

## National Spiritual CONVOCATION Oct.6-13.2019

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the Unity Fellowship Church Movement as they celebrate the

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Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min., Minority AIDS PROJECT Founder and Social J stice Leader

#### MAP SERVICES

In-Home Care
 Benefits Specialty Services
 Transitional Case Management
 HIV Counseling & Testing
 Support Groups (English & Spanish)
 Free Food Pantry

#### MEN'S EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

- Weekly Support Groups
- PreP/Pep Information
- Referrals & linkage
  - Harm Reduction

#### PEER2PEER PROGRAM

- Peer Advocates are young men from 18–29yrs old
- Provides Mentoring and Leadership development
  - Drop–In Center
  - Workshops & trainings
  - One-on-One Sessions





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## 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.

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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.

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adherence to the facts; sincerity fairness and straightforwardness of conduct



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# 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.

# 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.

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From the office of Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min. Founder and Presiding Prelate

October 6th - 13th, 2019

Welcome Family, to our 26th annual convocation!

Our theme this year .....**"HONESTY"**.....challenges us to delve deeply into every aspect of our being!! There seems to be a pass given these days to be dis-honest!! The question is, <u>where</u> <u>do....I....stand</u>.....in word, thought, and deed? Is my daily manifestation an .....**"HONEST"**..... one? Have I begun to give myself a pass and justify it to the point of becoming an un-ethical person? **WHO AM I?** How often do I even ask/answer the question of myself?

With dis-honesty all around us.....government, work, church, school, etc.

**ARE WE**.....<u>Spiritually</u>.....preparing ourselves to provide leadership in the midst of bold, in your face dishonesty?

**ARE WE?** 

This week family, let's take stock of....."HONESTY"..... in every aspect of our lives!!

#### Ever evolving, Archbishop Carl Bean

Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min, Founder and Presiding Prelate (POP's)

#### Love Is For Everyone!

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## Senior Bishop ZACHARY G. JONES Presiding Bishop

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# Bishop

Greetings my Lesbian, Gay, Trans, Bisexual, Binary, Nonconforming and Queer people of Faith. We welcome each of you as agents of social change. Let us worship and celebrate all of our awardees and new clergy persons stepping up to serve as social justice ministers. What a blessing to be able to come back together to bless the Lord and bless each other.

The movement has had a very interesting year. One of the events that I'd like to mention is Pastor Sonja Lee's retirement from Pulpit ministry. We send her our deepest appreciation for her years of service to UFCM. She has committed to work with us on a national level. We have added three new board members to the board : Elder Leslie Burke, Elder Janyce Jackson Jones and Elder Doctor Jamie Washington. The leadership along with a group of willing volunteers visited our Mother Church in May to celebrate the Archbishop's birthday; a street naming ceremony was also dedicated in his honor.

Honesty, our theme for this year, is a process that stems from the light of God working within all who desire to live a life of honesty. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 4:7 that we have the light of God in our earthly vessels. The writer refers to it as possessing a treasure, that we may experience the excellency of God's power. That power leads to honest living. We must live to be honest with ourselves, as well as with others. There are many benefits of honest living. According to the website, Elemental Wellness, "there are at least 10 benefits of living honestly: honesty promotes authenticity, honesty fosters courage, honesty shows you care, honesty creates a circle of love, honesty shows maturity and

self-acceptance, honesty fosters a connection, honesty feels exhilarating because it is so freeing, honesty eliminates garbage, honesty attracts honesty, honesty can keep you out of trouble." When we think about the benefits of living our total honest self, it shows how important it is to commit to reaching our highest good. Living an honest life also means we have to give up our need to gain approval of others at the coast of not being honest.

At this year's Convocation I suspect lives will be changed. Many relationships within and without the church will grow. Honesty will build trust and openness among us. Through honesty we will experience emotions that we have never experienced before. This is good, because we are always growing. As we come together this year, let us practice the light of God within, and let us start today living in the light of honesty. As we move through the world to bring healing where healing is needed, let us all stand on honest grounds of truth.

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Affirmation: "I am positioning my life to live my most honest-self!" Ashe and Amen.

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

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## Bishop JACOUELIN HOLLAND, M.Div Presiding Bishop

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# Bishop

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

Welcome to the beautiful city of Charlotte also known as the Queen City. Thank God for blessing us to see another Holy Convocation. We are so grateful for the opportunity to get renewed, revived and restored once again. Revival will happen, through worship, testimonies, workshops and fellowship.

