THE OFFICE OF BLACK MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL BLACK CLERGY CONFERENCE

# 

WOKE AND READY TO GO

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The Reverend Ronald C. Byrd Missioner The Episcopal Church Office of Black Ministries 815 Second Avenue New York, New York 10017 https://episcopalchurch.org/officeblackministries

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ and welcome to The Episcopal Church, Office of Black Ministries 2020 International Black Clergy Conference: THE AFRICAN DIASPORA UNITED: WOKE AND READY TO GO. Your participation in this conference comes at a crucial time in the life of our church.

The unpredictable harshness of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused most of the world to rethink how we go about doing things. The church has had our growing edges exposed and we continue to adjust to the new reality that has been hastened upon us. The growing edges exposed in congregations that serve people of the African Diaspora require even greater innovative and restorative attention if we are to offer life-giving worship, pastoral care, Christian formation, outreach, and community engagement needed in our church and geographic locales during this troublesome time.

The Office of Black Ministries has been intentional in the planning of this conference. Our time together is designed to offer informational models; resources; and motivational visioning that will enable Black congregations, their clergy, and lay leadership to promote congregational vitality; offer relevant ministry through community engagement; engage in exuberant evangelistic activity; and to be successful in our practice of Christian fundamentals. Furthermore, it is our hope to foster a collaborative relationship among all Anglican communities of the African Diaspora enabling us to begin the process of unifying our community through the healing of emotional and spiritual pain; bolstering our celebration of who we are; and offering our collective gifts to the wider church - and to have this relationship extend beyond congregational and geographical designations and cultural identification.

Our time together is designed to address our growing edges in this new reality of a COVID-19 world and to enhance our spiritual practices as the church lives into the "Jesus Movement."

Of course, our work will not be completed at the conference's end. We invite your prayerful comments and evaluation at the end of these three days. You are invited to share the results of your inspired vision and work as we seek to ensure that the Office of Black Ministries is responsive to our needs.

On behalf of the Office of Black Ministries, its Council of Advice Team, the conference planning team, our distinguished presenters, and the Presiding Bishop's Office: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. May we find ourselves, "Woke and Ready To Go"!!!"

"So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;" 1 Thessalonians 5:6

Be a blessing, be blessed, be well,

Fr. Ron+



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#### Welcome

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We are extremely grateful that our Keynote Presenters will share their expertise and wisdom with the conference. We pray for their ministries within our church and communities.





The Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury Diocese of Canterbury Church of England

Bishop Hudson-Wilkin was born and raised in Jamaica. She was educated at Montego Bay High School for Girls and later at Birmingham University. She trained with the Church Army and was commissioned in 1982 as an Evangelist; she later trained for ordination at Queens Theological College in their part-time course, ordained deacon in 1991, priested in 1994 and served her title at St Matthew's Church, Willenhall Road in the Diocese of Lichfield. For sixteen and a half years she served as a priest in Hackney (Holy Trinity with St Philip, Dalston and All Saints, Haggerston). In 2007 she was appointed as a Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen and in 2010, she became the first woman appointed to the position of the 79th Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. In November 2019, Bishop Hudson-Wilkin was consecrated as the first black woman bishop in the Church of England. She is married to Kenneth, a prison Chaplain and they have 3 adult children.



Doctor Elizabeth Henry National Advisor The Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Church of England

Dr. Henry has worked in international and UK settings and has a wealth of experience in race awareness and capacity-building. She worked in the USA for 10 years (in Dallas, Houston, and New York) tackling inequalities formerly as a Director of Nursing and then as a Director of Public Health. Dr. Henry has used her expertise in Africa and Asia working in international development, and in the UK working with public sector organizations, including the Metropolitan Police Service, London Underground, the Crown Prosecution Service, local authorities and others. Most recently, Dr. Henry was Chief Executive Officer of Race on the Agenda (ROTA), a social policy and action research charity that focuses on race equality and issues affecting Britain's Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities through providing both voice and representation, and through increasing engagement and participation. Dr. Henry served as National Adviser for the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) in the Church of England from 2013 -2019. She currently consults on issues of race across the wider church and community.



