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COGIC URBAN INITIATIVES
Holy Convocation 2016

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

AN EDUCATION affair

Dr. Valda Slack and Guests

Featuring White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership Center
Representatives

Goal: To provide information, resources, and subject-matter experts to inform, educate citizens for the transformation of communities.

Over the last decade, the emphasis on community renewal through education is evidenced from supporting training to providing technology capacity, introducing unique learning platforms, to helping people to retool in a rapidly changing environment. Now with a transition in leadership and the potential for transition of *thought*, a larger consideration results. That is, taking into account the inaugural access afforded to America - its institutions and neighborhoods - how then do we actualize the increased access into citizen uplift - that is, into visible, empirical, community changing outcomes? This session will convene thoughts on education shared by representatives of education institutions, University leadership, Department of Education partners, and a myriad of corporate and government subject matter experts. Each will make available resources at the Fair, which is featured in the Atrium, simultaneously. The participant will leave equipped to lift concepts off the paper for creative implementation!

Information/Resource Showcase educating a community	Atrium	8:15 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
Transforming Access into Outcomes	Room 267	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Resource Showcase	Atrium	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Partnerships that Serve and Strengthen our communities for the Future		

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AARP **Room 267** **11:15 – 12: 15 p.m.**

Evangelist Elizabeth Wilson

Economic Development is working to develop seminars for the Convocation in partnership with Rev Jackie Burton (ICAM) and AARP. The workshop will introduce AARP Senior employment services program: SSCEP, the “AARP Care Givers Initiative” and “Life Reimagined” to participants.

CUI Economic Development/Crime Prevention Workshop **Room 267** **1 – 2:30 p.m.**

Evangelist Elizabeth Wilson

CUI will present a workshop focusing on a new initiative, The Reentry from Incarceration through Entrepreneurship Services Project or the RITES Project. The COGIC Urban Initiatives is the social justice arm of the Church of God in Christ. Its five point strategy to improve conditions in low income and impoverished communities include Education, Business and Economic Development, Crime Reduction, Family Restoration and Financial Literacy. The RITES Project will merge two of these initiatives, Economic Development and Reentry and Crime Prevention. The purpose of the CUI Reentry is to assist residents of correctional facilities in becoming productive citizens upon release by introducing them to business development services. COGIC Congregations are encouraged to attend to learn about resources and funding opportunities available to serve this population. Representatives from the US Small Business Administration and the Department of Justice will also be in attendance at this workshop.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

FAMILY

The National OK Program Room 267 8:45 a.m. 10:00

Supt. Tony Campbell and Guest

In these times of national crisis, our church is partnering with the National OK Program to recruit, train and organize Black men around the country, to mentor our boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. These men will work with Black police officers, who are carefully selected and trained by the National OK Program to serve as full time OK Program Officers. OK Program empowers the church to be a driving influence in the welfare of families in the black communities.

EDUCATION

“National Pre School Reading Initiative” Room 267 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Supt. Hogan

For COGIC churches that presently operate a federal head start program, a licensed preschool or a day care center. This how-to session will connect your church or home-based day care center, the parents and the children with the national preschool reading initiative, and possibly to meritorious funding for your program. This session will also benefit parents and guardians who simply want to enroll their preschooler in this program; even if child is not enrolled in a formal preschool or head start program.

“Grant Worthy Academic Tutoring Programs and “Grant Writing” or “Would you write it for me please?” Room 267 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Supt. Hogan

For individuals, churches and organizations involved in grant writing activity to secure funding from various foundations for literacy programs. This session will explore and compare presented ideas with recently funded proposals with the intent of combining the best of all ideas to apply for new funding. Participants will also leave this session with at least one submission-ready cut & paste grant application for review by appropriate church staff.

CRIME REDUCTION

Bishop Milton Rochford

Reintegration: “Effective Re-Entry” Room 280 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

By Re-Entry by Para-Chaplains assisting the ex-offenders through the process of Community Assimilations.”

“The Bump and Run Technique for Soul Winning!” Room 280 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

New Converts: “Transitional Goals and Mentorship” (60 minutes) Room 280 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Job Fair Friday Morning

The Economic Development Team (Elizabeth Wilson, Jennifer Turner, Robert Mitchell and Harold Booker) will convene the annual CUI Job Fair on Friday November 11, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Location: TBD. The goal of this year’s job fair will be Veteran hiring as November 11th is Veterans Day.