



# *Inauguration*

NOTIFICATION

Inauguration Ceremony

for

*Trudie Kibbe Reed, Ed. D.*

*Eleventh President*

of

Philander Smith College

Saturday, February 27, 1999  
10:00 a.m.

Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church  
1601 South Louisiana  
Little Rock, Arkansas



## DR. TRUDIE KIBBE REED

Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed was unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees in February, 1998, as the eleventh and first female president of Philander Smith College. As a transformational visionary and student-centered leader, Dr. Reed brings to Philander Smith College national visibility of innovative academic programs and initiatives. Through her new theme of *Building Traditions of Excellence*, she recognizes the past legacy and signals the “raising of the bar” for academic excellence. Through her leadership, the college has launched the nation’s first Black Family Studies Program as a concentrated academic discipline leading to a minor, and has funded an education and development initiative for the Arkansas Delta. Since her arrival, declining enrollments have turned to rapid growth in numbers and quality of students.

Dr. Reed’s leadership has focused on collaborative learning, globalization, technology, entrepreneurial and community leadership, and environmental studies. For the first time, the college has a recycling program to enable students to become good stewards of resources. She has captured the essence of Philander Smith College pride by challenging students to share her vision of Philander Smith College as a top liberal arts college in the south. Dr. Reed encourages student participation in civic leadership affairs that serve as a bridge between the community and higher education. She has set a goal of increasing the endowment by \$10 million in order to support ongoing degree programs and new growth.

Under Dr. Reed’s leadership, the college launched the most recent phase of a renovation program for residence halls, increased scholarships, enhanced customer service for students, provided greater opportunities for faculty development, created a plan for a new day care center on campus, and expanded the use of technology in administrative offices as well as in the classroom. All of these initiatives point to a form of leadership that embraces collaboration, team spirit, and academic excellence.

Dr. Reed came to Philander Smith College with outstanding recognition as Columbia College’s director of Leadership Studies and director of the Leadership Institute, and as a senior-level administrator for the United Methodist Church. She has expressed her goal as president of the college as follows: “Together we must chart an educational path for our students that will take them from wherever they are academically to the best of the information age’s competitive jobs. What is important is not the academic standing students bring to us, but the successful academic achievement they accomplish with us.”

Since joining the Little Rock community, Dr. Reed is a member of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Arkansans for Drug Free Youth Board, National Kidney Foundation, Pulaski County United Way, Arkansas Women's Leadership Forum, the American Council on Education’s, Commission on Government and Public Affairs, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, Arkansas Community Foundation Philanthropy Roundtable, and Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Inauguration Ceremony  
Program

Investiture

† *Please stand.*

Prelude: "I've Been 'Buked" .....arranged by Hall Johnson  
James Madison High School Choir, Dallas, Texas

"Wade in the Water" .....arranged by Rosephanye Powell  
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

Processional: "The Bishop's Promenade" .....Coke and Jephcott

Call to Celebration .....Dr. Charles W. Donaldson  
Chair, Inaugural Planning Committee

Greetings.....Bishop Janice Riggle Huie  
Resident Bishop, Arkansas Area of the United Methodist Church

..... The Honorable Mike Huckabee  
Governor, State of Arkansas

The Gathering.....Bishop Felton Edwin May  
Resident Bishop, Washington D.C. Area

† Congregational Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" .....Johnson and Johnson

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

† Psalter: Psalm 1 .....Mr. Eddie Gamble  
President, Philander Smith College Student Body

### Psalm 1

**RESPONSE:** Like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Leader: Blessed are those  
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

All: or stand in the way of sinners,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Leader: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

All: They are like trees  
planted by streams of water  
that yield their fruit in season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

Leader: In all that they do, they prosper. **RESPONSE**

All: The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. **RESPONSE**

† Musical Response: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

.....Thomas Ken and Ralph Williams

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

First Lesson: Old Testament Deuteronomy 6:3-9, 20-23

.....Ms. Cecilia Long  
General Secretariat, General Commission Status and Role of Women

