



**President of Chapel Assistants Completes Internship with the US Department of Agriculture**



As the President of the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants, Ms. Chelsea Burton '12 participates in the weekly liturgy and helps to manage the affairs of many of the ministries within the Chapel. This past summer Ms. Burton (and her twin sister Kelsey) completed an internship with the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. As a Biology, Pre-Med major, Ms. Burton believes that our physical health should complement our spiritual health. Her leadership among the Chapel Assistants is invaluable, and we look forward to seeing her serve as a leader in the fields of religion and medicine.

**The United Methodist Church Appoints New Director of the Wesley Foundation**



The entire Fisk University community would like to welcome the Reverend Marilyn Thornton as the incoming Director of the Wesley Foundation (a campus ministry) at Fisk University. Reverend Thornton has earned a BA from Howard University, a MA in Violin from Johns Hopkins and the M.Div. from Vanderbilt. Reverend Thornton is also the Lead Editor of African-American resources at the UM Publishing House. Welcome Reverend Thornton!

**Celebrating the Leadership of Women in Ministry at Fisk University**



Much has been written about the visionary leadership as well as the tangible contributions of women in the academy, the parish ministry and the global community. Texts such as *If It Wasn't for the Women: Black Women's Experience and Womanist Culture in Church and Community* by the Reverend Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, *Leadership Development for Women* by Bishop Vashti McKenzie, and *Those Preaching Women* by Ella Mitchell and Jacqueline Glass chronicle and highlight the courage, spiritual-discernment, steadfastness, faith and intelligence of women who have helped families, congregations and members of a given community address and overcome challenges throughout their lives. At a time when many of those within the

mainstream culture as well as those within various academic and religious subcultures have consistently questioned the authenticity of their "divine-call" narrative, women have displayed and continue to display effective and bold leadership in ecclesiastical circles as well as the academic study of religion. Just like the women in Matthew 28:1-9 who were among the first to proclaim the resurrection of our Lord and Savior from the grave, women continue to be both pioneers and leaders in the temporal and eternal work that God has placed upon the hearts of human beings throughout the world.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize those who have meant and continue to mean so much to so many within our school, country and global community. May God bless you.  
Dean Curry



**Miss Fisk University: A Leader in Educational and Religious Circles**



As Miss Fisk University Candace Warren is an outstanding ambassador for the University who enthusiastically represents the University at many internal and external functions. A brief conversation with Ms. Warren will reveal the fact that her new administrative responsibilities have not diminished her profound relationship with God. In conjunction with her duties as Miss Fisk University, Ms. Warren also serves as a senator for all of the religious organizations on campus. As a student senator, she conveys the aspirations and achievements of all of the campus ministries to the wider, collegiate community. We thank God for the leadership and ministry our Miss Fisk University!

**Alumni Spotlight: The Reverend Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson '85 brings message of hope from the Children's Defense Fund of New York City and the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York.**



The Reverend Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson is the Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund in New York City as well as the Associate Pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of

Christ in Brooklyn, New York. On October 6, 2010, Dr. Jordan-Simpson delivered an outstanding message as the 2010 Jubilee Day Speaker. Throughout the course of her message, Dr. Simpson cited statistics which detail the plight of some of the most vulnerable citizens of our democracy. According to Dr. Jordan-Simpson: "Nationally, black juveniles are about 4 times as likely to be incarcerated as their white peers. In NYC, a black child is 32 times more

likely to be incarcerated than a white child." Dr. Jordan-Simpson also left us with a blessing of hope: "May God bless you to be bold, to honor your race, to honor your legacy and to be unafraid to walk in the dark places with songs of light, with songs of struggle, with songs of mourning that turn into victory..." We thank God for the ministry of Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson.

(Pictured from left to right are Ms. Adrienne Latham, Rev. Dr. Emma Jordan-Simpson, Dean Curry and Dr. Linda Brown Coleman)