

The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples

Presents *The Fourth*

Annual

Howard

Thurman

Convocation



*The African American Musical Tradition Speaks of
Life and Death*



The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples

2041 Larkin Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

(415) 776-4910

Sunday October 10, 1999

11 A.M.



Dear Members and Friends of Fellowship Church:

I am elated that you have joined us to celebrate the Fifty-fifth Anniversary of The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples and the Fourth Annual Howard Thurman Convocation. Fellowship Church, the nation's first avowedly interracial and interfaith congregation, continues to be an unfolding of a creative venture in human community, uniting women and men of varying national, cultural, and racial heritage in religious fellowship.

The Howard Thurman Convocation is an annual forum for visiting insights that emanated from the soul and pen of Dr. Howard Thurman, founding co-pastor. Dr. Thurman authored more than twenty-two books and was named one of the nation's leading clerics by Life Magazine. This year, the convocation will focus on The African American Musical Tradition Speaks of Life And Death. It is inspired in part by Dr. Thurman's incisive books, *Deep River* and *The Negro Spiritual Speaks of Life and Death*. He considered the spirituals "tools of the spirit that cut a path through the wilderness of their (the slaves') despair." The production is scripted by Johnny Land, renowned music director, and directed by Stephen Semien, noted actor, director, and choreographer.

I am delighted that Dr. Robert C. Scott has been selected to receive the Howard Thurman Award. Inaugurated in 1997, the award is presented to an individual whose life embodies Dr. Thurman's search for and proclamation of authentic community despite socially imposed barriers to unity. The award recognizes Dr. Scott's deep devotion to his impressive practice of internal medicine and his creative, extensive, and committed outreach to the HIV/AIDS community. His exemplary redress of critical areas of need and ministry is inspiring. It is my hope that today's celebration will nurture you and deepen your trust in the God of Life. Know that I cherish your support today.

Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Dorsey Odell Blake, Minister

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco recognizes and honors the 55th Anniversary of the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples**; and

WHEREAS, the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples**, established in 1944, is one of the nation's oldest internationally integrated, nondenominational and inter-faith churches; and

WHEREAS, the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples** is also celebrating its Fifth Annual Howard Thurman Convocation whose musical theme is "The African American Musical Tradition Speaks of Life and Death"; and

WHEREAS, at its inception, the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples** served the needs of many incoming war industry employees coming from diverse ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples** was co-founded by Dr. Howard Thurman, named by Life Magazine in 1953 as one of the outstanding clerics in the United States and Dr. Alfred Fisk; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Willie L. Brown, Jr., Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, honor the **Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples** on the occasion of its 55th Anniversary and do hereby proclaim September 10, 1999 as...

THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES DAY *in San Francisco!*



Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake & Hon. Willie L. Brown

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.
Mayor

Program

Call to Worship <i>Xango</i> <i>Procession Led by Kai Hazelwood</i>	Pope Flyne, Master Drummer
"Ghosts of Our Forefathers"	Rev. Perry Lang
Musical Prelude	Lawrence Sumpter, Organist
"I been 'buked" <i>by Hall Johnson</i>	Fellowship Ensemble & Company
Prayer with Song <i>"To Be God's People"</i> <i>by Charles F. Bacon</i>	Felix Justice
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake
Dialogue on Life and Death	Dr. Brenda Wade
Spiritual Dance Legacy <i>Sung by</i>	Shereel Washington Rev. Dr. Rose Eberhart
"Follow the Drinking Gourd"	David Johnson, Vocalist Lenny Carlson, Guitar
Storytellers	Al Cunningham Courtney Brown David Johnson
"A Woman Called Moses"	Dr. Josephine Cole
"The Spirit of Roland Hayes" <i>"Lil Boy"</i> <i>by Roland Hayes</i>	Robert Chalwell
<i>"Round 'bout de Mountain"</i> <i>by Roland Hayes</i>	