This year's theme "Honesty", requires us to look within, it causes us to take a personal and spiritual inventory. We are to assess whether the messages that we espouse line up with both what we believe and how we move in the world. Honesty calls into question our morals, standards and values. Honesty will challenge, whether we are living an authentic life or if we are hiding behind our fears, feelings of shame, self-hate or unbelief. Living your "best" life, requires honesty.

A great writer said "Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living and truth loving." Honesty always forces you to look at what is true.

This week you will hear many messages through songs, workshops and the spoken word. Purpose to dive in, open your heart and mind so that you may receive that which God has for you. Remember, God has a blessing with your name on it.

Peace and Marvelous Blessings

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

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## Bishop HARRIS THOMAS Presiding Bishop

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# Bishop

#### Peace and many blessings:

Welcome to the Unity Fellowship Church Movement's 2019 Holy Convocation. This annual event is an opportunity for members and visitors to hear inspiring messages, learn from the workshops, and fellowship with others. There is also, the State of the Movement from the House of Bishops. Let us not forget the Saturday night banquet and the closing Sunday service which includes the ordination of those entering and moving forward in ministry.

UFC NewArk had hosted convocation for four years straight. The House of Bishops voted that each Jurisdiction would share in the responsibility of convocation for 3 years. Jurisdiction 3, under the leadership of Bishop Holland, was the first to inherit this new system. The members of the local churches with many other volunteers worked tirelessly and hosted us in Charlotte, NC last year and again this year. This is another opportunity for the entire Unity Fellowship Church Movement to show up with the local church to add the power of our liberated voices in the south for Social Justice.

With respect to current events, this year's theme of, "Honesty" appropriates and must remain in the forefront of our message. Self-honesty allows us to be authentic with each other. I would like to encourage everyone to take a moment for self-reflections. How honest are you with yourself is an important question? Coming out of the closet and being honest with Harris stripped away years of guilt, shame, and blame that began with me living the abundant life Jesus spoke!

Sincerely;

**Bishop Harris Thomas** UFCM House of Bishops

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Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min. Presiding Prelate

#### October 7, 2019

To Our National Unity Fellowship Church Movement Family,

We, The Board of Elders of UFCM, Inc., take great joy and excitement in welcoming you all to our 2019 National Holy Convocation, once again bringing us to the Queen City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The climate of our nation--talk of impeachment, fear of global warming, terrorist acts on our own soil and trepidation in our own communities--has made the need for this year's Convocation and our theme of "**HONESTY**" more important than ever.

We pray that each of you will take this time to be honest with us, your national leadership, about how you are and where you are. Take the moments that present themselves, to check in with and check on each other. The **HONESTY** that we bring to this year's celebration and this year's ordinations and this year's Baptismal pool could make all the difference in the world to the person, to the member, to the minister, to the deacon or the servant in their local church, who pressed hard to get here this week and who just needs to be seen as more than their assignment.

We pray that as each of you surrenders to the workshops and the work in them and to the Spirit as it pours into our nightly worship services, that you will allow yourself to surrender. Let go of the need for it to look a certain way or be done a specific way and be present. **HONESTY** is going to help us help each other get up from our need to always be on and working, and allow us to release, as servants in service to the wonder and the will of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome to your new truth and your new relationship with **HONESTY!** Prayerfully, being this free to be will open someone up anew and open something up within. Be blessed and WELCOME TO CONVOCATION 2019!

The National Board of Elders,

Elder Lestie Burke Elder Akousa McCray Elder Kevin E. Taylor Elder Gerard Williams Elder Gerald Green Elder Dorothy Darrish-Karris Elder Russell Thornhill

Elder Janyce Jackson Jones Elder Benita Ramsey Elder Dr. Jamie Washington

#### City of Charlotte, North Carolina Proclamation.

WHEREAS, Unity Fellowship Church Charlotte is the first affirming Christian Church supporting the LGBTQI communities for almost 20 years in the southeast region; our concerns have been focused on health and wellness, social justice, affordable housing and the unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, our Health and Wellness Ministry has joined together with local organizations in a common desire to raise public awareness and to emphasize the importance of quality healthcare within the above-mentioned settings; and

WHEREAS. such an effort can improve social inequalities, create better opportunities for reasonable housing, and decrease the unhoused population:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 13, 2019

#### **"UNITY WEEK"**

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.