#### The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church in the United States of America

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry is Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. He is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as Chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Presiding Bishop Curry was installed as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church on November 1, 2015. Presiding Bishop Curry was ordained to the diaconate in June 1978, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY, by the Rt. Rev. Harold B. Robinson, and to the priesthood in December 1978, at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, NC, by the Rt. Rev. John M. Burgess. He began his ministry as deacon-in-charge at St. Stephen's, Winston-Salem, in 1978 and was rector from 1979-1982. He next accepted a call as rector at St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights, OH, serving from 1982-1988. In 1988 he was called to become rector of St. James', Baltimore, MD, where he served until his election as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in February 2000. He is married to the former Sharon Clement, and they have two adult daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.



#### The Very Reverend Doctor Kelly Brown Douglas

Dean Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary

The Very Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas was named Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Theology at Union in September 2017. She was named the Bill and Judith Moyers Chair in Theology in November 2019. She also serves as the Canon Theologian at the Washington National Cathedral and Theologian in Residence at Trinity Church Wall Street. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Dean Douglas was ordained at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in 1983 — the first black woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest in the Southern Ohio Diocese, and one of only five nationwide at the time. She also was the first to receive the Anna Julia Cooper Award by the Union of Black Episcopalians (July 2012) for "her literary boldness and leadership in the development of a womanist theology and discussing the complexities of Christian faith in African-American contexts." Dean Douglas was an Associate Priest at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years.



#### The Reverend R. Jemonde Taylor

Rector Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina The Episcopal Church in the United States of America

The Reverend Jemonde Taylor serves as the eleventh rector at Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC since 2012. Father Taylor is a member of the Standing Committee, treasurer for the Gathering of Leaders, and trustee for the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX. Father Taylor is a member of a fiveperson team that recently received a \$400,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to produce a documentary film on gentrification, race, and Christian practice. His recent seminars include Wrapped in Whiteousness: Worship, Liturgy, and Race, The Darkness Sings: The Church's Unfinished Symphony with Race, Baptized in Dirty Water: The Theology of Hip-Hop, and Wade in the Water: A Response to Environmental Racism. Father Taylor studies the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Church. Father Taylor is married to Kierson Leigh Taylor, and they have one darling daughter.



**The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright** Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Episcopal Church in the United States of America

The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright became the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta in 2012. Since his election, he has been a vocal and active leader in the community, addressing Georgia legislature about gun control, advocating against the death penalty, and supporting programs for underprivileged youth. He teaches about the importance of love and of justice and continues to lead the diocese to be one of service and faith and always on the mission for the Kingdom of God. He is the first African American to become an Episcopal bishop in Georgia. He was ordained a priest in 1999 in the Diocese of Washington. He was Canon Pastor and Vicar of the Congregation of St. Saviour at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, (1998 – 2002) and served as chaplain of the Cathedral School in New York City (1998 – 2000). Prior to his election as bishop he was rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia. He is married to Beth Sarah-Wright, Ph.D., an inspirational speaker and author, and mother to their five children.

## SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTER



Doctor David Stewart, MD Associate Professor and Chair Department of Family and Community Medicine University of Maryland School of Medicine Baltimore, Maryland

David L. Stewart, MD, MPH, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He completed a family practice residency at the University Hospital of Cleveland as well as a preventive medicine residency, and a Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene. He joined the Family Medicine faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1987. His roles at the University of Maryland have included: Vice Chairman of Family Medicine, Assistant Dean of Ambulatory Education, and course master. He currently is Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine which includes three practice sites and a residency training program. His academic interests include community health efforts which focus on improving the health of African American populations while decreasing health inequalities. He has worked closely with the Maryland Health Department, churches, and grassroots community groups with efforts to decrease the risk of disease and improve the health of individuals as well as populations.

