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LOCATION: 125 SHERMAN STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
PROPOSED BUILDING NAME: AMBASSADOR ANDREW J. YOUNG BUILDING
HOME TO: HOWARD THURMAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY
IN RECOGNITION OF: GRADUATE AMBASSADOR REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG, '55
LOCATED AT: HARTFORD INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR RELIGION AND PEACE
TOTAL FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$2M



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125 Sherman Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Home to the Howard Thurman Center for Justice and Transformational Ministry

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The new home of HIU's Howard Thurman Center will be both a national focus for Black church leaders and a central gathering place for HIU students of all faiths. It will be a vibrant and living expression of HIU's foundational principles, named in honor of esteemed Hartford graduate Ambassador Rev. Andrew J. Young, '55.

Located on a 0.47 acre beautifully landscaped property at the corner from HIU's main campus, the building is in a central and easily accessible location. The two-story building — a total of 4,992 square feet — was constructed in 1954 and is in overall sound condition. The building will enable us to provide:

- A **large meeting hall** – one of the most spacious on campus
- **Café and student lounge** open to all HIU students
- **Resource Center** to hone the skills needed for church and community engagement
- A **multi-media wall**, bringing together students and leaders in the US and worldwide
- **Meeting rooms and classrooms** for the Black Ministries Program and the Howard Thurman Center's social justice offerings
- **Prayer and meditation room**

The total fundraising goal for the purchase, renovation, building maintenance and programming is \$2,000,000. **Hartford donors are invited to spend an evening with Ambassador Young at an intimate dinner on Saturday, September 7, 2024.** Dinner will include a reception, an engaging discussion with Andy, and opportunity for audience Q&A.

Sponsorship levels: Silver Level: \$25,000
Gold Level: \$50,000
Platinum Level: \$100,000

The Ambassador Andrew J. Young Building is planned to open in 2025. Contact development@hartfordinternational.edu for donor information. HIU is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, EIN 06-0647016. All gifts are tax deductible.

Andrew J. Young

Andrew J. Young
A Civil Rights icon

Andrew J. Young '55 is nothing less than a living legend. And without Hartford none of it would have happened.

Graduating what was then called Hartford Seminary in 1955, Andrew Young went on to become an icon of the Civil Rights movement. He worked as executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, where he became a top strategist and trusted friend to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.. He witnessed his assassination.



"Hartford provided me with just enough conflict in my life to make me grow and to make me want to grow."

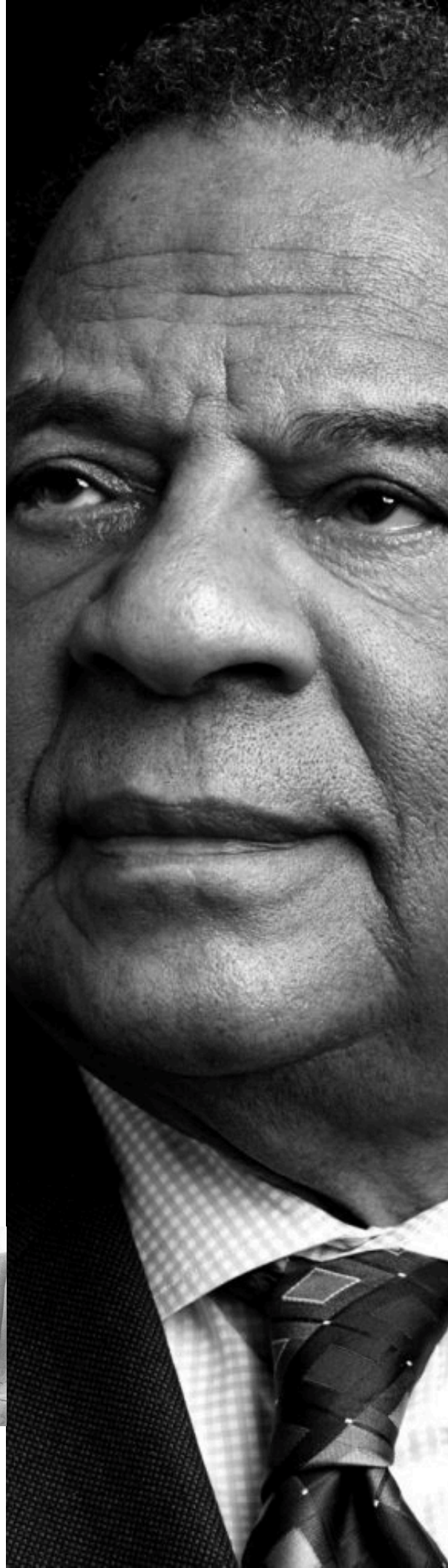
Following these events, Young went on to become a representative to the United States Congress, making him the first black man to serve the state in Washington since the Reconstruction era.

He then served in Congress for three terms before being appointed United States Ambassador to the United Nations by President Jimmy Carter in 1977. Following that he was first elected Mayor of Atlanta, and during two remarkable terms is credited with transforming the city into an international metropolis. It was largely because of his international influence that Atlanta was chosen to host the Centennial Olympic Games in 1996, which Ambassador Young served as co-chairman.

"I found in Hartford what I needed, and I was there for three years. And it gave me a very, very proper background."



Andy continues to be ambassador to the world, actively working in Atlanta to this day. He is eager to return to Hartford for a special event at his alma mater in September 2024.



ABOUT HARTFORD INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR RELIGION AND PEACE

Located in Connecticut midway between Boston and New York City,
Hartford International University draws Muslim, Christian, Jewish
and other students of all ages from around the world to learn
about their own traditions and those of others.

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