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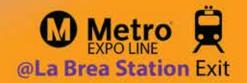


"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Reimagining Spirituality and the Work of Social Justice



## What We Believe

## God Is Love and Love Is For Everyone!

It is impossible to love each other without a sense of mutual (equal) worth and respect for each other. Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to a neighbor: Therefore, Love is the fulfilling of the law. 1 John 4:20 It is impossible to Love God, whom we've never seen and hate our brothers and sisters whom we see every day.

God is neither male nor female; God is spirit and spirit has no gender.

### Liberation Theology for all, a theology that frees the oppressed, therefore:

- not a male-dominated hierarchy
- not oppressive to women
- not just European in scope
- must relate to People of Color and their various cultures around the world
- not oppressive to Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Bisexual people
- allows us to think and discern through human reason and experience
- not oppressive to Native Americans or their spirituality or any other oppressive use of scripture.

We believe in the teachings of Jesus, but we do not dismiss all other faiths and beliefs as wrong or second to our way of believing.

### God is greater than any religion, denomination or school of thought.

God is spirit, alive and at work in the Moslem Mosque, the Jewish Synagogue, the Christian Church and the Tribal Ritual. God is everywhere present.

We believe the Bible and all great spiritual writings or guides must be read taking into consideration the time of their writing, the traditions practiced at that time and the fact that we have the right to question and examine all interpretation.

### A person's belief system:

must be supportive of healthy self-acceptance must support spiritual growth must encourage physical, psychic and mental health

Enlightenment and revelation are continuous and did not stop with the Bible writers.





## History History

Unity Fellowship Church, Los Angeles (UFCLA) was founded in 1982 by Reverend Carl Bean for openly gay and lesbian African Americans. The first meetings were held in the private residence of Rev. Bean, on Cochran Avenue in Los Angeles. In 1984, a reorganization took place in the last residence of the late Archbishop William Morris O'Neill, located on South Burnside Avenue (also the ordination site of our founder).

Weekly Bible studies then moved to the home of Deacon Christine Tripp. UFCLA received its nonprofit status in 1985. The first UFCLA public worship service was at the Cockatoo Inn on Hawthorne Blvd in Inglewood. It was then decided by the membership to move the worship service to a more central location, so that it would be more accessible to those on public transportation. The new location was the Ebony Showcase Theatre on Washington Boulevard , which was an integral part of the culture of the black community. Public worship continued at the Ebony Showcase Theater until 1988. It was then that Unity Fellowship Church purchased its first property, and moved to West Jefferson Boulevard.

The Unity Fellowship Church Movement (UFCM) was registered in 1990 as a nonpartisan nonprofit organization, headquartered at the Jefferson Boulevard site. Presently, the UFCM network is far reaching with various national departments, urban outreach ministries, the national mass choir, periodicals and constituency-based programs nationwide.

## Our Mission

The primary work of the UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MOVEMENT (UFCM) is to PROCLAIM the "SACREDNESS OF ALL LIFE", thus focusing on empowering those who have been oppressed and made to feel shame. Through an emerging international network, the UFCM works to facilitate social change and improve the life chances for those who have been rejected by society's institutions and systems. Although it's pivotal work focuses on the urban weak and powerless, the scope of its work is inclusive and has significance for all people.





# Arch Bishop CARL BEAN, D.Min Founder/Presiding Prelate



## Unity Fellowship Church Movement

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From the Office of Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min, Founder/Presiding Prelate

October 1 - 7, 2019

Welcome Family to our 25th Annual Spiritual Convocation -"PROGRESSIVE"!!!!!!

This is one of the most important periods in the history and development of this country! Basic Human Rights are under attack in every way and it involves the forces that are supposedly committed to defending them. In times like these.....WE MUST BE SURE WHERE WE STAND.....

Let us be reminded of the words of Dr. King; NONE OF US ARE FREE UNTIL ALL OF US ARE FREE......WOMEN, LGBTQ, PEOPLE OF COLOR, REFUGEES, AND THE LIST GOES ON......

Let us not be frightened by any of the words used to describe those involved in the RESISTANCE...i.e. Liberals, Socialist, Feminist, etc.....while fully understanding that we have the right to self-identify!!!

To be "PROGRESSIVE".....is not to be imprisoned by yesterday in any way, but rather to be open to newness of thought, insight, interpretation, and experience!!! The ability to listen, share, and compromise while still demanding that.....JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.....be available to ALL.....and that.....NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW.....

Use this time for reflection, nurturing, supporting, healing, and most of all....EXPANDING.... yourself in every way in order to be..... LEADERS....in such a time as this!!!!!

Wholeheartedly "PROGRESSIVE"

## Archbishop Carl Bean

Archbishop Carl Bean, D.Min. Founder and Presiding Prelate

Love Is For Everyone!



FOUNDER/PRESIDING PRELATE Archbishop Carl Bean, D.Min.

### **House of Bishops**

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## Senior Bishop ACHARY G. J

Presiding Bishop



## Bishop Bishop

## Welcome my brothers and sisters:

I am so excited about this year's Convocation! I can't wait until I see each one of my Unity family members. As I sit here and type this letter I am reminded of my personal blessings from God and his/her healing power that's at work in each of our lives. Storm Florence is on its way at category levels which is threatening many of our southern states. Causing some of our family members to have to evacuate their homes. I'm so glad I know who is the Lord of every storm and I am trusting that God's divine protection will prevail in each person's lives through the storm. We pray for all families who have been impacted by Florence.

As we turn our focus to this year's Convocation our theme is "**Progressive.**" Progressive Christianity is characterized by a willingness to question tradition, acceptance of human diversity, a strong emphasis on social justice and care for the poor, the oppressed ,and environment stewardship of the earth. Progressive is about moving in a purposeful direction. Progressive is about challenging the status quo, especially when the status quo is destructive to those who suffer in silence. We can not unlearn what we have learned. Nor can we undo what we have experienced.

Many of our brothers and sisters feel the fight for LGBTQ justice is over. The attitude of many people are, "All we have to do now is show up and people will accept and respect us as we are". Several days ago as I was studying the treatment of same gender loving people in places where people are still suffering at the hand of their government, family and society. The fight is not over! The acceptance of human diversity in many cases is only tolerated and not accepted.

As we take a look at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, we must realize that wages that don't provide opportunities for people to improve their lives contribute to inflation, addiction, and family instability. We must place an even greater emphasis on social equality for millions of Americans.

