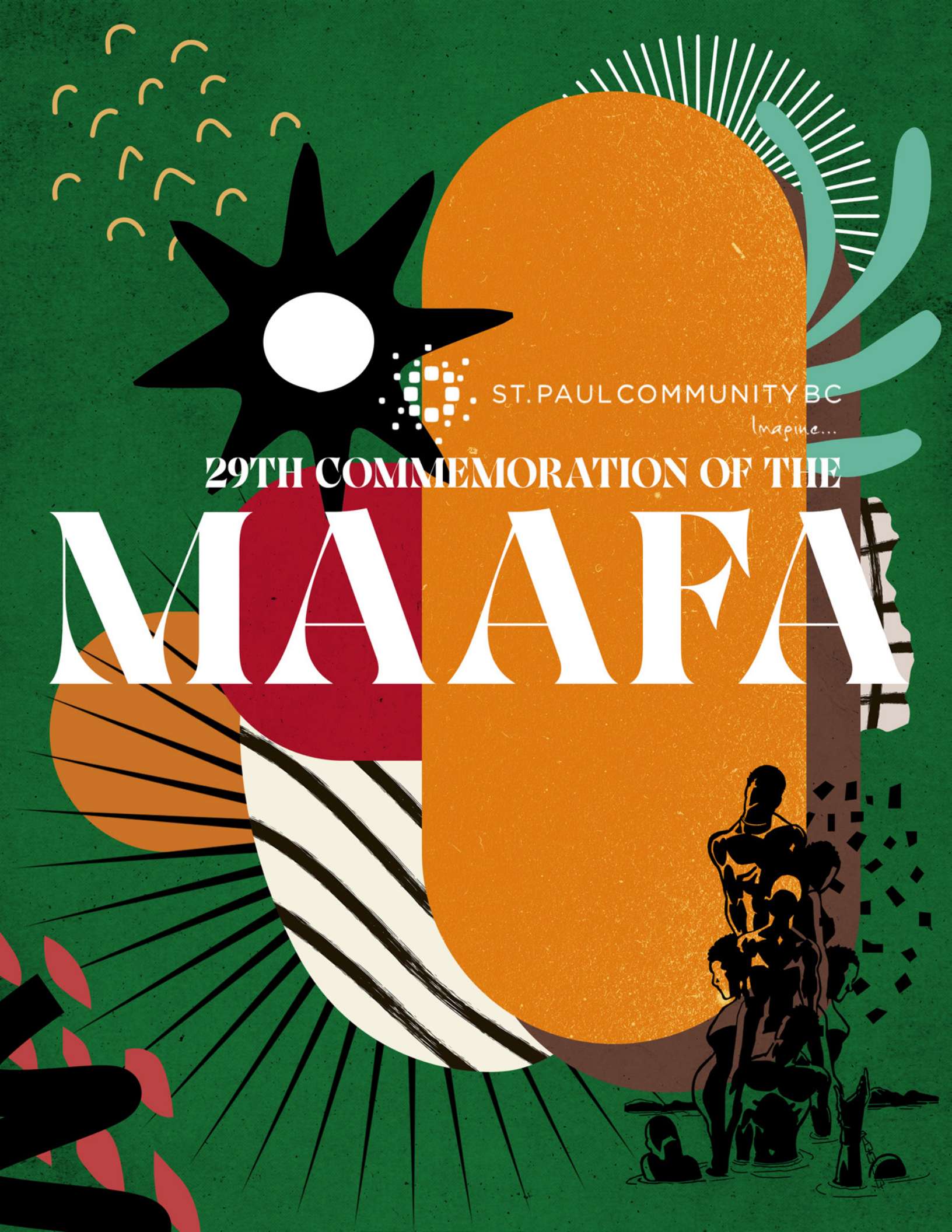


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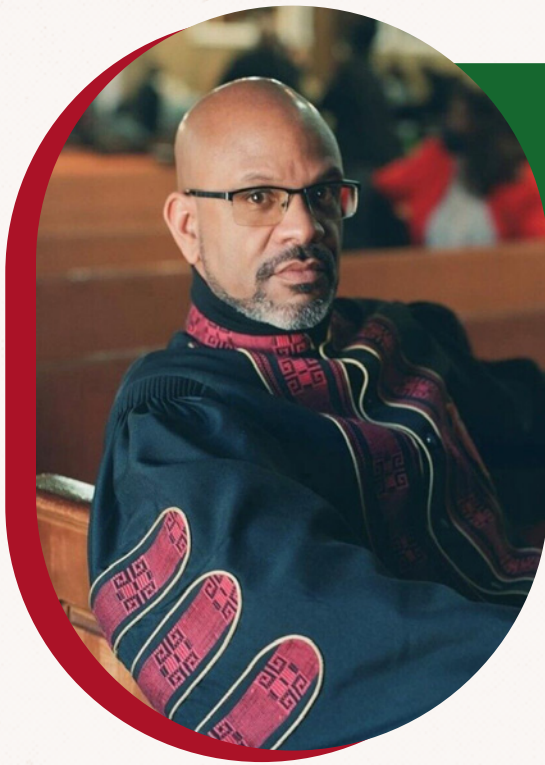
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MAAFA: The Reawakening



Rev. Dr. David K. Brawley
LEAD PASTOR

The work of a prophetic community is to locate where we are and to situate our people for what is next. St. Paul Community Baptist Church has boldly declared that we must re-imagine ministry pre-post-pandemic. We curiously raise the question about inherited beliefs, unexamined ministry practices, and collective calling and vocation. What are God and the Ancestors summoning us to at this moment? We have discerned that we must begin with our children, hence the initiative "The Year of the Child." As we consult our heritage, it is not surprising to learn that the traditional greeting of the Maasai warriors of East Africa was to always say to each other, "Kasserian Ingera," which translates to "And how are the children?" Even the warriors with no children would assess the condition of the village's children. Perhaps we, too, should invoke this practice in communal spaces. How would our consciousness be shaped if we centered our children through our engagements with each other?

The children cannot be well without communal care and concern. Dr. Robert Franklin says in *Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities*, "Neighborhoods become villages when all of the adults step up to show care for all the children." A holistic approach to wellness must include healthy practices such as physical fitness, mental health, and spiritual nurture. To ensure our village's and our children's wellness, Black Churches must show care for all the children. Spiritual institutions can begin by strengthening the social institutions of family and academic spaces. One way of supporting families and schools is to curate spaces for our children to encounter identity and purpose through learning their history. The text that informs this year's