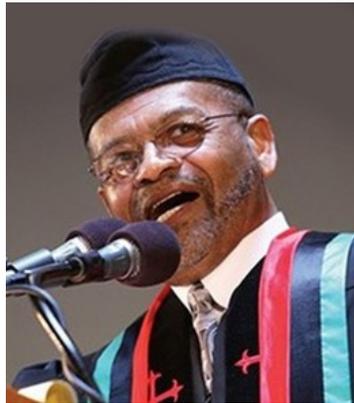


THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES
Presents the
14th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation



SPEAKER & HOWARD THURMAN AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.

“COPING STRATEGIES IN A WORLD OF TROUBLE”

October 18, 2009, 3:00 p.m.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDING MINISTER

Dear Members and Friends:

The time has arrived for us to celebrate anew the birth of a unique venture in interracial, interfaith living, The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples. During this time of superficial declarations of a post-racial United States, we may find it difficult to embrace how radical our beginning was or how important our future is.

The year was 1944. Interracial marriage was prohibited by law in the liberal state of California as well as throughout the nation. The armed forces were thoroughly segregated as were the public schools. Nowhere, however, was the sin of segregation more firmly ensconced than in the churches. Into this reality stepped the founding clergy and members of this church demonstrating that people from diverse walks of life that were often in tension could create a religious fellowship that would transform division into oneness, barriers into bridges, and chasms into community.

Co-founding pastor, Dr. Howard Thurman described what happened in his book, *Footprints of a Dream*.

“The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate the spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication, they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires.”

As we celebrate our 14th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation and 65th Anniversary of our church, let us remember that the world continues to cry out for our witness and leadership today.

The revered recipient of the 2009 Howard Thurman Award and speaker for today's convocation, Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus of Allen Temple Baptist Church, has for decades symbolized dynamic and prophetic leadership nationally and locally. His topic for today: “Coping Strategies in a World of Trouble” underscores that there are still challenges before us and ways to face them with confidence and courage.

Trusting the God of Life,

Dr. Dorsey Odell Blake
Presiding Minister

BIOGRAPHIES

DR. J. ALFRED SMITH, SR. is Pastor Emeritus of Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California, and Dr. Smith is also Professor of Preaching and Church Ministries at American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, California.

Dr. Smith, an internationally respected preacher, professor, and author has been chosen as the recipient of the Howard Thurman Award for his long-term work on behalf of prophetic justice, especially as it addresses the needs of the struggling, to working people and to the poor and homeless. In Dr. Smith's words, "*It is time for a prophetic word to the nation. It is time for courageous people to stand up and be counted, to call for a change in our country's priorities. In short, people priorities must take precedence over the priorities of national and multinational corporations....*" For decades he has demonstrated for "all who have ears to hear" what it means to speak prophetically, that is, to speak truth to power. During his life, Dr. Smith's unbridled passion for prophetic ministry shines through his work.

KASHKO BANJOKO is studying for the Master of Arts in Religious Leadership for Social Change. He has a long time commitment to social change with particular emphasis on the role of music in Social Change Movements. Recently, he has been involved in promoting the documentary film "Trouble the Water," Executive Producer, Danny Glover. Kashko initially developed the Howard Thurman Rap for a chapel service conducted by Dr. Blake's Howard Thurman class at Starr King School for The Ministry.

CARL BLAKE holds three degrees in piano performance including the Doctor of Musical Arts from Cornell University. Dr. Blake has received critical acclaim for national and international performances. He is a two-time recipient of the Fulbright Scholar Award. Currently he teaches piano and music theory at Oakland School for the Arts and serves in the music ministry at The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco.

MONICA JOY CROSS serves as a minister at City of Refuge, United Church of Christ and the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. She is a student at Pacific School of Religion working on a Masters of Divinity Degree with an interest in transgender concerns and post colonial theology. She speaks at various conferences facilitating workshops and educating people on transgender concerns and issues. In addition, she is also a member of the advisory board for the National Restoration Team an organization dedicated to serving the families of fallen military members and is a writer for the Human Rights Campaign. She is a native of Los Angeles, CA.

JELANI NEWSOME-NOBLE is the son of Rodney and Janet Noble-Maxwell and Eddie Newsome. He has studied piano for six years and includes among his teachers Mrs. Betty Gadling and Dr. Carl Blake. Jelani is currently a freshman at Oakland School for the Arts and is a member of the Allen Temple Baptist Church.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Fellowship Church extends its gratitude to **The New Liberation Presbyterian Church Music Ministry, and Rev. Monica Quick, Minister of Music**, for their participation in today's convocation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Dorsey Blake, Presiding Minister

