NEW CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN 
HAS VISION FOR STUDENTS

ATLANTA (Oct. 9, 2009) – She’s Clark Atlanta University’s first female chaplain. She was also the first female chaplain at her former post at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Meet the Rev. Valerie Tate Green.

In a very short time since her tenure started at CAU in August, Green’s new campus family has called for her spiritual support in many ways, in and out of the pulpit. “I am very humbled and excited to serve as the first female chaplain at CAU,” said Green. “In my role as university chaplain, our focus is to support and undergird the overall mission of Clark Atlanta University. As a member of the Department of Enrollment Services and Student Affairs, we believe it is our responsibility to encourage and foster the students’ spiritual, scholastic and social endeavors.”

Also a lecturer in the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Green explains that one of the goals of the Office of Religious Life is to provide a safe and engaging environment where students can identify and affirm their theological and philosophical positions on religion and faith as they relate to their personal development and matriculation. Additionally, she seeks to provide systematic religious programming that exposes students to theologians, scholars and faith leaders of the 21st century.

I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues in the Atlanta University Center (AUC) -- Spelman, Morehouse and the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC). Too, I will seek close ties to the metro-Atlanta faith community with exciting and engaging faith enrichment events,” said Green. “I believe this relationship will indeed provide the opportunity for increased spiritual awareness and respect for diverse faith traditions. Most of all, I look forward to developing and fostering relationships with the students, faculty and administration at Clark Atlanta University.”

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The minister’s educational background includes a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from Georgia State University, with studies in mass communication from The Ohio State University. She is an honors graduate with a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from the Morehouse School of Religion of the ITC. Her professional ministry includes serving as an associate minister in the Atlanta region and as co-founder of Liberty Baptist Church Ministries in Stone Mountain, Ga.

The sought-after speaker, mentor and evangelist has received numerous honors and awards. Most recent recognitions include being honored by the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House of Representatives as a Five Diamond Award recipient, for Outstanding Leadership and Enrichment in 2009. ITC bestowed upon her The James H. Costen Emerging Leadership Award in 2009. Moreover, in 2007, she was presented the distinguished Bivens Heritage Award by the Historic First African Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

“I consider myself a passionate servant of God and humanity,” states Green.

Formed in 1988 by the consolidation of two historic institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), Clark Atlanta University is the largest of the United Negro College Fund institutions with an enrollment of nearly 4,000 students. Clark Atlanta University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone 404-679-4501) to award the Bachelor’s, Master’s, Specialist and Doctor’s degrees. The Carnegie Classification lists CAU as a Research University – High Research Activity. CAU is listed as one of the best southeastern colleges by The Princeton Review and has been selected to the Washington Monthly’s 2008 list of best colleges and universities. National business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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