"Blind Man"	<i>Monologue</i>	Felix Justice
Legacy of a Diva <i>"Blind Man Stood on the Road and Cried"</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	Dr. Helen Dilworth
"Poor Mourner's Got a Home At Last"	<i>Traditional</i> <i>Accompanying Dance</i>	Dr. Helen Dilworth Kai Hazelwood
"The Spirit of Paul Robeson" <i>"Nobody knows the Trouble I Seen"</i>	<i>Traditional</i>	Lawrence Beamen
<i>"Asleep in the Deep"</i> <i>by Lamb/H.W. Petree</i>		
"Note on Commercial Theatre" <i>by Langston Hughes</i>		Courtney Brown
"The Spirit of Broadway"		Dianne Owens-Lewis
"Fighting for Pharaoh"		Ensemble & Company



Please join us for a repast organized by our food committee: Mrs. Eugenia Manning, Gayle Orr-Smith, and Dixie Lee Mahy
Decorations are by Monique Le Sarre and Georgia Bratt.

The Fellowship Ensemble includes:
Monique La Sarre *Gwen Mazer*
Georgia Bratt *Ann Livingston*
Diane Wang *Dorothy Person*
Robert Reece *Courtney Brown*
D'Wayne Moses

Direction by
Stephen Semien





Dr. Robert C. Scott

recipient of the

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Dr. Scott's clients include gay and bisexual people, mothers, prostitutes, and drug addicts. His work extends far beyond the walls of his office building. He has taken his concern and care to parks, bars, and prisons, whatever there is a need. He still makes house calls. Dr. Scott is in great demand as a speaker at local, national, and international forums. He states: "Trust is key in treating all patients. To accomplish this, I educate my patients about the disease and treatment options so they may participate in the decision-making process. I am likewise educated by my patients."

Dr. Scott loves his work passionately and says he is blessed. What a blessing he is to this local community and to the global struggle against this ravaging epidemic.



Today's program was arranged, coordinated, and scripted by Fellowship's own Johnny Land, who has also been recognized by the Board of Supervisors for his tireless dedication to the education and uplifting of youth through the gift of music.

Certificate of Honor

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS City and County of San Francisco

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby issues, and authorizes the execution of, this Certificate of Honor in appreciative public recognition of distinction and merit for outstanding service to a significant portion of the people of the City and County of San Francisco by:

JOHN LAND

Assoc. Arts, A.B. Gen
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Masters in Music, Mr.
Land has raised musical
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M.S., Poly H.S. & Lowell H.S.



Sue Bierman
SUPERVISOR SUE BIERMAN

Jose Medina

Frank Brown

Michael...





Stephen Semien

Performer, Director, Choreographer. Mr. Semien began performing as a member of the Joel Nobel (Katherine Dunham) Dance Co. A member of the Original Broadway Cast of "Carmen Jones", he has performed in or assisted in staging of shows for National, European, and Broadway companies. Currently in pre-production of a project he has written "Seven Black Pearls". He is currently appearing in "Dreamgirls" at the Willows Theatre.



Lawrence Beamen

Bass-Baritone. Inspired by the spirit of Paul Robeson, Mr. Beamen applies his art to researching and continuing the legacy. Having completed a CD, he continues to find a joy in music that began at an early age and continues to grow.



Mrs. Josephine Cole

A third generation San Franciscan with many firsts to her credit, Mrs. Cole was the first African-American Elementary School teacher in San Francisco. She was also the Director of Lowell High School Academy.



Robert Chalwell

Tenor, M.A. in Music, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, B.A. Boston University School of Music. Mr. Chalwell teaches voice in the S.F.C.M, and has studied voice with Hermann LeRoux and Penelope Bitzos.





Shereel Washington

As Ms. Washington pursues her studies, she continues to perform and use dance to enhance the delivery of her message.