We must progress with an awareness that each step must be one that takes us closer to the shared values of equality and social justice. It is my prayer that we use this week to recommit to each one of these values by embracing diversity which includes our Jewish brothers and sisters, our Islamic families and all others who may worship and honor God differently from the way we do. It is important that we place our focus on economic and other social issues of the people we serve.

As we come together for our Holy Convocation, we must talk about the dark side of conservative ideas and leave with the inspiration to recommit to the liberation of our brothers and sisters in the cities where we do our work. Knowing that we will be challenged to see each day as an adventure and an opportunity to lift the poor and to stand in our truth that God is love and love is for everyone.

Sr. Bishop Zachary G. Jones/Member of the House of Bishops







## Bishop Bishop

## **Greetings UFCM Family, Friends and Allies**

Welcome to convocation 2018. What an amazing blessing it is, to celebrate another Holy Convocation. God has brought us through twelve additional months. Truly there have been some ups and some downs, yet we can say God was with us the entire time.

This year's theme Progressive, charges us to be the change in the world. Progressive speaks to movement and action. We are called to shift our thinking and grow with the changing climate of the times. Progressive behooves us to, remain tapped into social justice issues and the needs, of our community. Additionally, as people of faith, it is imperative that we remain vigilant and hopeful in this trying time.

We should follow the example of Jesus the Christ who was quite progressive in his day. Jesus brought a message of love for God, self and neighbor. This message, challenged the consciousness of the religious leaders. Jesus was present for his people, always available to teach a lesson and offer healing.

This week, purpose to open your heart and mind to all of the inspirational opportunities, that will come your way. Take advantage of the workshops, the nightly services and the love which is acquired from interacting with your brothers and sisters. If you are fully present I guarantee you will receive a surplus of blessings.

Peace and Marvelous Blessings

**Bishop Jacquelyn Holland**Presiding Prelate
UFCM Jurisdiction 3





## Bishop HARRIS THOMAS

Presiding Bishop



## Bishop Bishop

## Peace and many blessings:

I welcome you to Charlotte, North Carolina and the Unity Fellowship Church Movement's 2018 Holy Convocation. Whether you are a first timer, return visitor or a seasoned member, you are part of our family. We believe that, "God is Love and Love is for Everyone"!

I want to especially thank the leaders and members of Jurisdiction 3 for their hard work putting together this year's Holy Convocation. And, for taking it to the next level. I'm sure everyone who comes and takes advantage of the opportunities will enjoy themselves and next year will be even better.

Holy Convocation is an opportunity for us to learn and fellowship. Let us not forget, that we are the legacy of Archbishop Carl Bean's dream. A dream that founded the first Black Affirming space for LGBTQ persons of faith. We honor him and his work as we continue the fight for social justice and equality for all. Ordaining new candidates into ministry, opening new churches and freeing the hearts and minds of God's people by living, teaching and preaching a progressive understanding of the sacred texts.

In closing, I want to encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity to learn new things, meet new people, and above all take a step into a new dimension of spirituality.

God Love You and So Do I!

**Bishop Harris Thomas** 

Member of the UFCM House of Bishops

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September 30, 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, it is my pleasure to welcome Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min., Founder/Presiding Prelate and the Unity Fellowship Church Movement as you celebrate your Holy Convocation for the first time in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Since 1982, Unity Fellowship Church Movement has been dedicated to empowering its congregation with resources for spiritual, social and economic growth.

The Unity Fellowship Church Movement is a model of dedication to building bridges between diverse communities and the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. I applaud Unity Fellowship Church Movement's commitment to promoting awareness and education on the accomplishments and challenges within the LGBTQIA community, while spreading the message of love and faith. It is always a pleasure to unite with people and organizations that are dedicated to strengthening our great City and making it a better place for their fellow citizens.

I extend my best wishes for a memorable celebration and future success.

Sincerely,

Ella B. Jearbornegh Ella B. Scarborough, Chair

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September 11, 2018

## Greetings!

I would like to welcome all of the attendees of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement to Charlotte for your 2018 Convocation on September 30-October 7, 2018.

I hope that those here from outside the Charlotte area will enjoy their stay and experience all that the largest city in the state of North Carolina has to offer, from the wonderful eateries to the Levine Center of the Arts with its variety of museums, just to name a few.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Yours truly, Vi Lyles

Vi Alexander Lyles

Mayor





September 30, 2018

To Our UFCM Family in the Body of Christ,

We, the National Board of Elders of UFCM, Inc., take great joy and delight in welcoming you to our 2018 National Holy Convocation and to the great city of Charlotte, North Carolina in Jurisdiction 3.

God's perfect timing has brought us here to celebrate another Convocation in Spirit and in truth and this year, in service. As North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia recover from the devastating impact of Hurricane Florence, we are here to have service and be of service. Where we can, we will pour our people and our resources into community rebuilding, from donations to the physical tasks of helping to clean and reclaim sacred space where calamity tried to devour and destroy. We are blessed to be a blessing and thank God for the sparing of human lives and the many homes and houses of worship that survived the storm.

We are also excited about Convocation 2018 and our powerful theme "PROGRESSIVE!" As we move forward in God and in growth, so many new things are happening, from the Game-Changers having a night at Convocation to the powerful addition of new voices to the Board of Elders. Join us in welcoming Rev. Janyce Jackson Jones, Pastor Emeritus of UFC-NewArk (New Jersey), Rev. Akousa McCray-Peters, Pastor of UFC-Washington, DC, Rev. Gerard Williams, Pastor of UFC-Buffalo (New York) and Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington, Co-Pastor of UFC-Baltimore (Maryland) to the Unity Fellowship Church Movement Inc. National Board of Elders. Each of them brings a wealth of service, history, education, professional development, social justice activism and local and national work to this office and will help the collective to move UFCM, Inc. forward as we plan new ventures, course out new directions and seek to grow and guide God's people in new ways in the coming seasons.

We move in the PROGRESSIVE! work of liberation theology, social justice, advocacy, activism, local and global politics, spirit building, life shaping and most of all continuing the groundbreaking truth of our ministry: "GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE IS FOR EVERYONE!" We are grateful for all the ways that progress and progression have helped us to be the progressive vineyard workers that we are for all God's people, as we do the work of healing church hurt and empowering people with church hope, Christ-conscious and God's unconditional love.

Welcome to Convocation 2018!

## The National Board of Elders

Elder Leslie Burke | Elder Gerald Green | Elder Dorothy Harris | Elder Benita Ramsey | Elder Kevin E. Taylor | Elder Russell Thornhill

















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and Friends

**Elder-Elect** 

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington

You are a light in our family.
Our parents and grandparents are honored by your life.