Second Lesson: New Testament Hebrews 11:1-2, 29-32, 39-12:2

.....Dr. Eula Peterson  
President, Philander Smith College National Alumni Association

Anthem: "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" .....arranged by Moses Hogan  
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

The Presidential Charge.....Dr. Sherman Tate  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

**The Charge Continues**

General Church Vision/Faith, Dr. Roger W. Ireson  
Academic Leadership, Dr. Linda B. Salane  
Visionary Excellence, Dr. Lina McCord

Selection.....The Reverend Cynthia Wilson-Felder

**The Charge Continues**

Student Development, Dr. William Broadus  
Faculty & Staff, Dr. Raphael Lewis, President Faculty Senate

Selection.....The Reverend Cynthia Wilson-Felder

Recognition of Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed  
and the  
First Family of Philander Smith College  
by Bishop Janice Riggle Huie

Investiture of President Trudie Kibbe Reed  
by Dr. Sherman Tate,  
Dr. Myer Titus, President Emeritus  
and Bishops of the United Methodist Church

Prayer Bishop Felton Edwin May

Selection.....The Reverend Cynthia Wilson-Felder

Special Presentations

Civic Leadership .....The Honorable Winthrop P. Rockefeller  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Arkansas

Strengthening the Black Church  
for the 21st Century .....Dr. C. David Lundquist  
Secretary, General Council on Ministries, United Methodist Church

The Vision Validators.....Ms. Betty Scull  
Founding Member  
Ms. Gloria Banks  
National Secretary, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

James Madison High School and Choir .....The Honorable Prince Cartwright  
Municipal Judge, Kendleton, Texas

Music of Celebration: "Thank You Lord for All You've Done for Me"  
.....arranged by Hall Johnson  
James Madison High School Choir, Dallas, Texas



Presentation of  
Eleventh President of Philander Smith College  
Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed  
by Dr. Sherman Tate

Acceptance of Charge  
Eleventh President of Philander Smith College  
Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed

† **The Alma Mater**  
(Circa 1988)

Dear Alma Mater, tried and true  
We'll win respect and love for you.  
We pledge our hearts to you each day  
to do our best, at work, at play.

Dear P.S.C. when from your fold,  
We'll lift the dear old green and gold,  
O'er Alma Mater vigil keep,  
Her high ideals we'll strive to meet.

When college days are at an end  
Our hearts will ever toward you bend  
With loyalty we'll always be,  
A part of you, Dear P.S.C.

† World Methodist Social Affirmation .....Dr. Norman E. Dewire  
President, Methodist Theological School of Ohio

**The World Methodist Social Affirmation**

We believe in God, Creator of the world and of all people;  
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,  
who died and rose again;  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:  
in the upholding of human dignity and community;  
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;  
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;  
in the abundance of god's gifts  
entrusted to us that all may have enough;  
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

† Closing Hymn: "Marching to Zion" .....Isaac Watts and Robert Lowry

**Marching to Zion**

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne. **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN: WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION,  
BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL ZION; WE'RE MARCHING UPWARD TO ZION,  
THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF GOD.**

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad,  
speak their joys abroad. **REFRAIN**

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. **REFRAIN**

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high. **REFRAIN**

Benediction .....Bishop Kenneth Hicks  
Retired Bishop in Residence, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

Recessional: "Siyahamba" .....South African, arranged by William Powell  
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" .....Johann Sebastian Bach

**Reception immediately following.**

**Philander Smith College  
Crawford J. Mims Gymnasium**

Philander Smith Collegiate Choir under the direction of Dr. William Powell.  
James Madison High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Antony Jackson.

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## PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE HISTORY

Philander Smith College, officially founded in 1877, is the result of one of the early attempts to make education available to freedmen (former African-American slaves) west of the Mississippi River. The forerunner of the College was Walden Seminary, named in honor of Dr. J. M. Walden, one of the originators and the first Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society. Miss Helen Perkins served as principal of the institution during the early years.

