

AIM Education Department:

**BLACK
HISTORY
CONFERENCE**

Manual



Saturday, February 17, 2024

“Honoring the Past – Inspiring The Future”

Ecclesiastes 7:10

*Missionary Deneshia Hearon, AIM Dean of Education
Mr. Omar Montgomery, Keynote Speaker*

*Pastor AJ McDonald, Jurisdiction AIM Chairman
Bishop W.H. McDonald, Jurisdictional Prelate*

AGENDA

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Black History Conference

Scripture & Prayer

Welcome/Overview

Missionary Deneshia Hearon
AIM Dean of Education

Greetings

Pastor AJ McDonald
AIM Chairman

Black National Anthem

Psalmist Shandra Dixon
Sherman Oaks, CA

Workshop Sessions 1

- Know Your History: The Importance of the Black Church
- Black Inventors
- Black Love – Panel Discussion

Workshop Sessions 2

- Love the Skin You're In – As A Black Male
- Love the Skin You're In – As A Black Female
- Fashion in the Black Community

Offering/Announcements

Pastor AJ McDonald &
Pastor Brian Jenkins

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Omar Montgomery
President, NAACP Aurora

Closing Remarks & Benediction



Mr. Omar Montgomery
President, NAACP Aurora

Omar Montgomery has been a resident of Aurora for 20 years. He currently serves as the Director of Equity, Culture, and Community Engagement for Cherry Creek School District and is an adjunct instructor for the University of Colorado Denver. Mr. Montgomery serves as president of the Aurora Branch of the NAACP and on the Aurora Police Department's Citizens' Advisory Board and Key Community Response Team, a committee designed to improve law enforcement's relationships with underserved communities.

He also serves as board chairperson at the Village Exchange Center - a "one stop shop" supporting integration, engagement and empowerment of Aurora's immigrants and refugee communities. He is a husband, father and proud companion to his dog, Marley.



Mother Johnetta Tave

Saved in 1972 at the Revival Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Pastor William H. & Supervisor Katie Neely. Received the Holy Ghost in her kitchen in November 1973. As a member of Revival Tabernacle she served as a teacher of the Junior High Sunday School, Usher Board President, Choir member and Bible Band Teacher.

She was a charter member of the Dayspring Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Pastor Charles E. Scurles. There she served in all the capacities listed above and also served as church secretary.

She is a graduate of the Charles Harrison Mason Bible College of Tyler Texas and received her Evangelist Missionary License under the Leadership of Bishop David Houston and Supervisor Lina Leavell in Texas Northeast 2nd Jurisdiction in 2005.

Her license was reissued in Colorado under the leadership of Bishop Roosevelt Dunn and Supervisor Bertha Washington in 2007. She also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. She is an instructor of Church of God in Christ History in the Colorado Jurisdiction Charles Harrison Mason System of Bible Colleges.

She currently serves as church administrator under the leadership of Pastor Brian Jenkins. Mother Tave asked the Lord back in 1973 to teach her how to go in and out among his people. God has abundantly granted her that request. Her scripture to live by is: John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Know Your History: The Importance of the Black Church

My Thought Provoking Questions +
Questions From the Viewers

Summary: A Brief History of the Black Church From Africa to American and
Beyond

Outline:

It Started In Africa

The Ethiopian Eunuch – Nubia
African Religions – Islam, Native Polytheism, Christianity

The Slave Trade

Started – Stopped
What did the Africans Bring, What did they learn, What did they do?

The Big Three

Baptist
Methodist
Pentecostal

Civil Rights

Our Youth

Music

Worship Style

Where Do We Go From Here?