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**UFCB: Deacon-Candidates** Nakia Gear **Annette Mann We Are So Proud!** 



# Unity Fellowship Church Of Baltimore

## Congratulates

## Deacon Nakia Gear Deacon Annette Mann

On their elevation to the next level of ministry

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Bishop Harris Thomas, Co-Pastors

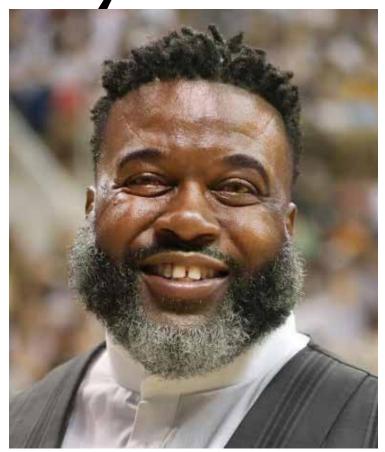
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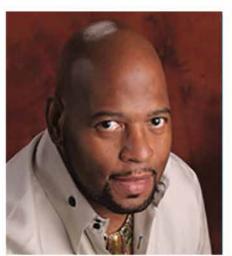


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# CONGRATULATIONS UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH MOVEMENT ON OUR 2018 ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION "PROGRESSIVE"

And when they had appointed and ordained elders for them in each church with prayer and fasting, they committed them to the Lord in Whom they had come to believe [being full of joyful trust that He is the Christ, the Messiah]. Acts 14:13 The Amplified Bible (Zondervan Publishing House)

I was introduced to the Unity Fellowship Church Movement over twenty-five years ago. I came broken and in need of patience, healing, and guidance. I was encouraged to become an usher, which was my first taste of meeting people where they are (God knew what God was doing). I served as the usher, then studied for six years, training as a deacon, minister and reverend. On Sunday, May 19, 2002, I was installed by Archbishop Carl Bean and Senior Bishop Zachary Jones as the founding pastor of the newly chartered church, popularly known as Unity Fellowship Church of Washington, DC. It is with total humility that I embrace ordination as an "Elder" in the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, and vow to serve with dedication, determination, perseverance, humility, integrity, with my heart where God resides; and the information gathered over the last six years of my studies as a Master of Divinity graduate and the ensuing Doctor of Ministry Degree I will receive May of 2019.

I will move forward with my colleagues in this movement, as a progressive individual (making use of or interested in innovative ideas, findings and opportunities) to take this movement to its highest level of service, accountability and one that will change the lives of people through prayer, preaching and teaching and political activism that God Is Love and Love Is For Everyone.

Rev. Elder-Elect Dyan Akousa McCray-Peters

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Congratulations to Our New Deacons!

Deac. Migdalia Cortes

Deac. Beatrice Simpkins

Deac. Charles McLendon

Deac. Aisha Welch-Scott

Deac. Peggie Miller

Deac. Shye Sales

Deac. Shanesia Davis

w/ Special Thanks to Pastor Jerri Mitchell-Lee







## 2018 National Holy Convocation

We, the Clergy, Trustees and members of UFC-NewArk are proud and blessed to celebrate the Ordination of 7 faithful and anointed Candidates to the Office of Deacon!

Migdalia Cortes
Shaneshia Davis
Charles McLendon
Trustee Peggie Miller
Ketechia "Shye" Sales
Beatrice Simpkins
Aisha Welch-Scott



and the Elevation of Our Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Janyce Jackson Jones

To the National Office of

Elder of UFCM, Inc.

October 7, 2018 Charlotte, North Carolina



## Unity Fellowship Riverside/San Bernardino

"God Is Love and Love is For Everyone"

Join us for Sunday Worship, 12 Noon Unity @ St. John's Chapel

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Rev Elder Benita Ramsey Rev Cathy Scheer Pastors















UNITY IN COMMUNITY: Creating Safe Spaces in Riverside/San Bernardino

"All young people, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential" Harvey Milk

## UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CHARLOTTE We See the God In You



We are different individuals, each with our own hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

However each of us knew in our hearts that God has called us for such a time as this.

We are called to be mentors & teachers of children, a voice to those experiencing domestic violence saying "there is a way to safety," and peer advocates to those in the transgender community.

We have a common thread that feeds us; "God is Love and Love is for Everyone"

On behalf of our Pastor's, Staff, Bd. of Trustee & members Congratulations on your ordination to Deacon.



From Left to Right Leslie Bond, Linda Dixon, A. Coco Riley



God Is Love and Love Is For Everyone





## DEACON CANDIDATE ALTORIA WHITE

There is nothing I'd rather do than serve the "Kingdom of God". Never being seen for title or position. Never seeking to gain personally or for my own benefit. Never walking past the hurt of others without attempting to do "spiritual surgery" to revive a broken soul and lead them to the "Fountain of Life". Never hurting others or allowing others to be hurt.

But ensuring continued order in the "Kingdom of God" that all who crosses my path may know of their own free will -God and the blessings inherently that follows, not for a second, not for a minute but for a lifetime.

With blessings and love,
Deacon Candidate Altoria White
Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia



Deacon Candidate Cole Terrance Randolph Williams Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia

With words of gratitude and encouragement, I am grateful for Unity Fellowship Church Movement, giving honor to Arch Bishop Carl Bean, Bishop Jacquelyn Holland and my Pastor Elder Dorothy Harris.

I honor Spirit, my church, girlfriend and friends. Thank you for supporting my journey to become a Deacon. I am called, chosen and anointed to spread the liberated gospel of God! I stand in the gap for the forgotten and left out. To God who is able to provide all sufficiency, in all things and at all times; I encourage my brothers and sisters to follow the call of the Lord.







## The Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia celebrates the Ordination of



## Deacon Candidate Altoria White And Deacon Candidate Cole T. R. Williams

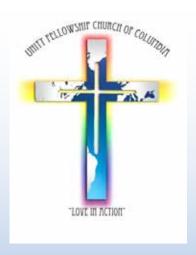
























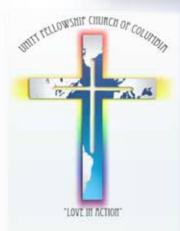
## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Unity Fellowship Church Movement for 36 years of Social Justice Ministry.

Bless you Archbishop Carl Bean for your vision, the House of Bishops for carrying the torch, and Elders, Pastors and members for all that you do to make this world a better place by Affirming the Sacredness of all Life. We are honored to be a part of this great Movement.



