

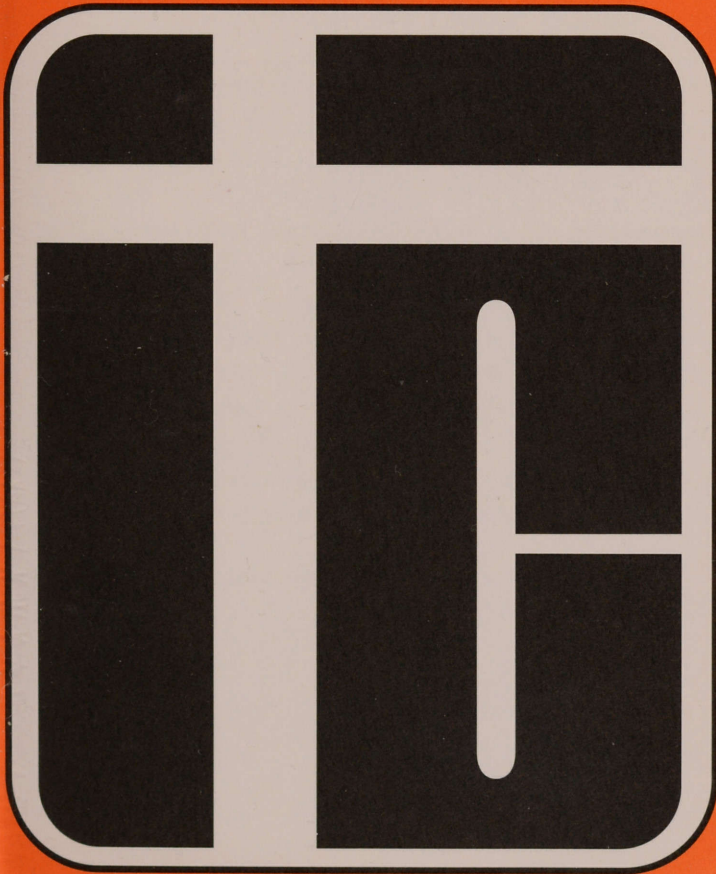
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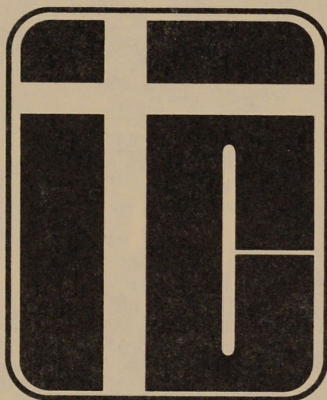
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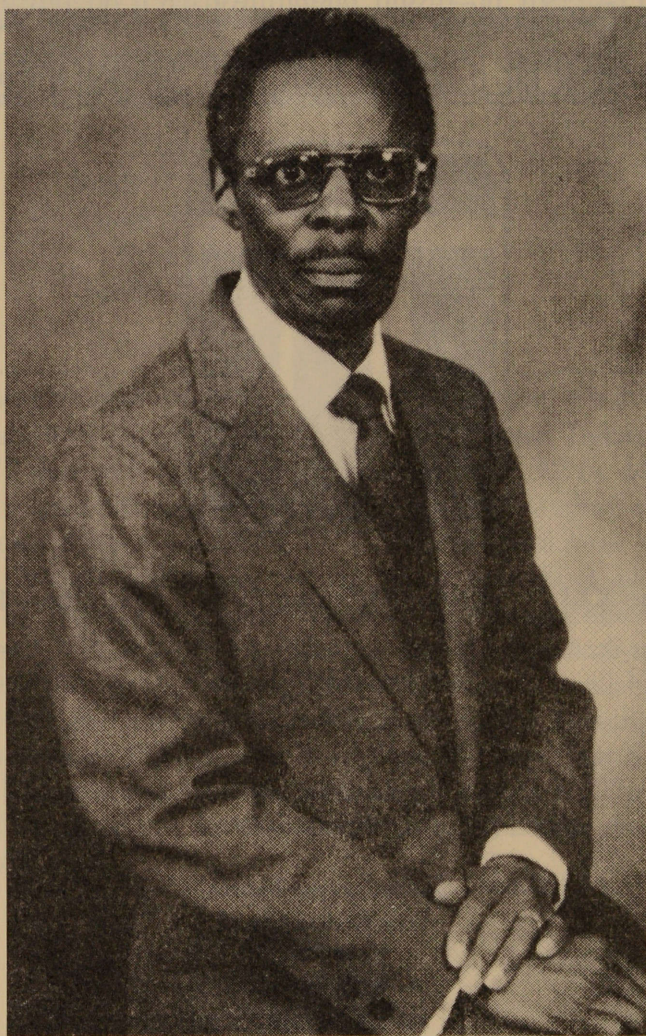
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Professor Thomas Jefferson Pugh