#### **Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources**

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19





The following bishops from the diaspora have graciously accepted our invitation to provide a video greeting or prayer for a successful conference. We will be sharing these videos throughout the conference and are thankful for their time spent on these recordings.



**The Most Reverend Julio Murray** Primate Province of Central America



**The Right Reverend Francisco José Duque-Gomez** Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Colombia



The Right Reverend Victor Edward Ambrose Gumbs Bishop Episcopal Dioceseof the Virgin Islands



The Right Reverend Maria Griselda Delgado del Carpio Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Cuba



**The Right Reverend Lloyd Emmanuel Allen** Bishop Episcopal Diocesse of Honduras



**The Right Reverend Victor Scantlebury** Former Acting Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Central Ecuador



The following clergy from the diaspora have graciously accepted our invitation to provide a video outlining their ministry context as it relates to their area of origin within the diaspora. We will be sharing these videos throughout the conference and are thankful for their time spent on these recordings.



The Reverend Dr. Sam Adu-Andoh West African Diaspora Rector, The Episcopal Church of St. Andrew St. Monica, Philadelphia, PA Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania



The Reverend Samuel Kirabi Ndungu East African Diaspora Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Phoenixville, PA Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania



The Reverend Judith Alexis Haitian Diaspora Supply Priest-Judicial Court Interpreter Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut



**The Reverend Michael Paul** Sudanese Diaspora Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Wharton, TX Episcopal Diocese of Texas



The Reverend Canon Arlette Benoit Joseph Caribbean Diaspora Canon for Transition Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania



**The Reverend Dee Wellington Bright** Liberian Diaspora Rector, Church of Our Savior, Palm Bay, FL Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida



**The Reverend Vanessa McKenzie** South African Diaspora Rector, Church of the Advent, Los Angeles, CA Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles



**The Reverend Orlando Addison** Afro-Latino Diaspora Vicar, Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Port St. Lucie, FL Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida





## DAY 1: WATCH & PRAY



#### Greeting & Salutation Music

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"-Spiritual

#### Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting we pray for this world that needs your saving power; through Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Mark 14:38-42 (English)

#### Reading Intention of the Day Quantum Virtual Prayers Song

"Come, bring your burdens to God (WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO)"

**Closing Prayer** 



### DAY 2: RISE!



Greeting & Salutation Music Collect of the Day

"Praise the Lord" (Cameroon)

Our Risen Savior: In returning and rest you save us; you are our strength in quietness and confidence. Help us to wait graciously on you; we know you will rise up to show mercy on us. You are our Savior, God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for the Lord. Amen.

Reading Intention of the Day Quantum Virtual Prayers Song

"Como Cristo Amó"

Mark 14:38-42 (Spanish)

**Closing Prayer** 



Music

DAY 3: GO!



**Greeting & Salutation** 

#### **Collect of the Day**

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"))

Mark 14:38-42 (Xhosa)

May God free you, may God guard you night and day. May God set you in your right place, and may you spread out like the grass of the prairie. Spread out like palm leaves, continue your walk, and may life be with you. May God place you where God's stars are placed at dawn and night. Spread out like water of a lake. Be numerous like the feet of a millipede. May God raise you up above everything. Be abundance that never ends, that never changes. Be like a mountain. Be like a camel. Be like a cloud, a cloud that always brings rain. And God promised that it would be so. Amen.

Reading Intention of the Day **Quantum Virtual Prayers** Song

"Take me to the Alley" by Gregory Porter

**Closing Prayer** 





Mark 14:38-42

#### Day 1 Reading: English (NRSV)

Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

#### Day 2 Reading: Spanish

Vigilen y oren para que no caigan en tentación. El espíritu está dispuesto, pero el cuerpo es débi. Una vez más se retiró e hizo la misma oración. Cuando volvió, los encontró dormidos otra vez, porque se les cerraban los ojos de sueño. No sabían qué decirle. Al volver por tercera vez, les dijo: ¿Siguen durmiendo y descansando? ¡Se acabó! Ha llegado la hora. Miren, el Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de pecadores. ¡Levántense! ¡Vámonos! ¡Ahí viene el que me traiciona!

