

The Ministers' Institute Conference Congratulates the 70th Annual National Lectureship

The Ministers' Institute Conference Acknowledges the Following Individuals for their Devotion and Dedication to the Prophetic Proclamation of the Gospel.

Past Recipients of the "Humanitarian Service" Award

Franklin Florence, Sr.
Dr. Andrew J. Hairston
Dr. Harvey M. Jackson
Dr. Richard L. Barclay
Arnelious Crenshaw, Jr.

Past Recipients of the "John Henry Clay" Award

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Samuell Pounds
Leroy Butler, Jr.

Past Recipients of the "R. N. Hogan" Award

Jules Hutton
John Harris
Orpheus Heyward
Peter Martin
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

Past Recipients of the "J. S. Winston" Award

Dr. Freeman T. Wyche
Dr. David Shanks
Dr. Shelton T. W. Gibbs, III

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Dr. John Henry Clay 2004
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Dr. Jack Evans, Sr. 2010
Dr. W. F. Washington 2011



"The Founder and First Lady"



Dr. W. F. Washington, Founder of the Ministers' Institute Conference USA: Sister Deloris D. Washington, First Lady of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ

The 2014 Ministers' Institute Conference "The Case for Grace"

The discipline for achieving a successful life requires the integration of what Mortimer J. Adler calls "The goods of the mind." These specific goods are said to be information, knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. According to Adler, "We seek these 'goods' not just for the purpose of living, but in order to live well" (Adler, 1990).

The Ministers' Institute Conference (MIC) believes these same "goods of mind" must be accompanied by an in-depth examination and personal application of the Holy Scripture. There is a great need for one to be a consistent student of the Scripture. There is a tremendous need for one to focus on God's Word, God's will, and God's way. Refusing to accept the Scripture as being the only authority in matters of faith and religious practice will cause us to walk in state of ignorance and pride.

Furthermore, the Ministers' Institute Conference is the only venue in our brotherhood that acknowledges the sacrificial work exhibited by various Ministers from across the nation. These men share a special power and they take seriously the Lord's last conversation with His disciples (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:44-47). They believe literally, that this is their mission as well as their commission. To that end, they conduct their ministry with a sense of purpose. Their priorities are clear and they orchestrate the events of their ministry and their lives with a masterful touch. Their genius and vision reflect the truth that is buried in their spirit.

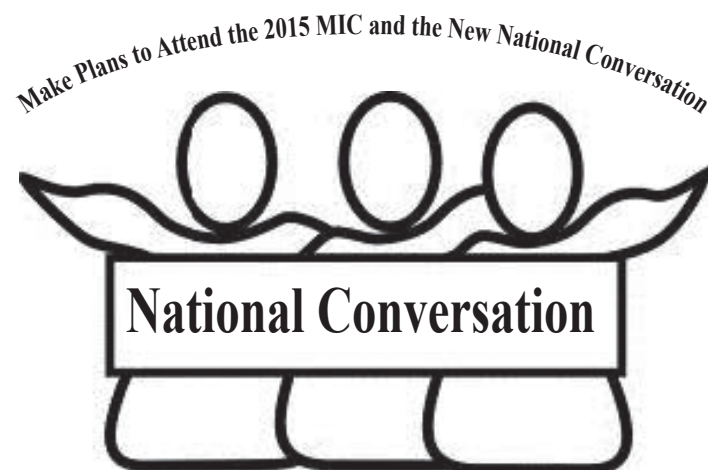
The 2014 MIC was without doubt a compelling and informative experience for all who attended. From the commencing Sunday morning worship message presented by Dr. Jack Evans, Sr., entitled "Behold the Grace and Severity of God" to the culminating Annual MIC Banquet, each aspect provided opportunities for spiritual growth and theological enrichment based upon the motif of "The Case for Grace."

On Monday evening, January 20, 2014, a historical perspective of Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr., was shared by Dr. Edward Robinson of Terrell, Texas, and Minister Conley Gibbs, Jr., of St. Louis, Missouri. Following Robinson and Gibbs, the audience was taken to another level by David Wilson of Brooklyn, New York, who spoke from the subject "By the Grace of God I Am." Samuell Pounds of Winter Haven, Florida, then spoke from the subject "The Grace That Brings Salvation," and Orpheus Heyward of Atlanta, Georgia, spoke from the subject "Before Abraham Was, I Am."

Other highlights included the daily "Conference Chapel Keynote Address" shared by Cleavon Matthews, Sr., of Trotwood, Ohio, who spoke Monday afternoon from the subject "Access by Faith into This Grace," Jack McNeil of Columbia, South Carolina, who spoke Tuesday afternoon from the subject "Saved by Grace Through Faith," and Wesley T. Leonard of Orlando, Florida, who spoke Wednesday afternoon from the subject "Standing on the Promises But Sitting on the Premises."

