



*The Board of Trustees, Michael Thurmond, Chairman, request
the honor of your presence at the*

Investiture

of
Lester Agyei McCorn, D.Min.
as President

Thursday, the eighteenth of September
Two Thousand Twenty-five
Eleven o'clock in the morning

Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Reception to Follow
David and Betty C. Peterson HEAL Complex

Lester Agyei McCorn, D.Min.

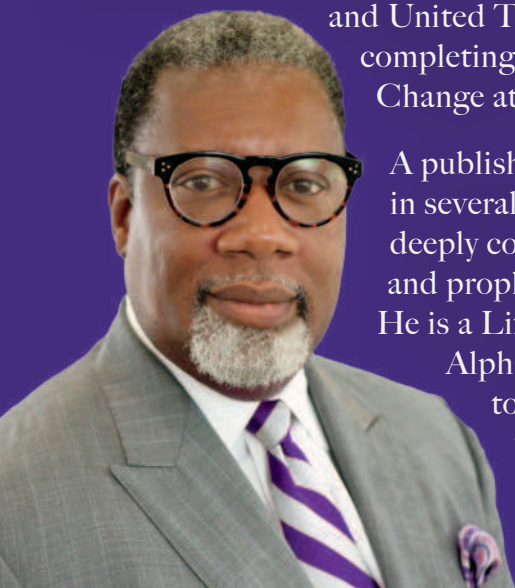
18th President of Paine College

Rev. Dr. Lester A. McCorn is a seasoned transformational leader, scholar, activist, and ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church with nearly four decades of leadership experience. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, he is the newly appointed 18th President of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

He previously served as President of Clinton College, where he oversaw significant enrollment growth, a \$25 million campus transformation, and a flawless accreditation review.

At Paine College, Dr. McCorn is spearheading a 10-year Transformation Plan in collaboration with major partners such as Augusta National Golf Club, Bank of America, CSRA Foundation of Augusta, and education consultant EAB.

He is an alumnus of Morehouse College, Yale Divinity School, and United Theological Seminary, and is completing a Ph.D. in Leadership and Change at Antioch University.



A published author and former pastor in several major cities, Dr. McCorn is deeply committed to economic justice and prophetic community leadership. He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and is married to Charlene M. McCorn, with whom he shares four adult children and five grandchildren.

PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE

Inaugural Gala

September 18, 2025 - 7pm

Celebrating the Investiture of Dr. Lester A. McCorn, 18th President of Paine College

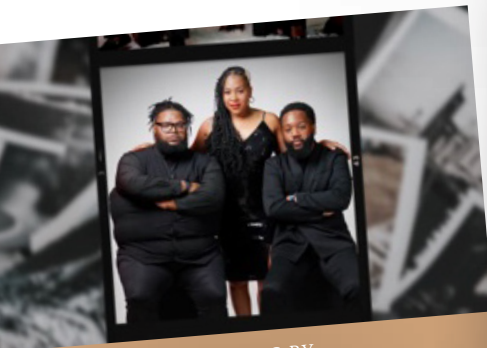
\$150/Tickets • Black-Tie Fun! • RSVP @ PAINE.EDU

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DELEGATE PROFILE

- University, College Presidents, and Program Participants Only -

Your institution of higher learning/academic society is invited to participate in the centuries old traditional processional in full academic regalia.

Please register the official delegate representing your institution below. *The favor of your reply is requested by September 1, 2025.*

Please direct any questions, concerns or special needs to Mrs. Frances Wimberly at 706.821.8324 or fwimberly@paine.edu.

I will attend the Investiture Ceremony ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Delegate

Academic Institution

Year of Founding

Title or Relationship to Academic Institution

Email Address

Phone Number

Address

I will attend the Inauguration Reception ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will attend the Inauguration Gala ☐ Yes ☐ No

Full Details and RSVP at [PAINE.EDU](https://paine.edu)

DELEGATE PROFILE

Submit your delegate profile safe and easy, online by scanning the QR Code below.

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HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Homewood Suites by Hilton Augusta*

1049 Stevens Creek Road, Augusta, Georgia, 30907 • 706-738-3131

**Ask for the Paine College room block*

Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center

2 Tenth Street, Augusta, Georgia, 30901 • 706-722-8900

Hyatt House Augusta

1268 Broad St, Augusta, GA 30901 • 706-922-3150

Full Details and RSVP at PAINE.EDU

PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION GALA

PREPARATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

Thursday, September 18, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.
Columbia County Convention Center, Evans, GA

☐ **Yes, I/We will attend**

of Tickets

of Tables*

**Tables seat 10*

Amount Enclosed for Tickets/Tables \$

☐ **No, I/We will not be able to attend**, but enclosed is my/our gift in the amount of \$ _____ to support the creation of the Lester A. and Charlene McCorn Presidential Excellence Fund for Paine College. My/our gift will be reflected as a Founding Patron or Sponsor.

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Mail check and reply card in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. For more information about tickets, tables and Sponsorship packages, contact:

Helene Carter: (706) 821.8323 / (803) 664.0080 / hcarter@paine.edu

OR

Michael Meyers: (706) 821.8324 / mmeyers@paine.edu

Full Details and [ONLINE RSVP at PAINE.EDU](https://www.paine.edu)

PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION GALA

INAUGURATION CO-CHAIRS:
Dr. Terry Elam and Mr. Ed Presnell

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

- Transformation Sponsor • \$50,000
- Investiture Title Sponsor • \$25,000
- Gold Sponsor • \$15,000
- Silver Sponsor • \$10,000
- Host Committee • \$5,000
- Investiture Friend • \$2,500

Donations less than \$2,500 will be listed as Patrons

Please reserve my sponsorship level of:

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Sponsors

Please email company logo and name(s) as they should appear in print and on monitors to hcarter@paine.edu.

Deadline to submit company logo: September 10, 2025.

All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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INVESTITURE EVENTS

JIM DENT MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, 9/15 @ 9am • Goshen Golf Club

Swing for a legend! It's more than just a round of golf — it's a day of competition, community, and celebrating the life of icon, Jim Dent.

INAUGURAL COMMUNITY TOAST

Tuesday, 9/16 @ 6pm • Haygood-Holsey Fountain

INAUGURAL LECTURE

Wednesday, 9/17 @ 11am • Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel

President's Inaugural Lecture Series featuring Dr. Hakim Lucas, President of Virginia Union University (Free & Open to the Public).

CLOCKING THE CONSTITUTION

Wednesday, 9/17 @ 2pm • Candler Memorial Library

Featuring social media personality, Tasha K. (Free & Open to the Public)

COMMUNITY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, 9/17 @ 6:30pm • Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel

Featuring Dr. Charles E. Goodman, Jr., Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church

PRESIDENTIAL INVESTITURE

Thursday, 9/18 @ 11am • Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel

Celebrating the installation of Dr. Lester A. McCorn as the 18th President of historic Paine College. Free & Open to the Public.

INAUGURATION GALA

Thursday, 9/18 @ 7pm • Columbia County Exhibition Center

Benefiting the Lester A. and Charlene McCorn Presidential Excellence Fund.
Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment, Black-Tie. Tickets, tables and sponsorship tiers are available.

40 UNDER 40 INDUCTION CEREMONY

Friday, 9/19 @ 7pm • Candler Memorial Library

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