Pastor Brian Jenkins

Presenter Biographical Sketch: Pastor Brian Jenkins is a Colorado native, who grew up, attended and graduated from the Aurora Public Schools District. The middle child of five, he was the FIRST among his siblings to graduate from high school, as well also the first to attend and graduate from college. His undergraduate study was at Metropolitan State College of Denver, where he earned a bachelors degree in English with an emphasis in Elementary Education, and a minor in Spanish. After a complicated 9-year journey, Pastor Jenkins earned his masters degree in July 2019, from Regis University in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education. His 24-year career as a public school educator has afforded him the opportunity to impact thousands of lives; interestingly, all of that time has been at the secondary (6-12) level.

As a 3rd generation son of the Church Of God In Christ, Pastor Jenkins was saved at the age of 10. He has served in numerous capacities in the church, including but not limited to: local Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Auxiliary President, Minister of Music for 25+ years, District A.I.M. Chairman for 10+ years, the first appointed Jurisdictional Dean of Education for the Colorado Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction A.I.M. Department, (serving 15 years in that position), Musician for the C.E.J. Music Department, Jurisdictional Historian, and Director of Communications. Pastor Jenkins is a bi-vocational pastor, working simultaneously in the secular world as a Spanish teacher at Northfield High School (Denver Public Schools), and as the Lead Pastor (appointed Jan. 5, 2023) of Greater Wayside Community Temple (Aurora, CO.) - the church he was born and raised in. Pastor Jenkins has a love for education and people, and relishes the opportunity to inspire, and help others reach their full potential.

Session Title: Black Inventors
Subtitle: Betcha didn't know that, did ya?!

Summary: This jam-packed, interactive study will introduce participants to 7 lesser-known, but “oh, so very important” black inventors throughout history; some of whom are still alive! Participants will engage in fun quizzes to test their knowledge during the presentation.

SESSION OUTLINE

- A. Welcome and introduction to the session
- B. Quiz Time: Let's see how much you already know.
- C. May I introduce you to. . . (seven lesser-known black inventors)
 - a. Inventor #1. . .
 - b. Inventor #2. . .
 - c. Inventor #3. . .
 - d. Inventor #4. . .
 - e. Inventor #5. . .
 - f. Inventor #6. . .
 - g. Inventor #7. . .
- D. Watch Yo' Mouth!
 - a. Reducing the risk of squelching ambition
 - b. Cultivating aspirations
 - c. Resources for inventions and patents
- E. Did you learn ANYTHING? - Final Quiz
- F. Questions, Comments

“Black Love” Facilitators

Superintendent Chester Maxwell & First Lady Cynthia Maxwell

Antioch COGIC &
Soul's Harbor Community Outreach COGIC

“Black Love” Panelists

Minister Vincent Stewart & Sister Mikala Stewart

Lily of the Valley COGIC

Elder Christopher Coburn & Minister Holli Coburn

Emmanuel Christian Center Church

Pastor Terrance Hill & First Lady Natalie Hill

Trinity Temple COGIC

THE MAXWELLS



Superintendent Chester and Missionary Cynthia Maxwell had a special attraction for each other in their teens. Life would take them in different directions and for 30 year they never communicated with each other after going their separate ways. In 2000 Missionary Maxwell's husband passed and in 2005 Superintendent Maxwell's wife passed.

During a Jurisdiction AIM Convention there was a singles class they both attended and the friendship they once had was rekindled and one year later September 27, 2008, they were married and loving the journey that was ordained by God.

ABOUT

THE STEWARTS



MINISTER VINCENT STEWART

Minister Vincent Stewart was born on October 10th, 1997, in Denver, Colorado to Edward & Missionary Vanette Stewart. After graduating from High School, he began his undergraduate degree at The Prairie View A&M University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management. He was saved under the pastorate of Bishop W.H. McDonald at Odom Memorial Church of God In Christ. He later acknowledged his call to the ministry under the guidance of Bishop W.H McDonald. He worked diligently as the Media Director for The Colorado Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. He currently is serving as a Media Technician for Lily of The Valley and The Texas Central Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction under the pastorate Bishop Frank E. Fanniel Sr. On October 20th, 2023, Minister Stewart united in holy matrimony to Mikala Stewart.

