

THE CHURCH FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES

on its

71st Anniversary

Presents the

20th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation



2015 Howard Thurman Award Recipient
Eugene "Gus" Newport

Featuring:



Pope Flyne



Vukani Mawethu Choir

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Dear Members and Friends:

How good it is to greet you today as Fellowship Church celebrates its 71st Anniversary and 20th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation! The convocation was established after our 50th Anniversary as a way of annually coming together to reflect upon the extraordinary life and work of Dr. Howard Thurman. It also serves to recall us to our highest resolve, to remind us of our beginnings as an incubator and on-going expression of beloved community in the midst of great challenges.

Dr. Thurman once wrote: *"All that a person has is a life, all that a person is given is a life...And each of us must answer the question: What can I do with the one life I have, the one life that has been given to me."* An answer comes that given the fact of our lives, we must speak to our times with our lives. We have to decide where we will take our stand, being mindful that all that is given us is our life.

Although the recipient of this year's Howard Thurman Award has had only one life, it seems as though he has had lifetimes of accomplishments, far exceeding what one would expect in a single lifetime. Dr. Newport is an independent consultant providing TA in the areas of community and economic development, policy development through a history of analysis, community organizing strategies and organizational and systems development. His accomplishments range from being mayor of Berkeley to serving as the Vice-President from the U.S. to the World Peace Council. Gus worked in several capacities for federal, state, county and municipal governments, nonprofit agencies and the private sector. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of the Graduate Program in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University. Gus is the former Director of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), Boston, MA.

We believe that the concept of one life also applies to the church as well as individuals. We are grateful for this year's annual meeting in March where we assessed how our church's one life could speak more definitively, creatively, and powerfully. We have made important strides. Our new website reflects our moving forward interactively to speak to our times. Now we need your support. The convocation is also our major fund-raiser for the year. Members and friends are asked to make a donation of \$250, if able, so that we may accomplish the task before us with confidence and courage.

Thank you Pope Flyne and Vukani Mawethu Choir for sharing your enormous gifts as guest musicians.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Lloyd Benton
Co-Minister
Rev. Dr. Dorsey Odell Blake
Presiding Minister

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Eugene “Gus” Newport is an independent consultant providing TA in the areas of community and economic development, policy development through a history of analysis, community organizing strategies and organizational and systems development.

Gus was Program Director of the Vanguard Foundation and consultant to the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation. He assisted these foundations in community planning, organizing and policy development, in the recovery and re-building work in New Orleans and the Delta region post Katrina. Gus was an MLK Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2006 – 2008, teaching a graduate practicum re: community development and planning for a multi-racial/low income community in Springfield, Mass.

Gus was the first “Fellow” of the Mabel Louise Riley Foundation, and he served as a consultant to the East Bay funders (a foundation partnership), the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, the Jacobs Family Foundation, Ford and the Annie E. Casey foundation.

Gus is the former Director of the Institute of Community Economics. He directed the Community Building Support Center for the Urban Strategies Council. He also served as the first Senior Fellow of the William Monroe Trotter Institute, U Mass Boston, and as lecturer in residence at the University of California, Santa Cruz. In addition he served as a member of the faculty at Portland State University to the HUD Senior Managers seminars and a member of the Yale Community Fellows program faculty.

Gus is the former Director of the Partnership for Neighborhood Initiatives (PNI) Palm Beach County, FL and the former Director of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), Boston, MA.

He is the former Mayor of Berkeley, CA (1979-1986). During his tenure he served on the Advisory Board of the US Conference of Mayors. Gus worked in several capacities for federal, state, county and municipal governments, nonprofit agencies and the private sector. He was a member of the Board of Overseers of the Graduate Program in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University. He served as the Vice-President from the U.S. to the World Peace Council (1980-1986) and served on several United Nation committees.

Gus delivered the commencement speech at Heidelberg University, May 2009 and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters.

Vukani Mawethu Choir is a nonprofit multiracial choir which sings the freedom songs of Southern Africa, primarily of South Africa in Zulu, Xhosa, Sotho, and English, as well as spirituals, gospel, labor and civil rights songs linking peoples in the U.S., South Africa, and around the world. Formed in 1986 by the late great James Madhlope Phillips, an ANC union and cultural organizer, the choir is united by its strong opposition to racism and apartheid and love of the rhythms and melodies which gave grown out of century-long struggles for freedom.