Vi Alexander Lyles

Mayor



Archbishop Carl Bean, D. Min. Presiding Prelate

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

What a wonderful time to be in the service of the Most High God! It is with much joy that we, the pastors within the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, greet you in the name of the Lord. As we come together this year to celebrate the incredible integrity of a movement founded on the premise of morals, liberation theology, social justice and love, we are honored to do so with the theme "HONESTY". It is with the most profound love for God and our leadership that we present ourselves as open and vulnerable during our Holy Convocation in the wonderful city of Charlotte, NC. While these may seem like troubling times for our country and our world, the strength of our ancestors reminds us of all that we have already accomplished! As a people of faith, our past experiences teach us that anything is possible for those in true relationship with God if we are "Honest".

As your pastors we have dedicated this past year to understanding what it means to be advocates of social justice. We are not unmoved by the needs of our communities and strive to be the best clergy not just in our pulpits but particularly in the streets and at the tables of power. We have heard the call that we must do so.... "Honestly".

Let us re-commit before God and this great assemble to be the stewards that God can use for a time such as this. Let us honor our motto that God is love, and love is for everyone including our immigrant brothers and sisters, our transgender family, those caught up in the prison system, those struggling with addiction, and especially those marginalized by poverty. While you are here at this celebration take time to share and converse with your sisters and brothers, meet someone who may seem new and "honestly" embrace them.

Yours in Service, The Pastors Council

Elder Benita Ramsey

UFC – Riverside Elder Gerald N. Green UFC – San Diego Elder T. Gerard Williams UFC – Buffalo Rev. Jeff Haskins UFC – Philadelphia Rev. Robert Arrington UFC – Charleston Rev. Cecelia Caldwell UFC – San Diego Elder Kevin E. Taylor UFC – NewArk Elder Russell E. Thornhill UFC – Los Angeles Elder Leslie Burke UFC – Los Angeles Rev. Maressa Pendermon UFC – Atlanta Rev. Romy Wilford UFC – San Diego Elder Janyce Jackson Jones (Pastor Emeritus)

Elder Dorothy Parrish-Harris UFC - Columbia Dr. Elder Jamie Washington UFC - Baltimore Elder Akousa McCray UFC - Washington Rev. Nevin Powell UFC - Jamaica Rev. A. Debra Rice UFC - NYC





## **CELEBRATES AND CONGRATULATES**

**Deacon** Candidates

Dre Miller

Jamey Younger

**CW** Younger On there being ordain as Deacons in the Unity Fellowship Church Movement

#### Dider **Dr. Jamie Washington** Senior Pastor

Bishop HARRIS THOMAS Founder and Presiding Prelate Jurisdiction 4

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## ELDER DR. JAMIE WASHINGTON REV. SAM OFFER CONCEPTION

all of the 2019 UFCM Candidates for next Level of Ordination

"For I know that Plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future" Jerimiah 29:11

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Rev. Sam Office Vice President

Wishes to Honor

The Unity Fellowship Church Movement For Another Year of Spreding the Good News of God is Love and Love is for Everyone The House of Bishops, Board of Elder, Pastors Council, National Board and Game Changers for tireless Leadership of our Movement Jurisdiction 3 for host Convocation 2019

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Your Labor is not in vain

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Outreach

#### Life...More Abundantly: Forward!

Unity Fellowship Church NewArk Blesses the elevation of Min. Cheryl Bragg, Dec. Jenelle Torres and Dec. Mary "Buddy" Johnson as well as the Ordination of DC Teresa Conner-Brown

Elder Kevin E. Taylor, Sr. Pastor

Rev. Jerri Mitchell-Lee, Asst. Pastor



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## 2019 Optingtion Bialo Difference Morning Plenary Speaking List