commemoration of the MAAFA, *SBA: The Reawakening of the African Mind* by Dr. Asa G. Hilliard III, is our attempt to reawaken the African mind of our children and support families and schools with resources to help our children. It is not lost on us that there have been national attempts to distort, disguise, and erase African Americans' role in American history with the goal of a sanitized singular narrative.

Our MAAFA presentation this year will aid us in centering the voices of our children. We have invited speakers who can speak to the needs of our village and children in this critical time when there is an effort to erase African contributions from the historical record. As an emblem of African-centered agency, we will add Mbongi sessions during MAAFA week to help us discern the next steps. Mbongi is an indigenous African concept from the Bakongo Bantu people meaning a place where the community gathers to solve problems. Also, in the spirit of passing on the legacy of sacred memory to the next generation at St. Paul, our children will serve as tour guides for our MAAFA museum. There will also be opportunities to process the experience communally through daily gatherings under the Healing Hut. This year's MAAFA commemoration promises to be transformational for mind, body, and soul. Please join us on this healing journey!

SCHEDULE

The Reawakening

September 16 – September 24, 2023

16

Saturday, September 16

10:00 AM

**Dedication of Our Babies:
Welcoming The Spirit Home Ritual**

(African attire is requested for those worshipping in-person)

17

Sunday, September 17

8:00 AM

Worship Service

Rev. Dr. Heber Brown III
Community Organizer,
Black Church
Food Security Network; Baltimore, MD

6:00 PM - SPCBC MAAFA

Dramatic Presentation

The MAAFA Suite...A Healing Journey

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Directed by Lakai Worrell

Preacher – Rev. Dr. Neichelle Guidry

Dean of the Chapel and Director
of The Wisdom Center,
Spelman College; Atlanta, GA

