

Society of Gospel Haymanot

2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

Emcee: Leon Harris

Location: Harris-Stowe State University

October 16, 2026		
9:00am-10:00am	Morning Plenary	
	Welcome to SGH	Leon Harris
	Vision of SGH	Tyran T. Laws
	Plenary Address	Tyran T. Laws
	Worship	Alex Johnson
	Transition	Leon Harris
10:00am-10:15am	Break	
10:15am-11:30am	Dersat Panel	
	Ivan Morris Jr "Does Matthean Jesus' condemnation of the Hypocrisy of the Pharisees show hypocrisy as a spiritual disease that affects Christian witness?"	
	Charonda Woods-Boone "Juxtaposing Frantz Fanon's Liberation Philosophy in The Wretched of the Earth against a Gospelist Intersection of Luke 4:18"	
11:30am-1:30pm	Lunch	
	Breakout Lunch Discussions	
	Facilitator: Jesse Nelson "Navigating Professorial Journey and Academic Portfolios"	
	Facilitator: Charonda Woods-Boone "Talking Black to our Scholars: Constructive Contextual Feedback of Friday's Papers"	
1:30pm-2:45pm	Sankofa Panel	
	Jessica Janvier "Evangelicalism and Violence-Producing Eschatologies"	
	Tyran Laws "Contending for the Cross: Black Redemptive Suffering, White Triumphalism, and the Soul of American Christianity"	
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break	
3:00pm-5:00pm	Haymanot Panel	
	Jesse Nelson "Evangelical or Liberal? An Analysis of the Ministry and Theology of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."	
	Leon Harris "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud: Atonement as Restoring the Imago Dei's Black Love, Joy, and Shalom"	
	William Ifode "Deconstructing White Evangelicalism in the Black Church—A Transatlantic Comparative Theological Analysis from a Nigerian American Perspective"	
	Adam Coleman "Self-Concept Argument Against Naturalism (SCAAN)"	
5:00pm	Closing Remarks	Leon Harris
5:30pm	Commencement	

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9:30am-11:15am	Ujamaa Panel	
	Patrice Barnes-Tracey and DeVonne Allen "Be Still and Know: A Christian Framework for Integrating Mindfulness and Emotional Awareness in Congregations"	
	Charryse Wright "Trauma, Testimony, and Transformation: A Trauma-Informed Theology for the Black Church"	
	Lori Banfield "The Quest for Place: How place ignites courage to navigate psychosocial transitions in emerging adults"	
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