In 1876, the General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church authorized the creation of an annual conference for Negro preachers in the State of Arkansas with the power to promote schools. The new body was named the Little Rock Annual Conference (later the Southwest Annual Conference). In 1877, this annual conference designated Walden Seminary as its official educational institution.

The Seminary was located at Eighth Street and Broadway in the Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. The first conference trustees of the new school, elected in 1878, were: Ministers - I. G. Pollard, W. O. Emory, G. W. Sams, W. H. Crawford, A. J. Phillips, L. W. Elkins; Laymen - A. L. Richmond, William La Porte and Frank Carland.

The first president, elected by the new Board of Trustees of Walden Seminary, was The Reverend Thomas Mason. He served the institution from 1877-1896.

During the administration of the Reverend Thomas Mason, there was steady and substantial growth along many lines. The Seminary was moved from Eighth and Broadway on January 1, 1879 to Tenth and Center Streets in a suite of rooms on the second floor of Kendrick Hall. The first floor of the Hall was used as a store.

In 1882, Dr. G. W. Gray, president of Little Rock University, the institution for the Arkansas Annual Conference, met Mrs. Adeline Smith, widow of Mr. Philander Smith of Oak Park, Illinois, while soliciting funds. The late Mr. Philander Smith had been a liberal donor to Asiatic Missions and had developed an interest in the work of the Church in the South. In making her gift to Dr. Gray, Mrs. Smith designated \$10,500 for Walden Seminary. The trustees accepted the gift and gave it special recognition by changing the name of the struggling Walden Seminary to Philander Smith College. A new site for the school had already been purchased at Eleventh and Izard Streets. Mrs. Smith's gift was a significant contribution toward the construction of Budlong Hall, the first brick building on the new site.

Philander Smith was chartered as a four-year college on March 3, 1883. The trustees at the time were: Ministers - Bishop J. W. Wiley, L. W. Elkins, W. O. Emory, S. Johnson, Thomas Mason, I. G. Pollard, R. S. Rust and G. W. Sams; Laymen-Frank Carland, William La Porte and K. L. Richmond. The cornerstone for Budlong Hall was laid in May of 1883 and the building was dedicated on September 2, 1883. In the same year a manual training department was added. In 1884 a new dormitory for girls was built on the southeast corner of Eleventh and Izard Streets, and named Adeline Smith Hall, in honor of Mrs. Adeline Smith. On May 14, 1890, the cornerstone was laid for an addition to Budlong Hall.

The first baccalaureate degree was conferred in 1888. The outstanding representative of this class was Dr. Rufus C. Childress, who was for many years assistant supervisor of Negro schools in Arkansas. Dr. Childress also served as secretary of Philander Smith's Board of Trustees for some 30 years.

During the later part of President Mason's administration, Philander Smith College included the following Departments: The Grammar School; The Preparatory School; The Normal School to train teachers for the public schools of the county; The College, offering the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Arts; The School of Music; The Department of Carpentry and Printing. All departments, except the College Department, were gradually dropped. The only Master of Arts degrees conferred were honorary.

The Reverend Thomas Mason resigned in 1896. He was succeeded by a member of the faculty of the College,

The Reverend James Monroe Cox, Professor of Ancient Languages.

During the administration of President Cox (1896-1924), the physical plant was expanded and the academic program was improved. The expansion of the physical plant included the completion of the north wing of Budlong Hall and the purchase of property on the northeast corner of Tenth and Izard Streets where the girls' dormitory was erected. The new dormitory was named Webb Hall in honor of the Webb family of Oak Park, Illinois. Forty acres in the Fulk Addition to the city were purchased at the cost of \$42,000 for a new site for the institution. This property was later sold.

Dr. Cox retired from the presidency of the College in 1924, and was succeeded by the Reverend George Collins Taylor, a graduate of the College, who had been serving as dean. Dr. Taylor served as president from 1924 to 1936. Under his administration there was further expansion of the physical facilities and the quality of the academic program continued to improve. The primary grades were dropped in 1924 and the high school department was dropped in 1936.

