

2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2020

EVERYONE COUNTS EVERYONE MATTERS



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Hello CJC Friends,

Welcome to the Conscience & Justice Council Virtual Convention! Despite the pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic oppression, we still hold fast to our theme, Everyone Counts, Everyone Matters. Why? Because we are all created in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Through practical biblical application, we seek to strengthen your resolve in addressing conscience and justice ministry, or public affairs and religious liberty ministry, in your community.

During this Conscience & Justice Council Virtual (CJC) Convention, we look to engage and edify in the following areas: the Christian race, discipleship, mental health, religious liberty, social justice through the lens of youth and young adults, and faith and community. Our goal for our time together is to challenge your assumptions, broaden your perspective, and give you a plan for action. We believe that the most powerful testimony is a changed life through Christ.

We affirm the message that Black Lives Matter Too. We are not afraid to say the names Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and Jacob Blake. We make no excuses for police brutality and systemic oppression, and label them as sins that need confession. In acknowledging this, we still hold ourselves accountable in reflecting the evidence of the Living Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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As you draw closer to Christ, we pray that this CJC Virtual Convention motivates you to sustainable action within your sphere of influence.

Blessings,

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Musical Guests
Donnell & Denise Josiah
Laos In Harmony
Madison Mission Praise Team

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FRIDAY, Sept. 25

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Musical Selection by:

Donnell and Denise Josiah – Look To Jesus

DISCIPLESHIP AND RACISM: CAN THEY COEXIST?

Panelists:

Willie Hucks II

Chairperson, Christian Ministry Department
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Jose Cortez, Jr.

Associate Ministerial Director
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Olive Hemmings

Professor of New Testament
Washington Adventist University

Zdravko Plantak

Professor of Religion and Ethics
Loma Linda University

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8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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Musical Selection by:

Laos In Harmony – Not Yet

G. Alexander Bryant

President, North American Division

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Conference Ministry*

SATURDAY, Sept. 26

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Musical Selection by:

Donnell Josiah – Take My Life And Let It Be

**LUCILLE BYARD SYMPOSIUM
Intersections of Mental Health and
Social Justice: An Exploratory Panel**

Moderator:

Dr. Marissa Leslie

System Medical Director of Psychiatry
Adventist HealthCare

Marilyn Lynk

Executive Director for Diversity & Inclusion
Adventist HealthCare

Dr. Anandhi Narasimhan

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Jennifer Noble

Psychologist and Professor

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12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

LIBERTY SYMPOSIUM

Lincoln Steed

Editor, Liberty Magazine

Musical Selection by:

Madison Mission Praise Team –
Hallelujah You're Worth

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1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Carlton P. Byrd

Speaker/Director, Breath of Life
Senior Pastor, Oakwood University Church

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4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Musical Selection by:

Madison Mission Praise Team –
More Than I Deserve

**WE GOT THE MIC: SOCIAL JUSTICE
THROUGH THE LENS OF MILLENNIALS &
GENERATION Z**

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Michael Nixon

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Megan Woods

Junior, Andrews Academy

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6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Musical Selection by:

Laos In Harmony – I Win

**FAITH AND COMMUNITY: INCLUSIVE OR
DIVISIVE IN LOVING THY NEIGHBOR?**

Kenny Anderson

Multicultural Affairs Officer
City of Huntsville, Alabama

Manny Arteaga

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7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

VESPERS

Musical Selection by:

Madison Mission Praise Team –
More Than Anything

Danielle Brown

Pastor of Church Life, Cathedral International

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