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***PERRY GRADUATES FROM CANDLER SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AT EMORY UNIVERSITY***

Shanika S. Perry of Wilmington, DE, and Baltimore, MD, received a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, during commencement activities on Monday, May 11, 2009. Perry graduated from Saint Augustine's College in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, DE.

At the commencement ceremony at Glenn Memorial Church, Dean Jan Love opened her remarks by welcoming the graduates and their families and friends with words honoring the sacrifices made by both the graduates and their loved ones. The Candler Singers and Candler worship dancers presented a tribute to the school's graduating class and Emory University organist Timothy Albrecht performed.

After welcoming the 1959 graduates of Candler School of Theology who were present to celebrate their 50th year reunion, Dean Love quoted Philippians 4:4-9, which states in part "... Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

In all, the school awarded 119 Master of Divinity degrees, 20 Master of Theological Studies degrees, and 11 Master of Theology degrees.

Candler School of Theology is one of nine schools at Emory University and one of 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church. It boasts an exceptional faculty and the second largest theology library in the country. Candler is committed to educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world.

Emory University is known for its demanding academics, outstanding undergraduate experience, highly ranked professional schools and state-of-the-art research facilities. Perennially ranked as one of the country's top 20 national universities by U.S. News & World Report, Emory encompasses nine academic divisions as well as the Carlos Museum, The Carter Center, the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and Emory Healthcare, Georgia's largest and most comprehensive health care system. Information for this release received from

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