Rev. Elder Dorothy Harris and
Mrs. Willette Parrish-Harris
Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia









# JRSDAY FRIDAY

# SATURDAY

## **WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE**

### THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

- New Voices Sermon Clinic
- Clergy Track (Required)
- Reverends
- Conversation with Bishop Holland
- Meditation for Clergy
- · Pastors' Council
- Partners' Corner (Partners of Revs & Pastors)
- Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention
- Progressive Relationships
- Seniors
- Behind The Mask (Mime Ministry)
- What We Believe
- Choir Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY WORKSHOPS**

- New Voices Sermon Clinic
- Clergy Track (Required)
- Deacons
- Deacon Candidates
- Ministers
- Homosexuality & The Bible
- The Art of Sermon Preparation & Delivery
- Starting a Fellowship with UFCM
- Navigating the LGB/Transgender/Non-Binary Medical System
- Mental Health
- Progressive Music Ministry
- 12 Step Programs
- · Exploring The Dangers of
- Forming Transgender Networks
- Behind The Mask II
- Jesus as a Community Organizer: Building a Base of Disciples

### **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

- Baptism
- Youth & Young Adult Summit
- Sistah Space
- Brotha Space
- MIL space
- Major: Documentary Film Screening and Discussion
- People of Faith in the fight for Social Justice
- Good Grief
- Behind The Mask Showcase
- Successfully Navigating Dating, Love, Marriage & Family in the 21st Century
- Trustees trustees from local churches

### **SATURDAY NIGHT**

• Dinner/Dance Social Event



Congratulations to UFCM on this Blessed Convocation & Keep Progressing!

Congratulations Minister Marcus Ecks on Your Elevation! Love Philly





The UFC-Charleston Family welcome you to Convocation 2018 and we congratulate Quincy J. Norman on your elevation to Deacon!



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Convocation

# Reverend-Elect Stephanie Phillips



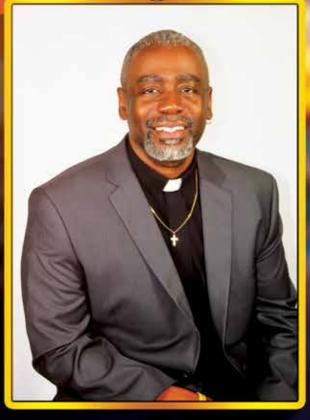
Joy comes in the morning!

We are very happy and proud, as you join generations of ministers in the Phillips family!

With love and congratulations,

From Rev. Adrienne Thillips, on behalf of our family, those still here and those who have passed on, and From Barb and Nikki Turner, your new family.

# Elder-Œlect OGerard OWilliams



"BEFORE I FORMED THEE IN THE BELLY I KNEW THEE;
AND BEFORE THOU CAMEST FORTH OUT OF THE WOMB
I SANCTIFIED THEE, AND I ORDAINED THEE A PROPHET
UNTO NATIONS." JEREMIAH 1:5

WITH CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FROM YOUR CONGREGANTS, FAMILY, AND SUPPORTERS

REV.-ELECT STEPHANIE PHILLIPS
TRUSTEE ARI MOORE
TRUSTEE JOHN VINES
TRUSTEE JIM WOLFE
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Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

**ISAIAH 43:19** 

## Unity Fellowship Ohurch Of Rochester Oelebrates



"A special thank you to my wife T. Judith Johnson for taking this

walk with me"

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(Light refreshments served)

Miss Major Griffin-Gracy is a formerly incarcerated Black transgender elder and activist who has been fighting for the rights of trans women of color for over 40 years.

Miss Major is a veteran of the Stonewall Rebellion and a survivor of Attica State Prison, a former sex worker, an elder, and a community leader and human rights activist. She is simply "Mama" to many in her community.

congratulations

The concept of being PROGRESSIVE is almost impossible without change. And change comes with a PRICE.

**Christian August Johnson** 



National Spiritual Convocation

#### UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CHARLOTTE WELCOMES YOU TO

HOLY CONVOCATION 2018 PROGRESSIVE!



Bishop Jacquelyn Holland Presiding Prelate Jurisdiction 3



Pastor Rev. Sonja Lee Health & Wellness



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Deacon Wendy Mitchell Usher Board Pastor's Aide



Ojetta Prince Brown Bag Ministry



Kristi Chandler Hospitality **Building Fund Fundraising** 



Glenda Jones Pastor's Aide



**Assistant Pastor** Fracey Jackson UNLOCK Prison Ministry



Carolyn Davis **UNLOCK Prison** Ministry



Deacon Kellee Phillips Full Armor of God (Security)



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Mary Love Anniversary Committee



Lenora Southerland Board of Trustees Brown Bag Ministry UNLOCK Prison Ministry



Deacon Candidate LESLIE BOND



Deacon Candidate LINDA DIXON



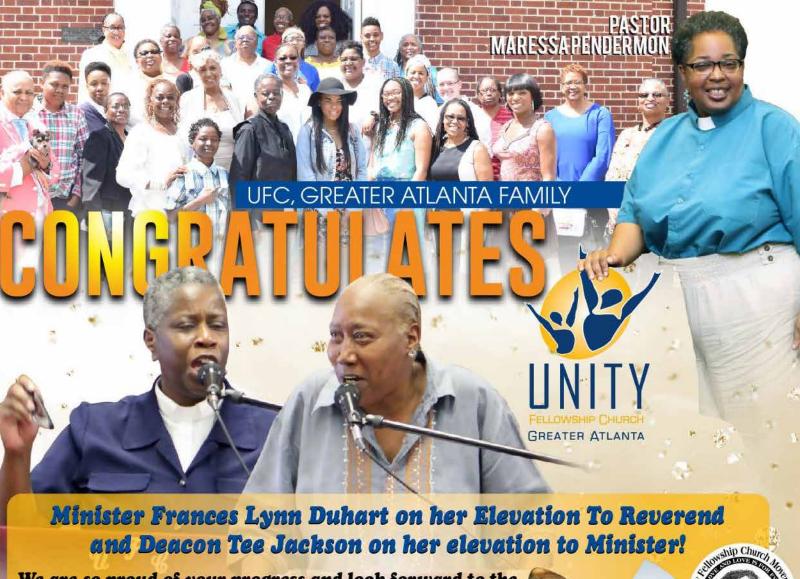
Deacon Candidate COCO RILEY



On Behalf of Pastor, Staff, Trustees and UFCC Members:

CONGRATULATIONS

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We are so proud of your progress and look forward to the Progressive Ministry you will continue to provide to **UFC, Greater Atlanta and The UFCM!** 

We Love You Both!

