

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



DR. PIERRE CANNINGS

Dr. Pierre Cannings is the Dean of DTS-Houston and the Executive Assistant Pastor at Living Word Fellowship Church in Houston, Texas. Pierre has a BA in Communication from Austin College, a Master's in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Leadership Studies from Dallas Baptist University. Pierre has been married to his high school sweetheart, Monica, since 2006. They have three children: Natalia, Pierre II, and Carter.



PASTOR MARCUS D. HOLMAN

Pastor Marcus Dewayne Holman is a Christian counselor and ministry leader with over 15 years of global experience. A former counselor at the International Institute for Christian Counseling, he now leads One Church at True Light. Currently studying Philanthropy and International Development at Rice University, he remains committed to building impactful, faith-driven programs worldwide. Pastor Holman's work is grounded in Acts 20:24, aiming to finish his race with joy and testify to the gospel of God's grace.



WHITNEY ALLISON

Whitney Allison is an educational leader and faith-based ministry director passionate about building inclusive, purpose-driven spaces for youth and families. She holds degrees from Texas Southern University and UT Tyler and is pursuing a Doctorate of Education. Whitney is the wife of Elijah Allison Sr. and mother of Elijah Jr., Israel, and Winter, who inspire her calling to nurture community, faith, and transformative, culturally responsive leadership.



DR. TEANDRA GORDON

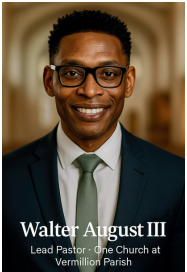
Dr. Teandra Gordon is a licensed family therapist, author, and speaker passionate about helping others heal and grow. She holds degrees in psychology, family therapy, and counselor education. As Executive Director of Harvest Point Counseling Center and Chief Education Officer at BrainAbouts, she blends clinical expertise with faith. Married 22 years to her husband Brian, they share five children. She's committed to helping families live purpose-filled lives.

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PRISCILLA BOOKER

Priscilla Booker is Director of Women's Ministry at One Church at Bethel's Family, with over 25 years of empowering women through faith. A 2008 graduate of the College of Biblical Studies, she's known for her impact in Houston and was honored by Inspire Women. Married 29 years to Deacon Clark Booker, she's a devoted wife, mother, and Nana. Her passion for God's people enables her to teach those seeking knowledge, encourage those who are struggling and reach those who are lost.



PASTOR WALTER AUGUST III

Rev. Walter August III is the founding and lead pastor of One Church at Vermillion Parish, where he leads with passion and purpose. He and his wife Tanecia, a worship leader with a Master's in Counseling, serve together in ministry alongside their six children. Pastor August has launched impactful outreach programs like Donuts & Devo and Go Saturday, focusing on schools and families. He is committed to helping others discover and live out their God-given purpose.



JUSTIN MCLEAN

Justin McLean, a Texas native from Rosenberg, has spent 13 years educating young musicians as a band and percussion director in HISD and Fort Bend ISD. He now serves as student pastor at One Church @ Harvest Point under Dr. Lawrence Scott. A Prairie View A&M graduate, he's pursuing a Master of Theology from Liberty University. He co-hosts The Score and A God for the People podcasts. Justin is husband to Bee and father to Lennox, Blaise, Cairo, and Ari.



PASTOR JAMES LEE

Pastor James A. Lee was born in Abington, PA. After college and one tour in the Air Force, he relocated to Texas. In 2003, he joined Bethel's Family. Shortly thereafter, James and his lovely wife Yolanda were called to lead in ministry. He has led and served in various capacities. James currently serves as the Pastoral Care Director and Executive Director of Bethel's Heavenly Hands. James is a proud Alum of Virginia State and Eastern New Mexico State University. He's also a graduate of The DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative and has received his Biblical Teacher's certificate from College of Biblical Studies.

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PASTOR CHARLES JONES

Reverend Charles E. Jones, a Dallas native, overcame a life shaped by gangs, prison, and hardship to become a passionate minister of God's grace. He has served as a Youth Pastor, Vice President of Training for P.A.C.T., and Chaplain for the Clute Police Department. For 13 years, he led New Hope Missionary Baptist Church before becoming Pastoral Care Pastor at One Church at Bethel's Family. He and his wife Dianne have three children and ten grandchildren.



PASTOR LLOYD KIRK

Dr. Lloyd Kirk Sr. serves as Pastoral Care Pastor at One Church @ Harvest Point and as an adjunct professor at the College of Biblical Studies. A Dallas Theological Seminary graduate with a Doctorate in Christian Education, he focuses on spiritual formation, leadership, and theology. With over 45 years of marriage, he offers seasoned wisdom and a passion for Bible teaching, discipleship, and community restoration through hope-filled, resilient ministry.



PASTOR CRAIG TAYLOR

Craig S. Taylor, Sr., a Houston native and former collegiate athlete, answered God's call to ministry after turning down a pro football contract. He earned degrees in Public Relations and Biblical Studies, and founded The M.I.R.R.O.R., a nonprofit serving individuals with disabilities. In 2006, he became Pastor of True Light Missionary Baptist Church. Now President/CEO of Bethel's Global Reach, he brings global missions experience from Africa, Haiti, Belize, and beyond.