TITLE	FULL NAME	CHURCH	WITH BISHOP	DATE SPEAKING
Deacon	Chiquita Younger	Baltimore	Bishop Holland	NA
Deacon	Dre Miller	Baltimore	Bishop Holland	NA
Deacon	Jamey Younger	Baltimore	Bishop Holland	NA
Reverend	Pauline Kennedy-Rice	New York	Bishop Holland	10/09/19
Deacon	Teresa Connor Brown	NewArk	Bishop Holland	NA
Reverend	Cheryl A. Bragg	NewArk	Bishop Holland	10/09/19
Minister	Jenelle Y. Torres	NewArk	Bishop Holland	10/10/19
Minister	Mary E. Johnson	NewArk	Bishop Holland	10/11/19
Deacon	Phill Hughes	Philadelphia	Bishop Thomas	NA
Deacon	Teresa Scott	Philadelphia	Bishop Thomas	NA
Deacon	Kenya Diana Peteet-Trahan	San Diego	Bishop Thomas	NA
Minister	Dynel Riley-Spencer	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/09/19
Minister	Chantay Harris	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/10/19
Minister	Frank Long	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/10/19
Minister	Sharon Duvall-Humes	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/10/19
Reverend	Devon Tensley	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/11/19
Reverend	Omar Rahim Clark	Washington	Bishop Thomas	10/11/19

Being ordained Deacon	
Being ordained Minister	
Being ordained Reverend	



#### UFCM NATIONAL OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

"We deserve a safe future, and we demand a safe future. Is that too much to ask? " Greta Thunberg, Dear UFCM Family,

"Honestly" speaking, a safe, healthy passage from adolescence into adulthood is the right of every child, it should be a time of growing possibilities. However, young people, are instead increasingly faced with more and more vulnerabilities. From Climate Change to an alarming environment where "hate, indifference and meanness" towards the marginalized is celebrated from the highest levels of our government, the world our youth & young adults are set to inherit is imperiled.

- Extreme weather events & climate change represent major threats to the health and well-being of youth, Approximately, 73% of youth participating in a global survey on Climate change say they currently feel the effects climate change.
- ✓ Youth without safe shelter and social supports are at higher risk of human trafficking and exploitation.
- ✓ Suicide is the second leading cause of death after homicide for African Americans between the ages of 13 and 19. A Trevor Project study found that 39 percent of LGBTQ youth—and more than half of respondents who identified as transgender or non-binary—had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year.
- $\checkmark$  Fourteen (14) of the 19 murdered transwomen in 2019 are between the ages of 17-29.
- ✓ In 2017, Black teens and young adults, ages 13-24, represented more than half (52%) of new HIV diagnoses in that age group, the majority of whom were young gay and bisexual men.

Investing in this generation must continue to be our top priority in our local communities. This includes protecting their human rights and ensuring their access to quality education and health care, including sexual and reproductive health services. It also includes ensuring access to decent employment opportunities. This investment is win-win, as it will not only give young people the means to improve their own lives, but also the lives of future generations. Join me for an informal conversation on Friday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following our movement luncheon to address the challenges and seize the opportunity as a collective body to work towards "a safe future" for our youth & young adults.

In Solidarity,

Rev. Elder Benita Ramsey

Rev. Elder Benita Ramsey.

#### **UNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CHARLOTTE**

welcomes you to



Bishop Jcquelyn Holland



Elder Janyce Jackson-Jones



Assistant Pastor Tracey Jackson



Minister Lenora Southerland



We Welcome You! Reverend Lynn Duhart



#### WE CELEBRATE L.I.F.E.

#### WE KNOW THAT OUR SPIRIT GOD IS THE GOD OF LOVE.

#### **AND LOVE IS FOR EVERYONE**



WE SEE THE GOD IN YOU!



## Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia

Worship Services: 10:00 am Sundays 8995 Lambskin Lane Columbia, MD 21044

Rev. Elder Dorothy Parrish-Harris, Pastor

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LOVE IN ACTION!

### Congratulations Min. Cheryl A. Bragg

With Love, The Bragg Bernardo Darrell & Jackson Family!

Ordained Clergy: Rev. Debora Ruffin

Deacon Altoria White

Deacon Myrtle Wilson

Trustees: Trustee Deb Dunn Trustee Danista Hunte Trustee Marlene McLaurin

Deacon Cole T. R. Williams

Minister to Reverend - October 13, 2019!

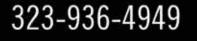


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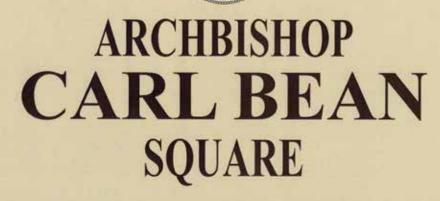


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Arch Bishop Carl Bean and the Mother Church for "37" Years of teaching, and preaching Social Justice within our communities and beyond. Thank you, for spreading the message of "God is love and love is for everyone."

