

# Mary H. Young named new director, leadership education at ATS



The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is pleased to announce that Mary H. Young has been named the new director, leadership education.

Young was selected after a comprehensive national search and will assume her new position on June 1, 2017. She will be responsible for planning and implementing leadership education programs for administrators in ATS member schools, including conferences and workshops for chief academic officers, development personnel, chief financial officers, and student personnel administrators, as well as the programs for Women in Leadership and the Committee on Race and Ethnicity.

Young comes to ATS after 23 years in service to Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. Most recently, she served as associate dean, assistant professor of Christian education, and director of the Master of Arts in Christian Education program. Among the courses she has taught have been Philosophy of Education, Education in Context, Technology in the Church, and Faith and Human Development.

Ordained in The American Baptist Churches, Young has served as minister of education at several churches in the Richmond area, and she is currently pastor at St. John's United Holy Church. A frequent speaker, workshop facilitator, and consultant in Christian education for churches and other organizations, she recently completed a Wabash Center program on online teaching for theological faculty.

Her service to ATS has included participation on the Task Force on Educational Technology and the Task Force on Redeveloped Standards, as an accreditation visitor, and currently as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Accrediting.

A graduate of Virginia Union University in mathematics, Young earned her MDiv from Virginia Union and her Doctor of Education from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

"Mary brings a wealth of wisdom and experience through her training in education, her teaching and administrative leadership at a theological school, and her work in accreditation as a member of the ATS Board of Commissioners," said Stephen Graham, senior director of programs and services for ATS.

"We are delighted that she is joining the ATS staff to share those gifts with the whole community of schools."