## IN MEMORIAM

Professor Thomas Jefferson Pugh, October 25, 1917—February 9, 1994, considered by many the “Father” of Pastoral Care and Counseling in African American theological education, was a member of the faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Center for thirty-five years. He served as Professor of Psychology and Pastoral Care as well as occasional administrative posts, including Vice President for Academic Services. Dr. Pugh was a national figure in the advocacy and training of Black clergy for greater visibility and participation in the growing field of pastoral care and counseling.

In 1962 he helped to found the Georgia Association for Pastoral Care and served on the adjunct staff of the Association. In an eloquent eulogy at Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta on February 12, 1994, Dr. Richard Hester, executive director of the Association, gave high praise to Dr. Pugh’s pioneering work in helping to develop pastoral counseling services, Clinical Pastoral Education, and graduate training programs for theological students and ministers in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Dr. Pugh was a graduate of Clark College and Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary, and Boston University where he earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology and Religion. He began teaching at the I.T.C. in 1958 as a member of the faculty of Gammon and professor of the Psychology of Religion. He also taught at Albany State College in Albany, Georgia, and at Bryant Theological Seminary in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

He is survived by a loving and devoted wife, Angelia;

two sons; mother, mother-in-law; a grandson and granddaughter; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will long be remembered by hundreds of I.T.C. graduates around the world and by numerous colleagues at the Center and other institutions whose awareness of the deep sensitivity and skill that the gospel calls for in the care of souls was sparked and nurtured by the teaching of Thomas Jefferson Pugh.

In October 1992 the Board of Trustees of the Center voted to name a new and long-awaited facility at I.T.C., "The Thomas J. Pugh Pastoral Counseling Center." It will be housed in the building now being erected on the campus and will be dedicated in May, 1994 as the James H. Costen Lifelong Education Center.

The *Journal of the I.T.C.* joins the family, the campus community, and a far-flung host of alumni/ae and friends in thanking God for the life and work of a great scholar, master teacher, compassionate counselor, and loving friend. Tom Pugh will be sorely missed by all of us here at the I.T.C., but emboldened by his courage and emulating his faithfulness, we pray with humble supplication and yet unbounded confidence, that great petition of the ecumenical Church:

*O Lord: support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Acknowledgement

At the close of the current academic year, the beloved editor of the *Journal of Interdenominational Theological Center*, Dr. Gayraud S. Wilmore, will retire after serving this publication for four years. His editorial work, during this brief span, has been important in many ways, but especially so for the following three reasons. Firstly, he has returned JITC to its proper publication schedule, a task which involved the production of six volumes in the space of four years. Thus, the volume now going to press—even as I write this—is Volume 21, Nos. 1 and 2, dated Fall 1993 and Spring 1994. The next volume — Volume 22—is scheduled for Fall 1994. When he accepted this editorship in 1990, we were four volumes behind in our publishing schedule.

Secondly, Gayraud, with his constant and rigorous attention to content and stylistic detail, has reestablished earlier publishing standards, thereby making our publication beyond reproach.

Thirdly, Gayraud has served as the General Editor of the Black Church Scholars Series published by the ITC Press. In this capacity, he has supervised the publication of five volumes.

While we at the ITC fully realize that we can never repay Gay for services rendered, we did seek to express our indebtedness to him by a reception held in his honor at ITC on March 23, 1994. At that time each segment of the ITC family offered a public demonstration of its love.

This retirement of Gayraud as Editor of JITC comes shortly after a prior retirement from the ITC faculty in 1990. At his latest retirement reception, he said that this would be his last. However, knowing Gayraud and knowing the manifold gifts in his possession,

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none of us would be surprised to find him elsewhere, serving the Lord in ways that only he can muster and master. We hope for him the best in his future.

John C. Diamond, Jr.  
Chairperson,  
Academic Publications Committee  
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