Dianne Owens-Lewis

With a love of music that began in the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Ms. Owens-Lewis sang and played the clarinet as one of the many ways to express the praises of god. She hopes to complete a CD of music dedicated to her grandmother and grandfather



Dr. Helen Dilworth

Soprano, Affectionately known as "Dr. Diva", Dr Dilworth has been awarded the coveted *Il Cenacolo Award* from The San Francisco Opera's Merola Program. An artist who holds a doctorate and two masters in education and Vocal-choral Music, she also records, has toured with Cornerstone, and has soloed at Lincoln Center.



David Johnson

Mr. Johnson has also been featured as a high fashion model on the runways of America, Europe and South Africa. A vocalist with a repertoire that includes pop, R&B and jazz, he has performed throughout Northern California at venues including Kimball's East, Yoshi's and the Great American Music Hall.



Rev. Dr. Rose Eberhardt

An ordained minister, and Professor of dance at SFSU Dr. Eberhardt is able to apply her unique insights to both teaching and ministry.



Pope Flyne

A master drummer in the african tradition, Mr. Flyne has used his percussive message to communicate with audiences around the world.

Lawrence Sumpter

Organist and Co-Chair for this year's convocation. Mr. Sumpter is an alumnus of the Boys Chorus of Harlem in New York City. A longtime organist at the Shrine Sacred Heart Church in Washington D.C. While at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro he was Master organist for the Emanuel Baptist Church.



Courtney Brown

Bass-Baritone. After dancing with the Penn Dance Company for three years, Mr. Brown Earned his B.Sc. in Engineering and his M.Sc. in Computer science. He has worked in sound design, live theatre, multi-media, and has just finished writing a play. He studies voice with Marian Kasper.

Dr. Brenda Wade

Author of several books including , Syndicated Columnist, Dr. Wade uses all available means to channel messages of love and healing. She is also director of Heartline Productions.

Felix Justice

An actor and performer of note, Mr. Justice still makes time to encourage the youth in the community.

Kai Hazelwood

Having interned with the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Ms. Hazelwood performs in many styles including liturgical and modern dance.

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Presents "A Tribute to Dr. Howard Thurman"

On Sunday November, 21st
11AM



Josephine!



Zorina London
Chanteuse



Debra Bradford
Gospel Singer



Mahalia!



Charlene Moore
Musical Director, Pianist

My Spirit is in the Song

Celebrating the Lives and Legacies of Josephine Baker and Mahalia Jackson

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To
The Church
for the
Fellowship of All Peoples

in celebration of its
55th Anniversary
and the Fourth Annual Howard Thurman
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**ANNE AKOSUA LIVINGSTON
MEMBER**

Please, God, Untangle our hearts
Unclutter our minds
and help us love freely and
without portion - all mankind!

CLAUDE AND LEONA SANSOM

**Thank You
to Dr. Howard THurman
for an inspiring legacy to
Fellowship Church
and all Humanity**

Dixie Lee Mahy

**Friends of Jazz
Congratulate you for helping to make a
better world!**

Patricia Nacey, Founder - Friends of Jazz
&
Peter Fitzsimmons

To Fellowship Church
&
Dr. Robert Scott
Congratulations on this annual
convocation
Bryan Caston
Certified Public Accountant
San Francisco
(415) 642-3625

Congratulations
on
the fifty-fifth anniversary!

William & Willie Hoskins

Congratulations to
Fellowship Church
on its 55th Anniversary
and 4th Annual
Howard Thurman Convocation

Michael Cohen

To honor and give tribute to Fellowship Church
members who have not been able to attend
church services:

We Miss You!

Dorothy Person

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Fellowship Church,
Many thanks from my heart and
my soul for enriching my life over
the last twenty-one years.

ROBERT REECE

The Family of Mrs. Ethel Ray Nance
in Loving Memory of
Mrs. Nance

&

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Thurman

Offer greetings, support and love to
The church for the Fellowship of All Peoples
for the

Annual Howard Thurman Convocation

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Dorothy Person

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Courtney Brown

Diane Wang

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Robert Reece

Blanche Dilworth

Thanks to all who made our Fourth Annual Howard Thurman Covocation a success.

Fellowship Church and Glen Nance, President Board of Trustees.