(White attire is requested for those worshipping in-person for all events today)

18

Monday, September 18

8:30 AM - Opening Ritual of Healing Hut

Litha Booi - Ancestral Reconciliation Ritual

10:30 AM - Libation Lab

Dr. Kimani Nehusi

Associate Professor, Department of Africology
and African American Studies Temple University;
Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Itihari Toure

Associate Dean of Curriculum and Evaluation,
McCormick Theological Seminary; Stone Mountain, GA

11:30 AM - Sankofa Square

Presentation of the Sankofa MAAFA wreath

12:30 PM - Lunch

1:30 PM - Mbongi:

Libation - Ritual for Our Ancestors

Dr. Kimani Nehusi

Associate Professor, Department of Africology and
African American Studies Temple University

2:00 PM - Black on Black Discussion

Dr. Daniel Black

Author of Black on Black, Assistant Professor, African
and African American Studies Clark Atlanta University;
Atlanta, GA

6:30 PM - Museum Tours

19

Tuesday, September 19

**8:30 AM - Healing Hut:
Living Out and Aligning
Our Purpose**

**10:30 AM - Touching
The Spirit: African
Centered Pedagogy**

Dr. Itihari Toure

Associate Dean of Curriculum
and Evaluation, McCormick
Theological Seminary;
Stone Mountain, GA

12:30 PM - Lunch

**1:30 PM - Mbongi:
Wisdom: Stay Woke
Fighting the Divisive
Concepts Law**

Dr. Natasha Thornton

Africentric educator, literacy
specialist, and author of
Revolutionary Love: Creating a
Culturally Inclusive
Classroom; Atlanta, GA

**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Museum Tours**

**7:00 PM - Hush
Harbor for Teachers**

20

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 AM - Healing Hut

Womb Work – Rev. Estee Nene Dillard, MDiv
Spiritualist Scholar, Ancestral Storyteller, Queer Sexologist; Atlanta GA

Trauma – Rev. Margaret Conley, LCSW, MDiv
Africentric clinician, and executive director of MLC Consulting addressing trauma informed care and the intersectionality of religion, spirituality, and emotional wellness;
Cartersville, GA

Parenting – Dr. Daniel Black
Author, Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies,
Clark Atlanta University; Atlanta, GA

12:00 PM - Worship Service

Preacher - Dr. Willie Francois III
Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Author of Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race; Pleasantville, NJ

2:00 PM - Healing Hut

Available for personal reflection and meditation.

7:00 PM - SPCBC MAAFA Dramatic Presentation

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Guest speaker, Nikole Hannah-Jones
Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and New York Times-bestselling author of The 1619 Project; Brooklyn, NY

21

Thursday, September 21

**8:30 AM - Healing Hut: Seeking Insight
Proclaiming Unity**

**10:30 AM - Teaching: Awakening the African Mind Panel
Discussion**

Rev. Dr. David K. Brawley, Lead Pastor, SPCBC

Rev. Dr. Dexter Henderson, Associate Pastor, SPCBC

Rev. James Singletary, Pastor of Family Life, SPCBC

*Dr. Itihari Toure, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Evaluation,
McCormick Theological Seminary; Stone Mountain, GA*

Bro. Jamye Wooten, Founder & CEO of CLLCTIVLY; Baltimore, MD

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Mbongi - Wisdom: Christianity and Transformation

Rev. Kristian A. Smith

*Multifaceted leader in image development;
Pastor of The Faith Community; Atlanta, GA*

7:00 PM - SPCBC MAAFA Dramatic Presentation

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Preacher – Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III

Senior Pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church; Dallas, TX

22

Friday, September 22

**8:30 AM - Healing Hut:
Covenanting Spaces for Intent
and Resolve**

**10:30 AM - Teaching:
Skh Sdi\Djr Deep Thought**

Dr. Wade W. Nobles

Founding member of the
Association of Black Psychologists;
Professor Emeritus of Africana Studies
and Black Psychology at San Francisco
State University; Co-founder and past ED
of the Institute for the Advanced Study
of Black Family Life and Culture, Inc.;
author of numerous books, articles, and
research reports.