SISTER MIKALA STEWART

Sister Mikala Stewart was born on July 2nd, 1999, in Houston, Texas to Pastor Michael & Sister Pam Fanniel. Mikala is currently obtaining her BSN at the University of St. Thomas University. She was saved under the pastorate of her grandfather Bishop Frank E. Fanniel Sr. at Lily of The Valley Church of God In Christ. She has worked diligently as a Media Technician and Praise & Worship Leader for Lily of The Valley as well as The Texas Central Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. She has also served as a Liturgical Praiser for the Church of God In Christ on a national level. On October 20th, 2023, Sister Mikala Stewart united in holy matrimony to Minister Vincent Stewart.



THE COBURNS



Elder Christopher and Minister Holli Rene' Coburn, are Denver Natives who are ministers at Emmanuel Christian Center Church in Aurora Colorado. The couple attended George Washington and Montbello High Schools in the Denver Public Schools. Christopher is a Relationship Manager for TIAA Cref here in Denver and has a B.A. in Business from the University of Colorado Boulder, and a paralegal certification from The Denver Paralegal Institute.

Holli is presently a 26 year veteran educator in Denver Public Schools, and has a M.A. in Clinical Counseling and an B.A. in English w/an emphasis in Elementary Education. The couple has been married for 23.5 years, and are the proud parents of Jordan, a 20 year old Sophomore at Kansas University, and Jackson B.W. Coburn, a 16 year old Sophomore at Northfield High School in Denver. The couple enjoys marriage retreats, traveling to the Dominican Republic or any beach, attending jazz concerts and watching their favorite teams The Denver Broncos and The Denver Nuggets.

THE HILLS



Pastor Terrance Hill has been pastoring Trinity Temple COGIC since 2011, it was founded by the late Pastor Alvin Hill. Pastor Terrance and First Lady Natalie Hill are Denver natives. Pastor Terrance Hill works in the Colorado Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction AIM Department as the Sunday School Superintendent, and he also is an Assistant in the CEJ Men's Department. First Lady Natalie Hill received her Evangelist Missionary license in 2015, she is A Board Member for the Executive Board with the CEJ Women's Department, she the Midwestern District President of the Pastors, Elders, Ministers Wives and Widows Circle Unit.

On April 10th Pastor and First Lady Hill will be married for 31 years, they have 6 children and 8 grandchildren. Our theme for this year is "Getting Back to the Basics" and "Battle Ready and Armed With The Truth".



Mr. Polica Houston

Polica Houston serves as Vice President of Programs for Big Brothers Big Sisters Colorado (BBBSC). Prior to working at BBBSC, he was Chief Program Officer for Boys Hope Girls Hope Colorado and served as a public high school Administrator for several years. In addition, Polica is an expert thought partner to numerous educators and organizations as they navigate start-up, turnaround, leadership, and culture challenges in their organizations. Houston prides himself in collaborating with communities and developing systems and structures that dismantle the schoolhouse to jail house pipeline. Polica currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Regis Jesuit High School and as a Board of Director with Prosperity Denver Fund.

A Denver native, Polica earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a Master's degree in higher education from the University of Denver and brings a robust background in organizational leadership, strategic planning, public speaking, and mentorship. He also has a solid background in high school athletics, having coached football for several years, including the recipient of the Franklin D. Watkins award that recognizes the best African American High School athlete in the country. Polica and his wife Biaze have two daughters, Avani and Sade. Avani is currently a freshman at Howard University.



Evangelist Danielle Clemons

Evangelist Danielle Patrice Clemons is a career educator, a Denver native who grew up in the Parkhill area, who has roots in the body of Christ for over 25 years. She is university trained and holds degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and English Literature & Language from The University of Tulsa.

