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^[6][Livingstone College](#) ^[7] in Salisbury was founded by the [African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church](#) ^[8] in 1879. Its two previous names were Zion Wesley Institute and Zion Wesley College. The institute was named in 1887 in honor of the great Christian missionary to Africa, philanthropist, and explorer [David Livingstone](#) ^[9]. Its first president, [Charles Joseph Price](#) ^[10], was a noted scholar, preacher, and orator who attracted students and funding to the college until his death in 1893. Beginning with a single building and 40 acres of land, the campus has grown to over 300 acres containing more than 18 brick buildings.

Livingstone consists of two schools: an undergraduate [College of Arts and Science](#) ^[11] and [Hood Theological Seminary](#) ^[12], a graduate school of theology. The college supports high intellectual, cultural, and moral standards based upon sustaining values emanating from the Judeo-Christian ideal. To provide this, the college offers a coordinated program of liberal arts and career-oriented curricula with cocurricular activities through which the student may acquire competencies and skills necessary to function responsibly in society. Livingstone remains under the auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. By the early 2000s it had approximately 867 undergraduates served by 81 faculty members.

In 2001, Hood Theological Seminary became independent of Livingstone College with its own charter and board of trustees and appointed Albert J. D. Aymer as its president. In 2002, the A.M.E. Zion Church purchased property for the school and in 2005 Hood Theological Seminary moved into its campus in Salisbury, N.C.

Educator Resources:

Grades K-8: <https://www.ncpedia.org/historically-black-colleges-and-universities-K-8> ^[5]

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Additional Resources:

Livingstone College: <http://www.livingstone.edu/> ^[11]

Livingstone College Yearbooks: <https://lib.digitalnc.org/search?In=en&p=691:%22Livingstone+College%22%20AND%20655:%22Yearbooks%22&sf=year&so=a> ^[14]

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