THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
presents a

Theological Think Tank

“THE PREACHER AS PRACTITIONER”
Putting the Word to Work:
Preach...Prophesy...Practice!

“...hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...sick...in prison...”
Matthew 25:35-40

For the past couple of years, we have witnessed numerous and various forms of injustice taking place in neighborhoods and communities where churches exist. Yet, the church appears to be silent and, if vocal, it is from a reactive rather than a preventative perspective. Some suggest that the church should not become involved in social justice issues. However, scholars like Dr. James Cone suggest that “GOD is on the side of the oppressed”. For many preachers and pastors the challenge and the dilemma becomes how do I minister in the prophetic, preach a relevant Gospel and cultivate the practice of liberation? Join us the next three days for an enriching conversation on moving from preacher to practitioner!

The Reverend Willie D. Francois, III is one who has been doing the work of scholarship, social and community advocacy. Join Reverend Francois as he will serve as the conversationalist for the week, and will guide the panel and the participants through a forum of productive dialogue.

GUEST LECTURERS AND PANELISTS:

Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, Pastor
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Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, Senior Pastor
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