

The Goodson Academy of Preaching

The Goodson Academy of Preaching is like a sleeping giant slowly awakening. The GAP was a significant contributor to strengthening preaching in the Virginia Conference for roughly 10 years (1999-2008). With the economic decline of 2008-2009, the GAP was dormant due to economic restrictions and reorganizational issues. But it's a New Day! The Academy is reviving.

With strong support and encouragement from Bishop Lewis, the GAP is planning a major preaching event on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Dr. Teresa Fry Brown, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology will be our guest presenter. It is scheduled to be held at Aldersgate UMC in Charlottesville.

All preachers in the Conference are urged to attend this event. Additional details will be available at Annual Conference.

Operating under the umbrella of the Bishops' Foundation, the GAP has been led by the Rev. David Rash and a Design Team including Larry Buxton, Bill Davis, Amanda Newman, George Riggins and Tim Tate.

We are actively engaged in exploring multiple options for strengthening preaching in the Conference, including online and live-streaming opportunities, individual and group coaching, district teaching presentations, and more. We are available to work with districts and clusters to promote excellence in preaching. To that end we are also actively seeking new members with creative thinking who love preaching and are passionate about making it a transformative force in our churches.

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