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## Archbishop Carl Bean Progressive Ministry! and the entire UFCM

**Congratulation's** 

### AIN'T NO STOPPING US NOW: WE'RE ON THE MOVE!

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**Art Miller** Demarco Stallings Pastor Sonja Lee, Pastor Victoria M. Castillo Monterey Frazier Adrien Berry

# Congratulations Tee Jackson

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
(Matthew 25: 40, 45) My purpose is to love.

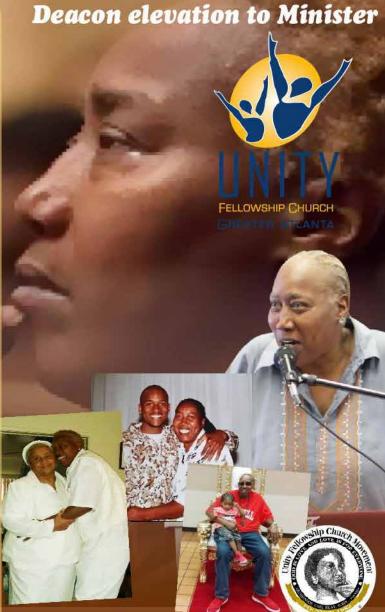
I awake in the morning thanking God for another day, look over to my left and thank God for giving another day to my wife. I put my feet on the floor and I ask God to use me, I will go.

I know my relationship with God, myself and others has taken on a new dimension since being in Unity Fellowship Movement. God seems even more real in the way I pray and my relationship with God now seems more relational and personal. My journey has been the prize. I aspire to be a giver. A giver of love, a giver of good vibes and a giver of strength.

I am grateful to Archbishop Carl Bean for being so patient with me, for loving me when I could not love myself, for always reminding me that God can use anybody, and that God has no respect of person, That Gods love is for everyone. Grateful to Elder Alfreada Laniox for standing in her truth. This gave me permission to stand in mine. Grateful to Senior Bishop Zachary Jones finding me in the corner and reassuring me that God loves me. Grateful to Bishop Jacquelyn Holland for always being available. Grateful to Elder Russell Thornhill, Dwight Counsel and others that supported my son in all his endeavors. Grateful to Christin Tripp, Vera Owens, Elder Leslie Burke, Orenda Warren, Lynn Carr, Lisa Blackman, Tracee McDaniel, Mike Jones, and Jammie for always encouraging me to be a better me. Grateful to my Pastor Maressa Pendermon for teaching me new thoughts, new ways to do things, for loving me unconditionally. Grateful for my Unity Fellowship Church Greater Atlanta and my Unity Fellowship Church Los Angeles for always supporting me. Grateful to my family for being there in the worse time in my life and loving me though it all. Grateful for the many people in this Unity Fellowship Movement for seeing my heart first. Grateful to extended family for embracing me into their family. Grateful to my son for being one of my biggest cheer leader and being the loving man, he is today. Grateful to my mother Cleota Marie Johnson for instilling in me her strength and independence to take care of myself. Grateful to my wife Rev. Janice Smith, my wife of 27 years, for supporting me, loving me, for listening to me, for inspiring me to do my best, for being a great teacher, for always standing with me no matter what the situation.

I always save the best for last. I am grateful to God for this journey and putting all of you in my life.

Unity Fellowship Church Movement Gratefully Progressive



#### Thank you all for your love and support

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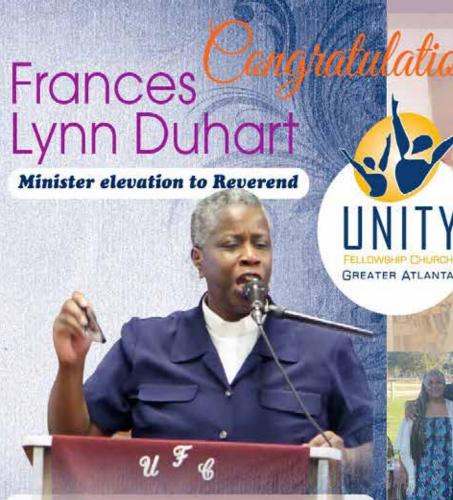
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I came to Unity Fellowship Church after suffering a major loss in my life, the death of my mother. Filled with sorrow and regret for words unspoken between us I knew I needed help to find my way back to God. When I walked into Unity Fellowship of Atlanta for the first time I knew that I had found a new church home. My journey with Unity has had its ups and down, but I will tell anyone that it was Unity that set me free from my own oppression, and it was Unity that helped me to understand that God loves me just as I

I am so very grateful for each level of my ministry journey from Deacon candidate to Deacon, from Deacon to Minister and now from Minister to Reverend. But I must admit it was the Deacon candidate training that I received from my then Pastor Antonio Jones that helped me break free of the chains of self-doubt that had limited me for so long in my life. I will forever be grateful to Elder Antonio Jones, and my current Pastor, Reverend Maressa Pendermon for all that they have poured into me to prepare me for this next level of ministry.

Thank you, Unity Fellowship Church Movement, for creating a space for a girl from the hood like myself to sore and share with others that GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE IS FOR EVERYONE.

> Reverend- Elect Minister Frances Lynn Duhart

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Today with tear filled eyes, I and my Family say Congratulations to you, Deacon Tee Jackson. This journey of over 27 years, has been from the first day, a journey of love, trust and friendship. In the beginning we delivered Angel Food. We have observed you usher, mentor our youth, visit the sick and imprisoned, counsel the addicted, feed, clothe and assist the homeless, which is only an example of some of your activities. We watched with amazement as you walk with such joy, dedication, faith and determination to tell all that "You Are Very Special". We know that this elevation means a deeper level of commitment and service. We know your voice will be heard by many as you continue to proclaim in the words of Arch Bishop Carl Bean "God is Love and Love is for Everyone".

> We love and Thank God for sending you to us in such a time as this!!

The Bynum, Beard, Smith, Harvey, Simien and Finney Families, Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews

# Unity Fellowship of Christ Church Los Angeles salutes

Archbishop Carl Bean, D.Min, Presiding Prelate & Unity Fellowship Church Movement

On the 25th Annual Spiritual Convocation!



CONGRATS ARTMILLER!

