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INAUGURAL BANQUET

World Congress Center

Dr. Joseph L. Roberts, Master of Ceremonies

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— Thursday, March 19 - 8:00 p.m. —

INVOCATION **Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, President**
General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

SPIRITUAL **Ms. Ardith J. Arnelle - Chicago, Illinois**
"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" — arr. **Edward Boatner**

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF ITC **The Rev. Oliver J. Haney, Jr.**
President

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SPIRITUAL **Ms. Karen Lowery - Atlanta, Georgia**
"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" — arr. **Margaret Bonds**

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES **Mr. Kenyon C. Burk**
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STATEMENT OF THE OCCASION **Bishop Joseph C. Coles, Jr.**
Presiding Bishop, Sixth Episcopal District
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

MUSIC **Ms. Karen Lowery - Atlanta, Georgia**
"Rise Again" — **Dallas Holm**

□ DINNER □

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER **Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, President**
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

SOLO **The Rev. Harold Moore, Student, ITC**
"I'll Walk With God" — **Nicholas Brodzky**

ADDRESS **Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, Founder and President**
Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.

MUSIC **Ms. Ardith J. Arnelle - Chicago, Illinois**
"Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess* — **George Gershwin**

RESPONSE **Dr. J. Deotis Roberts, President**
Interdenominational Theological Center

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James Deotis Roberts

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The 1981 ITC Candidates for Graduation

THE INAUGURAL PROGRAM

INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER

Inauguration of James Deotis Roberts

Theme: "Mission of the ITC in the '80's"

Schedule of Events/March 18-20, 1981

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 9:00 a.m. - "Black Ecumenism and Theological Education,"
Bishop John H. Adams, Speaker - ITC
- 11:00 a.m. - "What Does the Black Church Expect from Theological Education,"
Dr. William Howard, Speaker - ITC
- 7:00 p.m. - Religious Heritage/Cultural Night,
Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Speaker
and the Atlanta Philharmonic Chorale - Big Bethel A.M.E. Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:00 a.m. - "The Interdisciplinary Thrust of Theological Education and the Black Church,"
Dr. Thelma C. Adair and Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, Speakers - ITC
- 12:30 p.m. - Joint Trustee Meeting at ITC Refectory
- 4:00 p.m. - Autograph Party - ITC, Willis J. King Building
- 8:00 p.m. - Banquet, **Dr. Leon Sullivan, Speaker** -
World Congress Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 11:30 a.m. - Inaugural Luncheon - *by Invitation Only*
Dr. James Cheek, Speaker - World Congress Center
- 3:00 p.m. - Inaugural Convocation
Former Ambassador Andrew Young, Speaker
Martin L. King, Jr. Chapel (Morehouse College)
- 3:00 p.m. - Inaugural Reception, "*Hall of Fame*"
Martin L. King, Jr. Chapel, Immediately follows convocation

INAUGURAL FORUM

ITC CHAPEL

Theme: "The Mission Of ITC In The Eighties"

Dr. John W. Waters, *Coordinator*

SESSION I

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. - "Black Ecumenism and Theological Education"

Dr. Charles B. Copher, *Vice President* for Academic Affairs
Emeritus, Presiding

Worship: **Dr. Maurice S. Cherry**, *Minister*, West Mitchell Street
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

10:00 a.m. - REACTORS

Dr. Peter Paris, *Associate Professor*, Ethnicity and Society, Vanderbilt University
The Rev. Ida Wells, *Consultant to Black Clergy Recruitment*
Dr. Archie Smith, Jr., *Professor of Religion and Society*,
Pacific School of Religion

10:30 a.m. - DIALOGUE

10:50 - Concluding Statement, **Dr. Copher**

SESSION II

11:00 a.m. - "What Does The Black Church Expect From Theological Education?"

The Rev. Howard W. Creecy, *Minister*, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia - Presiding

11:05 - Address: **Dr. M. William Howard**, *President*,
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

11:50 - REACTORS

Dr. Robert Newbold, *Associate Stated Clerk*,
United Presbyterian Church, USA
The Rev. Barbara Harris, *Priest-In-Charge*,
St. Augustine of Hippo Episcopal Church, Morristown, Pa.