In 1925 the George R. Smith College of Sedalia, Missouri, burned. In 1933, its interests were formally merged with the interests of Philander Smith through joint action of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Trustees of the Southwest and Central West Annual Conferences, and the Trustees of Philander Smith College. The transaction was formally ratified in a joint executive session, May 23, 1933, and the merger celebration was held October 23 of the same year.

In May, 1936, Dr. Marquis LaFayette Harris succeeded Dr. Taylor as president of the College. During the administration of Dr. Harris, the campus area was greatly enlarged. The old buildings were renovated, new buildings were erected, and the academic program was strengthened.

In July, 1948, the site of the Little Rock Junior College, adjacent to the south end of Philander Smith's campus, was purchased. This site comprised one city block on which was located an administration building containing classrooms, a library, a gymnasium, and a chemistry laboratory. On March 30, 1949, after an extensive program of academic improvement, Philander Smith College was fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 1951, Kelly Hall, the current home of the president, was dedicated. Construction was completed in February, 1952, and it was occupied on March 3, 1952. Also during 1952, a new science building was constructed and occupied.

An academic study in 1957 revealed that a financial outlay of \$3,500,000 was needed to sustain a high quality undergraduate educational program at the College. On March 12, 1958, a \$3,500,000 Capital Funds Campaign was officially launched. Of this amount it was estimated that \$1,500,000 would be needed to purchase new land and to construct and furnish new buildings. The remaining \$2,000,000 would be needed to enlarge the endowment of the College.

In 1958, the College purchased 2-1/2 city blocks of urban renewal property adjacent to the campus for further expansion of the physical plant. In September, 1959, the College completed and placed in use a new dormitory for men, a new dormitory for women, a student union, a cafeteria, and a dining hall. In 1959, construction began on the M. L. Harris Library and Fine Arts Center. In 1960, the College took steps to acquire six additional city blocks of urban renewal property adjacent to the campus to enlarge the main campus to 12 city blocks or approximately 25 acres.

Dr. Harris was succeeded by Dr. Roosevelt David Crockett, a graduate of the institution. Dr. Crockett took office on June 1, 1961. During his administration notable improvements were made in the physical plant and the academic program. The M. L. Harris Library and Fine Arts Center was completed and placed in use in January, 1962. Progress was made toward the acquisition of the six blocks of urban renewal property. The College, through Village Square, Inc., constructed and placed in use in 1963 a \$3,000,000 housing complex and shopping center. Village Square

comprises five three-story modern brick buildings containing 240 apartments and one two-story brick building which serves as a shopping center for the area. These buildings cover approximately three city blocks south of the main campus. In 1985, the Village Square Limited Partnership of Little Rock purchased Village Square, Inc. Dr. Crockett resigned as president of the College in August, 1964. He was succeeded by Dr. Ernest Thomas Dixon, Jr.

Dr. Dixon, Philander Smith's sixth president, took office January 1, 1965. During his administration notable improvements were made in the physical plant and the academic program. The final payment was made for approximately 4 1/2 blocks of land adjacent to the campus. With this purchase, the College owns a little more than 10 city blocks of land. Dr. Dixon resigned as president of the College in January, 1969, to take effect March 1, 1969. Dr. Dixon was succeeded by Dr. Walter R. Hazzard.

Dr. Hazzard took office as the seventh president of the College on July 1, 1969. Under Dr. Hazzard's administration significant improvements were made in the academic program, the physical plant, the faculty, and improvement of student services.

During Dr. Hazzard's administration the major improvements in the physical plant consisted of the following: eight new classrooms in the M. L. Harris Fine Arts Building; a new addition to the Women's Dormitory which included the Kresge Foundation Health Center, faculty offices, living quarters and a student lounge; renovation of the Administration Building; a new Maintenance Building at a cost of approximately \$50,000; a new Office Complex including offices for faculty; air conditioning all offices, classrooms, and the library; and the erection of the Mabee-Kresge Science Building valued at \$1,000,000 and completed on May 6, 1979. Dr. Hazzard was succeeded by Dr. Grant S. Shockley.

