 each, and continuing education credit is available. This fee will be discounted for current Duke Divinity School students.

For more information, contact Dr. Joy J. Moore or Callie Davis at [obcs@div.duke.edu](mailto:obcs@div.duke.edu) or 919-660-3599.

# THE 2010 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

## Dr. Walter Earl Fluker

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Walter Earl Fluker is executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., the Coca-Cola professor of leadership studies and editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project. Known as an expert in the theory and practice of ethical leadership, Fluker serves on numerous boards, the National Selection Committee for *U.S. News & World Report* America's Best Leaders, and as distinguished speaker for the U.S. Embassy Speaker/Specialist Program in South Africa, Nigeria, India, and China.

He recently completed the first volume of a multi-volume series titled, "The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman: My People Need Me" (University of South Carolina Press, 2009) and a book, "Ethical Leadership: The Quest for Character, Civility and Community" (Fortress, 2009).

Other publications include: "The Stones that the Builders Rejected: Essays on Ethical Leadership from the Black Church Tradition"; co-editor with Preston King of "Black Leaders and Ideologies in the South: Resistance and Non-Violence"; and co-editor with Catherine Tumber of "A Strange Freedom. The Best of Howard Thurman on Religious Experience and Public Life."

His prior academic experience includes professorial and administrative positions at Vanderbilt University, Harvard College, Dillard University, and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Fluker has served as visiting professor and scholar at Harvard University, The University of Cape Town in South Africa, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned a Ph.D. in social ethics from Boston University, an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy and biblical studies from Trinity College.

Dr. Fluker's books are available for purchase in the Cokesbury bookstore at Duke Divinity School.



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**Advisor:** Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership for the Black Seminarians Union.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord and to our community.

Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and work.

Today we install:

**Brian Bryant as President**  
**Lydia Malone as Vice President**  
**Marcia Norfleet as Secretary**  
**Jason Evans as Treasurer**  
**Sanetta Ponton as Program Chairperson**  
**Edmund Newsome as Historian**  
**Kiki Barnes as Chaplain**  
**Tiffany Thomas as Parliamentarian**

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

**New Officers: We do.**

**Advisor:** Will you devote yourself to the service of God within the context of the Black Seminarians Union, Duke Divinity School and the greater community?

**New Officers: We will.**

**Advisor:** Will you so live that you enable the members of the Black Seminarians Union to be a people of love, peace, fellowship, education, unity, and support.

**New Officers: We will.**

**Advisor:** Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

**New Officers: We will.**

**To the members of the BSU and Divinity School Community:**

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage your leaders in the responsibilities, to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and mostly your prayers?

**Congregation: We will.**

**\*\*Anointing of New Leadership\*\***

Associate Dean and members of the  
Black Church Studies Faculty

**Advisor:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given the particular ministries within the Black Seminarians Union.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly to your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for all. Let them share his ministry and consecration that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All BSU Leaders together:**

O Lord our God, we are not worthy, yet you have called your servants to stand before your people and lead them by serving them. To you and to your service we devote ourselves. Fill our memories with the record of your mighty works; enlighten our understandings with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may our wills center in what you would have us do. Make us instruments of your care for the members of the Black Seminarians Union. Be always with us in carrying out the duties of our ministry to this organization and to Duke Divinity School. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**