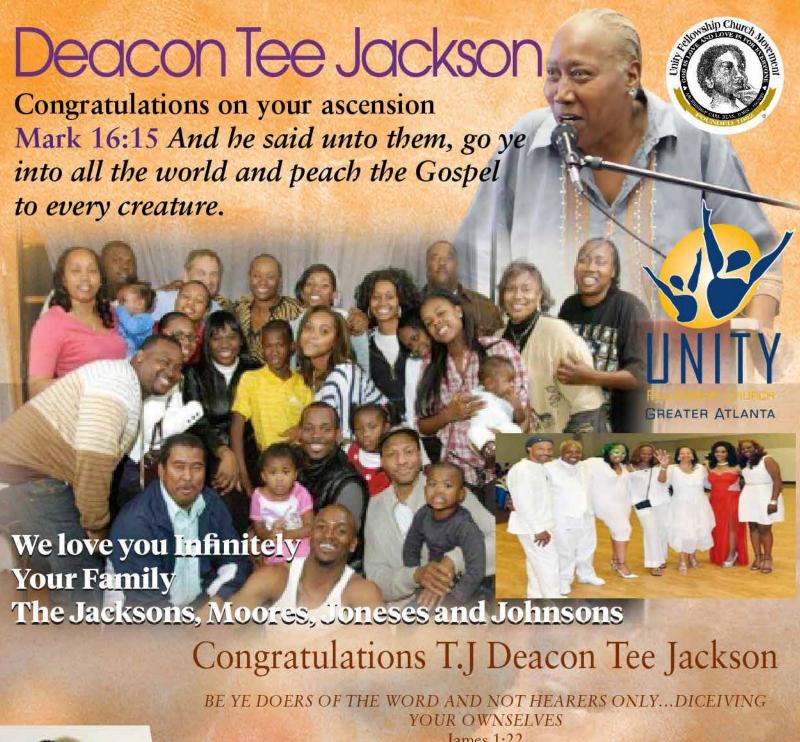
Elder Russell E. Thornhill, M.A., Co-pastor, Elder Leslie Burke, M.Div, Co-pastor, Rev. Roger Culberson, Ed.D, Assistant Pastor, Rev. Pamela R. Simmons,
Min. Jeanetta Johnson, Minister Li Arnee,
Deacon Zarion Wooden, & Deacon Amir Noir Soulkin, M.A.

# Archbishop Carl Bean Spirituality & Social Justice LEGACY CENTER

5149 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90016







James 1:22

For as long as I can remember I have seen you do just that! I lived this scripture with you everyday of my young life. You are my Mother, My Role Model and My Best Friend. You set an example of what a good steward is. What a heart you have for Ministry, always asking "Are you alright?" "Do you need anything?", as we traveled on the bus, in the car, or just walked around the neighborhood.

I am so proud that I can call you Mother, Teacher, Mentor and now Minister. You have always been just that.

I Congratulate you this day and every day. This journey with you has been a joy and has molded me to be the Man I am and have become.

> I Love you and Thank you, Your Son DaMeion F. Williams



## ART MILLER

**Deacon Candidate** 

Unity Fellowship of Christ Church LA

**UFCM Convocation 2018** 

Servants in the church: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued,not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it.

They must be reverent

before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things, Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on... 1 Timothy 3:8(MSG)

A Huge Thank You, My Family, Dad Archbishop Carl Bean, Pastors, Unity, Friends, and all Ancestor's for Freedom

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## Congratulations

To my wife Janyce Jackson Jones for being elevated to Elder. Your life long work has been to expose people to God's love.

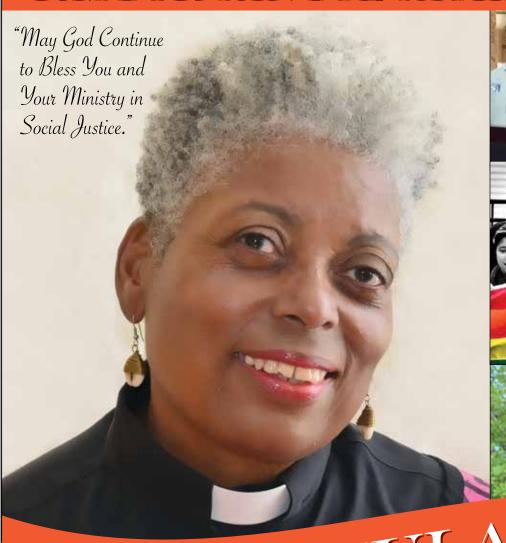
To help them understand the need to love and accept one another.

To stand up for each other and speak for those without a voice.

It has been my blessing to have you in my life. I will continue to support you on this wonderful journey.

I Love You Always, Valerie Jones





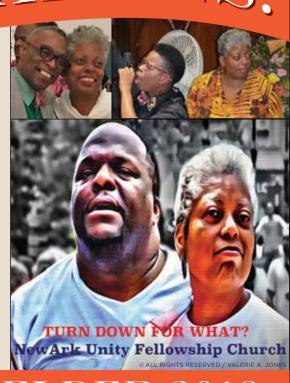
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Our Dearest Pastor Janyce Jackson Jones,

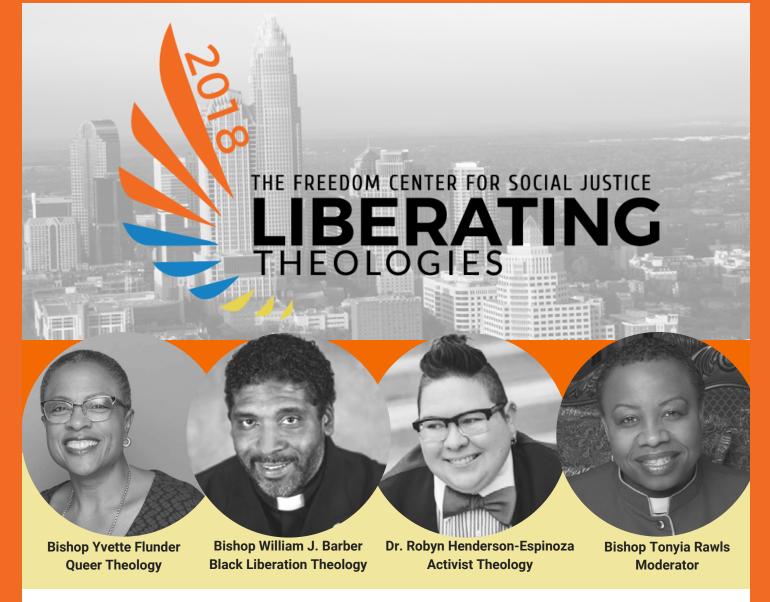
Your family is so proud and loves you dearly. We congratulate you on your Consecration to Elder this October 2018.

