

COGIC Urban Initiatives Convocation 2019 Schedule

Room 240 America's Center

Wednesday, Nov 6, 2019

COGIC Urban Initiatives – FAMILY with Supt Tony CampBell

10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Travel Like the Professionals

Presented by: Elder Gregory Wilcox, Manager of Omega World Travel Fairfax, VA

Learn Tips that will help you become a more Savvy Traveler ~

We will be discussing:

- Government issued Passport & Driver's License Requirements beginning October 2020
- The Benefits of using TSA Pre-Check, CLEAR and Global Entry Identifications
- The Pitfalls of Airline Branded Fares {Basic Economy}
- How to best utilize Frequent Traveler Programs (Air, Car & Hotel)
- The New Paradigm of Ground Transportation and Housing arrangements
- Use of Credit Card Perks
- Taking advantage of Airline "Travel Day" Offers

11:00 a.m. to noon

Don't Get Caught Paying More on Your Taxes in 2020

Presented by: Missionary Joyce CampBell, First Lady Yeshua COGIC

New, confusing changes to the W-4 tax withholding forms for 2020

How you can get a bigger tax refund or keep from paying a higher tax bill.

This Presentation will provide an understanding of how to use the IRS Calculator

To update your W-4 tax withholding to prevent paying more for your taxes in 2020.

Thursday, November 7, 2019

COGIC Urban Initiatives - EDUCATION with Vice President Dr. Valda Slack

9:00 am. – 10:55 a.m.

Raising Consciousness: An Alliance for Education, Prevention, and Opportunity

COGIC Urban Initiatives *Education CUI* and The National Alliance for Faith and Justice (NAFJ), in forging its unique collaborative, has as its mission to extend the arms of local ministries into civic communities, surrounding neighborhoods, schools, and institutions - and not without a full slate of activities which work best for their population, location, and optimal delivery hours. NAFJ's *PEN or PENCIL Mentoring Program* illustrates specific implementation steps that actualize one model generalizable from ministries and organizations, to the local church in its vision for dynamism in touching neighborhood.

This initiative has as its underlying point that for some students, academic failure produces frustration and poor study habits - and vice versa. In this session, COGIC Urban Initiatives *Education* is spotlighting a "best practice" model that includes training, professional development, and awareness of education resources available to *PEN or PENCIL*. In keeping with the respective missions of COGIC Urban Initiatives *Education* and The National Alliance for Faith and Justice, this national training session targets pastors, ministers, and ministry and organization leaders, local churches, and organization administrators.

Participants gain the nuts and bolts of how local churches can participate or implement a *Pen or Pencil* initiative. Attendees will be equipped on how frustration, failure, and poor performance can be turned around via selected, specific learning and social activities. Pertinent information, a potential for resources, and funding available for model implementation will be shared.

Presenters

Dr. Addie Richburg, *President; National Alliance for Faith and Justice;*

Pastor Robert Harrison, *Vice President COGIC Urban Initiatives Crime Prevention*

Evangelist Christina Robinson, *Project Manager CUI Education - NAFJ Alliance*

Dr. Valda Slack, *Vice President-COGIC Urban Initiatives Education*

COGIC Urban Initiatives – CRIME REDUCTION with Pastor Rob Harrison

11:00 a.m. – noon

Cure Violence

Presented by: Gary Slutkins M.D. (Founder and Executive Director)

Marla Davis Bellamy, JD, MGA (Phila Director)

Cure Violence is guided by clear understandings that violence is a health issue, which individuals and communities can change for the better, that community partners, faith partners, and strategic partnerships are keys to success. The goal is to reduce violence globally using disease control and behavior change methods.

COGIC Urban Initiatives- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT with Evang. Elizabeth Wilson

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Faith & Philanthropy

Creating Partnerships to Develop and Rebuild Communities

Presented by Evang. Elizabeth Wilson

This session will assist COGIC Congregations in cultivating strategic partnerships with philanthropic funders and individuals to implement innovative outreach strategies to developing robust community-based programs that target the diverse populations in their communities. Representatives from Philanthropy will be invited to attend to share the types of programs they want to fund and grow. We will also discuss Opportunity Zones, the newest tool to catalyze investments into underserved communities.

Friday, November 8, 2019

COGIC Urban Initiatives *Special Guest Pastor Ivory Brown and Dr. Lula Ballton*

9 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

African American Community Engagement (ACE) A Faith Based Model

Presented by: Pastor Ivory Brown

The ACE program, a faith-based initiative funded Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, is aimed at reducing race disparity among African American children in our child welfare system. The ACE Program shall provide a faster response for the provision of family services and, using teams, an emphasis on shared decision-making and comprehensive case evaluation and investigations.

1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

The Essential Guide on How to Start and Sustain a Church Community Development Corporation (CDC)

Presented by: Dr. Lula Ballton

This workshop looks at the scriptures and ground-level experience to help churches breathe life into communities with a stewardship approach to social and economic justice. ***This will be a discussion on what it takes to start and how do you sustain your CDC. Bring your ideas and your questions for this interactive session.*** Let's talk about how to have successful ministries in affordable housing, jobs development, small business creation, peacemaking, etc. ***Your vision for your community.***

Saturday, November 9, 2019

COGIC Urban Initiative *Education* - International Youth Department

2 – 5 p.m. AMERICA'S CENTER DOME

LEAP FOR SUCCESS *Equipping Church and Community Youth for a Successful Future*

To promote academic excellence and a culture of maintaining high expectations for students to excel beyond high school, COGIC Urban Initiatives *Education* and The International Youth Department present A CUI-IYD Collaborative, LEAP FOR SUCCESS, an education informational session that features *best in class* professionals and subject matter experts to equip students (grades 9-12) and parents – enlightening them toward *purpose*, informing them of higher *education opportunities* and knowledge that can lead to *scholarships, internships, and career choice and options.*

An important *take away* represents a model that can be generalized to and emulated by local ministries around the globe – one that enlightens youth, introduces education resources, facilitates community connection, and jumpstarts collaboration among the local church's neighborhood schools at every learning level (K-20).