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Dear Friends of Gammon Theological Seminary,

As our Transition/Search Committee completes the first phase of its search for a new President-Dean for Gammon Theological Seminary, I am pleased to introduce the [Rev. Dr. Joseph Crawford](#), who will serve as Interim President-Dean beginning July 1, 2020. He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, [who will transition out of the President-Dean role](#) effective June 30, 2020.

Dr. Crawford is a dedicated and knowledgeable Gammon alumnus who will lead our distinguished theological institution well in this time of transition. He has served with distinction both as a member of the Gammon Board of Trustees and as President of the ITC Board of Trustees. Dr. Crawford is entering the retired relationship in the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church after serving in several significant capacities during his active ministry.

We are pleased Dr. Crawford has agreed to serve his alma mater until a permanent President-Dean is elected.

The Transition/Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Mackie H. Norris, is establishing the process and criteria to be used in identifying, recruiting, vetting and electing the next President-Dean of Gammon Theological Seminary.

The open application period will begin June 15, 2020. We anticipate the election process will be complete in time for the President-Dean-Elect to be introduced at the 2020 Founders' Day festivities in December. Information about the application process will be available soon at gammon-itc.org.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Gammon.

Grace and Peace,

L. Jonathan Holston, Chair
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