And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.
—JOEL 2:28

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In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people; your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
—ACTS 2:17

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I am pleased to take this opportunity to strongly recommend that you join the thousands of religious leaders who will convene on the beautiful campus of Hampton University, June 4-9, 2017! Indeed, it is your presence that will make our conference one of the most powerful Christian gatherings of the year.

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BISHOP RUDOLPH W. MCKISSICK, JR. is Senior Pastor of the Bethel Church, located in Jacksonville, Florida. McKissick returned to Bethel in 1995 to share leadership with his father, and has since succeeded him as the sole Senior Pastor of the church. Bethel is the oldest existing Baptist church in the state of Florida, founded in 1838, and yet remains a thriving, vibrant and growing congregation. Bishop McKissick is a powerful messenger of God who has established himself nationally as an outstanding preacher, teacher, theologian and academician. His preaching prowess has afforded him many national platforms and accolades. McKissick has served as a professor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in the capacity of doctoral mentor, where students have been selected to sit in a learning cohort under his academic mentorship as they work towards their earned Doctor of Ministry degree. Bishop McKissick, Jr. holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Jacksonville University with a double major in the field of music: one in Opera and the other in Sacred Church Music, with a minor in pipe organ performance. He holds the Master of Divinity Degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Religion at Virginia Union University, and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary. Bishop McKissick has been awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from both Bethune Cookman University as well as Virginia Union University. In June of 2008, he was consecrated and elevated into the high of the office of Bishop in the Lord’s church by Bishop Paul S. Morton. Bishop McKissick, Jr. serves on various boards, which include being a board member of the National Action Network, founded by Rev. Al Sharpton and the Advisory Board of the College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance at Florida State University. Bishop McKissick is the author of several books as well as an accomplished musician with several national, critically acclaimed music projects, including “The Recovery”, which debuted at number two on the national billboard charts. In July of 2010, McKissick’s book, “God’s Got My Back” reached number one on the Independent Publishers Book chart. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., as well as Sigma Pi Phi Boule (pronounced BOO-LAY). He is married to the former Kimberly Joy Nichols and they are the proud parents of three beautiful children; Jocelyn, Janai (pronounced JANAY) and Joshua.

REVEREND DR. MARCUS D. COSBY serves as the Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He holds the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and English from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; the Master of Divinity Degree in Homiletics and Christian Education from Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia; and the Doctor of Ministry Degree in Homiletics from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of the Associated Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS). Dr. Cosby is a member of the Board of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference; the African American Pulpit, a scholarly journal that highlights the preaching prowess of African-American preachers across the country; the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and the Houston Area Urban League. He has served on the Board of Directors of Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, the Texas Commission for Community Service and Volunteerism, and as an Advisory Board Member of The Gardner C. Taylor Preaching Archives and Listening Room in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and the NAAACP. Among the gifts and talents with which God has blessed Pastor Cosby, none are more meaningful to him than preaching and teaching. He has been blessed to carry his ministry across the country and seeks to uplift all humanity through the life-changing, uncompromising Word of God. Dr. Cosby is married to his high school sweetheart, Mrs. Audrey Marie Cosby, and they have been blessed with three beautiful daughters, Adrienne Marie, Ashley Marie and Aliyah Marie and two sons, Marcus D., II and Matthew D. Cosby.
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REVEREND DR. STEPHANIE B. CROWDER is a Bible Professor and pop culture educator. Her focus on New Testament literature provides the lens for traversing the re-contextualization of such texts in present media. While engaging what she terms “womanist maternal thought,” she explores ways in which the Bible speaks to current-day motherhood through an African American lens. As a dually-aligned National Baptist and Disciples of Christ minister, Professor Crowder employs creative code-switching means to communicate in both the church and the academy. Through field education she purports an interdisciplinary approach to vocation exploration. “Social identity is the core of interpretation. Whether people acknowledge any of variables that influence how they engage a text, the dynamics are still present. Teaching must provide a safe forum for coming to terms with the factors that shape who we are. The freedom to be and wrestle with this ‘being’ is paramount. Ultimately, named and unnamed social constructs bear on textual approach, engagement and subsequently praxis. Yet, the act of interpretation does not stop with the individual. There is a communal responsibility and sense of accountability that must spur both student and teacher to transform society and transgress acts of injustice and inequity. I want teaching to change me as I seek to create something new in my students so we all strive to become sensitized, global change-agents.”

