



# PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## **Bishop Vinton R. Anderson Ecumenical Institute Community Lecture Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

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WILBERFORCE, OHIO—Payne Theological Seminary, under the leadership of President Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, invited the community to attend the fifth annual lecture for the Bishop Vinton R. Anderson Ecumenical Institute to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom Memorial Library on the campus of Payne, 1230 Wilberforce-Clifton Road in Wilberforce, Ohio.

The lecture featured Dr. Gayraud Wilmore, renowned writer, historian, educator and theologian. Dr. Wilmore presented a 30 minute lecture reflecting on the life and work of the late Bishop Vinton R. Anderson and his impact and legacy on the ecumenical movement.

Respondent remarks were also be provided by Rev. Dr. Louis Charles Harvey, Presiding Elder, Second Episcopal District and Mr. John Thomas, III, Youth Coordinator, World Methodist Council. A question-and-answer session and a community reception followed the lecture. This annual event is a free open to all who would like to attend.

The Bishop Vinton R. Anderson Ecumenical Institute fosters ecumenical cooperation among Christians and interfaith dialogue, emphasizing inclusivity and respect for diversity. The Institute promotes programs of education, advocacy, and service that address critically important social needs and offers opportunity for the Church to witness through common faith expressions developed from the ministry of Jesus Christ. For more information, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Hatcher, Payne Community Liaison, at (937) 376-2946, ext. 224, or [mhatcher@payne.edu](mailto:mhatcher@payne.edu).

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