**7:00 PM - SPCBC MAAFA
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**Speaker – Rev. Dr.
Starsky Wilson**
President and CEO, Children's Defense
Fund (CDF);
Washington D.C.

23

Saturday, September 23

**6:00 AM - Closing Ceremony,
Sunrise Seaside Send Off**

Rockaway Beach, 94 & 95 Street
Buses will depart St. Paul at 5 AM sharp.
Tickets are required for the bus.

Please visit the fiscal office to purchase
tickets for the bus or call 718.257.1300
ext. 174. Tickets are \$10.

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Sunday, September 24

**8:00 AM - Commissioning
Ceremony**

Preacher – Rev. Racquel C.N. Gill
Minister for Intercultural Engagement,
Duke University Chapel; Durham, NC

Year of the Child



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“child of the heavens”

symbol of guardianship

A reminder that God is the father and watches over all people.



Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry

Rev. Dr. Neichelle R. Guidry is a highly sought-after teacher, preacher, leader and commentator. Dr. Guidry currently serves as the Dean of the Chapel and the Director of the WISDOM Center at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. A womanist homiletician and practitioner, she is the author of *Curating a World: Sermonic Words from a Young Woman Who Preaches*.

She is a graduate of Clark Atlanta University (BA) and Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), where she was the 2010 recipient of the Walcott Prize for Clear and Effective Public and Pulpit Speaking, and the 2019 recipient of the William Sloane Coffin Alumni Award for Peace and Justice. She is also a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, where she completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Liturgical Studies, Homiletics concentration). Her dissertation was entitled, "Towards a Womanist Homiletical Theology for Subverting Rape Culture." She is a member of the Society for the Study of Black

Religion, the MLK Jr. International Chapel Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Dr. Guidry is passionate about celebrating and serving Black women, and creating innovative vehicles for our stories. As a certified coach and the founder of Flourish From Within, LLC, she loves to walk with Black women of faith as they cultivate deeper spiritual wellness and vocational clarity. For her service and dedication, she has been recognized by media outlets such as Time, Ebony, The New York Times, Vice, and more. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her family and spouse, Daryl Steward.

Rev. Dr. Heber M. Brown, III



Rev. Dr. Heber M. Brown, III has been a catalyst for personal transformation and social change for more than twenty years.

For nearly fourteen years, he served as pastor of Pleasant Hope Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. While there, he launched Orita's Cross Freedom School; an educational program that celebrates African heritage and develops hands-on skills in youth. He later launched the Black Church Food

Security Network which advances food security and food sovereignty by co-creating Black food ecosystems anchored by Black congregations in partnership with Black farmers and others. His work has garnered numerous awards and national recognition. He serves on the board of many impactful organizations such as Bread For The World and is currently writing his first book entitled, *Nothing More Sacred: Radical Stories Of Black Church Faith, Food and Freedom*. The book is scheduled to be published in Fall 2024.



Dr. Kimani Nehusi

Dr. Kimani Nehusi, a multi-disciplinary scholar with strong interests in language and linguistics, history, culture and research methodology, Nehusi's research interests include Afrika and its diasporas from ancient to modern times, the Caribbean and Guyana. He has received many honors from different parts of the world for his scholarship.