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**Bishops** 

Your dedication, and steadfastness to serving the Bishop, as well as your church family has been outstanding. We love and appreciate you infinitely for all that you do for your UFC-NYC church family.

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## National Spiritual CONVOCATION 019 WORSHIP AND

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**MONDAY** House of Bishops Meeting -All Day

**TUESDAY** Board of Elders - 8:30A-12N - Board Room

House of Bishops VIP Luncheon -12N

**WEDNESDAY** New Voices Sermon Clinic -7A-8:30

National Board - 9A-5P - Board Room

Choir Rehearsal - 3P-6P

Hospitality/Welcome Room 9A-5P

Worship Service 7P-10P

**THURSDAY** New Voices Sermon Clinic -7A-8:30A

Pastors Council 9A-5P

Choir Rehearsal 3P-6P

Hospitality/Welcome Room 9A-5P

Workshop Care

Worship Service 7P-10P -GAME CHANGERS

Youth/Young Adult Room

Vendors

Nutrition and Exercise 50+

What We Believe - Parts I & II

Deacons: Honestly What Do You Really Believe? (CLERGY TRACK)

Jesus was a Revolutionary

Domestic Violence in The Church? Facts/Fiction

What is The Future of the Affirming Church

Grief Support Praise Dance

Ministers: Honestly What Do You Really Believe? (CLERGY TRACK)

No more Whispers - Honest Conversations about Mental Wellness

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Deacons: Living in The Margins(CLERGY TRACK)

Reverends: Honestly What Do You Really Believe? (CLERGY TRACK)

**FRIDAY** New Voices Sermon Clinic 7A-8:30A

Choir Rehearsal 3:30P-6P

Hospitality/Welcome Room 9A-5P

Worship Service 7P-10P -COMMUNION

Youth/Young Adult Room

Vendors

Workshop Care (3 rooms)

Water Aerobics -8:45A - Olkiama 50+

Tapping into The God Source Within -Meditation

Behind The Mask- MIME

# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Social Justice Leaders & Clergy in Ecumenical Arenas

"Before I let Go" -How to keep going when the Going Gets Tough

**UFCM National Team** 

The Healing Cloth Project-Expressing Our Honesty

Minister/Reverends - Where Do We Go From Here (CLERGY TRACK)

Healthy Relationships-While Living A Transgender Experience

The Art of Sermon Preparation & Delivery Session I ( CLERGY TRACK)

The Art of Sermon Preparation & Delivery Session II (CLERGY TRACK)

> Music & Theology (CLERGY TRACK)

**UFCM Fellowships** 

Backs Against The Wall: Howard Thurman Story(Film)

> Deacon Candidates (CLERGY TRACK)

**SATURDAY** Baptism 7A-8:30

Youth & Young Adult Summit

Workshop Care

Vendors

Ableism in Faith Communities

Aligning Your Core Values With Your Ministry

Introduction to Restorative Practices

Looking at and Handling Your Finances With Honesty

Waiting To Exhale

Got Pregnant? -Get A Doula!

A Pearl Of Africa -Documentary Film -Q&A

Social Justice Workshop

A Moment in Time (Unity Plays & Players)

Trustees

Good Grief - Having the Courage and permission to heal and transform through Grief

MIL/Masculine of Center Women

Exploring The Dangers for LGBTQ Jamaicans and the Need for Asylum

**Brotha Space** 

**SATURDAY NIGHT** Hollywood Comes to Charlotte Awards Night: HOB Awards/ Entertainment/Dinner/Dance 6P-12Midnight

**SUNDAY** Ordination Service - 11AM **UFC-NEW YORK** 

# CONGRATULATES

Pauline Kennedy-Rice

for your elevation to Reverend

You are called to be a Counselor, Mentor, and Teacher to and for young adults as you stand in the gap giving them permission to stand in their own authenticity. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



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to UFCM on your 37 years of phenomenal service. God has no hands but our hands!

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## Hauline Kennedy-Rice on your elevation to Reverend

# "I thank you for your and 22 years funconditional love."

May God continue to bless and keep you in all your future endeavors.