Currently, Evangelist Clemons serves as the Colorado Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (CEJ) Church of God in Christ as the Sunday School Field Representative and a Certified Chaplains for Chaplains International. Her favorite scriptures are Joel 2:15–18 and Jude 1:22–23 and are manifested by the Holy Spirit in her ministry and acknowledges all the ones that have come before her, on whose shoulders she stands. Besides her love of God and God's people she loves SHOES!!! Evangelist Clemons has three beautiful daughters Ebonne (24), Madison (22), and Phylicia (12). A Proverbs 31 Woman, an overcomer (1 John 5:4 and Rev. 2:26) and excited about serving the body of Christ.

LOVE THE SKIN YOU'RE IN AS A BLACK FEMALE

COURSE SUMMARY

This interactive and informative workshop will explore implicit & explicit biases; the Seven P's; and queenship/sisterhood to analyze the challenges and triumphs of being a black female, a queen in training. Through this dialogue the doors to self-love, self-respect, and self-worth will be opened to empower all of us to LOVE THE SKIN YOU'RE IN .

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Speak to the Queen

II. Implicit v. Explicit Bias

III. Seven P's

a. Presence (Be There)

b. Practice (Be Ready To Work)

c. Patience (Be Compassionate To Yourself and Others)

d. Persistence (Don't Give Up)

e. Perspective (Widen Your Lens)

f. Pivot (Be Ready To Move)

g. Power (Ascend to Your Throne)

IV. Queenship and Sisterhood

V. Questions and Answers



Evangelist Felicia R. Hill

Evangelist Felicia R Hill was born and reared in Denver Colorado; she is the mother of four lovely children and the grandparent of 6 granddaughters and 1 grandson. She was saved and received the Holy Ghost at the age of 10 under the Late Pastor Elder Alvin W. Hill of Trinity Temple COGIC; whom was also her father. At the age of 22 she was commissioned as an evangelist and continues to serve in the ministry; this calling was spoken over her life at the tender age of 6. She's been privileged to share her ministry gifts throughout the United States. She is anointed to preach, teach and sing. She serves and submits to the leadership of Pastor Terrance Hill of the Trinity Temple COGIC. Evangelist Hill has served in the Youth Department as the Colorado Jurisdiction Chairlady for 7 years, and as the Administrative Assistant to her mother, Jurisdictional Chairlady Evangelist Annie Mae Hill for over 20 years and served as the Midwestern District Chairlady for 5 Years. Working with the youth has always been her passion to ensure that every child is unstoppable no matter what their circumstances are Failure or Doubts that you will continue to pursue your dreams.

Evangelist Hill is the founder of "Kingdomizing the Kingdom Outreach Ministries", "The Grief LAB (The Light Ascending Beyond)- 2 Worlds Colliding. The anointing on her life has been tested and tried: yet her mission is to; Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. It is imperative to her that the word of God is preached, reached and taught throughout the four corners of the earth; finding the need to reach out to the lost and the obscured with the transforming power of God's love. It is undeniably that she is a "True Woman of God", an exceptional jewel that has been created by God for such a time as this.

Evangelist Felicia Hill holds a Master's Degree in Information Technology, a Bachelors in Computer Forensics, and a Degree in Accounting, PMP Project Management and 6 Certification.

FASHION IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

History - Beginning of Fashion in the African American Culture

- Today's History of Fashion
- Describe Fashion
- Fashion DO's and DON'Ts - FAUPAS (FOUNDATION)
- Conclusion/Summary
- Questions and Answers

CONCLUSION/SUMMARY

Fashion is important because it reflects the culture of a country. It makes our life colorful and changes our life with time, it is forever evolving. The need therefore is to strike a balance between being fashionable and wear what suits and what fits you that is Fashion.

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Pastor AJ McDonald, AIM Chairman

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Pastor Brian Jenkins

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Psalmist Shandra Dixon

Mr. Omar Montgomery

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Missionary Tanisha Darden

Brother Robert Matthews

Mrs. Karla Woods

We appreciate all presenters, facilitators, panelists, and participants that made our event such a great success!!