

AGENDA

2025 SYMPOSIUM

PHILANTHROPY AND THE BLACK CHURCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

2:00 pm » REGISTRATION OPENS

3:00 pm » OPENING SESSION

4:00 pm » STORIES OF SUCCESS

Making the Case for Support: Stewardship and Philanthropy

Brent Leggs, Executive Director & Senior Vice President

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Tiffany Tolbert, Senior Director for Preservation

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation

5:00 pm » RECEPTION

5:30 pm » STORIES OF SUCCESS

Partners in Purpose: Philanthropy, Intermediaries & Black Churches Working Together

Reggie Blount, Murray H. Leiffer Associate Professor of Formation, Leadership and Culture, Director of the Center for the Church and the Black Experience at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Mycal Brickhouse, Director of Programs and Grants, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity

Bethany Johnson-Javois, President & CEO, Deaconess Foundation

6:30 pm » DINNER

7:15 pm » FIRE SIDE CHAT

Hosted in partnership with Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy

LaKoya Gardner, Director, Mays Family Institute on Diverse Philanthropy, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Leah Gunning Francis, Senior Vice President and Chief Mission & Values Officer, IU Health

Jamar Boyd, Associate, Office of the President, MacArthur Foundation and Senior Pastor at Kenwood United Church of Christ

8:00 pm » CONCLUDE FOR THE EVENING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 am » BREAKFAST BUFFET OPENS

9:00 am » OPENING SESSION

9:30 am » BREAKOUT SESSIONS (descriptions on next page)

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| 1. Minority Depository Institutions & How to Support Them | <i>Porter</i> |
| 2. The Intersection of Philanthropy and Legacy Gifting with African American Congregations | <i>Miller</i> |
| 3. Preserving Black Churches: Creating a Stewardship Planning Framework | <i>Heart</i> |
| 4. Harnessing Potential: The 100 Million Reach Collective | <i>Shields</i> |
| 5. The Urgent Role of the Black Church in Philanthropy: What Can The Righteous Do? | <i>Clark</i> |

10:15 am » BREAK

10:45 am » BREAKOUT SESSIONS (offerings repeats)

11:30 am » LUNCH BUFFET OPENS

12:45 pm » FINAL SESSION

Sharing Insights

Speakers from Witherspoon Presbyterian Church: Dr. Pat Payne and Elder Luther Montgomery

Final Remarks

2:00 pm » BREAK

2:30 pm » LAKE LECTURE – at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church

2:30 pm Meet for shuttle bus in front of hotel (departs at 2:45 pm)

3:00 pm Break – light refreshments will be served in the Parlor

4:00 pm Lake Lecture followed by a reception

6:00 pm Meet for shuttle bus back to hotel (departs at 6:15 pm)

7:00 pm » DINNER

Casual dinner at hotel with informal time with Dr. Willie Jennings

BREAKOUT DESCRIPTIONS

Breakout sessions will be offered on Friday at 9:30 am and 10:45 am.

1. >> Minority Depository Institutions & How to Support Them

Room: Porter

Presenters:

McKenzie Scott Lewis, Senior Director, Congregations With Community

Al London, Community Impact Director, SR SVP, Old National Bank

The purpose of the session is to educate the audience on the importance of Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) and the role they play within the community.

2. >> The Intersection of Philanthropy and Legacy Gifting with African American Congregations

Room: Miller

Presenters:

Anthony Heaven, Assistant Professor of Philanthropic Studies (Philanthropy and Justice) with the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Melvin Amerson, Director of Congregational Engagement, Texas Methodist Foundation

This breakout session is designed to foster an environment conducive to philanthropic conversations aimed at achieving long-term congregational and community impact through endowments and legacy giving. It will be a strategic conversation focused on developing a plan for identifying and inviting potential donors and partners.

3. >> Preserving Black Churches: Creating a Stewardship Planning Framework

Room: Heart

Presenters:

Tiffany Tolbert, Senior Director for Preservation, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Preserving Black Churches initiative, part of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, focuses on stewardship planning projects in collaboration with historic Black churches. The initiative aims to develop targeted preservation plans, offer capacity-building training, and support limited capital improvements. Tiffany Tolbert will present a case study that illustrates how to prepare congregations for a comprehensive planning process by utilizing preservation tools and engaging with the community.

4. >> Harnessing Potential: The 100 Million Reach Collective

Room: Shields

Presenters:

Que English, President and CEO, Elev8 Health Inc

The Black Church and her leaders collectively influence tens of millions of individuals across the United States. This unprecedented reach presents the opportunity to address health disparities, close gaps in housing, food and local investment, as well as change the economic trajectory of nearly a third of the country's citizens. This potential, however, largely goes untapped by philanthropic organizations. The session will describe a bold new coalition of African American faith leaders called the 100 Million Reach Collective that seeks to tap into this potential and explore how to align its work with philanthropic aims.

5. >> The Urgent Role of the Black Church in Philanthropy: What Can The Righteous Do?

Room: Clark

Presenters:

Kia Williams, President, Relevant Solutions Group

Valaida Fullwood, Co-Founder and Co-Creator, NGAAP / The Soul of Philanthropy

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

Together we will explore key learnings from our collective impact in previous moments of crisis and evaluate our readiness to respond to this critical point in time. To act now and to build for the future, we will leave equipped with steps to fortify our efforts by activating a spectrum of resources and relationships within congregations, across generations, and throughout Black communities, including charitable funds, philanthropic collectives, and high net wealth individuals.