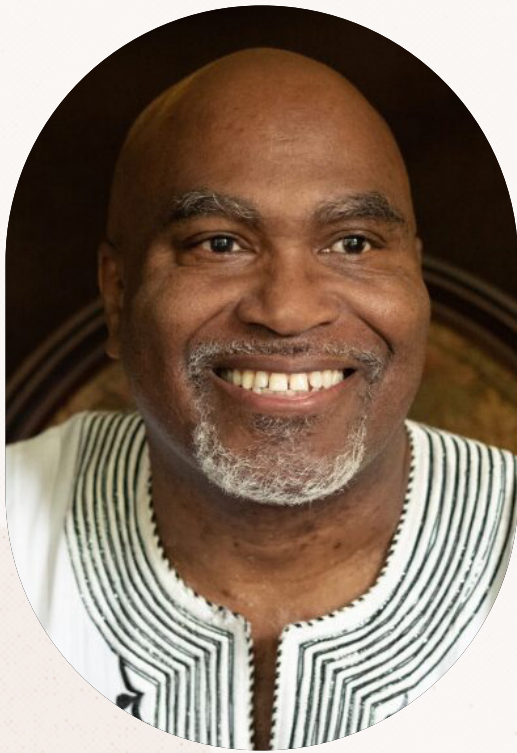
Nikole Hannah-Jones

Nikole Hannah-Jones is the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of the 1619 Project and a staff writer at The New York Times Magazine. The book version of The 1619 Project as well as the 1619 Project children's book, *Born on the Water*, were instant #1 New York Times bestsellers. Her 1619 Project is now a six-part docuseries on Hulu.

Hannah-Jones has spent her career investigating racial inequality and injustice, and her reporting has earned her the MacArthur Fellowship, known as the Genius grant, a Peabody Award, two George Polk Awards and the National Magazine Award three times. She also serves as the Knight Chair of Race and Journalism at Howard University, where she founded the Center for Journalism & Democracy. Hannah-Jones is also the co-founder of the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative



Reporting, which seeks to increase the number of investigative reporters and editors of color, and in 2022 she opened the 1619 Freedom School, a free, afterschool literacy program in her hometown of Waterloo, Iowa. Hannah-Jones holds a Master of Arts in Mass Communication from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and African-American studies from the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Daniel Omotosho Black

Dr. Daniel Omotosho Black is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, yet spent the majority of his childhood years in Blackwell, Arkansas. He was granted a full scholarship to Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he majored in English. Upon graduation from Clark College (magna cum laude in 1988), he was granted a full graduate fellowship to Temple University in pursuit of a Ph.D. in African-American Studies. As a tenured associate professor, he now aims to provide an example of young African Americans of the importance of self-knowledge and communal commitment.

Rev. Dr. Willie Dwayne Francois III

Rev. Dr. Willie Dwayne Francois III serves as the Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Pleasantville, NJ and President of the Black Church Center for Justice and Equality. He is a 2009 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Religion, named the ranking scholar in both departments. While at Morehouse, he was named the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar. Francois received the Master of Divinity from Harvard University's Divinity School, where he received the Hopkins Shareholders Award—the school's highest academic recognition—and served as the class of 2012 commencement speaker. In 2020, Francois earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Emory University, where his research met at intersection of antiracism, theology and anti-incarceration policy advocacy.



Francois lives at the intersection of the life of the spirit and the life of the mind. His most recent book published by Brazos Press in August 2022, *Silencing White Noise: Six Practices to Overcome our Inaction on Race*, draws on said work as a community organizer and antiracism educator. He is the co-author of *Christian Minister's Manual: For the Pulpit and the Public Square for All Denomination*—the most progressive and comprehensive clergy resource and the first interdenominational manual written for Black clergy in 56 years. He has written for *The Huffington Post*, *Religion Dispatches*, *Civil Eats*, *The Hill* and *The Christian Century* concerning a range of matters pivoting around race, class, and religion in America. In 2017, Francois was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.