CORINTHIAN'S 13:6-7 LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES. LOVE NEVER FAILS



# Unity Fellowship Church NYC

THE PEARL OF AFRICA A story of love hate and being transgender

'A Deadly Serious Tale to Tell' BBC

"Brave and Powerful" CNN

> a film by JONNY ON WALLSTROM weden - 2016 - Color - Pourtuer 90 min - 2:35:1 - English PEARLOFAFRICA.TV

When I see men walking down the street holding hands, it brings me tears of joy because they are my legacy."

Reginald T. Brown Ambassador UFCNYC

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"God has blessed me with Authentic Freedom. Because I continuously bring HONESTY to the table. Regardless of whether Vulnerability takes a seat or not."

Christian August Johnson - Doorkeeper UFCNYC



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#### 6pm -7:30 - Dinner 8pm-10pm - Awards and Entertainment 10pm -12am - Dancing

The Host Hotel: The Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park, NC 5700 Westpark Dr, Charlotte, NC 28217 I (704) 527-9650

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Schedule for Youth And Young Adults 2019

#### Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>

-Workshop Care 9am to 4pm (\$5 per session 1 session per day) -Young Adult Karaoke Night (new event) (following service)

#### Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>

-Workshop Care 9am to 4pm (\$5 per session 1 session per day)
-Craft time to decorate bandanas for YAYA 2019 (throughout the day)
-Mirrors Workshop 2:15pm to 3pm (2 separate classes <12 and >13)

#### Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>

-Workshop care (infants and toddlers 9 am to 3 pm) (\$5 per session) -Youth Summit (10am to 3pm) SPEAK YOUR PEACE!

-Gala care starts at 7pm until 11pm (\$10 multiple child discounts available)

\*\*youth take away for 2019 is self-decorated bandanas

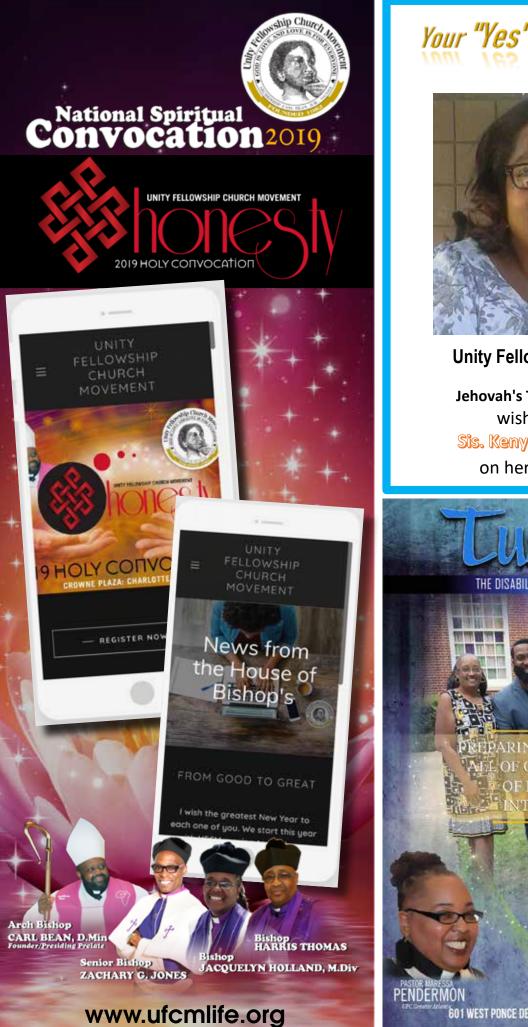
\*\*Elder panel is for individuals no longer considered young adults that can be a resource for current youth or young adults to help keep them connected to the body and safe.



Youth Teachers Reverend Jermaine Minister Victoria Deacon Janelle Deacon Kellee Deacon Mouse

Panel Facilitator Gwen Pearson Panelists TBD Michelle Whyms Judah Oliver Candace Brazzle Reverend Jermaine Green Reverend Jermaine Green Reverend Lynn Reverend Sean Robinson Reverend Sean Robinson Peacon Linda Dixon Asking for Elder Janyce or Elder Dorothy (or both time permitting) and Rev Sabrina









