

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS



REV. AUNDREIA ALEXANDER serves as the Associate General Secretary for Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace at the National Council of Churches (NCC). She began her work there in January 2015. Prior to this, she served with the

American Baptist Home Mission Societies, American Baptist Churches, USA. For several years, she has advocated for human rights and religious liberty issues related to the diaspora of the ethnic peoples of Burma. She has recently worked closely with the World Council of Churches and the United Nations on addressing the plight of stateless persons. She also brings her background in law and conflict resolution to the NCC as an advocate for peace and justice.



ANA GARCIA-ASHLEY is a veteran community organizer. She is the Executive Director of the Gamaliel Foundation, a grassroots network of nonpartisan, faith-based organizations in 17 U.S. states, South

Africa, and the United Kingdom, that organizes to empower ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social, and economic decisions affecting their lives. She has developed good ties with pan-African churches, especially in the United States. She began her work at Gamaliel in the early 1990s as lead organizer of MICAHA (Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope). During her tenure there, the organization won a \$500 million reinvestment commitment from the city's banks.



JACQUI BURTON is the President of the Conference of National Black Churches (CNBC). The mission of CNBC is to serve as a unified voice of black religious bodies that seeks to improve the quality of life for African-Americans and to channel their

unique voice of faith into advocacy efforts in the areas of hunger, social justice/public policy, health, economic empowerment, anti-violence, and education. The CNBC is currently comprised of the national leadership of eight black denominations that have a combined membership of over 20 million people and 30,000 congregations in the United States. Ms. Burton is the past Executive Director of I-CAN, which was a black church resource program related to the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and a past program officer of the Lilly Endowment-Religion Division.



DR. IVA A. CARRUTHERS is General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (SDPC), a national interdenominational organization within the African-American faith tradition focused on social justice issues. She is a board member of Bread for the World. She

is the former director of the Black Theology Project. Dr. Carruthers has a long history of engagement in community-development initiatives and social justice ministry, fostering interdenominational and interfaith dialogue in the United States, Caribbean, South America, and Africa. She has become well-known for using her ministry as a vehicle for addressing social issues, particularly those involving people of African descent both here and abroad.



DR. SHIRLEY CASON-REED is the Connectional President of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. She is a board member of Bread for the World. She has been employed most

recently with Prince George's County (Maryland) Public Schools and has served in many other capacities, but her calling in life is that of a missionary. Dr. Reed is the author of a missionary handbook titled *Missions in Action*. She has served the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church for over 34 years, serving as Connectional Recording Secretary, Connectional Chair of Membership & Recruitment, Connectional Chair of Special Missions, and President of local societies. She currently serves as First Vice President of the Washington Conference WMS and is a member of the Tullie Quinn Missionary Society of Ward AME Church in Washington, D.C. In 2003, Dr. Reed was awarded life member status. She received an honorary doctorate degree from AME University in Monrovia, Liberia. Dr. Reed travels throughout the U.S. and Africa recruiting, teaching, and serving as a consultant for retreats and seminars.

Institute in Nigeria and Ghana. She resides in Flossmoor, Ill., where she is actively engaged in several civic endeavors. A practicing nephrologist in Gary, Ind., Dr. Gadson is Co-Chair of the Commission to End Health Care Disparities, an organization comprised of clinicians, public health experts, and researchers representing 58 medical specialties and affiliated organizations.



DONNA GRIMES is the Assistant Director for African American Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). She has been in this role since November 2012. Ms. Grimes is responsible for providing guidance to the chairman, members, and consultants to

promote the goals and objectives of the subcommittee, which is mandated to assist the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and other USCCB committees to affirm the gifts and contributions of African-American Catholics, and to provide more opportunities for African-Americans to engage in the life of the church. Other current affiliations include: Chaplain and Executive Board of Sisters in the Spirit of the Archdiocese of Washington and Pax Christi USA member.



DR. SANDRA L. GADSON is the International President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ) Church. In August 1999, Dr. Gadson was elected Second Vice President of the Women's Home and

Overseas Missionary Society of African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and holds the distinction of being the first Dean for a Leadership Training



LISA SHARON HARPER is the Chief Church Engagement Officer at Sojourners in Washington, D.C. From Ferguson to New York to

Germany, she has been leading trainings and helping mobilize clergy and community leaders around shared values for the common good, with a focus on racial justice. Prior to joining Sojourners, Ms. Harper was the founding executive director of New York Faith & Justice, an organization at the

hub of a new ecumenical movement to end poverty in New York City. In that capacity, she helped establish Faith Leaders for Environmental Justice, a citywide collaborative effort of faith leaders committed to leveraging the power of their constituencies and their moral authority in partnership with communities bearing the weight of environmental injustice.



REV. DAWN M. SANDERS is the Director of Missional Programs for Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, where she provides organizational development and technical assistance to local churches and international mission partners.

Prior to joining Lott Carey, Rev. Sanders was the founder of the Pioneer Learning Institute, helping churches and nonprofit corporations with strategic planning, board development, and securing grants for community outreach projects. She has over 20 years of nonprofit service, establishing programs to aid vulnerable individuals and families. She is a native of Greenburgh, N.Y. She is a graduate of Lincoln University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. She is also a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she earned her Master of Divinity degree in international missions and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree.



BISHOP TERESA ELAINE SNORTON became the 59th bishop elected in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church on June 30, 2010, in Mobile, Ala. She is the first female bishop of the CME Church. She was assigned as the presiding bishop of

the new Eleventh Episcopal District, which includes eleven countries in Central, Southern, and East Africa. On March 15, 2011, Bishop Snorton was assigned to the Fifth Episcopal District. Bishop Snorton served as the Executive Director of the National Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. for 12 years prior to her election as bishop. Bishop Snorton is a certified ACPE supervisor and a board-certified chaplain. She is a former Executive Director of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services in Atlanta. She has taught at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the School of Theology at Virginia Union University.



DR. BARBARA WILLIAMS-SKINNER, trusted adviser, public policy strategist, faith leader, author, lecturer, businesswoman, educator, executive coach, and mentor, has made an indelible imprint in American public policy, government, and community

relations as former Director of the Congressional Black Caucus; current President of the Skinner Leadership Institute; Co-Chair of the National African American Clergy Network, and a member of the White House Faith Council. She has a long history of building bridges and advancing the inclusion of people of all cultures in both the private and public sector. Dr. Williams-Skinner was the first female Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) (1974-1981). She continues to serve as adviser to CBC members and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. As president of the Skinner Leadership Institute, Dr. Williams-Skinner and her team provide networking, bridge-building, and leadership development opportunities among congressional leaders, business executives, diverse groups, college students, faith leaders, young professionals, and urban youth. She currently serves on the President's Council of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership, working on the issue of global human trafficking.