Love Your Family,

Dawn, Tyler, Tony, Shatema, Mike, Uncle Sam, Denise, Phil, Sean and Jelani



CONSECRATION TO ELDER 2018



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THE LIBERATING THEOLOGIES SPEAKER SERIES IS A ONE-DAY EXPERIENCE EXPLORING VARYING THEOLOGIES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LIBERATION AND INCLUSION FOR THE OPPRESSED AND MARGINALIZED.

OCT. 6, 2018

8:00AM-4:00PM Charlotte Museum of History 3500 Shamrock Drive Charlotte, NC 28215

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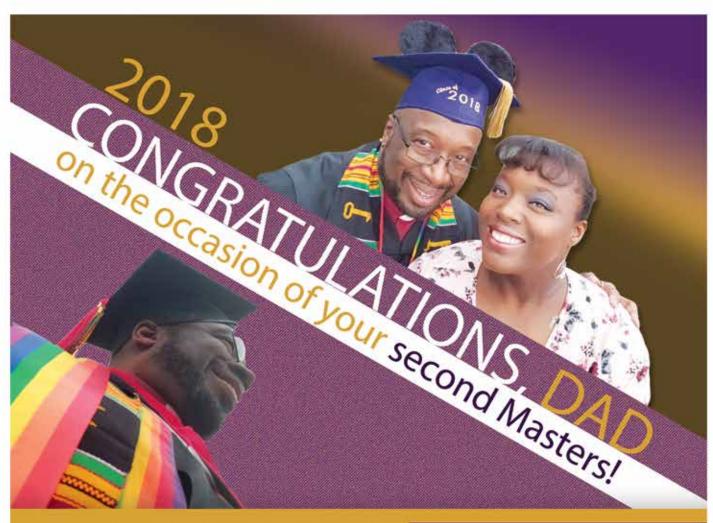




# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Bishop Tonyia M. Rawls and the staff of the Freedom Center for Social Justice offer our congratulations to Unity Fellowship Church Movement on your 2018 Convocation.





Ria, her siblings and Mom send you amazing love from Las Vegas! We are so proud of you. You remain a source of inspiration to us all.

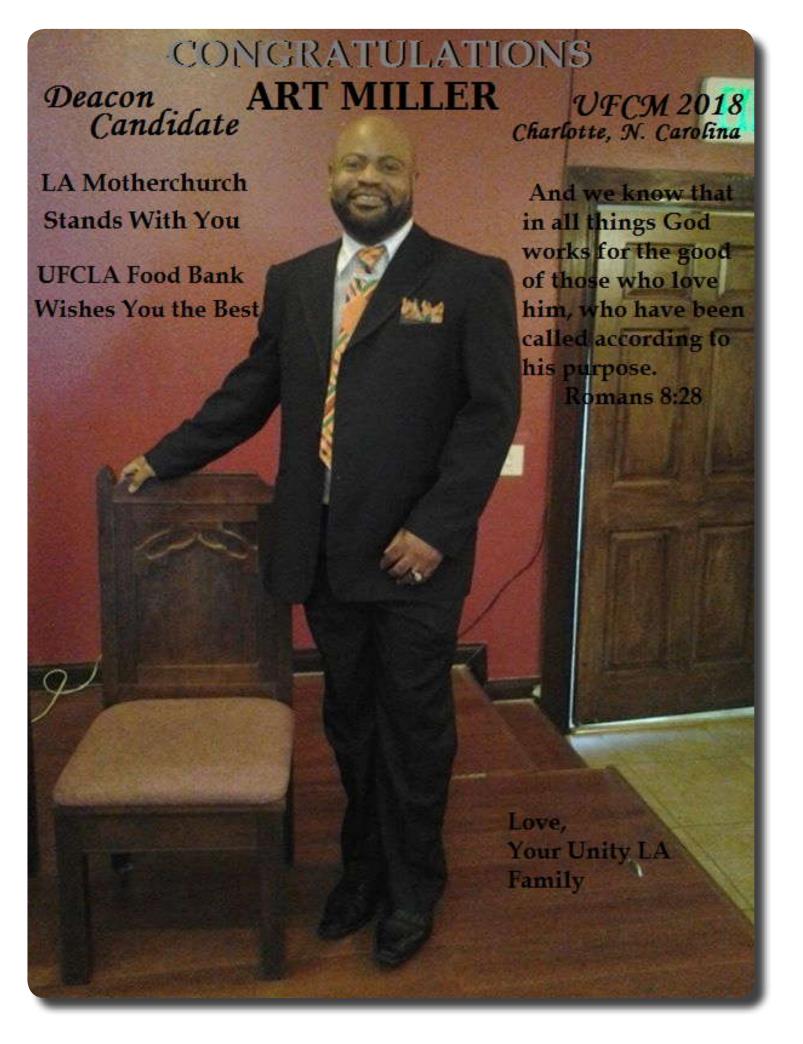


## The Thornhill Legacy...

Our amazing grandparents will be celebrating 70 years of marriage in 2019! We are so proud of their lineage. May God Bless you with more anniversaries to come.

I honor my grandpa for his 95th Birthday, October 3, 2018!

Ria Thornhill & Family





UNITY FELLOWSHIP
JAMAICA MINISTRIES

ev. Clarence Edwards ssistant Pastor

#### **CORE MISSION**

Rev. Nevin Powe

A belief established to profess God's love for everyone. That It will never discriminate against anyone due to race, age gender, and sexual orientation, political or religious affiliation. It is our commitment to work tirelessly to improve health, economic and social conditions of the homeless and disenfranchised men and women in Jamaica. UFJM provides teachings of liberation theology and exemplifies tolerance and most importantly God's love for all people.

#### **HOMELESS MINISTRIES**

UFJM provide immediate and practical resources to those in need. Our outreach team serves the poor, homeless and LGBT youth, offering meals, clothing, self-care supplies, and spiritual guidance.

#### **HEALTH CARE MINISTRIES**

As the domestic health care system struggles to provide basic consistent services to its citizens, HIV/AIDS, meticulous Diabetes, Hypertension, Breast Cancer, Strokes, Lung Disease, Influenza, and Pneumonia have become the leading causes of death in Jamaica.