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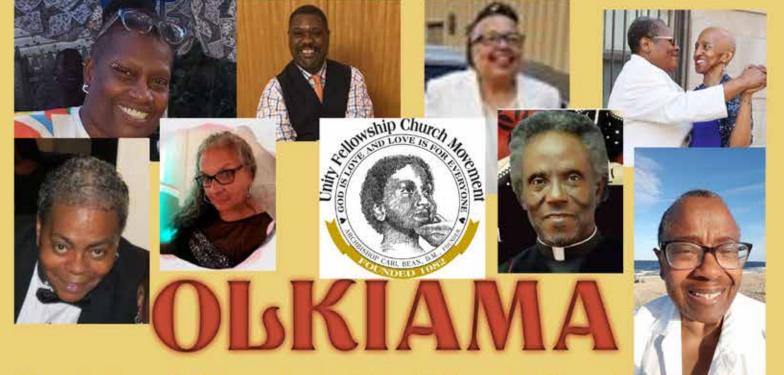


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## Unity Fellowship of Christ Church PHILADELPHIA





**Phill Hughes** 

Deacon Candidates Phill Hughes and Teresa Scott on their accomplishments and dedication to ministry within Unity Fellowship of Christ Church Philadelphia and the Unity Fellowship Church Movement. May you continue to shine your light as a beacon to all.



**Teresa Scott** 

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Unity In Community Unity Fellowship IE & Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance celebrates UFCM



### LGBTQ+ SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES

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SAGE LGBT ELDER HOTLINE

1-888-234-SAGE

#### KNOW THE SIGNS FIND THE WORDS REACH OUT

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FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: EMMResourceCenter.org/collection/lgbtq



To my fellow Laity of the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, I welcome you to our 2019 Holy Convocation! I feel excitement as we enter 2020 as a church movement of love and social justice. Our insights are needed more now than ever before. Being who we are historically, we have known the experiences of oppression and how to rise from it with dignity and strength. We have an opportunity to model to the world the "honesty" that the world needs and deserves.

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If you look at the history, many of us who are LGBT were cheated out of the ability to be honest about our attractionality and gender identity due to risking our safety and interpersonal relationships. The recent 50 year celebration of Stonewall reminds us of this. A recent example of how our movement, through collaboration between laity and clergy and with community members, is our Masculine Identified Lesbian Ministry that provided a day-long conference of healing and empowerment in New York in June. Such spaces are needed to fortify the spirit and validate walking in one's truth and honesty. I am encouraged by the work that our churches are doing when laity and clergy come together. Our ministries authentically hear the souls who are suffering, are disheartened, are hurting, especially during an era of such surreal conditions in this country. Our divinity causes us to question the maltreatment of children crossing the border and refusing to allow transgender people to serve the military.

As we continue to live in a world in which the most vulnerable and marginalized are increasingly attacked, the urgency to become involved in our churches, is even more crucial. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." God is BIGGER than all of the disharmony and trauma that we are experiencing. As laity, our role in the church is to serve, and to do so with an **"honesty"**.

I look forward to our conversations this week about the ways we can do this while doing our own self-care. God provides all that we need to work collectively and with loving care. Thank you dear God for humbly allowing me to be of encouragement to our laity members. Happy Convocation!

I love you with my whole heart,

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Dr. Kofi Adoma (Detroit) National Lay Leader, Unity Fellowship Church Movement

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#### **2019 UFCDC CANDIDATES FOR ELEVATION**



Minister-Elect Sharon D. Duvall-Humes To God be the glory. I am grateful for this day, and I appreciate all of the guidance that I have received in preparation for the opportunity to continue God's work. I thank my Pastor for developing my vision, when I couldn't put my feelings into words. I thank Unity Fellowship Church DC, as well as the entire movement, for creating such a safe and nurturing place, full of nothing but love and care. Archbishop's motto of "God is love and love is for everyone" is everywhere present in the movement. I want to also thank my beautiful wife, Mia Duvall-Humes, for her continued support, encouragement and love. Mia, you make difficult things easier, and with God's love, everything is possible! I love you. As I prepare to accept the responsibilities of Minister, my heart remains the same- full of enough love and ready to continue the journey of healing. Again, thank you Elder Akosua McCray for this opportunity!