REVEREND DR. ALISON GISE-JOHNSON, Associate Professor of Historical and Theological Studies serves as Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at the Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. Her research and ministry are centered on creating critical constructive curricula for social justice/advocacy work through empowered youth; facilitating the growth of pastoral teams; creating womanist-informed resources; and developing livable sustainable communities through social enterprise. In service to the community, Dr. Gise Johnson currently serves on the Board of Directors of Healthy Heart Plus, II, Community In Development and Soul-Ice Foundation. Dr. Gise Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering Environmental Engineering Specialization from Northwestern University, a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel Dewitt Procter School of Theology at Virginia Union University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion (with emphasis in Christian Social Ethics and American Religious History) from Temple University. Alison is constantly blessed by her husband Dr. Ross Johnson, their three children, and the church family of 5th Baptist Church.

REVEREND DR. CLAYBON LEA, JR. is the pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield and Suisun City, CA. He is the second pastor in the church's history, having succeeded his late father and church organizer, Rev. Claybon Lea. Under Dr. Lea’s leadership, Mount Calvary has experienced phenomenal holistic growth. Dr. Lea, in 2004, led Mount Calvary in a move to the city of Fairfield, to occupy a 48,000 sq. ft. building. In 2005 the church was listed in Outreach Magazine as one of the 100 fastest growing churches in America. In 2015, Dr. Lea led the church in the acquisition of 60 acres for the future construction of a mixed-use campus to facilitate the non-profit and for-profit vision of the church. He is a distinguished graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, with a B. A. Degree in Religion. He received his master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He also earned his doctor of ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. In December 2015, he graduated with a PhD. in Biblical Studies from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, CA, with highest honors.
His dissertation was entitled The Hermeneutics of Desmond Tutu: Liberationist or Reconciliationist? In 2000, Dr. Lea was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. In August of 2004 Dr. Lea was selected to attend The University of Oxford in England as a participant in the Oxford Round Table discussion on Religion, Education and Government. Dr. Lea and his wife, Janel W. Lea, are the parents of four wonderful children: Claybon III, Jillian, Christopher and Jessica.

REVEREND DR. LISA M. WEAH serves as the Senior Pastor of the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to being called to New Bethlehem, she was a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church, where she served as Executive Minister under the leadership of her Pastor and father in ministry, Bishop Dwayne C. Debnam. On June 22, 2008, Dr. Weah was elected as New Bethlehem’s third Pastor in a historic move of God, becoming the first female Pastor in the church’s 58-year history and the first female Pastor of a local Baptist church in 15 years. Dr. Weah is the founder and CEO of LMW Enterprises, through which she ministers through preaching, teaching, music and mentoring. She is the author of Creative Worship in a Contemporary Milieu, which offers a theological framework and practical tools for the use of creative arts in the corporate worship experience. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland at College Park, and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Howard University. On October 30, 2011, Dr. Weah was honored as a “Gospel Legend,” by WEAA 88.9FM, and Morgan State University. She is an active member of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is the proud parent of Courtney, Robert and Cayla. Her life’s mission is to empower persons to live a victorious Christian life.

REVEREND DR. JOE S. RATLIFF has been married to the former Doris Ernestine Gardner since 1980. He is a native of Lumberton, North Carolina; where in 1962, he began his Christian journey by uniting with The Mt. Sinai United Holy Church of Lumberton. Seven years later, he answered his Call to Ministry while attending Morehouse College. He served as pastor of the Cobb Memorial United Holy Church in Atlanta, Georgia for eight years. Dr. Ratliff was elected as pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church of Houston, Texas in February 1980 and by the year 2000 had grown it from a 500 member congregation to a mega-church of 12,000. The congregation has reached a plateau of more than 7,000 members with over 5,000 worshipers attending its two Sunday morning worship services. Dr. Ratliff has distinguished himself as a scholar-pastor in the African-American tradition of preaching and has sought excellence in numerous endeavors. Dr. Ratliff has earned the following: Bachelor’s degree in History earned 1972 from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; the .Masters of Divinity degree earned in 1975 and Doctor of Ministry degree earned in 1976 from the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia. He has be awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree awarded in 1988 by the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia.
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