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Racial Justice and Religion Collective 2023 2023 Collective Members



Rev. Dr. Audrey Price Deputy Director—*Religion & Society* Program at the Aspen Institute

Rev. Audrey Price, Ph.D., is the Deputy Director of the Religion & Society Program at the Aspen Institute. Leveraging 30 years of experience as a project manager, religious leader, and scholar, Rev. Dr. Price serves as advisor and thought-partner to the Executive Director on high-level strategy, while managing the day-to-day implementation of the program strategy. She leads major initiatives within the RSP, such as the Racial Justice & Religion and Religion & Philanthropy initiatives. As the Deputy Director, Audrey manages the development of RSP's programming, operations and communications, as well as support staff and consultants. In her work at the Institute, Rev. Dr. Price leverages her years as an ordained pastoral leader and as Executive Minister and judicatory leader in the United Church of Christ where she led the program elements exploring how racial justice intertwines with religion and strengthening the understanding of religion's role in advancing equity and the common good.



Ekemini Uwan Public Theologian, Co-Host—*Truth's* *Table Podcast*

Ekemini Uwan is a public theologian and co-host of *Truth's Table Podcast*. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia, PA.) In 2021, she earned the IMPACT Award from The Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience for her work with *Truth's Table Podcast*. Her writings have been published in *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, *Black Voices*, and she has been quoted by NPR, CNN, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New Yorker*.



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PJ Andrews

Race Discourse Officer—*Baha'i National Center*

PJ coordinates the office's collaboration with individuals, organizations, and agencies in the U.S. engaged in public discourses and policy advocacy directed toward racial justice and unity. Prior to joining the office in 2017, PJ worked in ethical culture development for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), in government relations for national service programs with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), as a case manager for U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen, and supported the work of the International Teaching Centre at the World Center of the Bahá'í Faith in Haifa, Israel. PJ holds a M.Ed in Human Development and Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a BA in American Studies from Tufts University.



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Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber

Executive Director—*Neighborhood Economics*, Co-Founder—*the Voices Project*, Adjunct Professor—Multnomah University

Leroy Barber has dedicated 33 years to living and working towards what Dr. King called “the beloved community.” Leroy starts projects that shape society. In 1989, burdened by the plight of Philadelphia’s homeless, he and his wife, Donna, founded Restoration Ministries to serve homeless families and children living on the streets. In 1994, he became Director of Internship Programs at Cornerstone Christian Academy. Leroy was licensed and ordained at Mt Zion Baptist Church where he served as Youth Director with Donna, and also served as Associate Minister of Evangelism. In 1997, he joined FCS Urban Ministries in Atlanta, GA working with the Atlanta Youth Project to serve as the founding Executive Director of Atlanta Youth Academies, a private elementary school providing quality Christian education for low-income families in the inner city. Leroy also helped found DOOR Atlanta, Community Life Church, South Atlanta Marketplace, and Community Grounds Coffee shop in Atlanta, as well as Green My Hood and The Voices Project. Leroy is an innovator, entrepreneur, and lover of the arts. Leroy has a Masters Degree in Divinity and D. Min. Leroy is currently the Executive Director of Neighborhood Economics. Leroy is the Co-Founder of the Voices Project and Adjunct Professor at Multnomah University. Rev. Barber has served on the boards of The Simple Way, Mission Alliance, The Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN), and the Former Board Chair of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA). He is the author of four books: *New Neighbor: An Invitation to Join Beloved Community*; *Everyday Missions: How Ordinary People Can Change the World*; *Red, Brown, Yellow, Black and White: Who’s More Precious In His Sight?* (With Velma Maia Thomas); *Embrace: God’s Radical Shalom For a Divided World*.



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Rev. Traci D. Blackmon

Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries—*United Church of Christ*, Pastor in Residence—*Eden Theological Seminary*

Rev. Traci Blackmon is Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ, a denomination inspired by God's grace to welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all through God-centered action, Christ-driven connection, and Spirit-led leadership. As a public theologian, Rev. Blackmon's voice is featured on many local, national, and international platforms spanning the breadth of the White House to the Carter Center to the Vatican, as well as several documentaries and print publications. She currently serves as pastor in residence for Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. From 2000 to 2014, she also worked as a registered nurse in the city. Under her healthcare leadership, a community based mobile health unit was established engaging thousands of residents annually and providing a culturally attuned access point to healthcare in underserved and uninsured communities. Rev. Blackmon is the co-author of *The White Privilege Curriculum for the United Church of Christ*, is a prominent voice in the PBS Special: *The Black Church*, and is featured in several print publications. She currently serves on the board of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference. She is a recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks Award; the Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award from the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Planned Parenthood Faith Leader Award, and The Urban League of St. Louis Woman in Leadership Award, to name a few. Rev. Blackmon earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Birmingham-Southern College where she is listed among Distinguished Alumni, a Master of Divinity degree and honorary Doctor of Ministry from Eden Theological Seminary. Rev. Blackmon currently resides in St. Louis, MO.