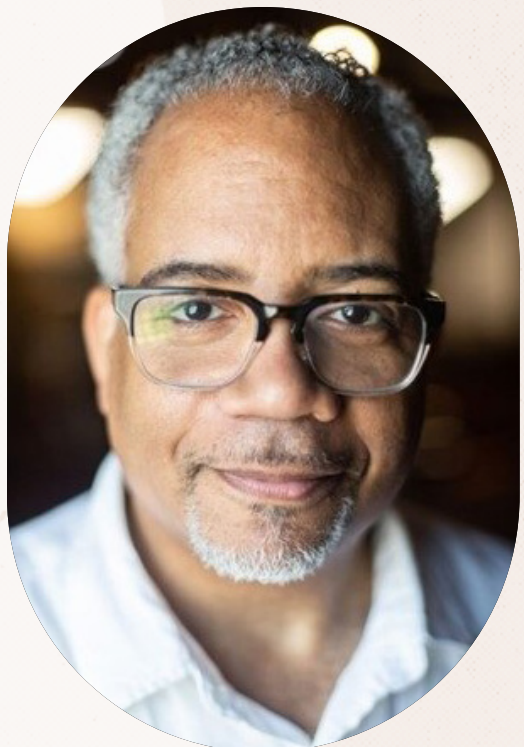
Dr. Natasha Thornton

Dr. Natasha Thornton is a teacher educator and educational consultant who is passionate about supporting educators with developing and strengthening culturally responsive beliefs and practices. She is the founder of Thornton Educational Consulting where she develops professional learning experiences and curricular resources that highlight Black history and culturally responsive literacy instruction. As a consultant, Natasha has designed fellowship programs, online courses, professional development, and coaching models for organizations. Previously, Natasha served as an assistant professor at Kennesaw State University, as well as a Professional Liaison of Diversity, and co-founder of the #BlackTeachersMatters student group. She has presented her research

at international and national conferences and has authored and co-authored articles in various journals. Natasha is also the co-author of *Revolutionary Love: Creating a Culturally Inclusive Literacy Classroom*, a book that brings together beliefs, knowledge, and practices necessary for educators to leverage the rich cultural resources and strengths of Black and Latine children during literacy instruction. Currently, she serves on the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) Public Language Award and Elementary Section Nominating committees. Natasha lives in the metro-Atlanta area and earned her Ph.D. from Georgia State University in Language and Literacy Education.

Rev. Dr. Michael Elam

Rev. Dr. Michael Elam, received his Doctorate in Ministry in Interfaith Theology from The New Seminary. He's a graduate of Union Theological Seminary where he received his MDiv in Systematic Theology. "Dr. Mike" as he is affectionately called, is a lecturer, educator and author of "In This Shift" a book of 365 daily affirmations. "Dr. Mike" has lectured at various seminaries and conferences. "Dr. Mike" is a member of the ministerial staff at St. Paul Community Baptist Church under the Lead Pastor Rev. Dr. David K. Brawley.





Rev. Margaret Conley

Rev. Margaret Conley is the owner of MLC Consulting, LLC and the President of Mending Life Concepts Empowerment Group, Inc where the focus of care is directed toward serving marginalized populations at the intersection of spirituality and emotional wellness. Margaret has a private psychotherapeutic practice in the greater Atlanta Area and is the curator of Healthy & Holy (tm) Conversations which focus on trauma-informed care for the black faith community. Margaret has also produced an evidence-based model which is a clinically aligned theological method designed for use by clergy, academics and clinicians to help lead the conversation around Faith Based Trauma in individual and community settings.

Margaret attended Valdosta State University, Clark Atlanta University and the Interdenominational Theological Center where she received her BA in Sociology, Master of Social Work and Master's for Divinity respectively. Margaret is currently attending

Eden Theological Seminary where is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree focusing on decolonizing the biblical text for use in black therapeutic spaces. Margaret is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and enjoys providing therapeutic services to all with an emphasis on The ENTIRE Black Faith Community's Emotional Wellness.

Rev. Kristian Smith

Rev. Kristian Smith is a cultural curator is one who specializes in gathering and interpreting cultural content. In other words, they connect the dots. It's not enough to just call Kristian a clothier, or a pastor, or a stylist, or a theologian, or a podcaster, or a consultant, or a speaker, or a spiritual director, or a leader. While people have called on Kristian to serve in all of these roles, none of them fully defines what he does. As a Cultural Curator and Community Builder Kristian helps people develop how they see themselves on the inside and how others see them externally. He understands that God looks at your heart and humans look at your outer appearance. His mission is to help you maximize both.

Kristian is the pastor & founder of The Faith Community, a virtual church. He is the Host of the Holy Smokes: Cigars & Spirituality Podcast where they deconstruct harmful theology and build beloved community one cigar at a time. He is also

the owner of P-Squared Custom Clothiers where he develops the professional images of his male and female clients. Kristian is a fashion aficionado, a foodie and a cigar enthusiast who enjoys lifting weights (but hates cardio). He is married to his beautiful wife, Pamela Merritt. He is also the owner of P-Squared Custom Clothiers where he develops the professional images of his male and female clients. He is married to his beautiful wife, Pamela Merritt.





Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson is president & CEO of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and CDF Action Council. CDF envisions a nation where marginalized children flourish, leaders prioritize their well-being, and communities wield the power to ensure they thrive. Wilson is board chair for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) and the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE).

From 2011 through 2020, Rev. Wilson was president & CEO of Deaconess Foundation, a faith-based philanthropy for child well-being and racial justice in St. Louis. From 2008 through 2018, Dr. Wilson also pastored Saint John's Church (The Beloved Community), a multiracial congregation in the city. Under his leadership, the foundation constructed and established the Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being, a community action tank engaging thousands of citizens annually. After the police killing of Michael Brown, Jr., the church hosted the #BlackLivesMatter Freedom Ride to Ferguson and other mobilizations.

Wilson was appointed co-chair of the Ferguson Commission, which released the 'Forward Through Ferguson: A Path Toward Racial Equity' Report, calling for sweeping changes in policing, the courts, child well-being and economic mobility in 2015. He currently serves boards for Duke Divinity School, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Dr. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Xavier University of Louisiana, Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Ministry from Duke University. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Starsky is married to Dr. LaToya Smith Wilson, a dentist and child advocate. They are raising four children.

Dr. Itihari Toure, Ed.D.

Dr. Itihari Toure, Ed.D., works with Atlanta's Interdenominational Theological Center as faculty member in the master of arts Religious Education degree program and as director of the Sankofa Center for Data Evaluation and Quality Enhancement. As an African-centered educator, Toure served as program coordinator for Black Women Ministerial Leadership program for the Office of Black Women in Church and Society. Recent efforts launched "The Souls of Black Girls," an education and action platform addressing the intersecting realities facing black girls and women.





Rev. Racquel C.N. Gill

Rev. Racquel C.N. Gill is a native of Winnsboro, SC. She is the daughter of Camilla Gill and the late Stephen Gill. Having begun her preaching ministry as a teenager, Racquel was ordained in 2008 at the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Winnsboro under the leadership of the late Rev. Roy C. Jeffcoat. Racquel is a 2012 graduate of Columbia College in Columbia, SC where she holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Education. Racquel received her Master's of Divinity in May of 2015 from Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC.

Upon completion of her theological studies, Racquel served on the pastoral staff at the St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York under the leadership of Pastor David K. Brawley. After her time in Brooklyn, Racquel served as the Associate Chaplain at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Rev. Gill currently serves as the Minister for Intercultural Engagement at Duke University Chapel in Durham, North Carolina.

Rev. Iyalosa Estee Nena Dillard

Rev. Iyalosa Estee Nena Dillard is a Spiritualist Scholar, Ancestral Storyteller and Queer Sexologist. Estee's work is harnessing the ways that theological formation, embodied epistemologies, sexuality, ancestral spiritual care and ritual transform wellness, especially for African Diasporan people. A proud alumna of Spelman College, Estee earned a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Women's Studies. Estee also earned a Master of Divinity from Emory University, Candler School of Theology and holds multiple graduate certificates continuing her scholarship through lecturing, writing and research. She serves at Rize Community Church as the Minister of Ritual and Spiritual Formation. Estee serves the West African Orisa Tradition in Ile Okanran Alase as a priest of Olokun, Egungun (Ancestors) and Obatala and as an awo Ifa. As a reiki healer and member of the Nation of Ndugu and Nzingha community, Estee is a student of ancient African traditions and ancestral spiritual practices of the diaspora. A member of the founding team of Sex Down South Sexuality Conference and its network

of conferences, Estee has also built a career in supporting black people to connect the power of their spirituality and freedom in their sexuality. Estee is the founder/owner of ENDless Spiritual Consulting, LLC a business that curates sacred space through Christian and African traditional practices to connect individuals, families and businesses to the healing sinew of the generations within them and the endless capacity of their spirit. As an indomitable speaker, powerful preacher and womanist practitioner, her passion is to align black people with the efficacy of both our grandparents' prayers and ways as the roadmap to the liberative justice of wholeness. Rev. Iya Estee resides in Atlanta with her partner Brandisha and their dog Reese.