Dr. Kathryn L. Benton, Co-Minister

Dr. Carl Blake, Pianist

Prelude	“City Called Heaven” arr. Calvin Taylor	Jelani Newsome-Noble
Call to Assembly		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Opening Music	# 151 “I Wish I Knew How”	Congregation
Invocation		Dr. Kathryn Benton
Welcome & Acknowledgements		Aubrey Dent
Music		New Liberation Choir
Sacred Reading		Monica Cross
Music Meditation	From “Years of Pilgrimage” Franz Lizst	Dr. Carl Blake
Introduction of Speaker		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Solo		Rev. Monica Quick
The Word	“Coping Strategies in a World of Trouble”	Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.
Offertory		New Liberation Choir / Gayle Orr-Smith
Howard Thurman Rap		Kashko Banjoko
Recognition of Howard Thurman Award Recipient:		Aubrey Dent, Clara Allen
Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr.		Glenn Nance
Remarks		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Sending Forth Music	# 348 “Guide My Feet”	Congregation
Blessing		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Postlude		Dr. Carl Blake

#151 “I Wish I Knew How”

I wish I know how it would feel to be free.
I wish I could break all these chains holding me.
I wish I could say all the things I could say,
Say ‘em loud, say ‘em clear for the whole world to hear.
Say ‘em loud, say ‘em clear for the whole world to hear.

I wish I could share all the love in my heart,
remove all the bars that still keep us apart.
I wish you could know what it means to be me,
Then you’d see and agree everyone should be free.
Then you’d see and agree everyone should be free.

I wish I could give all I’m longing to give.
I wish I could live like I’m longing to live.
I wish I could do all the things I can do,
though I’m way overdue I’d be starting anew.
Though I’m way overdue I’d be starting anew.

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky.
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly.
I’d soar to the sun and look down at the sea,
then I’d sing ‘cause I’d know how it feels to be free.
Then I’d sing ‘cause I’d know how it feels to be free.

#348 “Guide My Feet”

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
For I don’t want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
For I don’t want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
For I don’t want to run this race in vain!

**The Fellowship Church Family sends it’s condolences to
Allen Temple Baptist Church, the family and friends of
Robert C. Scott, MD. Dr. Scott was the 1999 Howard
Thurman Award Recipient.**

Footprints of a Dream:

The Story of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples

Some 65 years ago, our inaugural service was held at the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, October 8, 1944.

The Declaration

The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples is a creative venture in interracial, intercultural, and interdenominational communion. In faith and genius it is Christian. While it derives its inspiration primarily from the source of Hebrew-Christian thought and life, it affirms the validity of spiritual insight wherever found and seeks to recognize, understand, and appreciate every aspect of truth whatever the channel through which it comes. It believes that human dignity is inherent in man as a creature of God, and it interprets the meaning of human life as essentially spiritual. It recognizes and affirms that the God of Life and the God of Religion are one and the same, and that the normal relationship of people as children of one God and Father, is one of understanding, confidence and fellowship.

The Membership

The membership of the Church is open to any person who is willing to accept its commitment, to participate in its programs, and to share in its responsibilities.

The Commitment

I affirm my need for a growing understanding of all peoples as children of God, and I seek after a vital experience of God as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth and other great religious spirits whose fellowship with God was the foundation of their fellowship with all people.

I desire to share in the spiritual growth and ethical awareness of people of varied national, cultural, racial, and creedal heritage united in a religious fellowship.

I desire the strength of corporate worship through membership in The Church for The Fellowship of All Peoples, with the imperative of personal dedication to the working out of God's purposes here and in all places.

The Commission

This Church undertakes to make specific impact upon the community through a membership committed to the application of the principles of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in everyday living.

Each member is called upon to find his [or her] avenue of practical expression in fulfilling the Commitment both in his [or her] individual life and through active participation in the program of the Church.

**Congratulations to Fellowship Church
14th Annual Convocation
and 65th Anniversary**

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ON THE CELEBRATION OF

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Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake

Presiding Minister

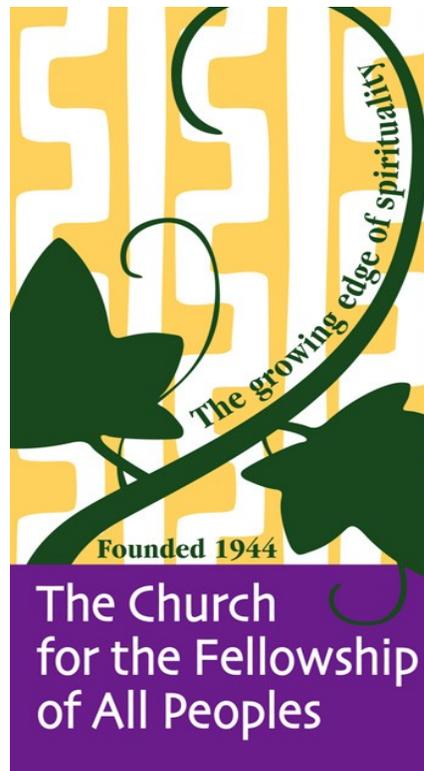
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