Minister-Elect Frank W. Long, Jr. Thank you Lord, for once again proving that Your vision and plan for my life are much larger than my own. I vow to lean not unto my own understanding and trust that You know what's best. You know what You're doing. My heartfelt thanks to the people I'm privileged to call "family:" first, the Longs and the Moores, who raised me to be the man I am and who wrapped their arms around me to claim me as one of their own. I couldn't have made it this far without the lessons you taught me, and the unconditional love and support that have kept me. And to my UFCDC family: thank you for the opportunity to serve you as God has called me to do. I never suspected when I walked through those doors at 502 Rhode Island Ave. in 2011 that I was home. I had all but given up searching for a church family, and I am grateful that I found that place where I could worship God in spirit and in truth. Thank you, Elder Akosua McCray, for not letting me get away. It has been an honor to serve under your leadership. Finally, my sincerest and humblest thanks to my husband, Richard Moore, first for being a loving, steadying and grounding force in my life. You are my heart and my home. And thank you for believing in my ministry and for being patient with me on this journey. I don't know what I would do without you by my side.



Minister-Elect Dynel Riley-Spencer Thank you to everyone who supported me in my elevation.

Psalms 121:1-2 I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the lord which made the heaven and earth.



Minister-Elect Chantay J. Harris

Isaiah 6:8 Here I am, send me.



**Reverend-Elect Devon M. Tensley** I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul rejoice. Take joy my king from what you hear, and let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Thank you to my village for suring me up this far in my journey. I love you all. My fiancé, Sean Randolph, thank you for all of your support and love through the years.



#### Reverend-Elect Omar R. Clarke

Thank you UFCM and UFCDC families. Thanks to those who prayed more than complained, inspired even while retired, listened or wiped a tear. Thank you to the people who give of themselves to help others in and/or out of church, because they can, however God makes you able. Because of your selflessness, humanity still has integrity and dignity. God bless you and those blessed by you. Each one teach one.



## The Leadership of Jurisdiction 3 sends a HEARTFELT

Bishop Jacquelyn Holland, MDiv Presiding Bishop to all the Volunteers and community supporters who planned Convocation 2019. You are a Blessing to this Movement.

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#### UFCM'S Convocation 2019 and 2020 Charlotte, NC

Under the direction of: Bishop Jacquelyn Holland, Elder Janyce Jackson Jones, Elder Dorothy Parrish-Harris, Rev. Sonja Lee, Rev. Robert Arrington, and Rev. Maressa Pendermon

#### **Congratulations Unity Fellowship Church Movement**

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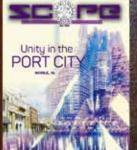


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Please take a moment to read the names and look at the faces of these beautiful black and brown Transwomen.

This years Convocation theme is **HONESTY**. Allow us to present to you a different level of **HONESTY**. All the Transwomen above were murdered this year in the United States. They all lost their lives because they refused to compromise Authentic **HONESTY**. We encourage you to attend a Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) event in your local area this year in the month of November.

United States of America we can do BETTER. WE MUST DO BETTER!

Special Thank you to: Elder Janyce Jackson Jones • Reverend-Elect Pauline Kennedy Christian August Johnson • Minister Maurice Cook (Graphic Designer)

Dana Martin 31 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Montgomery Alabama January 6th 2019

Jazzaline Ware Black Transwoman Found dead in her Memphis apartment in March

> Ashanti Carmon 27 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Prince George's County Maryland March 30th 2019

Claire Legoto 21 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Cleveland April15th 2019

Muhlaysia Booker 23 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Dallas May18th 2019 Michelle Temeka Washington 40 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Philadelphia May 19th 2019

Paris Cameron 20 Black Transwoman Killed in a horrific shooting in Detroit May 25th 2019

Chynal Lindsey 26 Black Transwoman Found dead in White Rock Lake. Dallas in June1st 2019

Chanel Sourlock 23 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Lumberton North Carolina

Zoe Spears 23 Black Transwoman Found lying in the street of Fairmount Heights Maryland Pronounced dead on June 13th 2919 Brooklyn Lindsey 32 Black Transwoman Found dead on front porch of a abandoned house in Kansas City Missouri June25th 2019

Denali Berries Stuckey 29 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in North Charleston South Carolina

> Kiki Fan troy 21 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Miami July 31 2019

Pebbles LaDime Dine Doe 24 Black Transwoman was killed in Allendale County South Carolina on August 4th 2019

Bailey Reeves 17 Black Transwoman Fatally shot in Baltimore Maryland September 2nd 2019

BeBe Love Slater 23 Black Transwoman was brutally murdered in Cleveland Florida



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