

EMERGE: SPECIAL EDITION

PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT, FRIENDS, AND ALLIES CONFERENCE

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2014 MCC Conference for People of African Descent, Friends, and Allies

15-17 MAY 2014

FIRST MCC of ATLANTA

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The MCC PAD conference is for everyone. Let us come together to proactively transform ourselves as we create the beloved community and transform the world!

This is going to be a remarkable journey, folks! And it is our sincerest hope that you can get on the bus and come along for the ride! *Transforming Ourselves As We Transform the World* is our charge and **"BE"ING THE CHANGE** is our goal. Whether you are a person of African descent, a friend or an ally – ALL ARE WELCOME and we hope to see you there!

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Keynote Speakers



[Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas](#) renowned for her work on sexuality and the Black Church, will lead the charge with a historical perspective on how far we've come as LGBTQI peoples of African descent and what's on the horizon as we *fully* show up as we are.



[Rev. Dr. Ronald Hopson](#) a scholar in psychology and religion/theology, will help us reimagine what healing and transformation can look like in our lives in light of and in spite of our collective stories.



[Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson](#), widely known for her community-building efforts across cultures and faith traditions, will talk about Jesus and social justice, focusing us on the outward manifestation of inward spiritual health and wellness.



[Rev. MacArthur Flournoy](#) will round out the plenary sessions, along with an esteemed panel of local and national leaders, to help us understand the value of building a faith movement that makes room at the table for all that we are and all that we bring.

WORSHIP PREACHERS



[Rev. Dr. Ken Samuel](#), Senior Pastor of Victory for the World Church believes that our love for Jesus should never be separated from justice. He will be the guest preacher for opening worship on Thursday evening.



[Rev. Carolyn Mobley](#), Interim Pastor of MCC of Richmond will use her gift as a minister who speaks through her music to start the day on Friday for the morning worship.



[Bishop Tonyia Rawls](#), Founder and Executive Director of The Freedom Center for Social Justice (FCSJ) and Founder of Sacred Souls Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is a spiritual leader and social activist. She will be bringing a dynamic message to the conference on Friday evening.



[Rev. Mykal Slack](#), Founder of 4LYFE Ministries provides pastoral and educational resources to address sexual orientation and gender identity issues in faith communities across a broad spectrum. On Saturday morning he will share a word of inspiration to take us into the final day of the conference.



[Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson](#), Moderator of MCC will round out the conference on Saturday evening. She will offer visionary words of truth, passion, and love.

Saturday evening will also come alive with a Gospel Extravaganza. Come and join your fellow conference participants in an event overflowing with music.





VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Do you have time to volunteer during the 2014 People of African Descent, Allies, and Friends Conference? We are looking for people with kind hearts and generous spirits to volunteer their time. Volunteer opportunities include (but are not limited to): conference registration, worship (usher, greeter, acolyte), workshops, audio visuals, hospitality, VIP Buddies, and so much more.

To find out more about all of the volunteer opportunities: <http://padconference.mccchurch.org/register-attend/volunteer/>

Looking for:

Musicians

Dancers

Singers/Choir Members

Contact: CassandraWhite@MCCchurch.net



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If you have any questions, please contact [Rev. Candy Holmes](#), PAD Conference Planning Chair for more information.



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