Dr. W. F. Washington, founder and host Minister of the MIC, in addition to Dr. Harvey M. Jackson, who serves as National Coordinator, along with the entire local and regional staff are to be highly commended for a job well done. It has been said by virtually everyone who gathered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that this was indeed the "best" Conference ever held.

Adler, M. J. (1990). *The Great Conversation: A Reader's Guide to the Great Books of the Western World*. Chicago: University Press.



The "National Conversation" is a New Innovative Concept of the MIC Where Topics of Relevance Are Discussed by a Panel of Distinguished Ministers and Church Leaders

January 18-22, 2015

"One Lord... One Faith... One Baptism"

Recipients of 2014 MIC Awards



Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
Winston Salem, North Carolina
“R. N. Hogan Award”

Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr., is a native of Anaheim, California, and he has been preaching for over 30 years. He began his work preaching for the Carver Road Church of Christ in July of 2005. Caruthers has been a speaker at various college lectureships on subjects including the history of the

Restoration leaders. He has been a featured speaker on numerous state and regional lectureships, in addition to the National Lectureship, youth meetings and gospel meetings. He is the author of several tracts as well as workbooks on both the Old and New Testament writings.

He has written Bible school material for the 21st Century Christian series entitled “Blueprints.” Evangelist Caruthers publishes study materials through “Proclamation ePress” and chairs the board of the North Carolina Brotherhood and State Lectureship. He also serves on the board of directors for the National Teachers’ Workshop and for the Youth Division of the Southeastern Lectureship.

Furthermore, he is the Chairman of Quality Education Academy K-12 Charter School that began at Carver Road and board member of Quality Independent Living.

Jeff Caruthers, Jr., is an instructor for Southeastern School of Biblical Studies; the School of Religious in Little Rock, Arkansas; board representative for the Ministers’ Institute Conference; and was recently added to the Executive Committee of the Churches of Christ National Lectureship. He is happily married to Felecia Sandrelli Spinks of Auburn, Alabama, and they have been blessed with seven children, one son-in-law, and two grandchildren.



Shelton T. W. Gibbs, III
Dallas, Texas
“J. S. Winston Award”

Dr. Shelton T. W. Gibbs, III, was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He has faithfully served the body of Jesus Christ preaching the gospel for over 35 years. He presently serves as Minister of the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas. While laboring as its Minister, the congregation has grown from 140 members in 1981, to become the largest African American Church

of Christ in the brotherhood with over 2000 members. In addition, he has performed evangelistic work throughout the nation including Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, and Ghana, West Africa.

Dr. S. T. W. Gibbs, III, has contributed to the cause of Christian education while serving as an Associate Professor of Bible at Southwestern Christian College from 1984 to 2011. He is a board member of SwCC, founder of the Guardian Plan for SwCC, and a member of the Development Board of Lifeline Chaplaincy. Dr. Gibbs has also served as Director of Admissions for SwCC during the years 1974-1982. It was during this time the college experienced record enrollments.

Academically, Dr. Gibbs has received an Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and a Master of Arts degree. He is the recipient of a Doctor of Divinity Honoris Causa from the National Academy of Christian Studies in Fort Worth, Texas, and in the year 2004 he received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.

Shelton T. W. Gibbs, III, is married to the former Jeanette Godwin of Jackson, Tennessee; an educator in the Terrell, Texas, school district. They have four children and nine beautiful grandchildren. The favorite Bible character of Dr. Gibbs is Noah. His favorite Bible passage is Hebrews 11:1-7.



Arnelious Crenshaw, Jr.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
“Humanitarian Award”

Arnelious Crenshaw, Jr., grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He planted his feet in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as Minister of the Northeast Church of Christ over 29 years ago. He has passionately served the Lord teaching and preaching the gospel for over

35 years.

Evangelist Crenshaw is committed to biblical studies and textual preaching. His vision for the Northeast congregation is that it will continue to become a holistic body of believers which practices community sensitivity; ministering to the body, soul, and spirit of every individual. He has developed a series of study that pertains to martial enrichment, spiritual growth, spiritual maturity, along with vision and purpose.

As an author, Crenshaw wrote The Servant’s Workbook: An Explanation of Ministries and Sound Conclusions from Ancient Clues for Contemporary Application. As a speaker, he has been a keynote speaker at various state and National Lectureships.

Brother Arnelious Crenshaw, Jr., was appointed as an Oklahoma Representative to the President’s Faith-Based Initiative Group in Washington, DC, and he spearheaded a Steering

Committee at the House-Senate Majority Faith-Based Leadership Summit in Washington, DC., in the year 2001. He has guided and served his community by leading the formation of a 32 unit affordable housing development. Brother Crenshaw is actively supported in God’s work by his wife, Dollie; their four children, Arlisa, Ollie Mechelle, Jennifer, and Arnelious, III.

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