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Rev. Jamar A. Boyd II

Senior Manager of Organizational Impact—*Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc.*

Rev. Jamar A. Boyd, II serves the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc. as Senior Manager of Organizational Impact. Rev. Boyd holds a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and Business from Georgia Southern University and a Master of Divinity from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He also serves as the Graduate Fellow for the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology with “THE GIFT of Black Theological Education & Black Church Collaborative.” Rev. Boyd was appointed by Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard in April 2021 to the Social Justice Ministry of The Church Of God In Christ, Inc. The ecumenical engagement of Rev. Boyd includes partnerships and relations with the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Progressive National Baptist Convention, and various denominational bodies. His heart for the Church and humanity does not cease with congregational service or the commitment to social equity and justice; it is furthered through published literary works. Rev. Boyd’s compositions are available online with *Abernathy Magazine*, *Baptist News Global*, *Faithfully Magazine*, *Medium*, and *Sojourners Magazine*.



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Reverend Harvey J. Clemons

Pastor—Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (Houston), Founder—Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, Founder—Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation

At the helm of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Houston as Pastor since 1983, Reverend Clemons is a builder of people's lives and their communities. He founded the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation in 1989 and later the Pleasant Hill Community Development Corporation (1998). Under his leadership tenure (1989-2010), the Fifth Ward and the City of Houston has improved by the construction of over 200+ single-family homes, construction and acquisition of over 2,300 multi-family housing units, and thousands of square feet of commercial space. A continuing student and expositor of God's Word, Reverend Clemons studied in England at Oxford University, Regents Park College. He is a contributing author of *The African American Devotional Bible*, the first devotional Bible written for African Americans by African Americans and contributing author of the publication, *Oxford Sermons 2007*. He serves on various Boards, Committees and Advisory Councils including Buffalo Bayou Partnership, Center for Urban Transformation, BioLogos, and Faith Leaders for Ending Gun Violence.



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Dr. Brittney Cooper

Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Africana Studies—*Rutgers University*.

Brittney Cooper is Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University. She is a Black feminist scholar, author of the New York Times bestselling book *Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower*, and a licensed minister.



Kaitlin Curtice

Founder—*Aki Institute for Peace and Justice*

Kaitlin Curtice is a poet, author, public speaker, and founder of the Aki Institute for Peace and Justice. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and someone who has grown up in the Christian faith, Kaitlin writes on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life, and decolonization within the church.



Rabbi Lindsey Danziger

Senior State Organizer—*Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*

Rabbi Lindsey Danziger is a Senior State Organizer at the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. She guides synagogues and clergy across the country in their work to organize and mobilize for justice. She is also an adjunct professor at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, where she teaches Community Organizing. She was ordained there in 2017 and also received a master's degree in Religious Education. She is on the board of the Jewish Federation of Nashville. Rabbi Danziger resides in Nashville, TN, with her husband, Rabbi Michael Danziger, and their three children.



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Nina Fernando

Executive Director—*The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign*

Nina M. Fernando serves as Executive Director at The Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, a multifaith coalition of religious denominations and faith-based organizations committed to dismantling anti-Muslim discrimination and violence in the United States and building a society where all are treated with dignity and respect. Nina is a Sri-Lankan Californian raised Catholic. Her intersectional identities have informed her work as a multifaith community organizer, activist, vocalist, and songwriter.



Lisa Sharon Harper

Founder and President—*Freedom Road*

Lisa Sharon Harper is the founder and president of Freedom Road, a groundbreaking consulting group that crafts experiences that bring common understanding and commitments that lead to common action toward a more just world. Lisa is a public theologian whose work has sparked and fed the fires of reformation in the church, from Ferguson and Charlottesville to South Africa, Brazil, Australia and Ireland. Lisa's book, *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family And The World--And How To Repair It All*, was named one of the "Best Books of 2022." Lisa is a board member of The Justice Revival—the leading organization of the #Faith4ERA campaign. An Auburn Senior Fellow, Lisa is also proud to join the inaugural cohort of the Aspen Institute Racial Justice and Religion Collective. The Huffington Post identified Lisa as one of 50 Women Religious Leaders to Celebrate on International Women's Day. Lisa is host of the Freedom Road Podcast and cohost of The FOUR Podcast.