#### **PRAISE REPORT**

We were able to provide Cancer screening (Pap smear, Mammogram Screening, and Prostate Exams). HIV/AIDS, counseling and testing, Optical services (FREE prescription glasses). One day for Dental Exams for kids and one day for adults (cleaning and extractions). Psychiatric services, Pediatric, and Adult Medical Exams. UFJM provided 45 blood pressure machines for free as well as CPR training and certification for teachers and community residents. Our Homeless Ministries continues to provide (70) meals and beverages weekly, and monthly distribution of clothing and toiletries.



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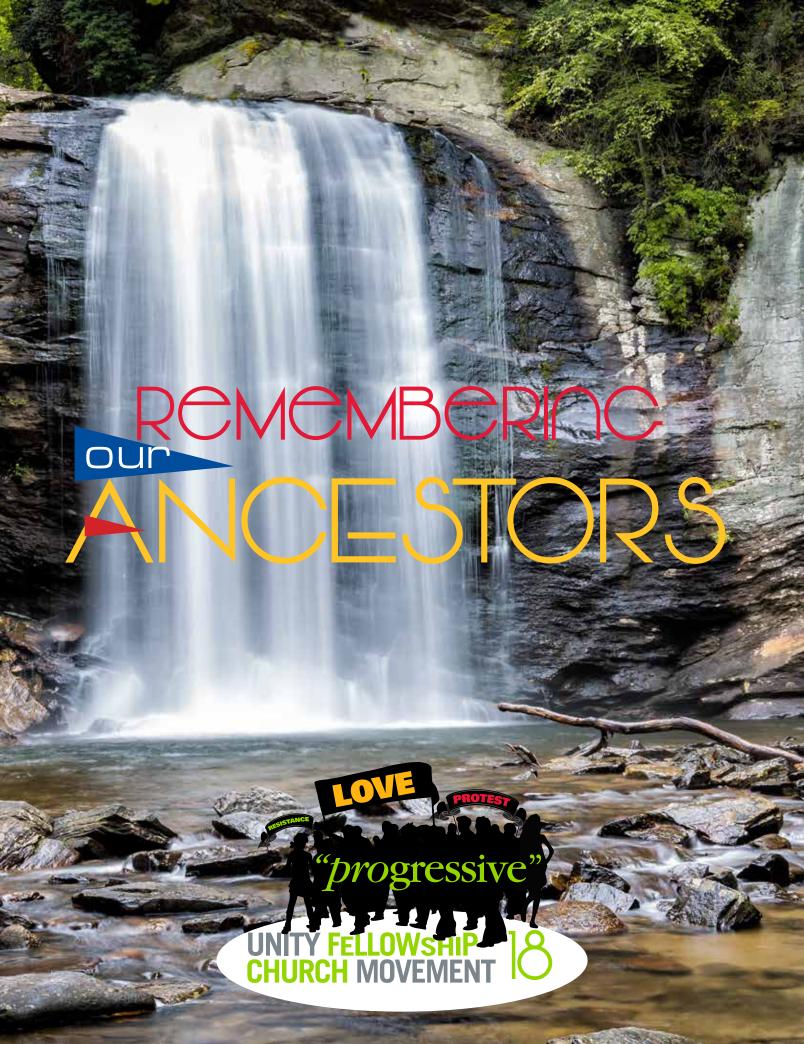


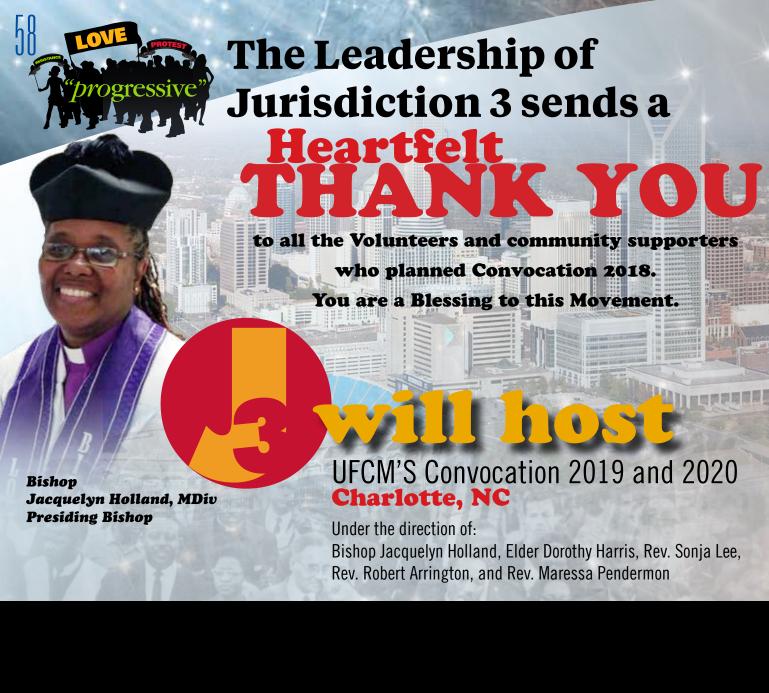


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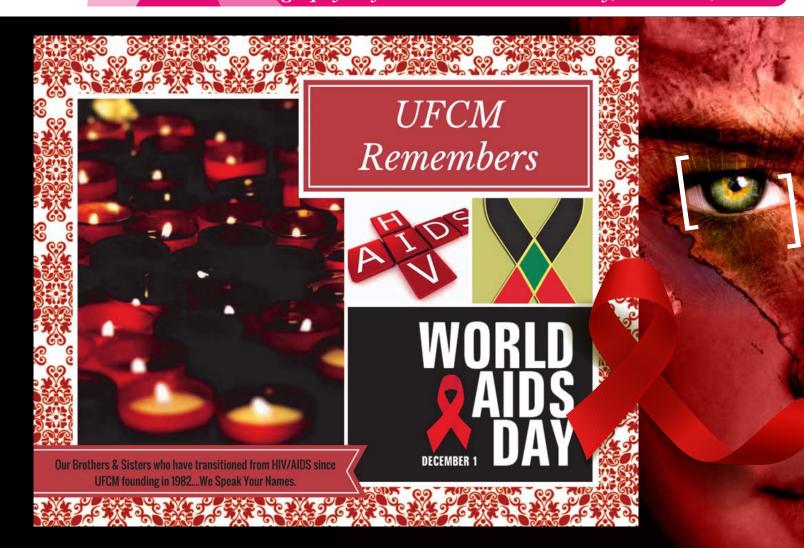








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