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Can We Talk ?

How does the Call to Action Impact African American Churches?



Bishop Gregory Palmer
Keynote
Illinois Great Rivers Conference



Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield
Host, Resident Bishop Arkansas

November 18-19, 2011
Philander Smith College
800 Daisy Bates Drive
Little Rock AR 72202

The Call to Action and its Impact on the Black Church

Theological Focus: Joshua 24:15 b,

*"If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship GOD,
then choose a god you'd rather serve—and do it today.
Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped
from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of
the Amorites, on whose land you're now living.
As for me and my family, we'll worship GOD."
(The Message)*

"Can We Talk?" is an established and safe forum in which African Americans can enter and then exit a "no holds barred" dialogue about God's preferred future for the African American Church. In our talking with one another in God's presence we will be empowered and equipped to move beyond the current states of stagnation in the areas of worship and praise, resources and stewardship, current and new church development.

We will have Area Bishops and District Superintendents listening in on the conversations which will enable other conversations and implementation to take place in their respective areas. Please come; "Let's Talk" and continue the conversation in becoming those whom God has called us to be.

During this session we will be discussing the "Call to Action" and its implications for the Black Church. Advance questions are appreciated as these help us shape our discussion times. Guests from the General Church will share agency perspectives; as well as persons across the jurisdiction. Our SCJ Bishops will provide regional context for our discussion as a part of the Bishops' Roundtable on Saturday.

Arkansas Local Committee

Deborah Bell, Arkansas BMCR
Barbara Douglas, Pastor FUMC Sweet Home
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Ronnie Miller Yow, Chaplain Philander Smith College/
Pastor Wesley Chapel UMC, Chair National BMCR
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Brenda Norwood, Arkansas Transition Team
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Maxine Allen, Conference Minister of Ethnic Ministries/
Crossing Jordan Coordinator

Volunteers: FUMC Sweet Home, Theresa Hoover UMC, Wesley Chapel UMC, and Philander Smith College.

Special Thanks to Our Arkansas Conference Staff:

Amy Forbus, Libby Gray, Patrick Shownes, Martha Taylor, Karen Wilson and Phil Hathcock, Director of Connectional Ministries

Event Schedule

FRIDAY—NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Noon Registration Opens:

*Philander Smith College - Kendall
Mission Center Lobby*

2 p.m. Opening Plenary: Dr. Joycelyn Elders Auditorium

*"What is the Call to Action and how
does it Impact the Black Church?"*

5:30 p.m. Dinner: Nugent Center

7 p.m. Worship: Wesley Chapel UMC Bishop Gregory Palmer, Preaching Bishop Charles Crutchfield, Celebrant Rev. Ronnie Miller Yow, Host Pastor Arkansas BMCR Choir

SATURDAY—NOVEMBER 19, 2011

8:00 a.m. Breakfast @ the Hotel

9:00 a.m. Plenary II: Nugent Center

*Praise & Worship
"Unpacking the Call to Action"
Bishop Palmer*

11:00 a.m. Bishops' Roundtable Luncheon

2:30 p.m. Closing Communion and Sending Forth

**Note: Attendees will receive a copy of
"Zion Still Sings! For Every Generation"
a worship resource we will be using.**

Hotel Information

La Quinta Inn & Suites

Downtown Conference Center

617 South Broadway, Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 1-501-374-9000, press 6

Please make your reservations directly with hotel in order to receive special rate (10% lower than advertised). **Rate at time of printing is \$90 per night plus tax.** Rates increase as the events get closer. **Ask for "company rate for United Methodist Association".**

Continental breakfast, free parking, and van transportation to the college are provided by the hotel.