12:30 - Closing Statement, **The Rev. Howard W. Creecy**

SESSION III

Thursday, March 19

9:00 a.m. - "The Interdisciplinary Thrust of Theological Education and the Black Church"

The Rev. Wayne H. Merritt, *Instructor*, ITC - Presiding

Worship: **The Rev. Rudolph Smith**, *Former President*, ITC Alumni Fellowship

9:15 a.m. - Address: **Dr. Thelma C. Adair**, *ITC Trustee*, National Presbyterian Church
Women United

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, Duke University

10:30 a.m. - REACTORS

Ms. Ann Douglas, *Director*, Department of Latin America Christian Church
Dr. Lawrence Carter, *Dean of the Chapel*, Morehouse College
Dr. John Satterwhite, *Editor*, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Quarterly Review

11:00 a.m. - DIALOGUE

11:15 a.m. - Closing Statement, **The Rev. Wayne Merritt**

INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

World Congress Center

— Friday, March 20, 1981 - 11:20 a.m. —

MASTER OF CEREMONIES **Mr. Tom Hamall**, *Executive Director*

Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

INVOCATION **Dr. Julius C. Williams**, *Pastor*

Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church

GREETINGS:

The Honorable Maynard Jackson, *Mayor*

The City of Atlanta

The Honorable George Busbee, *Governor*

The State of Georgia

Dr. Anwar Barkat, *Moderator*

Unit Two - World Council of Churches

STATEMENT OF THE OCCASION **Dr. William V. Guy**, *Pastor*

Friendship Baptist Church

MUSIC ITC Male Chorus

"Soon Ah Will Be Done" — arr. **Dawson**

LUNCH

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER **Mr. Victor A. Gregor**

Vice President, Trust Company of Georgia

MUSIC ITC Male Chorus

"Love Was When" — arr.: **Wyrzten**

ADDRESS **Dr. James E. Cheek**, *President*

Howard University - Washington, D.C.

REMARKS **Dr. Frank T. Wilson**, *Chairperson*

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Ms. Betty Butler ITC

Ms. Julia King Morris Brown College

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Ms. Jackie Marshall Spelman College

Ms. Carmen Montague Atlanta University Center

Ms. Doris Smith Clark College

Ms. Minnie J. Wright *Coordinator* - ITC

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AUTOGRAPH PARTY

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— March 19, 1981 - 4:00 p.m. —

- ESIDING **Dr. Lovenger Bowden, *President***
Transaction, Inc.
Professor of Communications
Howard University - Washington, D.C.
- VOCATION **The Rev. John Farmer, *ITC Student***
- BOOK REVIEW **Dr. Olin P. Moyd, *Minister***
Mt. Lebanon
Baltimore, Maryland
- SPONSE **Dr. J. Deotis Roberts**

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□ AUTHORS □

- Annie E. Goodwin** — *Pray Right! Live Right!*
- Martin Luther King, Sr.** — *Daddy King*
- Benjamin E. Mays** — *Lord, The People Have Driven Me On*
- Deotis Roberts** — *Roots Of A Black Future: A Theological Commentary*
On The Sullivan Principles
- Thomas Smith** — *And The Plays Goes On: Characters In The Biblical*
Drama
Augustine: His Life And Thought
Harry Hosier: Circuit Rider
- Howard P. Wimberly** — *Pastoral Care In The Black Church*

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HOSTESS: Mrs. Loretta Barnes

INAUGURAL CULTURAL HERITAGE WORSHIP

Big Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Dr. McKinley Young, *Presiding*

— Wednesday, March 18 - 7:00 p.m. —

ORGAN MEDITATION

PROCESSIONAL The Atlanta Philharmonic Chorus

INVOCATION The Rev. Rodney Smothers, *Student*, ITC

CALL TO WORSHIP AND GREETINGS Dr. McKinley Young
Minister, Big Bethel A.M.E. Church
Atlanta, Georgia

MUSIC The Atlanta Philharmonic Chorus

EVENING PRAYER Dr. James E. Costen, *Dean*
Johnson C. Smith Seminary, in the ITC

HERITAGE MUSIC "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

PRESENTATION Ms. A. Faye Adams
"For My People" — by: Margaret Walker

GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE
ATLANTA RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY ... Bishop Frederick H. Talbot
Chief Pastor, Sixth Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

OFFERTORY Bishop J. D. Huskins
Bishop of Central Georgia Church of God in Christ

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER The Rev. Walter Kimbrough
Minister, Cascade United Methodist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

MUSIC The Atlanta Philharmonic Chorus

THE SPOKEN WORD Bishop Roy C. Nichols
Resident Bishop of New York Area
The United Methodist Church

MUSIC The Atlanta Philharmonic Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Major Jones, *Dean*
Gammon Theological Seminary in the ITC

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Georgia State University

RECESSIONAL The Atlanta Philharmonic Chorus

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