Dr. Grant S. Shockley took office as the eighth president of Philander Smith College on January 1, 1980. Under the leadership of Dr. Shockley, significant progress was made in strengthening the academic program, and faculty, in increasing the library volumes and services, expanding student services, enhancing the physical plant, and cultivating a closer and more meaningful relationship between the college, the local community and other publics. Dr. Shockley was succeeded by Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr.

Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr., elected unanimously July 19, 1983 by the Board of Trustees, took office August 20, 1983. Under the leadership of President Carter, the College's first Cluster Program, involving the support of business and industry of greater Little Rock and the state of Arkansas, was organized. The regional accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools was retained and approval was achieved by the Arkansas State Department of Education for Teacher Education Programs. Significant progress was made in student recruitment, Business-Industry-College relations, and community relations. The quest for academic excellence, faculty development, student and faculty morale, institutional advancement, physical plant improvement, long-range planning and implementation of a five million dollar Capital Fund Drive were high priorities.

Dr. Carter resigned the presidency of Philander Smith College in August, 1987. He was succeeded by Dr. Myer L. Titus, a 1954 graduate of the institution.

Dr. Myer L. Titus was elected unanimously November 24, 1987 by the Board of Trustees, and took office in February, 1988. He made significant progress in every facet of the College to the end that it continued to grow as a viable institution of higher education.

Since his investiture, among other activities, Dr. Titus focused his efforts on the following: strengthening the faculty and curriculum and establishing adult education programs like the Philander Smith Management Institute (PSMI); increasing enrollment and faculty/staff salaries and benefits; fund raising, especially for capital improvements and increasing the endowment; retaining accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) and achieving accreditation of the Teacher Education Program by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) in 1993, and accreditation of the Division of Business and Economics by the Association of



Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in June, 1997; developing strategic and long-range plans; erecting new physical facilities, including a \$3,000,000 Multi-Purpose building consisting of a gymnasium and physical education and business buildings; erecting a campus security house; securing funds to erect in 1995-96 a \$2,500,000 academic building; erecting a wrought iron/brick column fence around the perimeter of the campus; renovating existing buildings and improving the campus grounds; improving institutional management through computer technology, including constructing and putting into operation an updated computer technology center in the Library; and enhancing student life, campus security, college, church and community relations; establishing closer relationships with key business leaders in downtown Little Rock through the Capital Development Campaign drive, and the establishment of the Philander Smith College Community Development Corporation, Inc. (CDC) in 1997. He improved the image of the College on the local, state and national levels as an institution of quality higher education. At the commencement exercises held May 10, 1997, Dr. Titus announced his retirement as of June 30, 1998. A search for his successor began.

The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. J. D. Scott Interim President as follows: August, 1960 to May 1961; August, 1964 to December, 1964; and January, 1969 to May, 1969.

The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Crawford J. Mims Interim President as follows: June, 1978, to January 1979; June, 1983 to August, 1983; and August, 1987 to January, 1988.

Dr. Scott and Dr. Mims maintained the integrity of the College in every respect and made improvements in various areas of the College's endeavors.

Philander Smith College has a rich Christian heritage. It has maintained a close relationship with the Church across the years. It acknowledges a definite obligation to the United Methodist Church. The program is also financed by endowment income, funds from The General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Church, student fees, gifts from corporations and foundations, and contributions from individuals who are interested in the education of youth in a college of Christian higher learning. Since 1944, when the United Negro College Fund, Inc. was organized, Philander Smith has shared in the annual campaign proceeds.

Philander Smith is a Christian College. It strives to instill the desire to serve in its faculty and students. This desire is at the core of its educational philosophy. Throughout the years, it continues to carry the designation as a College of Service and Distinction.

***The Inaugural Planning Committee wishes to thank the following for their assistance:***

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