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Randal Jelks

Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies—*University of Kansas*

Randal Maurice Jelks is Professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies. He is an award winning author and a documentary film producer. His books are 'African Americans in the Furniture City: The Struggle for Civil Rights Struggle in Grand Rapids,' 'Benjamin Elijah Mays, Schoolmaster of the Movement: A Biography,' 'Faith and Struggle in the Lives of Four African Americans: Ethel Waters, Mary Lou Williams, Eldridge Cleaver and Muhammad Ali' and 'Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America.' Jelks has recently contributed to a collection of essays titled 42 Today: Jack Robinson and His Legacy edited by Michael Long. His essays have appeared in the Boston Review, the Los Angeles Review of Books, and Truthout as well as other national blogs, journals, magazines and newspapers.



Dr. Russel Jeung

Professor of Asian American Studies—*San Francisco State University*,
Co-founder—*Stop AAPI Hate*

A professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, Dr. Russell Jeung is an author of books and articles on race and religion. He's written *Family Sacrifices: The Worldviews and Ethics of Chinese Americans* (2019); *Mountain Movers: Student Activism and the Emergence of Asian American Studies* (2019); and *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus Among My Ancestors and Refugee Neighbors* (2016). In March 2020, Dr. Jeung co-founded Stop AAPI Hate, a coalition that was awarded the 2021 Webby Award for "Social Movement of the Year." Dr. Jeung was named as one of the TIME 100 Most Influential Persons in 2021 and received the Game Changer Award from the Asia Society in 2022.



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Reverend Kasey Jones

Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth—Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Reverend Kasey Jones serves as the Associate Coordinator for Outreach and Growth for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). She leads the team that engages with churches and individuals to invite new partnerships with CBF. In addition, Rev. Jones' role includes working in the national office and with congregations to engage in diversity, equity, inclusion, and racial justice ministry efforts.

Walter Kim

President—National Association of Evangelicals



Walter Kim became the president of the National Association of Evangelicals in January 2020. He previously served as a pastor at Boston's historic Park Street Church and at churches in Vancouver, Canada and Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as a campus chaplain at Yale University. He preaches, writes and engages in collaborative leadership to connect the Bible to the intellectual and cultural issues of the day. He regularly teaches in conferences and classrooms; addresses faith concerns with elected officials and public institutions; and provides theological and cultural commentary to leading news outlets. He serves on the boards of Christianity Today and World Relief and consults with a wide range of organizations. Kim received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, his M.Div. from Regent College in Vancouver, and his B.A. from Northwestern University



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Michael Mata

Director of Network Engagement and Leadership Development—*TogetherLA*

Michael A. Mata has been engaged for nearly 30 years in developing and implementing community and faith-based initiatives concerned with social and economic inequities, often related to racial and ethnic issues. This focus emerged from being heavily involved in organizing African-American, Latinx and Korean evangelical leadership in the rebuilding efforts after the 1992 Los Angeles “civil unrest.” He integrates those experiences into his teaching, training, and consulting. Currently, he is Director of Network Engagement and Leadership Development with TogetherLA (committed to strengthening the efforts of churches, parachurch organizations and Christian individuals to “love the city” in tangible and transformative ways). Prior to this assignment, he served as director of the Transformational Urban Leadership Program at Azusa Pacific University, Community Transformation Specialist with Compassion Creates Change, Inc., Tools for Transformation Director with World Vision U.S. Programs, and the Mildred M. Hutchinson Professor of Urban Ministry at the Claremont School of Theology, where he was also the Director of the Urban Leadership Institute. Mata is an ordained minister and serves as part of the pastoral team at the Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene (a multi-ethnic/multi-congregation church).

Among the various organizations with which he is or has been affiliated include: National Latino Evangelical Coalition, Christian Community Development Association, Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity, Los Angeles Mayor’s Interfaith Collective, PBS SoCal, and the Imagen Foundation. He holds degrees in Biblical Literature, Religion and Urban Planning.



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Beverly Eileen Mitchell

Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History—*Wesley Theological Seminary*

Dr. Beverly Eileen Mitchell, Professor of Systematic Theology and Church History, at Wesley Theological Seminary, in Washington, DC, has teaching and research interests that include: Systematic Theology, Church History, human dignity, genocide, global poverty, and the history of the African American struggle for justice. She is the author of numerous articles and lectures related to human dignity and white supremacy; and two books, *Black Abolitionism: The Quest for Human Dignity* (2005) and *Plantations and Death Camps: Religion, Ideology, and Human Dignity* (2009). She is currently working on a manuscript in which she deconstructs the ideology of white supremacy and examines the ways in which structural racism perpetuates racial inequity through housing discrimination in African American communities.