Pope Flyne is a master drummer and performer/composer/educator from Ghana. He is best known as lead vocalist for the legendary Sweet Talks band of Ghana where he helped bring the art of highlife music to new heights. When not on stage, he shares his joyful spirit and vast knowledge of African folk music, dancing and percussion instruments with a vast number of American students.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	"Great Day Spirituals Medley" by Jacqueline B. Hairston	Dr. Carl Blake
Call to Assembly		Pope Flyne
Opening Music	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	Congregation
Invocation		Dr. Kathryn Benton
Welcome & Acknowledgements		Bryan Caston
Music		Vukani Mawethu Choir
Introduction of Speaker/Video Presentation		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Presentation		Dr. Eugene "Gus" Newport
Offertory		Courtney Brown Ushers & Congregation
Offertory Music	"Guide My Feet"	Dr. Carl Blake
Music		Vukani Mawethu Choir
Recognition of Howard Thurman Award Recipient:		Dr. Eugene "Gus" Newport
	Eleanor Piez	Michael Brown
Remarks		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Sending Forth Music	"I Wish I Know How"	Congregation
Blessing		Dr. Dorsey Blake
Postlude	"Hold On" Arranged by Dr. Calvin Taylor	Dr. Carl Blake

SONGS

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness what a peace is mine, *leaning on the everlasting arms!*
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure for all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, *leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, *leaning on the everlasting arms!*
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, *leaning on the everlasting arms!*
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure for all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, *leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, *leaning on the everlasting arms!*
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, *leaning on the everlasting arms!*
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure for all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, *leaning on the everlasting arms.*

"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!

"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.

"No Man is an Island"

"No MAN is an island, no man lives alone." These words from a poem by John Donne have been set to music and have become the theme of a variety of radio programs which are concerned with aspects of social responsibility. *It is of crucial importance for each person to consider how he relates himself to the society of which, of necessity, he is a part.* For many people and, at times, for most of us, it is a part of our dreaming to be let alone, to be free of all involvements in the responsibilities of life and for others. This is but natural; often the mood passes. Sometimes we say that our personal load is so heavy that it is all we can do to look after ourselves, with all that that entails. Even as we express such ideas, we are reminded of a wide variety of events that we are never ourselves alone. We are not an island, we do not live alone.

There is no alternative to the insistence that we cannot escape from personal responsibility for the social order in which we live. We are a part of the society in which we function. There can be no health for us if we lose our sense of personal responsibility for the social order. This means that there must be participation in the social process and that quite specifically. Such participation means the wise and critical use of the ballot; the registering of our intent to share responsibility in government. The moral inference is that there must not be a condemnation of the political process of society if we have been unwilling to stand up and be counted on behalf of the kind of government in which we believe and for which we are willing to work and sacrifice. Where social change seems to be urgent, we must share in that process as responsible, law-abiding citizens. The ethical values by which we live must be implemented on the level of social change. This calls ever for a careful evaluation of the means to which we give our support. The means which we are willing to use must not, be in real conflict with the ends which our values inspire. Practically, this means that if we believe in democracy, for instance, we must not be a party to means that make use of bigotry, prejudice and hate. We must search and find the facts that are needed for judgment and cast our lot on the side of the issues which we are willing to embrace as our private and personal ends. In working on behalf of such ends, which are morally right as we see the right, we shall not co-operate with or be a party to means that seem to us evil—means that we would not use in our personal private life. In this sense, we are our brother's keeper; for we will not demand of any man that he do on behalf of society as a whole what as persons we would be loath to do ourselves if we were in his place.

From: *Meditation of the Heart*
Howard Thurman
Pages 134-136

Have you seen the church's new website?

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples website. The browser address bar shows the URL fellowshipstf.org. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, New to the Fellowship?, About Us, Contact, Media, Blog, and Give. A large banner image with the text "EXPLORE THE GROWING EDGE OF SPIRITUALITY & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION" is prominently displayed. Below the banner, there are three columns of content: "Latest Events" with a link to the "October 2015 Worship Schedule", "Latest Media" with a video player showing a church service, and "Latest News" with a link to the "20th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation".

You can listen to our worship services via SoundCloud.

The screenshot shows the "Media" page of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples website. The browser address bar shows the URL fellowshipstf.org/media/. The page features a navigation menu with links for Home, New to the Fellowship?, About Us, Contact, Media, Blog, and Give. A large banner image with the text "MEDIA" is prominently displayed. Below the banner, there is a list of audio tracks from SoundCloud, including "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Greeting and opening hymn", "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Meditation by Dr. Benton", "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Invocation by Dr. Benton", "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Music meditation Dr. Carl Blake", "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Sermon by Dr. Dorsey Blake", "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Announcements by Bryan Carson", and "FellowshipChurch - 10-11-15 Closing words and hymn".

Please take a moment to browse the site, and provide feedback to us via our email address: info@fellowshipstf.org.

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 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.

Rev. Dr. Dorsey O. Blake

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Rev. Dr. Kathryn L. Benton

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Dr. Carl Blake

Director of Music

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The Ministers and Board of Trustees thank you for your support over the years and for your support of our 20th Annual Howard Thurman Convocation.