



MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Jason Bradfield
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FROM: Rev. Roderick Andrew Lee Ford, LL.D., Litt.D., Esq.

RE: **Honorary Doctor of Divinity Nomination**

DATE: July 10, 2024
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Dear Rev. Bradfield:

I would like to nominate you for **the degree of “Doctor of Divinity”** from the Christian Bible Institute & Seminary—if you will accept it. I believe that there is a nominal “processing” fee, which I can assist with if you so desire. I believe that the President of Whitefield Seminary should hold a “doctorate” and you are certainly entitled to this great honor.

As you know, that are many souls who feel trapped—as I did—in the mainline Episcopal, Methodists, and Presbyterian church congregations who are looking for an escape hatch.

In 2015, I saw the hand writing on the wall; I recognized for the first time that theologically speaking our mainline church denominations were in deep, deep trouble.

In 2019, I met Dr. Ken Talbot, the founder of Whitefield Theological Seminary, and that is when I sought some kind of “way forward.”

About that time, the United Methodist Church's schism began in earnest. At this juncture, it is almost nearly complete. The UMC and the Protestant Episcopal Church are now of the same mind-set, and they have recently signed an agreement of ecumenical communion.

And as the UMC and the Episcopalians go, so too has African Methodism, in the past, had a tendency to follow.

To that end, the **Black Puritans, U.S.A.** † is designed to recapture true Christians who feel trapped inside of these mainline Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches. <https://blackpuritansusa.org/>

And so I have coined "**Reformed Methodist Theology**" in honor of our Puritan Foundations, and as a highway between defunct mainline theology and churches and to that sweet, pure and true religion of the Early Church.

I trust that you will keep us uplifted in great prayer.

Sincerely,

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