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Pastor Gil Monrose

*Alumni Chair–We Are All Brooklyn,
Director of Faith-based and Clergy
Initiatives–Office of the Brooklyn
Borough President, Founding
President–67th Precinct Clergy Council
Inc., “The GodSquad,” Founder and
President–Brooklyn Center for Quality
Life*

Pastor Gilford T. Monrose is a visionary leader and community advocate who dedicates his time, experience, skills and talents to serving humanity and building bridges between people of all diversities. A proud native of the United States Virgin Islands, he relocated to New York in 1999 to pursue his Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Bible Studies at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. In May 2005, Pastor Gil was ordained as the Pastor of the congregation. He presently serves as Alumni Chair for We Are All Brooklyn, as well as the Advisory Leadership Council for Habitat for Humanity, strengthening the organization’s mission of providing affordable homeownership opportunities. As the Director of Faith-based and Clergy Initiatives in the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President since 2013, Pastor Gil successfully brings together faith leaders and clergy of diverse traditions to improve Brooklyn’s communities, regardless of their religious or political beliefs. Pastor Gil’s dedication to help end senseless gun violence prompted him to become the Founding President of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council Inc., “The GodSquad,” which serves as a liaison between the police and the community. He is also the Founder and President of Brooklyn Center for Quality Life. In this capacity, Pastor Gil also serves as Volunteer Chaplain with New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) for over eight years responding to crises as they unfold throughout Brooklyn. Pastor Gil is an advisor to Gov. Bryan of the USVI and the Department of Health. Locally, Pastor Gil works with various elected officials and community leaders as a moral voice and spiritual counsel on issues affecting the community at large.



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Nicole Pressley

Field and Programs Director—*Unitarian Universalist Association*

Nicole Pressley is the Field and Programs Director at the Unitarian Universalist Association, leading its Side With Love and UU the Vote campaigns. She is a Black, queer organizer and communications strategist. She has dedicated her career to base building and capacity building around issues ranging from labor, economic justice, and reproductive access. In 2020, she was named one of the “Faith Leaders to Watch” by the Center for American Progress. Nicole holds a B.A. degree in African American Studies from Northwestern.

Darakshan Raja

Executive Director—*Muslims for Just Futures*

Darakshan Raja is the founding executive director of Muslims for Just Futures (MJF), a grassroots organization that builds power in Muslim communities, with a particular emphasis on Muslim women and working-class communities. Outside of her role at MJF, she is a coach for social justice leaders and organizations and is part of the Coaching for Healing, Justice, and Liberation program. In her previous roles, Raja was a New Leaders Council Chicago fellow, a community fellow at Johns Hopkins University's Center for Social Concern, a co-director of Justice for Muslims Collective, a board member of South Asian Americans Leading Together, and a researcher at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center. Raja served as a DC Commissioner on the Street Harassment Advisory Committee, focusing on the intersection of religious identity and harassment. Darakshan Raja holds a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY.





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Rev. Larita Rice-Barnes

Founder–*Metro East Organizing Coalition (MEOC)*, CEO–*Global Political Advisor*, Founder and Lead Organizer–*Global Impact Leadership Alliance*,™ Founder–*RESET America* *RESET Africa*®, Founder–*My Pink Stilettos*™

Larita Rice-Barnes is a licensed and ordained pastor with over 25 years' experience and extensive background in consultancy, advocacy, political advisory, and social services working with at-risk populations, individuals and families who are either unhoused or at risk of being unhoused, violently injured persons, frequent flyers and emotionally traumatized individuals and their families providing intensive on-going case management. Her area of focus includes global political advising, faith-based organizing, and community engagement with an emphasis on urban ministry, urban chaplaincy, and violence intervention/prevention. Larita's work spans across five continents: Africa, Asia, North America, South America, and Europe.



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Bishop Dwayne Royster

Senior Pastor of Faith–*United Church of Christ* (Washington, DC.), General Secretary–*Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International*, Member–*College of Bishops*.

