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FIRST FEMALE BISHOP TO SPEAK AT SHELTON STATE'S COLLEGIATE 100 BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

Tuscaloosa, Alabama – Shelton State Community College's (SSCC) chapter of Collegiate 100 will host its annual Black History Program on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. on the Martin Campus. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

The theme of the program will be "Beginning with a Solid Foundation," and Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton will be the guest speaker. Bishop Jefferson-Snorton is the 59th Bishop and the first female Bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church since its founding in 1870. She is the presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District which includes the states of Alabama and Florida. Her first Episcopal appointment was to the new Eleventh Episcopal District. She is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Miles College (Fairfield, AL), Chair of the Board of Directors of the Miles Foundation Service Corporation, and the Ecumenical Officer and Endorsing Agent for the CME Church.

"How historic it is to have the first female Bishop of an organization such as the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church to come and encourage our students on the importance of being the first to do something and to have a solid foundation," says Eric Prewitt, Shelton State Community College Collegiate 100 Chapter Advisor. "I'm sure her message will not just inspire our organization, but all of our students will be able to relate to her message of the importance of having a solid foundation to grown upon."

Shelton State Community College's Collegiate 100 is the first community college chapter in the state of Alabama and one of the few chapters in the nation with co-ed members. Collegiate 100 provides an avenue for chapters of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. to continue their one-on-one mentoring program for students as they matriculate from high school to college. The program supports the initiatives set forth by the 100 Way Across a Lifetime organization.

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