Bro. Jamye Wooten

Bro. Jamye Wooten has worked on the forefront of digital strategy working at the intersections of faith & social justice, his work has spanned the globe – advising nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and corporations in their efforts to engage their constituencies. More recently, Wooten, a co-founder of Baltimore United for Change, launched CLLCTIVLY in 2019, place-based social change organization using an asset-based framework to focus on racial equity, narrative change, social connectedness, and resource mobilization. CLLCTIVLY has mobilized over \$2,000,000 to Black-led and Black-owned businesses in Greater Baltimore.

Wooten is the creator of the #BlackChurchSyllabus and the Black Theology Project 2.0. Launched in 2017, the Black Theology Project serves as a knowledge-based system curating theological resources for Black Lives. Jamye is the chair of the Black Church Food Security Network and serves on the board

of trustees for Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. He also sits on the advisory boards of the Center for Interreligious Engagement and Social Impact at Union Theological Seminary, Metro-Urban Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race.

Jamye has organized and documented social movements from across the United States, United Kingdom, and Africa. He is the former program director of the Collective Banking Group, Inc. (CBG), a Christian ministry that draws together leaders from the faith, business, and public service sectors to develop and enhance economic empowerment strategies for the African American community.

Dr. Wade W. Nobles

Dr. Wade W. Nobles has studied classical African philosophy (Kemet, Twa & Nubian) and traditional African wisdom traditions (Akan, Yoruba, Bantu, Wolof, Dogon, Fon, Lebou, etc) as the grounding for the development of an authentic Black psychology for nearly four decades. Dr. Nobles is a founding member of the Association of Black Psychologists and former national President (1994-95). He is Professor Emeritus of Africana Studies and Black Psychology at San Francisco State University and the author of over one hundred (100) articles, chapters, research reports and books; the co-author of the seminal article in Black Psychology, Voodoo or IQ: An Introduction to African Psychology. Dr. Nobles is the Co-founder and past Executive Director of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture, Inc., a free-standing independent community-based, nonprofit Black “think-tank” and scientific, educational training and research corporation, based in Oakland, California.





Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III

Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III is a prophetic pastor, passionate leader, social activist, eloquent orator, and educator engaged in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, and fighting against racial injustice. Dr. Haynes is also committed to and has devoted his life to economic justice and empowerment in under-served communities and touching and transforming the lives of the disenfranchised. For the past 40 years, Dr. Haynes has served as the visionary and innovative senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Under his servant leadership, the ministry and membership of the church has grown from less than 100 members in 1983 to over 13,000. On July 15, 2023, Dr. Haynes was named as the President and CEO of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition as the successor of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

A committed community activist, Dr. Haynes has formed alliances and partnerships with local, national and global leaders and Dallas city officials to fight social injustice, domestic violence, and poverty. He worked with the Center for Responsible Lending in order to fight economic predators in Texas and across the nation that engage in predatory lending. Under the Barack Obama presidential administration, Dr. Haynes was frequently invited to the White House in order to address issues ranging from the state of the economy to voting and civil rights. He was publicly applauded by President Barack Obama for developing the THR!VE Intern and Leadership Program which employed nearly 100 young black males between the ages of 16-19. Since its inception, the program has expanded and now employs both young men and women with local businesses and at the church at a pay rate above minimum wage.

A life-long learner, Dr. Haynes is committed to education and has led Friendship-West to donate over three million dollars to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and students who are members of the church and the greater Dallas community. As a reflection of his commitment to community transformation and social consciousness, Dr. Haynes serves in various leadership capacities in organizations that champion social change and education. Among them the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, the Conference of National Black Churches, the National Action Network, and IC3 Church Conference and Development Conference. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Paul Quinn College, an HBCU in Dallas. Dr. Haynes is married to entrepreneur Debra Peek-Haynes. They have one adult daughter, Abeni Jewel Haynes.

**Dear
God,**



**We thank for our ancestors.
Had it not been for them,
where would we be? We
celebrate this MAAFA
because of them. How
can we leave them out of
History? In Jesus name.
Amen.**

Queen Mother Sarah Plowden



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