Bishop Dwayne D. Royster, a leading voice in modern faith-based activism, wants to change the world. Whether he is serving as a pastor, challenging the status quo as a political activist, educating and empowering communities as a radio show host, or encouraging and inspiring audiences around the country as a writer and public speaker, Bishop Royster's work is fueled by deep faith and passionate commitment to bringing about social justice. Bishop Royster has served in pastoral ministry for the past over 26 years in a variety of positions and denominations. Bishop Royster currently serves as Senior Pastor of Faith United Church of Christ in the North Michigan Park Section of Washington DC. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Bishop Royster is the General Secretary of Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International and serves on the College of Bishops. Bishop Royster has extensive organizing, advocacy, political and faith leadership experience. He currently serves as the National Political Director of Faith in Action (formerly the PICO National Network), the nation's largest faith-based organizing movement committed to racial and economic justice with 40+ federations in 26 States and four countries. Bishop Royster serves as the Founder of the Society for Faith and Justice. Bishop Royster's work and ministry have been featured in the Philadelphia Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Time Magazine, Philadelphia Daily News, Philadelphia Magazine, New York Times, RT Today, Fox News, Religion and Ethics Weekly (PBS), ThinkProgress, Huffington Post, Fresh Air (PBS), Voice of America, Washington Post, The Washington Informer and others.



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Yolanda Savage-Narva

Assistant Vice President of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion—*Union for Reform Judaism & Religious Access Center*

Yolanda Savage-Narva has twenty years' experience working with public agencies and non-profit organizations to promote equity and inclusion. She is a Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-trained public health specialist who has led community based efforts in community health assessments for Indian Health Service. Yolanda was also the Executive Director of Operation Understanding DC, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and respect while fighting to eradicate racism, anti-Semitism, and all forms of discrimination. Yolanda Savage-Narva is currently the Assistant Vice President of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for the Union for Reform Judaism and the Religious Action Center. She is also an alumna of JewVNation cohort, a past Vice-Chair of the Commission on Social Action, Senior Schusterman Fellow, a member of the Board of Directors for the Federation of Greater Washington, Capital Jewish Museum, Leading Edge, American Jewish World Services and the Historic Sixth and I Synagogue in Washington, D.C. Yolanda is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; an international Black sorority dedicated to community service and education. Yolanda is a graduate of Tougaloo College (Sociology) and has a master's degree in education from Jackson State University. In her spare time Yolanda loves being outdoors, reading, birdwatching, playing sports and traveling with her son Miles and husband Andrew.



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Tahil Sharma

Interfaith Minister in Residence—*The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles*

Tahil Sharma is an interfaith activist based in California, born to a Sikh mother and a Hindu father. Following the events of the Oak Creek Gurudwara shooting in Wisconsin by a white supremacist, Tahil has been active at the intersections of faith, identity, and justice for almost a decade. He serves on the board of Sadhana: A Coalition of Progressive Hindus and as an Interfaith Minister in Residence for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

Kia Smith

Vice President of
Communications—*Faith in Public Life*



Kia Smith is a communications and non-profit executive who serves as Vice President of Communications at Faith in Public Life. Passionate about telling stories that provoke thought, establish connections, and achieve results, Kia oversees a team of strategic communicators, develops communications and digital strategy and ensures faith leaders are resourced with faith-based and culturally competent messaging to advocate for just and equitable policies. Kia earned a B.A. in English from Spelman College and graduated from Kennesaw State University with an M.A. in Professional Writing. She is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary.



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Reverend Kyeve P. Tatum Sr.
Pastor—*New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church*

The Rev. Kyeve P. Tatum, Sr. is pastor of Fort Worth's New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church where he works to create a better world for the last, least, lost and left out in the city. Pastor Tatum's ministry is focused on civic advocacy. Pastor Tatum is now working with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. to preserve the contributions of African-American soldiers to freedom. As pastor of New Mount Rose, Pastor Tatum is committed to ministry that revives, renews, and restores the mind, body, and soul in a way that pleases God.



Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
Director—*Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice*,
Co-Chair—*Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis is a theologian, pastor, author, and anti-poverty activist. She is the Director of the [Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice](#) and Co-Chair of the [Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#). Her books include: *We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign* (Broadleaf Press, 2021) and *Always with Us?: What Jesus Really Said about the Poor* (Eerdmans, 2017). Rev. Dr. Theoharis is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church and teaches at Union Theological Seminary.



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Nikki Toyama-Szeto

Executive Director—*Christians for Social Action*

Nikki is the Executive Director of Christians for Social Action, a network of scholar/activists working to stir the imagination for fuller Christian faithfulness and a more just society. Nikki writes, speaks and teaches on the intersection of faith and justice. Her books include “More than Serving Tea” and “God of Justice.” She sits on the board of several organizations including Bread for the World and More in Common. She serves as a senior columnist with InterFaith America. Nikki brings a unique perspective integrating a design-oriented engineering degree (Stanford) to social justice work. Nikki and her family are based in the Washington DC metro area.