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REV. LEONARD FAIRLEY TO LEAD WORSHIP SERVICE HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Rev. Leonard Fairley, pastor of Soapstone United Methodist Church in Raleigh, will be the guest preacher at Methodist College's Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The worship service will be open to the general public.

A Laurinburg native, Rev. Fairley holds a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Pfeiffer College and a Master of Diivinity from Duke University. Before his appointment to Soapstone last June, he pastored churches in the Sanford and Rockingham districts.

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CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS AWARDS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College is now accepting nominations for three business awards to be given at its 21st Annual Stock Market Symposium Thursday, April 2.

An Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award will be given to a North Carolina resident who owns, has established, or manages a small business. The Award Committee will consider the individual's creativeness, innovativeness, and personal contributions to and involvement with the community.

A Small Business Excellence Award will be made to an outstanding small business employing fewer than 500 persons with annual revenues of less than \$15 million. The Award Committee will consider the creativity of the business, the uniqueness of the product, the employees' welfare, and the contributions of the business to its community.

The Silver Spoon Award, traditionally given at the Stock Market Symposium, will be continued. This award is given to a person who, "though not born with the proverbial silver spoon in his/her mouth, has originated and built a successful business recognized for its uniqueness in planning, production, or some other aspect of its operation."

March 12 is the deadline for submitting nominations for any of the three awards. Persons wishing to make nominations should submit official forms (available from Dr. Sid Gautam) and supporting material to the Center for Entrepreneurship, Methodist College, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC 28311. For more information, phone Dr. Sid Gautam at 486-1627.

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METHODIST COLLEGE CAMPAIGN PASSES \$8 MILLION MARK

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—In the last sixty days, Methodist College has received \$544,000 in large gifts and pledges toward the College's "Expanding the Vision" capital campaign, pushing total campaign receipts to \$8,050,000.

"We continue to receive grand support for the Vision campaign," said Jay Dowd, vice president for institutional advancement. "We have exceeded our \$6,550,000 campaign goal by \$1.5 million."

Methodist received \$390,000 from alumni, corporations and other friends, including an anonymous gift of \$200,000 in memory of Walter B. Clark, a College trustee and founder of Mid-South Insurance Co. in Fayetteville. Branch Banking and Trust Co. contributed \$100,000. Two current trustees of the College and a trustee emeritus gave a total of \$72,000. The Robert P. Holding Foundation gave \$50,000 and the Janirve Foundation gave \$32,000.

"The College is continuing fund-raising efforts to meet increased costs for the library annex and academic building (Clark Hall) and expects to sign final construction documents shortly," Dowd added. "We need an additional \$420,00 for these projects and we have gift proposals in the hands of prospective donors that would more than cover these costs."

In addition to funds for the library annex and academic building, the College's three-year campaign has obtained an additional \$2.2 million for the College endowment, \$1.5 million for operating expenses, and \$1 million for a math and computer science building.

"Our volunteers have assisted us in reaching many prospects," said Dowd. "The College community appreciates everything they have done to make this campaign a watershed event in our history."