#### Day 1 Reading: Xhosa

Lindani nithandaze, ukuze ningangeni ekuhendweni; umoya okunene unentumekelelo, ke yona inyama ithambile. Wabuya wemka wathandaza, ethetha kwalona elo lizwi. Uthe akubuya, wabafumana bebuye balala; kuba amehlo abo ayenzima bubuthongo; baye bengazi into abangamphendula yona. Afike okwesithathu, athi kubo, Lalani ngoku niphumle; kwanele; lifikile ilixa; yabonani, uNyana woMntu uyanikelwa ezandleni zaboni. Vukani sihambe; yabonani, lowo undinikelayo usondele.





Our IBCC Planning Team listed below has worked diligently and collaboratively over these last few months to bring you what we hope will be a spirit-filled and informative conference virtually. We offer our gratitude to all who joined us in this conference space.



**The Reverend Ronald Byrd** Missioner, Office of Black Ministry The Episcopal Church



**Canon Annette Buchanan** IBCC Conference Coordinator Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey



**The Reverend Debra Q. Bennett** Rector, Church of Our Saviour, Akron, OH Episcopal Diocese of Ohio



**The Reverend Maurice A. Dyer II** Asst. Rector, St. David's Episcopal Church, Radnor, PA Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania



**The Reverend Edwin Johnson** Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester, MA Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



**The Reverend Lester Mackenzie** Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Laguna Beach, CA Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles



**The Reverend Rachelle Sam** Upper School Chaplain, St. Albans School, Adjunct Priest, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC Episcopal Diocese of Washington



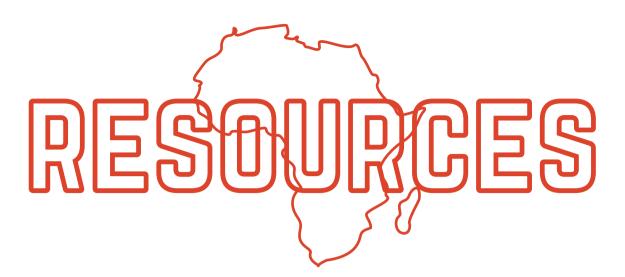
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**Ms. Angie Cabanban** Associate, Ethnic Ministries The Episcopal Church



**The Reverend Jemonde Taylor** Rector, Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina



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We are thankful for the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate Episcopal Church, for his pastoral, spiritual, and Way of Love leadership. We love you too...Bishop Curry!

We are thankful for The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation, for her leadership and support for Ethnic Ministries.

We are thankful for the Domestic and Foreign Mission Society's Communication Team, especially Jeremey Tackett, Michael F. Collins, and Olivia Greene for their technical support and conference video production.

We are thankful for Ms. Dinorah Padro and her team for their interpretation and translation services.

We are thankful for all of our keynote and video presenters for their time and talent.

Special thanks go to the Episcopal News Service for their coverage and advertising of the conference.

We are thankful for the Episcopal Church Foundation for their ongoing support and partnership.

We are thankful for the conference planning team, especially Canon Annette Buchanan, International Black Clergy Conference Program Coordinator and Producer, for her leadership and for Angie Cabanban, Associate, Department of Ethnic Ministries for her tireless commitment and collaboration. Special thanks to those who introduced our speakers.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson The Rev. Canon John Thompson-Quartey The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

A final thanks goes to our Meet & Greet facilitators.

#### **Tuesday November 12, 2020**

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett The Rev. Randy Callender The Rev. Maurice Dyer Ms. Maximillion Elliot-Quinerly The Rev. Kassinda Ellis Canon Myra Garnes The Rev. Edwin Johnson The Rev. Edwin Johnson The Rev. Valerie Mayo The Rev. Nathaniel Saint-Pierre The Rev. Rachelle Sam The Rev. Jemonde Taylor

#### Wednesday November 13, 2020

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